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## What is a Clan but its People?

by Maclan

Not forgetting our genealogical work, the DNA study and Henderson Bibles with their treasure trove of ancestors, the picture above tells our story and why we gather with our kin. Elsewhere in this issue, you will see the story of one of the greatest gatherings of Hendersons.

What gatherings we have had over the decades since the society was formed, and reformed, and reformed again. Whether you are looking for your personal or family history, or seeking to know about how Hendersons fit into world history, we are on the way to gather societies of Hendersons around the world.

Once again we remind you that you were born into Clan Henderson and that you have the birthright of participation, involvement, membership, and excitement. The society exists to help you enjoy that birthright.

The gathering at Stone Mountain demonstrated why a society is necessary to provide the framework to connect and gather the various

individual families. During the annual general meeting, the membership approved recent changes which supported the society's new role as the worldwide administrative arm of Clan Henderson.

Alistair D. Henderson of Fordell, Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson, had asked the society to provide administration to support the various local societies throughout the Americas, Europe, and Australia. Societies raised outside of the United States will be established as legal entities in their own land and then be affiliated with the Clan Henderson Society, Inc. Each society will be a member of the Society and the leader of each society will serve on the executive board; while individual members of the affiliate may also apply for membership in the society. The Oes Dana will connect on their specialty levels. Hopefully, their newsletter editors will work together to publish country articles across the continents . . . a benefit we can all share.

# An Canach

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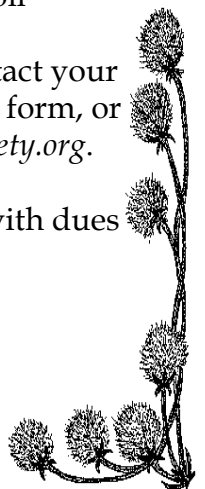
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# The President's Message

by Larry Janes Henderson

This past October at Stone Mountain, Georgia, members of Clan Henderson Society elected a new executive board. There were also changes in appointed positions. With new people come new ideas and philosophies about how things should work within the clan.

You, as an individual member, may think that your opinion does not matter but I assure you it matters a lot to your board and your commissioners. I ask all of you to send in any suggestions that you might have that you think might be of benefit to the Clan. We also need volunteers to assist with everything from convening at games to becoming involved in our history research, DNA project or serving as a bodyguard member or chaplain or. . . .

If you have an interest in a certain area or want to discuss the creation of a new position then feel free to contact your regional commissioner or our vice president Tom Hendricks. We are also looking for someone who would be able to travel to the different annual general meetings to act as the parliamentarian.

Once again, if you have any questions or comments about the Clan please contact your regional commissioner by e-mail. The addresses are listed on pages 27-28. On behalf of the new executive board, I would like to say that we are looking forward to our time in office and are excited to work with the members of Clan Henderson.

Let us never forget "The Hendersons are here"

*Aye, Larry*



Larry James Henderson



Tom Hendricks



Earl R. Hendry, JD



Peggy Sanford



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# Chief Seted in Northern Virginia

To Alistair Henderson Of Sordell,  
Chief Of The Name And Arms of Henderson

Words and Music by:

John Robert Mallernee, Bard of Clan Henderson

**VERSE # 1:**

Comes October  
Two Thousand Ten,  
American Hendersons  
Gather again.  
From his home "down under"  
So far away,  
Chief Alistair,  
Will come for a stay.  
Raise high the banner  
And strike up the band.  
Our chief will visit  
America's land.  
There'll be dancing  
And lots of food,  
For our Henderson clan's  
In a festival mood.

**VERSE # 2:**

American Hendersons,  
Gather you 'round.  
The pipers will play us  
A marvelous sound.  
We honor the chief  
Of our Henderson clan,  
Welcoming here  
This Australian man.  
Sweet bonny lassies  
Will sparkle and smile,  
The laddies will  
Boldly strut for a while.  
They circle around  
With the "VIRGINIA REEL",  
Stepping to music  
With toe and with heel.

**CHORUS:**

Huzzah! Huzzah!  
For our Chief,  
We raise a cheer!  
American Hendersons  
Gaily rejoice,  
For the chief  
Of our clan is here.  
The tartan that  
We're wearing  
And the sword blades  
That we show  
Pay homage to  
Our great clan's chief,  
For all the world to know.

**VERSE # 3:**

Auld Scot hielands  
Are far away.  
But, misty memories  
Ever will stay.  
Clan Henderson  
Is ancient and strong,  
Renowned forever  
In story and song.  
American clansmen  
Are happy today,  
For the chief of our clan  
Is here for a stay.  
And when he returns  
To his Brisbane clime,  
We Americans still  
Will remember this time.



Taking the opportunity to recognize Hendersons in Northern Virginia for their many contributions to the clan, Rex Maddox hosted dinner for the Chief and Audrey.

John Mallernee sang his song and later sang "Waltzing Matilda." The Chief recognized him as an honorary Aussie. He also presented John with the Order of the Chief medal.

The leadership of the Body Guard passed to Jeremy Lussi, who would in a few short days lead a large contingent at Stone Mountain.

Laura Henderson Franta and Christian Garin were among various active clan members who Rex offered several items of recognition for their support during his term in office.



Order of the Chief



Laura's recognition



Applause for the song.



John is now an honorary Aussie



Christian sharing experience with Jeremy Lussi.



# The Stone Mountain Highland Games 2010



We gathered at our huge tent . . .

The Hendersons are here!



# My View of the Stone Mountain Highland Games, 15-17 October 2010

by Phil Embry

We had beautiful fall weather in Georgia at historic Stone Mountain Park; the largest exposed piece of granite in the world. Over 10,000 visitors enjoyed the Games that included the athletic events, Parade of Tartans (over ninety clans represented), Kilted Run, Pipe and Drum Band competition, and music/storytelling venues. The Henderson Clan Chief, Alistair D. Henderson of Fordell was the 2010 Guest of Honor at the Games. He and Madam Audrey Henderson presided over the parade grounds.

Although I attended the Games for several years, I really never did anything other than "attend." This year I decided to do something different. A high school friend (from the McMillan Clan) had been begging me to help him on the games organizing committee for years, so this year I decided it was time to "get involved." Boy, did I have a great time!

It was fascinating how much is involved in putting these Games together, but the committee had plenty of experience and a very organized chair. Most of the committee members had worked together for over 20 of the 38 years the Games had been at Stone Mountain. I was assigned to my friend's sub-committee and told to show up Friday before the first day and be prepared to work. None of the assigned work was terribly strenuous and as long as you helped out...and it was fun (slackers were spotted pretty quickly and were asked to go home).

On Saturday, I was assigned to help as the liaison with clan tents. We just had to make sure the clans had everything they needed or to help out if a problem was mentioned. Aside from occasional yellow jacket swarms, (typical in Georgia during the fall...Go Ga. Tech!) they had most everything they needed. On Sunday one of the regular committee members was ill, so I was assigned a radio and more responsibility. I was able to help with the Kilted Run (one member of each clan could participate if they wore a kilt and ran 1 mile through the pine-forested trail adjacent to the clan tents and piping competition), and the Parade of Tartans (getting the clans in a line is like herding cats who have been into the Scotch). Sunday night didn't end until almost 9:00 P.M., after all tents were broken down, signage was collected and all equipment hauled back to the four storage

trailers. What a day...what a weekend!

That wasn't the BEST part. I also became much more involved with Clan Henderson. Of course it wasn't hard, since our Chief was the Guest of Honor and we had the prime clan tent location. In the past, I had only been an interloper, occasionally going by the tent to mingle with our cousins, participate in the walk-about, sign the guest list, and pay my dues. That was about all I had done. That's pretty pedestrian actually. This time I stayed long enough to get to know the folks that

really work hard to represent our clan. Most of them travel around the country each year representing your clan to many guests and participants of the Games. They are genuinely nice folks who are easier to engage in conversation than one would expect from cousins you see once a year. I was able to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Clan Sunday afternoon where we elected new officers, and approved changes to our constitution and bylaws. Our Chief awarded special recognition medals and certificates to outstanding clan members. The organization is much more than I ever realized. Did you know that we have a society in Canada and soon will have one in South America?! Cool beans! [Ed. Note: The Clan exists in many countries; there is a society in Canada and the Clan Society is helping establish local societies around the world.]

