



# BC PIPERS' ASSOCIATION Newsletter

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## BCPA Annual Gathering - April 9th-10th, 2009

Another Annual Gathering has come and gone. Necessity forced a venue change for the Saturday events from SFU to Douglas College. The Annual Gathering committee felt certain that the new venue would be excellent, with the exception of the theatre's seating capacity at Douglas College -- which is much smaller than what we have become accustomed to at SFU. However, the size of the stage itself is much larger making it a better playing environment for the bands. The committee endeavoured to solve this problem by running a live video feed to the ceilidh area. There were some technical difficulties at the start and some of the Grade 5 Band performances did not come through properly, but once the system was set right, it worked rather well! The visiting judges this year were Alasdair Gillies, Ken Eller, and Eric and Lynne Ward. We were treated to an excellent recital on the Friday evening.

The photograph above was used for the Annual Gathering program cover and was taken at the 14th Annual Gathering in 1946. The original came from a box of material which had been held by Mary MacKinnon. The following names from the photo are known: Ian MacKintosh; Donald MacDonald (Vancouver Police); Betty (Pringle) Barrett; Jean ?; Lorna Wilson; Frances Kellas; Margaret (MacDonald) Newbolt; Margaret McKay; Hugh Aird; Bill Lamont; John MacHardy. All of the women mentioned appear to be of the Glengarry Girls Pipe Band. If you know any other people from the photograph, please inform Ed McIlwaine <editor@bcpipers.org>.

Results for the Annual Gathering are printed in the following pages.

**BCPA 77th Annual Gathering  
April 10th and 11th, 2009**

**Friday Results - Piping**

- Grade 3 Piobaireachd  
1 Darlene Lewis-Chinn  
2 Nicholas Burns  
3 Dr. Cecily Grant  
4 Trevor Davidson  
5 Alistair Ramsay  
6 Joseph Stewart  
Adj. Bruce Gandy

- Grade 2 Piobaireachd  
1 Erika Takeo  
2 Alexander Schiele  
3 Glenn Barrie  
4 Kevin McLean  
5 Brian Haddon  
6 Scott McClure  
Adj. Rob Menzies

- Grade 1 Piobaireachd  
1 Elizabeth Dunsire  
2 Richard Gillies  
3 John Lee  
4 Blake Parkinson  
5 Scott Wood  
6 Jonathan Farrell  
Adj. Hal Senyk



*Alasdair Gillies presents "The Cairn" to James Beaumont*

- Professional Piobaireachd  
1 James Beaumont  
2 Alastair Lee  
3 James P. Troy  
4 Colin McWilliams  
5 Andrew Bonar  
6 Andrew Lee  
Adj. Alasdair Gillies

**Friday Results - Side Drumming**

- Professional March, Strathspey & Reel  
1 David Bowman  
2 Derek Cooper  
3 Ian Lawson  
4 Sarah McLatchy  
5 James Laughlin  
6 Cameron Reid  
Adj. Eric Ward, J. Reid Maxwell

**Professional Hornpipe & Jig**

- 1 Ian Lawson  
2 Derek Cooper  
3 James Laughlin  
4 David Bowman  
5 Cameron Reid  
6 Sarah McLatchy  
Adj. Eric Ward, J. Reid Maxwell

**Friday Results - Tenor Drumming**

- Professional Hornpipe & Jig  
1 Brittany Angeltvedt  
Adj. Lynne Ward



*Brittany Angeltvedt, who won the Professional Tenor Drumming. Trophy presented by Lynne Ward*

**Saturday Results Piping**

- Beginner 2/4 March  
1 Connor MacLeod  
Adj. Andrew Smith

- Grade 5 2/4 March  
1 Megan McCrea  
2 Jenna Potter  
3 Jonathan Robertson  
4 Ray Tessier  
5 Scott Spitters  
6 Logan Chavez  
Adj. Ken Eller

