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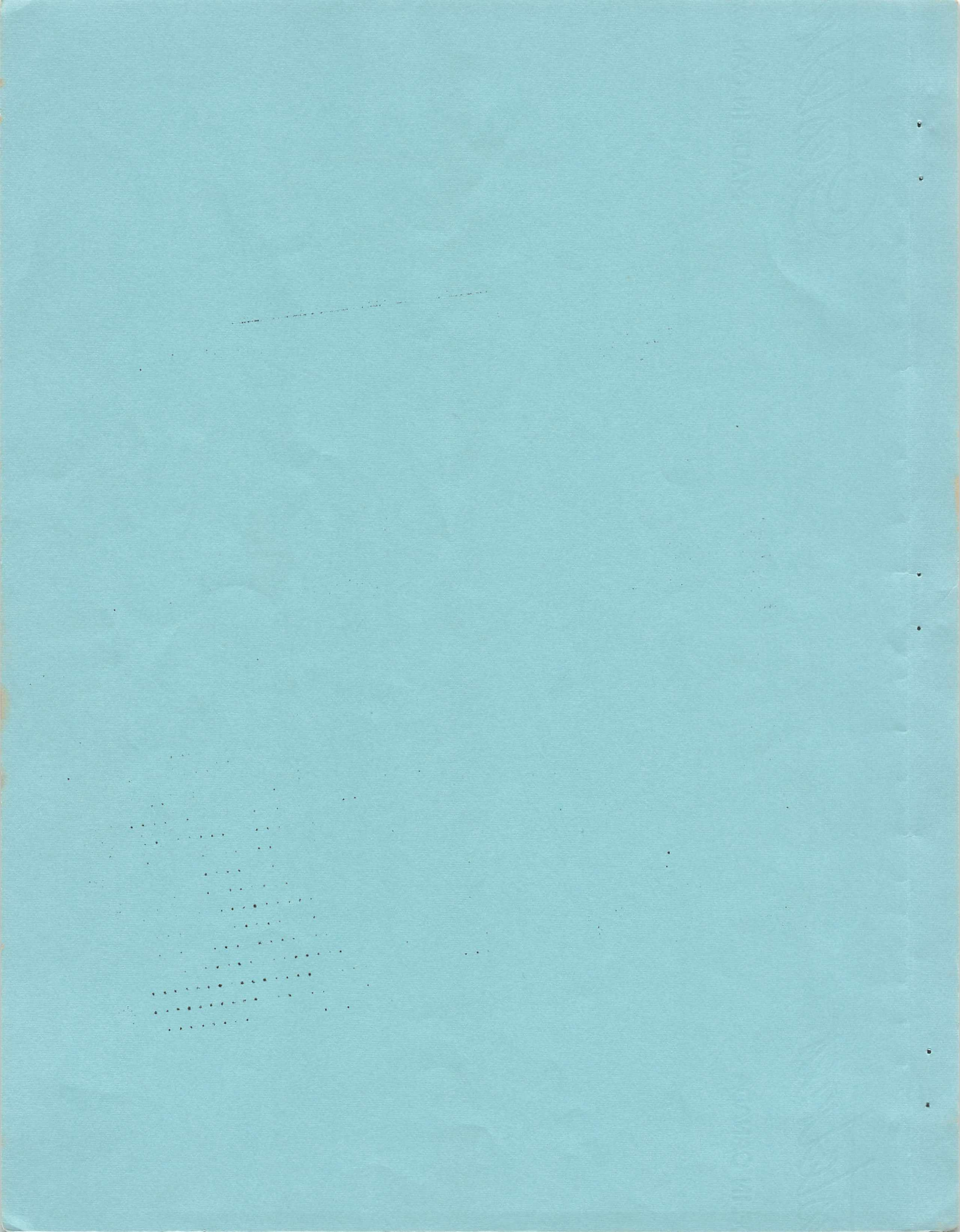
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 1969 Annual Meeting was held in the Seaforth Armoury, April 18th at 8:00 P.M. The following is the President's report:

"After having completed two years as President of the Association, I can look back on progression of some magnitude insofar as the purposes of our Association are concerned. I choose, however, first of all, to speak on the negative side of the ledger. I cannot really say we planned it that way, but we have lost money on every function we planned. It seems that socially we do very well but financially we have to absorb a loss at every turn.

