

PIPERS' and PIPE BAND SOCIETY of ONTARIO, OTTAWA BRANCH

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Second Annual ALLAN QUINN MEMORIAL CONTEST held 04 December 2004



The second Allan Quinn Memorial Contest was held Saturday 04 December 2004, in remembrance of Pipe Major Allan Quinn of the Cameron Highlanders, Sons of Scotland and Highland Mist Pipe Bands. This annual event is contested by the top amateur pipers in the Ottawa Branch area. The trophy was very graciously donated by Pipe Major Ermis Durofil of the Fraser Highlanders of Ottawa. As awarded by our judge, Andrew Hayes of the Ottawa Police Services Pipe Band, the winner of this year's Allan Quinn Memorial Trophy was Allison MacDonald of the Sam Scott Memorial Pipe Band (pictured left with



Andrew, Allan Quinn's wife Bev and his son Allan). The second place medal in the event went to Rob McKenzie (top right) and the third place medal to Andrew Killick (middle right). Following the contest, the audience was treated to another impressive recital by Andrew Hayes. Mixing familiar tunes with some new compositions, it was a very musical and varied repertoire spanning over thirty minutes. Played with his normal technical brilliance, it left no doubt why he is currently one of the world's best pipers.



At the same time as the Allan Quinn contest, the drumming competitors took their turn in the new Corporals' Mess in front of our judge for the evening, Jim Corrigan of the Air Command Pipes and Drums. Rob MacLeod took first in the "A" Division. Marielle Lespérance took first in the "B" Division, with Kimberley MacDonald (pictured left) taking second place.



*** **PPBSO ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS** ***

DON'T FORGET.... If paid by 31 December 2004, the PPBSO membership is \$53.50 (GST included). The membership fee goes up \$5.00 every month after that, so make sure you pay your membership early!!!

***** JANUARY MEETING *** MAJOR (RET'D) ARCHIE CAIRNS CUP *****

Judge and Recitalist: Colin Clansey
Pipe Major 2 CMBG and Pipe Major Glengarry Grade 2

Saturday 08 January 2005. Time...7:30 pm. To keep the evening from running too late, all competitors are asked to be registered by 7:15 pm. If you can't make it by 7:15, 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 *****

Competitor Level: for Grade 4 competitors and below (including "B" Division pipers from 02/03)

Tune Requirements: slow air, four-parted 6/8 March (one or two tunes)

Note: there is **NO drumming** contest at the January 2005 meeting.



Future Ottawa Branch Dates

- February 2005** **no Ottawa Branch meeting**
- 05 March 2005** **Mini-Band Contest, Walkley Mess**
Two divisions: "A" Grade 3 and above, "B" Grade 4 and below
Tune Requirements: Medley, "A" Division 3-6 minutes, "B" Division 3-5 minutes
Band size: five pipers, two sides and a bass (the bass may play for more than one mini-band)
Cash Prizes to be announced in the January 2005 Ottawa Branch newsletter.
- 02 April 2005** **Ottawa Branch Piping Workshop with KEN ELLER**
- 02 April 2005** **Ottawa Branch Open Solo Piping Contest**
- April 2005** **Almonte Spring Fling Indoor Contests**
- 14 May 2005** **Winchester In-Door Highland Games**
- 28 May 2005** **Kingston Pipefest Indoor Contests**
Piping Judge: Bob Worrall
Note: the Pipefest will be held in conjunction with the annual dancing competition and will be an outdoor event (with an indoor backup plan)
- 04 to 08 July 2005** **Kingston School of Scottish Music & Dance**
Place: Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario
Instructors - Bob Worrall, Ken Eller, Ann Gray, Tyler Fry, Jim Kilpatrick and John Fisher
For more info, contact: (613) 542-7287 or email: swb1@post.queensu.ca
Website: <http://www.macgregordespitethem.com>

SAM SCOTT MEMORIAL PIPE BAND

Sam Scott was born in Glasgow, Scotland and moved to Canada when he was three years old. He was Pipe Major of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa and piped the Canadian troops onto the beaches of Normandy, France on D Day, 06 June 1944. He moved to Manotick in 1909 and lived there for many years, teaching the bagpipes to students both before and after the war. Many of these students went on to win competitions throughout the world, and in turn, they taught piping as well. In recognition of his tremendous impact in the piping world, and his contribution to piping in the Manotick area, the band is named in his memory.

