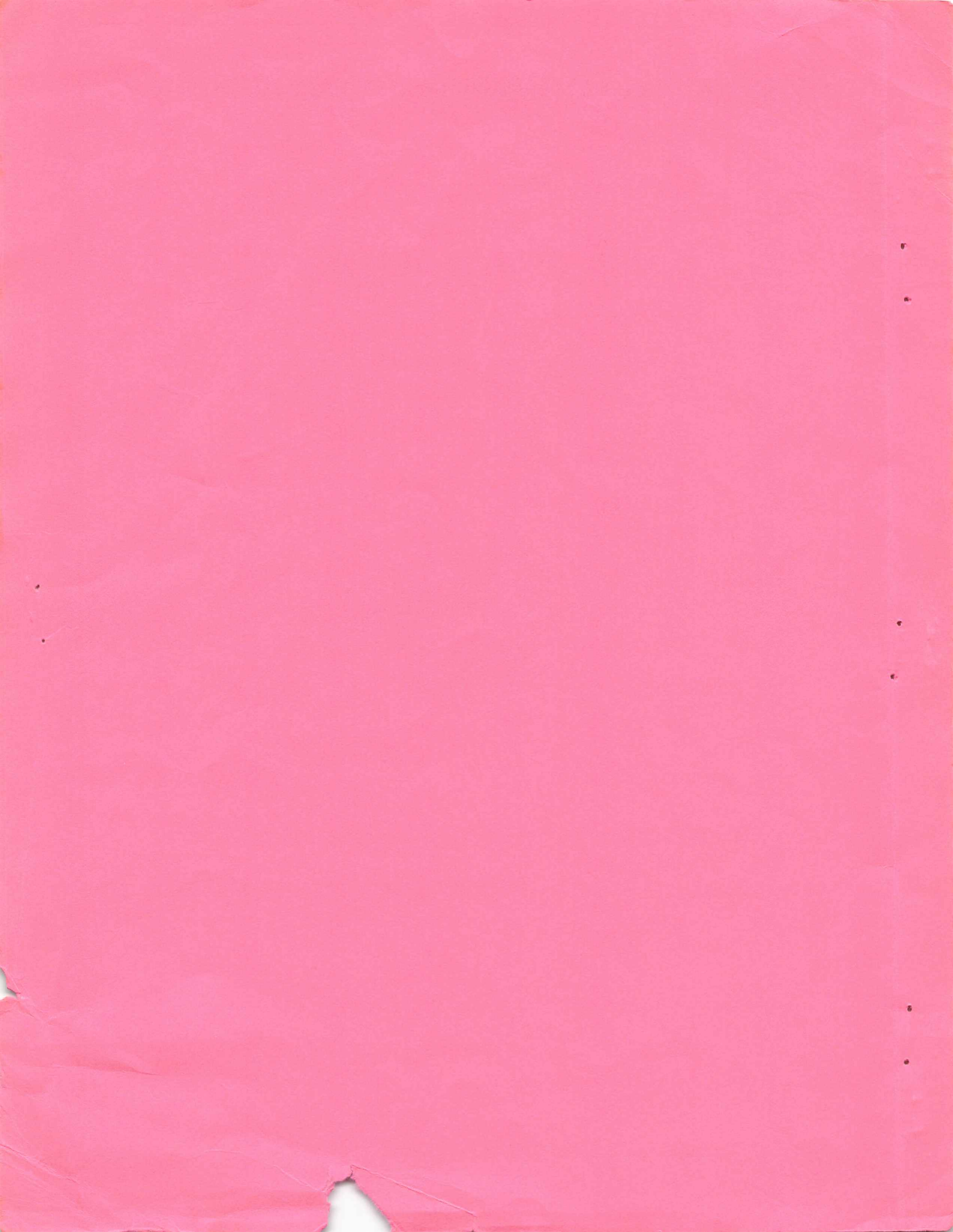


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THE B. C. PIPERS' ASSOCIATION

46th ANNUAL GATHERING

On the 24th and 25th March of this year I had the honour to be invited to adjudicate at the above events. I found it a pleasure.

The judges were extremely well looked after by a most competent team comprising of the committee and seemingly endless helpers.

The standard of playing in the Junior events was, to say the least, high. Unfortunately three competitors who started off in true style and who would have been, without doubt, in the prize list, broke down. This in the Ceol Mor Event was bad luck but it can happen to us all.

In the Ceol Beag events (Junior) the standard was again very good although the effects of playing in Pipe Bands may be restricting personal interpretation of some of their selections.

