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## B. C. PIPERS ASSOCIATION - PRESIDENTS REPORT 1979

Fellow members, at this time it is customary for the President to give his report for the past year.

As most of you know, I was away for three months in 1979 so I can not cover the full year.

The Annual Gathering, held at B.C.I.T. turned out to be another successful competition, with Mr. Duncan Johnston and Mr. Jack Reay as judges. This year we will return to Simon Fraser University with two judges from Scotland, Mr. Angus MacDonald and Mr. John MacDougall.

The Annual Dinner was, once again very successful and I am sure a good time was had by all who attended, but it would be nice to see more of our members at this one Social Dinner and Dance that we hold each year.

I was very pleased to see, on my return home, the increased attendance at our Mini-Gatherings for the younger pipers. These young players are the future leaders of the Association and I ask for your continued support in the years ahead.

At this time I would like to thank all the members of the Board of Directors, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Trustees, and the Auditor, along with all the members for the support that they gave me in the past year and I am sure that you will continue that support for the incoming President and the new Board of Directors.

There is one thing that I must report that is on the dark side, the White Heather Show, that gave us an income of \$3000.00 last spring will not be coming to Vancouver this spring and up until this time we have not heard if they will be here in the fall. The White Heather Show has been our main source of income since 1950 and has allowed us to spend far more money on Piping than our other income would ever permit. I would strongly recommend to the incoming board that they budget to live within the interest from the Trust Fund. I am convinced that this can be done without lowering the standards that the Association has built up over the years.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for allowing me to be your President in 1979 and I will try to help the incoming Officers to the best of my ability.

The Annual General Meeting and Election of officers was held in the Scottish Auditorium on Feb. 1st. The meeting was scheduled to begin by 7:30 p.m., maybe, and hope springs eternal, we will manage to get started on time one of these years.

Once the meeting got under way it moved along rather swiftly, with the election of officers as follows;

President - Bob Murphie  
Vice President - Donald MacMillan

Board of Directors

Donald Ross	John McKay
Graham Davidson	James A. MacDonald
Ian MacKinnon	Bob Young
Dick Guy	Alex Young

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Knockout Competition Feb. 1, 1980

The results of the Knockout were as follows: Graham Davidson vs Peter Aumonier, with Graham getting the nod over Peter, and Hal Senyk vs Bruce Gandy with Hal winning out over Bruce. The two winners will be playing in April in the semi finals.

Following the Knockout, after a suitable interlude, their followed an Impromptu S & R competition, with a very good entry.

The eventual winner was Bruce Gandy, second Hal Senyk and Third was Rob Menzies.

My highlights of the evenings piping were - Hal Senyk in the Knockout competition, playing an excellent pipe and giving a very steady performance, one of the most enjoyable I've heard so far.

The other highlight was Bruce Gandy in the Strath & Reel competition, where I thought Bruce had settled down after the Knockout and produced the sort of Piping which he is capable of.

The judges for the evening were : John MacDonald  
Jimmie Watt  
Alex Young

Strath and Reel judge was ; Jimmie Watt

Competitors in the March 7th Knockout are:

Donald MacMillan & Jack Lee  
Jamie Troy and Steve Geddes

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NOTICE: ANNUAL GATHERING TROPHIES

Trophies for the Annual Gathering are to be returned to Mrs. Huige, 6558 Balmoral St. Burnaby or to Mr. D. Ross, 834 Burnaby St. New Westminster, no later than the 7th March, 1980.

48th ANNUAL GATHERING

The Judges for the Gathering this year will be P.M. Angus MacDonald of the Scots Guards; and John MacDougall from Kincaraig, Invernesshire, two of the Premier Pipers in Scotland today.

This year the board of Directors have decided on two judges from Scotland, which differs from previous years. The two judges will also be playing individual recitals.

P.M. Angus MacDonald will play on Thursday, 3rd of April, and John MacDougall will play on Friday the 11th of April.

Recital tickets will be on sale by the time you receive your newsletter, so contact any of the board members and get your tickets as soon as possible, because the seating is limited, and we hope to accomodate our association members first.