All told, it was an amazing weekend. I must confess that I'm hooked and will be a more responsible clan member in the future. All it took was a little initiative and once I got into the water...it was fine! What's it going to take for you?

**The Hendersons are here!**



When you are a part of the SMHG committee and your job is to deal with the clans, you can get yourself into a photo-op with the chief. (I'm the guy with the Tam behind the Chief and Madam Audrey). Harry Keifer (front left) was the Henderson convenor.



# The Clan Walkabout and en Parade at Stone Mountain



# Clan Henderson Society Annual General Meeting 16 October 2010

The Clan Henderson Society Annual General Meeting was held at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Stone Mountain, Georgia. President Rex Maddox called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given followed by the Invocation by Chaplain Fred Sanford. The minutes of the 2009 meeting were read and approved as read.

Chief Alistair Henderson of Fordell and his wife Madam Audrey and, Chieftain David S. Henderson, were present for the meeting. Officers present were President Rex Maddox, Vice President Larry Henderson, Membership Secretary Greg Schwartz, and Recording Secretary Dottie Henderson having already met in executive session,

In the Treasurer's absence, the president gave the Treasurer's Report. As of 24 September 2010, our assets totaled \$66,376.85. The report was approved.

Membership Secretary Greg Schwartz gave the membership report:

Active members:	864
Inactive members:	2189
P-Inactive	591
Deceased	124
Total:	3768

The president said that although we gained 120 new members, our active membership is down due to non-renewals.

The commissioners present were Doug Henderson, Great Lakes; Virginia Broussard, North Central Commissioner; and Ellen Bentley, North Pacific Commissioner. They gave brief reports on their regions. Southeast Commissioner Ed Hendricks was unable to attend the AGM as he was attending an award ceremony where he was to receive The Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Georgia Medical Association.

Vice President Larry Henderson announced that the board decided to grant \$1,000 to the Shadle High School Band in Washington State. This is a part of the Citibank/Traveler's Matching Funds program established by Clan Henderson member Christian Garin. The band has a pipe and drums band and Scottish dancers and wears the Henderson tartan kilt. The board also decided to give a \$500 donation to the Ohio Scottish Arts School.

Changes to our constitution and bylaws are necessary in response to a request from our Chief for the Clan Henderson Society, Inc. to be the administrative arm for Clan Henderson. We would also assist organizations to be formed in other countries. These organizations would be established in their own manner as would be legal in their country. Each country's organization, would hold a membership in the Clan Henderson Society, Inc. They would be recognized as affiliates of Clan Henderson Society, Inc. Individuals of an affiliate could become members of the Clan Henderson Society, Inc. upon submitting their membership and paying annual dues. The president said that a society is being started in Scotland and he is meeting with some Hendersons in Uruguay and it is

hoped that a society will be formed there.

The changes to the bylaws were published in the summer issue of the An Canach. Steven Henderson moved that we accept the changes to the bylaws as presented. George Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Russ Henderson reported that the Clan Henderson Manual has been modified and that there is a section for all aspects of the society. It includes the constitution and bylaws as well as a Scottish songbook.

The president then announced the awards for 2009. Our Chief presented the awards to the recipients that were present. The awards were given to:

#### **The Chief's Prize:**

Laura Henderson, Mideast Regional Convenor

#### **Order of the Chief:**

Clan Bard John Mallernee, Mid East Region

Margaret Sanford, Southeast Region Convenor

Greg Schwartz, Membership Secretary

Mary Henderson Dobrezensky, So. Pacific Region Convenor

David R. Henderson, South East Region Convenor

#### **Youth Scholarship:**

Erica Milner, Highland Dancer

Marleen Bailey piped the Chief into the park and also was the piper for our walkabout. She received a certificate of appreciation from the President for her participation at the games.

The following received Presidential Citations in recognition of their outstanding performance for the clan:

Dottie Henderson, secretary from 1999 to 2010

Fred Sanford, chaplain from 2001 to the present

Russ Henderson, editor of An Canach and for his work on the constitution and bylaws

Jim Henderson, clan genealogist and DNA administrator.

The Chief presented the citations to the recipients that were present.

The president presented tokens of esteem as a thank you to the following for their contributions to the society: Head of the Bodyguard and Mideast Convenor Christian Garin, Historian Beth Gay, and Quartermaster Bob Shimp. He then recognized other appointed officers: Clan Piper Pat Heston and Webmaster David C. Henderson

The president appointed Jeremy Lussi as the new head of the bodyguard.

The Chief then addressed the Clan, complimenting and thanking us for our contributions to Clan Henderson. He then made two appointments. Russell Henderson was appointed as Chief's Counselor for a period of five years or until he no longer wishes to hold the position. Russ was presented with the proclamation. Rex Maddox was then appointed as a Chief's Counselor for a period of five years or until he no longer wishes to hold the office. He was presented with the Chief's proclamation. The appointment allows the Chief's Counsels to wear the insignia of the office.



The election of officers was then conducted. The Slate of Nominees for Officers for 2011-2012 was presented. It had been published in the summer issue of the An Canach.

President:	Larry Henderson
Vice President:	Tom Hendricks
Vice President General Counsel	Earl Hendry
Recording Secretary	Peggy Sanford
Membership Secretary	Greg Schwartz
Treasurer:	Janeane Renee Henderson

Gwen Martin moved that the slate be accepted by acclamation. It was seconded by David R. Henderson. The motion carried.

New Business: Gwen Martin asked if items of clothing and other Scottish items could be published for sale in the An Canach. Russ Henderson advised her to send the info to him for publication.

James Henderson asked if there is some way the clan could support our athletes as the cost to participate in games is expensive. He explained that the athletics help to attract younger members to the clan and is therefore a benefit. The president said that regional funds could be used to help.

Doug Henderson mentioned that he would like to see a way for over-18 year olds, who are too old to be under a family membership, to have a special membership for \$5.00 so that they can receive the newsletter. An article will be put in the An Canach concerning this.

David Henderson said that some members give private contributions to support pipe bands. He would like to see us help and he is willing donate matching funds up to \$200 to help the North Carolina State and Loch Norman Bands. He was advised to submit a request to the executive board requesting the contribution.

President Maddox announced that the AGM for 2011 will be held in Highlands Ranch, Colorado (suburb of Denver) and the 2012 AGM will be in Olcott, New York (near Niagara Falls).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Submitted by:

Dottie Henderson  
Recording Secretary

Subsequent to the AGM it became necessary to hold the 2011 AGM at McPherson, Kansas, on 24-25 September 2011--the fourth weekend of that month..



Rex Maddox and Russell Henderson were presented patents by the Chief making them Chief's Counselors.



Above: Dottie Henderson--Below left, David Henderson- Below: Bob Shimp being recognized.



## A New Genealogist for Clan Henderson with a New Perspective



by Steve Henderson  
Clan Genealogist

Let me start by letting everyone know I have never been much of a writer, but I do have a passion for genealogy. Starting on my family history in 1970, it has been a labor of love for close to forty years. At any given time I have up to a dozen trees in progress. I have worked on trees all over the U.S., but try to stay within the southeastern U.S.

Our Clan Henderson has been very fortunate to have had two very fine gentlemen serve as our Clan Genealogists, Horace Loftin and Jim Henderson. Both men continue to share my passion for genealogy. Jim has opened up a very new side of our genealogy program with DNA testing. You can expect to hear much more on this in the future. I understand a DNA test kit would make a great gift for birthdays and Christmas.

Now, where do we go to next? The Henderson Clan is unlike other Clans because we don't go back to just one ancestor. Our families go back to five and possibly more areas of Scotland. We have aristocrats, body guards, farmers and others. The one thing in common is we are the Sons of Henry. My plan is to move the Henderson database to a new host server at Ancestry.com. All members in good standing will be able to put in your member number and go right to your Family tree. By simply clicking you will be able to follow your Henderson line back as far as known. <http://ancestry.com/tree/21877872/person/1146479510> (Link to Ancestry Tree).