Now to the "Big Boys!" The Professionals in all their events were very good indeed. I listened with awe to some first class music. One young man stood out and should go a long way in the world of piping.

My final summing up would be that Piping in Western Canada is in an excellent state and long may it continue.

One final word. The Pipe Bands in Scotland should be starting to get worried (if not so already) because in this field I heard some music which did the heart good.

I wish you all well and keep up the good work.

Yours Most Sincerely,

Pipe Major John D. Burgess  
Piper to The Royal Celtic Society  
Patron H. M. The Queen

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WANTED

Pipers and Drummers for the Triumph St. Pipe Band. Male or Female.  
For more information phone Hal Senyk - 253-1743

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TRAIL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

TROPHIES

Would the Band members having the following trophies please return them to the Trail Caledonian Society. The Ladies Auxillary to the Pipe Bands' Shield (a scottish Rampart) & the Band Drum Sectini Shield (Shriners Clubs') Trail-Rossland. We need these for our May 21st Games.

Respectively  
Kate E. Shaw  
Box 201,  
Trail, British Columbia  
V1R 4L5

RESULTS OF THE B. C. PIPERS'  
46th ANNUAL GATHERING

Junior Piobaireachd - #1

1. Paddy MacNeil
2. Maureen Lee
3. Pauline Alakija

Gordon Sinclair Memorial Trophy:  
Paddy MacNeil

Junior Strath. & Reel - #3

1. Sharon MacKinnon
2. Alison L. Duncan
3. Pauline Alakija

Events 1,2,3 Roderick F. MacRae  
Trophy: Sharon MacKinnon

Juvenile March - #5

1. Brenda Barker
2. Wesley Eaton
3. Autumn Oberg
4. Heather Lyle

Events 5 and 6, The Malcolm Nicholson Trophy: Brenda Barker

Amateur Piobaireachd - #7

1. Bradford Wakefield
2. Alison Palmer
3. Grant Wilkie
4. Gordon Lyle

Caber Feidh Trophy; Bradford  
Wakefield

Amateur Jigs - #9

1. Gordon Lyle
2. Bruce Gandy
3. Alison Palmer
4. James R. Robb

Events 7, 8, 9: Nicholson Trophy (Service Cleaners): Gordon Lyle

Event #2 - Junior March

1. Sharon MacKinnon
2. Geordie Young
3. Kim Smith

Event #4 - Novice March

1. Elizabeth MacKinnon
2. Cameron Alakija
3. Scott Shelley
4. Barbara MacKinnon

Glasgow & District Assoc. Trophy:  
Elizabeth MacKinnon

Event #6 - Juvenile Strath. & Reel

1. Brenda Barker
2. Gordon Pollock
3. Heather Lyle
4. Gordon Redmond

Event #8 - Amateur M. S. & Reel

1. Grant Wilkie
2. Gordon Lyle
3. Donny MacNeil
4. Bradford Wakefield

Duncan Watson Memorial Trophy:  
Grant Wilkie

Event #10 - Junior Quartettes

1. Penticton Pipe Band
  2. Richmond Jr. Pipe Band
- The Walter Douglas Memorial Trophy

Event #11 - Senior Quartettes

1. Triumph St. Pipe Band.
  2. City of Victoria Pipe Band
- The Douglas Trophy

Event #12 - Junior Mini Bands

1. Vancouver Ladies Junior Pipe Band
  2. Richmond Junior Pipe Band
- The John T. McHardy Trophy - Band: Vancouver Ladies  
The John MacKenzie Memorial Trophy - Drumming: Vancouver Ladies

Event #13 - Professional Piobaireachd

1. Jack Lee
2. Jamie Troy
3. Mary Alward

The MacCrimmon Memorial Trophy - Jack Lee

Event #14 - Professional March, Strathspey & Reel

1. Hal Senyk
2. Jack Lee
3. Steve Geddes

Event #15 - Professional Jigs

1. Jack Lee
2. Jamie Troy
3. Steve Geddes

The Donald MacDonald Memorial Trophy - Jack Lee

Events #13, 14, 15; The Mary MacLeod Collins Trophy - Jack Lee

Event #16 - Senior Mini Bands

1. Triumph St. Pipe Band
2. City of Victoria

The City of Port Moody Pipe Band Trophy - Band: Triumph St.

The Triumph Street Pipe Band Trophy - Drumming: City of Port Moody.

THE MACIVER MEMORIAL TROPHY \* FOR THE HIGHEST POINTS IN ALL EVENTS:  
Jack Lee.

