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The Editor:

The Vancouver Police Pipe Band is holding a "RABBIE BURN'S DINNER" at St. Mary's Auditorium, 5251 Joyce Road, Vancouver, B.C. on January 28th, 1972 at 7:00 P.M.

This year the members of the Band decided to extend an invitation to pipers and members of the B.C. Pipers' Association. The band hopes that members of the Association will make an effort to attend.

ADMISSION PRICE: \$10.00 per couple.

BAR OPENS: at 7:00 p.m. DINNER at 8:00 p.m. DANCING - 9 p.m.

BAR PRICES: (including all drinks) 5 for \$2.00

RESERVATIONS: Must be made by the 16th of January, 1972.

Contact - John Gray, 2523 E. 2nd, Vancouver
- 254-5664

or

D.J. MacInnes, 6611 Lakeview, Burnaby
- 434-4616

Hoping to see a group from the Association, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

D.J. MacInnes
Band Secretary

P.S. Reserve a table for your group at one of the above numbers. I will have tickets for the "DINNER" at the January "KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION".

SUMMER GAMES SCHEDULE

Some of the dates for the Summer Games, 1972 have been determined.

Nanaimo - July 8, 1972
Portland - July 15, 1972
Seattle - July 22, 1972
Coeur d'Alene - July 29, 1972

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The Knock-Out Competition and General Meeting was held December 3rd at the Steelhall on East Broadway. Unfortunately Bruce Topp was not able to attend and compete against David Wilson but Dave nevertheless gave a fine performance and will compete against John A. MacLeod in April.

The Amateur competition between Terry Lee, Angus MacPherson and Jack Lee proved most interesting since each of the three judges awarded the first prize to a different piper. The judges had to use a point system to break the tie and give the award to Angus MacPherson.

The night was most successful and ended with impromptu piping and a general sing song.

The judges for the evening were Ruairidh Macdonald and Bill Lamont and Bill Elder.

The Next Meeting is the Annual General Meeting on JANUARY 21, 1972. Therese McErlean competes against Albert Duncan and Allan MacDougal competes against Allan Skalazub.

Please note the date and time of the next meeting

January 21, 1972 at 8:00 P.M.

BI-MONTHLY COMPETITION

The December Bi-Monthly competition was held on the 17th of the month at the Seaforth Armoury and the following pipers were awarded prizes.

Juvenile Strathspey and Reel

- 1st - Laurie Robson
- 2nd - Blake Keen
- 3rd - Gail Dawson
- 4th - Philip Gordon

Amatuer Jigs

- 1st - Allan MacDougal
- 2nd - Cindy Chambers
- 3rd - Judy Taylor

The judge for the evening was Bruce Topp. The next Bi-Monthly is January 14, 1972. The Novice (Section 2) Old Highland Airs and the Junior Strathspey and Reel will take place.

WANTED

One set of Henderson drones - silver and ivory mounted.
Anyone wishing to sell such a set of drones please contact:

John McEwing
W. 3309 Dalke Avenue
SPOKANE, Washington, 99208

SCOTTISH WORLD FESTIVAL, TORONTO, AUGUST 17-20, 1972

With nine months to go we are rapidly heading into the home stretch! Enquiries continue to pour in from all over from pipe bands, dancers and clan societies. All this interest shown from so many people and places has convinced us we are riding a real winner. Be sure you and your group do not miss out!

We were honoured to have two important visitors from Scotland during the 1971 Canadian National Exhibition. They were Robert Nichol, Secretary-Treasurer of the Scottish Pipe Band Association and Pipe Major John Weatherston, a member of the S.P.B.A. executive and Pipe Major of the world famous Red Hackle Band.

Our guests saw the grandstand area where the activities will be focussed under the same conditions that will exist next year. They were impressed with the facilities available. Bob and John also visited York University and toured the accommodations area proposed for our feature bands from the United Kingdom and other visiting bands looking for economical living quarters during their stay in Toronto. They were both very much impressed with the bright, modern and clean bedrooms, the huge dining areas, shopping facilities and recreational areas that will be provided at York University. The huge campus space also allows for convenient practice areas.

During their stay our guests met with the executives of the Pipers and Pipe Band Society of Ontario as well as prominent Pipe Majors in Toronto and returned home more than satisfied that all is well with the Scottish Festival.

For those of you who may not have seen our last newsletter and are connected with a pipe band, here is a detailed repeat on the accommodations at York University:

"We have blocked 1,350 beds in residence buildings on two of Toronto's York University campuses. All of this accommodation is in the form of single and twin bedded rooms without private bath. More than half of these rooms are located in air conditioned buildings. There is no maid service available. We think you will like the price which is \$5.75 Canadian and which includes breakfast. Those wishing lunch and/or dinner can be provided for at the rate of \$1.50 Canadian for lunch and \$2.00 for dinner."

As promised in the last newsletter, we are enclosing entry forms for the piping and drum major competitions in all copies of this edition addressed to pipe bands. We hope you will action them as soon as possible to allow our executive time to commence more firm planning in these areas.

Entries for the dancing competitions will be mailed separately in the very near future. Full details on the dancing competitions will be contained in our next newsletter.

If you, your group or organization are interested in participating or visiting Toronto to enjoy the spectacle, and want more information, do not hesitate to write to us care of the Music Department, The Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto 2B, Ontario.

If you are interested in securing information on hotel, motel accommodation, or information on our exciting city, write now to the Convention and Tourist Bureau of Metropolitan Toronto, 112 King Street West, Toronto 1, Ontario, or telephone (416) 363-5154.

Planning continued afoot on the exciting grandstand tattoo planned for each evening during the festival.

The planned participation by our pipe band friends from Auckland, New Zealand becomes more firm daily. We are really looking forward to having them with us and are really rootin' for their success! Enquiries have been received from pipe bands in Sweden and Brittany, France. The "World" aspect of the festival is becoming more so daily.

That is it for the moment, Happy dancing, piping and drumming.

J. Frank Duggan
Public and Government Relations

BURNS DINNER

The Vancouver Ladies Pipe Band will be holding their 21st Annual Burns Supper and Dance at St. Marys Hall, 5251 Joyce Road (Rear - 2 blocks north of Kingsway) on January 29th, 1972.

Cocktails will be served from 5:30 to 6:30.
Dinner at 6:30.

Dancing from 9:00 to midnight.

Tickets will not be available at the door but may be obtained by telephoning -

298-3417
435-0702
433-2074

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 21st is closer than you think! This is the date of our Annual General Meeting at the Steelworkers Hall, 33 East Broadway at 8:00 p.m. Last year we enjoyed many nights of fine piping and excellent competition. This keen competition will continue with January's Knock Out being held immediately after the meeting.

At our Annual General Meeting we will be holding elections for president, vice president and board of directors. I am certain that some of you have considered letting your name stand for election but for one reason or another you have done nothing more than consider it and then put the idea aside. If you would be prepared to put a little time and enjoyable effort into your Association I urge you to run for the board of directors. A few of our members have devoted many years of hard work to the Association and it is time that some of our younger members helped to shoulder the load. Nothing would please me more, or help the Association more than to see 20 or 25 members letting their name stand for election.

Remember to attend the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on JANUARY 21st, 1972, Steelworkers Hall at 8:00 p.m.

This is YOUR Association. It has been active for you, now it is time YOU became ACTIVE for it.

William Elder,
President

"Nothing like a good bowl"