There will be no charge from Ancestry for viewing all the data. You can and I hope you will upload your photos and stories. As more stories and photos are uploaded, all of us will gain more insight into our families. This database is marked as a private tree and the only information a non-clan member will see is a name with a birth and death date. For any family information, they will have to contact me. I do plan on inviting them to join Clan Henderson to have better access.

I have plans and have already started to add source records to your trees. When I have questions, if your e-mail address is on my file, you can expect an e-mail from me. There will also be a way to send me updates online ([hendersongen@bellsouth.net](mailto:hendersongen@bellsouth.net)) or by snail mail.

You will see in the new Ancestry database, some member numbers are missing or may be incorrect. If this is the case, just send me an e-mail at [hendersongen@bellsouth.net](mailto:hendersongen@bellsouth.net).

Now, what do I need from you? First is patience as we try to come on board and get up to speed. Next is your help and assistance with photos, stories, maps, anything you think the family should see or read about.

Next is your continued support of Clan Henderson! Russ Henderson puts out one of the best quarterlies of any of the Clans. Let's try to sign up or give a gift membership to those cousins, nephew's nieces, grandchildren and any other relatives out there. We need their support to keep going.

And then there is that recognition that genealogy is a living breathing history of your family. Weddings, deaths, births, adoptions are just as important as finding—as Russ would put it—Joseph Barton Henderson's parents; and for your clan to survive keeping us in touch helps making all of us a family. I should note that Russ has been looking since he was 5—he was really happy when Russell Ross Henderson, Jr. showed up with a close enough DNA to finally expand the family; and that haplogroup has grown since then.

I am also looking forward to conversations with other genealogists and family historians especially in our affiliated societies.

Lastly, ideas, ideas, ideas. What do you want to see in your Henderson Genealogy?

On another note, I visited the Odom Genealogy Library recently. I had heard differing accounts of the library where our books and family histories are housed, so when I arrived unannounced, I was very pleasantly surprised to see a very clean and organized research facility for use with a knowledgeable staff. I introduced myself to genealogist Irene Godwin and she offered to show me around the library. Without ranting, it was one of the nicest genealogy libraries I've had the pleasure of using. Any stories of our books, family histories or treasures being not taken care of were totally dispelled.

Ms. Godwin told me that they had added on to the library a few years earlier and at one time during the remodeling had to place some books in piles on the floor.

This library has all you could hope for. One room has all family records and the books from about 120 Scottish Clans that joined with us in putting their books and family histories there. The next room has state and county histories along some general history. There is another rather large room for you to sit at a table and spread your material out. They also have computers, scanners, copiers and everything you need to have a good hunt.

My recommendation is that we continue to house our material at the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library which is a portion of the Moultrie Colquitt County Library located at 204 5th Street Southeast, Moultrie, GA 31768-4837; (229) 985-6540.

*Steve Henderson*



# Would Regional Chaplains Be Useful?

by Sred Sanford



It's been suggested that the task of meeting the pastoral needs of Henderson Society members is just too widespread to be effective. As Chaplain for over eight years now, I find that I can only reach a limited number of people who may wish friendly or even spiritual greetings from the Society. There was a time when our board of officers could recognize the names of those who were active in the past, who are now Flowers of the Forest. These officers could let the Chaplain know of the passing, with some information about the life and family of the deceased. And, I've been able to respond with a sympathy letter. However, the members and families are now so spread out through the nation that personal information is not known by many.

The cover article asks "what is a clan but its people" so there is a need for us to be in touch with our member families so they will be known, remembered, either in death, or in sadness, or accident, or even joys and achievements. If the opportunities for recognition became too great it would tax the time and capabilities of a national--or even international Chaplain--to respond. So, the suggestion is that perhaps we could spread the duties, maybe among the established regions of the Society, and through the commissioners to seek and appoint ministers or active lay people of churches to accept a position in the region. I could coordinate the program as head chaplain, and report our progress to the current president and board of directors on a regular basis. Also by taking an interest in our members, our family, they will continue to participate if only to have a chance to visit with each other. You would have seen that bonding at the Stone Mountain Ceilidh at the Keifer's home.

So, what does a chaplain do, beyond what is implied above? One of my duties is to maintain contact with the editor of our Clan newsletter, An Canach, and to submit articles to the newsletter. Another is to receive notices of those members who die so that a sympathy note can be sent to the family--providing there is enough information so that it is more than an impersonal form letter. Yet another duty would be to recognize new Hendersons -- either after they are born or marry into our clan. Regionally, there would be a greater sense of local care and support. In the long run, our membership would feel a greater kinship and elect to remain active in the life of Clan Henderson.

A final point, in this rather introductory article, is that a chaplain is chosen not to force people into a special religious mold, but is one who is sensitive about spiritual needs beyond the many denominations. You may have noticed in past articles that I am careful not to show denominational bias, because Hendersons are people of various faiths; the approach is as neutral as possible, not to weaken religious faith as to show the care and love that is expressed in responsible human interaction and reliance on Higher Powers of Providence. I am not ashamed to say that our Scottish heritage continues to pass on the spiritual foundations of Celtic Christianity, which brings together the appreciation of Nature and the mysteries of divine Truth, Beauty and Goodness, all leading to a Virtuous and Noble Life (Sola Virtus Nobilitat).

Let us (me, President Larry, Editor Russ or anyone) know what you think of having regional chaplains in our growing Society. Thank you.

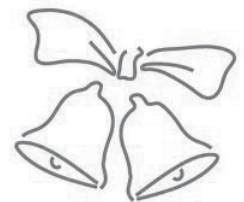


**Brendon Patrick Henderson-Woolson** was born on Thursday, 21 October 2010.. Brendon is the son of Paul and Beth Woolson, and the new brother of Kailyn and Sean. Brendon was born on his Great grandmother's, Jane C Henderson, 82nd birthday. Brendon is the grandson of Bruce A & Dawn M Henderson of Buffalo, New York.



**Richard "Dick" Hall**, husband of clan member Sandy Hall, passed away 11 July 2010. He is survived by his wife Sandy, a son Richard, daughters Kim, Sheryl, Christina and four grand children. Dick retired from the Army as a Lt. Colonel.

We are happy to share the success of **Colin Chatfield**, who recently became an Eagle Scout. Also, **David Henderson and Kelly Garner** were recently married at Nags Head, North Carolina. Their stories are on the following pages.





Great Grandfather Blair Henderson (in the center of his patrol) was a First Class Scout when that was the highest scout rank. 1918.



## A Century of Henderson Scouts in One Clan Family

In the Centennial year of Boy Scouting in America, Colin Eliot Chatfield of Boy Scout Troop 996 received his Eagle Scout badge on Sunday, 7 November 2010 in a Court of Honor at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Alexandria, Virginia. Colin, a junior at West Potomac High School, is the son of Janine and Skylar Kovack and grandson of Russ Henderson. He has spent his entire scouting career in the Fort Hunt area.

In addition to his Eagle badge requirements, he participated in 45 service projects with a total of more than 216 hours of work. His Eagle Scout Leadership Project was the improvement and rebuilding of the garden staircase on the grounds of the Collingwood Library and Museum, to make it safer and more usable.

Colin is a founding member of the Troop 996 scout band as well as a member of the West Potomac High School marching band, has performed in the West Potomac High School orchestra and jazz band, as well as in the Tuba Christmas at the Kennedy Center in DC. He regularly performs with the Aldersgate Church Brass. His career plans include music education and performance.

Some clan members may recognize that Colin is holding the Clan Shield in the 1997 photo which appears on the Clan Henderson Society web site.