THE RODERICK MACLEOD MEMORIAL TROPHY - MOST PROMISING PIPER: Pauline  
Alakija

VICTORIA HIGHLAND GAMES ASSOCIATION  
41st Annual Outdoor Games

PIPING AND DRUMMING EVENTS

Piping

Novice

111. Marches

Juvenile Amateur

112. Marches

113. Strathspey & Reel

Junior Amateur

114. Marches

115. Strathspey & Reel

Senior Amateur

116. March, Strathspey & Reel

117. Piobaireachd

118. Jig

Professional

119. March, Strathspey & Reel

120. Piobaireachd

121. Jig

Drumming

Novice

122. March

Amateur

123. March, Strathspey & Reel

Senior Amateur

124. March, Strathspey & Reel

Professional

125. March, Strathspey & Reel

126. Medley (4-5 minutes)

127. Tenor Drumming

128. Bass Drumming

Events 127 & 128 Competitor  
to supply own piper.

PIPE BAND COMPETITION

Grade 1

Grade 2

Grade 3

Juvenile Open

Juvenile Novice

Minimum number of players in Grade 1 & 2 and Juvenile Open band competitions shall consist of the following:

8 pipers, 3 side drummers, 1 bass drummer, 1 tenor drummer.

All players will be considered to be competitors and subject to adjudication by their respective pipe band judges.

All competitors are to be attired in recognizable Highland dress and shall wear at least a kilt, hose, flashes, sporran, belt and shoes. Dress for bands is to be of a conforming nature.

Pipers are to tune pipes in the designated areas only - this rule applies equally to drummers.

Entry Fees

\$1.50 per event

\$15.00 per band

50¢ number deposit - this deposit is returned to you when your number is returned to the V.H.G.A. - thank you!

All entries must be money orders made payable to the:

VICTORIA HIGHLAND GAMES ASSOCIATION

Entries must be postmarked not later than May 8, 1978 and submitted to:

Mrs. J. Martin,

4102 San Ardo Place,

Victoria, B. C. V8N 2J7

\*\*Telephone or Field entries WILL NOT be accepted!!

Double entry fee charged for late entries or if not a member of  
Dancing or Piping Association or the V.H.G.A.

Victoria Highland Games Con't

J. C. Yardley  
247 Lincoln Ave.  
Daly City

Dear Members,

I would like first of all to thank the B. C. Pipers' Association for the invitation to judge at their 46th Annual Gathering.

Being met with a reception committee at the Airport was also very nice, being composed of James MacDonald, Jimmy MacMillan and none other than John Burgess, whom I haven't seen since 1952.

In the past I have never co-judged with anyone so it was a special pleasure on my visit here to have the company of P/M John Burgess for the job, on hand.

On looking back, I enjoyed the two days work immensely, although the judging was very tough, as there are so many good and potentially good pipers in the area. It is very obvious that there are First Class teachers around.

I have nothing but praise for the way the competition was organized thanks mainly to a first class committee headed by Donald Ross. I realize there must be one or two snags in a piping competition this size, but as a judge none were apparent to me.

The accoustics for pipes were very good in the small rooms, and also in the large hall, but it was a different story with the band contest where we had drums and pipes clashing. I don't know what could be done about it, other than the use of a temporary carpet for the band competition. Having had the same problem when I played with the Powell River Pipe Band, and the use of a floor covering produced a much cleaner sound.

In conclusion I wish to thank everyone who made my stay so welcome, and special thanks to Teresa and Willie McErlean for their generous hospitality.

Yours Sincerely,  
P/M J. C. Yardley.

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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 May 8, 1978

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)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Association Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number)



BELLINGHAM HIGHLAND GAMES ASSOCIATION

Fifteenth Annual

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

Civic Field, Bellingham, Washington Saturday June 3, 1978

Morning competition starts at 9:00 a. m.

Massed Band Display will be held in the late afternoon

PIPING AND DRUMMING EVENTS

Event No.

- 1 - Novice Marches
- 2 - Juvenile Marches
- 3 - Juv. Strath & Reel
- 4 - Junior Piobaireachd
- 5 - Junior Marches
- 6 - Junior Strath & Reel
- 7 - Amateur Piobaireachd

Event No.

