

# The Whistle

Summer

July—September 2007

## From the Desk of the President

We have already had several Highland games in the area: Ft. Wayne, IN; Carrolton KY; and Glasgow, KY; and we will have the Columbus Games on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September and the Irish Festival on September 14-16 at Military Park in Indianapolis. At both Columbus and the Irish Festival, there will be Pipes and Drums wafting their musical charms at various times during these events. We will also be having tents at these events and will again need members to turn up in Scots attire to “meet and greet” the crowds that come by.

The Latvian Center, where we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, recently had a clean up weekend and a few of the Society members turned up to help. The Latvians have just spent thousands of dollars in renovating the Center. They did a wonderful job in creating a colorful, traditional and welcoming atmosphere in the renovated bar, as well as cleaning, painting and staining wood in it and the two large halls.

Trustee Rebekah Lawson has been doing a wonderful job putting on events for the youth and it has been nice hearing how they have all enjoyed themselves. Some of the adults were overheard saying they would have liked building and shaping “safe” swords and spears themselves. Some of you grandparents and parents should consider bringing your young folks as they will have a good time.

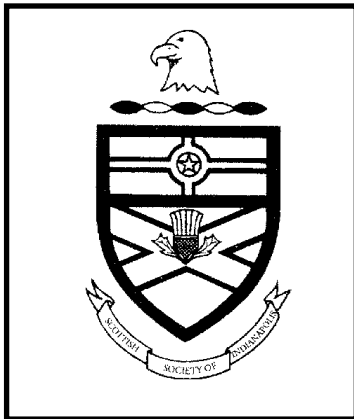
At our June meeting, Trustee Jack Davidson did a nice job of explaining what goes on at a Highland Game. We even had a miniature caber toss, stone putting and sheaf tossing. On Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup>, our program will be on genealogy. This will not only help you to find out about your own family history, but will also help you to compile your family story with regard to how your family came to Indiana and its involvement in our Society. These stories are to be put together in book form. These stories involving those who have been involved in establishment and the continuing operation of the Society for 20 years will help to show the “character and substance” and what The Scottish Society of Indianapolis is all about.

It has been wonderful to see, how, we as Scots with our clan family histories, have brought this sense of family to the Society by being “mindful” of the needs of “our family members,” when needs and opportunities for business have arisen. This helps to attract busy people to our Society. Not only do we get to know each other and share a common heritage and “ways of doing things,” but we also share our contacts and business knowledge. By doing this we can all benefit and know that we are sharing our Scottish integrity and ethos. We all need as much help as we can get to prosper and grow.

Some of our goals are being met but there are others that have proven to be more of a challenge, like the adoption of an official Indiana State Tartan. We need to do more work and to have more people involved, and to get more information out to the Legislators. One suggestion would be to contact Churches that had their formation based on the Scottish Church, and we have quite a few in Indiana. A State Tartan would help show this heritage and also give all members a Tartan to wear without having to connect to a Clan. They could also show their Scottish Heritage by celebrating “Tartan Day” every April 6<sup>th</sup> which has been officially recognized by Act of Congress. Contacts and other ideas would be most welcome by Robert Pate and me, so get those suggestions coming.

**Show Your Pride—Wear The Tartan**

*Slainte, Gordon*



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## THE WATER HORSE

By Becky Dockery



There are many stories and folk tales, throughout Scotland, Ireland and the Isles, about a beautiful horse, usually

white in color that would lure people onto its back and then dive into a deep lake or swift running river, presumably drowning their victims. This supernatural horse was known as the Kelpie. In Orkney it was called the Nuggle, in the Shetland Isles it was called the Shoopiltee. In the folklore from the Isle of Man, the Glashtyn is a similar creature that likes to appear as a handsome young man with flashing eyes and dark curly hair. What marks him as *different* are his ears, for they are pointed like those of a horse. There are even tales of the Kelpie appearing in Scandinavian folklore, where it is known by the *Backahasten*, or brook horse.

A common theme in a lot of the stories is the Kelpie's fondness for taking human brides. A tale from Loch Grave, near Dingwall in the Highlands, tells us about a Kelpie whose human wife was unhappy. She was always cold and was tired of having to eat all of her food raw. Because the Kelpie was kind-hearted and loved his wife very much, he set about doing what he could to make her happy. Going to the shore, he changed into the shape of a land horse and trotted to the nearby village in search of a builder. The builder, not knowing that the handsome horse was really a Kelpie, jumped onto the back of the horse at which point the Kelpie let out a fierce neigh and galloped straight for the loch. The terrified builder could only hold on for dear life as the Kelpie plunged beneath the waves. Once they had reached the Kelpie's house, the builder was able to dismount and the Kelpie explained his problem to the builder.

The builder agreed to build a fireplace and chimney for the Kelpie's wife in exchange for being allowed to go back home and as compensation for the work, the Kelpie agreed to give the builder a basket full of fish whenever the builder had need of it. In the manner of all happy endings, the wife got a fine fireplace to keep her warm and a place to cook her food, the builder went home and received a basket of fish whenever he went to the shoreline and said "FISH" out loud, and the Kelpie was relieved of having to listen to his wife

complain about the cold. Locals claim that you can see where the Kelpie has his house. There is a spot in the loch that never ices over, even when the rest of the loch is covered in ice; this spot is where the Kelpie's chimney keeps the water too warm to ice over.