New Eagle Colin Chatfield receives a Henderson tartan neckerchief from President Rex Maddox. 2010



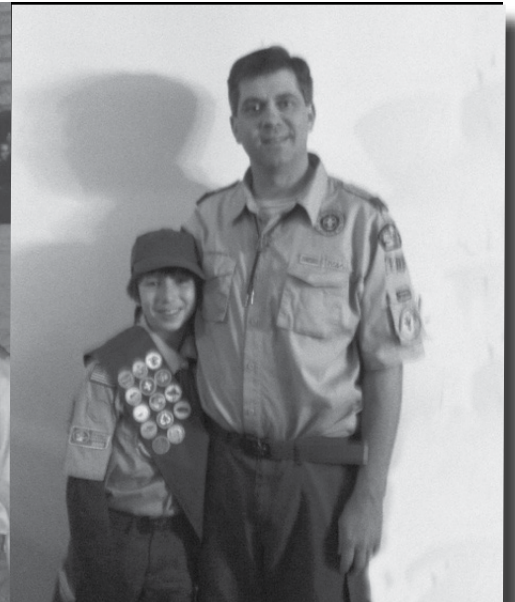
Eagle Colin with parents Janine and Skylar Kovack; sisters Tiffany and Susan.



Grandfather Russ's Eagle court with Great Grandparents Sara and Blair Henderson. 1960



Eagle Scouts Uncle Ric, Grandfather Russ and Uncle Ross Henderson when they were all younger. 1980



Eagle Ross with his son Howard who is currently a Star Scout. 2010



# A Henderson Wedding on the Beach

by Lee and Dottie Henderson



A great day on the beach in Nags Head, North Carolina, just north of Cape Hatteras, Outer Banks. The sky was clear with a few puffy clouds and the temperature was 78 degrees with a comfortable autumn south wind of 5 MPH. It was three o'clock on Sunday afternoon the tenth day of the tenth month of 2010. It was a perfect setting for a barefoot Henderson wedding on the beach.

David Henderson and Kelly Garner were the bride and groom. David is the son of Lee and Dottie Henderson. Kelly's parents are Marthetta Garner and Steve and Bonnie Garner. Present at the wedding were David's two sisters Beth Henderson Downey and Laura Henderson Sherman and their families. Briana Sherman was one of the flower girls. Lee's two sisters

Nina Henderson Graves, Julie Henderson Utschig and her husband also attended. Dottie's brother Jack and his wife and her sister Marybeth were also present.

The reception that evening was outside under a large party tent set up in the back yard of a beach house in Kill Devil Hills. With a clear sky, stars and a full moon everything was perfect. In true Henderson tradition David wore his Henderson Kilt. His father Lee and Grandson Joey were also in Henderson kilts at the reception. It was a great memorable day on the beach.

David and Kelly Henderson live in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina year round.



Kilts at the reception



The families together at Nags Head, North Carolina



## Games, Festivals, and Gatherings



### North East Region



CT, MA, ME,  
NH, NY, RI, VT  
Gary Henderson  
SSA Scot  
Commissioner

### Jamestown Regional Celtic Festival and Gathering of the Clans

by Bruce A Henderson

Saturday, 28 August 2010, started out very early for my youngest daughter Debra and myself. I picked Deb up at 6:30 A.M. for our early morning ride to Jamestown, New York about an hour and a half drive from Buffalo. I had been asked by my good friend Northeast Commissioner Gary

Henderson to fill in for him and convene the Jamestown Regional Celtic Festival and Gathering of the Clans. This year it was held in a park in Mayville, just north of Jamestown, on the shores of Lake Chautauqua.

I must say I was a little apprehensive accepting this challenge having never convened a game before, so that's why I had my trusty side kick, Deb, with me. She has attended Scottish games and festivals with me all her life and together I thought we could get by and not embarrass Clan Henderson. My apprehension was unfounded.

When we arrived we were directed to the Clan area and found, since we agreed to go just the week before, we were last in line for Clan tents, but the four tents to our left were friends and former Gordon's. They came right to the rescue and helped us set up the tent and tables Gary had supplied so it was just a matter

of filling the tables with Clan literature and the weapons I had brought from my collection.

Deb and I talked about the weapons on the ride down and were concerned about children picking them up and possibly injuring themselves or others. It turned out to just the opposite, we had the most problems with adults trying

to play with them and one particular gentlemen trying persistently to get me to sell them to him

We had a spectacular site. About twenty feet in front of our tent was the area for the pipe band performances for the day, so we had ringside seats. They had seven bands from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Canada there and I knew members in six of the seven so it was like old home week. The weather was fantastic with a nice breeze coming off the lake to our backs; the temperature was in the low 80's and sunshine all day long.

We found the food to be excellent, even the Texas Haggis they were selling; it was a little different, but I love haggis. Our only regret was the day went so quickly. We did have a good dozen or so sign the guest book and take Clan information, I just hope they will contact Gary and become members. I know next year Deb and I are already making plans to attend and we will see if my wife Dawn can get off for the event. If so we will definitely stay the night. They have a Ceilidh after the games and were sorry we missed it. As to convening another game, I just might. It was fun, but it was a lot of work and my hats off to all those who do this regularly.

**The Hendersons Are Here!**





## Mid East Region



DC, DE, MD, NJ,  
PA, VA, WV  
Leon Hicks  
Commissioner

### Meadow Highland Games and Celtic Festival by Laura Henderson Franta

An article on the Richmond games (now known as the Meadow Highland Games and Celtic Festival) wouldn't be the same without a kick-off weather report. Since this event is held later in the season, the weather in Richmond can be a real crapshoot, with "crap" being the operative word. The year we held the AGM in Richmond – and hosted Clan Chief Alistair Henderson – there were gale-force winds. Last year we suffered through a weekend of mud and rain that would have made even the hardiest Scot blanch! What would we pull from the grab bag of weather this go 'round? You'll never guess so I'll just tell you – Frost! If the car thermometer was to be trusted as we pulled into the parking lot, we were going to freeze our kilty bits off during set-up in 34-degree weather. Frost coated the picnic tables, the ground, the foliage and our tents. But fear not, the sun soon melted every last crystal into dripping rivulets pouring

from the tent roof onto our linens, photos and newsletters. Sigh. Eventually we dried off and it turned pleasantly warm and sunny both days.

We had a line-up of the usual suspects staffing the Henderson's little stake in the fairgrounds. Rex and Pat Maddox were working the COSCA booth, Leon Hicks, Christian Garin, Jeremy Lussi and family, Tom Franta, and myself were holding down the chairs out back while we enjoyed coffee and pastries from the hospitality tent. There are sweet, flaky raspberry-flavored perks to convening, folks (and that doesn't even take into account the usual champagne-and-caviar spread that normally comes out at lunch time, although, funnily, nobody ever seems to remember to bring the caviar).

This festival, formerly held at the motor speedway in Richmond, is much improved since moving last year to the Meadow Event Center in Doswell. Not only is it almost twenty miles nearer to moi (yes, it is all about me), there are real toilets (oh, joy! oh, luxury!) and better still, a substantial indoor space for the vendors. Clan tents, food, music and

athletics are all outside, and shopping is corralled into a well-lit and climate-controlled Celtic mini-mall. Bliss.

The only complaint I have about the event was that the athletics field was very large and all of the events seem confined to the opposite end from the clan tents. We couldn't make out a thing as competitors tossed cabers rendered toothpick-sized by great distance. The faint wail of the massed bands was as close as those of us in the tent got this year to hearing the pipes played. There are upsides to large venues (shopping and toilets) and downsides (toothpick tosses and inaudible pipes, the latter of which some may wish to move to the former category).

The first day during the opening ceremony we were limited to two



Several new Henderson families joined us at what is now the Meadow Highland Games; *Ceud Mile Failte* to all.





The look on Waffles' face makes meeting a sporrán nose to nose very special.

representatives in the parade so Jeremy and Tom struck out, gamely brandishing sword and banner respectively. On Sunday the parade was more of a family affair. The force was with our formidable presence as we managed to keep a Clan Hay storm trooper (yes, as in Star Wars) stepping lively ahead of us.

