



## Noela Henderson honors her father's memory at Australia's Ringwood Highland Games

Jeff Henderson, Noela Henderson's brother, writes that Clan Henderson's, Noela Henderson's (Member #4421) donation to the recent Ringwood Highland Games in honor of her late father on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his passing was a surprise and delight to ten worthy Highland dance competitors to assist with their purchase of equipment.



Noela provided a generous donation of \$1,000 to be distributed as encouragement awards to highland dancing competitors. The gift was in loving memory of our father John James Henderson on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his passing.

The donation was gratefully accepted by the dance competition organisers and ten awards of \$100 each were made to worthy competitors to assist with purchase of equipment. Noela also generously added a kilt pin to the prize for each lucky recipient.



*Shown above is a photo of our father John James Henderson, 21<sup>st</sup> May 1923 - 11<sup>th</sup> December 1994, whom the awards were in memory of. The kilt pin awarded is to the left and shown in the center of the above photo is Noela Henderson in her Henderson tartan with four of the honored dancers.*

\* Henderson \* Henryson \* Henrisoun \* Henders \* McHendry \* McHenry \* Hendrie \* Hendron \* d'Hendresson  
 \* Eanrig \* Eanruig \* Enderson \* Endherson \* Endirsone \* MacCanrig \* MacCanrik \* McKendrick  
 \* MacKendry \* McKendree \* Kendric and other versions of MacEanruit, which means "Son of Henry"

# Ringwood Highland Games & Celtic Festival in Victoria, Australia a great time for Clan Henderson Society



Jeff Henderson, CHS #4371

The 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Ringwood Highland Games and Celtic Festival took place on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Wantrina, Victoria, Australia.

Setting up on the Saturday involved rain, hail and strong winds after an extended period of perfect weather, especially that enjoyed by the Geelong Highland Gathering two weeks previously.

Despite the weather we had 23 Clan tents, 13 pipe bands, 3 dancing stages, many food vendors and numerous entertainers attending and all enjoyed the very Scottish weather with temperatures around 19C/66F with mists and the odd shower of rain. The weather did not dampen any spirits and a great day was had by all.

The event was held at a new venue this year and the organizing committee were anxious that the change of site would impact attendance, although this proved not to be the case and we had about 2,000 visitors which was great considering the inclement weather. More Clan tents than previous years was a good sign. The location is a sports

venue with three adjacent ovals providing a huge area for the event, which meant the attractions were well spread out, requiring a bit of a walkabout to take them all in.

The Clan tents were located around the perimeter of the middle oval which has an encircling fence making access for the blokes in kilts interesting :-)

The Henderson tent was located between Clan Lamont and Clan MacLeod and new friendships were forged.

Tom and Georgia Henderson made the 1,000+ mile trip from Brisbane to attend the Ceilidh and man the Henderson tent on the day, and, as usual, did a magnificent job. Georgia managed to visit a few of the craft stalls and check their wares, in between petting Scottie dogs and chatting with visitors. Tom managed the tent and made sure our social media was up to date.

Jeff and sisters Noela and Robyn also attended the tent and we had some interested visitors en-

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# President's Quarterly

**Leon Hicks**

*Clan Henderson Society  
President*

**I**t has been a busy start this year, with many projects underway; however, this most critical announcement at this time is that the period for applying for a Clan Henderson scholarship is fast approaching an end.

May 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline, so if you or your child has not applied, they must do so quickly. Send your application to your Regional Commissioner. Their contact information is available in this publication as well as through the website.

We are very pleased to announce two new Regional Commissioners; Barbara Pamboukes is the Regional Commissioner for the North East Region, and Mary Lane Henderson is now the Regional Commissioner for the South East Region.

Both of these women will be excellent additions to our leadership team. I encourage everyone in their regions to reach out and congratulate them and to offer your support.

We are still in need of convenors at many events here in the US and also in many other countries where Highland games and Celtic events occur. We encourage our members in the United Kingdom, Oceania and Uruguay to contact us and let us know if you are willing and able to support these events.

Earlier this year we inaugurated the Chaplain Corps headed by Kyle Henderson of Hartsville, SC. I reiterate you do not have to be an ordained minister to join this group. Its primary purpose to support activities such as the "kirking of the tartans", or "Christening of a new kilt", or perhaps provide a blessing before a society gathering or meal.

You do not need to be an expert in all of these; you may pick the area most comfortable to you. Both Kyle and Fred Sanford (Clan Chaplain) are available to support you and provide any materials you may require. Please contact Kyle, Fred, or myself if you are interested.

Just in case you have missed this announcement made elsewhere in this publication, the Clan Henderson Society has two scholarship funds we are trying to sustain.

The Chief's fund is principally supporting the Academic and Athletic scholarships as well as other activities such as performing groups.

The Claude A. Henderson Fund is established to support performing arts such as dancing, piping, etc. Please designate which fund you would like to contribute to on your check. Donations are tax deductible.

Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to the effort put forth by the Corporate Outreach Group, The Scholarship Committee, The Genealogy/DNA Team, The Website Team, The Awards Committee, The Bodyguard and our Athletic Director.

We have made huge progress on many fronts, and in a fairly short time. I encourage all our members to look at the many activities Clan Henderson sponsors, and support a program suitable for your talents.

Any IT skill such as database development, Powerpoint or Excel Spreadsheet, publication or art skills, ancestry or DNA skills may be of great help on one or more of our teams. We look forward to hearing from you.



**Leon Hicks**



Left to Right: Georgia Henderson, Jeff Henderson and sister Noela Henderson



Georgia Henderson

quiring about the society who were provided with information pamphlets. We have a banner in front of the tent listing the Clan septs which generates initial interest, leading to discussion about the society. Even if not related, many people are happy to learn about the sons of Henry. There was also candy offered and the opportunity for the kids to have their photo taken holding a basket-hilt sword. We had some enthusiastic visitors and a couple of potential new members, we think.

The day's activities included pipe band competitions, highland dancing, folk music, Welsh, Cornish and Irish dancing displays, heavy games, martial arts, children's activities, a petting zoo and a heilan coo with six week old calf. There was a calf naming competition for the kids and he is now officially known as 'Nevis Stonemason of Glenstrae' @glenstrae\_highlands

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spreadsheet on  
Scottish games?**

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Left to right, siblings Noela, Robyn and Jeff Henderson.

A kilted foot race and a gum-boot throwing competition added some excitement.

In summary, it was a great day. We look forward to the 54<sup>th</sup> annual Ringwood Highland Games and Celtic Festival on the last Sunday 2020.

Here is 'Nevis Stonemason of Glenstrae' @glenstrae\_highlands. He was named by the kids at the Ringwood Games! He's shown to the right with his mother.



**Mary Lane  
Henderson  
new  
CHS  
South East  
Regional  
Commissioner**

**Leon Hicks,  
president CHS**

I am pleased to announce that Mary Lane Henderson has been appointed the position of Regional Commissioner for the South East Region, Clan Henderson Society. This appointment follows the announcement by Ed Hendrix, the previous Regional Commissioner, that he was resigning this position. The committee, after reviewing several highly qualified candidates as potential replacements for Ed, decided to offer the position to Mary Lane, and she graciously accepted the position.

Mary Lane is a resident of Cross Hill, South Carolina, and has been a member of Clan Henderson Society since 2014. During this time she has supported many Clan Henderson Society functions including attendance at many Scottish games and festivals, and was a member of the Clan Henderson Society tour group that visited Scotland and Fordel

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# APPRECIATION

## *Letter to Ed Hendricks, former CHS South East Region Commissioner*

Leon Hicks, president Clan Henderson Society

In announcing Ed's retirement from the position of the Commissioner, South East Region, I want to take the opportunity to express our great appreciation for his many years of valuable service to the Clan Henderson Society. First, let me reiterate that Ed is not retiring from the society, but only from the position of commissioner. Ed will remain active as a convenor at several events in the South East Region and serve as an advisor to the new commissioner, Mary Lane Henderson, and to other members of the CHS leadership team.

Ed and I have had an association for many years as a result of various Clan Henderson activities such as Highland Games and Festivals, and the Alexandria, Virginia, Christmas walk, etc., but, it was on the society's tour of Scotland that we had the chance to engage in conversations other than how to keep a tent from blowing away or who is going to carry the banner and shield.

In fact, I was able to watch Dr. Hendricks in action when one of our members on that tour suffered a fall. Few of us realized how fortunate we were to have a physician on board, but Ed was right there on the spot with his first aid kit providing necessary aid and comfort.

Ed still serves as Commander of Post 84 American Legion and Surgeon for Post 7720 VFW, and retired this year after 36 years of private prac-

tice as a family physician. He still provides volunteer service in free clinics and is going to Kenya (and maybe again to Laos) on medical missions.

The story of how Ed became a member of Clan Henderson Society is very similar to my own. It starts by attending a Scottish event on "a whim" and there he met the High Commissioner for Clan Henderson, Claude Henderson.

