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RESULTS OF THE DEC. 2nd KNOCKOUT & TRIO COMPETITION

After a short General Meeting, and a suitable time had elapsed to enable those who so wished to visit the bar and sample the wares of our genial barman, Jim MacDonald. This was followed by the trio from Abbotsford, with Haney emerging as the winner, and picking up the prize of \$60.00. I for one was quite surprised at the obvious ease with which Haney took first. Not that it wasn't well deserved but I did expect Abbotsford to give them a harder time of it, having heard both these bands in competition during the summer.

Next came the Knockout, with Ian Whitelaw playing against Gordon MacDonald. Ian, as was expected, played a very fine selection and received a warm and appreciative round of applause at the finish.

Gordon also played some very entertaining tunes but had the misfortune in having a piece of hemp work its way in behind the clack on the blowstick, completely demoralizing him. He finally gave up at around the 8 minute mark, he also was accorded a fine round of applause for the fine piping provided. So Ian Whitelaw took a well deserved first, into the next round.

The second competition had Harold Senyk drawn against Davie Wilson, and unfortunately Davie was unable to attend due to work schedules. Therefore Harold played on his own, and a very fine selection it was, played on what I thought was the most melodic pipe of the night...

So Harold goes on to compete in one of the future rounds.

The competition was followed by the usual impromptu piping with a notable contribution from Jack Lee, a very good evening of piping indeed, which I hope the members enjoyed as much as I did.

The Judges for the night were Catherine McLellan, Alex Reid, Harold Senyk (on the trios only) and Ian MacDougal (on the Individual Knockout only). Our thanks again to these judges who as usual did a first class job.

Editor

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Trio Competition and Knockout, January 6th 1978.

The first competition of 1978 will be held in the Scottish Auditorium 12th and Fir. The General Meeting will begin at 8 P.M. followed by the trio competition starting around 8:45, then after a short interval we will begin the Professional Knockout.

One of the Trio's for January are Richmond Pipe Band, but up until the day of writing we are still waiting for confirmation from one of three possibles to round out the contest, so heres hoping.

The Professional competition is comprised of Jack Lee vs James Troy, Allan McLeod vs Angus McPherson, and Jill Laurie vs John McLeod. Jack Lee and Jamie Troy were originally scheduled for October but was postponed due to the Ferry strike, so we should have an excellent night of Piping in the professional contest.

Historic, biographic  
and  
Legendary Notes To The Tunes  
by  
"Fionn"

The Earl of Seaforth's Salute (1715)  
Fàilte Uilleim Dhuibh Mhic Coinnich

This "Uilleam Dubh," or Black William, was the fifth Earl of Seaforth. He lived in a most critical time in the history of the Highlands. He was present with his Clan at Sheriffmuir, and after that battle he followed James III. (The Pretender) into exile. His estates were forfeited, although it was found extremely difficult to carry the forfeiture into effect. For several years after the estates were forfeited the rents were collected by the Earl's faithful henchman at Sheriffmuir, Donald Murchison, and conveyed to his exiled master in Spain. There is a story told of a faithful Kintail man, who, when he found the Earl of Seaforth casting peats in Spain, expressed his astonishment in what has since become a proverb, by exclaiming, "Bha latha eile aig muinntir na mòna," the peat-cutters have seen better days. The Earl was equal to the occasion, and promptly replied, "Cha'n'eil neach gun dà latha ach fear gun lath' idir," there is none without a change of days but he who has no day. Here are some of the words associated with this Salute:--

Slàn gu'm pill fear a' chinn-duibh,  
Slàn gu'n till fear a' chinn-duibh,  
Slàn gu'm pill fear a' chinn duibh,  
Slàn gu'n till Uilleachan.

Slàn gu'n tig, slàn gu'n ruig,  
Slàn gu'n tig Uilleachan,  
'S toigh leam fhéin fear a' chinn-duibh  
'S toigh leam fhéin Uilleachan.

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News Flash U. P.

Congratulations are in order for Catherine and Ruairidh MacDonald on the birth of their son Niall William, Born November 28th, 1977. "All three are doing well." Many of our members will remember the many good times of piping and good company that was shared by Catherine and Ruairidh before they decided to <sup>CO</sup>back and make their home in Scotland.

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SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

At this time of the year I would like to express my thanks to everyone who contributed articles and information to the B. C. Pipers Newsletter, believe me they were more than Welcome. I trust I will hear from these same sources in the coming year All the best in 1978,

Yours Sincerely,  
A. Young  
Editor

NOTICE FOR THE NEXT AMATEUR MINI COMPETITION

This competition will be held at the usual place, the Scottish Auditorium, 12th and Fir, at 10:30 a.m. January 7th.