On Saturday our tent was the site of a ceremony of great and enduring historical significance of which I'm sure you'll want to take particular note. With much pomp, some circumstance, and a bit of leftover champagne, Leon Hicks and Rex Maddox presented the Order of the Chief to my husband, Tom Franta. Tom



has been an enthusiastic participant in Clan Henderson activities ever since our marriage. Many years ago, he glanced up from sorting our newly combined mail to find me reading an issue of *An Canach*. "What's that?" he asked. "Oh, it's my Clan newsletter," I replied, not looking up. The silence was deafening. I glanced over the top of the paper to find him staring at me across the table with an expression of alarm and astonishment. "Clan with a C," I said, "not a K." Thus was his first inkling of what lay in store for him. From our first Scottish Christmas Walk in 2000 to our triumphant trip to Edinburgh last summer (where Tom was a kilted convener), his willingness to identify with my Henderson clan and his cheerful participation in games and events has been gratifying not just to me, but as this award attests, to our clan as a whole. Congratulations to Tom!

We were delighted to welcome two new families into the Clan Henderson fold this weekend. Al Henderson of [insert town] and family was the first to join us on Sunday. Al's interest in the DNA project bodes well as he can trace his ancestry back to Edinburgh in the 1860's. Hopefully he'll be a match to others in our growing DNA project and we can add one more piece to the picture puzzle of those bearing the Henderson surname. The distinction of being "Newest Clan Member" was not long enjoyed by Al however, when that position was usurped by new member Craig Henderson and family. Welcome to the Henderson gathering place!

If you would like to see photos and video from this event, including "Waffles Meets the Wolverine" and "Christian Chugging Champagne", visit <http://thehendersonsarehere.shutterfly.com>

### The Hendersons Are Here!

Leon Hicks, Jeremy Lussi, Tim Counts, and Christian Garin welcoming new members to the Henderson tent.



## South East Region

FL, GA, NC, SC  
Ed Hendricks  
Commissioner



### Ocala Highland Games

By Steve Henderson

The games in Ocala are unique in that we set up right next to the athletic field. This allows us to watch the athletics and also have visitors to our tent.

This year was the first time ever the games were held in Silver Springs Park. For the cost of attending the games you also got to enjoy the lovely Silver Springs Park. Silver Springs is the home of the glass bottom boats and some of the most beautiful nature in the U.S.

My wife Ann and I were joined by our president elect Larry Henderson and his best girl Jan. We had many visitors stop by to see us. We had put up a display of heavy athletic equipment, consisting of a 2 stone (28 lb.) and a 4 stone (56 lb.) weight. The athletes use these for both the height and distance competition. We also display a 22 lbs hammer, 16 lb. stone and a sheath with fork. Our sign invites our guests to "pick them up and see what they weigh." They are amazed at how heavy the weights are. It gives them an appreciation for what the athletes do. As they are having this experience I tell them some of the history about the games and explain how some of the events started. I will usually end up talking about the caber toss and how it's judged. I will explain how the desired toss is 12 o'clock to allow their fellow warriors to cross the moat and access the castle gate. I'll finish the story by telling them if the caber landed at 3 o'clock everyone would be running into the water.

Our day ended on a very positive note with "The Henderson's" winning Best Clan for 2010. Please plan on joining us in Ocala as the Honored Clan at the 2011 Ocala Games.



### The Soothills Highland Games Hendersonville, NC

6 November 2010

By David Henderson

Early winter wind and cold greeted all who ventured into Jackson Park in Hendersonville. Convening the tent this year were David and Kari Henderson, assisted by Chaplain Fred and Peggy Sanford. Working with gloves and scarves most of the day it was a wonder anyone came out, but they did, and the moderate-sized crowd was enthusiastic.

The Henderson tent offered plenty of warm hospitality in the blustery wind and a fun time was shared by all. We even had a fair number of visitors to the tent, some for the first time and others who had been there before. Those who signed our guest book were: Brent Henderson of Coweta, Oklahoma; Jeannie Henderson Eastes of Leesville, South Carolina; Dwayne and Jennifer Taylor of Kannapolis, North Carolina; and Joe Henderson of Etowah, North Carolina.

Brent Henderson's visit was unexpected surprise. He was

traveling along I-26 about lunch time, saw exit for Hendersonville, North Carolina, and decided it would be great place for his picnic. While looking for a park facility he saw signs for Highland Games and pulled in only to find a Henderson Tent. Some may call it luck but Hendersons would claim predestination prevails.

It's possible that these Games will move back to the last Saturday of October next year, to try to avoid such cold temperatures. A new venue may also be instore. The Town of Lake Lure has contacted Games organizers about relocating to their beautiful mountain setting. So, we hope that all Hendersons will keep this new site in mind, check out the dates next summer, and plan to attend this event.







## 2010 Stone Mountain Highland Games

by Suzanne Reifer

**W**e'd been waiting for this weekend ever since the SMHG Games committee invited Alistair to be the Guest of Honor and it finally came. The weekend was absolutely spectacular weather-wise, and as a result, the Games saw record crowds on both days. Unlike 2009 where you would have thought it was the middle of a Scottish winter (windy, wet and cold), the skies for 2010 were cerulean blue and not a cloud to be seen.

I want to preface this article with profuse thank you's to all those who assisted in making this a memorable event; most notably Gwen and Tony Martin, their daughter Kelly Yates, Kari Henderson, Christi Heston, Nancy Hendricks, and my son Eric and his beautiful new bride, Narcie. If I've omitted anyone, please accept my apologies but the thank you is sincere.

We started setting up Friday and transformed a simple tent into a great location for awesome food and great camaraderie. Let me tell you about the food - OMG! There was no lack of it - from scones and lemon curd all the way to exotic cheeses and the world's best chicken salad and pound cakes. If you were there, you know what I mean. If you were not able to make it, you missed something truly incredible.

Now for the reason that we had such a wonderful event - Alistair and Audrey were present as Guests of Honor and I think I can speak for them in saying they

had a super time. I'm sure they were beyond exhausted at the end of all the activities as they were busy from the moment they arrived in Atlanta until they went back home. Between "official" events, and the obligatory visiting and some sightseeing in spare time, I think we were able to experience a good taste of what Atlanta has to offer.

I can't tell you too much about what happened at the Games as I stayed pretty busy in the tent making sure things were moving smoothly but do know that the Hendersons made quite an impression with the largest walkabout I think we've ever had and we looked absolutely amazing during the Parade of Tartans - the body guard was spot on timing-wise and I know other Clans were probably very jealous of us.

We had a record turnout as well - I

counted eighty-four signed-in families in our register (no duplicates!!) and I think we had almost all of them at the ceilidh Saturday evening. We were honored to have Erica Milner dance for us after she had won several medals (I'm sorry, Erica; I can't remember exactly how many....) For those of you who brought goodies for either the tent or the ceilidh, thanks a million - we couldn't have done it without you!

Both Harry and I crashed Monday evening (and Tuesday evening, come to think of it) and we hope everyone had as much fun as we did. Next year, the Hendersons will be back in their usual location under the trees but we'll always have the memories of this grand event. Thanks to all for making the 2010 Stone Mountain Highland Games such a success!





## Mid South Region



AL, KY, LA, MS, TN  
Billy J. Henderson  
Commissioner

### Twenty-fifth Annual Highlands and Islands Scottish Games and Celtic Music Festival

by John Mallernee

On Saturday 13 November 2010, I donned my Clan Henderson kilt, hung the Order of the Chief medal around my neck, and drove my pickup truck to the Harrison County Fairgrounds to attend the Twenty-fifth Annual Highlands and Islands Scottish Games and Celtic Music Festival. My pickup truck enjoyed its new license plates and the flag of Scotland flying above the cab.

Also notice the United States Army surplus Signal Corps radio rig being operated by the Mississippi Coast Amateur Radio Association (MCARA), which attracted my interest as a veteran of the Signal Corps and a licensed ham radio operator.

Among the featured events at the festival was full contact jousting by the Knights of Valour which was probably the most popular event at the festival.

So far as I could determine, I was the only member of Clan Henderson at this festival.



Ed Note: Both John and I have time with this style of Army surplus communications rig manned here by MCARA operators – some memories!



