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MINI GATHERING WIND UP

On Saturday March 7th, at 10 a.m., there will be a party for all the competitors, parents, teachers, judges, ect., who attended this years competitions. There will be a presentation of prizes and perfect attendance pins that morning as well. Please show your appreciation for the hard work and dedication of these young people and the people who organized this event for them, by having a good turn out.

FOR SALE

Set of bagpipes for sale - \$500.00 - Phone 274-2725

TEACHER WANTED

Piobaireachd teacher wanted for young piper in the Maple Ridge area. Phone 463-6066

VANCOUVER LADIES PIPE BAND FESTIVAL

The Vancouver Ladies Pipe Band is holding its Annual Festival on Saturday, February 28th. It should be noted that the format and location have changed this year. The Festival will be a one day event to be held at Simon Fraser University, East Concourse. We are pleased to have Ken Eller, Pipe Major of the Clan MacFarlane Pipe Band of Ontario, as our guest piping judge. Individual piping will commence at 10:00 A.M. and drumming at noon, continuing throughout the day. Dancing events will also be running all day. The Pipe Band Competitions, commencing at 7:00 P.M. start off a night of good entertainment and fun, finishing off with a ceilidh featuring live entertainment, piping, dancing and a slide show. There are presently eleven Bands entered, so please, come and join us! Any questions? Contact PAT DAWSON at 738-8921

VANCOUVER LADIES JUNIOR BAND

The Vancouver Ladies Pipe Band is currently in the process of organizing a junior band. The band will meet once a week with the view towards fun and competition.

For further information please call AILEEN at 430- 1233 or JUDI AT 939-9614.

Obituary

The Association was saddened to hear of the passing of John M. MacDonald on February 10th, 1981. John was a well-known and much respected member of the B.C. Pipers' Association since his arrival in the Vancouver area in the mid-1960's. He served on the Board of Directors for many years and was a familiar figure judging at the knock-out competitions and at various Games throughout the year. John also maintained a library of piping tapes for the Association and readily made these available to anyone who so wished.

John had a great love for piping and many was the night he would entertain visitors and locals alike for a piping evening. Those who came in contact with John will remember him for his obliging and helpful manner. John will be greatly missed by all his many friends, and the B.C. Pipers' would like to express its deepest sympathy to Kath MacDonald and family.

3907 - MARY ISDALE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - The Mary Isdale Memorial Scholarship of \$350.00 is offered annually to a student who achieves high academic standing in the third year of the Bachelor of Education or Bachelor of Physical Education and Recreation Program. Consideration will be given to eligible students who, over a period of years, have demonstrated particular interest in highland dancing, Scottish country dancing or piping, either through University participation or outside the University.

ANNUAL GATHERING TROPHIES

Anyone in possession of B.C. Pipers Trophies should return them as soon as possible to:
Donald Ross
834 Burnaby Street, New Westminster, B.C., V3L 4V9
OR: Bring them to the Knockout Competitions on Feb. 27th or March 6th.

Anyone Knowing the whereabouts of MATT WALSH (piper), please contact M.D. Wilson - 939-4502

PORT MOODY PIPE BAND PUB NIGHT

FEATURING: DRAFT PORRIDGE (CALGARY)

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST, 1981

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

NEW WESTMINSTER (next to
Canada Games Pool)

ADMISSION \$7.50

HAPPY HOUR 8-9 P.M. DOOR PRIZE

Please notify the Newsletter of any change of address or any corrections on the present address labels.



49th ANNUAL GATHERING

FRIDAY APRIL 17th, 9:00 A.M.

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

SATURDAY APRIL 18th, 9:00 A.M.

- EVENT # 13. PROFESSIONAL PIOBAIREACHD (submit 4 Piob.)
14. Professional March, Strath, and Reel
(submit three sets)
15. Professional Jigs (submit 3 sets of 2 Jigs)
16. Grade 3 Mini Bands 5-7 min. Medley
17. Grade 2 Mini Bands 5-7 min. Medley
18. Grade 3 Mini Bands 5-7 min. Medley

Entry Fee: Amateur \$1.00 each event, Professional \$2.00 each
each event, grade 1 Mini Bands \$10.00, Grade 2 Mini
Bands \$10.00, Grade 3 Mini Bands \$10.00,
Junior Mini Bands \$5.00, no entry fee for
Junior Quartettes.

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

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 the trip to Scotland.

