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EDITORS' MESSAGE

Unfortunately, we still haven't received any firm offers from interested parties who would wish to take over publication of the Newsletter. We stated earlier that we would continue to publish a small bulletin until someone volunteers. It is, however, very difficult at this time to publish even a bulletin and this time of year is too important for communication to lapse. We apologize for the inconsistency between issues.

Once again, we ask that anyone interested in publishing the Newsletter, contact myself, David Wilson, or Bill Lamont.

Angus MacPherson.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs,

Mr. Iain MacCrimmon and myself are working together in compiling a book of new pipe tunes which we hope to have published early this year.

The intent of this effort is to focus the attention of the "Piping Fraternity" on the many tunes composed primarily by our local Canadian pipers. To date, we have collected over thirty new tunes, mostly composed by Alberta pipers.

We believe this is a worthwhile effort, regardless of the fact that it has to be classified as a non-profit endeavour.

If anyone in the B. C. Pipers' Association is interested in submitting tunes, we would most enthusiastically welcome them. A single copy of the tune, together with a cassette tape, if available, of the composition should be sent to either Iain or myself at one of the addresses below.

Our best wishes and thanks go out to all those who wish to help out by having their compositions in print.

David G. Saul,
3448 - 87th Street,
Edmonton, Alberta.
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Iain MacCrimmon,
11302 - 57th Street,
Edmonton, Alberta.
T5W 3V2

Dear Sirs,

We just received the November/December issue of the Newsletter and were sorry to hear the editors and staff have decided to turn the job over to someone else. We all enjoy hearing the news about competitions and such.

Would you please print the enclosed information regarding our indoor competition in March. We hope to have as many bands as possible down from B. C. to make it a really worthwhile competition.

Just as a side note, we want you to know that all of the P.L.P.B. band members enjoyed the well-run Triumph Street competition.

Laurie McKendrick
Portland Ladies Pipe Band

(Editors' Note: See Next Month In and Around the Association for more information).

Dear Sirs,

I am writing this to thank you and your contest committee for inviting me to adjudicate at your second annual trio and miniature band contest.

I was pleased to meet both old and new acquaintances and I also have to say, I was very much impressed with the standard of piping, both in the trio and the band contest and I also enjoyed the selection of tunes that were played. I couldn't help noticing also, the high standard of drumming.

Congratulations are in order to the contest committee and people who helped out in conducting a very nicely run contest and I do like the idea of everything taking place in the afternoon. Short and sweet as we say, although, I am aware of the time and effort involved in the organizing of such an event.

I did have a small regret, and that was that I didn't change my judging position, after the trios, to the stage end of the hall, so that I didn't have the drum sections between me and the pipe sections. I found it tough to judge the finer fingering, execution points, because of my position, especially when pipes and drums are playing together "indoors".

Having judged the first band from centre of the hall position, I decided it wouldn't be fair to change for the other bands.

In situations like this, if you supply the judge with a clip board, he or they can move around the band, staying away the minimum of six feet from any bandsman.

Please don't think I am complaining. On the contrary, I loved every minute of it. I heard at least three bands for the first time, including Triumph Street, and although you had trouble getting the pipes set up on that particular day, the playing was very good and I certainly see excellent potential in your band.

The Victoria boys had a good day and impressed me with good playing and excellent set up pipes, drones and chanters. Of course, Port Moody played well too, but didn't produce the clear crisp tone that I enjoyed from the Victoria band. For the three bands I have just mentioned, I can't help noticing the Pipe Majors are all fairly young men, doing a great job.

The Vancouver Ladies, always pleasant to watch and listen to, what can I say except they are playing well against tough opposition and are certainly an asset to senior competition bands.

C.P. Air Senior are tops in their class and seem to be consistent as I heard them, also playing well, at Santa Rosa last September.

I was also pleased to hear the Portland Ladies give a good rendition, except for one big boob when most of the pipers cut out. "Ladies", you have to memorize those tunes.

I hope my comments on the points sheets of the other Junior bands will help a bit (C.P. Air Junior and White Spot).

Before concluding, I must say how much I also enjoyed the trio piping, especially the seniors. I truly heard some beautiful sounding pipes and very, very good playing of nice tunes.

Congratulations to the winners, and I say there are no losers in our piping and drumming business; just those who have to practice a little more than the winners. "Wishing is not enough."

Keep up the good work and good luck.

Jimmy Yardley.

LAST MONTH IN AND AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

Vancouver Ladies' Pipe Band Festival

This year's version of the Vancouver Ladies' Festival was held February 22 and 23 in St. John's Church Hall, Shaughnessy. It was pleasing to see such a large turnout of miniature bands. The Blue Heron Bay and Portland Ladies bands travelled from Oregon as well as almost two bands from Victoria. Five bands entered the Grade I competition including the Seaforths. However, only four bands played.

One major difference between this and other festivals was the incorporation of a ceilidh following the competitions which, I understand, was a great success.

