

The Saltyre

September 2023

Message From the President

Hello,

The big topic for the Society this month is the passing of our Brother Member Bill Tubbs. Bill had suffered a serious cardiac event Sunday August 27th. Bill was on life support for the next several days. He passed away about 1am, Saturday September 2nd.



Bill was a father, husband, veteran, musician, race car driver, and many other things. His dry wit, wry smile, and willingness to share a story and a drink will be missed. Bill was a good man.

The Society will donate in Bill's name to the Trees for Life reforestation project in Scotland. We have a grove where trees are being planted for fallen brothers of the Society. To date the Society has donated 158 trees to this cause on behalf of former members of the Society. At this time I have no news on the memorial arrangements for Bill.

The Burns supper could really use a gift basket chairman who can work with me to develop baskets for the auction/raffle. Currently, four baskets are in the works by different members.

We will be installing new members at the Investiture this year, and we have dates for the Christmas party and Burns supper. These dates will be on the calendar at the back of the Saltyre. Please contact Doug Walters, his info is in the roster, if you are available to help with the chili cookoff September 16th.

I would very much like to talk with someone who has experience with golf events. It would be great to start a new kilted/tartan 9-hole golf event. I would also like to talk to anyone who has ideas about putting on a Tartan Ball and dinner.

I look forward to seeing you out and about and hope many will help with events.

All the best,

Bruce Locken



September in Scottish History

September 1st

• In 1971, the sole remaining gas street lamp in Glasgow was lit for the last time.

September 3rd

• On this day in 1650, Cromwell defeated the Scots at the Battle of Dunbar.

September 4th

• On this day in 1964 the Forth Road bridge was opened to the public.

September 5th

• In 1750 on this day the poet Robert Fergusson was born in the Canongate in Edinburgh. **September 6th**

• On this day in 1715, John Erskine, the 6th Earl of Mar, unfurled the standard of the Old Pretender at Braemar.

September 8th

• On this day in 1912, Alexander MacKendrick, the US born Scottish film director, screenwriter and teacher was born.

• September 9th

• This day in September, 1513, saw James IV killed in battle at Flodden Field

September 10th

• On this day in 1547, the Scots were defeated by the English at the Battle of Pinkie Cleugh, or Falside, near Edinburgh. The battle was sparked by the "Rough Wooing"; the

September 11th

• On this day in 1297, William Wallace led his troops to victory at the Battle of Stirling Bridge.

September 12th

• This date marks the death of William McNab, the curator of the Edinburgh's Royal Botanic Garden, in 1848.

September 14th

• David Dunbar Buick was born on this day in 1854. He founded the Buick Manufacturing Company which later became General Motors

September 18th

• This day in 1818 saw the pioneering Theatre Royal, Glasgow, become the first theatre in Britain to be lit by gas.

September 20th

• On this day in 1842 Sir James Dewar was born in Kincardine on the Forth. He is principally remembered for his work on the liquefication of gases at low temperatures. By 1891 he was able to produce liquid oxygen, and by 1898, liquid hydrogen.

September 21st

• On this day in 1756 John McAdam, the surveyor who introduced the 'macadam' system of road surfacing, was born in Ayr.

September 24th

• On this day 1887 Victor Hope, Lord Linlithgow, was born. Lord Linlithgow held the office of Viceroy of India from 1936 to 1943



• On this day in 1332 Edward, the son of John Balliol, was crowned at Scone. After imprisonment in England and his subsequent release to France, he was recalled to England in 1324. He ruled as a puppet king during the reign of David II until 1356 when he was dismissed by Edward III.

September 27th

• On this day 1938 the liner Queen Elizabeth, then the largest passenger ship ever built, launched at John Brown's shipyard, Clydebank.

September 28th

• In 1396 the Battle of the Clans took place on the North Inch, Perthshire. A long running feud between the powerful Chattan (or Mackintosh) and Mackay (or Kay) clans was settled by this fight to the death.

September 30th

On this day in 1928, Alexander Fleming announced of the discovery of penicillin. Born in Ayrshire in 1881, Fleming qualified from medical school in 1906 after which he became a bacteriologist.

This chronology represents less than 50 percent of the historical events that took place in Scotland or happened because of the actions of Scottish people. It's amazing to learn how this tiny country has influence the world.





Fordell Castle, Historical Seat of Clan Henderson



Fordell Castle is located at the center of a 210-acre estate 1½ miles northwest of Dalgety Bay (Fife). This Z-plan tower house lies on a steep promontory above the Fordell Burn and was built in 1567 on the site of an earlier structure. Comprising a rectangular main block, aligned east-to-west, with square stair-towers at opposite corners, the castle includes three stories and a basement. The castle was destroyed by fire but rebuilt and enlarged c.1580. The castle was damaged again by Oliver Cromwell's army in 1651.

The lands of Fordell were given to the Henderson family by King James IV in 1511. Mary, Queen of Scots, stayed here when Marion Scott, one of her Ladies-in-Waiting, married George Henderson, the laird. The family had built a new mansion nearby by the 19th C., but they kept the castle in good repair. In 1866, the estate passed by marriage to Hew Duncan, second son of the Earl of Camperdown. The castle was restored as a home by, perhaps its most famous owner, the flamboyant Member of Parliament Sir Nicholas Fairbairn Q.C. (1933-95).

The castle has fine gardens and within the grounds is a chapel dedicated to St. Theriot (or St. Therotus). The castle was upgraded, and the chapel restored between 1999 and 2007.



Current Scottish Games Calendar For California

Fresno Highland Games, September 16, 2023

Dixon Scottish Games/Festival, cancelled

Seaside Games, Ventura, October 14 & 15

Outside of Our Area

Rocket City Scottish Festival & Highland Games, New Market (Huntsville), AL, October 7 McMinnville Scottish Festival, McMinnville, OR, October 7 & 8

There are many more games around the country than can be reasonably listed.





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	
		William "Bill" Tubbs	1950-2023

The Society donates trees to the Scottish reforestation project 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 purchase trees for the reforestation project 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.



Society Board	Calendar	Society Finances Aug.

President	Sept. Board MeetingSept. 18 Boston's Restaurant	Scholarship fund
Bruce Locken	5511 Sunrise Blvd.	\$5,098
Vice President	Hot Chili Cool CarsSept. 16	Checking
Travis Chatters	Quarry Park, Rocklin SASS Potluck/bbqTBA	\$2,651
<u>Treasurer</u>	Fall CeilidhTBA	Savings
Thomas Melton	InvestitureNov. 30 Arden Hilton, 2200 Harvard St.,	\$24,562
<u>Secretary</u>	Sacramento	Brokerage account
Chuck Jamison	Christmas PartyDec. 9 Chuck & Deb' Meng's House	\$10,000
<u>Directors of the Board</u>	Burns SupperFeb. 3, 2024	
Chuck Meng	North Ridge Country Club	Our investment
Doug Walters	Spring TeaTBA	account base is
Ed Moore	Dining In/AGMTBA	\$10,000. Earnings are
Ed Moore	Monthly Board Meeting Third Monday of the month, Board meeting locations are currently assigned each month.	put back into the account. We are averaging about \$80.00 per month in earnings.
	We meet for dinner at 6pm and the Board meeting starts at 7pm, Open to all members.	Finances published in the Saltyre may be one to two months behind current financial numbers.

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