Anyone who had the privilege of meeting and knowing Claude remembers him as being one of the warmest and kindest persons ever. Since that fateful day at Stone Mountain in 1990, Ed has participated and served in

many capacities, becoming a member of CHS in 1991. He is member number 374! His Scottish heritage traces back to the Highland Scots who were settled in Georgia by Governor Oglethorpe, who used his highlanders to fend off the Spanish at the battle of Bloody Marsh on St. Simon's Island, Georgia.

His initial involvement in CHS was in a group of "Clan Guardsmen" who would coordinate ceremonies at parades and walkabouts for Clan Henderson. According to Ed, it was the Chief of Clan Henderson, John Henderson, Henderson of Henderson, who stated that this was to be a tradition at all CHS gatherings.

Chief John Henderson was also present at

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## *Henderson Hall Plantation says "Thank You!"*

Randy Modesitt, of Henderson Hall, wrote a thank you letter to CHS's Steve Henderson in response to Mr. Henderson's generous donation to the historic mansion. Henderson Hall has received awards from both the State Preservation Alliance of West Virginia and the Wood County Historical and Preservation Association.

### **Mary Lane Henderson, continued from page 5**

Castle in 2017. She has also been a great advocate of the CHS Scholarship program supporting that activity by participating on the Scholarship Committee and making financial contributions to the Youth Scholarship Fund.

Among her many qualifications are a very engaging personality and great communication skills. The most important attribute of a Regional Commissioner is the ability to reach out to the members of a region and keep them informed of events and activities. Mary Lane will also be a proactive leader in working with the convenors in her region to ensure they have the support they require. If you are a convenor, please reach out to Mary Lane to ensure that she has your contact information. Her email address is <marylanehenderson1@gmail.com>

### **Ed Hendricks**

As pleased as we are to announce Mary Lane Henderson's appointment, we are equally sad to announce Ed's retirement from this position.

However, when he announced his intention to retire from the position he also said that he intends to focus his efforts at convening the many important events he has sponsored in the past.

Ed has been a staunch supporter of Clan Henderson Society since 1991.

Not many in our society can boast 28 years of membership and service.

There have been times when Ed has also served as personal physician to society members in need of first aid.

On behalf of Clan Henderson Society I want to thank Ed for his many years of great service to Clan Henderson Society.

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Grandfather Mountain when Clan Henderson won the tug of war contest in which Ed and his son Sean participated. Evidently there is a great photo somewhere that depicts the proud moment with the Chief holding the prize plate surrounded by the winning team, a picture I'd like to see if anyone cares to share.

Harry Keifer, the South East Region Commissioner, convinced Ed to serve as the Georgia State Bodyguard for CHS. "Harry Keifer, I believe, could sell refrigerators to Eskimos. He talked me into convening several games and my involvement increased exponentially."

Ed served as Vice President of Clan Henderson from 2005 to 2008, and as South East Regional Commissioner since. He did not pursue the Presidency due to enlisting in the Army National Guard at age 56 (for about 3 months he was the oldest Army Recruit on record)!

Ed speaks very warmly of the great support he and Nancy received from Harry Keifer and the Clan Henderson family when their son, Ryan, passed away from a melanoma, "We somehow made it through"... "I do believe that Harry loaded me with a lot of stuff just to keep my head straight".

Ed and his lovely wife, Nancy, have been married for fifty years and have three sons Sean, Ryan, and the late Cory, and two grandchildren.

The society has been very blessed and privileged to have had Ed among its leaders for these many years. Again I want to express our great appreciation to Ed, Nancy, and the rest of the family for all their contributions.





International Heraldry Day  
June 10

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the community focuses on wider  
enjoyment of heraldry.

## A lovely letter from Dorothy M. Avery...

Hi, All...

Oh, I love our newsletter!! When I joined, I sent an article which appeared in one issue regarding data on myself and connections.

I also sent a large chart with as much as I could find regarding my Henderson line.

I am 92 years old now and have stopped my research. Mine began in Alabama and I traced it back to Virginia, Tennessee and Scotland - so, I am very proud of my work.

If anyone is connected with my lines other than my first cousin, Patricia Allen, I would love to hear from them.

I am married to Ralph P. Avery.

He was a D-Day survivor in the Invasion of Normandy and is aged now 94 years.

He is not now too well, so that takes most of my time.

He was a gunnersmate on LCT 571 carrying four Sherman tanks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave on the D-Day Invasion on Omaha Beach on 6 June 1944.

We visited Omaha Beach on a trip to Paris and stayed there for four hours.

Here we are half way up The Eiffel Tower in Paris. (See photo top left.)

*Dorothy M. Croteau Avery*

P.S. If anyone would like to write to me, just write: Dorothy M. Avery,  
445 Route 23, Claverack, NY 12513-5145







# Myrtle Beach Highland Games Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Leon Hicks, president, Clan Henderson Society



**MYRTLE BEACH  
HIGHLAND GAMES  
AND HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

This was another successful outing for Clan Henderson Society.

The most important fact of the day is that three new members joined our Society.

They were: Joseph and Robin Toler, Lynne and Gary Baldwin and Matthew and Karen Trotter.

These three most excellent families are great additions to CHS and we look forward to their participation in many CHS events in the near future.

It was also great seeing Donna MacMillan and Bill Trotter again; unfortunately we only get to see

many of our CHS cousins once a year. We have to figure out a way in order to get together more often than once a year.

The Myrtle Beach venue was completely different from years past.

Being located in the entertainment district of Myrtle Beach among the Ferris Wheels and other amusement park rides, and being located directly across the street from the beautiful beach, it was a unique experience for a highland games event. As

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**Ask me about**

**Clan Henderson Society's**

**Scholarship Program**





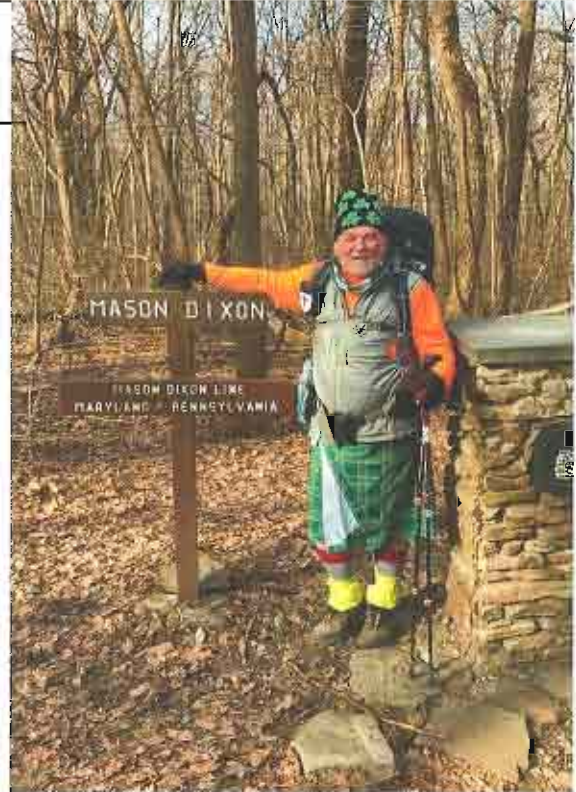
**Mark Henderson,**  
CHS VP, Members

## Help me raise money for our 2019 Scholarship program.

Support my "HIKING FOR HENDERSON's Youth Scholarship fundraising campaign.

In 2019 I hope to hike at least 500 miles (800km) on the Appalachian Trail and the Camino De Santiago. For every mile I hike, I will put \$1 towards a donation for scholarships. WILL YOU MATCH my commitment? \$0.10 a mile, \$0.25 a mile, \$0.50 a mile, a \$1 a mile...whatever you can afford. Make the pledge/commitment and we can apply it to our 2019 scholarships campaign. You pay at the end of the year

Alternative: pledge to start your own hike campaign. Set a goal (which we will apply to our scholarship budget) and then enlist your own supporters to pledge to match you!



**See the "Hiking for Scholarships" entry form on the next page!**



**Happy St. Patrick's Day**

## St. Patrick's Day Parade in Wilmington, NC

**Leon Hicks,** president, CHS

It was a great day for a parade! I was pleased to represent Clan Henderson as member of the Scottish Society of Wilmington (SSOW). Each year the SSOW is invited by the Irish to join in the festivities, and it is a great day for the Irish and the Scots who were invited to participate. Next year, however, I hope we can have a much larger contingent of Scots to participate, and especially Hendersons. Since I was the only representative carrying a clan identifier (I chose the shield) I was

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## "Hiking for Henderson's" Scholarships

Mark Henderson, VP, Members, pledges for every mile he hikes in **2019**, he will donate \$1 for Clan Henderson Society **Youth Scholarships**. His goal: **500** miles

Will you HELP him raise funds?



YES!



No



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I pledge (per mile):

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Please send this form to:

Mark Henderson  
CHS VP, Members  
204 Beagle Gap Run  
Waynesboro, VA 22980

Email:

hendo28@comcast.net



Wishing U  
A Great Day!

