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WHITE HEATHER SHOW

The Spring Show will be held in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. Saturday, April 28th, 1979.

Heading the show will be Kenneth McKellar, whom many consider to be one of the best singers who has ever appeared in the Queen Elizabeth. At this time there is no word on the supporting cast but I am sure it will be up to the standards of the previous shows.

So make a date on your calendar for April 28th. Take along a few friends and have a wonderful evening.

MONTHLY AMATEUR COMPETITIONS January 6th, 1979

There was a very gratifying turnout for our Monthly Competition on Saturday Morning. Here are the eventual winners:

CHANTER CLASS

1st. Malcolm Bokenfohr
2nd. Shaun Brozer
3rd. Robert McLeod

JUNIOR - M.S.R.

1st. Brenda Barker
2nd. Gordon Pollock

JUVENILE - JIG

1st. Darlene Miharija
2nd. Monica Murphy
3rd. Wesley Eaton

AMATEUR - PIOBAIREACHD

1st. Alison Palmer
2nd. Peter Aumonier
3rd. Jack Eckersley

The Judges for Saturday Morning were Angus McPherson and Hal Senyk doing their usual first class job.

FEBRUARY 3rd COMPETITION

The tunes for Feb. 3rd are:

CHANTER: any tune of choice
NOVICE: 2/4 March
JUVENILE: 6/8 March
JUNIOR: Hornpipe
SENIOR AMATEUR: 6/8 March and Jig

NOVICE (con't from Jan. 6)

1st. Tracy Charette
2nd. Mike Reid
3rd. Debbie Kisbee
4th. Scott Shelley

Starting Time will be 10:30 A.M.

KNOCKOUT JANUARY 5th, 1979

A fairly good turnout was in evidence for our January Knockout. After a short meeting, the piping commenced with Angus McPherson playing first with a very musical selection. Hal Senyk played next but had the misfortune of having his drone stop just after he got going, hard luck Hal. One of these years you're going to make your presence felt in the Knockouts.

The other two competitors were a bit of a letdown; with only Steve Geddes out of four pipers turning up.

I'm sure the board of Directors are looking to such measures as an entry fee with the entries, and returnable on the piper turning up to play.

So after Friday night, Angus McPherson and Steve Geddes go ahead to future rounds.

An open Strathspey & Reel competition followed, with the winner, who was Steve Geddes, picking up the \$30.00 first prize, playing a very musical Strathspey and a robust and rousing reel.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

and

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Annual General Meeting will be held Friday, February 2, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. in the Scottish Auditorium ballroom, 12th & Fir, Vancouver, B.C. A good turn out is hoped for, at this important meeting.

Following the meeting there will be a short break, then on with the Professional knockout competition, which will feature: Jack Lee vs Jill Laurie, Graham Davidson vs Warren Fell, and Dave Martin vs Donald McMillian.

Both Warren Fell and Dave Martin are comparative strangers to the open piping class, and they tell me that it is quite a strain on them (they are not alone in this respect). Yet at a party with a few friends around, they can produce a very entertaining selection of tunes, so all the best of luck to them.

ANNUAL GATHERING

The B.C. Pipers 47th Annual Gathering is to be held at the Simon Fraser University, Friday and Saturday, 13th and 14th April 1979, with the kind permission of the University Board, through the offices of Mr Dennis Roberts, head of the Simon Fraser Public Relations Dept. and Director of the University Pipe Band.

Once again we are indebted to the University for the use of their excellent facilities.

The Format for the 47th Gathering will be the same as the year before, with maybe a few minor changes. Again there will be two judges, which seems to all concerned a very necessary and welcome move to ease the burden of such a heavy piping schedule.

47th ANNUAL GATHERING

9 A.M. 13th & 14th APRIL, 1979 at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby B.C.

- Event #1 Junior Piobaireachd
- 2 Junior March
- 3 Junior Strathspey & Reel
- 4 Novice March
- 5 Juvenile March
- 6 Juvenile Strathspey & Reel
- 7 Amateur Piobaireachd
- 8 Amateur March, Strath & Reel
- 9 Amateur Jigs (Submit Two Jigs)
- 10 Junior Quartettes M-S-R
- 11 Senior Quartettes M-S-R
- 12 Junior Mini Bands 5 - 7 Minute Medley
- 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 Mini Bands 5 - 7 Minute Medley

Entry Fee: Amateur \$1.00 each event, Professional \$2.00 each event.
Senior 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 Westminister, B.C. V3L 4V9, no later than March 31, 1979.

