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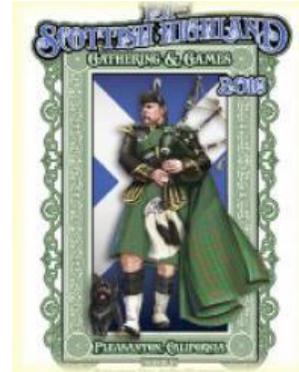
AUGUST 2016

STILL TIME THIS YEAR TO ATTEND A HIGHLAND GAME LOCALLY

John Dewing

PLEASANTON GAMES -

151st Scottish Highland Gathering and Games - a celebration of Scottish culture, traditions, competitions and entertainment for all the family to enjoy. It features Heavy Events Championships, the US Drum Major Championships, the Western U.S. Open Highland Dancing Championships and various grades of Pipe Band Competitions. Other competitive events include the Kilted Mile Race and Soccer, Shinty and Rugby competitions. Many other activities to see. The Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Labor Day Weekend (September 3 - 4, 2016). [map](#)



FELTON GAMES -

Big Trees Scottish Gathering and Highland Games - The clans once again gather in the highlands of the Santa Cruz Mountains. This year's gathering and games will feature all the wonderful activities you have come to know and love. So bring your family and friends and for a day. Immerse yourself in the sites, the sounds, and the taste of an ancient culture kept alive in the hearts and by the hands of its proud descendants. At Roaring Camp Historic Railroad in Felton (October 1, 2016). [map](#)



MONTEREY GAMES - Local-ish, check it out. Scottish Games & Celtic Festival [map](#)

DIXON GAMES - Not as local, but still a great event. Dixon Scottish Highland Games see pg2 [map](#)



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DIXON SCOTTISH
HIGHLAND GAMES
RETURN SEPT. 24

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The 16th annual [Dixon Scottish Highland Games](#) & Gathering is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the Dixon Fairgrounds, 655 South First Street, Dixon, California.

The festivities will include the region's finest bagpipe bands, Scottish athletic competitions, Scottish Highland and Irish Step-dancing performances, children's activities, Scotch whisky tasting, finding your Scottish ancestry at the many clan information tents, Scottish animal exhibits, living history displays, sheep dog trials and more fun.

Popular Celtic, Irish and Scottish folk and rock bands include Tempest, Avalon Rising and Flask.

Shop for unique gifts, handmade crafts, jewelry and clothing items from Scotland, Wales, Ireland and England. Taste a variety of British foods, beers and whiskies.

There will be an after-games 6 p.m. Ceilidh music party and barbecue on the fairgrounds.

Dixon Scottish Highland Games general admission is \$10; youth and seniors are \$8; and children, under age 9, and active-duty military may enter free. Fairgrounds parking is \$5.

Dixon is 19 miles southwest of Sacramento, off Interstate 80.

The Scottish festival is hosted by the Dixon Scottish Cultural Association, which is a non-profit community organization dedicated to promoting the culture, education and entertainment of Scotland.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- 1 SBSS Board of Governors Meeting
7:00pm
Mountain Mike's Pizza Parlor
301 E. Hamilton Ave.
Campbell
- 19 Movie Night – Horatio Hornblower:
The Duel
7:00pm
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell
[map](#)

September

- 3-4 Pleasanton Highland Games
8:00 - 6:30
Alameda County Fairgrounds
4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton
[map](#)
- 11 Chief's Picnic
11:30 - 5:00
Wildwood Park
20764 4th Street, Saratoga
[map](#)
- 12 SBSS Board of Governors Meeting
7:00pm
Mountain Mike's Pizza Parlor
301 E. Hamilton Ave, Campbell

- 16 Movie Night – Horatio Hornblower:
The Fire Ship
7:00pm
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell
- 24 Dixon Highland Games
9:00 - 5:00
Dixon Fairgrounds
655 South First Street, Dixon
[map](#)