Reenactors added some spice to the event.

The honored clan was Clan Donald, and I briefly spoke with one of their representatives, comparing my perceptions of previous festivals I had attended in Maryland and Virginia with this one in Mississippi. Here, there were far less men attired in kilts. One very skinny teenage boy even wore his really good-looking kilt in contemporary gang fashion, hanging down below his buttocks! I was told that the problem is that an increasing number of the youth in this area have little or no interest in their own heritage, choosing instead to embrace the styles and characteristics of other ethnic groups. Sadly, it's mostly only the older generation who supports preservation and perpetuation of Scottish, Irish, and Welsh culture.

As I strolled about, a lady asked me, "How do you pronounce that word?" pointing at the sign with "CEILIDH" on it.

I responded, "Kay-Lee", and she answered, "I should have known that since I am Scottish."

[Ed note: In a Scottish society Saint Andrews Day service at my parents' church, the Edinburgh-born and raised lady said "as we say at home. . . Ceud Mile Failte" to those assembled. It was a bit different to hear Fail-cha pronounced as Fail-tee.]

According to the schedule, there would be a Ceilidh that evening, and more events the following day. I was tired and chose to go home.

**The Hendersons Are Here!**

## South West Region



AZ, CO, NM,  
UT, WY  
Buzz McDowney  
Commissioner

### 2010 Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival 10-12 September 2010

by Buzz McDowney

The festival was thirty-four years old this year and as it has been for the past few years, the Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival was a three-day event. Set up time was any time after noon on Thursday the 9th, so Linda and I were at the field that afternoon setting up in the corner space we have been lucky enough to get the past few years. After setting things up and standing back taking a look at our work and tweaking a few things here and there, we were ready for Friday morning's opening.

Friday was a beautiful sunny Colorado day and we expected it to be busy. We were not disappointed, there was a steady stream of visitors to the COSCA space at our display as well as a good number of potential new members for the clan.

We had a really pleasant surprise when Sue and Dick Hoffman, who were up from Texas, came by and hung out with the rest of the Hendersons, and helped out at the space for most of the weekend as well as on Sunday afternoon when it came time to pack up. Many thanks to Sue and Dick.

I wish I could say that they had come all the way up from Texas to help us but truth be told they have friends who are members of Clan MacLellan, and the MacLellans were holding their AGM at these games. Sue and Dick are "honorary" members and decided to come to Colorado. We are glad they did.

Saturday was the day of the big parade through the town of Estes Park, an it was another postcard perfect day. The Hendersons were not as numerous as we have been in years past, but we made a great showing. I was joined by my sister Collene McNally, Mary Lou la Montia and her husband Steve, Mary Lou's sister





Maggie McEldowney helping Grand Pa with the Shrine Pipe Band birthday salute.

Judy Henderson, new members Michael and Teresa Henderson, John Burt and his friend Lisa, and last but not least Dr. William Henderson. My better half, Linda, was already at the field holding down the fort.

Following the parade we made our way back to the field and were immediately busy meeting and greeting visitors. Noon time rolled around and it was time for the parade of clans at the opening ceremonies. All the Hendersons present lined up with the other clans and paraded onto the field and around past the reviewing stand. Clan Henderson was led onto the field by Sandy Hall's grandson Tanner Hampton and grand daughter Kaylee Hampton along with my grand daughter Maggie McEldowney, all carrying the big Henderson banner. They were a big hit with the audience. Follownig our march off the field it was back to the tent for more meeting and greeting.

Saturday afternoon we were entertained by former clan piper John Bergquist and his El Jebel Shrine Pipes and Drums. Again this year as in many past John has called yours truly out and put me front and center. My birthday falls a day or two prior to, during, or shortly after the weekend of the festival



The new "official" passport stamper, Maggie McEldowney, being supervised by Aunt Collene, GrandPa and Dr. Bill Henderson

and John never misses the opportunity to embarass me in front of dozens of strangers and friends by playing happy birthday on the pipes. What a great way to celebrate one's anniversary of life. Thank you John.

This year there were eighty-nine clans and societies in attendance, amazing! I had to do a recount to make sure I had not miscounted. Clan MacLellan and Clan Sutherland held their AGMs at these games.

There was plenty of entertainment for all to enjoy throught the weekend. There was the Scottish athletic competition, jousting, dogs of the Britishllse show, as well as entertainment by Alex Beaton, Albannach, Tartan Terrors, Rathkeltair, and Scotland's funniest man, Eddie Devine. The U.S. Marine Corp Air Ground Combat Center Band and C.O.P.S.(Combined Ontario Police Service Pipes and Drums) also performed during the festival.



Closing toast Sunday afternoon to the memory of Dick Hall. left to right Christina Hall, Sandy Hall, Buzz McEldowney, Sue and Dick Hoffman, Mary Lou and Steve La Montia, Linda McEldowney, Collene McNally



Clan Henderson had a steady stream of visitors as well as a lot of interested folks at the COSCA table wanting some help looking up family connections.

Sunday proved to be a close copy of Saturday with good weather and steady traffic until mid afternoon when the crowds started to thin out. All in all it was a good weekend. We gained some new members and had a few renewals and quite a few potential new members.

As Sunday came to a close we began the process of breaking down and packing up. This year we had plenty of help thanks in no small part to Sue and Dick Hoffman, who we could tell had a "little" experience at this aspect of the games.

What a great way to spend a weekend in Colorado. Every year we meet new people, help folks get started tracing some of their ancestors and gaining new members for Clan Henderson.



47th Annual Colorado  
Scottish Festiva and  
Rocky Mountain  
Highland Games  
14-15 August 2010

by Linda McElDowney  
SIW Commissioner's  
Better Half

Which takes more energy? Getting ready for the games, being at the games, or putting it all away again? Seems like Buzz was busy working on something everyday for months, leading up to these games. There were displays to be checked, poles to be repainted, easy-ups to be "upped," and the general going through of all things "Henderson." Friday, 13 August, came and was again a hot but beautiful day. This of course is typical for August in Colorado and these games. Somehow, with all the pre-ops, set-up went smoothly and before we knew it, we were back home, ready for the big weekend.

Saturday's and Sunday's weather could not have been any better. To our wonderful surprise, Dottie Henderson, secretary for Clan Henderson, showed up bright and early and stayed around both days to visit and help out. Dottie usually comes to Colorado every few years for her nursing school reunion. She is such a delight to be around and a really hard worker. It is really convenient for her to come here because her sister lives right by the field where the games are held.

We had a family visit us, newly arrived from Dunfermline, Scotland. It was great meeting them and listening to their accents. Also joining us were Michael and Theresa Henderson, new members from Highlands Ranch, Colorado. They were so excited to join our clan and were planning to be with us in Estes Park come September.

Our tent space was busy all weekend and we had a great view of everything going on.

There were fifty-three clans present for these games. The Colorado St. Andrew's Society does such a wonderful job of making all the clans and vendors feel a real part of everything. Again this year, the clans were in a rectangle around the field, with the vendors spaced across from the clans. This allowed a great view for everyone, leaving no clan or vendor left out.

It was the 10th Anniversary of the Scottish Athletic World Masters Championships.

This was a first to have these athletes compete right here in Denver. Since last year's concert proved to be such a success, there was another great concert on Saturday after the games, one by Angus Mohr, followed by Seven Nations.

Our weekend was a real success. Super weather, wonderful friends, and some new acquaintances. Thanks again to Dottie for visiting and helping, as well as Collene McNally, Buzz's sister, who always shows up to help meet and greet. It always makes the job easier when there are many helping hands.



Michael and Theresa Henderson at Rocky Mountain festival

# Speaking Of Scotland

by John Robert Mallernee, Clan Bards

This article was suggested as a response to questions about the languages of Scotland. Scotland actually has several spoken languages, English, Gaelic, and Scots. Gaelic is spoken by people residing in the highlands and islands, who are only a small minority of Scotland's population.