Happy  
Father's  
Day  
2019

St. Patrick's Day

Parade, *con't from*

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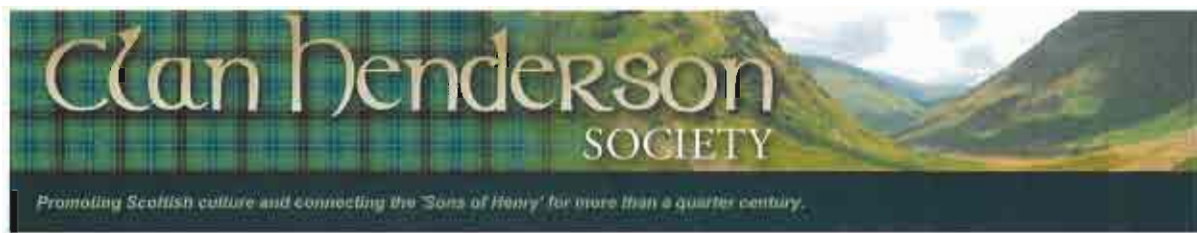


able to get a few special waves from the crowd.

It was a very large crowd and the bars and restaurants along the waterfront were enjoying the business.

If you are a member of CHS and live in the Southeast NC or Northeast SC area, please plan to join us next year.

Wilmington is a great town in which to celebrate.



*Gun cuireadh do chupa thairis le slainte agus sonas.*

(May your cup overflow with health and happiness.)

**Greeting small cousins and welcome to clan Henderson:**

**Scotland:** the United Kingdom's northernmost country, is a land of mountain wildernesses such as the Cairngorms and Western Highlands, interspersed with glacial glens (valleys) and lochs (lakes). Its major cities are Edinburgh, the capital, loomed over by its iconic castle, and Glasgow, famed for its vibrant cultural scene. Scotland is also the 'home of golf', typified by the 16th-century Old Course at St Andrews.

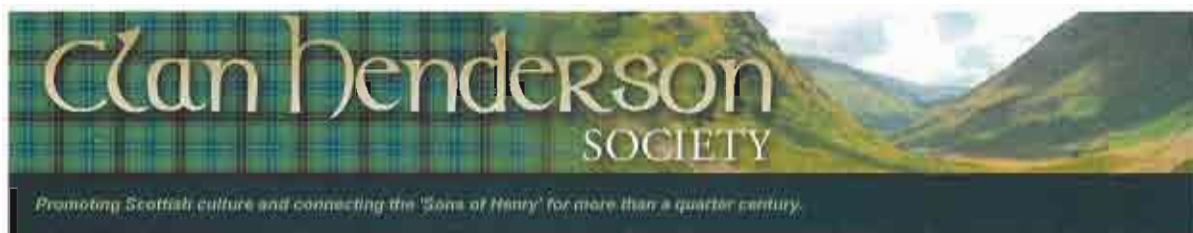


**Clan Henderson:** The sons of Henry (MacEanruig) are a family as old as any clan in the Highlands. In modern times, Clan Henderson traces lineage through the Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson, Alistair of Fordell. However, in times more distant Henderson's can claim descent from a King of the Picts and down through five unique bloodlines evolving from the regions of Caithness, Fordell, Glencoe, Shetlands/Liddesdale and Ulster. Henderson's from the Glencoe region have strong ties to the MacDonald Clan and were renowned as pipers and bodyguards to the Glencoe MacDonald Chief (MacIain). Henderson's from the Caithness region have ties to the Clan Gunn. <http://www.clanhendersonsociety.org/>

**Can you colour?** Try your hand at the following pictures—we Hendersons are fond of green and blue!







The twin cornerstones of the Clan Henderson Society are 1) recognition of it's members for services rendered and 2) a **solid scholarship program for youths** (under Age 26) involved in Scottish related programs including music, dancing, literature, athletics, academics, culture, heritage and history. The Scholarship & Awards committee meets once a year, in January. Applicants may apply for a scholarship at any time of the year. However, the scholarship request must be submitted to the Regional Commissioner for his/her approval before Dec 31st. <http://www.clanhendersonsociety.org/charity-awards/>

**Our goals:**

- Encourage Scottish cultural activities including the perpetuation of Scottish dress, traditions and customs.
- Promote Scottish festivals, games and gatherings.
- Assist in genealogical research.
- Promote fellowship and friendship among kith and kin and all clans.
- Promote the history, arts and literature of Scotland.
- Promote charitable and educational activities.



***Please join us!!! Sola Virtus Nobilitat (Virtue Alone Ennobles)***

***Contact Mark Henderson (Membership Chairman) at [hendo28@comcast.net](mailto:hendo28@comcast.net)***



*Brynn just won her 1<sup>st</sup> Intermediate competition! Congratulations, Brynn.*

## **Brynn Brown, CHS Scholarship recipient, does CHS Proud every time she dances!**

**B**rynn Brown is a native of Aiken, South Carolina. She is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade studying at Horse Creek Academy and earns straight A's and is in advanced Math classes.

As a daughter of a bagpiper and base drummer, and an experienced Highland Dancer herself, Brynn's mom Michelle was excited to introduce her to this unique art form. And so Brynn began her Highland dancing journey in November, 2015, at age 6, with Kathleen Donnelly of the 87<sup>th</sup> Clevelanders Pipes and Drums in Ohio.

After relocating to Aiken in 2016, Brynn began classes with certified teacher and adjudicator Victoria Anderson of Irmo, SC. Since her beginner debut in April 2017, Brynn participated in 7 competitions, earning the overall trophy in her age group at each one and also earned the Most Promising Beginner Dancer award.

In April 2018, Brynn moved up to the Novice category. She competed in 5 competitions in the Southeast Region.

She placed 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in each competition. She also earned the Most Promising Novice Award.

This past March, Brynn moved up to the Intermediate category and will learn ad-

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ditional dances such as, the Strathspey and Half Tulloch, The Irish Jig, the Hornpipe, etc.

Brynn has shared her love of Highland Dance within her community. She has performed with Robert Williams at many nursing homes across Aiken, and performed with Gavin Winship and Charles Smith at Celtic Pub Night, St. Andrews Day and Houndslake Country Club to name a few. Brynn also performs in a musical/dance production of, *A Celtic Christmas* with other very talented artists. Most excitingly, Brynn was asked to dance at the Tannahill Weavers concert in Columbia, SC and has also danced for esteemed and professional pipers, The McLeod Brothers.

Last February, Brynn attended the Margaret Reid Memorial Workshop in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with her dance instructor. There she learned dance techniques from Highland Dance teachers and Adjudicators from all over the world.





# A great day at the Myrtle Beach Highland Games for Clan Henderson



The Myrtle Beach Highland Games had nice crowds...and a very busy Clan Henderson tent! (See above.) Ann Hicks is shown below enjoying the games day!



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most convenors have learned to expect, Friday was a gorgeous day and so was Sunday, but the Saturday of the event not so much so.

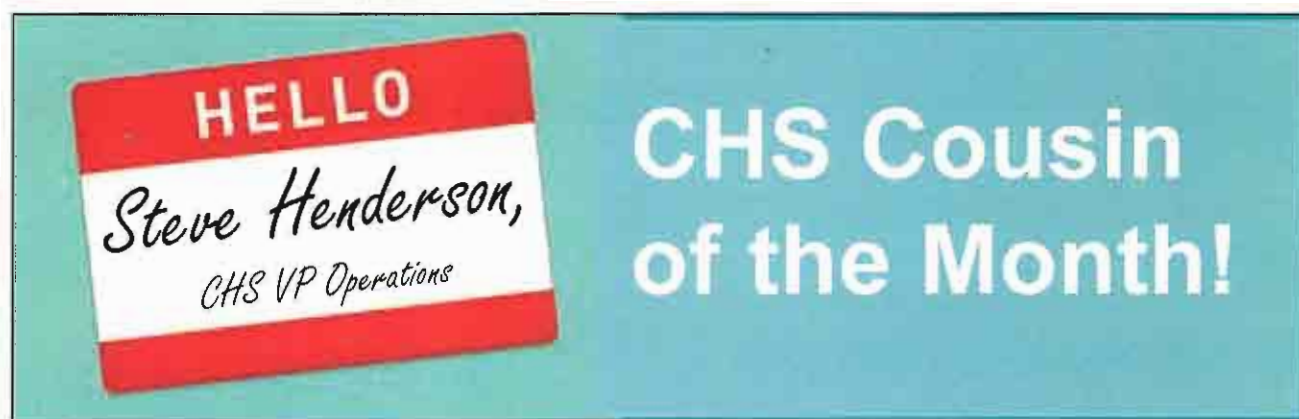
Nevertheless, we were impressed with the number of patrons, the musical groups were fantastic, and there were many vendors and clans present.

The organization who sponsored the Myrtle Beach day knows how to put on a great show.

Given that is a relatively new event and the weather was not as warm and sunny as had been hoped for, it was successful.

We look forward to this games next year.





**John Steven Henderson** is the VP - Operations of Clan Henderson Society.

A member of the clan for 18 years, Steve previously served as a Regional Commissioner for 4 years. He has attended 78 Celtic festivals throughout the United States during the past five years.

Steve is a native of Rock Springs, Wyoming, and, is the first person in his immediate family to attend college, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Wyoming in 1959.

He also received a commission in the US Army through the ROTC program at the university and he came on active duty in September 1959.

