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PIPING RECITALS BY P/M ANGUS MACDONALD (SCOTS GUARDS) AND  
JOHN MACDOUGAL ( FROM KINCRAIG, INVERNESSHIRE)

There are still tickets left for these recitals, not many, but a few, so anyone who wishes to get in on these excellent piping evenings should give any board member a call without delay, I just know that any piper who misses anyone of these recitals will be kicking himself for not being there.

A glance at a few of these Pipers past records will give you a fair idea of their piping ability. John MacDougal - winner of two Gold Medals, winner of the Clasp in 1978, The Braemar Shield, the Dunvegan medal to name a few. John judged the 41st Annual Gathering here and also gave an excellent recital.

A few of the recent past prizes won by P/M Angus MacDonald - The Bratach Gorm in London, Grants Overall Championship at Blair Atholl Castle, three times winner in the March, Strathspey & Reel competition for former winners - these are just a few of their many trophies, and to give one some idea of the calibre of pipers we will be privileged to listen to at our recitals.

Recitals Times and Dates - Pipe Major Angus MacDonald  
Victoria Drive Community Hall  
2026. East 43rd Ave Vancouver  
Thursday, April 3rd, 7:30 P.M.  
Tickets \$3.50

Recital by John MacDougal at Victoria Drive community Hall  
2026 East 43rd Ave  
Friday, April 11th. 7:30 p.m.  
Tickets \$3.50

Bar service will be provided.

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The connoiseur sat down at the bar and ordered a martini. "Very dry," he insisted. "Twenty parts gin to one part vermouth."

"All right, sir," said the bartender. "Shall I twist a bit of lemon peel over it?"

"My good man, when I want lemonade, I'll ask for it."

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\* C E L I E D H \*

A GRAND CELIEDH WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE PRIZES  
HAVE BEEN AWARDED AT THE ANNUAL GATHERING.

ROSS MACRAE AND HIS FOLK GROUP HAVE BEEN BOOKED  
TO START THE FESTIVITIES, AND EVERYONE IS CORDIALLY INVITED.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE CELIEDH AFTER THE GATHERING.

NOTICE

THE JUDGES FOR THE ANNUAL GATHERING WILL BE JOHN MacDOUGAL FROM KINCRAIG, INVERNESSHIRE, AND P. M. ANGUS MacDONALD OF THE SCOTS GUARDS.

THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LESSONS WHILE THEY ARE HERE.

RATES ARE:           PRIVATE LESSONS       -     \$10.00 per hour  
                          GROUP LESSONS           -     \$ 5.00 each (limited  
  to 4 pupils per session)

GROUP LESSONS WILL BE ARRANGED IN CLASS GROUPS

I.E - NOVICE - JUVENILE - ETC.

THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY ALSO FOR ANYONE WISHING TO OBTAIN A GOOD FOUNDATION IN PIOBAIREACHD, KEEPING IN MIND THAT NOVICE & JUVENILE CLASSES WILL BE PLAYING THE GROUND OF A PIOBAIREACHD IN THE MINI GATHERING COMPETITIONS NEXT SEASON.

ANYONE WISHING TO TAKE LESSONS PLEASE PHONE DONALD ROSS - 526-7905, AFTER 5:00 P.M.

RESULTS OF THE MARCH 8th AMATEUR MINI GATHERING

Although the results of this competition did not count in the standings there was a very gratifying turnout of Pipers and spectators.

Results were as follows:

CHANTER

1. Fern Miller
2. Julie Main
3. Susan Martin

JUVENILE 2/4 March

1. Cindy Williams
2. Debbie Kisbee

AMATEUR M.S.R.

1. Moira Waddell
2. Sharon McKinnon
3. Gordon Pollock

NOVICE-STRATH & REEL

1. Jeff Harris
2. Donald Gordon
3. Neil Norcross
4. Malcolm Bokenfohr Tie  
John Miller

JUNIOR - JIGS

1. Rod Bellamy
2. Pat Miharija
3. Andrew Bonar

Judges: Rob Menzies                      Angus MacPherson  
          Alex Young                         Peter MacNeil

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The Vancouver Ladies Pipe Band invites you to their "Las Vegas Nite", Saturday, April 12th at St. Mary's Hall on Joyce Rd. \$2000 'play' money! Great prizes! Bar Service! Come out and support the Ladies trip to Scotland 1980. Gambling from 7 - 12 p.m. Auction from 12 - 1 a.m.

For tickets phone after 5 - 430-1233  
581-8632

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"I believe you have the wrong number," said the old gentleman into the phone. "You'll have to call the weather bureau for that information."

