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ANNUAL GATHERING - 1979

We have just completed our 47th. Annual Gathering and as Association President I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the many people who assisted during the two days of the Gathering.

On behalf of the Association I would like to thank not only the Board of Directors but the many Active, Associate, and Non Members who helped out.

I realize that it is not always good policy to single out individuals as invariably someones name is missed. However, I feel that there are a few people that should be mentioned.

I would like to thank Mrs. Mary Huige, who looked after all our Trophies, Miss Helen Young and Miss Lise Lemay who looked after the door for both days, Mrs. Ishabel Ross and Mrs. Lillian Reid for the job they did at the Entry table, Mr. Bob Murphie who worked so hard at the Bar, and Mr. Donald Ross, who, with his committee put the whole thing together.

I would also like to thank the Parents of the Vancouver Ladies Pipe Band for handling the Concession and supplying lunch and dinner for the committee. We did have a small problem in this area for which I have to take the blame and not the Association, but be assured it will not happen in the future.

There are many others who worked hard during the Gathering and my thanks go out to all of them. They all made my weekend very easy and enjoyable.

I know that you can not have a Gathering of this type and send everyone home happy, however, we have run it without a break for Fourty Seven years so it must have something good going for it.

Each year, after the Gathering, the Board of Directors discuss suggestions for the next year. Many of the suggestions do not get to the Board until a month before the next gathering and by that time it is to late to act on them.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask those who attended the Gathering, both spectators and competitors, to write to either the Newsletter or the Secretary and give your thoughts on how the Gathering could be improved. We would also like to get your opinions on the facilities, B.C.I.T. as against S.F.U. or perhaps you have some other place you could suggest. But again I say LET US KNOW NOW, not next spring.

Once again, my thanks go out to the many workers, competitors, and spectators that made the Annual Gathering possible.

W. D. Lamont
President

Don't forget the Annual Dinner, Saturday May 26th, Skyline Hotel.

B. C. Pipers Association 47th Annual Gathering - Results

April 13 & 14, 1979

Judges: Mr. Duncan Johnstone, Glasgow
Mr. John Reay, Winnipeg
Mr. David Bruce (Drumming)

Junior Piobaireachd

1. Autumn Oberg
2. Brenda Lowden
3. Gordon Pollock

Gordon Sinclair Memorial Trophy--Autumn Oberg

Junior Strath. & Reel

1. Brenda Barker
2. Autumn Oberg
3. Gordon Pollock

Roderick F. MacRae Trophy--Autumn Oberg

Juvenile March

1. Patricia Miharija
2. Rod Bellamy
3. Murdoch MacAllister
4. Darlene Miharija

Malcolm Nicholson Trophy--Patricia Miharija

Amateur Piobaireachd

1. Peter Aumonier
2. Jim Stewart
3. Terri Smith
4. Gordon Lyle

Caber Feidh Trophy--Peter Aumonier

Amateur Jigs

1. Christine Waddell
2. Pauline Alakija
3. Moira Waddell
4. Duncan Fraser

The Nicholson Trophy--Tie: Christine Waddell
Jim Stewart

Professional M.S. & R.

1. Jack Lee
2. Fritz Hoffman
3. Jamie Troy

The Mary MacLeod Collins Trophy & a
Trip to Scotland - Jack Lee

Chanter (Donated by Bob Murphie)-- Juvenile
Piobaireachd Society Book - Amateur
Kilbemy Book (Donated by Fred Brodie)-- Junior

Junior March

1. Brenda Lowden
2. Gordon Pollock
3. Autumn Oberg

Novice March

1. Scott Shelley
2. Cameron Alakija
3. Moira Lee
4. Tracy-Lyn Charette

Glasgow & District Assoc.
Trophy--Scott Shelley

Juvenile Strath. & Reel

1. Patricia Miharija
2. Christine Reid
3. Barbara MacKinnon
4. Monica J. Murphy

Amateur M. S. & Reel

1. Jim Stewart
2. Christine Waddell
3. Alison Palmer
4. Pauline Alakija

Duncan Watson Memorial Trophy--
Jim Stewart

Professional Piob.

