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Delta, B. C.,  
1496 - 56 Street,  
December 8, 1976

President & Directors,  
B. C. Pipers' Association,  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Gentlemen:

We have received and enjoyed the B. C. Pipers' Association Newsletter for approximately ten years as associate members, until my son became old enough to become a full member.

Recent events prompt me to express my opinion (for what it is worth).

As a citizen of Canada where we are supposed to enjoy freedom of speech and freedom of the press, I am very perturbed that the editor of this newsletter was relieved of his duties because he wrote an editorial that you did not agree with.

In my humble opinion the editor and his staff, have over the past years done an outstanding job for which they received no thanks. To put it briefly I am amazed and thoroughly disgusted with your action.

Incidentally I am in full agreement with the editorial.

Yours Truly,  
Rod J. Fraser.

Results of the Mini Competition held January 8,  
1977, in the Scottish Auditorium.

Novice - Strathspey & Reel

1st. Brenda Lowden  
2nd. Donald Kinck  
3rd. Glen Robertson

Juvenile - Jigs

1st. Pauline Alakija  
2nd. Maureen Lee  
3rd. Brenda Barker  
4th. Clarke Rowe

Junior - March: Strath. & Reel

1st. Owen Reid  
2nd. Jack Eckersley  
3rd. David Winter  
3rd. Jamie Robb, tie

Senior Amateur Piobaireachd

1st. Alison Palmer  
2nd. Christine Waddel  
3rd. Grant Wilkie

Quite a good showing in numbers and quality at the Mini Competition with the usual contingent travelling all the way from the Okanagan to play in the Mini Competition. It is a pity that some of the local pipers could not generate a bit more enthusiasm like the Penticton group, however we must not be too critical as the numbers are slowly going up at every Mini Competition.

The next Mini Competition will be held February 5, 1977, in the Scottish Auditorium 12th. & Fir, Vancouver, B. C. in the upstairs hall at 11:00 a.m. The following will take place:-

Novice: 2/4 March: Juvenile 6/8 March: Junior: Hornpipe:  
Senior Amateur: Jig.

A Celidh will follow immediately after the competitions as this is the last Mini Competition of the season when trophies will be presented and pins and bars will be awarded for perfect attendance.

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The Knock out competition held January 4th. was again very well attended, with Triumph Street emerging the winner against Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, with a near perfect performance or so it seemed to this writer, with the Seaforths putting on a stout effort which in some previous competitions would have given them the nod from the judges.

As usual this event was followed by the individual competition a 2/4 march played twice over and it really was a good competition with emphasis on competition. Jack Lee and Harold Senyk tied for 1st. place and \$10.00 each, which shows how close the competition was, with a very strong showing from the rest of the pipers.

The next Knock out will follow the Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers February 4, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. in the Scottish Auditorium, 12th. & Fir, Vancouver, B. C. so please try to be prompt for the meeting as it does take some time to attend to business that evening.

The competitors for the evening are the Victoria Trio #1 and Richmond Junior Trio #1. Individual competition to follow is Professional Strathspey & Reel.

VANCOUVER LADIES ANNUAL FESTIVAL

February 25, & 26, 1977, St. Johns Church Hall, 1490 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.

Friday, Start 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Start 9:00 a.m.

Entries for Piping & Drumming to:-

Mrs. A. Brown,  
622 Chatsworth Avenue, Richmond, B. C.  
Phone 277-2871

Friday

Chanter competition for competitors who have never played pipes in a competition before.

Juvenile                      2/4 March:              Strathspey & Reel

Novice                        2/4 March:              Slow Air

Junior                        2/4 March:              Jig

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Saturday

Amateur                      Hornpipe:              Strathspey & Reel

Junior Quartette            March & Jig

Senior Quartette            Jig: Slow March: Hornpipe

Mini Bands                  Grade 1:      Grade 2:      & Juvenile  
Open to all miniature bands      Slow Air - 6/8 March

Entries close February 9, 1977

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The New Westminster Highland Games are again hosting the TARTAN BALL, at the Gaiety Temple 3550 Wayburne, Burnaby, B. C. on March 12, 1977. For tickets and further information please contact Donald Ross, 526-7905.

B. C. Pipers' 45th. Annual Gathering

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 & 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 twelfth (1/12) 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 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.

There will be no entry fee. Last to enter will be first to play. Order to play will be posted.

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ENTRY FORM

Name.....

ADDRESS.....

Phone # .....

Events # .....

Entries to:

Mr. Donald Ross, 834 Burnaby Street, NewWestminster, B. C. V3L 4V9

Phone # 526-7905

ENTRIES CLOSE SATURDAY MARCH 26, 1977.

Any Bands interested in running the concession for the Annual Gathering please contact D. Ross.

B. C. PIPERS' 45th. ANNUAL GATHERING

Friday April 8, & Saturday 9, 1977

North Vancouver Recreation Centre  
123 East 23rd. Road, North Vancouver, B. C.

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Friday April 8. - 9:00 a.m.