October

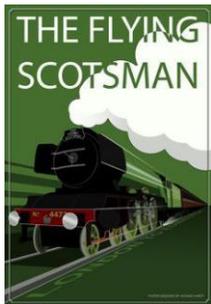
- 1 Big Trees Scottish Games
Roaring Camp
5401 Graham Hill Road, Felton
[map](#)
- 3 SBSS Board of Governors Meeting
7:00pm
Mountain Mike's Pizza Parlor
301 E. Hamilton Ave, Campbell
- 21 Movie Night – Horatio Hornblower:
The Duchess and the Devil
7:00pm
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell
- 28 SBSS Samhain/Halloween Party
7:00pm
Potluck Dinner, Party!
West Valley, San Jose Public Library
1243 San Thomas Aquino Rd,
San Jose
[map](#)

SCOTTISH IDIOMS

www.electricscotland.com

- A'm feelin a bittie wabbit : I am feeling somewhat tired
A fiddler's biddin : A last-minute invitation
Aff the gleg : Off the mark
Cock the wee finger : Drink; tipple
It'll cost ye a bonnie penny : It will cost you a
great deal of money
Out o thocht : Beyond belief
Redd the thrapple : Clear the throat
Steik ane's gab : Be Silent





FLYING SCOTSMAN WORKS UP THE STEAM

Graeme Coakley

On Sunday, May 1st, members of the South Bay Scottish Society met at the Sunol train station at 10:00 AM to join the Pleasanton Blairgowrie Fergus Sister City Organization ([PBFSCO](#)) for the Annual Flying Scotsman Train Ride. At 10:15 AM, we were ceremoniously piped aboard our train - pulled by the [Southern Pacific #1423](#) (train type NW-2) and chose our seats for the journey. During our 45 minute trip from Sunol through the scenic Niles Canyon, we enjoyed the scenery and refreshments with the sound of bagpipes. After a brief stop at Niles, we returned to Sunol - pulled by the [Clover Valley Lumber #4](#) (train type 2-6-6-2T).

After arriving back in Sunol, we attended a picnic, in the park next to the train station, with members of the PBFSCO. It was a pleasant ending to an enjoyable excursion. PBFSCO, thank you for your invite and being such gracious hosts.



WHAT DOES 'TRAIN TYPE' MEAN?

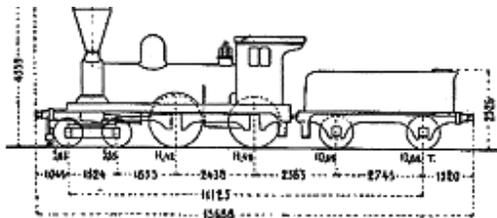
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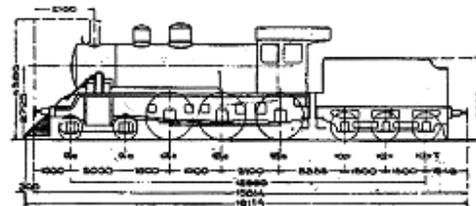
Train type is a system called The Whyte Notation for classifying steam locomotives by wheel arrangement was devised by Frederick Methvan Whyte and came into use in the early twentieth century following a December 1900 editorial in American Engineer and Railroad Journal. The notation counts the number of leading wheels, then the number of driving wheels, and finally the number of trailing wheels, groups of numbers being separated by dashes. Other classification schemes, like UIC classification and the French, Turkish and Swiss systems for steam locomotives, count axles rather than wheels.

In the notation a locomotive with two leading axles (four wheels) in front, then three driving axles (six wheels) and then one trailing axle (two wheels) is classified as 4-6-2.