He remained on active duty in the US Army for 20 years and served in four countries of Asia (Okinawa, Thailand and Vietnam - three times and Iran - twice) and seven states of the USA.

During his service as a Special Operations/Psychological Affairs Officer and Foreign Affairs Specialist for the Middle East, Steve used the GI Bill to acquire two Master of Arts degrees; one in Education from the Monterey Institute of Foreign Studies in CA in 1972 and another in International Relations for the Middle East from The American University in Washington, DC in 1977.

After his retirement at age 42 as a Major, US Army, Steve then served another thirteen years as an Intelligence Research Specialist for the Middle East and Mid-Level Manager at the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, DC.

At age 55, Steve retired as a GS-14 from the

Federal Civil Service.

Since 1992, Steve and his wife, a retired employee of IBM, lived in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida before moving back to Fairfax, Virginia in 2008.

After his wife died in September 2013, Steve settled her estate and then traveled by automobile to all the lower 48 states from August 2014 to September 2016 when he established residence in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

Throughout these years, Steve has been able to learn more about his family genealogy. He is 50% Austrian-Italian (from his maternal grandparent's Endrizzi and Magagna families), 25% German (from his grandmother Henderson's Hirschmann/Hursman and Robb families), 17% Scotch-Irish (from his

grandfather Henderson's - Henderson and McFate families) and 8% other European heritage!

Steve has been able to trace his Henderson family back to Scottish immigrants who settled before 1740 in County Tyrone, Ireland, through emigration of most of that family from Ireland through Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, into America between 1796 and 1804.

Many of those Henderson family members settled in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, and remained there for nearly two centuries.

Steve's family ancestor moved on to Coshocton County, Ohio, in the early 1800s and that group of Hendersons remained there through four generations until Steve's great-grandfather and

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other members of his family moved from Ohio to Missouri about 1880.

This element of the Henderson family was in Higbee, Missouri, and Marissa, Illinois, until 1935 when Steve's father and all his siblings and parents moved to Rock Springs, Wyoming, to work, as the Great Depression was still extant and work was scarce.

Steve and his two brothers were born in Wyoming and this Henderson family has now spread out into California, Colorado, Utah, Pennsylvania and Wyoming.

Steve is the father of two sons (one was killed in a truck/bicycle accident at age 10 in 1970 and the other is a father, husband and successful busi-

nessman in California at age 52) and one daughter (adopted from her native Vietnam when she was one year old in 1974 and who is now a mother and corporate employee who lives in Connecticut at age 46).

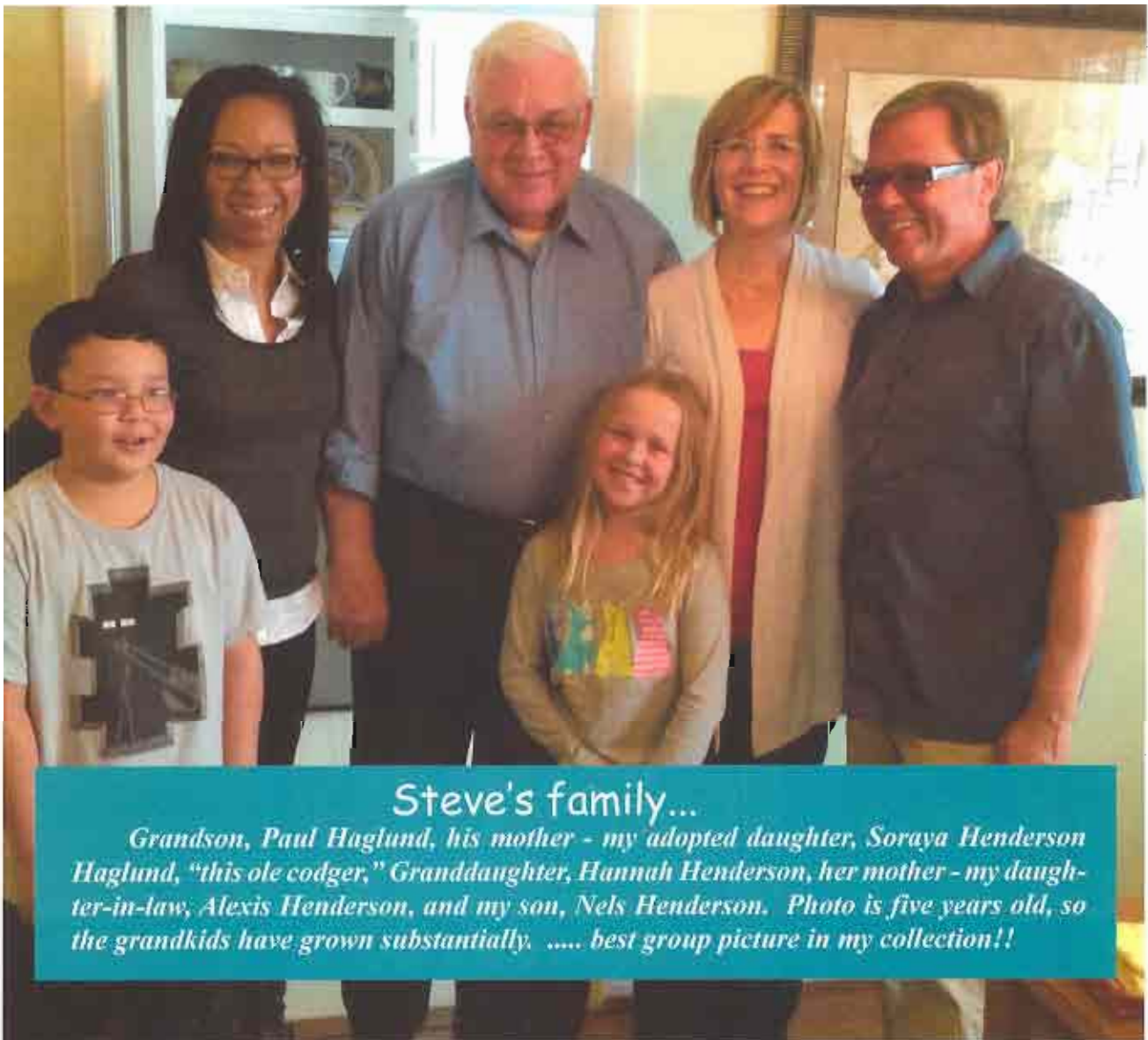
In his early 80s, Steve plans to attend and convene at Celtic Festivals as long as he remains healthy and is able to contribute to Clan Henderson Society activities and programs.

As Steve always writes when he contributes to *An Canach*:

Steve Henderson

571- 482- 7332

Sent from my iPad



**Steve's family...**

*Grandson, Paul Haglund, his mother - my adopted daughter, Soraya Henderson Haglund, "this ole codger," Granddaughter, Hannah Henderson, her mother - my daughter-in-law, Alexis Henderson, and my son, Nels Henderson. Photo is five years old, so the grandkids have grown substantially. .... best group picture in my collection!!*



## CHS AGM

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Mike Henderson

Greetings fellow Clan members! There was some confusion after the December 2018 edition of *An Canach* came out concerning the dates of the upcoming Annual General Meeting for Clan Henderson.

This was due to the Ligonier Highland Games committee changing the date of the games.

Leon Hicks set the record straight in the March 2019 edition, but here are even more details to help you make your plans for the 2019 AGM.

The official dates of the Ligonier Highland Games for 2019 will be **September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**.

The Ligonier Highland Games expanded to a 2-day event last year and will also be a 2-day event again this year.

The games are held in Idlewild Park which is an ideal location for this event when the weather cooperates. Last year's heavy rains forced the organizers to move the Clan area to higher ground due to the excessively muddy conditions in the lower park grounds.

Time will tell where they plan for us to put up our tent this year. I was told that Clan Henderson will be the Honored Clan at this year's games.

We have chosen the Ramada Ligonier Hotel as our base of operations and have blocked off 25

rooms for members of Clan Henderson. Their address is 216 West Loyalhanna St., Ligonier, PA 15658. Their phone number is 724-238-9545 and their fax number is 724-238-9803. Their email address is [www.RamadaLigonier.com](http://www.RamadaLigonier.com). They offer

the following rates:

Standard: One queen bed or two queen beds - \$124 + tax.

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Suites; One king bed, sleeper sofa, kitchenette, whirlpool tub - \$175 + tax.

Sales tax - 6%, Hotel tax - 5%.

Above prices based on two adults per room. Additional charge of \$10 per person applies for additional guests ages 13 and up. Children 12 and under stay free in a paid guest room. The hotel is a completely smoke free facility.

Breakfast is included in above room rates. Please make reservations no later than August 13<sup>th</sup> to qualify for these rates. Reservations can be cancelled up to 48 hours prior to the arrival date.

There will be an Executive Board meeting at the hotel conference room on Friday, Sep. 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. This is open to all elected and appointed offi-

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# Rich Goodwin's Christmas Walk 2018 - and some wonderful *Family Album pictures!*



Linda, my wife, (shown with James in Gillies tartan a few years earlier) was also there.



My daughter Katie Swarthout (green hat; Peter was chauffeur) - above - was at Christmas walk, as well as my son, James Gillies Goodwin, and his lovely bride, Lori Sullivan). Below.