From where does the membership support come? The present Board of Directors can almost call the attendance roll blindfolded at a monthly meeting. There are two main types of membership in our Association -- active and associate membership -- and strange as it may seem the greater amount of discussion, interest and criticism emanates from a greater number of associate members than active.

However, let there be a major issue in the offing and we can always rely on a large attendance of active members, who are strictly there to make sure their ideas are upheld.

Figuratively speaking, members, this Association is run by a Board of Directors who could if they so desired legislate any negative business, expenditures, or even appropriations they desired. They could out-vote any regular active member at any monthly meeting because their numbers would outweigh any opposition. Because they all turn out.

It is very gratifying to see the Newsletter in print again. Here is our communication link. Without it the Association suffered. My heart is in the success of the Association. Its history is that of achievement. Where in Canada or even North America is there an association as powerful as ours, both financially, and with as much recognition?

We must take inventory of our rules for membership, and devise some means of getting members out. This is a problem that has arisen in the past in other associations, and has been resolved by one means or another. Why not us?

I thoroughly commend my Board of Directors who were steadfast, attentive, interested, and productive throughout the year. My Vice-President, Bill Lamont, was a tower of strength all year. He is a man who at times was a thorn in my side, but at the same time he motivated my actions. I did not always agree with Bill, but somehow we always went away smiling. As I am not seeking re-election at this time, I would recommend Bill be given full consideration as our next President.

The backbone of any organization usually lies with its secretary. As in the past, so be it now, we have an excellent secretary. Ishabel has been a right arm to the Board. She carefully plans

ahead agendas for a Board or general meeting, bi-monthly competition, or any social function we may be planning. She has spent endless hours perusing the Minutes of past meetings, and is now virtually a walking filing cabinet of information. She is gracious, obliging, willing, and I could use many more adjectives to describe her. To her, I offer my heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

My thanks go out also to Bill Elder and Bob Gunn, for their sincere efforts on the Board. I single them out as I like to think of them as the coming generation of the Association. They are an asset to us, and I hope they will continue their efforts.

Thanks go out to Rod MacRae as our delegate to the International Highland Games Association. He has given freely of his time in this respect to which we are truly grateful.

To the remaining members of the Board, my thanks for their good attendance and dedication to duty.

This was a fairly active year in the annals of our organization. Listing them chronologically:

Bi-monthly competitions:

Our Bi-monthly competitions have been very successful this past year. The entries have been good and I do believe our last Bi-monthly in March saw the largest attendance in quite some time, of a non-participating audience. This was noted especially when our wee coffee pot was nae big enough to accommodate everybody. We are hoping to be able to go even further with refreshments in the future.

The visit of Lieut. John McLellan and his week-long school, which took place in July, 1968, was well attended. I feel a great deal of knowledge was gained by all those attending and efforts are now underway for a return session this year. I feel his recital could be built up into a very successful evening providing members attend.

The Bi-monthly ceillidh was a good evening again for those who attended. There was a better turnout of prize winners this year, although again several of the key winners were absent. This does deter from the evening somewhat. Perhaps more insistence is required to make it a full success.

The annual dinner and ceillidh in February of this year was one of the most successful that I have ever attended. I wonder if the membership realized that every member of the Board at one time or another was part of the entertainment. Again socially, a great success, financially a loss.

The Indoor Meet:

This year's meet was visited by our usual enemy -- time. The entries were very good, especially the Open Piobaireachd, which has suffered in recent years. More on entries later.

