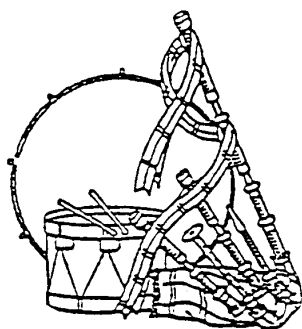


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Welcome to the start of the 2002/2003 PPBSO Ottawa Branch in-door season. From all of us on the executive, we hope that you've all had a very pleasant and enjoyable summer. Following up on the great Ottawa Branch 30th anniversary season, we expect this new season to be just as exciting, a chance to showcase all of our local piping and drumming talents.

Opening Knock-Out Contests

We will again be running the popular amateur knock-out contest this season. The year will start with our traditional 4/4 March contest for the pipers (four parts, one or two tunes) to determine the split for the "A" and "B" divisions, and a 6/8 March contest for the drummers (four parts, one or two tunes). For the drummers, no excuses that you can't find a piper. We will have a duty piper on hand, just make sure you bring a copy of the pipe setting that you're playing to!! Hopefully we'll have enough drummers participate this year to also have "A" and "B" divisions in the drumming knock-out.

Knock-Out Contest Date... **Saturday 05 October 2002**. Time... 8:00 pm. To keep the evening from running too late, all competitors are asked to be registered by 7:45 pm. If you can't make it by 7:45, please contact any of the Ottawa Branch executive in advance to reserve a spot in the draw. Place... the Walkey Road Armouries, 2100 Walkley Road, between St. Laurent Blvd and Conroy Ave (the Armouries are on the south side of Walkley Ave, right beside the Walkley Bowling Centre parking lot). ***** NOTE: do not park in the reserved parking spots, the Armouries are a 24/7 facility *****. Our piping judge for the October meeting is David Clyde. Our drumming judge is Dave Yeo.

We look forward to another season of great piping and drumming at the knock-outs. See you there!!

If anyone in the Ottawa Branch has motions to be made at the PPBSO Annual General Meeting 09 November 2002, please make sure they are forwarded ASAP to anyone on the Ottawa Branch executive to ensure that they have time to be circulated and reviewed in time to be discussed at the 05 October 2002 meeting.

Future Ottawa Branch Activities

09 November	B Division *** note that this is the second Saturday of November ***
07 December	A Division
04 January	B Division... Maj(Ret'd) Archie Cairns Cup
01 February	A Division
01 March	Final Knock-Out Contest
05 April	Ottawa Branch Piping Workshop, Open Solo Piping Contest (Professional and Amateur Divisions) - judge Jim McGillivray
10 May	Winchester In-Door Highland Games

UPCOMING EVENTS

Canadian Police Professional Solo Piping Championships

Date: Saturday 28 September 2002

Place: Ottawa City Hall (Council Chamber), 111 Lisgar Street, Ottawa

Piobaireachd Contest - 1:00 pm, Light Music (MSR H/J) Contest - 7:00 pm

Tickets: \$10.00 (includes both contests, all proceeds go the Memorial Fund for Police and Peace Officers killed in the line of duty). Tickets are available from any member of the Ottawa Police Service Pipe Band or at the door.

Competitors Invited to Play: Bill Livingstone, Iain MacDonald, Andrew Hayes, Colin Clansey, Rob Crabtree, James MacHattie, Peter Aumonier, Andy Rogers and Ed Neigh.

Scotland Tonight

Saturday 02 November 2002 at the Centrepointe Theatre. Two shows, 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

An evening of Scottish entertainment featuring the Sons of Scotland P&D, the Glengarry P&D, the RCMP Pipe Band and Highland Dancers, the MacCulloch Dancers, the Dance Schools of Katharine Robinson and Fiona Champagne, Caithream, Northern Reflections, Jack McGuire and hosted by Ross May.

More info can be found at www.championbagpipes.com. Tickets \$25.00 each, available at (613) 727-6650.