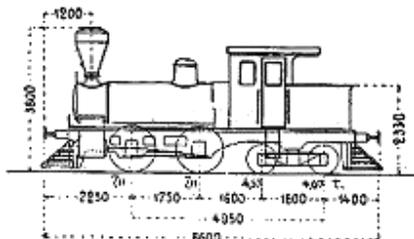
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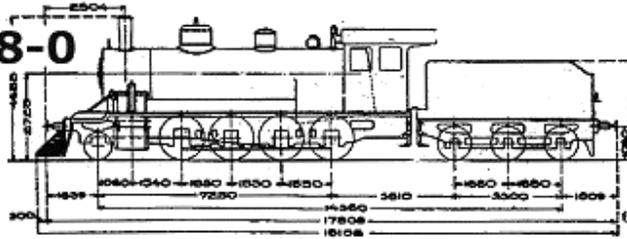
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COME CELEBRATE ALL THINGS SCOTTISH AT THE SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GATHERING & GAMES

Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton

8am to 6:30pm September 3 & 4, 2016

Nathan Irvine, Governor at Large

Buy your tickets online to save! Children under 11 free, Students and Seniors (\$11), Gen 1 day Admission (\$19) or Gen 2 day Admission (\$26).

The SBSS will have two booth spaces in the clan area. It is a magnificent place to meet-up with friends, visit, take a break, get iced water and watch the male and female field athletics.

The booth is manned by club volunteers and we would sure enjoy having you volunteer for a two hour shift filled with visiting, helping people find there clans and surrounded . If you are willing to work two, two hour shifts at the booth, you will be rewarded with your admission paid for the day by the SBSS. Lyn and Nathan Irvine are coordinating volunteers.

Highlights include:

Heavy Athletics, Highland Dancing, Piping and Drumming, Music, Food

Whiskey Tasting and Hundreds of merchandise vendors in air-conditioned accommodations and to top it off the largest Clan gathering West of the Mississippi!

COOS, CLYDESDALES & SHEEP DOG Trials, Oh My!





SBSS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Lori Daly

If you want to play a round of golf there is no shortage of great golf courses in California - picturesque scenery, perfectly manicured greens and challenging holes and for hit or miss golfers like us there is Blackberry Farm in Cupertino. The SSBS Golf Tournament was held there on

Saturday May 28th and there were 9 entrants made up of SSBS members, family and friends. Blackberry Farm Golf Course is nestled in the tree lined neighborhood of Monte Vista. The Stevens Creek Trail connects 3 facilities; the golf course, McClellan Ranch Reserve and Blackberry Farm water park. The golf course is a 9-hole Par 29. The fairways and grounds are well maintained and there are plenty of trees that provide shade as well as trap errant golf balls. The course is excellent for beginners and experts looking to sharpen their skills.

The 1st place tournament winner was Joe Kemling a friend of the Chief. For second place there was a 2-way tie between the mother-daughter team, Dorrie Scherer (Sennachie) and Lori Daly (Steward) and 3rd place went to Andrew Whitten.

We would like to thank all who attended and a special thank you to Dorrie Scherer for organizing the awards. A grand time was had by all playing Scotland's national sport while enjoying the sunshine and fresh air. Come join us at the next tournament!

OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND HALLOWEEN PARTY

Bob Anderson

This October's General Meeting is continuing in the Halloween, Samhain tradition. As we enter the "darker half" of the year why not brighten it with a little frivolity, costumes and all. Set on a Saturday October 29th instead of Friday we will follow the usual format at the usual place The San Jose Public Library West Valley Branch starting at 7 pm with potluck dinner, a brief business meeting and then on with the fun and entertainment. We'll have a costume contest, games with awards and prizes for the best. This is another good opportunity to bring a guest and or prospective member.



More than 100 governors of pre- and post- Revolutionary America were of Scottish birth or descent. Others from Scotland or of Scots descent in American history:

35 U.S. Supreme Court Justices, 25 of them are in the Great Americans Hall of Fame.

Almost 1/2 of the Secretaries of U.S. Treasury and 1/3 of the Secretaries of State were Scots.

9 of the signatures on the Declaration of Independence were from Scots descent.

9 of the 13 colony governors made in the new USA were Scots

SOUTH BAY SCOTTISH SOCIETY
General Meeting Minutes

July 8th, 2016 7 pm
Library, West Valley Branch
1243 San Tomas Aquino Road, San Jose, CA



There wasn't a quorum



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
ON JULY 8TH
WEST VALLEY BRANCH, SAN JOSE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Nathan Irvine, Governor at Large

The quarterly gathering began with pot-luck dinner, providing everyone a chance to appreciate the company of old and new SBSS friends.

