



The Saltyre

July 2022

Message From The President

Hello,

Elections and the Dining In/AGM have come and gone. Those who were up for reelection, were, well, reelected. All were unanimous except for President. Approximately half the membership voted. That was a little disappointing as the election was online and no one can see the names or email addresses of the voters. Hopefully future elections will excite more members to run for office and vote.



Quite a few dues renewal checks have arrived in my mailbox the past two months. It looks like quite a few members are past due at this time. The Society depends on member dues to cover operating expenses such as insurance, trailer and equipment storage fees, and event fees. Please renew if you haven't and help us keep running.

As games and other traditional events are few and far between these days the Board is working on the details of attending a car show and chili cookoff in Rocklin and a multicultural festival in Elk Grove. Even in the Scottish community many people don't realize that Scots have been an active part of the Sacramento region since the mid-1800's.

We're going to hold a potluck this August 20, at Chuck and Trix Jamison's house. This is in lieu of our usual BBQ. If all goes well we will also have a fall ceilidh in October, Investiture/St Andrew's Day dinner at the end of November, Christmas party, and Burns Supper. I hope to see as many of you as possible at all of these events.

Please don't forget the Society when you're shopping online. You can do this by signing up at smile.amazon.com. Pick Sacramento St Andrews Society as your charity of choice. One half of one percent of your purchases will be donated to the Society. As of June 2022, charities in the US have received over \$355 million. Any money we receive goes to the scholarship fund.

All the best,

Bruce Locken



Scottish Flora and Fauna

The Shetland Sheepdog (Sheltie)

The Shetland Sheepdog, often known as the Sheltie, is a breed of herding dog that originated in the Shetland Islands of Scotland. The original name was Shetland Collie, but this caused controversy amongst Rough Collie breeders of the time, so the breed's name was formally changed.



The history of the Sheltie is relatively recent and its earliest history is rather undistinguished. The Shetland Islands are remote and sparsely inhabited. The general nature of the Shetland Islands, the windblown climate and somewhat sparse vegetation, have contributed to the miniaturization of livestock there in general. Because of the isolation of the Islands and the difficulty of making a living, animals there had to be very hardy.

The early native dogs were a very mixed lot but were generally very small, often 8-10 inches in height. It has been said that the ancestors of the dogs were Spitz type dogs brought from Scandinavia by early settlers, along with the large white Pomeranian, King Charles Spaniel, and smaller working sheepdogs from Scotland. The native dogs were rather inbred as no one kept more dogs than were needed for work.

The dogs were used to work Shetland Sheep, a small, extremely agile, almost goat-like breed. These original Island dogs were bred solely for utility. Because there are no fences on Shetland, the dogs did not do traditional sheep herding. They were used to drive sheep into rough stone enclosures so they could be dipped or "rooed," as pulling the wool off them was called. They were also used to drive the rather wild sheep away from the crofter's meager gardens. Another task was staying with the sheep on the more remote uninhabited islands in the summer. There they needed to be able to protect lambs from birds of prey like eagles, and traverse the seaweed covered rocks. The dog used its vocal abilities to bark at birds and scare them away. Barking was also a way to move sheep away from the croft and to locate the dog.



Shetland sheepdogs are known for their gentle, sweet, pleasing personality. They are also playful and affectionate, all traits that have made them a popular family pet. Breed experts often comment that Shelties like to please; coupled with their intelligence, it is no wonder they excel at obedience training. Out of 199 registered breeds of dogs in 2022, Shelties are ranked in the top 3% for intelligence. Shelties are used as medical alert dogs, as well service and therapy dogs. They excel in dog sports including rally, agility, and herding.

The Shetland Sheepdog was bred to be an agile, alert, and intelligent herder. In fact, he'll try to herd almost anything, including squirrels, birds, and kids. It's not unusual for a Sheltie to follow family members around everywhere they go, just to be close. A sensitive breed, Shelties need companionship and don't do well if left alone for excessive amounts of time. They're very protective of their family and quick to bark to let you know someone's coming, which makes them good watchdogs. Speaking of barking, this is a vocal dog that likes to bark ... a lot.

Have kids? Shelties love playing with them. They can probably outlast the most energetic children. Along with that, they need lots of physical and mental stimulation. Without it, a Sheltie may find less appropriate ways to entertain himself.

The flowing coat comes in several colors, including various shades of sable, black, and blue merle. The long, refined head and expressive eyes combine to create a gentle, intelligent expression that melts hearts.

Life span: 12 – 14 years

Common nicknames: Sheltie

Temperament: Lively, Intelligent, Affectionate, Responsive, Alert, Reserved, Loyal, Active, Playful, Eager, Gentle, Trainable, Strong

Height: Male: 13–16 inches, Female: 13–16 inches

Weight: Male: 14–27 lbs, Female: 14–27 lbs

Colors: Merle, Blue Merle, Tri-color, Sable & White, Sable, Black & White, Black & Tan

Courtesy of <https://www.americanshetlandsheepdogassociation.org>



Scottish History For July

July 1 1505 Seal granted by Edinburgh Town Council to the Incorporation of Barbers and Surgeons to practice their craft. The organization is now known as the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

July 1 1782 Proscription Act Repealed, thus allowing again the wearing of tartan and the carrying of weapons, banned as a result of the 1745 Uprising.

