



# NORTH COUNTY SCOTS

## *Newsletter*

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### *President's Message*

The annual Christmas party was a success. Cameron and Conner Hamnquist and Kyle Radwanski played the pipes for us. Santa delivered presents to the children and then we had our gift exchange. We would like to thank Joe Fendrick for being Santa's helper, and Steve Ghio and Joe for cooking the main meal. Thanks to everyone who participated and brought a side dish to share.

Just a reminder that the Burns Dinner is this month. Seating is limited, so please fill out and mail in the form found in this newsletter if you are planning to attend. RSVP deadline is January 13. Entertainment will be provided by Highland Way.

We are adding a new feature to the newsletter, a Pipers Revue. This will be an area where you can follow what our young pipers are doing.

We are looking for feedback on our newsletter, ie: what would you like to see in the newsletter and would you like your clan highlighted in the Tartan of the Month. We will also feature member comments if they are sent in. If you have feedback, please send it to our newsletter editor, Cherie McGruer via email to [cherie.mcgruer@cox.net](mailto:cherie.mcgruer@cox.net) or by post to 65 East Shasta Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

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*MISSION STATEMENT*

*Dedicated to all things Scottish*

The stated goal of the North County Scots, as a non-profit organization, is to sponsor Scottish oriented youth activities and find pleasure in activities with other Scottish Associations and friends.

## Tartan of the Month

### - Henderson



"Son of Henry" is a name which is found in various forms all over Europe. In Scotland, it was originally "Henryson" but Henderson was easier to say and has become the norm. The surname Hendry is of course from the same roots.

While the name can be found all across the country, there were a number of main branches. In Dumfries, William Henrison became chamberlain of Lochmaben Castle (a possible birthplace of Robert the Bruce) around 1374. He later received a pension from the king of England when he was driven from his lands in the area. A descendant, James Henderson, became Lord Advocate in 1494 and established himself with a fortified mansion in the lands of Fordell near Dalgety in Fife in 1511. Later, one of Mary Queen of Scot's ladies-in-waiting married George Henderson of Fordell. The Lowland Henderson chiefs were designated "Henderson of Fordell". A prominent Henderson of Fordell was Alexander, who became a minister in Fife. He was violently opposed to the new prayer book foisted on the Church of Scotland by King Charles I in 1637. His denouncement of the book resulted in him drafting (along with Johnston of Warriston) the National Covenant which was signed by thousands in Greyfriar's Churchyard in Edinburgh. Henderson later became Moderator of the Church of Scotland and is buried in Greyfriar's. Although Fordell Castle is no longer in Henderson hands, it was restored this century by the late Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, a colourful Solicitor General for Scotland. The southern Hendersons spread eastwards from Dumfries to Liddesdale, although they never became one of the great Border families. In 1594, when the Scottish Parliament listed the Border families who were accused of being outlaws and "Border Rievers", Henderson was not included.

In the 15th century, Henry Gunn in Caithness in the far north of Scotland, fell out with other members of the family. He is thought to have been the founder of a family named Henderson in that area.

In the Glencoe area, a sept of the MacDonalds Anglicised their Gaelic name "MacEanruig" and formed another distinct enclave of Hendersons. They claimed to have been descended from "Big Henry, son of King Nechtan" a Pictish monarch of around 706AD. A more verifiable descent is from a Dugal MacEanruig who lived around 1340.

There was a John filius Henry in Aberdeen in the early part of the 14th century who became a burghess (freeman of the city) and in 1370, James Henrison, a merchant in Aberdeen, is recorded complaining about the English wrecking one of his ships.

Thomas Henderson from Dundee was originally a lawyer but became an astronomer in the 19th century and was appointed as the first Astronomer Royal in Scotland.

Hendrie, Hendry, MacHendrie and MacHendry surnames are regarded as septs (sub-branch) of the MacNaughton clan. Henderson itself is a member of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs.