The format will be as follows: Chanter competition for beginners who have never competed with pipes before. Chanter tune to be played will be a slow air.

Novice- Strathspey & Reel, 2 parts each  
 Juvenile- Jig  
 Junior- March Strathspey & Reel as a Set.  
 Senior Amateur- Piobaireachd.

If any of our members, or friends can spare the time to attend the competition, I guarantee they will be pleasantly surprised at the quality and earnestness of these young pipers.

NOTICE

There will also be a chanter class at the February 4th competition.

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WEST COAST INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

I spent a very enjoyable day, Saturday 10th December at the Triumph St. indoor Pipe Band championships held at the Scottish Auditorium. The Competition was well run, the acoustics were as good as you'll find anywhere to accommodate a miniature Band. There was a cosy atmosphere, a bar service was provided, also coffee, tea and all kinds of eats were available, what more could anyone ask for.

Here are the following results of the Western Band Championships.

<u>Novice Drumming</u>	<u>Grade 3 Miniature Bands</u>
1st. Ian Pitcairn White Spot P/B	1st. Haney <b>LEGION</b> 2nd. Prince George " 3rd. Port Coquitlam "
<u>Amateur Drumming</u>	<u>Grade 2 Miniature Bands</u>
1st. Maureen Murphy Van. Ladies P/B	1st. Richmond 2nd. Washington 3rd. Seaforth Highlanders
<u>Senior Amat. Drumming</u>	<u>Grade 1 Miniature Bands</u>
1st. Bonnie McKendrick Portland Ladies P/B	1st. Triumph St. 2nd. City of Victoria
<u>Professional Drumming</u>	<u>Best Drum Corps</u>
1st. John Fisher 2nd. Trevor Ferrier 3rd. David Watling	1st. City of Victoria
<u>Junior Trios</u>	<u>Best Bass Drum</u>
1st. Richmond P/B	1st. Triumph St. "Bob Corman"
<u>Senior Trios</u>	<u>Open Miniature Bands</u> <b>6/8 SLOW MCH.</b>
1st. Triumph St. 2nd. City of Victoria 3rd. Richmond	1st. City of Victoria <b>2<sup>ND</sup> TRIUMPH ST.</b>
<u>Novice Juv. Miniature Bands</u>	<u>Best Tenor Drumming</u>
1st. Vancouver Ladies	1st. Triumph St. "Jeff Crowder"
	<u>Marching and Deportment</u>
	1st. City of Victoria

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Jan. 6th--General Meeting and Knockout 8 p.m. Scottish Auditorium Ballroom.

Jan 7th--Amateur Bi-monthly competition 10:30 a.m. Scottish Auditorium upstairs.

Feb. 3rd--Annual General Meeting and election of Officers. Also Knockout and Trio Competition 7:30 p.m. in Ballroom of Scottish Auditorium.

Feb 4th--Final of the Amateur Bi Monthly Competition for this season and presentation of awards, 10:30 Scottish Auditorium upstairs.

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March 3rd--General Meeting, also Professional Knockout, also Trio Competition.

March 24th and 25th-- B. C. Pipers Assoc. Annual Gathering, 9:00 a.m. starting both days at Simon Fraser University Burnaby.

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Piping Recital by John D. Burgess, on or around the 31st March.  
Time and Place will be announced soon.

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April 7th-General Meeting, semi-final of the Professional knockout  
also trio competition

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May 13th-Annual Dinner and Dance also the Finals of the Professional  
Knockout Competition.

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Contact Pipe Major Bill Kennedy 2593 Passage Drive V3H 3H3  
Port Moody Phone No. 461-3057.

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How many of our readers saw the programme about the Scottish  
Heritage in Canada which was shown 3 or 4 weeks ago on T.V.  
In one of the scenes a group of young pipers from the Black  
Watch were sitting around a table playing a slow air on the  
practice chanter. That tune was "Brentwood Bay" which was  
composed by Jimmie Watt one of our local pipers. Jimmie tells  
me he wrote the tune several years ago, 1950 to be exact, and  
it was adopted by the Black Watch Reg. as one of their official  
tunes, namely the Regimental Inspection.

Edit.

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A guid New Year;  
tae ane and "a",  
And mony may ye hae,  
and during "a" the years tae come,  
● happy may ye be.

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An inebriated chap was brought before  
the local judge. "You are charged with  
habitual drunkenness," the magistrate  
said solemnly. "Have you anything to  
say in your defence?"

Came the reply: "Habitual thirst."

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"I just can't find a cause for your illness,"  
the doctor said. "Frankly, I think it's due  
to drinking."

"In that case," replied the patient,  
"I'll come back when you're sober."

"A true music lover  
can be defined as a  
man who puts his  
ear to the keyhole  
when he hears a girl  
singing in the tub."





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