There are many more tales of the Kelpie, in his various forms and aliases, throughout Celtic and Scandinavian folklore. One naturalist and folklorist theorizes that everyone's favorite lake-monster, Nessie, may have been a kelpie in the old folktales and legends before the more modern reports and photographs showing a reptilian or dinosaur-like outline captured people's imagination. Regardless of any scientific proof, or disproof, of Nessie, kelpies or any other sea creature in Celtic legends, it is fun to listen to the stories and let the imagination wander.



### Border Reivers Trail Opens

From the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the reivers ("reive" means to steal) were the riding and raiding families on both sides of the English/Scots Border families have set up The Reiver Trail, a circular route taking in eight historic sites in Dumfries and Galloway and the Borders. Included on the trail are Hermitage Castle, known as "the Guardhouse to the bloodiest valley in Britain," a typical fortified tower house of the time, the Debatable Lands (did they belong to England or to Scotland?) and Kershopefoot, the river crossing where prisoners were exchanged. For more information, a detailed description of the trail and a free map, visit [www.thereivertrail.com](http://www.thereivertrail.com). (Scottish Life Spring 2007)

### Scot Wins the Indy 500

After the race being stopped twice by rain, Scotland's Dario Franchitti won this year's Indianapolis 500 race. Franchitti is the second Scot to win the 500, the first being Jim Clark in 1965.

Franchitti who was born in Bathgate, West Lothian, moved to Whitburn at the age of eight, is of Italian heritage. He began his racing career in karts by winning the Scottish Junior Championship in 1984, the British Junior Championships in 1985 and 1986 and the Scottish senior title in 1988 and then he progressed to [Formula Vauxhall Junior](http://www.formulavauxhall.com) where he won the championship with four victories in 1991. In addition to competing in the IRL he also competes in the American Le Mans Series.

Franchitti, whose hometown is Edinburgh, married American actress Ashley Judd at a ceremony held at Skibo Castle in 2001. They now reside near Franklin, Tennessee.

## The Last Stuart King



Henry Benedict Maria Clement Stuart, Cardinal Duke of York, the younger son of James Stuart and the last of the royal house of Stuart was born in Rome on March 6, 1725. Most people have heard of “Bonnie Prince Charlie”, but his younger brother is less well known. As

was traditional with the monarch’s second son, Henry was made Duke of York by his father, his title recognized only by the Jacobite adherents. When Charles died in 1788 Henry became known by Jacobites, and within his personal entourage, as Henry IX, although he publicly referred to himself as Cardinal Duke of York.

As a youth Henry was devout and religious and seemed intended for the church, his ecclesiastical career put aside for a while as he attempted to help his brother regain the British throne for the Stuarts. In 1745, when things were going well for the Stuart cause, Henry went to France with hopes of getting aid from the French king. Henry received a warm welcome and lukewarm support for the Stuart cause. Henry did, however, receive some financial help from the Pope and he left Paris on Christmas day with plans to sail from Dunkirk with men, artillery, and ships. Before he could leave, news of a change in the Stuart fortunes reached France and Louis XV withdrew his offer of French help. After Louis’s withdrawal of help and the loss of the Duc de Richelieu, who was to take command under Henry, Henry hung around Dunkirk until after Charlie’s return to France following his defeat at Culloden.

Seven months after Charlie’s return to France Henry left for Rome with the full approval of his father, but not of his brother, which created an animosity, which lasted for many years. At the age of 22 he was created cardinal deacon (Cardinal of York) by Pope Benedict XIV on July 3, 1747 and on September 1, 1748 he was ordained a priest. As a result of his family connections, Henry rose rapidly in the Church, becoming Archpriest of the Vatican Basilica, Archbishop of Corinth, Bishop of Frascati, Vice-Chancellor of the Roman Church and eventually Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals. He was believed to have been one of the wealthiest churchmen of the time with his annual income estimated at £ 30,000 sterling. It was Henry who repeatedly stepped in and helped to support Charlie, including his mistress Clementina

Walkinshaw and her daughter and later Charlie’s wife Princess Louis.

Upon the death of his brother Charles in 1788, Henry proclaimed himself King Henry IX of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, Cardinal, Bishop of Frascati. As a result of the French Revolution he lost his French benefices, used up much of his other resources to assist the Pope and had his Frascati property seized by the French. In the spring of 1799 he arrived in Venice, old, ill, and almost broke. When word of Henry’s condition reached Britain, George III, on the recommendation of Prince Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, ordered an annual pension of £4,000 to the last of the Royal Stuarts.

Henry died on July 13, 1807 at age 82 and is buried the *Grotte Vaticane* of St. Peter’s in an urn bearing the title of “Henry IX”. His father and his brother are also buried there. After Henry’s death some of the crown jewels of Scotland, removed by James II, were returned to the Prince Regent. Stories vary on exactly who was responsible and how this occurred.