July 3 1883 124 people drowned when Steamer "Daphne" sank during its launch on river Clyde.

July 3 1928 John Logie Baird transmitted first color television signal.

July 5 1530 Border reiver John Armstrong and 50 of his men were hanged for blackmail at Carlanrig by King James V.

July 6 1560 Treaty of Edinburgh between Scotland and England.

July 6 1747 John Paul Jones, hero of the US Navy, born Kirkbean, Dumfries.

July 6 1988 Explosion aboard North Sea oil rig Piper Alpha, 167 lives lost.

July 7 1307 Death of King Edward I of England.

July 7 1548 Treaty of Haddington, between France and Scotland, confirming the betrothal of Mary Queen of Scots and Dauphin of France.

July 7 1559 John Knox became the first Protestant minister appointed in Edinburgh.

July 7 1814 First publication of Walter Scott's Waverley Novels

July 7 1930 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle author of the Sherlock Holmes detective stories, died.

July 8 1790 Forth and Clyde Canal between the rivers Forth and Clyde, 22 years in the making, opened.

July 10 1451 King James III born at Stirling.

July 10 1576 First Bible (New Testament) printed in Scotland by Bassandyne.

July 11 1274 Robert The Bruce born at Turnberry Castle.

July 12 1690 William III defeated James VII in the Battle of the Boyne, Ireland.



July 12 1698 Darien expedition left Leith for Panama.

July 13 1174 King William surprised and captured by the English at Alnwick.

July 13 1249 King Alexander III crowned at Scone

July 13 1469n King James III married Margaret of Denmark.

July 16 1328 David II, son of Robert I (the Bruce) married Joan, sister of Edward III (he was 4, she was 7).

July 17 1652 Great Fire of Glasgow, destroying nearly one third of the city.

July 18 1872 Voting by secret ballot was introduced for the first time.

July 20 1651 Battle of Inverkeithing. Royalist force supporting Charles II failed to halt advance of army of Oliver Cromwell heading for Perth.

July 21 1796 Robert Burns dies in Dumfries, aged 37.

July 22 1298 The army of the English King Edward I, using longbows for the first time, defeated the Scots led by Sir William Wallace at Battle of Falkirk.

July 22 1793Alexander Mackenzie completed the first overland crossing of North America.

July 23 1745 Charles Edward Stewart landed on Eriskay at the start of the 1745 campaign.

July 24 1411Battle of Harlaw Hill, one of the bloodiest battles on Scottish soil. Donald, Lord of the Isles and a force of Highlanders met an army from the north-east led by the Earl of Mar.

July 24 1567 Mary Queen of Scots abdicated

July 23 1916 Death of Sir William Ramsay, Scottish chemist who discovered helium, xenon, neon, argon, radon and krypton.

July 25 1843 Charles MacLintosh, inventor of rubberized raincoats, died.

July 31 1786 Kilmarnock Edition" of the poems of Robert Burns Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect" first published.

This list is tiny fraction of the historical events for July in Scotland



The National Instrument



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Clan Cameron

Achnacarry is the family seat of Donald Angus Cameron of Lochiel, XXVII Chief and Captain of Clan Cameron. The building itself replaces the original wooden building destroyed during the 1745 uprising. It sits on a very pleasant plain by the river Arkaig, near Spean Bridge. Near the house is the famous line of beech trees heeled in by the Gentle Lochiel - a job he was undertaking when he heard that Prince Charles Edward had landed at Glenfinnan. Not far away, near the entrance to Loch Arkaig is the Dark Mile made famous in D K Broster's Jacobite trilogy.



THE CHIEF OF CLAN CAMERON

Donald Angus Cameron of Lochiel is the hereditary Chief of the Clan Cameron having inherited the title on the death of his father in 2004. He was born on 5th August 1946 to Sir Donald Hamish Cameron and Lady Margaret. In 1974 he married Lady Cecil Kerr and they have three daughters, Catherine Mary, Lucy Margot and Emily Frances and a son Donald Andrew is styled Yr of Lochiel. Lochiel was educated at Harrow and Oxford subsequently training as a Chartered Accountant and was latterly a Director of J Henry Schroder & Co. He is currently Lord Lieutenant of Inverness-shire.