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## Results of the Mini Gathering Feb. 2, 1980

Chanter Class

1. Fern Miller
2. Mardi Sanderson

Novice - 2/4 March

1. Roy Alakija
2. Neil Norcross
3. Morag Miller
4. John Miller
5. Bryan Goldie

Juvenile 6/8 March

1. Cameron Alakija
2. Sandy Miller
3. Tracy Lynn Charette

Junior-Hornpipe

1. Sandy Duncan
2. Corey Tillyer
3. Pat Maharija

Amateur-6/8 March and Jig

1. Pauline Alakija
2. Alison Palmer
3. Jack Eckersley

Drone reeds was the subject that Harold Senyk chose for his presentation he gave at the February Mini Gathering. He expertly explained many aspects of this subject which included, how a reed functions, maintenance, tying of bridles, correcting various problems with reeds and finished off by making a reed. Harold was very well received by the young pipers and I am sure his presentation will prove most helpful to them.

A special note of congratulations to the Alakija family with Roy, Cameron and Pauline each placing first in their respective classes. With Sandy Duncan placing first in the Junior Hornpipe, Penticton was well represented.

We were pleased to see Bob Gallagher and his contingent all the way from Kamloops and wish to thank Bob for supporting the Mini Gathering.

James MacDonald  
&  
Donald MacMillan  
co Directors of the Mini Gathering

P.I.H.G.A. DELEGATE'S REPORT FROM SEATTLE MEETING, November 17, 1979.

The third and final meeting for 1979 of the Pacific International Highland Games Association was held in Seattle, Washington. Things got under way at 1:00 p.m. and concluded about 4:00 p.m. Mr Stephen Morrison of the Seattle Highland Games Association had things well in hand for this meeting, which, of course, was the Annual General Meeting of the P.I.H.G.A. and time for a new slate of officers. Mr. Wallace Maclean, President, chaired the event, and paved the way for the election by vacating his chair and appointing Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Upton to supervise the election of a new President. Mr. MacLean was unanimously re-elected and promptly assumed his duties again. Further election results under his direction saw the following posts filled: -First Vice-President A.J. Duncan (Mr. Duncan was not present but had given in a letter consenting to any office other than that of President): Second Vice-President Mr. Stephen Morrison; Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Helen Upton; Appointees- Mr. Rickard - Chairman of Heavy Events. This is a new position and should help to improve the Field Competitions. A. Skalazub - Pipe Band Chairman. A. Reid - Piping Chairman.

After the elections a lively discussion took place regarding the weak position the President felt the P.I.H.G.A. had fallen into. It has become an unknown facet of the Highland Games that it purports to influence. Better public relations were suggested. I would suggest that we support this by mentioning in our newsletter the results of the meetings held and also just what part the P.I.H.G.A. is supposed to play in our activities and the worth of belonging to it. Without stronger member association input, the organization, it was felt, would fast become an anachronism and fall by the wayside. Conversely, a strong P.I.H.G.A. could serve a very worthwhile and even necessary function in Games promotion.

Mr. Skalazub of the Western Pipe Band Association presented us each with a list of Pipe Band Competition Rules Changes for the 1980 season. The most outstanding change is that of requiring Grade 1 pipe bands to submit two medleys for all medley competitions. The medleys to be submitted on the Games Entry form or to the Western Pipe Band Association. The medley to be played will be chosen by a draw and the bands informed in the morning of the Games!

It was felt by the Western Pipe Band Association that solo drumming competitions should be held in the morning part of the day and thereby not interfere with pipe band judging in the afternoon.

To sum it up, I would like to say that I enjoyed this meeting and I think they have chosen good officers. It remains for us to get behind them by making sure our membership knows that this organization exists, and just what it does for International Competition at Highland Games.

A round of applause was extended Stephen Morrison, our host, for the tea, coffee and sandwiches, and locale for the meeting.

Suas leis a 'Phìob mhor,  
A.M. Reid

48th ANNUAL GATHERING

9 a.m. 4th & 5th APRIL, 1980, IN THE EAST CONCOURSE CAFETERIA,  
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY, BURNABY B.C.