It is with considerable difficulty that the language is currently being revived. A high school teacher told me that the students in her Gaelic class refused to speak anything but English, because they thought speaking Gaelic wasn't "cool." That problem may be due to the loss of native Scots, who leave Scotland in search of employment, while simultaneously, land in Scotland is purchased by wealthy retired Englishmen, who then impose English culture on their Scottish environment.

There is some hope of Gaelic revival though, as evidenced by a contemporary feature motion picture production, "SEACHD: THE INACCESSIBLE PINNACLE," which is a Gaelic movie. You can find information about this movie on the Internet at this web site: [www.seachd.com](http://www.seachd.com). Also, there are "Mods," which are Gaelic-speaking festivals that are held in Scotland, the United States, and Canada.

Many of us enjoy listening to songs being sung in the Gaelic language, and there's an abundance of material to choose from. My personal favorite is Karen Matheson, the lead singer for the Scottish band, Capercaillie. There are plenty of videos with her singing at the YOU TUBE web site.

Scottish, also called Lallans, is the language spoken by the majority of Scotland, and it is the official language of the Scottish Court. It is the language of Scotland's revered bard, Robert Burns. At the web site of Robert Burns, you'll find English translations of Scottish words, [www.robertburns.org/](http://www.robertburns.org/).

Have you ever been to a Kirkin' o' the Tartan? "Kirkin'" is the Scottish word for "Church." A "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" is a church service where the clans are blessed. It's a ritual that actually originated in the United States, begun by Peter Marshall, Chaplain to the United States Senate. He used it for the ceremony when the officers of the St. Andrew's Society were installed. [Actually, a Henderson set the ceremony.]

Before I begin responding to questions regarding specific Gaelic or Scottish terms, I want to recommend another web site, The Blood Is Strong, a truly enlightening forum for discussing all things Scottish, at [www.thebloodisstrong.com/](http://www.thebloodisstrong.com/).

Now, I'll try and address the specific words I've been asked about.

**AN CANACH:** Pronounced, "Ahn Khan-nock," it literally means, "The Cotton," and our clan's newsletter has this name because of the cottonseed grass, which grows wild in the area around our ancestral homelands in Glencoe, Scotland.

Originally, clans were NOT distinguished by the tartan, but by the plant they wore attached to their cap. Thus, the manly men of Clan Henderson, which in the Highlands would have been called, Clann Mac Eanruig, wore a small sprig of cottonseed on their bonnet.

**SGIAN DUBH:** Pronounced, "Skeen Doo," it means, "Black Knife," because it normally is carried concealed, and it is a weapon of last resort. But, when visiting a fellow clansman, courtesy required that swords, dirks, targes, and firearms be

left outside. Still, when sleeping at night, every man needed to be armed with SOMETHING, because the doors didn't have locks. Thus, the small concealed knife, being a weapon of last resort, was then placed in the top of one's hose or boot, thus being in plain view for all to see.

**CEILIDH:** Pronounced, "Kay-Lee," it means, "Social," and it's generally a hearty party, with music, dancing, joking, food, drink, fist fights, and broken windows. (No, I'm joking, of course!) But, seriously (can anyone REALLY be serious about a ceilidh?), it's a great opportunity for everybody to show off their amateur talents, and just plain have fun!

**CEUD MILE FAILTE:** Pronounced, "Kooud-Meal-lah-Fahl-cha," it means, "One Hundred Thousand Welcomes!" in the Gaelic language, and it's the same in both Scotland and Ireland.

**FAILTE:** Pronounced, "Fahl-cha," it means, "Welcome!" or "Greeting!"

**SLAINTE:** Pronounced, "Slawn-jah," it means, "Health," and is universally a favorite Gaelic toast in both Scotland and Ireland. It is also used to bid farewell.

**KILT:** A Gaelic word meaning, "to tuck," which is derived from the Old Norse word, "Kjalta," due to Norse settlers who wore a similar garment, but without the tartan pattern.

**BREACAN AN FHEILIDH:** Pronounced, "Brick-ahn-Ahn-Fail-Ee," it means, "Belted Plaid."

**FEILEADH MOR:** Pronounced, "Fail-Ee-Moor," it means "Great Plaid."

**FEILEADH BEAG:** Pronounced, "Fill-Ah-Beck," it is the "small kilt," also known as a "walking kilt," which most of us wear today.

**GHILLIE:** Pronounced, "Gill-lee," it means "Lad" or "Servant." The original ghillies were attendants for the chief of the clan, and later, the word referred to game wardens in hunting or fishing preserves. Yes, "Ghillies" are a lace up Oxford style shoe, with holes to allow drainage when wading across streams. Today, a Ghillie suit is a large leafy style camouflage cover worn by military sniper teams.

**DERBHFINE:** Pronounced, "Dur-ba-vinn" (?), it is a special meeting of clan chieftains and leaders gathered to select a clan commander or a clan chief. A search of the Internet reveals that the Lord Lyon has outlined specific guidelines for such meetings.

Many Gaelic words are now part of the English language, and you may be speaking Gaelic without even realizing it.

For instance, how often do you greet someone with, "Hello"? That is from the Gaelic greeting, "Hallo".

Do you ever "glom" onto something? That's the Gaelic word for "take" or "steal."

I found a whole list of Gaelic words being used in contemporary English language in an old issue of "READER'S DIGEST" magazine, but unfortunately, when I recently moved from Washington, D.C. to Gulfport, Mississippi, I lost that list.

So, now you have my expert opinion, even though I've never been to Scotland, and grew up with no knowledge of Scottish heritage.



**Faye Henderson wins Oban Gold Medal**  
**First Ever Female Winner**  
**25 August 2010**

Several web sites have announced the first female winner Faye Henderson of Kirriemuir, Scotland, became history's first female winner of the Highland Society of London Gold Medal. She followed in the footsteps of her mother and father as a piper. Her father, Murray, had won the award 30 years before in the competition at Oban, Argyllshire. Her mother, Patricia and another woman were the first women to play in the competition back in 1974.

She had previously competed for the Silver Medal last year, and winning the Gold Medal this year made her, at 18 years old, one of the youngest competitors. Even more spectacular, she won in her first year of competition for the award which is one of the top medals that a piper can win.



**Henderson Goods at the Quartermaster Store**

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Frank Henderson the new Clan Quartermaster reports this price list for items on hand:

- Kilt pins** \$15.our cost went up
- Lapel pins and pendants** \$10
- Cap badges** \$12
- Totes** \$10
- Auto tags** \$ 6
- Ball caps** \$ 6
- w/embroidered crest \$15
- Sweat shirts** L and XL \$12
- T'shirts** \$10 XXL \$12
- Anything I order will be more because of embroidery... how much more:to reflect a "small profit"
- Golf-style shirts**(collars) \$25
- Tartan cloth** \$15/yard

**Flasks and Zippo lighters are now available custom engraved with Clan Badge. Email the QM for pricing and other details as these are special ordered items.**

**Name Badges** (see page 24) \$12  
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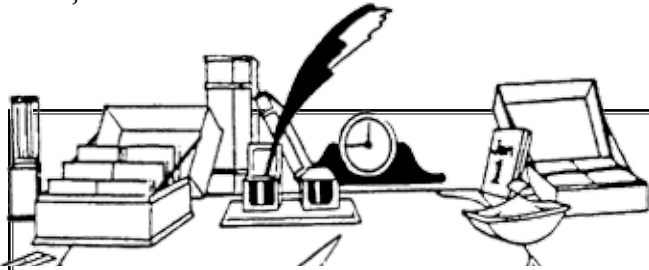
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## News You Can Use

As reported in the Washington Post by Annie Gowen while writing about the Scottish Christmas Walk in Alexandria, those questioning minds who continue to ask what we wear under our kilts no longer need to ask. All speculation has been changed as of last month, when the Scottish Tartan Authority called for an end to the ages-old custom. Because the old, or as it is known, regimental style is unhygienic and offensive, it is now right and proper to wear undergarments. It would seem that we now have a decision saying that we may do whatever we were doing before; but the "what is alright" has now changed. I think I'll do that.