Please Enter Me in the following events-

NUMBERS _____

FOR WHICH I ENCLOSE THE FEE OF \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

CLASS _____

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RULES

Individual, Quartette and Band 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 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.

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

VICTORIA HIGHLAND GAMES ASSOCIATION

26th ANNUAL INDOOR MEET

of

DANCING - PIPING - DRUMMING

February 9 & 10, 1979

932 Balmoral Street, Victoria, B.C. FIRST UNITED CHURCH HALL

PIPING - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1979 - 9:30 a.m.

NOVICE

71. March

JUVENILE AMATEUR

72. March

73. Strathspey & Reel

JUNIOR AMATEUR

74. March

75. Strathspey & Reel

SENIOR AMATEUR

76. March

77. Strathspey & Reel

78. Jig

DRUMMING

NOVICE

79. March

JUNIOR AMATEUR

80. March, Strathspey, Reel

SENIOR AMATEUR

81. March, Strathspey, Reel

SPECIAL EVENT

82. Chanter Class - for those who have not competed previously in a piping class.

PIPING AND DRUMMING RULES

Piping -- All piping events are covered by the revised B.C. Pipers rules. Novices may play a two-part tune twice over, or a four-part tune once over.

Drumming - A 2/4 march is required. A two-part tune may be played twice over, or a four-part tune once over. Drummers must provide their own piper. If not already entered in the meet, such pipers will be admitted free of charge provided they are in costume and their name has been submitted on the drummer's entry form.

Entry Fees - \$1.50 each event to accompany entry form. \$3.00 each quartette to accompany entry form. 50¢ for competitor number to accompany entry form, refundable when number is returned.

Absolutely no entries accepted by telephone or on day fo meet.

Entries must be received by January 31, 1979 and mailed to:

Mrs. J. Martin

4102 San Ardo Place,
Victoria, B.C.

V8N 2J7

Double entry fee for late entries or
if parent or guardian is not a member

of a Dancing or Piping Assoc., or V.H.G.A.

DANCERS PLEASE NOTE

The Baby and Beginner events will be danced on FRIDAY, Feb. 9th at 6:00 p.m. Competitors numbers will be available at 5:30 p.m. and the events will be danced.

***REGISTRATION CARDS for pre-open dancers must be presented in order to receive medals. Please have your card with you.

The Novice, Intermediate, Advanced Intermediate and Open classes will be danced on SATURDAY, Feb. 10th, commencing at 9:00 a.m. Competitor numbers will be available at 8:30 a.m.

Entry Form on next page

VICTORIA HIGHLAND GAMES ASSOCIATION

- OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Please enter me for the Events numbered, for which I enclose the sum of \$ _____ Payable to Victoria Highland Games

EVENT Nos _____ Age _____

NAME _____ Date of Birth _____

ADDRESS _____

Entries must be in the hands of the Games Secretary, Victoria Highland Games Association no later than JANUARY 31, 1979

In consideration of your accepting this entry, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Victoria Highland Games Association, its agents, representatives, successors and assignees, for any and all injuries suffered by me at, or through the above-mentioned events.

Mail to:
Mrs. JOAN MARTIN
4102 San Ardo Place
Victoria B.C.
V8N 2J7

Signature (Parent or Guardian)

THIS SPACE FOR SECRETARY'S USE ONLY

Parent or Guardian must be Members of their Local Piping or Highland Dancing Association or V.H.G.A. or Double Entry Fees charged.

Association Name _____

Number _____

KOOTENAY KILTIE PIPE BAND

The Kootenay Kiltie Pipe Band Association are celebrating their 60th Anniversary in 1979. The Association wishes to extend an invitation to all pipers, drummers and pipe bands to participate in this gala event.

We will be holding a Piping and Drumming School August 20 - 31st, a Highland Games Competition on September 1, 2 and 3, and a Tattoo on September 1.

Be sure to reserve these dates for a fun-filled weekend of Scottish entertainment.

All Alumni of the Kootenay Kiltie Pipe Band or Clan McLeary, or anyone interested in the weekend events, are invited to contact us at Box 6, Nelson, B.C., Canada, V1L 5P7.

Yours Truly,
Mrs. R. Bradley
Association Secretary

VANCOUVER LADIES PIPE BAND
ANNUAL FESTIVAL
FEBRUARY 23rd & 24th 1979
St. John's (Shaughnessy) Church Hall
1490 Nanton Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C.