Ah yep, I am an oldie! Me in parade Dress #1 Cameron Regiment (it took more than 30 years to complete the uniform...) was at one of our first Scottish walks.





## Beth's Thank You Skirt!

My Tom wrote this for me as I was shy about putting this in *An Canach*.

He wrote: I first met Beth at an event called Scottish Weekend she used to hold at the Odom Genealogical Library in Moultrie, Georgia. It didn't take long to see how deeply involved she was with the Scottish community, both here and abroad.

In the nineteen years since, I have also seen how well known and well liked she is. It is hardly possible to walk around the grounds at any highland games as she is constantly stopped by some long time friend, or friends (more likely partners in crime) to reminisce about old times and fondly remember those dear cohorts now gone.

Long story short, she has ties to many of the Scottish clans, both by heredity and by choice. So many, in fact, that she recently decided she needed to do something by way of thank you to the sixteen clans that have made her an honorary member.

Hence the "Moran Taing" skirt. It is made up of panels of tartan from each of the clans that have officially invited her into their number. Upon each panel is handstitched the name of the clan.

Now, she has new people stopping her to ask about her skirt and why it is configured as it is. Which gives her an opportunity to explain about tartans and what a wonderful and inclusive group we Scottish Americans are.

In the black panels between the tartans, she has also stitched three phrases in Scots Gaelic: Moran Taing, Tapadh Leat and Thor Taing Do, all of which mean thank you!

*Tom*

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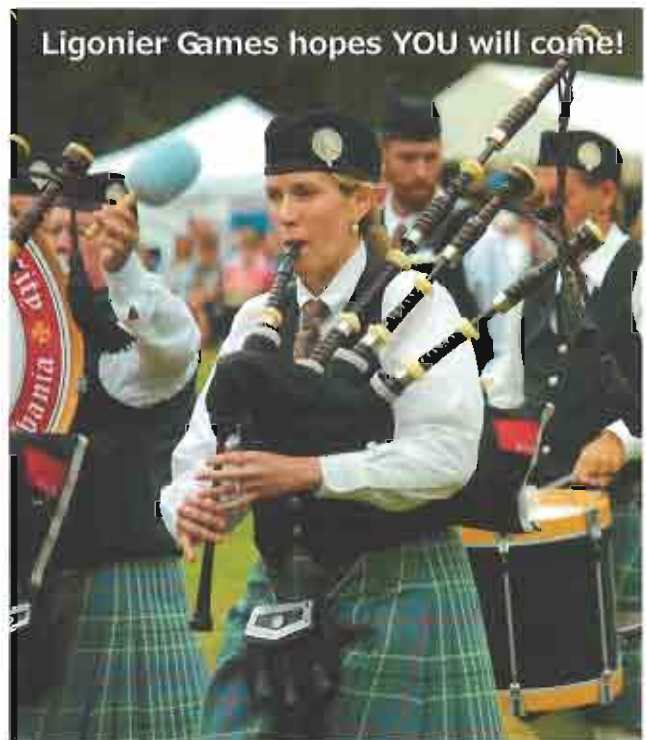
cials.

The General Meeting will be held at the Clan Tent on Saturday, Sep. 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. and is open to everyone.

There will be a Clan banquet/ceilidh at the hotel banquet room Saturday evening starting at 6 p.m. We have selected a three - entrée buffet which includes tossed salad, rolls, coffee, hot or iced tea and the Chef's Choice of dessert. The cost will be about \$30 per person, which includes tax and tip.

Pittsburgh International Airport is probably the best airport to use if flying in for the AGM. The drive to Ligonier from the airport is a little over an hour.

We hope you will plan to participate in this festive event and enjoy the company of your fellow Clan Henderson Society members. Please email any questions that I may answer to [hjoanandmike@aol.com](mailto:hjoanandmike@aol.com).



# Welcome

## New Members to the Clan Henderson Society!



*\* Cead Mile Failte in Irish Gaelic and Ceud Mile Failte in the Scottish Gaelic. Both are correct.*

## One Hundred Thousand Welcomes!

Mark Henderson, Vice President of Members, writes to tell us of the brand new members in the Clan Henderson Society. In our Central CHS Region, William Bond of St. Paul, Minnesota joins Frank Hanna of Urbandale and Meri Lawler of Ankeny, both in Iowa as new cousins for us all.

The Far South CHS Region is proud to have Ian Henderson of Piggott, Arkansas; James Carley Henderson of Sherman, Texas and Sara Nuncio of Calera, Oklahoma as shiny, sparkledy latest CHS members.

International new members include Mary McNiven of Nine Mile Creek of Prince Edward Island, Canada and Michael Currie of St. Roch-sur-Egrenne! Welcome!

Great Lakes CHS Region is so happy to have James Henderson of Marengo, Ohio and Patricia Henderson Herman of Plainfield, Illinois as members!

Mid East CHS Region welcomes Valie Denson of Gaithersburg, Erin Edwards of West Friendship

members Charles Henderson of Beaver Dam, Kentucky and Jayme Henderson of Denham Springs, Louisiana. So happy to have you both!

Three folks from the State of New York join CHS from the North East CHS Region. Barbara Henderson Edwards from Calverton and Craig Henderson Edwards of Holtsville as well as Carol Schwasnack of Oakdale. We look forward to getting to know you all.

The South East CHS Region has seven new members this time: Lynne Baldwin of Southport, Joyin Peyton Kendrick Sloan from Charlotte, , Lorry A. Venetta from Hiddenite - these three folks from North Carolina. Also Daniel Henderson of Jacksonville and Janet Henderson Mineo of Boca Raton, both in Florida. William "Chip" Cooper of Taylors and Matthew Trotter of Simpsonville, both of those new folks from South Carolina. So glad to have you both!

And, from the South West CHS Region, we

**New Members! When you get your new kilt or kilted skirt in one of the Henderson tartans, don't forget to have it "christened" at the Henderson Clan tent at the next Highland Games you attend. (Your new garment will simply have a bit of "the water of life" added to it!)**

and Arnold Herbert Henderson of Annapolis, all in Maryland. William J. Henderson, III of Forest, VA is also a new CHS member.

The CHS Mid South Region has brand new

welcome Kay Palmer Marsh from Longmont, Colorado and Jonathan Titus from Herriman, Utah.

We are simply delighted to have you all as new members of the Clan Henderson Society.





## Length of Membership Pin Awards this time

If you are new to reading this publication from the Clan Henderson Society, this is the place that long-time members of the group are honored for 5 years of membership, 15 years of membership and 25 years of membership.

Mark Henderson, CHS Vice President of Membership is proud to announce this time period's faithful members.

**The Twenty-Five Year Pin Awards** (a gold pin) go to David Hendry Armstrong of Bedford, Virginia; Anna Baller of Seattle, Washington; William R. Bauer of Columbia, South Carolina; David W. Henderson of Rancho Cucamonga, California; Stephen John Henderson of Olympia, Washington; Richard A. Henderson, PC of Aledo, Texas; and Gordon Keith Winkleman of Boulder Creek, California. Congratulations ladies and gentlemen!

**The Fifteen Year Pin Awards** (a silver pin) have been sent to Bill Henderson of Weston, West

Virginia; Charles B. Henderson of St. Louis, Missouri; Bo Thomas Hendricks, II of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Bert Huber of Salem, Oregon; Virginia M. Hunsberger of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania; Roger L. Hunt of South Pasadena, California; and John E. Martin of Seattle, Washington. Congratulations to all!

**The Five Year Pin Awards** are bestowed upon Dee Ann Barton of Odessa, Texas; Tracy Vinson of Oneonta, Alabama; Marjorie Caldwell of Dallas, Texas; Gordon Fosser of Pittsfield, Massachusetts; Ann Gabrielson of Matthews, North Carolina; Don. H. Henderson of Los Angeles, California; James P. Henderson of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Joyce Henderson of East Helena, Montana; Gregory C. Hicks of Leesburg, Virginia; John Hicks of Winter Garden, Florida; Kathleen Henderson McCleskey of Liberty Hill, Texas and Sandra D. Page of Arcadia, Florida.

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Shopping Amazon any other way is just throwing money away. Every penny helps.

Staci Simpson





# Friends forever...



Three of the founders of Clan Henderson Society are pictured above: Claude A. Henderson, Beth Gay-Freeman and Horace Lofton.

Claude Henderson served as the First High Commissioner for North America. He was devoted to the youth of our Society and worked tirelessly for the advancement of Highland Dance and Music.

A Memorial Fund was established years ago to honor his service to CHS. That fund was used for various activities; however, it is now depleted. CHS leadership seeks to reestablish the Claude A. Henderson Memorial Fund for use by the clan.

You are invited to donate a small tax deductible amount - \$10.00, \$20.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00 - to help renew the Claude A. Henderson Memorial Fund. The funds will be used within the clan as needed; however, the primary emphasis is upon providing scholarships/grants to deserving youths engaged in Celtic Performing Arts such as dance, music or visual arts.