Buffalo's Gordon Highlanders are hosting their 174th Highland Ball, Saturday, 2 April 2011, at the Buffalo Irish Center, Buffalo, NY. Tickets are \$20 presale, \$25 at the door. for information contact, Colonel Bruce A Henderson at majhen@aol.com or 716-823-1581



Hi Cousins,

The hardest part of providing information is to get the reader to read it. There are several places for you to contact in the clan. For Membership, Address changes and Dues, please

The next Henderson Annual General Meeting will be held at the McPherson games 24-25 September 2011. More information on the gathering will be forthcoming in future issue of An Canach.

Wow, Maclan received a Kindle for his birthday/Christmas present this year. Don't know if you have one or not, but it could be a handy reference for you. How? you may ask. Well, if you contact the editor of An Canach on line, he will send you a PDF of the clan manual. Maclan has had several opportunities to do research in the manual which he has on his new Kindle

An Cìrean Clann Cinnidh: The badge, when displayed as an ornament, wall hanging, on stationery, on a tee shirt, etc. by a member of the Clan should bear the Gaelic phrase "An Cìrean Ceann Cinnidh." This is closely translated as "The Crest of the Clan Chief." This will indicate that you are a member of the Clan and that you are not claiming the crest as "yours", but that the right to display it is granted by your membership in the clan.

send your letter and any checks to me, Greg Schwartz, 19 Sunbury Street, Minersville PA 17954, [address is also on page 2 and page 26]. Please don't forget your address, telephone, and e-mail changes. The timing of An Canach mailings doesn't work very well for those among us who have seasonal residences.

Aye, *Greg Schwartz, Membership Secretary*



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# Maclan Is Looking Forward to Seeing You at One of These Events

Maclan wants you to note that a number of games did not take place in 2010 (sometimes a last minute decision), and others may not take place in 2011. The events listed herein have been checked with each event Web site. It is best for you to check with the regional commissioner and/or the event Web site or telephone before traveling to the event. If you find yourself alone at the event--no clan tent--please write a note to An Canach describing the event.



## 2011

### January

- 8 Southeast Florida Scottish Festival & Highland Games +  
Fort Lauderdale Stadium & Event Site  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 15-16 Central Florida Scottish Highland Games  
Central Winds Park, Winter Springs, FL  
Larry Henderson, Convenor +
- 29 Sarasota Highland Games +  
Venice Airport Grounds, Venice, Florida  
Larry Henderson, Convenor

### February

- 19-20 Scottish Ramble +  
Excelsior, MN
- 19-20 Queen Mary Festival +  
Long Beach, CA  
Joe Henderson, Convenor
- 26-27 Arizona Highland Games +  
Steele Indian School Park  
Phoenix, AZ
- 26 Northeast Florida Scottish Games +  
Jacksonville, FL  
Steve Henderson, Convenor

### March

- 5-6 Zephyrhills Celtic Festival +  
Zephyr Park, Zephyrhills, FL  
Larry Henderson, Convenor
- 11-13 Sonora Celtic Faire +  
Sonora, CA
- 12 Panama City Highland Games +  
Panama City FL
- 11-13 Scottish/Irish Faire +  
Horseshoe Complex, Midland TX
- 26 Verde Valley Highland Games ??  
Sunnyside Park, Camp Verde, AZ
- 26-27 USCO Iron Thistle Festival +  
Yukon, OK  
Tom Hendricks Convenor

### April

- 2 Ardenwood Tartan Day +  
Fremont, CA  
Suzanne Emerson Convenor
- 2 Kern County Scottish Games +  
Bakersfield, CA  
Joe Henderson/Mary Dobrzinsky Conv.
- 2-3 Hawaiian Scottish Festival and Games +  
Waikiki, Honolulu, HI  
Larry & Jackie Phillips-Convenors
- 2-3 San Antonio Highland Games +  
Helotes Festival Grounds  
San Antonio, TX

- 8-10 Arkansas Scottish Festival +  
Lyon College, Batesville, AR
- 9 Dunedin Highland Games +  
Highlander Park, Dunedin, FL
- 9 Oregon Scottish Heritage Festival +  
Albany, OR
- 9 Lexington Scots-Irish Festival ??  
Washington & Lee University  
Lexington, VA
- 15-17 Loch Norman Highland Games +  
Rural Hill, Huntersville, NC
- 16-17 Las Vegas Highland Games +  
Floyd Lamb State Park, Las Vegas, NV  
Joe Henderson/Mary Dobrzinsky Conv.
- 23 Springfield Highland Games +  
State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL
- 23-24 Colonial Capital Scottish Festival ?  
Lawson Creek Park, New Bern, NC
- 30 Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland +  
Jefferson-Patterson Park  
Prince Frederick, MD
- 30 Th' Gatherin' Fire Festival O' Beltane +  
WaKeeney, KS 67672
- 30 Triad Highland Games +  
Bryan Park, Greensboro NC

### May

- 6-7 Kentucky Scottish Weekend +  
General Butler State Park  
Carrollton, KY
- 6-7 Mint Hill Highland Games +  
Mint Hill, NC
- 6-8 Scottish Festival and Celtic Gathering +  
Clarksburg, WV
- 7 Savannah Scottish Games +  
Savannah, GA
- 7 Frederick Celtic Festival [Cancelled 2011]  
Frederick Fairgrounds on Patrick St  
Frederick, MD  
Steve Henderson, Convenor
- 7 Prescott Highland Games +  
Watson Lake Park, Prescott, AZ
- 7-8 Sacramento Valley Scottish Games +  
Yolo County Fairground, Woodland, CA
- 14 Celtic Festival/Highland Games +?  
Historic Bethabara Park  
Winston Salem, NC  
Fred Sanford Convenor
- 14 Minnesota Scottish Games +  
Dakota County Fair Grounds  
Farmington MN
- 20-21 Houston Highland Games +  
Bear Creek Park, Houston, TX
- 20-22 Smoky Mountain Highland Games ++  
(Formerly the Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games)

- Maryville College  
Maryville, TN
- 21 Brigadoon Beltane Festival +  
Maize Valley Market & Winery,  
Hartsville, OH
- 21 Colonial Highland Gathering +  
Fair Hill Racecourse, Fair Hill, MD
- 21-22 Rio Grande Valley Highland Games +  
Albuquerque, NM
- 27-28 Greenville Scottish Games ?  
Greenville, SC
- 28-29 Alma Highland Games +  
Alma College, Alma, MI
- 26-29 USS Scottish Games +  
Costa Mesa, CA  
Joe Henderson/Mary Dobrzinsky Conv.

### June

- 2-5 Glasgow Highland Games +  
Barren River Lake Park, Lucas, KY  
Fred Sanford Convenor
- 3-5 Texas Scottish Games +  
Maverick Stadium, Arlington, TX
- 4-5 Bellingham Scottish Highland Games  
Holvander Park, Ferndale, WA
- 4 Bonnie Brae Scottish Games +  
Liberty Corner, NJ
- 4 McHenry Highland Festival +  
Garrett County Fairgrounds, McHenry, MD
- 4 Modesto Highland Games +  
Tuolumne Park, Modesto, CA
- 4 Scottish Fest/Milwaukee Highland +  
Games Hart Park, Wauwatosa, WI
- 10-12 Kansas City Scottish Highland Games +  
Riverside, MO
- 12 Clover Scottish Games ?  
Memorial Stadium, Clover, NC
- 11 Indiana Highland Games ?  
Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN
- 11 Rhode Island Highland Games ?  
Washington Co Fairgrounds,  
Richmond, RI
- 11 Utah Scottish Festival and Games +  
Thanksgiving Point, Lehi, UT
- 11 Blairsville Highland Games +  
Meeks Park, Blairsville, GA
- 11-12 Potomac Celtic Festival [Cancelled]  
Morven Park Equestrian Center  
Leesburg, VA
- 18-19 Oklahoma Celtic Music and Heritage  
Festival +  
Payne Co. Fairgrounds Stillwater OK
- 18-19 Illinois St. Andrew Society Games ?  
Polo Ground, Oak Brook, IL
- 18-19 Scottish Renaissance Festival +  
Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds



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