

NEWS FROM THE SPOKANE PIOBAIREACHD SOCIETY

The successful 1982 Summer School for Piping at North Idaho College, Coeur d'Alene, July 5-16 (our 12th summer school) drew 62 students with a large contingent from Prince George. The chief instructor serving his third year was Pipe Major Evan MacRae of Fort William, Scotland. P/M MacRae's influential style of instruction is one of the major factors behind the continuing growth of the program. His piping sojourn at Coeur d'Alene did him well as, upon returning to Scotland he captured the Dunvegan Medal at Portree and the prestigious Gold Medal at Oban. P/M MacRae was supported by the piping staff of Alan Walters, Prince George, B.C. Bruce Gandy, Victoria, B.C.; René Cusson, Lantzville, B.C.; Rob MacNeil, Richmond, B.C.; Dan Diessner, Portland, Oregon; Sue Arbuthnott, Portland, Oregon; and Judy Morrison, Spokane, Wash.

The "Bratach Nam Beann" contest was held on Sunday July 11 with 10 competitors vying for the black silk banner. Bruce Gandy (now of Toronto, Ont.) won the coveted prize with a beautiful rendition of "Catherine's Lament". Alan Walters won the warm-up march playing "Jeannie Carruthers". P/M MacRae adjudicated the contests.

The Medallion contest, held on Thursday, July 15, was also a night of fine amateur piobaireachd. David Hilder of Courtenay, B.C. was awarded the Medallion for his rendition of the Banner-winning tune "Catherine's Lament". Audrey Dunbar of Edmonton, Alta., captured the warm-up march competition playing "The Locaber Gathering". P/M MacRae was assisted by Alan Walters in adjudicating the events.

One of the highlights of the school was the annual Jig and Hornpipe competition held in the famous (infamous) Charlie Browns (Fort Ground Tavern) on the Wednesday of the second week. The packed house was treated to 14 dramatical performances. A most unusual set of prizes was awarded to winners Colin Gemmel, Dan Diessner, and Alan Walters. A most entertaining performance was put in by René Cusson playing one of his recently composed hornpipes "Walk the Plank, Jack" (also known as "P/M MacRae's Plank-Walk!"). I wonder why Rene didn't make the prize list?

To conclude the piping year, the third piping workshop was held on November 5-7 at E.W.U. with 51 students attending the classes and recitals given by the regular Coeur d'Alene piping staff. The fourth piping workshop will be held in mid-March.

Brochures for the 1983 summer school at Coeur d'Alene are now available and registration information will appear in future newsletters, or can be obtained by writing: Mr. James MacLeod, North Idaho College, W. 1,000 Garden Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 83814. Phone: (208) 667-7422.

Again, as last year, the "Bratach Nam Beann" contest will be held mid-school, on Sunday, July 10, 1983. Eligibility to compete is by invitation only. To be considered for invitation, interested professional Piobaireachd players including former winners, should contact the "Banner Committee" in care of Mr. MacLeod.

PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL HIGHLAND GAMES ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the PIHGA was held in Nanaimo, Sunday November 14, 1982.

Minutes from the last meeting in Everett were adopted as read.

1. There has been no feedback as requested for input into the establishment of a competition class for senior dancers.
2. No report from the W.P.B.A. on Pipe Band dress and deportment. This should be upcoming at the next meeting.
3. Drummers are reminded again that the Pacific International<sup>a</sup> Trophy has not been awarded for the past two years for Professional drumming, senior amateur drumming, and junior amateur drumming, because there has not been qualifiers. Do the drummers want these competitions or not?

Due to a mix-up caused by the secretary-treasurer emigrating to Australia, the financial report, financial position, etc. of the association is not available. Mr. Frank Stevens, C.P.A., delegate from the B.C. Dancers has volunteered to establish a new banking system.

At the present time, it is not known if last years P.H.G.A. winners received their cash prizes. If you were a winner please let your delegate or any officer know if you did not get your prize.

A suggestion to all games committees: ~~Moved and seconded that all entries be either post marked, phoned, or handed to games secretary 10 days before games day, no exceptions.~~

It was suggested that all major trophies should remain at home and keeper trophies be awarded. This was left up to individual games committees.