1. Jack Lee
2. Bruce Gandy
3. Hal Senyk

MacCrimmon Memorial Trophy--
Jack Lee

Professional Jigs

1. Rene Cussons
2. Bruce Gandy
3. Jack Lee

Donald MacDonald Memorial
Trophy--Rene Cussons

47th Gathering Con't

Junior Quartettes

1. Vancouver Ladies
2. Vancouver Kiwanis

Mrs. Walter Douglas Trophy-Vancouver Ladies

Junior Mini Bands

1. Vancouver Ladies Pipe Band
2. White Spot Jr. Pipe Band

John T. McHardy Trophy-Vancouver Ladies
John MacKenzie Memorial Trophy (Drumming)-Vancouver Ladies

Senior Mini Bands

1. Triumph Street Pipe Band
P/M Hal Senyk
2. City of Port Moody Pipe Band
P/M Terry Lee
3. Prince Charles Pipe Band
P/M Fritz Hoffman

City of Port Moody Trophy for best band-Triumph Street p/b
Triumph St. Pipe Band Trophy for drumming - City of Victoria.

The MacIver Memorial Trophy for Highest aggregate points in all
events - Jack Lee

The Roderick MacLeod Memorial Trophy for most promising player-
Autumn Oberg.

Missing, The Nat Bailey Perpetual Trophy for Amateur Drumming,
Return to B.C. Highland Games. Phone Mrs. Upton - 434-3331.

New Piping Book of Shian Music by Capt. J.R.C. Peterson,
#12 Drummond Place
Grangemouth,

or from Fred Brodie.

Just a note to thank yourself and the B.C. Pipers' Association for their kind hospitality to me while in Vancouver. I enjoyed your games immensely and was greatly impressed with the calibre of piping there.

It was a great source of enjoyment to me to meet so many old friends of the piping fraternity whom I have not seen for years.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for the gift of the Inverness cape, it was indeed a thrill.

I hope that my services to you were satisfactory and with best wishes for the future of your games.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

P/M John J. Reay

Comments of Annual Gathering from Duncan Johnstone

The organization of the competition was absolutely excellent from start to finish and the usual delays between pipers was virtually non-existent. Our major competition organisers in Scotland could learn a lot by simply coming as observers to Vancouver!

The standard of playing from Juvenile right through to professional was much higher than anticipated particularly amongst the youngsters and not only will the local professionals have to look to their laurels but also those in Scotland for they are going to have major trouble in the next 4 to 5 years when those youngsters mature.

I got the distinct impression that all the competitors had been well taught as in most cases the competitors played technically correct on well balanced pipes and it is well appreciated the hours of patience and practice on the part of the tutors and pupils respectively to make this very high standard possible.

Strathspey playing was of a superb standard with the timing particularly good but it was felt that the double E from F could have been OPENED up and the break to the Reel was not clean in many cases, indeed many of the competitors were losing a beat. As for the Reels themselves the timing was too abrupt and the execution could have been OPENED up.

The Jigs provided an extremely good competition with timing and execution excellent and all participants have to be congratulated on their mastery of this facet of pipe music.

Piob and Marches have been deliberately kept to the end of the remarks for they had one thing in common - lack of flow - they both seemed to be phrased in units rather than the tunes kept flowing. It was also noted that in the last bar of many marches which were played that the doubling of the C was far too light and the tunes would be vastly improved if a very heavy and accentuated C doubling was played. However both Piob. and Marches were technically very good which again points to the ability of the tutors.

It was a delight to hear so many good traditional tunes with good traditional settings for in all parts of the world many pipers are playing more modern tunes.

Letter from D. Johnstone Con't

On a very personal note could I place on record, on behalf of my colleagues and myself our thanks for the wonderful reception and hospitality which we enjoyed in Vancouver and we can only hope that we will have an opportunity to reciprocate in Scotland. I also had the additional bonus on my visit of meeting relatives and friends in Vancouver and of course my boyhood friend, Jimmy McPherson whom I had not seen for over 30 years.

Jack Lee is really a true professional who would do well in any company anywhere in the world, but he will have tremendous local competition in Bruce Gandy who is a great prospect and with constant practice will develop into one of the great players. Of the younger players, Pauline Alakija has all the ability to reach the top rank of pipers for not only is she technically sound, she has a great sense of timing and in keeping a tune flowing.

Of the bands there is no doubt that Triumph St, under Hal Senyk have a great sound and play in unison with accurate fingering. This band would do very well in Scotland at the major competitions.

