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How many times over the last few months have you asked yourself, "What ever heppened to the B.C. Pipers' Newsletter"? We know many of you have missed our monthly publication and hope you all have been somewhat concerned. Well, after almost a year we are in business again.

Before proceeding any further, on behalf of the Directors of the Association we would like to extend our apologies for the lack of publication and at the same time extend our most sincere appreciation to Messrs. Ian Walker, William McAdie, Donald Urquhart and Ken McIlvena for their superb efforts in producing the Newsletter over the last eight years.

As many of you remember, the first edition was printed in April, 1960 as a three page notice. The Newsletter increased in size as the months went by and in April, 1961 a new format was introduced in the form of a magazine. By this time the magazine was a full scale publication and the circulation grew to over 400 reaching as far as Alaska, Australia and Scotland.

During the entire eight years of publication Mr. Walker has been the editor and inspiration of the Newsletter while Messrs. McAdie, McIlvena and Urquhart put in many long evenings printing and circulating the finished products. Unfortunately these members have been forced to discontinue their active participation due to family, business and other social obligations. WE OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR ENDEAVOURS. When we attempted to continue producing a Newsletter that would come anywhere near duplicating the previous high standard, their talents were more fully appreciated.

Since edition number 87 (February-March, 1968) there has been no Newsletter. The Directors of the Association gave serious consideration to this fact but the problems and responsibilities seemed to be more than anyone wanted to handle. Finally it was decided to start anew with two or three pages.

The purpose of the Newsletter is more than to serve as an entertaining magazine. For many members it is the only communication link with the Association. Unfortunately, without the Newsletter, those interested in attending meetings, bi-monthly competitions and social gatherings are not aware of these events. With the continued publication, a more active interest in the B.C. Pipers' Association is anticipated and the prospect of seeing more of our members at Association functions is forseen.

Hopefully the Newsletter will develop and grow to the fine magazine it once was. Until that time we are depending on your patience and HELP. We would like to encourage members of the piping community to send material of interest to the Acting Editor, c/o B.C. Pipers' Association, 1073 Doran Road, North Vancouver, B.C.

See you next month.

Robert Gunn

RESULTS OF THE JANUARY 17th BI-MONTHLY COMPETITION HELD AT THE SEAFORTH ARMOURY:

JUVENILE MARCHES

- 1. Terry Lee
- 2. Angus MacPherson
- 3. Jack Lee
- 4. Brian Beck

OPEN AMATEUR STRATHSPEY & REEL

- 1. Bill Russell
- 2. John MacDonald
- 3. Bill MacAulay

DEPARTMENT

JUVENILE

Brian Beck

OPEN AMATEUR

Bill MacAulay

JUDGE - Bob Young

BI-MONTHLY COMPETITION SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF 1969:

February 21st. - Novice Old Highland Airs
- Junior Jigs

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FEBRUARY COMPETITION WILL START AT 7:30 P.M.

IMPORTANT: The date of the March Competition has been changed.
Please watch for the NEW date in the next Newsletter.

March ?? - Juvenile Strathspey & Reel
- Open Amateur Marches

May 23rd - Novice Strathspey & Reel
- Junior Marches

June 20th - Juvenile 6/8 Marches
- Open Amateur Piobaireachd

GENERAL MEETING - B. C. PIPERS' ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 28th at 8:00 P.M. - SEAFORTH ARMOURY BAND ROOM

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU ATTENDED???

During the last few months the Directors of the Association have studied, with the intent of revising, the Constitution and By-Laws. The following are the results of this study and the recommendations will be voted on at the February 28th General Meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTION

CONSTITUTION - No changes

BY-LAWS:

- Section 2 - re Membership
- add Life Members
- Section 3 (d) - to define Life Member
- Section 6 - alter to include Life Member
- Section 7 - also to include Life Member
- Section 10 - change to 31st day of December
in each year and the Annual
General Meeting of the Society s
shall be held after the 15th
day of January and before the
31st day of January
- Section 25 - review Trustees appointment
- Section 26 - review for clearer wording

For those of you who are not aware of the members elected to the Board of Directors last April we will take this opportunity to introduce them:

DIRECTORS FOR 1968 - 1969:

- President - Albert Duncan
- Vice-President - William Lamont
- Treasurer - Robert Gunn
- Roderick MacRae Seb. Nellies
- Roderick MacVicar William Elder, Jr.
- John McHardy Laurie McIlvena
- Thomas Binnie Neil Stubberfield

Once again our very efficient secretary is Mrs. Ishabel Ross.