The motto of the clan is: "Sola virtus nobilitat"  
"Virtue alone enobles"



# *Traditional Scottish Recipes*

## *- Whisky and Chocolate Crunch*

**6 oz chocolate digestive biscuits**

**1 pint whipped cream**

**3 tablespoons whisky**

**1 oz caster sugar**

**2 egg whites**

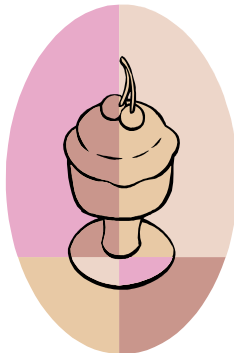
**2 drops vanilla essence**

**1 oz toasted split almonds**

**grated chocolate**

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**Finely crush the chocolate digestive biscuits and spread equally in the bottom of six sundae dishes. Whip together the cream, whisky, sugar and vanilla until stiff. Separately, whip the egg whites until they are also stiff and then fold into the cream mixture. Spoon equal quantities into the dishes over the biscuits. Chill and finally decorate with the toasted almonds and grated chocolate.**



From - [www.dundee.gov.uk/library/chocolatecrunch](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/library/chocolatecrunch)

## Pipers Revue



Our young pipers traveled to Tucson, Arizona, where Felicity Carroll won a first and two third place and Cameron Hamnquist won a first, second, and third place. The young pipers and dancers from the Naismith Academy played and danced, respectively, for the Easter Seals.

Campbell Naismith is actively seeking new students for the Monday night class. Please see the ad on the first page of the newsletter if you know of any children interested in piping.

*Upcoming Events*

**Rabbie Burns Supper**

January 23, 2010

5 pm – 6 pm Cocktails; 6 pm – program begins.

Rancho Carlsbad Recreational Center  
5200 El Camino Real, Carlsbad

**RSVP DEADLINE:** January 13, 2010

Members \$40, Non-members \$45



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

Please mail in reservations to North County Scots, P O Box 1953, Vista, CA 92085-1953

Thank you



**CASINO NIGHT**

March 20, 2010  
6 pm – 10 pm



Come and join in some high-rolling, high-action fun!

Play Black Jack, Craps, and Roulette; win tickets for a chance to win the bucket prizes.

We are looking for table sponsors.

You or your business can sponsor a full table for \$200 or a partial table for either \$50 or \$100.

We are also looking for donors for bucket prizes and opportunity drawings.

Advance ticket sales are \$15 and will be available through March 10.

Tickets at the door will be \$20.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail in ticket orders to: North County Scots, P O Box 1953, Vista, CA 92085-1953 **THANK YOU!**

## Robert Burns and His Dog

Every January we celebrate Robert Burns, the great Scottish poet. This may be a small bit of trivia that is not commonly known about Burns.

This statue of Robert Burns, a Scottish poet, and his dog, "Luath" stands in a small green spot in Winthrop Square in the Financial District of Boston.

One of his poems was, "The Twa Dogs", which is about the differences between living rich and poor in Scotland. Though the poem is not about his dog, "Luath", the description of one of the dogs in the poem is his dog. He named his dog after Cucullin's dog in Ossian's Fingal--Luath means "swift" or "fleet" in Gaelic.

Burns often used animals to make his point in the foibles of human nature. Note the poems, 'To a Mouse' and 'To a Louse'. Here in this poem he uses two dogs, one a laird's pet named Caesar, the other a working collie named Luath. Though they were from opposite sides of the tracks, to use a modern idiom, they were good friends. In this poem he is using them to discuss the conditions under which their respective masters must live, and how their actions affect the people that they associate with, and those that they have influence over. King Coil referred to in the poem, is Coila or Kyle, a district of Ayrshire the county where Robert Burns lived.

The poem "The Twa Dogs" is too long to print in this newsletter.

If you would like to read it, it can be found on a number of websites, but this is where I found it: [www.worldburnsclub.com/poems/translations/521.htm](http://www.worldburnsclub.com/poems/translations/521.htm).

Information taken from: [www.worldburnsclub.com/poems/translations/521.htm](http://www.worldburnsclub.com/poems/translations/521.htm) and [www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM6AJM\\_Robert\\_Burns\\_and\\_His\\_Shepherd\\_Dog\\_Luath\\_Boston\\_MA](http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM6AJM_Robert_Burns_and_His_Shepherd_Dog_Luath_Boston_MA)



The statue was made in 1920 by Henry H. Kitson and was erected in the Fenway section of Boston before it was moved to its present location in the Financial District.

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