Another fund that needs your tax deductible

donation is the CHS Chief's Fund. It is dedicated to providing Academic Scholarships supporting Athletics Performance and assisting Performing Groups. Your contribution will be used by CHS: to provide money to deserving applicants/groups who, in the past, have gone unfunded; to assist scholarship winners to defray the increased costs of education; and, to support multi-year educational opportunities for these scholarship winners.

Please note that Clan Henderson Society has a Corporate Sponsorship Program where levels of support from business organizations range from \$250.00 through \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 up to \$2,500.00. We appreciate business and corporate entities that are able to provide large donations; we also believe smaller donations from individuals are a part of the CHS effort to enhance our ability to provide scholarships/grants to deserving individuals and groups.

Please make checks payable to: Carol Martin; CHS Treasurer, Attn: Scholarships/Grants, 96 Cross Road, Clarksburg, MA 01267.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

# Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games

# 2019



## And, the winner of the 2019 Loch Norman Mudman contest is...

Margaret "Peggy" Sanford sent along these photos of this year's attempt at a Games at Rural Hill.

The feet below are hers.

In the early years of Loch Norman, there were several years such as this...and then, the weather improved for years - until this year.



# HOW TO LOVE THE MUD



# Barbara Pamboukes selected North East Regional Commissioner

Leon Hicks, President, Clan Henderson Society

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Barbara Pamboukes has accepted the offer to be the Regional Commissioner of the North East Region. Her selection follows the resignation of Gary Henderson who has served very effectively in this position for many years.

Replacing Gary was not an easy task inasmuch as he has contributed so much to the society as Regional Commissioner; however, we are confident that Barbara will assume the reigns very effectively.

There were several qualified candidates considered, but Barbara was selected due to her effective abilities to communicate and her willingness to maintain close contact with members in the North East Region.

Barbara and her husband Vassili, who reside in New Hampshire, were a part of the recent Clan Henderson Tour of Scotland, and it was on this trip where members of the leadership were able to meet Barbara and appreciate her interest in Scottish history in general, and her Henderson heritage in particular.

She and her husband Vassili will be a great team in supporting the membership and the convenors of the region. I encourage all members

of the region to reach out to Barbara, especially if you are a convenor, and offer your support and well wishes. Her email address is <casspamboukes@gmail.com>.

During the interview process Barbara asked the key question about the responsibilities of a Regional Commissioner. My response to this question is always "communicate, communicate, communicate".

In other words, maintain contact with the membership to the greatest degree possible to inform them of events and activities within the region.

Secondly, support the convenors in the region which includes passing along requests for material support to the Vice President of Operations, and membership concerns to the Vice President – Members. Thirdly, receive and forward scholarship applications to the VP – Members.

Barbara possesses the personal and IT skills to do all of these very effectively.

Finally, I want to express again our great appreciation to Gary and his wife Moira for their unstinting support of Clan Henderson Society for many years, and the great service they still provide convening the Niagara Falls Highland Events.



*Barbara Cass Pamboukes  
and Vassili Pamboukes*

## Fellows Dinner at Stone Mountain Games in October

If you are an FSA Scot...or, if you are NOT an FSA Scot, but would like to be, you are invited to the fourth annual Fellows' Dinner of the Society in the USA at the 2019 Stone Mountain Highland

Games, on Saturday evening, 19 October.

It will be hosted by Hope Vere Anderson, along with a guest speaker. Contact Hope Vere Anderson at hopeanderson@btinternet.com for reservations.

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Our new Webmaster, Charm Henderson Russell, says, "We feature the list of games, your area commissioners, how to apply for genealogy, member of the month and weekly news of Scotland. We have new pages for Scotland, Aussie Branch, and Canada as well as lots of history movies.

"Take a look yourself and maybe you'll get more ideas."



Angus called in to see his friend Donald to find he was stripping the wallpaper from the walls. Rather obviously, he remarked "You're redecorating, I see." to which Donald replied "Naw. I'm moving house."

It is rumored that the entire population of Aberdeen took to the streets with an empty glass in their hands when the weather forecaster said there would be a nip in the air.



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Joe, who owns The Kilt Kit  
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## All Henderson book proceeds go to benefit Henderson Hall

*The Hendersons, One Family's Legacy* is now out - Henderson Hall here has copies. It is also available online at Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, Books-A-Million and other outlets - you can Google it with my name: Pamela Douglas Brust as author.

We have already had one book signing at the Hall and I am scheduled to do numerous speeches for local groups, etc. any help you all can give would be greatly appreciated!!

All proceeds from the sale of the book go to Henderson Hall!!!

## Meet our new North East Regional Commissioner, Barbara

Barbara Pamboukes is our new North East Regional Commissioner. Barbara and her husband, Vassili, have celebrated 34 years of marriage and live in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. They have a daughter and two sons.

Vassili is from Queens, New York, and Barbara was born and raised in Geneva, New York. They met at Portsmouth Hospital, where Barbara was an Emergency Nurse for 25 years and a School Nurse for 21 years. Vassili was a Captain with the Portsmouth Fire Department.

She writes, "I was an Emergency Nurse for 25 years and School Nurse for 21 years in Ports-



Barbara, Mary, Denise and Jan on the 2017 Clan Henderson trip to Scotland.

mouth.

Vassili continues to work as a Marine Firefighter Instructor. He has been teaching in Ports up and down the east coast.

We are both involved as volunteers at the St. Nicholas Greek Church in Portsmouth, Vassili continues to serve on the Parish Council and I am the event coordinator for the Church's Jarvis Center.

We have been preparing for Greek Easter all week. Cooking at home and church and attending services.

Both of our sons live in Portsmouth and our daughter lives in New York City."



## There's a New video from the Clan Henderson Society Corporate Outreach Committee for you to see!



Louis Russell,  
Director Corporate Outreach

A goal of the Clan Henderson Society is to promote Scottish Heritage and to pass it on to our youth.

One of the ways that Clan Henderson Society promotes Scottish heritage is through the Scholarship and Grant Program. Since its inception, this program has been very successful supporting students as they further their formal education and study of Scottish Music and Dance.

Everyone should be proud of our Society's Scholarship Program.

However, traditional funding sources are unable to meet the growing need. For this reason, the Society is looking for corporate sponsors that share our goals and are willing to financially support the Clan Henderson Society Scholarship program.

To be successful everyone's support is needed.

The Corporate Outreach Committee has prepared a short video describing the Society's Scholarship and Grant Program and how you can help.

Please take time to view it.

To find the video, go to the CHS web page [www.clanhendersonsociety.org](http://www.clanhendersonsociety.org), click on the **Membership** tab, go to the bottom of the drop box and click on **Scholarship Program Corporate Sponsorship**.

If you have questions or ideas, please contact: Louis Russell, Director Corporate Outreach at [<hendersoncorporateoutreach@gmail.com>](mailto:hendersoncorporateoutreach@gmail.com)

\* If you have any questions about the Corporate Sponsor Program. \* If you need copies of the brochure. \* If you need help contacting a potential corporate sponsor. \* If you are interested in serving on the Corporate Outreach Committee.

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member · Bryan Simpson, Director of Athletics

We do need your help, please.



## Newly designed arms for Dean Henderson

*Mark Anthony Henderson writes, "Recently, I had the opportunity to work with Dean Henderson on designing and rendering his assumed arms. His choice of arms follow the traditional Henderson arms in style."*







# *Rural Hill Scottish Festival* & 2019 Loch Norman **Highland Games**

D.R. Henderson, PE, FSA Scot

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual LNHG's were held 12-14 April at Historic Rural Hill in Huntersville, NC.

Once again, the Henderson's were on the field although at times one might think "in the Loch".

An ominous weekend weather forecast failed to deter the strong and the brave Henderson's from taking Mother Nature to task. Following a week of beautiful spring days, the extreme weather front which wreaked havoc across the south from Texas to the Carolina's arrived Friday evening, threatening the Patron's Reception and cancelling the torch-light Callin' o' the Clans.

Gates opened and events kicked off Saturday morning and THEN... the winds howled and the sky shed torrents, but, the worst was yet to come.

Prior to Opening Ceremonies at 10:00 am, lightening rolled through the region, prompting a field and tent evacuation public safety protocol. Band & individual piping, Massed Bands, and portions of the Heavy Athletics were cancelled.

When gates reopened after noon rain and red clay mud abounded.

Sunday, weather forecasters called for high winds, hail, and potential cyclonic winds.

Area TV stations cautioned listeners to stay home. However, there was a squad of devoted Henderson's present.

Special thanks to Life Patron's, Harry and Suzanne Keifer, for bringing tent materials and trap-pings. Unfortunately, like many clan tents, we did not deem it suitable to set up the tent.

Ed Hendricks handed off the Regional Commissioner baton to Mary Lane Henderson. Mary Lane attended her inaugural event as new Southeast Regional Commissioner, received her baptism of liquid

sunshine, and never quit smiling through it all.

Thanks go out to Ed for his years of service to the Clan. For Mary Lane, a stormy start only insures better things to come!

Thanks to Rev. Fred Sanford for standing ready and able to conduct the Clan Henderson's annual Kilt Dedication, along with the Loch Norman Pipe Band, but again a cancellation.