"Who was that?" his young wife asked.

"Some guy wanting to know if the coast was clear."

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The medical student spent his summer vacation building up his depleted bank account. He worked as a butcher in the daytime and was a hospital orderly at night. Both jobs involved wearing similar white uniforms. One evening he was instructed to wheel a patient on a stretcher into surgery. The patient looked up at the student and let out an unearthly scream. "My God" she wailed, "it's my BUTCHER!"

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## RESULTS OF THE MARCH 7th KNOCKOUT

The March knockout got under way soon after the General Meeting, with Steve Geddes playing first. Steve, who was the winner last year, started off in fine style and made a very good showing indeed, getting the nod over Jamie Troy.

The next competition saw Jack Lee playing a very steady performance to take first over Donald MacMillan. Judges for the evening were: John MacDonald; Dave Wilson; and Colin Cameron. So Steve Geddes and Jack Lee move on to the next round, which will be the semi-finals, to be held at the Scottish Auditorium, 12th & Fir, 8p.m., 2nd of May.

A good turn out is hoped for at this competition which should prove to be one of the best of the year.

Line-up for May 2nd Knockout is:

Steve Geddes

vs

Jack Lee

Hal Senyk

vs

Graham Davidson

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An impromptu 2/4 March Competition was held after the Knockout. There were six entries: Graham Davidson; Donald MacMillan; Rob Menzies; Angus MacPherson; Peter MacNeil; and Jack Lee, making a very good rounded competition. The eventual prize winners were;  
1. Jack Lee; 2. Angus MacPherson; and 3. Donald MacMillan

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As this was the last Mini Gathering competition of the season I would like to make a few observations on the past season.

First of all the young amateur pipers have responded admirably and turned out in good numbers this past season, taking full advantage of the excellent Programmes put on by Directors Donald MacMillan and James MacDonald, who have worked very hard to put on an excellent and informative series of talks following the competitions.

I believe that the two Mac's will have much the same format next season, and will try to make it as good, or better, so to all young pipers, "take advantage of these excellent Saturday morning seminars", and leave yourselves a bit of time and get the full benefit of the Knowledge of these guest speakers.

A. Young

Editor

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"The weather up here is wretched," a tourist remarked to an old farmer in Alberta. "It must be responsible for a lot of sickness and death, Can you tell me, what's the death rate up here?"

"Same as it is in the States," the old man drawled.  
"One to a person."

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B. C. PIPERS ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE  
AND FINAL OF THE KNOCKOUT

Our annual Dinner and Dance will be held this year, May 10th in the St. Francis de Sales Church Hall, 6500 block Balmoral Street in Burnaby. The caterers for the dinner this year will be Tiffany's who have always done an excellent job.

This year the board have decided on having a Full Smorgasboard meal which should satisfy the most discerning diner, with a very wide range of courses to choose from.

The music this year will be provided by the "Bridge Street", who have a good name around the lower mainland.

Tickets are on sale now, priced at \$15.00 each which is fairly reasonable at these days prices. Phone any board member for tickets or Phone Mr Donald Ross at 526-7905 after 5 p.m.

The Final of our Knockout competition is also held at the dance, so it really is an excellent evening of entertainment, and ticket sales usually go quite fast.

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TIMES FOR EVENTS FOR THE 48th ANNUAL GATHERING, SIMON FRASER  
UNIVERSITY, APRIL 4th and 5th, 1980

Friday 4th	Event #
9:00 a.m. Junior Piobaireachd	1
9:00 a.m. Amateur Piobaireachd	8
11:45 a.m. Junior March	2
1:00 p.m. Novice March	4
1:00 p.m. Junior Strath & Reel	3
2:00 p.m. Novice Strath & Reel	5
2:30 p.m. Juvenile March	6
3:30 p.m. Juvenile Strath & Reel	7
3:30 p.m. Amateur M.S. & R.	9
4:30 p.m. Amateur Jigs	10
7:00 p.m. Junior Qtts.	11
7:30 p.m. Junior Bands	12
 Saturday 5th	
9.00 a.m. Professional Piobaireachd	13
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch	
1:00 p.m. Professional Piobaireachd Con't.	
3:15 p.m. Professional M.S. & R.	14
3:30 p.m. Professional Jigs	15
7:00 p.m. Senior Qtts.	16
7:30 p.m. Grade 2 Bands	17
7:45 p.m. Grade 1 Bands	18

Pipers not ready to play when called will be disqualified.



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