On Saturday February 8th the B. C. Pipers' Annual Dinner and Ceilidh was held at the Stanley Park Tea Room and was attended by over 75 people. Head table guests were President Albert Duncan and Mrs. Duncan, Lt. Col. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson, Rod MacRae and Mrs. MacRae, Rod MacVicar and Mrs. MacVicar, Pipe Major Ed Esson and Mrs. Esson, and Pipe Major John Robertson.

Mr. Rod MacVicar gave the toast to the Association and Mr. Rod MacRae gave the reply. Other speakers were President Duncan, Lt. Col. Anderson, Pipe Major Ed Esson and Pipe Major John Robertson.

An enjoyable evening of entertainment was provided by a quartet from the Port Moody Pipe Band made up of Mike Evans, Mike MacInnes, Bruce McRae and Pipe Major Fred Brodie. Especially enjoyed were the highland dancers, Linda Gunn and Sharyn Elder, who danced the Highland Fling and then did Mairi's Wedding to the strum of a guitar and the melodious voices of Allan MacNeil and Bob Gunn. Allan also sang "The Hiking Song", "Eily", "Lovely Stornoway" and "Dark Island". His singing was extremely pleasant to listen to and was most appreciated by all.

One of the most pleasurable evenings of piping I have heard in many years followed. Tunes were played by Jim MacMillan, Alex Young, Alex Finlayson accompanied by his wife on the piano, Laurie MacDonald, Alex Reid, John Macdonald, John M. MacDonald, Bill Russel, Albert Duncan, Fred Brodie and Bill Elder. We were also favoured with a Highland Fling by Neil Stubberfield and some Gaelic Airs by Alex Finlayson. A seldom heard treat was an excellent piping selection by one of our more senior members, Seb Nellies.

The atmosphere of the evening was enhanced nicely by having a large percentage of the men folk in Highland Dress. We surely hope this trend will continue in future years.

William Elder, Jr.

On Sunday, February 9th, Mrs. Ishabel Ross went to visit Mr. D.R. MacDougall in Shaughnessy Hospital. He was very sorry he missed the dinner and sends greetings to all.

REMINDER OF DUES

The B.C. Pipers' Association is approximately 250 strong at this time. However, only 80 have paid their dues.

HOW ABOUT DROPPING YOUR DUES IN THE MAIL TONIGHT!!!!

NOTICE

The Burnaby Ladies Pipe Band will be having a St. Patrick's Day Smorgasbord and Dance, Saturday, March 15, 1969 at the South Burnaby Branch (#83) of the Royal Canadian Legion, 5289 Grimmer Avenue, Burnaby. (Near Royal Oak and Kingsway). Bar services will be available.

- Cocktails - 5:30 - 6:30
- Dinner - 6:30
- Dancing - 9:00 - 1:00 A.M.
- Tickets - \$3.75

For tickets telephone Cy.9-3589.

The Piobaireachd list for 1969 is as follows:

- Grain In Hide and Corn In Sacks
- My King Has Landed in Moidart
- Father's Lament for Donald MacKenzie
- Patrick Og MacCrimmon's Lament
- The Bells of Perth
- The Big Spree
- The Groat
- Mary's Praise For Her Gift
- The MacNab's Gathering
- The Blue Ribbon

The 1969 Annual Gathering (Indoor Meet) will be held April 11 and 12, 1969 at the Seaforth Armoury. Further information will appear in next month's Newsletter.

Remember to keep these dates open.

The following is a list of summer games to be held in our area:

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| New Westminster | - June 14, 1969 |
| * B.C. Highland Dancing | - July 5, 1969 |
| * Nanaimo | - July 12, 1969 |
| * Portland | - July 19, 1969 |
| * Victoria | - July 26, 1969 |
| * Seattle | - August 2, 1969 |
| St. Andrews & Caledonian | - August 9, 1969 |
| * International Games | |

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