Mail Entries To:

Mrs. C. Murphy - Piping & Drumming
1531 Douglas Rd.
North Burnaby, B.C.
V5C 5A4
Ph. 299-6309

Mrs. D. Miharija - Dancing
4720 Westlawn Dr.
Burnaby, B.C.
V5C 3R3
Ph. 291-2534

CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES FEBRUARY 9th 1979

Admission: Adults \$1.75 per day

Children under 12
free

Students .50 cents

Saturday, February 24th, 1979 - 9:00 A.M.

NOVICE SIDE DRUMMING		AMATEUR TENOR DRUMMING	
2/4 March	No. 101	Slow March to Jig	No. 104
Junior Side Drumming		SENIOR AMATEUR SIDE DRUMMING	
March, Strathspey & Reel	No. 102	March, Strathspey & Reel	No. 105
NOVICE TENOR DRUMMING		PROFESSIONAL SIDE DRUMMING	
2/4 March	No. 103	Musical Selection 3 to 5 min.	No. 106
10:00 A.M.		JUNIOR PIPING	
CHANTERS		2/4 March	No. 112
March (see rules)	No. 107	Strathspey & Reel	No. 113
10:30 A.M.		AMATEUR PIPING	
NOVICE PIPING		Strathspey & Reel	No. 114
2/4 March	No. 108	Jig & Hornpipe	No. 115
Slow Air	No. 109	V.L.P.B. ONLY	
1:00 P.M.		Slow Air	No. 116
JUVENILE PIPING		(Rae Belle MacInnes Memorial Trophy)	
2/4 March	No. 110	PROFESSIONAL PIPING	
Strathspey & Reel	No. 111	March, Strathspey & Reel	No. 117
PROFESSIONAL PRIZE MONEY		Jig & Hornpipe	No. 118
1st. \$40.00		JUNIOR PIPE TRIO	
2nd. \$30.00		6/8 March to Jig	No. 119
3rd. \$20.00		SENIOR PIPE TRIO	
RULES: Individual Piping--as adopted by B.C. Pipers Association.		Medley 5-7 Minutes	No. 120

CHANTER: For anyone who has not competed on Pipes or won 1st, 2nd or 3rd. in a Chanter Class.

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Vancouver Ladies P.B. con't

NOVICE DRUMMER: One, who, in the previous calender year, has not placed 1st or 2nd in at least 2 competitions where there were 6 or more competitors.

NOVICE TENOR: One who has never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any competition.

JUNIOR TRIO: Competitors to be 18 years or under.

NOTE: ANY CLASS WITH LESS THAN 6 COMPETITORS MAY BE CANCELLED.
COMPETITORS MUST BE ON HAND WHEN CALLED OR FACE
DISQUALIFICATION.

ENTRY FEE: All entry fees payable to VANCOUVER LADIES' PIPE BAND
(Money order only)

Chanter, Novice and all Amateur Piping and Drumming events \$1.75 per event.

PROFESSIONAL EVENTS \$2.25 PER EVENT.

This year the Ladies Pipe Band Festival features Open Professional Piping and Drumming for the first time. It is sincerely hoped that a good slate of Pipers and Drummers enter these events which offer excellent prize money.

NEWS FLASH!!! This news comes via George Will, from a Seattle dancer, who was told by a lawyer, etc., etc., etc. If any of you have sealskin sporrans and you intend taking them across into the U.S. you may have them confiscated. This would also apply to returning U.S. residents examined by U.S. customs. Patti tried to find out more about this fact but, up until now, has gathered only the following. Under the Marine Mammals Act the carrying of sealskin or any other marine mammal skin into the U.S. is prohibited and the U.S. Customs officials advise that this is strictly enforced. Upon checking with them their advice is "leave your sporran at home" as it could be confiscated without even the opportunity of returning to Canadian Customs to leave it there. However, there may be a way out. Customs advise that a special dispensation may be obtained from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Branch. A letter was written to this department to find out more about the whole matter and see if we can find a solution.

This could really throw a spanner into the works if not cleared up soon, on account of so much travel over the boarders by Pipers and Drummers from either country.

WANTED

Young Pipers and Drummers wanted for St. Thomas Moore Boys Pipe Band. Preferably with some experience, but not necessary. Instruction given. If interested phone: Rob Menzies
988-4825

THE WESTERN ACADEMY OF PIPE MUSIC (REGISTERED)

Summer Resident School Aug. 1979

A resident school in beautiful Paradise Valley, Brackendale, B.C. (just North of Squamish) Main lodge and dining room, new cottages (6-8 persons) heated outdoor swimming pool, small animal farm, fruit trees, one of the worlds best salmon streams, 400 acres of cultivated woodlands. Administered by the North Vancouver School Board and includes a Resident nurse.