Election of officers for 1983: President, Dave Rickard (Seattle Highland Games), 5134 North 31st Street, Tacoma, Washington, 98407. Phone 752-8964. 1st Vice-President: P/M Albert Duncan, W.P.B.A.; 2ND Vice-President, Rene Cusson, W.P.B.A.; Secretary-Treasurer, Bill White (Nanaimo Highland Games), R.R.#3 Thomas Park, Ladysmith, B.C., VOR 2E0. Phone 722-3566.

TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE SUMMER GAMES SCHEDULE ARE:

Vancouver B.C. Highland Dancers - July 1st  
Vancouver Scottish Cultural Association - July 2nd or 3rd  
Nanaimo, Penticton, Athena - July 9th  
Portland - July 16th  
Seattle - August 13th

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RESULTS OF THE TRIUMPH STREET PIPE BAND CONTEST, DECEMBER 4TH

Chanter Class	Richie Hamilton
Novice Aggregate	Graeme Savage
Juvenile Aggregate	Julie Main
Junior Aggregate	Robert MacLeod and John MacKay
Senior Amateur Aggregate	Andrew Bonar
Novice Drumming	Karen Hinchey
Professional Drumming	Scott Robertson
Best Tenor	Christine Rickson
Best Bass	George MacKillop
Best Drum Corp	Triumph Street
Juvenile Band	1st - White Spot
	2nd - Kisimul Castle #1
Grade Three	1st - Cowichan Valley Pipes and Drums
Grade Two	1st - Vancouver Ladies
	2nd - Seattle Pipe Band
Grade One	1st - Simon Fraser University Pipe Band

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To the Editor:

I am concerned that the author of the article "November Knockout" in the November issue implied that the winner Jack Lee, playing "The Banks of Farrar" by P/M William Ross, did not play a 6/8 march written by a Scots Guardsman. The Preface to the Scots Guards Book 1 indicates that P/M Ross served the Scots Guards Regiment for 22 years. I applaud Jack's choice of a very musical and slightly uncommon Ross 6/8 march. Even with common tunes, readers may remember a few years ago when Jack won a 6/8 march competition with a stirring performance of "The Glendaurel Highlanders" and "The Steamboat".

Robert MacNeil

COMING EVENTS

51ST ANNUAL GATHERING

The ANNUAL GATHERING will be held on April 1st and 2nd at the Vancouver Technical School on 2600 East Broadway, Vancouver, B.C.

Please note the TENTATIVE SCHEDULE for this years' Gathering. The amateur events (novice, juvenile, junior, and amateur) will be from 9 a.m. onwards on Friday. Professional Piobaireachd will commence MID-AFTERNOON ON FRIDAY and finish Friday evening. The balance of the Professional events (MSR and JIGS) will begin on Saturday at noon or 1 p.m. The Mini Band Competition will be on the Saturday evening followed by a céilidh on the site.

The judges for the Gathering this year will be Gold Medalist and Clasp winner Hugh MacCallum from Scotland; and winner of the Dunvegan Medal, Ed Neigh from Ontario. Blair Brown from Winnipeg will judge the drumming.

The details of a recital by Hugh MacCallum will be announced at a later date. Workshops with Hugh MacCallum and Blair Brown are in the planning stages. Specifics will be announced in a later newsletter.

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PENTICTON HIGHLAND GAMES

The Penticton group of the I.H.D.A. has begun the planning of our next Highland Games which are to be held in the summer of 1983. The Games are to be held in Penticton on July 9th, 1983 and a warm welcome is extended to all. We will pass on further information, forms etc., as our organization progresses.

Ian Flack, Secretary, I.H.D.A.

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THE VANCOUVER LADIES PIPE BAND COMPETITION IS BEING HELD ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY THE 19TH, 1983, AT LANGARA CAMPUS.

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MISCELLANEOUS

CABER FEIDH SCOTTISH IMPORTS, 120 Parham Place, Penticton is out of business but have a few articles left for sale ie. Naill chanters, Balmorals, jewellery, records, etc. Phone Nigel Alakija 112-492-7337.

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