The magnificent co-operation afforded us by Lt. Col. Doug Anderson of the Seaforth Highlanders, made our competition a lot easier to

handle. The janitorial staff were more than co-operative in every respect, the behind-the-scenes work that goes into a competition of this sort may not be appreciated by some; however, it is a major factor.

Placing the platform at the south end of the Armory rather than in the centre certainly made the acoustics better. If the announcements could come out clearer there would be no problem.

The Vancouver Ladies' Pipe Band are to be congratulated for their efforts in the concession. They did a fine job.

Highlight of Saturday evening was the arrival of Lieut. Governor The Honorable John Nicholson, who certainly indicated to everyone that he felt right at home. He also picked the winner of the Strathspey & Reel competition, and went out of his way to congratulate Norma (Nicholson) Thompson. Perhaps Norma's maiden name helped him in his adjudication.

My congratulations go out to all trophy winners, and to all other competitors -- better luck next time.

Alex McNeill -- the judge of the Indoor Meet -- was very impressed with the standard of piping, his reception while here, and indicated his willingness to return if we so desired. Congratulations for a fine job were extended by all who talked with him.

The Board of Directors were very active in the business of the Association. Achievements after special sessions, special committees, endless hours were:

1. A new suggested list of judges which was classified into two categories.
2. A complete review of the constitution and By-laws of the Association which will be presented this evening.
3. A complete review of the Rules and Regulations governing piping and pipe band competitions.
4. The revival of the B.C. Pipers' Newsletter, under Editors Bill Elder and Bob Gunn.
5. The formation of a Judges' School, a sorely needed item, under the direction of P.M. Archie Cairns, which above all, is proving most successful.

My recommendations are:

1. That this Association continue with renewed effort to purchase its own premises.
2. That in the case of Bi-monthly competition, an annual entry fee be instituted to take care of expenses which in our Treasurer's report, will show great magnitude. This cause can also be helped by charging an admission at the Bi-monthly competitions.

3. That minimums and maximums be set for entries in the Indoor Meet, particularly in the novice class. Some form of qualification should be set for novices using the Bi-monthly as a guage.

Finally, it has been a privilege and a very great honor to have been President of this great Association. I have realized many proud moments in this office and hope that I may have served a meaningful purpose during my tenure.

Thank you."

Albert J. Duncan
President

Following the Treasurer's and Trustee's Reports the election of President and Vice President was conducted. Mr. William Lamont is our new President and Mr. William Elder our new Vice President.

The Directors elected to office for the coming year are alphabetically:

Bob Gunn	Neil Stubberfield
John McHardy	Norma Thompson
Rod MacRae	Bruce Topp
Rod MacVicar	Alex Young
Seb Nellies	

The new Board of Directors made the following appointments:

Secretary	- Ishabel Ross
Treasurer	- Bob Gunn
Association Pipe Major	- Bill Elder

In comparison to other years the attendance at the Annual Meeting was fairly good. However, 34 members is still far from being satisfactory considering our total membership is 250.

WESTERN PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the newly established Pipe Band Association will be held April 27, 1969, 7:00 P.M. at the Royal Canadian Legion 83 in South Burnaby. This is a most important meeting as the election of officers will take place. All those interested in Pipe Band activity are encouraged to attend. For further information contact Mr. Fred Brodie, 522-2151.

LEGION HIGHLAND GATHERING

The Legion Highland Gathering will take place June 28, 1969 in Haney, B.C. The gathering will include:

Piping	Tug-o-War
Dancing	Caber Toss
Pipe Bands	

The competitor entry fee is 50¢ and is RESTRICTED TO LEGION MEMBERS. For further information contact Mr. T. Binnie - He. 3-7209.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

According to our records there are over 100 members who have neglected to pay their dues. Yes, ONE HUNDRED!! While many of these people are just in arrears for 1969, there are a large number (over half) who are two, three and even four years in arrears. We still consider these latter people to be members of the Association and continue to send their Newsletters and other Association Bulletins. However, as of May 15, 1969, those people more than one year in arrears will no longer be considered members in good standing and will be stricken from our mailing list.