The short-lived business of the evening began with the acknowledgment that there was not a quorum of officers, so the approval of the General Membership Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting in April would be tabled until October. This was followed by our Communications from the Chief, Bob Anderson who provided the Stewards Report produced by Lori Daly.

Under Old Business We discussed the past events of the Niles Canyon Flying Scotsman Railroad, Golf at Blackberry Farm, and Miniature Golf in Sunnyvale. Then under Reports & Announcements the Board brought up ideas and commitments to the September Pleasanton Scottish gatherings. We do have a few spaces for two-hour volunteer slots on the sign up sheets. Contact any of the Nathan Irvine for participation.

Then, the brief business part of the meeting was concluded, and everyone settled down to take pleasure in the evenings indulgence.

The Entertainment for the evening, was an exciting, fast paced game of Bunco. We played three rounds with six sets, that began with Melva Irvine introducing the rules with examples.

Here were the categories and prize basket winners:

- Most Buncos went to Alexa Sage
- Most Wins was awarded to Lyn Irvine
- Half Wins and Half Losses tied going to Bob Anderson & Cheryl Comento
- Most Losses during the evening prize basket went to Edward Llamas

Thanks again to Melva Irvine for entertaining us and to all the members of the South Bay Scottish Society for attending.

Here's looking forward to the next rousing meeting on Oct 28th, with our annual costume party with games and Celtic dance music.

"How's the flat you're living in in London, Jock?" asks his mother when he calls home to Aberdeen. "It's okay," he replies, "but the woman next door keeps screaming and crying all night and the guy on the other side keeps banging his head on the wall."

"Never you mind," says his mother, "don't you let them get to you, just ignore them."

"Aye, that I do," he says, "I just keep playing my bagpipes."

THE ROMANS ASSAULTED SCOTLAND WITH MASSIVE MILITARY RESOURCES, BUT STILL FAILED TO SUBDUCE SAVAGE TRIBESMEN

By Rob Waugh, Daily Mail

The Romans attacked Scotland with a far larger force than previously realized, assaulting the tribes north of Hadrian's Wall with a force bigger than the one used to hold all of England and Wales.

Researchers found 260 Roman military camps in Scotland, the largest number of any country in Europe, and 20 more than the 240 throughout found in England and Wales.

Many have been found recently by archaeological survey flights, looking for distinctive 'marks' in fields from ancient structures buried beneath crops. Dr Rebecca Jones, an expert on the Roman frontier who researched the camps for a new book, 'Roman Camps in Scotland', says that the camps, some of the least studied of all Roman monuments, were temporary homes and headquarters for the would-be conquerors' legions and armies.

The 260 camps provided transient, basic accommodation for thousands of soldiers at a time.

They are some of the largest Roman remains to have survived, and the camps discovered in Scotland were significantly larger than those found south of Hadrian's Wall and the Antonine Wall.

Dr Jones, 42, said: 'For the first time we have a picture of the true extent of the Roman war machine in Scotland. The repeated campaigns to conquer Scotland were bloody, brutal and ultimately unsuccessful for the Roman Empire. They had to deal with tribes unwilling to be conquered, and strained resources, as soldiers were always needed to fight wars elsewhere throughout their vast Empire.'