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**Dave Henderson and Jack Presley  
and the  
"sword that survived Culloden"**

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# Attention all Scots

In the Atlanta/Marietta, Georgia area

★ Happy 4th of July ★

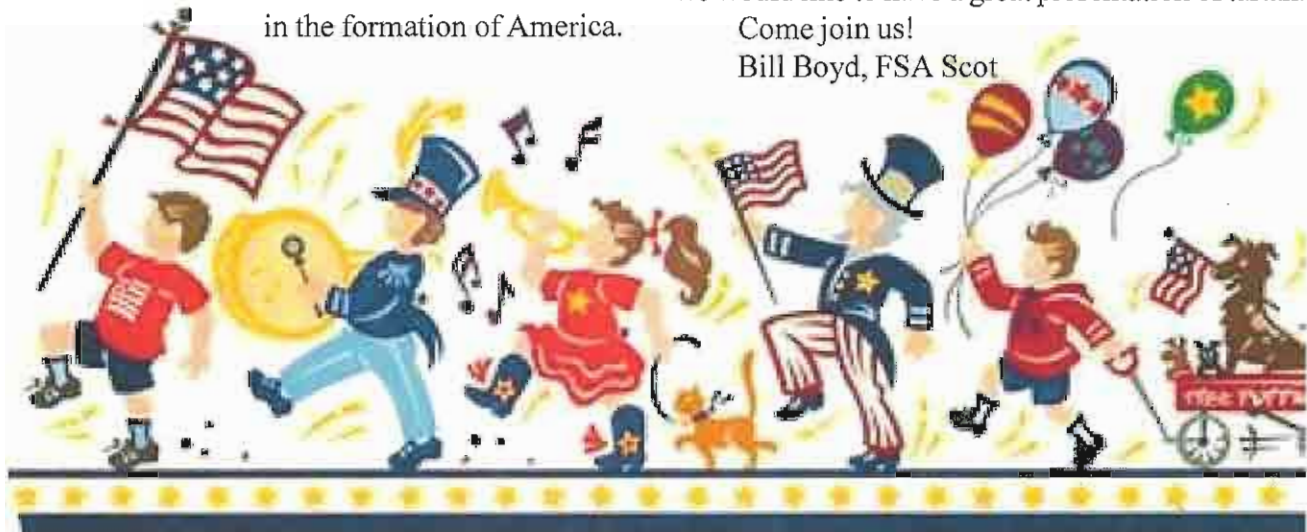
The Scottish Heritage Society of the South is inviting all Scots who live in the Atlanta, Georgia area to put on their kilt and join with us in the big Fourth of July Parade in Marietta, Georgia. We are forming a unit of Scottish descendants to recognize and celebrate the Scots who fought for America's freedom and aided in the formation of America.

The parade time goes until noon followed by a celebration on Marietta Square, and anyone interested in joining us can contact me at 770-971-1322 or email me at [shsots@gmail.com](mailto:shsots@gmail.com) for more information.

This is a big event in the area, a fun time, and we would like to have a great presentation of tartan.

Come join us!

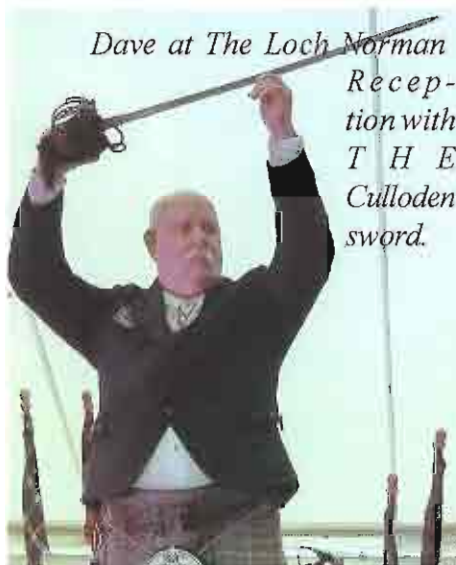
Bill Boyd, FSA Scot



## Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games, *con't from page 33*

The ever present Life Patron George Henderson provided steadfast confidence and positive air when atmospheric conditions loomed misery.

Thanks to all Clansmen/Clanswomen and officers who braved the elements.



*Dave at The Loch Norman Reception with T H E Culloden sword.*

For me personally, the highlight of the weekend was providing escort as the Haggis was piped into the Friday Reception. I assumed my position with

basket-hilt in hand when Toastmaster Jack Presley asked, "Do you wish to use your sword or mine?"

When I looked at Jack inquisitively, he continued, "This one survived Culloden!"

I dropped mine like a "hot tater".

After inspection of the embellishments on the blade, one might conclude the 275 year old edged weapon was that of a lieutenant or leader. It was quite an honor to be in responsible possession of such a historic artifact even for 20 minutes.

The Loch Norman Pipe Band expressed their regret of not being able to participate in a Henderson Walk-Around. All members, young and older, commented on special bond with Henderson's and shared their disappointment. I promised them Grandfather Games is just around the corner and we will see them on the Mountain!

Aye,

Brother Dave





**Chris Colin, *Smithsonian Magazine***

On a recent Wednesday afternoon, a guy in blue jeans and a T-shirt drifted back and forth across a gently sloping half-pipe in an office park southwest of San Jose. Instead of skating, though, he was hovering: a real-world Marty McFly, the time-traveling teen who glided on air around Hill Valley in *Back to the Future Part II*.

The Hendo hoverboard, invented by **Greg Henderson** and launched with the help of his wife, Jill, nearly broke the Internet when it appeared in a *Kickstarter* video last year featuring company engineer and resident stuntman, Garrett Foshay.

A subsequent video starring skateboarding legend, Tony Hawk, confirmed that the board was

real. "That was my first 1080!" Hawk joked, completing almost three spins before tumbling off.

For the millions enthralled by the image of Michael J. Fox as Marty McFly hoverboarding in that far-off time of, yes, 2015, the Hendo fulfills a long-held desire.

Compared with the rigmarole of flying—the fuss, the expense, the actual airplane—hovering is a magical little operation: a single rider breaking free from the planet's pull. It's "deeply embedded in the public imagination," says Bob Gale, a writer and producer of the *Back to the Future* trilogy.

Read more: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/innovation/hoverboard-fantasy-comes-true-back-to-the-future-180954960/>

## Our An Canach writers this time:

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Dave Henderson and Bill Boyd.

Those who contribute to the publication are those who make it not only good, but WOW! for CHS.

Thank you all very, much!



# First time CHS tent at Geelong Highland Gathering busy, busy!

Adam Henderson,  
Oceania Regional Commissioner



Adam and his boy,  
Connor, at Geelong

The Geelong Highland Gathering is one of the major events on Victoria's Scottish calendar. It is notorious for its terrible weather. It was Clan Henderson's first time at Geelong and we heard the story of last year's whisky tent disaster (wind picked up the whole tent and the vendor lost thousands of dollars worth of stock) many times.

Thankfully, the weather this year held up and was sunny enough for a certain clan convenor to get sunburnt while standing in line for haggis!

Geelong also hosted the Victorian Pipe Band Championships and the 2019 South Pacific Heavy Games Championships, as well as a large number of clan tents.

As our second event for Clan Henderson in Victoria, we enjoyed a warm welcome from the other clans, particularly from our next door neighbours the Frasers and McLennans.

As one of the organisers for the upcoming Ringwood Highland Games later that month, Jeff Henderson made himself busy networking when he wasn't taking enquiries at the clan tent, and showed why he has so quickly become a liked and respected member of the Victorian Scottish community.

Enquiries from Hendersons were few and far between although we did meet one passionate lady in a Henderson scarf who was keen to get as much information as she could to pass on

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**Geelong Highland Gathering,**  
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to her family.

Jeff and I kept busy helping with general enquiries from those with Scottish roots and managed to get our faces briefly into the footage for Channel Nine's national *Today Show* report.

Overall, although we didn't see the potential membership growth we would have liked, we had an enjoyable and successful day that helped to cement Clan Henderson's presence as part of the Scottish community in Australia's south.



## **Glenbarr Highland Gathering small, but amazing!**

**Adam Henderson  
and Jeff Henderson**

The Glenbarr Highland Gathering was held on the 28th of April. The event was held in and around the historic homestead of the Scottish pioneers who founded the town of Strathalbyn.

This was South Australia's first Gathering in many years and will hopefully bring further support and growth in future years.

Clan Henderson was one of two clan tents, and Jeff Henderson and I pitched next to Clan McLeod.

As a result, both tents saw plenty of traffic from those keen to find out more about their Scottish heritage.

We had several Henderson enquiries and we are hopeful of at least one new membership through the CHS website. We also had the opportunity to promote the CHS scholarship program to highland and Scottish country dancing groups. Connor Henderson in his Henderson toddler's kilt also drew a lot of attention.

South Australia's pipe bands held their first mass march together which was a highlight of the day and set the valley ringing with the sound of bagpipes for the first time in many years.

A great day was had, and we look forward to

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# Southern Maryland Celtic Festival and Highland Gathering



Steve Henderson, VP-Ops and Convener, CHS

Steve Henderson made the trip from southern Pennsylvania to Jefferson-Patterson Park & Museum in St. Leonard, Maryland, for the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival and Highland Gathering on 27 April 2019.