We would prefer of course, that those we speak of, will decide to remain members of the B.C. Pipers' Association and will drop their membership dues in the mail today.

Robert Gunn
Treasurer

VANCOUVER NIGHT AT V.I.P. CLUB

On the 29th of March the Vancouver Island Piping Club held their "Vancouver Night" in the Bay Street Armoury, Victoria, B. C.

A group of Vancouver Island pipers opened the evening with a selection of tunes. The pipers included Jamie Troy, Harry Mumford, Lilian Davis, Frank Knight, Harold Senyk, Byron Bernard, Doug Gentles and two pipers from Tacoma, Jack Bryce and Spike Odlen.

A program arranged by the B. C. Pipers' Association followed:

"Pupil of the Month" - Terry Lee
"About the Teacher" - John McHardy speaking of Jim MacMillan
"Theme of the Evening" - Pipe Major Ed Esson
"Theme Piper" - Bill Elder
"Evening Piper" - Ruairidh Macdonald
"About the Piobaireachd - MacCrimmon's Sweetheart" - Norma Thompson
"Piobaireachd" - Albert Duncan

A ceillidh followed with tunes by Lilian Davis, Heather Zinc, Byron Bernard, Ed. Esson, Harry Mumford, Ruairidh Macdonald, Harold Senyk, Spike Odlin, Norma Thompson, Frank Knight and Jamie Troy. We were all especially pleased to hear, as the highlight of the evening, a selection of tunes by Pipe Major Archie Cairns.

The evening was a great success and all concerned are congratulated. It is hoped we can look forward to more evenings of this nature.

Remember the Bi-monthly competition coming up - May 23, 1969:

Novice Strathspey & Reel

Junior Marches

BI-MONTHLY COMPETITION

The March Bi-monthly competition was held on March 14, 1969 at the Seaforth Armoury. Approximately 50 spectators enjoyed the Juvenile Strathspeys and Reels and Amateur Marches.

The results were as follows:

Juvenile Strathspeys and Reels

1. Angus MacPherson
2. Susan Purdy
3. Linda Freshwater
4. Mitchell Bain

Department - Terry Lee

Amateur Marches

1. Sandy Marshall
2. Bill Russell
3. Bill MacAulay

Department - Bill Russell

Congratulations to all winners.

NEW MEMBERS

During the last few months the membership of the Association has increased by seven. The Editors of the Newsletter, on behalf of the membership, welcome the following piping enthusiasts to the Association:

1. Heather Abel - Vancouver, B.C.
2. Michael Evans - New Westminster, B.C.
3. John W. McKay - Sitka, Alaska
4. Ruairidh Macdonald - Coquitlam, B.C.
5. Richard B. Swanson - Vancouver, B.C.
6. Rose Swanson - Vancouver, B.C.
7. Bruce Topp - Vancouver, B.C.

See you at the next meeting.

ANNUAL GATHERING

April 11 and 12, 1969 were the dates of the B.C. Pipers' Association's 37th Annual Gathering. Once again the number of entries was very satisfying and the caliber of piping was excellent. Piping judge for this competition was Mr. Alex McNeill, St. Laurent, Quebec.

Exactly 500 people attended the Gathering. This attendance was comparable to last year's gathering when we saw 508 in our audience.

The following winners were chosen:

Novice Marches

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Ian Keith | |
| 2. Allan MacDougall | Glasgow and District Association |
| 3. Elouise Roane | Trophy - Ian Keith |
| 4. Cindy Chambers | |

Junior

Piobaireachd

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Jocelyn Lange | Gordon Sinclair Memorial Trophy |
| 2. Drew Noot & Joe Shearer | Jocelyn Lange |

Marches

Strathspeys & Reel

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Drew Noot | 1. Byron Bernard |
| 2. Glen Palmer | 2. Glen Palmer |
| 3. Byron Bernard | 3. Tim Noot |
| 4. Janice Taylor | 4. Margaret Swanson |