**Grade 5 Slow Air**

- 1 Scott Spitters  
2 Logan Chavez  
3 Jenna Potter  
4 Russell Prewitt  
5 Jonathan Robertson  
6 Nicolas Busch  
Adj. Andrew Smith

**Grade 4 2/4 March**

- 1 Liam Hilder  
2 Aidan Caves  
3 Nolan Ferar  
4 Calum Scott  
5 Robyn Lakes  
6 Ryan Wigg  
Adj. Dani Millar

**Grade 4 Strathspey & Reel**

- 1 Elliot Thomson  
2 Nolan Ferar  
3 Liam Hilder  
4 Ryan Wigg  
5 Aletheia Bouknight  
6 Matthew Alger  
Adj. Andrew Smith

**Grade 2/4 March**

- 1 David Stitt  
2 Joseph Stewart  
3 Iain Vickers  
4 Chris Cahoon  
5 Trevor Davidson  
6 Nicholas Burns  
Adj. Dani Millar

**Grade 3 Strathspey & Reel**

- 1 Jordan Yonge  
2 Joseph Stewart

- 3 David Stitt  
4 Nicholas Burns  
5 Aaron Stone  
6 Olivia Thoroughman  
Adj. Ken Eller

**Grade 2 March, Strathspey & Reel**

- 1 Alexander Schiele  
2 Brian Haddon  
3 Dan Delmain  
4 Erika Takeo  
5 Kevin McLean  
6 John Duff  
Adj. Alasdair Gillies

**Grade 2 Hornpipe & Jig**

- 1 Kevin McLean  
2 Brian Haddon  
3 Colin Lentz  
4 Scott McClure  
5 Alexander Schiele  
6 Erika Takeo  
Adj. Andrew Lee

**Grade 1 March, Strathspey & Reel**

- 1 Richard Gillies



*Alasdair Gillies and Alastair Lee, who won the Professional Piping Aggregate*

- 2 Myles Stewart  
3 David MacNeil  
4 Scott Wood  
5 Patrick V. Downing  
6 Elizabeth Dunsire  
Adj. James Beaumont

**Grade 1 Jig**

- 1 John Lee  
2 Myles Stewart  
3 Cory Ley  
4 Collin Kortschak  
5 Richard Gillies  
6 Patrick V. Downing  
Adj. Andrew Bonar

**Professional March, Strathspey & Reel**

- 1 Alastair Lee  
2 James P. Troy  
3 Colin Lee  
4 Andrew Smith  
5 Andrew Bonar  
6 Will Nichols  
Adj. Ken Eller

**Professional Jig**

- 1 Jori Chisholm  
2 Andrew Bonar  
3 Alastair Lee  
4 Colin McWilliams  
5 Danielle Millar  
6 James Beaumont  
Adj. Alasdair Gillies

- Adult 2/4 March  
1 Ian Perry  
2 Gordon Haddon  
3 Angus Morrison  
4 Karen Campbell  
Adj. Andrew Bonar

**Adult 6/8 March**

- 1 Peter Rolstad  
2 Ian Perry  
3 Karen Campbell  
4 Gordon Haddon  
Adj. Andrew Lee

**Saturday Results - Side Drumming**

- Beginner 2/4 March  
1 Patrick Menzies  
Adj. J. Reid Maxwell

**Grade 4 2/4 March**

- 1 Tyler Stitt  
2 Steven Wheeler  
3 Kelsey Dougan  
4 Bryce Kreger  
5 Aaron Spitters  
6 Garrett Bancroft  
Adj. J. Reid Maxwell

**Grade 4 6/8 March**

- 1 Steven Wheeler  
2 Bryce Kreger  
3 Tyler Stitt  
4 Kelsey Dougan  
5 Aaron Spitters  
6 Isabella Ramsay  
Adj. Eric Ward

