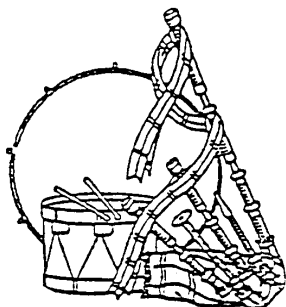


PIPERS' and PIPE BAND SOCIETY of ONTARIO, OTTAWA BRANCH



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The knock-out contest is finished for another year. The top three finishers in "A" Division squared off as did the top three finishers in "B" Division. Both groups played medleys of their choice and it proved to be another very entertaining evening. All six pipers played extremely well and are to be very much commended for the fine performances under what we all know are very trying circumstances (despite the large and very friendly audience, it is never easy playing in front of a very large audience of any kind).

The final six contestants are pictured here with our judge, Andrew Hayes, just before the big contest:



Mary Ellen Read, Joshua Kelly, Craig Moffatt, Andrew Hayes, Taylor Donaldson, Amos Van Die, James MacKinnon

And the winners were:



"A" Division

Amos Van Die

Trophy donated by
Ottawa Folklore Centre

"B" Division

Mary Ellen Read

Trophy donated by
Ottawa Robert Burns Club



A special thanks goes out to Andrew Hayes for both the excellent job he performed as judge for our final knock-out contest and his regular support to our Ottawa Branch activities. We were also treated to a tremendous 40 minute recital by Andrew which was world-class, as always.

Last word about the February 2000 meeting... Elections were held for the 2000-2001 season for each of the positions on the PPBSO Ottawa Branch executive. All the current members were re-elected for another term.

Next Event: Open Solo Contest, Saturday 08 April 2000.

Place: Army Officers Mess, 149 Somerset Avenue West

Time: 8:00 pm (doors open at 7:30 pm)

Judge: John Walsh of Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Tune requirements: March / Strathspey / Reel of the competitor's choice

Prizes: 1st (\$300 courtesy of the MacLeod Society), 2nd (\$200) and 3rd (\$100)

(Entries can be made on the night of the contest. Order of play will be drawn at 8:10 pm, first piper to play at 8:30 pm)



*** Don't forget the **Winchester In-Door Games**: Sat 13 May 2000, Winchester Public School ***

New News from the 11 March 2000 Executive Meeting

- * Music Board elections: chairman Ed Neigh, secretary Bob Worrall
- * 25 November 2000, teachers' symposium, likely in the Niagara area
- * admission passes for Highland Games were successful and will be used again for the 2000 season for bands only, soloists (not belonging to competition bands) will have to pay admission and get money back from Society

General News:

Kingston School of Scottish Music and Dance

4 piping instructors - Bob Worrall, Ken Eller, Lindsay Kirkwood, and Rob Crabtree

Drumming instructor - Chris Bell

Dancing program features Ann Milne-Armstrong and Sheila Milne.

School runs from July 10-14 in Kingston. Registration forms are available from Scott Bell at (613) 542-7287 or swb1@post.queensu.ca. Forms also on web page: www1.kingston.net/~rdonald/kssmd/

for Sale contact Jack Yourt at 774-3622

one set ivory mounted Lawries

2 kilts, 1 jackets, 2 pair of ghillie brogues, sizes 8 ½ and 9 ½

Maxville Recital

Major John Cairns (1999 Gold Medalist Oban, 1999 Gold Medalist Inverness)

Maxville Sportsplex on 18 April 2000 starting at 8:00 pm

The charge is \$5.00 at the door. For further information - telephone Sybil MacPhee at 613-527-5357.

Stratford Sessions

21 October 2000, Stratford, Ontario. Hosted by PPBSO Western Branch, more info to follow.

Instructors: Eller, Grey, Neigh, Worrall, Potter, Livingstone, Cameron, Stronach, Calhoun, Fry

Banff Springs Hotel looking for pipers. Those interested can contact Karen Roe at kroe@bsh.cphotels.ca.