Entries to be in to Mrs Mary MacKinnon, 6959 Halligam St.,
Burnaby, V5R 1R4, no later than April 4th, 1981.

Please enter me in the following events -

NUMBERS _____

FOR WHICH I ENCLOSE THE FEE OF \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

CLASS _____

(rules on reverse side)

Location will be given in next month's newsletter.

RULES

Individual and Band Competitions

Pipers not ready to play when called are LIABLE TO BE DISQUALIFIED.

Junior Bands will consist of Pipers and Drummers, 18 years of age and under on January 1st, of the current competition year.

Miniature Bands - 6 pipers, 2 sides, 1 bass drummer, and
1 tenor drummer

Bands will be penalized one tenth (1/10) of total points for each player less than the required amount.

Each member must be a bona-fide member of this band for at least 14 days prior to the competition.

A piper or drummer will be allowed to play in one band only.

Any band not ready to play five (5) minutes after completion of the previous band will be deducted five (5) points.

SOLO PIPING

Last to enter will be first to play. Order to play will be posted.

Pipers - please try and keep tuning time to a minimum. This will be much appreciated by both Judges and Audience alike.

PRIZES

Professional Piob.	1st. \$100	2nd. \$75	3rd. \$50
M-S-R	1st. \$75	2nd. \$60	3rd. \$45
Jigs	1st. \$50	2nd. \$35	3rd. \$25
Junior Mini Bands	1st. \$150	2nd. \$100	
Grade 3 Mini Bands	1st. \$175	2nd. \$125	
Grade 2 Mini Bands	1st. \$200	2nd. \$125	
Grade 3 Mini Bands	1st. \$300	2nd. \$150	

Prizes for Aggregate Winners

Novice - Wm. Ross Collection of Music - 5 books
Juvenile - Practice Chanter with Shield
Junior - Kilberry Piobaireachd Collection
Sen. Amateur - Piobaireachd Society Collection - 12 books
Professional - Trip to Scotland

PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL HIGHLAND GAMES ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF DELEGATES MEETING, NOV. 30, 1980

The Annual General Meeting of the Pacific International Highland Games Association was held in Nanaimo, B.C. on Nov. 30th, under the chairmanship of Wallace Maclean from Portland, Oregon, the Association's President. This was the Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers. All the present incumbents were returned to office by acclamation except that of 2nd Vice-President. This post was filled by George Westwood of Nanaimo Caledonia Society. Some delegates were instructed by their organizations to enquire as to what real benefits, if any, accrue from being members of the International Highland Games Association. Most delegates and the officers of the Association do their best to convince the doubtful of the necessity for having an organization such as the Pacific International Highland Games Association for the value alone of face-to-face communication between the various Highland Gathering administrations. It was agreed that an attempt be made to induce the West Coast Scottish Cultural Association and others into membership in the organization.

Nanaimo Caledonian Society revealed that they have a Games date problem. They would like to hold their Games on a date traditionally used by the B.C. Highland Dancing Association. Their reason being that their usual date forces them into overwhelming competition from the Bathtub Race which is a major attraction in Nanaimo, and interest in it extends over a two or three week period making it difficult to attract people to Highland Games. A strong effort to prevent a duplication of Highland Games on the same date will be attempted by the Pacific International Highland Games Association in the form of Helen Upton and Albert Duncan being delegated to look into the matter. Nanaimo feels that if they cannot avoid Competition with the Bathtub Races, their Games will probably face cancellation. Mr. Rickard of Seattle, Chairman of Heavy Events, had little that was new to report on this sphere of Highland Games. It was reported that the correct equipment as to measurements and weights was available for those organizations wishing to make use of them.

Some Games Dates were announced at the meeting and are:

Nanaimo	July 4th
Vancouver	July 4th
Portland	July 18th
Seattle	August 1st
Canadian Legion	June 20
Spokane	July 25th

suas leis a'phiob-mhoir
A.M. Reid

RESULTS OF THE FEBRUARY 6TH KNOCKOUT

Terry Lee had a bye
Jill Lawrie vs Dave Hennigan -- winner Jill Lawrie

The Judges were: Nigel Alakija
James Stewart
Jim Hardie

GRADE THREE TRIO COMPETITION

Triumph Street No. 1 vs Port Moody No. 1 --
-- winner -- Port Moody No. 1

The Judges were: Nigel Alakija
Jim Hardie
Dave Hennigan

The competitors for the February 27th knockout are:

- Peter Aumonier vs Rob Barrick
- Rob Menzies vs Alison Palmer
- Hal Senyk vs Peter MacNeil
- Terry Lee vs Jill Lawrie

RESULTS OF THE MINI GATHERING FEBRUARY 7, 1981

Chanter

- 1. Karen Mark
- 2. Jason Robertson
- 3. Michelle Langston
- 4. Rod Begg

Junior - Hornpipe

- 1. David Hilder
- 2. Colleen Graham
- 3. Cameron Alakija
- 3. Elizabeth MacKinnon tie

Novice 6/8 march

- 1. Geoff Harris
- 2. John Miller
- 3. Kevin Gray
- 4. Malcolm Bokenfohr
- 5. Bruce Woodley

Senior Amateur Jigs

- 1. Pauline Alakija
- 2. Gordon Pollock
- 3. Brenda Lowden
- 4. Darlene Miharija

Juvenile Piobaireachd (ground only)

- 1.
- 1. Donald Gordon
- 2. Roy Alakija
- 3. Cindy Williams
- 4. Debbie Kisbee
- 5. Jill MacKinnon

THE JUDGES WERE:

- Peter Aumonier
- Colin Cameron
- Jack Lee
- Dave Hennigan
- Jim Stewart

By George D. Gairns
W. Janssen

The Fanning Mill, Hills of Heather

A handwritten musical score consisting of five staves of music. The notation is in a single system with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is written in a rhythmic style with many eighth and sixteenth notes. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and repeat signs. The lyrics 'The Fanning Mill, Hills of Heather' are written above the first staff. The score is signed 'By George D. Gairns' and 'W. Janssen' in the top right corner. There are also some smaller annotations within the score, such as 'First Time' and 'Second Time' written below the staves.

The handle of the fanning mill of course, along with the handle of the butter churn and the handle of the washing machine were created to plague the lives of growing boys of another day.
Submitted by J.W. Monteith of Powell River, B.C.

SO LONG, JOHN

Slow Retreat

Donald Varella, 1979

2nd Time, 2nd Part

1st Time

"...in my opinion, a judge who is bigoted, and dogmatic, is a danger to piping."
- John Wilson, 1979

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P. 214 of his autobiography, "A Professional Piper In Peace And War"

THE STONY WAY

March

Donald Varella, 1979

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N E W S L E T T E R

There is a SALE at the GAELIC SHOP during the month of February, 1981. At this time, we will be selling the following Bagpipes at reduced prices.

HENDERSON drones with Hardie chanters	Imitation ivory	\$575.00
HENDERSON drones with Hardie chanters	Imitation ivory & nickel	\$595.00
NAILL	Imitation ivory	\$625.00
NAILL	Imitation ivory & nickel slides, ferrules and ringcaps	
McLEOD	Imitation ivory & nickel	\$650.00

PIPE MAJORS

The KORG TUNER, the Pipe Major's ally, is here now. You are welcome to drop in and Peter will be happy to demonstrate the advantages of a Band using the Tuner. Just give us a phone call and set up an appointment.

We now have in stock a brand new item "VELCRO SPATS". These spats are great for Bands because they are fully adjustable to each individual's calf and ankle. They also eliminate the necessity of the button hook.

There is a large supply of Airtight Bagpipe Seasoning, a most essential item for the Piper at \$5.00 per tin. In quantities of 10 tins or more the price is \$4.75 per tin.

The GAELIC SHOP'S own pipe box - designed for a Piper by a Piper - is reasonably priced at \$36.00. This box will eliminate drone chipping or more serious damage to your valuable instrument by giving them the best protection on the market.

For the Piobaireachd enthusiast, we have in stock "Willie Connell's Tutor and Cassette Tape" for your individual tuition. This is an excellent opportunity for you to excel in this area of your music. We also carry a large selection of Piping Books.

DRUM MAJORS

We have Drum Major's supplies in stock. There is also a good supply of Drum Heads available at this time. Please drop in and see our selection of Bass Malletts and Tenor Sticks.

FOR THE HIGHLAND DANCER IN YOUR FAMILY

The Gaelic Shop is now selling dancing supplies. We have dancing shoes, jig shoes, swords, kilties, kilts and vest, dancing records and a small (at this time) selection of Tartans. We also have buttons, braid, kilt straps, buckles, jacket and vest patterns, SOBHD Dancing Textbooks, kilt pins, brooches.

