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## ANNUAL GATHERING

The B. C. Pipers 48th Annual Gathering is to be held at the Simon Fraser University, Friday and Saturday, 4th and 5th April 1980, 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 48th 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.

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Tunes for the February 2nd Amateur Monthly Competition

Chanter -- 3/4 March	Novice -- 2/4 March
Juvenile -- 6/8 March	junior -- Hornpipe
Amateur -- 6/8 March & Jig	

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Tunes for March 8th Competition are as follows:

Chanter Class -- Slow Air	Novice -- Strath & Reel
Juvenile -- 2/4 March	Junior -- Jig
Sen. Amateur -- M.S.R.	

The March 8th Competition will not be counted for aggregate or perfect attendance pins, as this is more or less an extra competition put on to keep the young pipers in good trim for the upcoming Annual Gathering in April.

As usual free pop and doughnuts will be given out and a programme has been arranged for the enjoyment of the Competitors and audience.

Perfect attendance Pins and Medals will be given out at this competition.

The Prizes for winners of the various aggregate awards will be presented at the 48th Annual Gathering being held this year at Simon Fraser University.

While on the subject of these Amateur Competitions, novice and Juvenile pipers, and their teachers should take note that next season, Piobaireachd competitions of some sort, will be included in their schedules.

This has been decided by the board of directors after considerable thought and discussion.

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.

Rules on next page

## 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-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.

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.

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### 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. \$100	2nd. \$75	3rd. \$50
Senior Quartettes	1st. \$100	2nd. \$75	3rd. \$50
Grade 2 Mini Bands	1st. \$125	2nd. \$100	3rd. \$75
Grade 1 Mini Bands	1st. \$150	2nd. \$125	3rd. \$100

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

RESULTS OF THE MINI GATHERING - HELD JAN. 5, 1980

Chanter

1. Julie Main
2. Fern Miller
3. Scott MacNeil

NOVICE - STRATH + REEL

1. Moira Lee
2. Neil Norcross
3. Roy Alakija
4. John Miller
5. Morag Miller

JUVENILE - JIGS

1. Cameron Alakija
2. Cindy Williams
3. Sandy Miller

JUNIOR - MARCH, STRATH & REEL

1. Monica Murphy
2. Pat Maharija
3. Andrew Bonar

SENIOR AMATEUR - PIOBAIREACHD

1. Sharon MacKinnon
2. Pauline Alakija
3. Moira Waddell

JUDGES

Jack Lee  
Bruce Gandy  
Peter Aumonier

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Furthering the trend of interesting talks given by Duncan Fraser and Jimmy MacMillan, Jack Lee took the floor this month and gave a most informative and useful demonstration on the tuning of the bagpipe. This presentation included audience participation and should have proven most helpful to all pipers.

Unfortunately, as in previous sessions, so many competitors left immediately following the results of the competition. It was evident that those who remained were predominantly in the prize lists- perhaps there is a message here!

We would like to urge parents to leave sufficient time so all competitors may benefit from the knowledge and experience of our guest speakers.

James MacDonald  
(Co-Ordinator of Bi-Monthly)

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WANTED

Boys Tweed Kilt Jacket - Age 7 or up

Ph. 943-9932

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FOR SALE

Boys Gordon Kilt, Tweed Kilt Jacket, Sporrans and Hose  
Suit boy 8 - 10 years old. Is New: \$40.00

Girl's Murray Kilt for 12 year old - \$10.00  
Girl's Black watch Kilt for 12 year old - \$10.00

Ph. 266-6507 evenings

Results of Knockout Held December 7th, 1979

Graham Davidson vs Dave Hennigan - winner Graham Davidson  
James Watt vs Peter Aumonier - winner Peter Aumonier  
Donald McMillan vs Rene Cusson- winner Donald McMillan

Although there was a fair turnout to hear these competitions, it was a bit of a letdown as there were a couple of (no shows) which always puts a damper on the evening.

I know sometimes it cannot be helped, so better luck the next time boys.

A rundown on the winners and their next knockout.

Graham Davidson will play off against Peter Aumonier, and in March Donald McMillan will play off against Jack Lee.

The winners of the impromptu jig competition in December were:

- 1st. Jack Lee
- 2nd. Graham Davidson
- 3rd. Dave Hennigan

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PROFESSIONAL KNOCKOUT RESULTS FROM FRIDAY 4, JANUARY 1980

There was a very good turnout at the January 4th competition and the audience was treated to some very good piping indeed.

Eventual winners were: Jamie Troy edging out Jill Laurie,

Jack Lee over Dave Martin, and Steve Geddes getting the nod over Drew Noot. The three winners go on to compete in March.

Following the knockouts there was a suitable interlude for refreshments, which was followed by a 6/8 March competition.

This was won by Jack Lee playing Blue Bonnets and Glendaruel Highlanders, second was Steve Geddes, and Third, Bruce Gandy.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Annual General Meeting will be held Friday, February 1, 1980, at 7:30 p.m., in the Scottish Auditorium ballroom, 12th & Fir, Vancouver B.C. A good turnout 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: Bruce Gandy vs Hal Senyk; Graham Davidson vs Peter Aumonier. This should prove to be a very entertaining evening of piping.



Dear Editor,

James Watt, of Vancouver, was a very welcome addition to piping in Anchorage, Alaska the week of December 2 - 9.

Watt is the principal of the Western Academy of Pipe Music, a school I and another Anchorage piper attended this past August. Based on our reports the Anchorage Scottish Pipe Band decided to "import" Watt for a week of instruction. Watt possesses the ability to work effectively with pipers at all levels of competence. He inspires effort to achieve a playing style both technically sound and musically pleasing.