FRIDAY 4th APRIL, :

- EVENT #1. Junior Piobaireachd  
2. Junior March  
3. Junior Strathspey & Reel  
4. Novice March  
5. Novice Strathspey & Reel  
6. Juvenile March  
7. Juvenile Strathspey & Reel  
8. Amateur Piobaireachd  
9. Amateur March, Strath & Reel  
10. Amateur Jigs ( Submit Two Jigs)  
11. Junior Quartettes - Medley 4-6min. (not restricted to bands)  
12. Junior Mini Bands 4-6 min. Medley

SATURDAY 5th, APRIL

- EVENT #13. PROFESSIONAL PIOBAIREACHD (Submit Four Piob.)  
14. Professional March Strath & Reel (Submit Three Sets)  
15. Professional Jigs (Submit 3 sets of 2 Jigs)  
16. Senior Quartettes M-S-R (not restricted to bands)  
17. Grade 2 Mini Bands 5 - 7 Minute Medley  
18. Grade 1 Mini Bands 5 - 7 Minute Medley

Entry Fee: Amateur \$1.00 each event, Professional \$2.00 each event.  
Grade 1 Mini Bands \$10.00, Grade 2 Mini Bands \$10.00,  
Senior Quartettes \$5.00, Junior Mini Bands \$5.00.

Aggregate winner of Professional Class is to receive a Charter Flight to Scotland and to compete in one Major Competition in Scotland. Competitor must compete in all three events to qualify for trip to Scotland.

Entries to be in to Mr. Donald Ross, 834 Burnaby St, New Westminster, B. C. V3L 4V9, no later than March 21st, 1980.

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Please Enter Me in the following events--

NUMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOR WHICH I ENCLOSE THE FEE OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

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Professional and Senior Amateur Pipers to be notified in the final tuning room, the Judges selection of the sets to be played.



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WESTERN ACADEMY OF PIPE MUSIC  
1980 SUMMER SESSION

Dates of the School

Monday, 4 August to Sunday 24 August

COMPETITIONS:

1/ WORLD CLASS OPEN PIOBAIREACHD

Sunday, 17 August, 1980

Entrants to report to the Chief Steward not later than 1100 hrs. on the 17th of August at the Civic Arena, Squamish, B.C.

Competition to begin by 1230 hrs.

This year, competitors will submit four(4) of their own choice from the following list:

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|-----|--|------|
| 1.  | I Got a Kiss of the King's Hand          | K/PS |
| 2.  | Too Long in This Condition               | K/PS |
| 3.  | MacCruimen's Sweetheart                  | K/PS |
| 4.  | Lament for MacSwain of Roag              | K/PS |
| 5.  | His Father's Lament for Donald MacKenzie | /PS  |
| 6.  | The King's Taxes                         | K/PS |
| 7.  | The Little Spree                         | K/PS |
| 8.  | Mrs. MacLeod of Tallisker's Salute       | /PS  |
| 9.  | Lament for Capt. MacDougall              | K/PS |
| 10. | Flame of Wrath for Patrick Caogach       | K/PS |

Registration Fee.....\$5.00

Deadline for Entry is July 15, 1980 but it is requested that competitors register anytime previous to that date.

Order of Acceptance:

- 1/ Current holders of recognized open championships.
- 2/ Recent past winners of the above.
- 3/ Known performers considered to be contenders.

The reason for selectivity is the need to keep the competition within the time frame available and the desire to present the best playing for the benefit of the students and visitors alike. Approximately twelve competitors will be considered the limit.

Those attending will submit their choice to the Chief Steward at 1100 hrs., and the draw to determine the tune to be played will be made at that time.

1979 Winners - Judge - Pipe Major A Cairns, Cdn. Forces, Ottawa

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|-----|---|
| 1st | Jack Lee playing "MacLeod of Raasay's Salute" |
| 2nd | Ian Whitelaw playing "The Glen is Mine"       |
| 3rd | John A. MacLeod playing "The Glen is Mine"    |

1980 PRIZES    1st    \$1,000.00        2nd    \$650.00        3rd    \$350.00

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Competitions: (Con't)

2/ Open Amateur March, Strathspey and Reel Sunday 17 August, 1980

This competition will begin at 0900 hrs. on the 17th of August at the Civic Arena, Squamish.