Duncan Johnstone,
Glasgow

B. C. PIPER'S ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

M MAY 26th Time: 6:30 Social Hour, 7:30 Dinner

This year our Annual Dinner and Dance along with the final of our Knockout Competition will be held in the Skystage Ballroom, the Skyline Hotel in Richmond.

There are still tickets available from Donald Ross Ph. 526-7905, but please don't delay too long.

This should provide an excellent evening of entertainment with a Baron of Beef dinner, Music by The Black Velvet Band a group well known for their versatility in all types of music, set in the pleasant surroundings of the Skystage Ballroom, and to top it all, the finals of a very hard earned Knockout Competition.

Final Competitors are: Drew Noot, Steve Geddes and Jack Lee.

See you all there on the 26th.

City of Port Moody Pipe Band

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

June 1st, 1979

8:00 p.m.

Ioco Recreation Centre, Port Moody

\$3.00 Admission

Prizes

\$1,000.00 Free Money

Bar Facilities

Tickets Available from George McKillop Ph. 298-2392
or other band members, or at the door.

For Sale

Set of Silver mounted Laurie Pipes in excellent condition,
dated 1957, with pipe case.

These Pipes were the property of the late Eric Thomson. Also
for sale at a reasonable cost, a collection of Music Books, also
complete Highland Dress to suit a large man.

For information Phone: J.R. Thomson, 922-1064

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Terry Lee. Now carries a full line of piping needs along with
their excellent choice of tartans and dancing supplies. Located
at North Rd. and Clarke Drive in Coquitlam. Phone 936-8548

Richmond Junior Pipe Band is holding a Dance on Saturday,
16 June at South Arm Community Hall, Richmond. The Dance is
a fund raising event to buy equipment for the growing Junior
members of the Band.

For information regarding tickets and Dance, contact
Nancy Goldie, 274-3156.

We wish to extend a get well wish to Oliver Thompson on behalf
of the membership. Oliver was Involved in an accident while out
cutting wood and is in serious condition in the Royal Columbian
Hospital. We hope to hear good news of him real soon.

Anyone wishing accomodation while on vacation on the Isle
of Skye will get a warm welcome from Angus and Elsie MacLeod,
The Piper's Cottage Dunvegan. (Ask anyone in Dunvegan for Angus
he is a piper and well known).

Scottish made Balmoral, most sizes. Plain Navy - White - Lovat -
Velvet - and Tartan - \$10.00

Scottish made Glengarry, 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 7 $\frac{1}{4}$. Plain Navy - Diced- and
Tartan. - \$10.00.

Tartan Berrets, Ajustable - \$5.00.

Phone-J. McHardy 327-4777

The Yukon Highland Games are again being held at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Location is the Rotary Park, Saturday June 23rd, 1979.

A reception will be held Friday, 22nd June at 7:30 p.m. in the Royal Canadian Legion. There is a Ceilidh following the Saturday Competition.

For information write to: Registrar, Yukon Highland Games
31 Hart Crescent,
Whitehorse, Yukon Territory
Y1A 4R2

Piping Judge this year again will be Pipe Major Jimmie McMillan, Vancouver B.C.

Mr. McMillan has agreed to judge our games at Whitehorse. We will probably request that he put on some kind of seminar for Piping and the care and upkeep of bagpipes.

Highland Dancing coordinator will be Carol Mullin.
Drumming Judge - Rob Smith, Surrey B.C.

Victoria Highland Games

Presents the

MacDonald Scottish Gathering

of

Dancing Piping Drumming Pipe Bands and Scottish Sports
Sunday May 20th, 1979

Place - MacDonald Park - corner of Montreal and Simcoe St.
James Bay, Victoria B.C.

Entries to Mrs. J. Martin
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VON 2J7

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Pipers and Drummers wanted by the newly formed Langley Pipe Band. The Band intends to be competitive and has an aim to start competing in Grade 2.

Those willing to work and compete and have patience with a growing band please contact Pipe Major Tom McIntosh, evenings at, 594-3253.

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Tel. 669-5451. Store Hours-Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Offering a wide variety of Scottish Products. Mail orders welcome,
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This is the "wee" Glentrium School from Nelson calling all pipers who really want to pipe and are not trying to make money out of piping.