With the Henderson tent space established close to both the music venue and the heavy games portion of the festival, Steve enjoyed talking with members of other clans established nearby - Shaw and MacNaughtan - and with patrons who wandered past the Henderson tent as they took in specific events of the heavy games and/or listened to the musical genres.

No new members were acquired, although

three different families took our membership form to consider joining. Septs of Clan Henderson are important and two of these were represented - Henry and McKendry - by the people who took away the forms.

One woman, whose last name is now Rodriguez, has a Henderson connection on her paternal father's side of the family. (Mark Henderson, VP-Members, is in receipt of these three potential new members via separate correspondence.)

Several people noticed a prominently displayed picture frame with the message "Ask us about Youth Scholarships of Clan Henderson Society" and wanted additional information.

Steve provided details about this facet of CHS giving monies to deserving youth who want to pursue Celtic Arts and Athletics and invited these individuals to go to our website and follow up with requests for scholarship consideration.

The breeze off the nearby river was brisk throughout the day and several clans had minor tent malfunctions.

Steve is happy to report that our tent and set up did not suffer and we will look forward to having both Mike and Joan Henderson from Annapolis, MD - our long-time conveners at this specific festival - back doing their thing at St. Leonard, Maryland on 26 April 2020.

Call Steve: 571-482-7332.



**Glenbarr Highland Gathering,**  
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coming back to a bigger event with a larger clan presence next year.

Adam Henderson,  
Regional Commissioner, Oceania  
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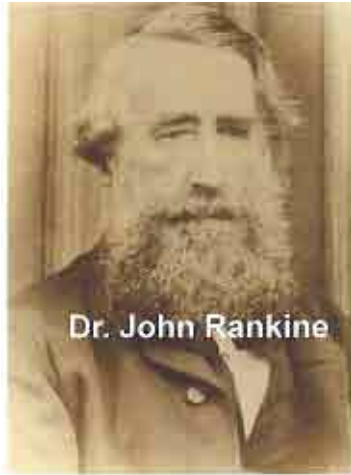




# Strathalbyn first South Australian town settled by Scots

Jeff Henderson, CHS #4371

Strathalbyn is one of the few Australian towns (and the first in South Australia) to be settled by Scots. Its first settlers arrived in Adelaide on the "Fairfield" in 1839 and crossed the hills to select land in the Strathalbyn district. Their families began to settle here in 1840. It is believed that



Dr. John Rankine

the town was named 'Albyn' by a Dr John Rankine, a chief shareholder in the Albyn (Albion?) Iron Works in Glasgow, prefixed by 'Strath', the Scottish word for 'valley'.

For the next 10-15 years, the Strathalbyn township developed rapidly and by 1869 it was one of the largest agricultural towns in the colony. Its population was said to have trebled in just six years between 1861 and 1867, reaching about 900. It was no uncommon sight in the 1860s and 1870s to see 20 or 30 loaded wagons lined up at the flour mill store.

The town's position on both of the main intercolonial routes between Adelaide and Victoria was a major factor in its early dramatic growth. Carpenters and boot makers offered their services, drapers and grocers sold a variety of merchandise, and a daily mail-coach connected the residents with Adelaide (8 hours from Adelaide to Victor Harbor). Agriculture was the mainstay of this area. With little fencing, livestock roamed the streets of Strathalbyn.

By 1870, Strathalbyn had two or three resident doctors, a coach building businesses, its own newspaper - *The Southern Argus*, five churches, two banks, several private schools, a post-and-telegraph station, a police station and courthouse, its own gasworks (to generate gas for lighting), three chemists, a solicitor, several general stores, the thriving Wheal Ellen silver-lead mine nine kilometers to the north, a busy foundry and machinery factory, a tram station and a coach terminal.

There were of course no cars, and no bicycles either. For transport, people usually went by horse, or on foot. Otherwise there were the very limited coach or horse tram services.

About half of the local population lived in the countryside outside of any main towns, and half of these were children. A normal family in those days had about six children.

The men usually worked six days a week, almost half of them on farms, and most of the women did housework, either as a mother of a large family or as a domestic servant for someone else. A few women had positions as teachers (untrained) in private schools, but there was virtually no call for nurses because there were hardly any hospitals.

However, by the mid-1870s, Strath's golden age petered out and disaster was looming. Strathalbyn was no longer on the main road to Melbourne or the gold fields. After 20 or 30 years of cropping, the land was 'overworked' and there was a dramatic decline in soil fertility. Artificial fertilizers were not yet in use and wheat yields plummeted. Droughts, the red rust fungus, and low overseas wheat prices combined to bring ruin to many local producers. The population dropped as people moved away.

The Angas Mill in Strathalbyn was closed for several years between 1870 and 1880, and the Bank of South Australia closed its local branch in 1871. Other Strathalbyn businesses and organisations such as the churches also suffered badly as the population fell away. The countryside around Strathalbyn, and other hills regions also, became dotted with small deserted homesteads which lie in ruins in all directions today. Strathalbyn found itself in the doldrums from about 1875 to 1902.

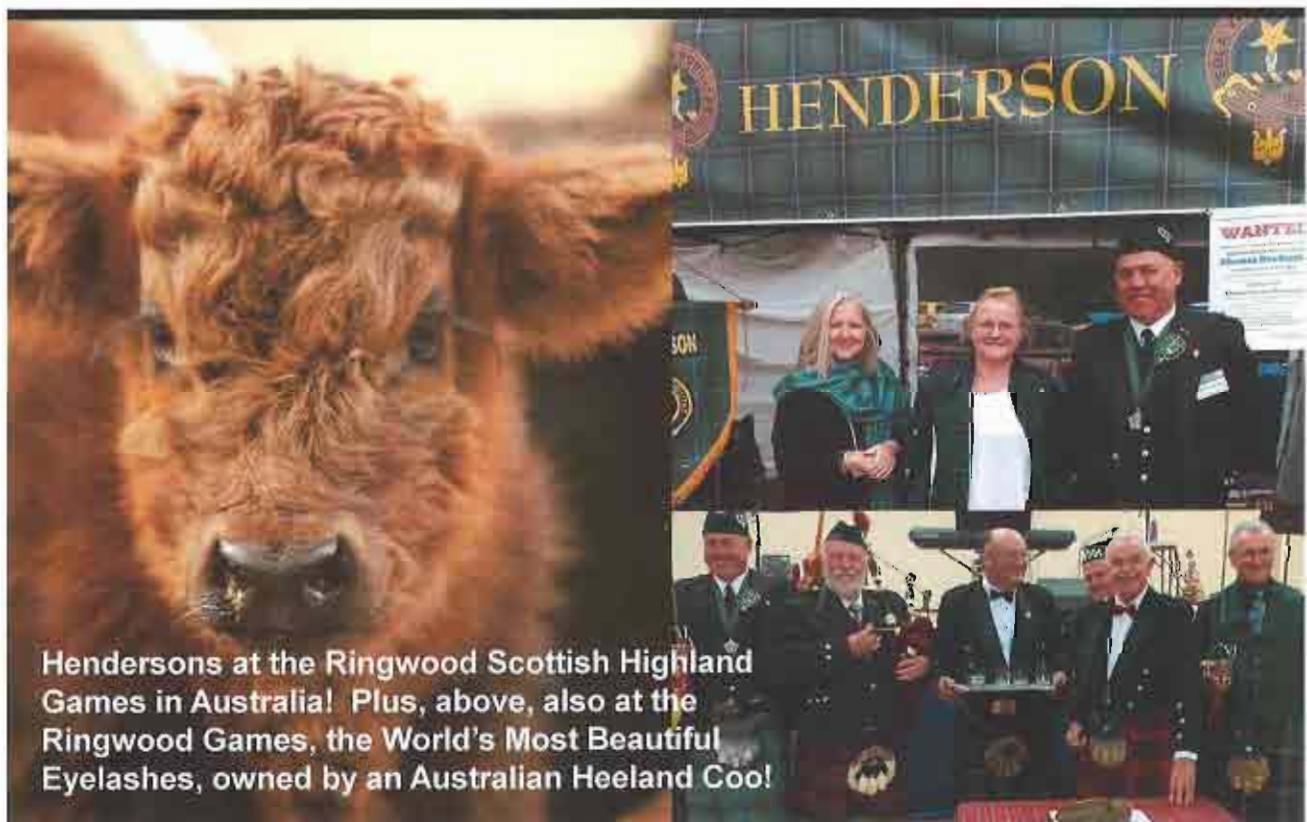
**More history of Strathalbyn can be found at <http://strathalbynsa.com.au/about/history-of-strathalbyn/>**

The convenient location of modern Strathalbyn, combined with its heritage buildings and village atmosphere, make it a popular choice for modern living. Strathalbyn has been recently voted as the seventh best 'tree-change' destination in Australia.



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Hendersons at the Ringwood Scottish Highland Games in Australia! Plus, above, also at the Ringwood Games, the World's Most Beautiful Eyelashes, owned by an Australian Heeland Coo!