On December 4, Watt presented a recital at the Anchorage Fine Arts Museum. His program was well designed and professionally presented. Over 300 people heard a piping presentation which encompassed all facets of the art.

Watt's week in Anchorage has made a difference in the piping in this town. The enthusiasm of each piper has created a new spirit in the band---there will definitely be more than two pipers from Anchorage at the Western Academy of Pipe Music in 1980!

Sincerely,

Carol McCullough Heirigs  
Anchorage Scottish Pipe Band

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SCOTLAND 1980

VANCOUVER LADIES PUB NIGHT

FEATURING - THE CROFTERS                      SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1980

Held at Lady of Mercy School, 7481 10th Ave. Burnaby

TICKETS - \$4.00 each                      BAR SERVICE ONLY

8:30 - 1:00 a.m.

Tickets are available from any Band Member or Call 521-4036

291-2534

The Vancouver Ladies Pipe Band have set their sights on competing in Scotland this year.

Hope to see you all turn out and support the Lassies and have a great time at their Pub Night.

VANCOUVER LADIES PIPE BAND  
ANNUAL FESTIVAL

FEBRUARY 29th and MARCH 1st, 1980

St. John's (Shaughnessy) Church Hall  
1490 Nanton Avenue,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Mail entries to: Miss Laurie Robson - Piping and Drumming  
3238 E. 29th Avenue  
Vancouver, B.C.  
V5R 1W5 Ph. 435-0702

Closing Date of Entries - February 18th, 1980

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1980

1:30 p.m.

CHANTER		JUVENILE PIPING	
March (see rules)	No. 101	2/4 March	No. 104
		Strathspey & Reel	No. 105
NOVICE			
2/4 March	No. 102		
Slow Air	No. 103		

SATURDAY MARCH 1, 1980

9:00 a.m.

JUNIOR PIPING		V.L.P.B. only	
2/4 March	No. 106	Slow Air	No. 110
Strathspey & Reel	No. 107	(Rae Belle MacInnes Memorial Trophy)	
AMATEUR PIPING		PROFESSIONAL PIPING	
March, Strathspey & Reel	No. 108	March, Strath & Reel	No. 111
Jig & Hornpipe	No. 109	Jig & Hornpipe	No. 112

1:30 p.m.

NOVICE SIDE DRUMMING		AMATEUR TENOR DRUMMING	
2/4 March	No. 113	Slow March to Jig	No. 116
JUNIOR SIDE DRUMMING		SENIOR AMATEUR SIDE DRUMMING	
March, Strathspey & Reel	No. 114	March, Strathspey & Reel	117
NOVICE TENOR DRUMMING		PROFESSIONAL SIDE DRUMMING	
2/4 March	No. 115	Musical selection 3-5 min	118

PROFESSIONAL PRIZE MONEY: 1st. \$40.00, 2nd. \$30.00, 3rd. \$20.00

RULES: Individual Piping as adopted by B.C. Pipers Association.

CHANTER: For anyone who has not competed on Pipes or won 1st, 2nd or 3rd, in a chanter class. Excepting Bi - Monthlys.

NOVICE DRUMMING: One, who, in the previous calendar 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.

NOTE: COMPETITORS MUST BE ON HAND WHEN CALLED OR FACE DISQUALIFICATION.

ENTRY FEE: All fees payable to Vancouver Ladies Pipe Band (Money orders only). Chanter, Novice and all Amateur Piping and Drumming events \$1.75 per event. PROFESSIONAL EVENTS \$2.25 per event.

EVENTS 111 & 112 PROFESSIONAL PIPERS TO SUBMIT ONE SET ONLY.

THE COMPETING PIPERS ASSOCIATION

Founded 1976

Dear Sir,

At the AGM of the association an amended list of preferred piobaireachd judges was drawn up. The full list now reads:

R. A. Barron	N. Matheson	Andrew MacNeill
R. Brown	N. Meldrum	P/M Alex MacDonald
J. Burgess	R. Morrison	D. P. MacGillvray
Dr C. Caird	Lt. Col D Murray	J. MacGregor
Ian C. Cameron	R. MacCallum	J. MacLellan
James Campbell	R. MacDonald	D.R. MacLennan
R. G. Hardie	J. MacAskill	D. MacLeod
D. Johnstone	N. A. MacDonald	S. MacNeill
A. Kenneth	J. MacIntosh	D. MacPherson
R. Lawrie	J. MacKenzie	C. MacTaggart
A. Pitkeathly		F. Richardson

I trust this will be of some help.

Yours faithfully,

Bob Wallace, Secretary  
Competing Pipers Assoc.,  
32 Lednock Road,  
Stepphill,  
Glasgow.

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FOR SALE

CHEVRONS - 70¢ per bar  
BRASS DRUM ARM BADGE - 25¢ each  
HOSE TOPS TARTAN - \$5.50 pair  
HOSE TOPS DICED - \$6.00 pair  
Hose, childrens' Kilt  
wool; green or beige - \$3.00 pair  
Bagpipe Ribbons - Tartan - \$5.00 set

Contact : J. T. McHardy  
402 - 7241 Cambie St.  
Vancouver, B.C.

Ph. 327-4777

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Here is the 6/8 March written by Jimmie McCall, which was mentioned in the last Newsletter.

March

W<sup>m</sup>. Robertson MacKenzie

By J. M. Coll  
California

Handwritten musical score for a march, consisting of ten staves of music. The score includes dynamic markings like 'f' and 'ff', and repeat signs. It features two first-time and two second-time endings. The music is written in treble clef with a 6/8 time signature.

Two sets of empty musical staves at the bottom of the page.



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