She added: 'The Roman army in Britain left an archaeological legacy that is the envy of the rest of the Roman world. The forts fortresses and frontier defenses are rightly celebrated but less well known are the temporary camps. These were constructed to house the army for short periods of time while on campaigns patrols and maneuvers

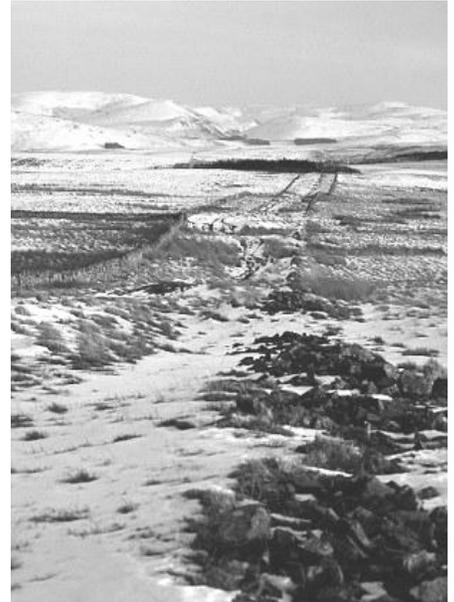
'By mapping and recording the hundreds of army outposts in Scotland, we have provided an important benchmark for further research into the northernmost frontier of the Roman Empire.'

Many of the camps have been discovered through archaeological aerial survey flights, particularly during dry summers, where the outlines of ancient structures lying beneath the soil show up as crop marks.

A number of Roman camps - including Pennymuir in the Scottish Borders - have survived despite thousands of years of changes to the landscape and are still remarkably well preserved.

The majority of camps are situated around the Borders and in the south of the country, but a first-century camp in Kintore in Aberdeenshire, the size of over 60 football pitches, has seen the largest excavation in the world of any camp left by the Roman Empire, revealing new information about the day-to-day lives of Roman soldiers while on the march.

Over 180 Roman ovens have been recorded there alongside numerous pits. The debris recovered from these pits - often rubbish thrown away by the soldiers - gives an insight into the life of an army on the move during one of the first Roman campaigns in the north east of Scotland.



Dere Street Roman Road near Pennymuir camp in the Scottish borders: Researchers found that the camps in Scotland were bigger than their equivalents elsewhere

CHIEF'S WHISKY TASTING

Basil Rhodes, Deputy Chief

On Friday, May the 13th, 2016, a gathering took place at the home of the South Bay Scottish Society's Chief, the Hon. Robert Anderson, for the purpose of comparing and contrasting a wide variety of Scotland's national beverage, "uisge beatha" (water of life), or as we know it, Scotch Whisky. The participants were a dozen or so, both men and women, eager to broaden their education and their skills

regarding the distiller's art, and so, armed with notebooks and a wide assortment of snacks, hors-d'oeuvres, and other palate cleansers, they set off on their journey into the land of whisky. In all, one scribe counted twelve samplings. They included everything from a "Haig Club" single grain produced by David Beckham for "non-whisky drinkers," to some of the most astounding malts ever experienced, at least by this writer.

They included a 1977 Highland malt, "Glenugie," a "Littlemill" well over 35 years old, a Scott's 1987 "Bladnoch" (cask strength), and a 1975 Port Ellen Islay, bottled by the Hart Brothers, to name just a few. (Truth be told, the earliest notes are the easiest to read. The later ones appear to be scrawled in a language not entirely familiar to me.)

There was some lovely conversation, some having to do with the relative health benefits to be gained by imbibing in the Scottish national drink. Someone reminded the august assembly of an auld Scottish proverb that says: "Whisky may not cure the common cold, but it fails so much more agreeably than the others." All in all, a wonderful time was had by all. It was great opportunity to get together with some old friends from the South Bay Scottish Society as well as to meet some new ones. I look forward to other such opportunities in the future!

CHIEF'S PICNIC 2016

Bob Anderson

It's near that time again for a cookout fun and games among friends at Wildwood Park in Saratoga. This year September 11th is the day and

11:00 am the hour to meet at the Picnic Area "B" for a potluck picnic lunch with Chiefs both past and present. As usual the bangers, buns, condiments, cake and soft drinks will be provided. There will be games of skill and chance with prizes (we love to get prizes donated) for the winners and runners up. Bring kith and kin (wonderful park for the younger ones), who knows, they might become a member.