Results

Chanter Class

1. David Winter
2. Daniel Tessaro
3. Norvena Lyle

Novice March

1. Brian Friend
2. Martin Curry
3. Graham Friend

Juvenile March

1. Donny MacNeil
2. Steve Ramsden
3. Alan Wilson

Junior Slow Air

1. Robbie MacNeil
2. Jill Laurie
3. Graham Davidson

Amateur Hornpipe

1. Jack Lee
2. Blake Keen
3. Stuart Reid

Novice Drumming

1. Russ Kennedy
2. Kennedy Cranswick
3. Adam Bell

Amateur Tenor Drumming

1. Carol Robson

Junior Quartettes

1. Richmond Seniors
2. Triumph Street
3. Richmond Juniors

Slow Air - V.L.P.B. Members

1. Pat Dawson

Novice Slow Air

1. Graham Friend
2. Martin Curry
3. Debbie Stephen

Juvenile Strathspey & Reel

1. Chris Taggart
2. Donny MacNeil
3. Alan Wilson

Junior Jigs

1. Rob Barrick
2. Robbie MacNeil
3. David Hennigan

Amateur Strathspey & Reel

1. Allan MacDougall
2. Jean Laurie
3. Alison Palmer

Novice Tenor Drumming

1. Heather Joan Scott & Heather Munroe

Junior Side Drumming

1. Scott Robertson
2. Laurie McKendrick
3. Bonnie McKendrick

Senior Quartettes

1. City of Victoria
2. Vancouver Ladies
3. Richmond Seniors

Grade I Miniature Bands

1. City of Victoria
2. Triumph Street
3. Blue Heron

Grade II

1. Vancouver Ladies
2. C.P. Air Senior
3. Portland Ladies

Slow March to 6/8

1. City of Victoria
2. Blue Heron
3. Vancouver Ladies #1

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the B. C. Pipers' Association was held on February 1, 1974 in the Scottish Auditorium. Following the President's, Treasurer's and Trustee's reports, the following officers were elected for 1974:

PRESIDENT	David Wilson
VICE-PRESIDENT	Jim MacDonald
TREASURER	Bill Lockie
SECRETARY	Dick Herring

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	John MacDonald
	Donald Ross
	William Lamont
	William Elder
	Robert Gunn
	Angus MacPherson
	Alex Reid
	Alex Young

BOARD APPOINTMENTS	Duncan MacInnes
	Harold Senyk
	Hector Turnbull
	Mrs. Rose Swanson

After the official business was taken care of the last first-round knock-out competition between Port Moody and Triumph Street took place. Hal Senyk, Sandy Marshall and Angus MacPherson took the floor first and rendered their selection before judges Ed Esson, Alec Young and Bruce Topp. The Port Moody trio of John MacLeod, Mike Evans and Mike MacInnes followed with a very entertaining selection. However, Triumph Street gained a two-thirds majority and advance into the semi-finals against the City of Victoria.

The other semi-final was played March 1, 1974 at the March General Meeting. The Vancouver Police defeated the Vancouver Ladies. The Police now await the winner of the second semi-final to be decided in May.

Bi-Monthlies

February 15, 1974

Judge - James Lang

Novice March - Section I

Novice March - Section II

- 9 out of 13 competitors

- 10 out of 20 competitors

1. Patricia Hiebert
2. Vern Kennedy
3. Brian Friend

1. Gordon Redmond
2. Hugh MacNaught
3. Leigh Shelley
4. Gregory Paul

Junior Jigs

- 14 out of 19 competitors

1. Wade Calder
2. Graham Davidson
3. Asheley Stewart
4. Gail Dawson & Duncan Fraser

Winners to play for Novice finals at Ceilidh in May.

Novice Section I

Novice Section II

1. Vern Kennedy
2. Patricia Hiebert
3. Graham Friend

Carolyn Paterson
Gordon Redmond -3 way tie
Leigh Shelley

Perfect Attendance for Novice Class

Section I

Section II

Brenda Barker
Ailsa Brown
Ken Dockstader
Brian Friend
Graham Friend
Patricia Hiebert
Vern Kennedy

Colleen MacLeod
Hugh MacNaught
Carolyn Paterson
Leigh Shelley
Neil Sutherland
Heather Thomson
Colin Whitehead
Debbie Stephens
James Stewart
Gordon Redmond

NEXT MONTH

Trail Caledonian Society

The Trail Caledonian Society is again preparing for its Annual Tattoo and Highland Games which will be held in The Trail Memorial Centre on May 18th and 19th.

There will be more information in a later issue.

Portland Ladies

The Portland Ladies' Pipe Band are holding their second annual indoor contest March 16 at Our Lady of Sorrows School, S.E. 52nd and Woodstock, Portland, Oregon.

The girls are offering a full slate of individual piping, drumming, and miniature pipe band events commencing at 12:00 noon. There is at least one bus going down for the competition and there is some space available.

Anyone interested, please contact Hal Senyk at 872-0839 or Angus MacPherson at 526-8182.