Competitors will submit to the Chief Steward one set only of their own choice by 0900 hrs.

Prizes for this event will be made known later this year.

Registration Fee.....\$2.50

Competitors apply in writing to the secretary before 15 July, 1980. Because of limited time available there will be some restriction on numbers of competitors accepted.

DRUMMING SCHOOL

Dates Monday, 18 August to Sunday 24 August, 1980

Mr. David Bruce - Chief Instructor: studied under George Pride (former World's Champion) for 7 years.

He was a member of the World Champion Dysart - Dundonald Pipe Band for 10 years and was brought from Scotland to play with Powell River Pipe Band.

This school will be part of the Academy and take place at Paradise Valley during piping sessions.

Please direct all enquiries to the secretary:

Western Academy of Pipe Music  
Isabelle McLean  
P.O. Box 35223, Stn. 'e'  
Vancouver B.C. V6M 4G4

Tuition: Piping and Drumming -\$197.00 Canadian funds per week.  
This includes Room, Meals Tuition and amenities.

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

The time has rolled around again when the Association dues have to be paid. If anyone has not already done so please send dues on to the Treasurer:

Mr. R. Palmer  
4694 West 7th Ave.  
Vancouver B.C.  
V6R 1X5

## SPOKANE SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

We wish to invite you to the 22nd, Annual Scottish Festival and Tattoo. It will be held in Spokane's Riverfront Park (Site of Expo 74) July 26 and 27.

Saturday the events will include Individual Piping and Drumming Competition - amateur and professional - and Band Competition.

Professional Prize Money - per event - \$50, \$35, \$25.

Band - Class II - \$250, \$225, \$200

Class III- \$200, \$175, \$150

Any bands not winning prize money, will receive \$100 Appearance money. We are hopeful of adding Class I Band Competition next year.

We are also happy to announce that the Spokane Highland Dancing Competition held in June each year at Whitworth has been moved to July 26th at Riverfront Park to coincide with our Festival.

There will also be a Genealogy Booth with Tartan and Clan information.

Saturday Night will be a program with Massed Bands, Band Competition, Highland Dancing and Scottish Country Dancing. This will be followed by a Ceilidh at the Ridpath Hotel with a Dance Band provided for entertainment. The price is \$2.50 a person. This is the only activity that we will charge for during the weekend other than the Competition Entry Fees.

All Pipe Bands are invited to join the parade of Massed Bands Sunday at 12:30 into Riverfront Park preceding the "Kirking of the Tartan" Ceremony. A program of Dancing follows, concluding with the "Toast to the Haggis" - a sample of which will be distributed to everyone in the audience.

The Ridpath, Sheraton, and Davenport Hotels are already booked full for our dates due to an unusually large convention that weekend. As a convenience to our friends in need of accommodations, we have reserved a block of 40 rooms at the Travelodge Motel. This is only a 3 block walk from the Games site. Room rates are \$41 for a room with 2 queen size beds, \$35 for 1 queen size bed. Facilities include Restaurant and lounge, TV, Tennis Court, Saunas, Putting Green, 2 swimming pools, therapy pool and wading pool. You may make your reservations by July 7th at Travelodge Motel, N. 700 Division, Spokane, Wn. 99202, Telephone 1-509-326-5577. Tell them you will be attending the Scottish Festival and Tattoo.

We hope you will be able to join in our celebration and enjoy meeting old and new friends.

Sincerely,  
Nadine Alward, Exec. Sec.

CLAN CAMERON  
British Columbia  
Branch

CAMERONS and all sept names and descendents from Scotland. Your membership in this new Branch is cordially invited.