2016 ANNUAL MINI-GOLF TOURNAMENT

Bob Anderson

A beautiful day and a fine turnout for a fun round on the wee links. This year on June 26th the group gathered once again at Golfland USA in Sunnyvale for an eighteen hole contest of skill and concentration. The course was in good condition and the play only slowed here or there for a few minutes giving one enough time to study the obstacles before challenging them. The top honors among this years putters went to Andrew Whitten in 1st place, Lyn Irvine at 2nd and Nathan Irvine took third. Following the round and after a short drive down Wolfe Road we regrouped at The Duke of Edinburgh Pub in Cupertino. There scores were tallied and prizes were awarded while all socialized and enjoyed the refreshments.



HIGHLAND CATS

[Wikipedia](#)

Highland Fold, a.k.a. Scottish Fold Longhair, a semi-long-haired variant of the medium-sized Scottish Fold breed of domestic cat (*Felis silvestris catus*); sometimes referred to simply as the Highland; has ears folded downward

Highland Straight, a.k.a. Scottish Straight Longhair, a semi-long-haired variant of the medium-sized Scottish Straight domestic cat breed (in turn a normal-eared variant of the Scottish Fold, making the Highland Straight the normal-eared version of the Highland Fold)

Highlander cat, a large breed of domestic cat with close-set, often upward-curling ears; related to the **American Curl**

Highland wildcat, another name for the Scottish wildcat, a northerly population of the European wildcat species (*Felis silvestris silvestris*), sometimes classified as the separate subspecies *F. s. grampia*

Kellas cat, a feral hybrid between the Highland wildcat and the domestic cat
Highland or Highlander, names used for the **British Longhair** domestic cat breed, only and (inconsistently) by the pedigree registry Feline Federation Europe (which even refers to them as "Highland Straight" sometimes, despite that being the Scottish Straight Longhair).



Highland Fold

British Longhair

Kellas Cat

American Curl

Highland Wildcat

The Highland Fold is a breed of domestic cat with a natural dominant-gene mutation that affects cartilage throughout the body, causing the ears to "fold", bending forward and down towards the front of their head, which gives the cat what is often described as an "owl-like" appearance.

PUT ON YOUR SLICKER, SBSS MOVIE NIGHT IS GOING TO SEA

John Dewing

Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave
Campbell, CA 95008

[map](#)

These three movies are from the tv mini-series Horatio Hornblower, 1998 . Movie Night will show the first three over three months; The Duel, The Fire Ships, The Duchess and the Devil.

They are stand alone movies but events in them happen one after the other, come see them all!

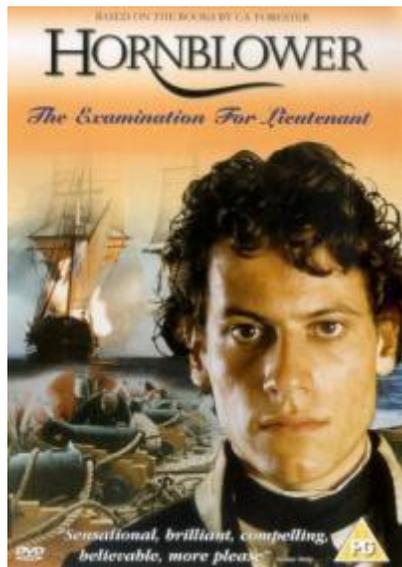
As usual there is on-site food and drink of your choosing (well...what they sell). Come join the company of other seekers of movies, munchies and a good time.

Aug 19th



**Horatio Hornblower:
The Duel**

Horatio Hornblower begins his naval career, but a deadly feud with a despicable mate is causing complications. [more](#)



Sep 16th



**Horatio Hornblower:
The Fire Ships**

While Lt. Hornblower studies for his promotion examination, he is distracted by the serious supply problems that face his crew. [more](#)

Oct 21st



**Horatio Hornblower:
The Duchess and the Devil**

Lt. Hornblower and his crew are captured by the enemy while escorting a Duchess who has secrets of her own. [more](#)



A nominal donation is requested to help defray the cost of our annual permit to show these films publicly.

SOUTH BAY SCOTTISH SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL FORM

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