RCAF Pipe Band Reunion

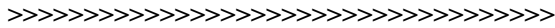
Over the past sixty plus years, there have been at least two dozen regular and reserve pipe bands that have worn the RCAF Tartan. Even today, there's at least a half-dozen! An ad-hoc committee of RCAF vets in the Ottawa area (Messrs Bothwell, Shannon, Gauthier, Aldworth) is now planning a long weekend RCAF Pipe Band reunion beginning 31 July 2003 to coincide with the Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville, Ontario. Pipe Major Ian Ferguson of the Air Command Pipes & Drums tentatively has agreed to organize a massed pipes and drums performance sometime during the reunion long weekend. Hotel accommodation and local transportation are also being organized. Any of the thousand plus who wore or presently wear the RCAF Tartan on parade will be welcome! Interested? Please contact the committee at btracy@airforce.ca or write to the "RCAF Pipe Band Reunion" c/o PO Box 2460, Stn"D" Ottawa, ON K1P 5W6.

Midwest Highland Arts Fund & MidWest Pipe Band Assn United States Silver Medal Piobaireachd Competition

The Midwest Highland Arts Fund and MidWest Pipe Band Association proudly announces the inaugural Midwest Highland Arts Fund & MidWest Pipe Band Association United States Silver Medal Piobaireachd Competition, to be held 17 January 2003 in Kansas City, Missouri, USA. The new MHAF & MWPBA Silver Medal (USA), 2.5 inches (6.5 cm) in diameter featuring the ancient MacCrimmon piper and "MidWest Pipe Band Association" on the obverse, and the MHAF logo on the reverse, will be awarded to the day's champion in Piobaireachd; prize money will be awarded First through Fifth place, 1st winning USD \$500, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, and 5th \$100. The contest is open to pipers graded one, advanced or open by their regional pipe band associations. "There is a huge and rapidly growing interest in Piobaireachd within the United States and the standard is, without a doubt, high enough for an annual Silver Medal Contest to be held" said Iain Macey, Founder of the new event. The judges will be award-winning pipers Alasdair Gillies of Pennsylvania, Mr. Macey of Michigan, and Jack Lee of British Columbia, Canada. The new contest will be held just before the Second Annual MHAF Piping & Drumming Workshop, January 18 - 19, and that Saturday evening's WINTER STORM 2: The Pipes & Drums Concert, performed by the workshop faculty; the Silver Medallist will also be invited to perform. Midwest Highland Arts Fund incorporated as a non-profit in 2001 and promotes the Scottish Highland performing arts in the United States, primarily through workshops, concerts, and competitions. Augmenting the excellent instruction available from local pipe bands, MHAF brings world-class musicians to Kansas City. The Fund's goal is to be a national leader in Highland Arts instruction. Rules and entry forms are available on the MHAF website <http://www.mhaf.org> Contact information: Iain Macey, admin@theroutetothehighlands.com Henry Spangler, MD, Treasurer MHAF, henry@mhaf.org

PPBSO Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Highland Ball

The PPBSO AGM and Highland Ball will be held Saturday 09 November 2002 at the Quality Hotel Parkway in St. Catharines, Ontario (same hotel as previous years, new name). For reservations, contact the hotel at (905) 688-2324.



Piobaireachd Society (Canada) Gold Medal Contest - Glengarry Highland Games, 2002

This year's event had several new features: a newly designed gold medal was commissioned for the Open Piobaireachd contest and a newly designed clasp was prepared for the Gold Medallist contest. For the Open MSR event, a new sterling silver medal was also commissioned. This is not a medal event and not to be confused as a Silver Medal contest. The medal is a memento to accompany the prize money. There was also a sterling silver clasp for the Former Winners MSR contest.

Twenty-one players entered this year's contests. The judges for the 2002 Open Piobaireachd were Willie Connell and James McGillivray. Donald Lindsay graciously came on board at the last minute to judge the Open MSR. The Former Winners Gold Medallist contest and the Form Winners MSR were judged by Jim McGillivray. James Burnet from Edinburgh was to judge the Open Piobaireachd and Former Winners contest, but unfortunately became seriously ill shortly before the contests and was unable to attend.