Roderick F. MacRae Trophy - Drew Noot

Juvenile

Marches

Strathspey & Reel

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Terry Lee | 1. Hazel Ramsay |
| 2. Hazel Ramsay | 2. Terry Lee |
| 3. Angus MacPherson | 3. Malcolm McCaig |
| 4. Jack Lee | 4. Jack Lee |

K. Nicholson Willis Trophy - Hazel Ramsay & Terry Lee

Senior Amateur

Old Highland Airs

1. Robert Gunn

Amateur

Piobaireachd

1. Donald MacMillan
2. Bernie Rudsit
3. Colin Abel
4. Bill Russell

Cabarfeidh Trophy -
Donald MacMillan

Marches

1. Heather Upton
2. Sherea Barwell
3. Bill Russell
4. Heather Abel

Strathspey & Reel

1. Heather Upton
2. Bill Russell
3. Donald MacMillan
4. Sherea Barwell

Nicholson Trophy - Heather Upton

Dancing - Highland Fling Under 13

1. Cheryl Rafter
2. Debbie Fraser
3. Debbie MacDonald

Pipers Over 60 - No Competitors

Professional

Piobaireachd

1. Bruce Topp
2. Norma Thompson
3. John A. MacLeod & Harold Senyk

MacCrimmon Memorial Trophy
- Bruce Topp

Marches

1. Jamie Troy
2. Norma Thompson
3. Dennis Harvey

Strathspey & Reel

1. Norma Thompson
2. Dennis Harvey
3. Therese MacInnes

Wm. Campbell Memorial Trophy - Norma Thompson

Jig

1. Dave Wilson
2. Dennis Harvey
3. Donald MacInnes

Lawrie Trophy
- Dave Wilson

Junior Quartettes

Seaforth Cadets
Seattle Boys Band

Senior Quartettes

Vancouver Ladies
Canadian Scottish

Mrs. Walter Douglas Trophy
- Seaforth Cadets

Walter Douglas Trophy
- Vancouver Ladies

Miniature Pipe Bands

Vancouver Ladies
Vancouver Ladies

City of Port Moody Pipe Band Trophy - Vancouver Ladies

Tait's Jewellers Trophy (Drumming) - Vancouver Ladies

MacIver Memorial Trophy - Highest Aggregate Points - Norma Thompson

COEUR D'ALENE HIGHLAND GAMES

The Coeur d'Alene Highland Games and Tattoo for 1969 will be held July 26, 1969. It will be in the Muncipal Park commencing at 8:30 A.M.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGES

IN PRIZE MONEY FOR THE OPEN EVENTS

- Prizes - Open Piobaireachd -
1st - \$100.00 and Malcolm M. Ferguson Trophy
2nd - \$ 50.00
3rd - \$ 25.00
- Open March, Strathspey & Reel -
1st - \$100.00
2nd - \$ 50.00
3rd - \$ 25.00

Amateur Piobaireachd winner will receive the Lt. Col. John McEwing Silver Trophy. This trophy is won outright each year.

Band Competition and Drum Major Competition will be held in the evening.

- Prizes - Class I -
1st - \$150.00
2nd - \$100.00
3rd - \$ 75.00
- Class II -
1st - \$100.00
2nd - \$ 75.00
3rd - \$ 50.00

Drum Major Competition Winner - \$25.00
All Bands will receive appearance money of \$25.00.

Lt. John McLellan from Edinburgh Castle will be the sole adjudicator for the day and will assign the bands to their respective class categories. Note: The system of band classification has no relationship to the "Grade System" used at most summer games.

THE ALEX LOBBAN TROPHY

The Alex Lobban Trophy for Junior Aggregate Piping was retired at the 37th Annual Gathering. Replacing it is the Roderick F. MacRae Trophy, donated by Mr. MacRae, a member of the Board of Directors of the B. C. Pipers' Association.