The Spokane Piobaireach Society/North Idaho College,
Coeur d'Alene

8th Annual

Summer School for Piping

(2) Two week courses. June 30 - July 12 & July 14 - July 26.

Tuition for two weeks is \$75.00. Tuition for four weeks is \$140.00. Six members from the same band may attend for the price of five. Dormitory - \$12.50 per week. Three to each Dorm room. Excellent food at College prices. Cafeteria style.

Students who attended the school in 1972 and not in 1973 have a \$12.00 dividend on file. Students who attended in 1973 have a \$5.00 tuition credit.

North Idaho College offers five (5) College Credits in applied music.

Early applications are suggested as the Dormitory space will be critical. For a brochure and additional information, write to:

John McEwing
Lt/Col USAF (Ret)
W. 3309 Dalke Avenue
Spokane, Washington
99208.

B. C. Pipers' Annual Gathering

The 42nd Annual Gathering of the British Columbia Pipers' Association will be held March 29th and 30th in the North Vancouver Recreation Centre, 14th and Lonsdale, North Vancouver.

This year's chief adjudicator is Mr. Iain MacFadyen of Wester Ross.

As well as the usual duties associated with the position, Mr. MacFadyen will also be faced with the task of selecting an amateur and professional piper to represent British Columbia at the City of Ottawa Highland Games.

The representatives will be the aggregate winners of the Senior Amateur and Open events provided, of course, they are residents of B. C.

All novice, juvenile and junior events, also short leets for amateur piobaireachd, will be played on Friday, March 29, 1974.

Rules:

Individual and Quartette competitions:

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

A piper will be allowed to play in one quartette only.

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.

Bands will be penalized one twelfth (1/12th) of total points for each player less than the required number.

Each member must be a bona-fide member of this band for at least 14 days prior to 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 previous band will be deducted five (5) points.

COMING EVENTS

Recital by Mr. Iain MacFadyen,, April 5, 1974,
Scottish Auditorium, 12th and Fir, Vancouver, B. C. 8:00 p.m.

B. C. Pipers' Association Annual Dinner, May 25, 1974,
Flame Supper Club, Canada Way, Vancouver. For further
information, phone 526-7905.

GAMES DATES & COMING EVENTS

Portland Ladies Indoor	March 16
Empress Games, Victoria	March 23, 24
B.C. Pipers Annual Gathering	March 29, 30
Iain MacFadyen Recital	April 5
Knock-Out Semi-Final	May 3
Port Coquitlam Band Contest	May 12
Victoria Highland Games	May 25
B.C. Pipers Annual Dinner	May 25
New Westminster Highland Games	June ?
B.C. Highland, Vancouver	July 6
Nanaimo Highland Games	July 13
Portland Highland Games	July 20
Coeur d'Alene	July 27
Seattle Highland Games	August 3
B.C. Championships W.P.B.A.	August 10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the B. C. Pipers', the staff of the
Newsletter wish to congratulate Janet and Jerry Davis on
their marriage of March 9, 1974. Janet is a former tenor
drummer with the Vancouver Ladies' Pipe Band.

We would also like to congratulate Donald MacMillan
on his recent engagement. Donald is a piper with the
Triumph Street Pipe Band

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FOR SALE:

Kilt - Hunting Stewart - Brand new matching hose. Phone
Mrs. McAffer at 942-0980. \$60.00

B. C. Pipers' 42nd Annual Gathering
March 29 & 30, 1974

- Event #1 Junior Piobaireachd
- 2 Junior Marches
- 3 Junior Strathspey & Reel
- 4 Novice Marches
- 5 Juvenile March
- 6 Juvenile Strathspey & Reel
- 7 Junior Quartettes - March, Strathspey & Reel
- 8 Junior Miniature Bands - Medley 5-7 minutes
- 9 Amateur Piobaireachd
- 10 Amateur March
- 11 Amateur Strathspey & Reel
- 12 Professional Piobaireachd
- 13 Professional March
- 14 Professional Strathspey & Reel
- 15 Professional Jigs
- 16 Senior Quartettes - March, Strathspey & Reel
- 17 Senior Miniature Bands - Medley 5-7 minutes
- 18 Pipers over 60 years old - Tune of own choice.

B. C. Aggregate winner of the Amateur Solo Piping Events #9, 10 & 11, and Professional Solo Piping Events #12, 13, 14 & 15, are eligible to represent the Province of B. C. at the City of Ottawa Highland Games.

PRIZES

Event #12	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	
#13,14,15	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	*\$10.00

*If more than 10 competitors.

# 8	\$50.00	\$30.00
16	\$50.00	\$30.00
17	\$100.00	\$75.00

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SECRETARY, MRS. SWANSON, 8363 SHAUGHNESSY, VANCOUVER, B.C. V6P 3Y1, NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 1974. NO ENTRY FEE: EVERYONE PAYS ADMISSION.

Name.....

Address.....

Phone Number.....

Events #.....