Contest Winners:

Open Piobaireachd Contest

Open MSR Contest

- 1st James MacHattie
- 2nd Andrew Hayes
- 3rd Rob Crabtree
- 4th Andrew Rogers
- 5th Jori Chisholm

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- 2nd Jori Chisholm
- 3rd Andrew Douglas
- 4th Andrew Bonar
- 5th Ken McKeveny

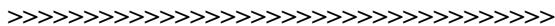
Former Winners Gold Medallist Contest

Former Winners MSR Contest

- 1st Jack Lee
- 2nd Iain Macey
- 3rd Matt Turnbull

- 1st Jack Lee
- 2nd Andrew Rogers
- 3rd Andrew Hayes

This year's contests were played off the grounds from the Glengarry Highland Games, held in the United Church and the Presbyterian Church on Main Street, Maxville (located across the street from each other). Judges, players, stewards and spectators all whole heartily agreed that the church venues added significantly to the contests.



Kingston School of Scottish Music and Dance

A large contingent of pipers, drummers, and dancers were enrolled this summer in the 8th annual KSSM&D. While most students are from the Ottawa Branch area, it was a pleasure to have four students from South Carolina at this year's program. They came for good instruction and to escape the heat! Didn't work that way! All students were treated to professional instruction by Rob Crabtree, Ken Eller, Bob Worrall, Tyler Fry, Ann Milne-Armstrong, Sheila Milne, and Carol-Anne Bell. This year's School operated a bit differently, with students having the freedom to select courses of particular interest to them. This was very well received. The most popular event of the week for many is the end-of-School barbeque. It has become a tradition for our piping instructors to play for the students at the BBQ. This year we were also treated to a drum salute orchestrated by the ever-energetic Tyler Fry. The School will run again next year and there are already plans to expand the School to include four piping instructors and two drumming instructors. Mark your calendar for the second week in July 2003. It's great value for the money. As usual, the number of registrants will be limited, so make sure you register early.

Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Tartan... Part 2

In our last Ottawa Branch newsletter, an article by Pipe Major John Hugh MacDonald of the 8 Wing Trenton Pipe Band spoke of the 60th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force Tartan. In that article was mentioned a ceremony on 04 May 1973 at which an RCAF tartan kilt was presented to HRH The Prince Phillip. The following, courtesy of Maj (Ret'd) Bob Tracy (currently with the Highland Mist Pipe Band), elaborates on that story.

A short time ago, Vic Johnson and I unearthed a significant historical photo negative at the Public Archives. Pictured is a hi-resolution black and white of Piper Wes Alguire presenting an RCAF Tartan kilt to HRH Prince Philip at 4 Wing, Baden in Germany in 1973, when both the Air Command Pipes and Drums (under command of Pipe Major Archie Cairns) and Prince Philip were involved with the presentation of new Standards to three fighter squadrons on the base (Wes Alguire was selected because of his wartime service (wounded in action) and his splendid array of campaign medals). Under the prevailing political atmosphere at the time, the RCN, RCAF and Canadian Army had been replaced with the omnibus Canadian Forces, and the term "Air Force" was replaced by the mandatory terminology "CF Air Element." Through inside sources, it was learned that the DND Directorate of Ceremonial was about to announce that all CF pipe bands, regular and reserve, were to be outfitted in the Maple Leaf Tartan, designed and copyrighted by a fashion house named "Highland Queen" on Spadina Avenue, Toronto. Quietly behind the scenes, the RCAF Association worked with 4 Wing's commander Group Captain Arnie Bauer to prevail upon Buckingham Palace to have HRH Prince Philip eschew his CF green uniform and instead wear Air Force blue for the upcoming ceremony at 4 Wing. He was convinced to accept a kilt in RCAF Tartan. He was intrigued and amused at the conspiracy to keep the RCAF tradition and happily joined in the spirit of the plot! The Prince was sent eight yards of RCAF Tartan for tailoring by his personal kilt-maker, but for the purposes of the publicity photo we temporarily divested our bass drummer (Cpl Semple) of his RCAF kilt, and used that for the presentation. The photo was taken and fed through the Canadian Press wire service in Bonn, West Germany, and happily, was used by a number of Canadian daily and weekly newspapers. As a result, the Directorate of Ceremonial was requested to abandon the plan to have all traditional tartans replaced by the Highland Queen Maple Leaf tartan design, and the RCAF Tartan remains with us still today.



OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE PIPE BAND TRAVELS TO NYC FOR POLICE MEMORIAL

On 05 September 2002, the Pipes & Drums, Color Party and Highland Dancers of the Ottawa Police Service traveled to New York City to participate in the First Memorial Service for Police officers killed in the World Trade Center on 11 September 2001. The group of 53 members participated in a benefit performance 06 September



held at the expansive Jacob Javits Center. Other bands participating in the benefit performance included the police pipe bands from the NYPD, Chicago, Cleveland, Bergen County (NJ) and the Peel Police Grade 1 band. On Saturday 07 September, the Memorial Parade and Service was supported by all of these police pipe bands and also the Niagara Police Band from St. Catharines, Ontario. The Ottawa Police Service Pipes & Drums organization feel very proud and privileged to have been invited to participate and represent police officers from Canada at this first Memorial Service in support of the Police and Peace Officers who lost their lives on 11 September 2001.

(photo courtesy Mike Houston, Ottawa Police Service)

Ottawa Branch medallists for the summer of 2002 (post-Embro)

	Chatham		13 July 2002					
Piping	Grade 4 March	5 th	Amelia Purvis					
	Novice Piob	4 th	Annie-Laurie MacPherson	6 th	Alec Donaldson			
Drumming	Grade 2 H/J	2 nd	Sean Donaldson					
	Grade 2 MSR	1 st	Sean Donaldson					
	Grade 3 MSR	2 nd	Trevor Stevens					
	Maxville		03 August 2002					
Pipe Band	Grade 4	2 nd	8 Wing Trenton P&D					
Piping	Prof Jig	4 th	Andrew Hayes					
	Prof March	3 rd	Andrew Hayes					
	Grade 1 March	2 nd	Jarrold Purvis					
	Grade 2 March	6 th	Daryl King					
	Grade 3 March	6 th	Matthew Yuen					
	Grade 3 S/R	3 rd	Amanda Bush					
	Grade 4 March	1 st	Andrew Killick	4 th	Josh Lamont			
	Grade 5 March	1 st	Erin Bell	2 nd	Murray Bleakney	2 nd	Brittany Pinder	
	Grade 5 March	3 rd	Allison MacDonald	4 th	Jonathon Verrett	6 th	Bruce Smith	
	Prof Piob	4 th	Andrew Hayes					
	Jr Amat Piob	3 rd	Matthew Yuen	4 th	Lyle Davidson			
	Novice Piob	1 st	Peter Purvis	2 nd	Annie-Laurie MacPherson	2 nd	Amanda Bush	
	Novice Piob	3 rd	Alec Donaldson	5 th	Amanda Pulling			
Drumming	Grade 1 H/J	2 nd	Robert MacLeod					
	Grade 1 MSR	6 th	Robert MacLeod					
	Grade 2 H/J	2 nd	Sean Donaldson					
	Grade 2 MSR	1 st	Sean Donaldson	4 th	Jesse Ferguson			
	Grade 3 MSR	2 nd	Trevor Stevens					
	Grade 4 March	3 rd	Nick Harvey					
	Prof Bass	4 th	D'Arcy McGuire					
	Novice Bass	2 nd	Michael Janveau					
	Montreal		04 August 2002					
Pipe Band	Grade 4	1 st	Montreal Pipes and Drums					
Piping	Prof Jig	3 rd	Andrew Hayes					
	Prof S/R	2 nd	Andrew Hayes					
	Grade 3 March	1 st	Annie-Laurie MacPherson	2 nd	Amanda Bush	3 rd	Rob Long	
	Grade 3 S/R	2 nd	Rob Long	3 rd	Amanda Bush	3 rd	Robert Morrissey	
	Grade 4 March	2 nd	Andrew Killick	2 nd	James Baggs	3 rd	Alanna Wall	
	Grade 5 March	2 nd	Murray Bleakney	3 rd	Jonathon Verrett			
	Prof Piob	2 nd	Andrew Hayes					
	Jr Amat Piob	1 st	Lyle Davidson	2 nd	Matthew Yuen			
	Novice Piob	2 nd	Peter Purvis	3 rd	Alec Donaldson			
Drumming	Grade 1 H/J	2 nd	Robert MacLeod					
	Grade 2 H/J	1 st	Sean Donaldson					
	Grade 2 MSR	1 st	Sean Donaldson					
	Fergus		10 August 2002					
Pipe Band	Grade 2	2 nd	Rob Roy Pipe Band					
Piping	Prof Jig	2 nd	Andrew Hayes					
	Prof March	4 th	Andrew Hayes					
	Prof S/R	1 st	Andrew Hayes					
	Grade 1 Jig	1 st	Taylor Donaldson	2 nd	Jarrold Purvis			
	Grade 1 March	2 nd	Jarrold Purvis	3 rd	Taylor Donaldson			
	Grade 1 S/R	2 nd	Taylor Donaldson					
	Grade 3 March	1 st	Amanda Bush	3 rd	Annie-Laurie MacPherson	5 th	Stewart James	
	Grade 3 S/R	2 nd	Amanda Bush	4 th	Annie-Laurie MacPherson			
	Grade 4 March	3 rd	Brittany Pinder	4 th	Andrew Killick			
	Prof Piob	1 st	Andrew Hayes					
	Jr Amat Piob	3 rd	Matthew Yuen	3 rd	Lyle Davidson	5 th	Joan Taillefer	
	Novice Piob	3 rd	Annie-Laurie MacPherson	4 th	Amanda Bush	4 th	Amanda Pulling	