The Sam Scott Memorial Pipe Band was founded in September 2001 by Pipe Major John Wright to provide a venue for local youth interested in learning to play the bagpipes and drums, and to form a band to perform in local competitions and community events. With only two young bagpipe students at first, he began building the band from the ground up; without equipment, uniforms, sponsors or even a drumming instructor – just the desire to build a band for the youth.

Currently the band has eleven performing members (six pipers and five drummers, eight of whom are between the ages of eleven and eighteen) with a growing number of young beginners being prepared to join the ranks. A pipe band wouldn't be complete without a Drum Instructor, and Tom MacKenzie is now providing direction and encouragement to our young drummers.

Over the past three years, much support has been provided to the band from the local piping community. Jack Yourt, Matthew Yuen, Richard May, and Rob MacLeod have each assisted John in developing our young players. This is a challenging task, but their efforts have not been in vain. Individually, our band members have been competing in branch competitions since 2002 with increasingly positive results. Two band members have been ranked in the top three in the Novice Piobaireachd category in Ontario in 2003 and 2004!

With a newly formed drum section, 2004 was the first year that the band competed as a unit. The band is proud of their achievement, fourth place in Maxville and second in Almonte in the Grade 5 band competitions. With the exception of John Wright, not one of the band members had previously competed in a band circle. The band has also performed in the Dickenson Day parade in Manotick and at other community events.

Our success to date has been due to a combination of instruction by willing volunteers, a focus on music and fun for those that are learning to play and the challenge of live performance and competition to spur them to greater achievement. The band practices throughout the year on Monday evenings from 6 - 8 pm at the Manotick Public School. New members are welcome to come and join anytime.

The activities of the band have been made possible by support from the Manotick Lions Club, Paddy Mann Design of Pakenham and donations from the public. This has enabled the band to acquire musical equipment, and to begin to provide uniform components for the band members. The band is currently seeking funding for the purchase of kilts.

For any further information please contact Pipe Major John Wright at 692 2612 or at jmwright@magma.ca.



The Highland Bagpipes

It was in a crowded hospital in Western U.S.A
 A Caledonian far from home
 Sick lonely dying lay
 Oh Doctor could I hear but ance our ain bagpipes again
 I'd shut my een and dee in peace
 In spite of awe the pain
 The kindly doctor searched the town
 A brother Scot was found
 And soon within the hospital
 The cheery pipes resound
 Along the great wide corridors the Pibroch echoed clear
 Till every poor sick sufferer heard
 The Highland tunes so dear
 And by that glorious music the weary Scot revived
 Regained his health and walked abroad
 The other patients died.

Sheila Flynn, Craigmillar, Edinburgh



CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

The following strings represent the first letters of each word in the first line of popular Christmas carols and songs. See how many you can solve!!



1. JBJBJATW
2. OTFDOCMTLGTM
3. IDOAWCJLTOIUTK
4. SNHNAICAIB
5. AIAMNCFAB
6. RTRNRHAVSN
7. FTSWAJHS
8. JOSNLYETW
9. OCAYFJAT
10. CROAOFJFNAYN
11. DTHWBOHFLLLLLLLL
12. OTNPLHFTH
13. SBRAYLITLSIG
14. OHNTSABS
15. CSBSDIHSITATAFOC
16. OLTOBHWSWTL
17. WTKOOABGWTA
18. GTIOTMOTHAEW
19. YBWOYBNCYBNPITYWSCICTT
20. WWYAMCWWYAMCWWYAMCAAHNY

ANGUS GRAY HALL RISES FROM THE ASHES



Photos of new Angus Gray Hall courtesy
Eric Metcalfe (middle)
James Joyce from Tamarack Creek
Communications, Dunvegan (bottom)

***Season's
Greetings***