\*SEPTS\*

CHALMERS	MACALDOWIE	MACMARTIN
CHAMBERS	MACALONIE	MACONIE
CLARK	MACCHLERY	MACOSTRICH
CLARKE	MACCLAIR	MACPHAIL
CLARKSON	MACCLEARY	MACSORLEY
CLEARY	MACGILLERY	MACULRIG
CLERK	MACGILLONIE	MACVAIL
DOWIE	MACILDOWIE	MACWALRICK
GIBBON	MACKAIL	MARTIN
GILBERTSON	MACKELL	PAUL
KENNEDY	MACLEAR	SORLEY
LEARY	MACCLEARY	SORLIE
LONIE	MACLERIE	TAYLOR

For more information please contact;

Mr. and Mrs. William Cameron  
#21 20963 Lougheed Hwy  
Maple Ridge, B.C.  
V2X 2R2

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Congratulations are in order to Shelley Mutch and Jimmie Hardie (both pipers) at the recent announcement of their engagement. I hear they are planning to be married in the Summer of '81, by which time Jimmie, if all goes as planned, will have emigrated to Canada. The best wishes of the B.C. Pipers Association go out to the happy couple.

Jimmie is the son of the well known Piper and Judge P.M. Bob Hardie.

Jimmie, who is a top rated piper himself, and still a very young man, won the Silver Medal competition at Inverness in 1978. He has been a fairly regular visitor to this part of the world (now we know the attraction).

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FOR SALE

Four Hardie Chanters. Price - \$30.00 each. First come first served. An excellent chance for a piper to pick up a good solo chanter.

Phone or write to : Hal Senyk  
2771 Adanac St.  
Vancouver B.C. V5K 2N1  
Ph. 253-1743

THE PACIFIC COAST PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION U.S.A.

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THE 16th A.G.M. held Saturday 19th January 1980 in San Jose, California saw several changes in our Contest Rules. Contest Sponsors were present and indicated changes for the better, with the possibility of more band contests this year.

The agenda included proposed amendments passed as follows:

1. Tie breaking order of preference; 1. Ensemble 2. Piping Total 3. Drumming Total.
2. Band Fees; To be raised to \$50.00 with \$10.00 late charge, Juvenile Bands \$25.00 with \$10.00 late charge.
3. Time Limit: Grade 1 will play from 5 to 7 minutes and all other grades from 4 to 6 minutes, with no stop-watch timing. Bands will be on their honour to observe the limits.
4. Bands will not be required to play a different set of tunes or added tunes when playing-up. The invitation to play-up is at the option of the Sponsors.
5. Grading for 1980 will appear in the Quick Reference Grade List in the 1980 issue of the rule book. Dunvegan and the Black Ravens have been regraded to Grade 2.

The representatives of the Contest Sponsors have agreed to favor the following event priority 1. MSR, 2. T.L. Additionally they agree to refer the suggestion of raising travel money to their respective committees.

CONTEST DATES:

29th March	-	Phoenix
29th March	-	Hawaii
1st June	-	Corte Madera
14th June	-	Pomona, Clans of The Highlands
28th June	-	Long Beach, United Scottish Societies
30/31st August	-	Santa Rosa, Caledonian Club of S.F.
3rd August	-	San Diego, Scottish Highland Games Inc.

Monterey Scottish Society hope to have a Band Contest on July 26th and City of Campbell on Sept, 20th, more information will be forthcoming from their Games Committees in future weeks.

SEUMAS MACNEILL SCHOOL - August 2nd through 15th, information from Charles B. MacGlashan, M.D. 501B East Romie Lane, Salinas, Ca. 93901.

WANTED: One Argyll & Sutherland O.R. "Swinging-six" sporrans. D/M Joe Leonard, 837 W. Santa Cruz Drive, Tempe, Arizona 85282

FOR SALE: 8 matched Grainger & Campbell pipe chanterers \$240.00 for set, will not sell separately. Also 1 doz. white jackets \$20.00 each (includes buttons) P/M J. Partanen, 17208 N. 42nd Ave. Glendale, Ariz. 85308, Tel (602) 978-0194 or 800-528-5305.

Calvin H. Biggar  
General Secretary