**Grade 3 6/8 March**

- 1 James MacNeil  
2 Fiona Senyk  
3 Amber Stone  
4 Jenna Castellarin  
5 Alec Robertson  
6 Duncan Scott  
Adj. J. Reid Maxwell

**Grade 3 March, Strathspey & Reel**

- 1 Fiona Senyk  
2 James MacNeil  
3 Amber Stone  
4 Ian Walser  
5 Jenna Castellarin  
6 Alec Robertson  
Adj. Eric Ward

**Grade 2 March, Strathspey & Reel**

- 1 Gavin MacRae  
2 Graham Haddon  
3 Andrew Wright  
Adj. J. Reid Maxwell
- Grade 2 Hornpipe & Jig**  
1 Andrew Wright  
2 Gavin MacRae  
3 Graham Haddon  
Adj. Eric Ward

**Grade 1 March, Strathspey & Reel**

- 1 Kyle Wallis  
2 Craig Weston  
3 Tyler Wood  
4 Jordan Wallis  
5 Stephen Farrell  
Adj. Eric Ward

**Saturday Results - Band**

Grade 1 Hornpipe & Jig  
 1 Kyle Wallis  
 2 Jordan Wallis  
 3 Tyler Wood  
 4 Elizabeth Shaw  
 5 Stephen Farrell  
 Adj. J. Reid Maxwell

**Saturday Results - Tenor Drumming**

Grade 2 2/4 March  
 1 Mackenzie Webster  
 2 Baylee Warkman  
 3 Alexander Schiele  
 Adj. Lynne Ward

Grade 1 March, Strathspey & Reel

1 Jessica Lahti  
 2 Katelyn Garrity  
 3 Nathan Patch  
 Adj. Lynne Ward

Grade 5 Quick March Medley  
 1st White Spot 5 PB  
 2nd Fraser Valley Youth P.B.  
 BDC White Spot 5 Pipe Band

Grade 4 Medley

1st Northwest Junior P.B.Gr.4A  
 2nd White Spot Grade 4 P.B.  
 3rd\* Keith Highlanders Gr. 4 P.B.  
 4th Northwest Junior P.B. Gr.4B  
 5th\* Portland Metro Youth P.B.  
 6th Robert Malcolm Memorial IV PB  
 \*3rd - Tie Breaking - Ensemble  
 \*5th - Tie Breaking - Ensemble  
 BDC White Spot Pipe Band  
 BPC Northwest Junior Pipe Band 4A

Grade 3 Medley

1st Robert Malcolm Memorial III A  
 2nd Portland Metro Pipe Band  
 3rd\* Greighlan Crossing Pipe Band  
 4th Robert Malcolm Memorial 3B PB  
 5th Keith Highlanders Gr. 3 P.B.  
 6th\* Sir John A Macdonald P.B.  
 \*3rd place tie broken on Ensemble Preference  
 \*2 points added to judges score - Player shortage  
 BDC Portland Metro P.B.

Grade 2 Medley

1st New Westminster Police PB  
 2nd Chilliwack & District P.B.  
 BDC New Westminster Police Pipe Band  
 Best Bass New Westminster Police Pipe Band

Grade 1 Medley

1st Simon Fraser University Pipe Band  
 2nd Dowco Triumph Street P.B.  
 BDC Simon Fraser University Pipe Band



*Simon Fraser University Pipe Band*



*New Westminster Police Pipe Band*

**Annual Dinner and KO Final – March 14, 2009**

The piping finalists for this year's Knockouts were: Jori Chisholm, Andrew Bonar, Andrew Lee, and James P. Troy. The winner was James P Troy. The Drumming finalists were David Bowman and Grant Maxwell, with Grant taking the first prize.

The Mary MacKinnon Memorial Service Award was presented to Rob MacNeil. Alan Bevan was presented with a BCPA Life Membership in recognition of his Gold Medal win at Inverness. SFU Pipe Band was also presented with a photograph to be placed on the "Wall of Fame" at the West wall of the Scottish Cultural Centre -- this, in recognition of the band's win at the RSPBA Worlds last August.