Henry passed the Jacobite claim to the British crown to his friend and nearest blood relative, Charles Emmanuel IV of Savoy. Neither Charles Emmanuel nor any of his successors have ever publicly pursued the Jacobite claim to the throne, but they have never renounced it either.



## Commando Monument



At the Spean Bridge in the Western Highlands, where the main A82 crests the hill, you will find the dramatically imposing Commando Memorial.

Three gigantic bronze figures in battledress commemorate the many members of the elite Commando units which trained in the area during the war.

The 17 foot high memorial was designed by Scott Sutherland from Dundee College of Art in 1949, and unveiled by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother in 1952.

The Commando training centered on the Achnacarry estate, home of the Camerons of Lochail, though nearly all the big houses in Lochaber were taken over for the purpose. Many American, French, Belgian, Norwegian, Polish and Dutch troops were trained in the area, the Highland landscape lending itself perfectly to their rigorous training.



## 2007 SSI Calendar of Events

### July

12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>—Grandfather Mt. Highland Games—  
MacRae Meadows, Linville, NC. (828) 733-1333

11<sup>th</sup>—SSI Meeting: Program—Scottish Geneology.  
Meat provider—Davidson

### August

4<sup>th</sup>—Detroit Highland Games—Historic Greenmead  
Village, Livonia, MI. (248) 593-5064

8<sup>th</sup>—SSI Meeting. Program—Robert Pate: A Tasting  
of the Mist. Meat provider—Adams

25<sup>th</sup>—Kalamazoo Scottish Festival—Kalamazoo, MI

### September

8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>—Columbus Scottish Festival—Bartholomew  
County Fairgrounds, Columbus, IN. (800) 468-6564.

<http://www.scottishfestival.org>

12<sup>th</sup>—SSI Meeting: Cook out. Program—Children's  
Mock Clan Battle. Special Guests 78<sup>th</sup> Frazier  
Highlanders.

14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>—Indianapolis Irish Fest—Military Park,  
Indianapolis, IN

### October

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>—St. Louis Scottish Games--Forrest Park, St.Louis,  
MO

12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>—Feast of the Hunter's Moon—West Lafayette, IN

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>—Tennessee Highland Games—Middle Tennessee  
State University, Murfreesboro, TN

9<sup>th</sup>—SSI Meeting: Program—Becky Dockery: Scottish  
Witch Trials. Meat provider—Cornelius

19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>—Stone Mt. Highland Games—Atlanta, GA

### November

15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>—Indianapolis International Festival—Indiana  
State Fairgrounds, West Pavilion —Indianapolis, IN

10<sup>th</sup>—Founder's Dinner

### December

12<sup>th</sup>—SSI Meeting: Program—TBA Meat provider—  
Walker



### Celtic Cooking

#### Scotch Eggs

1 1/4 pound bulk sausage (turkey, Italian, pork, country style, or herbed)  
(some recipes mix parsley, grated onion, cinnamon and nutmeg in with the sausage; others put in sage,  
thyme, and cayenne to taste)

½-1 cup dried bread crumbs or cornmeal

1-2 lightly beaten eggs

4-6 well-chilled, shelled hard boiled eggs

Divide sausage into equal portions and make them into thin patties. Dry each egg (optional--then roll lightly  
in flour to coat). Mold sausage patty around hard boiled egg. Dip sausage-wrapped eggs into beaten eggs and  
roll in bread crumbs.

Heat about 2-3 inches of oil in large skillet. Fry eggs, turning frequently, until golden brown on all sides.  
Drain on paper towel.

Eggs may also be baked on cookie sheet in 350-375 degree oven until golden brown (time will vary,  
depending on temperature, but between 20-40 minutes.

Eggs may be eaten either hot or cold.

### Scottish Humor

In the middle of foggy night in the NW Atlantic.....two lights are heading directly for one another... and on the  
radio an American voice is heard saying "we suggest you alter course by 10 degrees". Back comes the reply "No!"  
Then the American voice says "this is the battleship USS Missouri leading the American Atlantic battle fleet, you  
had better alter course by 10 degrees." Back comes the reply "this is the Hebrides lighthouse, but it's your call,  
Jimmy"

**Meeting Schedule: July—September 2007**

<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
Date: Wed. July 11 Meat Dish: Davidson	Date: Wed. August 8 Meat Dish: Adams	Date: Wed. Sept. 12 Meat Dish: Cookout
Program: Tracing Your Scottish Roots	Program: Robert Pate: A Tasting of the Mist	Program: Mike Stevens: Weapons thru the Ages- Quarterstaff to Flintlock
Children: Making Tunics	Children: Staging Fight	Children: Fighting Presentation
A-E—Salad	A-E—Dessert	A-E—Veggie
F-N—Dessert	F-N—Veggie	F-N—Salad
O-Z—Veggie	O-Z—Salad	O-Z—Dessert
Social Hour 6:30 p.m.	All meetings take place at the Latvian Center 1008 West 64 <sup>th</sup> Street	For more information contact Gordon Inglis 317-849-7871 or any Board member.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.		
Program 8:00 p.m.		

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