It was decided to present the Alex Lobban Trophy at this year's Gathering to Mr. and Mrs. Michael MacInnes of Burnaby, B. C. The names of all of their five children are engraved on this trophy. Mr. and Mrs. MacInnes are both from Scotland. Mr. MacInnes comes from Erishy and Mrs. MacInnes from Lesmahagow. When Mrs. MacInnes was a young girl in Scotland she won several medals for Highland Dancing at Cowal Games.

Their five children are: Duncan, now married with two children, and a member of the Vancouver Police Force and a piper with the Vancouver Police Pipe Band; Donald, who also pipes with his brother in the Vancouver Police Pipe Band, and a champion highland dancer; Rae Marie Macaulay, Pipe Major of the Vancouver Ladies Pipe Band; Therese, a second year student at Simon Fraser University, is also a member of the Vancouver Ladies; and, Heather, a stenographer and member of the Vancouver Ladies.

The MacInnes family are still competing and winning trophies but this is the only trophy with all five names inscribed.

It is indeed fitting that this trophy be presented to the MacInnes family. We wish them continued success.

SAD NOTE ON ANNUAL GATHERING

On Saturday night April 12 at the B. C. Pipers' Annual Gathering at approximately 10:00 P.M. a set of bagpipes was placed on the table by the rear entrance to the Seaforth Armoury. They were not there when the owner returned for them. The pipes were full ivory mounted with gold tassels, Hardy chanter with silver sole and purple bag cover.

Anyone knowing of the whereabouts of this instrument please contact:

Mr. George Allan
1824 Stephens Street
Vancouver 8, B. C.

or

Newsletter Editor
987 - 3592

Hopefully these pipes have been taken by mistake and they will be returned as soon as possible. I am sure most of our active members can appreciate this loss and we would hate to think we must be apprehensive when leaving our pipes unattended for fear of their disappearance.

WANTED:

One set of bagpipes - in good condition - in trade for 180 base
accordian valued at \$150.00.

Please contact: Mrs. Charles Irvine
522 - 3389

ARCHIE CAIRNS' JUDGING CLASS

For as many years as there has been a B. C. Pipers' Association
and I'm sure for as many years as there have been piping
competitions, there has been much discussion about judges and their
qualifications.

A recent step was taken by the B. C. Pipers' Association by
acquiring the services of Pipe Major Archie Cairns of Victoria.
Pipe Major Cairns has been conducting a series of lectures and
discussions on piping and pipe music. A committee of the B. C.
Pipers' Association selected approximately 25 judges and future
judges to attend these classes with the hope of improving and
standardizing judging on the Pacific Coast. These lectures are
being well received by all attending.

THE SPOKANE CENTER FOR BAGPIPE STUDIES

The Spokane Center for Bagpipe Studies will be held at the
Junior College, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho from July 14th, 1969 through
to July 25th, 1969 under the directorship of Pipe Major Lieut. John
MacLellan, Edinburgh Castle.

Arrangements have been made to have college dormitories
available at a cost of \$11.00 per week, per student. Two students
per room. Food is available at several excellent nearby restaurants.

Contact Lieut. MacLellan, 16 Ramsay Gardens, Edinburgh, or Lieut.
Col. John McEwing, W. 3309 Dalke Avenue, Spokane, Washington for
further details and enrollment information. The Highland Games and
Tattoo held at Coeur d'Alene will be held the day following the
school closing.

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL

Have YOU any information that our readers might find interesting?

Why not some letters to the editor?

NEW WESTMINSTER MAY DAY FESTIVAL

A Pipe Band Competition will be held during the May Day Festival May 11th, 1969 in the Queen's Park Stadium, New Westminster, B. C.

THIS IS A CLASS "C" COMPETITION ONLY. The bands are to play a March, Strathspey and Reel.

Prizes for this event will be:

1st - \$100.00
2nd - \$ 50.00
3rd - \$ 25.00

For further information contact:

Mr. Donald Ross
834 Burnaby Street
New Westminster, B. C.
526 - 7905

The Word Is QUALIFICATIONS

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