THE EARLY YEARS

Donald Dubh, born c. 1400 is generally accepted as being the first authentic Chief. Sir Ewan Cameron (1629-1719) was probably the greatest of the Cameron Chiefs and Donald Cameron - the Gentle Lochiel (1695-1746) is known for his loyal support for Prince Charles Edward Stuart in the 1745 rising. In recent years, Sir Donald H Cameron, KT, XXVI Chief (1910-2004), the present Lochiel's father, will be remembered for providing outstanding leadership to the Clan Cameron, travelling the globe to attend Clan Cameron events. The picture on the left is a copy of the McIan print of the Cameron Chief

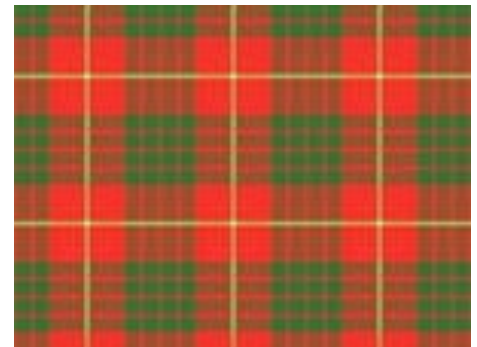


CAMERON TARTANS

Apart from the first, all Cameron tartans have a distinct gold line within their designs. The tartan illustrated on the left is the Clan Cameron

This tartan is the ancient Cameron of Erracht. It is linked with the 79th or Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders formed by Sir Alan Cameron of Erracht.

The tartan worn in the McIan print and by Lochiel is Cameron of Lochiel and is normally only worn by members of the family



Courtesy of <https://www.clanameron.org.uk/index.html>



Current Scottish Games Calendar For California

Redwood Highland Games, August 20, 21, No website, they have a Facebook page
Location: 3750 Harris St, Eureka, CA 95503

Pleasanton Scottish Games, September 2,3,4; Solo piping piobaireachd competition on
Friday September 2, <https://thescottishgames.com>

Seaside Highland Games, Ventura, October 7, 8, 9, <https://www.seasidehighlandgames.org>

Currently there are no schedules for Plymouth (Mother Lode) or Dixon.

Dixon has a tentative 2023 date of July 29.





Flowers of the Forest

Herman Chambers	1930-2020	Felix D. Othon	1929-2007
Clyde Le Roy Scott	1938-2019	William Arnold Butler	1943-2006
Malcolm MacClenaghan.	1924-2019	George Santrizos	1914-2005
Alex Doig	1938-2019	Daniel Stephens	1911-2003
Gordon Scott	1946-2019	David F. McGeary	1940-2002
Alasdair Harding.	2018	Leroy Coulter Pierson	1913-1999
Walter (Skip) W. Hastings	1945-2018	Rev. J.P. Edwards III	1925-1997
Calvert Lawton Crawford	1933-2018	Watson Burns	1996
William Leroy Wilson	1929-2017	James McCracken	1920-1994
Gary D. Stevenson	1949-2017	Alexander W. McTavish	1906-1992
David Mercer	1935-2016	Rev. Howard Perry	1921-1989
Charles Preston Thomson	1940-2015	Wallace Gibson Holt	1919-1989
Donald Calavan-MacRae	1932-2013	James C. C. Wallace.	1926-1989
Edison Alva McFarland II –	1925-2012	Angus Murray	1984
Moton Bryant Holt	1929-2012	Robert Jeffreys	
James C "Jim" Richey	1931-2009	Alec Cowan	
George W. Burns	1925-2008	Tom Ross	
George Eric Martin	1921-2008	Bob MacDonald	
BG Harry McIvor Nicolson	1920-2008	Larry Cameron	
		Shakey Johnson	
		Frank M. Clark	
		Richard Russo	

The Society plants trees in Scotland on behalf of departed brothers of the Society. This is done as a remembrance and contributes to the replanting of the Great Caledonian Forest. Any time you wish you may donate via this link:

<https://treesforlife.org.uk/plant-trees/grove/5067/>



Charitable giving may help you minimize taxes while supporting the causes that are meaningful to you. Please consider making a donation to the Society when estate planning.



<u>Society Board</u>	<u>Calendar</u>	<u>Society Finances</u>
<p><u>President</u> <u>Bruce Locken</u></p> <p><u>Vice President</u> <u>Travis Chatters</u></p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> <u>Thomas Melton</u></p> <p><u>Secretary</u> <u>Chuck Jamison</u></p> <p><u>Directors of the Board</u> <u>Chuck Meng</u> <u>Doug Walters</u> <u>Ed Moore</u> <u>James Morgan</u></p>	<p>*****</p> <p>½ Way to Burns Day July 23 Fair Oaks Brew Pub, Fair Oaks Noon to 3pm</p> <p>SASS Potluck. August 20 Chuck Jamison’s House</p> <p>Fall Ceilidh</p> <p>Investiture November 30 ??</p> <p>Christmas Party December 10</p> <p>Burns Supper Feb. 4, 2023 North Ridge Country Club</p> <p>Spring Tea TBD</p> <p>Dining In/AGM TBD 2023</p> <p>Board meetings are currently being held at the VFW post on Kruitoff Way, Fair Oaks. The Board meets between 5:30 & 6:00 for dinner, RSVP required 5 days in advance. Third Monday of the month</p>	<p>Not updated this issue</p> <p>We are doing well. Recently the Society received a \$1,000 donation from the Callie Cub of Sacramento.</p>

<https://saintandrewssocietyofsacramento.wildapricot.org>

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