*Grant Maxwell*



*James P Troy*



*Graham Davidson, Rob MacNeil, Joanne MacKinnon, Maryanne Hembre*



*Peter Aumonier, Angus MacPherson, Terry Lee, Reid Maxwell, Graham Davidson*



*Terry Lee, Alan Bevan, Graham Davidson*

## **Piobaireachd Club - February 20, 2009**

(Submitted by Ron MacLeod)

By virtue of a miracle, it was a clear and starry evening when members trooped to the McIlwaine residence for an evening of cèol mòr, the 'great music'. The hosts were as generous as ever with heaps of oatcakes and scones along with other goodies.

**Edward McIlwaine** led off with **Lament for Red Hector of the Battles**. The tune is a tribute to a noted warrior, Hector MacLean, Chieftain of the MacLeans of Duart who was killed at the Battle of Harlaw, 1411. He was buried on the sacred Isle of Iona.

**Hal Senyk** came forward to play a tune never heard before at the Club - a pleasant but short **Nameless** tune from the last page of Angus MacKay's treasure-trove. Hal went on to play **I Am Proud to Play A Pipe**. The origin of this tune is unknown as the Masters of earlier days did not pass on any historical information. It may be from the 18th century. Some have referred to the tune as "Hey for the Pipes", others as "The Earl of Cromartie's Salute." A dearth of information about a tune's history is not uncommon in the piobaireachd repertoire.

**Anny He** followed with **Catherine's Lament**, another tune of uncertain origin. Club member Colin MacRae makes a strong case for calling the tune "Fraser's Salute" as it was taught to him by teachers whose line reached back to Glenelg and the Bruce family who learned their piobaireachd from the last of the great MacCrimmon family of pipers and composers - Donald Ruadh.

**Brian Haddon** demonstrated with **The Field of Gold** that persistence and dedication is rewarded by a great leap forward in the playing of piobaireachd.

**Thomas Budd** played **Lament for the Old Sword** in fine style.

**Hal Senyk** returned with **Grain in Hides and Corn in Sacks**. A tune that some suggest is a 'harvest' tune whereas others suggest that it has a connection to the

time when Scots raided into England.

**Bob McIlwaine** played '**Lament for Mary MacLeod**' and did himself proud in the playing of this magnificent MacCrimmon tribute to the Skye poetess.

**Edward McIlwaine** returned to close the meeting with **MacLeod's Controversy**, a tune attributed to Donald Mor MacCrimmon. It relates to a skirmish at Carinish, North Uist, in 1601 where Chieftain Ruaridh MacLeod and clansmen conducted a surprise raid on an undefended settlement of Macdonalds of Clanranald, tributary to Donald Gorm MacDonald of Sleat. It was but one of many tit-for-tat acts of warfare over a period of two centuries that had left the folk of both clans in utterly wretched condition. There is a close historic link with the incident that inspired another Donald Mor tune, Dispraise of MacLeod.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Further details on all events are available at:

[www.bcpipers.org](http://www.bcpipers.org) - or the calendar page -

[www.bcpipers.org/calendar/index.html](http://www.bcpipers.org/calendar/index.html)

#### Highland Games:

May 16th - Comox Valley Highland Games

May 17th - Victoria Highland Games

June 6th - Bellingham Highland Games

June 13th - Sons of Scotland Highland Games

June 27th - BC Highland Games

July 11th - Kamloops Highland Games

July 11th & 12th - Skagit Valley Highland Games

July 18th - Portland Highland Games

July 25th & 26th - Pacific Northwest Highland Games

August 1st - Spokane Highland Games

#### Piping & Drumming Schools:

July 5th -10th & 12th -17th - Piping Hot Summer Drummer

July 5th -10th - Pacific Institute of Piping & Celtic Performing Arts

July 26th -31st - Coeur d'Alene School of Piping & Drumming



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