- 8 - Amateur Marches
- 9 - Amateur Strath & Reel
- 10 - Professional Marches
- 11 - Professional Strath & Reel
- 12 - Professional Piobaireachd
- 13 - Junior Quartettes - Medley  
(18 & Under)
- 14 - Open Quartettes - Medley

Entry Fees: Events 1-9 inclusive, \$1.50 each event. Professional: \$2.00 each event. Events 13 and 14: \$2.00

Professional piping prizes:	1st	2nd	3rd
Piobaireachd	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Marches; Strathspey & Reel	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$25.00

- Event No. 15 - Novice Drummers - March; Strathspey & Reel
- Event No. 16 - Amateur Drummers - March; Strathspey & Reel
- Event No. 17 - Senior Amateur Drummers - March; Strathspey & Reel

Entry Fees: \$1.50 each event

Event No. 18 - Professional Drummers - March; Strathspey & Reel  
Entry Fee: \$2.00

Professional Drumming Prizes:	1st	2nd	3rd
March; Strathspey & Reel	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00

- Event No. 19 - Junior Corp - March; Strathspey & Reel
- Event No. 20 - Open Drum Corps - March; Strathspey & Reel  
(Drum Corps consisting of 3 sides, 1 tenor, & 1 Bass)

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per Drum Corps

Event Nos. 15, 16, 17, & 18 - Drummers will provide their own Pipers

	<u>Pipe Bands</u>	1st	2nd
Event No. 21 - Juvenile Bands - Medley		\$75.00	\$50.00
Event No. 22 - Grade 3 Bands - Medley		\$80.00	\$60.00
Event No. 23 - Grade 2 Bands - Medley		\$100.00	\$75.00
Event No. 24 - Grade 1 Bands - Medley		\$150.00	\$100.00

Band Entry Fees: Grade 1 - \$15.00, Grade 2 - \$12.00, Grade 3 - \$10.00  
Juvenile - \$7.00

Entry Form on Next Page

Bellingham Highland Games

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Bellingham Highland Games  
P. O. Box 1477  
Bellingham, Wa. 98225  
Phone: (206) 734-6094

Birth: Mo. \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Yr. \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Event Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ U. S. Funds only.

Check or money order payable to: "Bellingham Highland Games."  
POSITIVELY NO ENTRY ACCEPTED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED WITH REMITTANCE.

COMPETITORS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ TARTAN OF KILT \_\_\_\_\_

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

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ This waiver to be signed by Parent or Guardian if entrant is not 21 years.

NO LATE OR FIELD ENTRIES. CLOSING DATE IS MAY 19, 1978.

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BELLINGHAM CITY ORDINANCE: NO PETS ALLOWED IN CIVIC FIELD!

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SONS OF SCOTLAND NEW WESTMINSTER HIGHLAND GAMES

Queens Park, New Westminster B. C. Saturday, June 10, 1978  
Commencing 9:00 a. m.

Admission - Adults \$2.00, Students \$1.00, Senior Citizens & Children  
(6-12 yrs) 50¢.

Closing Date for entries May 19, 1978. Entries can be obtained  
from Donald Ross - 526-7905

Competitors Please Note - Order of play will be strictly enforced,  
competitors not ready to play will be immediately disqualified.

Ceilidh to follow the Games, held in the Queens Park Arenex.  
Admission \$4.00. Bar Service Only.

## APRIL KNOCKOUT

After a short but necessary meeting, the evening's piping got underway in the semi-finals.

First to compete was Steve Geddes, followed by Jack Lee with Jack Lee being declared the winner.

Immediately following was the other semi finalists. First to play was Angus MacPherson followed by Ian Whitelaw, with Ian Whitelaw being declared the winner.

The two finalists competing at the dinner will be:

Jack Lee

vs

Ian Whitelaw

After a short break, the duet competition got underway with pipers from; Port Moody Pipe Band, Triumph St. Pipe Band and Victoria Pipe Band.

Triumph St. were declared the winners, with Port Moody taking second place. Triumph St. picked up a well deserved \$40.00 and Port Moody \$20.00

All in all it was a very enjoyable and well played competition.

Judges for the night were: John MacDonald, Ed Esson and Alex Young.

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## ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

Our Annual Dinner and Dance, and final of the Knockouts will be held May 13th, at the St. Francis De Sales Hall on Balmoral St., Burnaby. Music by Johnnie MacGregor and his band. The tickets are on sale NOW, from any of the board members.

This promises to be a very entertaining evening, what with the final of the medley competition, bar services supplied, an excellent meal of Cornish Game Hen and a good band to dance to. It should be a fine windup to our winter activities, so order your tickets as soon as possible, and give the organizers a chance to finalize the arrangements.

See you at the Dance.