Event #

1. Junior Piobaireachd
2. Junior March
3. Junior Strathspey & Reel
4. Novice March
5. Juvenile March
6. Juvenile Strathspey & Reel
7. Junior Quartettes March in Strathspey & Reel
8. Junior Mini Bands 5 - 7 min. Medley
9. Amateur Piobaireachd
10. Amateur March
11. Amateur Strathspey & Reel

Saturday April 9. - 9:00 a.m.

Event #

12. Professional Piobaireachd (Pipers to submit 3 Piobaireachds. Judge decides tune to be played.)
13. Professional March, Strathspey & Reel
14. Professional Jigs (Pipers to submit 3 sets of 2 Jigs. Judge decides set to be played)
15. Pipers over 65 years of age (Tune of own choice)
16. Pipers over 50 years of age (2/4 March - competitor restricted. May not enter in any other competition.)
17. Senior Quartettes -- March, Strathspey & Reel.
18. Senior Mini Bands -- 5 - 7 min. Medley.

Prizes

Events #8 and 17	1st.	\$100.00	2nd.	\$75.00	
Event #12	1st.	\$ 75.00	2nd.	\$50.00	3rd. \$ 25.00
Event #13	1st.	\$ 50.00	2nd.	\$35.00	3rd. \$ 25.00
Event #14	1st.	\$ 40.00	2nd.	\$30.00	3rd. \$ 20.00
Event #18	1st.	\$125.00	2nd.	\$100.00	

Aggregate winner of Professional Class to receive charter flight to Scotland to compete in one major competition in Scotland. Competitor must compete in all three events to qualify for trip to Scotland.

Aggregate winner of Amateur Class wins Piobaireachd Society Book  
Aggregate Winner of Junior Class wins Angus MacKay Book  
Aggregate Winner of Juvenile Class wins Practice Chanter



## PIPING SCHOOL

A piping school is planned to coincide with the visit of P. M. Iain Morrison, 1st Batt. Queens Own Highlanders, who will be this years judge at the annual gathering. The school will run for 5 days under the auspices of the B. C. Pipers Association and will be held at the Seaforth Armouries Monday-Friday, 28th March-1st April, 9.30-4.30. Fees will be \$40 per pupil, if more than one pupil from the same family they will have a reduction of \$20 per additional pupil, it is to be hoped that a good number of pipers will take advantage of this chance to better their skills under one of the best pipers at the present time. P. M. Morrison has numerous prizes to his credit at all the major Competitions in Scotland and is especially strong in Strathspeys and Reels. Only pupils from Juvenile upwards will be accepted, as the board feels that pipers of a more advanced stage would gain the most benefit from a weeks tuition.

Send all inquiries or entries to:

James MacDonald  
6314 Bassett  
Richmond, B. C.  
V7C 2Y3

Phone Number 277-4883

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Please enroll me in the Piping School, 28th March - 1st April

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE OF CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed fee of \$40 or \$20 as the case may be.

Extract of letter from Jimmy MacIntosh  
Dundee, Scotland

Of Interest to Professional Pipers.

We have had a meeting and formed a (Competing Pipers association) on 12th December. I am president and Hugh MacCallum is secretary. It was decided that 3 grades would operate for players: Premier; Grade 1; and Grade 2. An advisory committee of 12 members from different areas were elected, and will be responsible for grading the players. Overseas players will be advised to enroll if intending a visit here to play at Oban or Inverness.

The committee will seek advice from overseas players, and where members of the committee have heard and judged overseas players this information can be used. At the moment, we are waiting to meet the northern meeting committee to decide what will happen this year. When I get more copies of the constitution I will mail one over. If any players in the West Coast are interested in joining at the moment, they could write to:

H. MacCallum  
11 Inverallan Drive  
Bridge of Allan  
Stirlingshire, Scotland

Membership fee is 3 pounds, or equivalent dollars.  
All my regards to my friends overseas.

Yours sincerely,  
Jimmy MacIntosh

Ed. Footnote

If for any reason Iain Morrison cannot attend the annual gathering as judge, due to army pressures taking precedence over his trip here, Jimmy MacIntosh has very kindly consented to judge in his place if need be, such an offer as this makes one proud to be a member of the piping fraternity.

On Monday January 17, 1977 the membership of the Association were saddened to hear of the passing of Rod MacRae, a Past President and Life member of the Association.

Rod joined the Association in the 1930's and took a very active part in the Association's work. In the early 1940's as President he changed the format of the Annual Gathering from a small one evening affair to the full day contest, this was the beginning of the Gathering as we know it today.

Rod was a member of the White Heather Committee from the early days and served as Chairman for many years until sickness in the family forced him to give it up.

He played with the 2nd. Battalion Seaforth's during the war years and was a member of the Shrine Pipe Band from 1952 until his passing. He was active for many years in the Kiwanis Pipe Band and assisted them on their many trips and appearances.

We have two trophies in the Association today, one for the Annual Gathering and one for the Mini Competitions that bear his name.

We extend our condolences to Mrs. MacRae and family on this sad occasion.

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