Duration of summer school - 6 August to 26 August inclusive.

On Saturday 26 August an open invitational piobaireachd competition will be held - designed to attract the best players in the world. Instructors will include the best available from all sources (a list will be made known upon full confirmation).

The school is designed for all grades of students from beginner to accomplished player. Fees will be reasonable, and will include all expenses 7 days of the week. Chartered bus service will be provided from Airport, etc. as required.

Complete brochure will be distributed in the near future.

Pipe Major James Watt CD - principal
Isabelle MacLean - secretary

All correspondence to secretary:

Box: 35223
Stn E
Vancouver B.C.
Canada
V6M 4G4

You may have noticed the name change in the name of the school. This was due to unforeseen circumstances.

FOR SALE

3 Premium Parade drums - 8 lug, chromed conventional strainer.

3 Super Royal Scott s41 - 8 lug, Blue Pearl finish

These drums are in excellent condition and we are asking \$100.00 for each drum.

Please send any enquiries to the following address.

Mrs. R. Bradley
PO Box 6
Nelson, B.C.
Canada
V1L 5P7

THE WESTERN ACADEMY OF PIPE MUSIC

Here is some further news of The Western Academy of Pipe Music being organized by P.M. J. Watt. The Piobaireachd Competition is being run on the last day of the piping school, 26th August.

Invitational Open Piobaireachd Competition, 26 August 1979.
Paradise Valley, Brackendale, B.C.

Entry Registration Fee.....\$5.00

Order of acceptance:

- 1/ Holders of current recognized open championships.
- 2/ Recent past winners of the above.
- 3/ Known performers who could be considered contenders.

The reason for selectivity is the need to keep the competition within the time frame available on the last day (26th Aug.) and the desire to present the best available for the benefit of students and visitors alike.

Approximately twelve competitors will be considered the limit.

Reply to the Secretary, P.O. Box 35223, Stn. E, Vancouver, B.C., V6M 4G4, enclosing entry fee by June 1, 1979. At this time a highly qualified committee will, according to priorities listed, select from entries. There may be applications returned as a result of the committee selections. In addition to the immediately accepted, there will be a standby list and those on it will be so informed.

Prizes:

- | | |
|------|-------------------------------------|
| 1st. | Western Academy Prize of \$1,000.00 |
| 2nd. | \$650.00 |
| 3rd. | \$350.00 |

Starting time 10 A.M. 26th August, 1979.

Players will know the order of playing which will be determined by draw as of 9 A.M. of that day and conducted by the Chief Steward on the field.

Moreover, the tune to be played by each competitor will be made known to him as of 9 A.M. and this will be also determined by draw, conducted by the Chief Steward.

The piobaireachd the competitor draws will be one of the following listed and there will be no exceptions.

- MacLeod of Raasay's Salute
- The Little Spree
- Glengarrie's March
- The King's Taxes
- The Glen is Mine
- Mary's Praise for her Gift.

PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL HIGHLAND GAMES ASSOCIATION

Election of Officers

President - Robert L. MacPhee
1st Vice Pres. - Wallace MacLean
2nd Vice Pres. - Albert Duncan
Secty/Treasurer - Helen Upton
Pipe Band Chair - Albert Duncan
Dancing Chair -) Pending
Piping Chair -)
Auditor - T. Swirsky
Trophies Chair - Helen Upton (as appointed by Mr. MacPhee)

Re: Seattle Highland Games Association and Seattle Highland
Dancing Association - moved by Mrs. Upton, seconded by
Mrs. MacLeod that both associations be reinstated as
members of the P.I.H.G.A.

Summer Games Circuit was discussed at length. It was decided that
with the return of Seattle, competitors must participate in at
least three International Games - 2 in Canada and 1 in the U.S.,
or 2 in the U.S. and 1 in Canada.

Proposed Games Dates

Seattle - June 23rd Vancouver - June 30th
Nanaimo - July 7th Portland - July 14th
Athena - originally June 16th, but following communication recently
received, July 21st.

For Sale

Ladies hostess long pleated evening skirt, Wemys Tartan
Size 14.

Girls kilt and hose to match Dress MacLeod, Size 14.

Highland Dancing shoes, Size 4.

Contact: D. Macleod
Box 1080
Ganges B.C.
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