Editor

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## The Spokane Piobaireachd Society

"Because of a time and date conflict with the games that have been held in Vancouver for a number of years the "Salute to Canada" competition scheduled for July 1st at North Idaho College will be held on Sunday 2nd of July, commencing at 12 noon. The Novice and Juvenile competition will be adjudicated by Mr. John Stevenson former P/M of the 5/7th Gordons, and the Brittany Gold Medal with its \$300.00 travel check, will be judged by P/M James MacGregor as will the Canada Cup (Piob. Piping) with its \$300.00, \$200.00, \$100.00 prizes added, plus the warm-up of \$50, \$35, and \$25."

## PIPING RECITAL

For those of you who were lucky enough, or should I say smart enough to attend the Piping Recital by Pipe Major John D. Burgess, I'm sure I cannot add anymore superlatives, than those which abounded around the Victoria Drive Community Hall at the conclusion of the recital. As P/M Ed Esson put it, "We came to hear piping, and we had a feast of it." The only thing that we could have wished for, was a larger hall to alleviate the rather crowded but bearable conditions, (a very cosy atmosphere).

So John, on behalf of the B. C. Pipers' Association please accept our sincere thanks for providing an excellent evening of piping from a very appreciative audience.

A. Young  
President

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## SEATTLE SCHOOL OF PIPING

Once again the Seattle School of Piping will be held on the beautiful campus of Seattle Pacific University July 31, 1978 thru August 11, 1978.

We are indeed fortunate to have as the director and chief instructor John MacLellan, M.B.E. Mr. MacLellan, aside from being one of the foremost pipers in the world, having won virtually every prize available to a piper, is also one of the leading and most sought after instructors of piping found anywhere.

As has always been the policy of the Seattle School of Piping, chairs are on a very limited basis as to facilitate individual instruction on a one-on-one basis with John MacLellan as he uses no assistants or junior instructors.

All levels of proficiency are accepted and to accommodate all people, the school will be conducted in two separate sessions; a morning session, 9 to 12:00 and an evening session 5-8:00 o'clock. Housing on campus will be available at nominal charge for the two week course.

For registration or further information please contact Mr. Bob Summerville at:

14202 1st Avenue South  
Seattle, Wa. 98168

or call (206) 242-1768. Please specify desired session and accommodations needed, if any.

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FOR SALE

12 Red Melton Cloth Drumming Tunics. Assorted sizes, very reasonably priced. Phone 942-0980.

\*SPRING DANCE\*

The Maple Ridge Legion Pipe Band Br. 88 is celebrating its 30th Anniversary with a spring dance, to be held on Saturday, May 20th at the legion auditorium, commencing at 8:30 p. m. Cold plate lunch at 11:30, Full Bar Service and dancing to the music of the "Swanson Sound".

Tickets are \$6.00 per person and are available from Band Members or by phoning-942-0980.

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Dates of up-coming games

- Victoria - Sunday, May 21
- Bellingham - Saturday, June 3
- New Westminster - June 10, Saturday
- Legion Games, Kamloops - Saturday, June 17
- B. C. Highland, Thunderbird Stadium - July 1, Saturday
- Nanaimo - July 8, Saturday
- Portland - July 14, 15, 16
- Athena - Saturday, July 22

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PORTLAND HIGHLAND GAMES ASSN. PRESENTS:

The Northwest's only 3-day Highland Games & Clan Gathering  
July 14, 15, 16, 1978

- July 14 - Evening: Piobaireachd Competition
- July 15 - All Day: Dancing (Baby thru Open classes, Inverness Challenge Shield for Open dancers), Bagpipe and Drumming (Novice, Amateur and Professional classes), Bands (Grade I, II, III, Juvenile Novice and Open), Athletic Competition (Caber, Sheaf, Hammer, Stone, Pillow Fight, Frying Pan Toss), Sheep Dog herding demonstration, Clan Tents, Food, Souvenirs.
- July 15 - Evening: Ceilidh (Special celebration - 200th birthday of Seaforth Highlanders)
- July 16 - Morning: Church Parade and Brunch  
- Afternoon: Golf Tournament

	Piobaireachd	Games	Ceilidh	Total Cost	Purchase Price Prior to July 8, 1978
Sr. and 6-11	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$3.50	\$2.75
12-17	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$4.00	\$3.25
18 and up	\$1.50	\$2.50	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$7.25

Send today for tickets and/or information to: Virginia Macpherson Johnson, 8855 S. W. Birchwood Road, Portland, Or. 97225

TICKETS (indicate Events and Age Group)

Amt. Encl. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Information on \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. W. Elder.  
Baden Senior School  
CFPO - 5056  
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