We have always gone with Donald MacLeod the "wee man" but in our opinion, the greatest piper, composer and teacher alive today. He did not come to Nelson for money but because of his dedication to piping and loyalty to old friends.

We wish all schools, where pure piping is the purpose, the best of success whether they are the biggest in the North West, South East Vancouver Island or North of Vancouver. It appears that we started something in 1967 in little old Nelson - the first in B.C. Glentrium, called after the birthplace of John MacDonald who, taught Donald MacLeod.

The following are past teachers at Glentrium and while some are patrons of the School, now all are notably interested:

Pipe Major Donald MacLeod, M.B.E.,
Pipe Major Edmund Esson, M.B.E.,
Pipe Major Angus G. MacLeod, and
Pipe Major William Thomson.

This year because Donald's partner in business John MacFadyen passed away suddenly, business makes it impossible for Donald to attend Glentrium. Donald's choice of a substitute is William MacLeod of Pine Falls, Manitoba.

We are looking forward to a successful school this summer.

For information contact: Mr. W.D. Sutherland
Box 269,
Nelson, British Columbia
V1L 5P9

Vancouver Ladies Pipe Band
Scottish Pub Party
Featuring
"The Crofters"

Get your friends together and come out for a real old-fashioned ceilidh. Enjoy the Scottish and Irish folk songs of the Crofters (don't forget to oil your vocal cords), and highland dancing and piping by the Vancouver Ladies and other guest artists.

Pies and peas will be served. Full bar service.
Date: June 15, 1979 Scottish Auditorium
Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets - \$5.00 each

Tickets available from any band member or by phoning Judi Macpherson at 526-9006.

For Sale

Set of Henderson Pipes with new Hardie Chanter. Chromed Ferrules with real Ivory projecting Mounts. Phone Tom McIntosh 594-3253.

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July 2 - 13, 1979

General Information

Featured Faculty

Mr. James McIntosh (Pipes) Mr. Alex Duthart (Drums)
Mr. Murray Henderson (Pipes) Mr. Bert Barr (Drums)
Mr. John Burgess (Pipes)

Dates: July 2-13, 1979 (10 days)
Times: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Fees: \$150.00
Location: MOUNT ROYAL COLLEGE

Registration:

Since we must limit the number of students to 100 the registrations cannot be confirmed unless accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00.

To register, call Doreen Evans at 246-6470. Registrations can be confirmed in person by stopping at the Community Education Kiosk at Mount Royal College Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Friday until 4:30 p.m.

Registrants may also complete and return the enclosed registration form along with a cheque for fees or a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00. All fees must be paid prior to June 15, 1979.

Accommodation:

Mount Royal College has no residence facility. Out-of-town students should make their own arrangements early to avoid problems with tourists looking for Calgary Stampede accommodation (July 5-15)

A limited number of shared dormitory rooms have been made available at the University of Calgary. Please write for prices and other information.

REGISTRATION FORMS

Enclosed is a cheque for \$.....payable to Mount Royal College.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ POSTAL CODE _____
TELEPHONE _____ AGE _____ SEX _____

If you wish information about rooms or require billets, please check this box:

Register me as:

PIPER: _____ Chanter DRUMMER: _____ Side Drum
 _____ Beginning Piper _____ Tenor
 _____ Intermediate Bagpipes _____ Bass
 _____ Advanced Bagpipes

Return to: Community Education Kiosk
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 Teachers' Course \$ 30.00 extra.

Please fill out application below and send it with the enrolment fee of \$10.00 to:

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THE SEAWAY INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL OF PIPING,
23a JOHN STREET, BROCKVILLE,
ONTARIO,
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Accommodation:

Rate Per Day \$ 12.80 for room and Board
 or \$141.00 for the two week course.

These fees include an enrolment fee of \$10.00, which is NOT refundable. All fees are payable on advance or on your arrival please. Registration is on 1st July 1979. Please enrol at the earliest opportunity.

Make all cheques payable to: THE SEAWAY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PIPING. Please Print.

Name in full.....

Address.....

I wish to attend for One/Two* weeks. State dates if for one week
..... July 1979.

My piping experience is:

Beginner
 Playing Pipes.....years.
 Advanced Player.....years.

*Delete as necessary.