Drumming	Grade 1 H/J	1 st	Robert MacLeod	
	Grade 1 MSR	1 st	Robert MacLeod	
	Grade 2 H/J	1 st	Sean Donaldson	
	Grade 2 MSR	1 st	Sean Donaldson	
	Grade 4 March	3 rd	Iain Bell	4 th Heather Wilson-Belcher
	Grade 5 March	2 nd	Benjamin Griggs	

	Sarnia		17 August 2002
Piping	Grade 2 March	5 th	Daryl King
	Sr Amat Piob	4 th	Daryl King

(if we've missed anyone, please let us know and we'll add you to the next newsletter)

***** **North Lanark (Almonte) Highland Games** *****
Saturday 24 August 2002

Judges: Brian Williamson, Iain Symington, Bob MacCrimmon, Peter Aumonier, Jimmy Agnew

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
Bands			
Grade 3 Pipe Band	Ottawa Police Service	Spencerville Legion	Sons of Scotland
Grade 4 Pipe Band	Spencerville Legion	City of Kingston Juvenile	Glengarry Gr4
Novice Pipe Band	Kemptville Legion	City of Brockville	Glengarry Junior
Piping			
Grade 1 Jig	Keith Theobold	Jarrold Purvis	
Grade 1 March	Keith Theobold	Jarrold Purvis	
Grade 1 Strathspey/Reel	Jarrold Purvis		
Grade 2 Jig	Brian Grant	Rob Smith	Peter Purvis
Grade 2 March	Brian Grant	Rob Smith	Peter Purvis
Grade 2 Strathspey/Reel	Brian Grant	Rob Smith	Peter Purvis
Grade 3 March	Hugh Dowell	Matthew Fournier	Robbie Long
Grade 3 Strathspey/Reel	Hugh Dowell	Matthew Fournier	Amanda Bush
Grade 4A March	Daniel Carr	Mitchell Taylor	Amanda Pulling
Grade 4B March	Josh Lord	Erika Kelly	James Baggs
Grade 5 March	Erin Bell	Brittany Pinder	Allison MacDonald
Junior Amateur Piobaireachd	Hugh Dowell	Hollis Easter	Craig Faas
Novice Piobaireachd	Stewart Aumonier	Mitchell Taylor	Alec Donaldson
Drumming			
Grade 1 Hornpipe/Jig	Robert MacLeod		
Grade 1 MSR	Robert MacLeod		
Grade 2 Hornpipe/Jig	Sean Donaldson		
Grade 2 MSR	Sean Donaldson		
Grade 3 MSR	Trevor Stevens		
Grade 4 March	Iain Bell	Heather Wilson-Belcher	Reilly Baggs
Grade 5 March	Benjamin Griggs		
Amateur Bass	Craig Moffatt	George Muggleton	
Novice Bass	Michael Janveau	Curtis McBurnie	Kaitlin Griggs
Novice Tenor	Samantha Goligher	Jennifer Legault	
Drum Major	Brendan Vallee	David Moat	Ronnie Lawrenson