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Knock-Out Finals

SATURDAY 04 MARCH 2006 (see next page for details)
Judges.... Alan Clark (piping), Dave Yeo (drumming)
Recital.... Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa

February Knock-Out results.....

The final "regular season" knock-outs were contested Saturday 04 February 2006 at the Walkley Armouries Officers' Mess. "A" Division pipers played a slow air & hornpipe/jig, the "A" Division drummers a hornpipe/jig and the "B" Division drummers a four-parted 2/4 March. Many thanks to our judges, Scott Bell and Chris Bell of the Rob Roy Pipe Band, who made the long trek up from Kingston, and then returned in miserable winter conditions. Following the piping and drumming contests, another large audience was treated to a show by the RCMP Pipes, Drums and Highland Dancers. The winners of the night's competitions were as follows:

"A" Division Piping

*1st Will Ridley
 2nd Allie MacDonald
 3rd Karrie McLeod
 4th Jonathan Verrett
 5th James Clark*

"B" Division Drumming

*1st Marielle Lesperance
 2nd Brendan Vallee
 3rd Daryl Fowlie
 4th James Riddick
 5th Doug Crowe*

"A" Division Drumming

*1st Rob MacLeod
 2nd Brendan Kelly
 3rd Iain Cleaton
 4th Heather Wilson*





Knock-Out Finalists for March 2006

“A” Division Piping

- 1. Will Ridley (14 pts)
- 2. Jonathan Verrett (7 pts)
- 3. Andrew Killick (6 pts)

“B” Division Piping

- 1. Matt Goral (11 pts)
- 2. Andrew Munro (8 pts)
- 3. William MacNeill (6 pts)
- 3. Scott Cameron (6 pts)

“A” Division Drumming

- 1. Rob MacLeod (10 pts)
- 2. Iain Cleaton (7 pts)
- 3. Brendan Kelly (7 pts)

“B” Division Drumming

- 1. Brendan Vallee (14 pts)
- 2. Doug Crowe (14 pts)
- 3. Marielle Lesperance (9 pts)

MARCH KNOCK-OUT FINALS.... Saturday 04 March 2006

Start Time... **7:30 pm**. 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 *****

Tune Requirements:

For all Piping and Drumming Divisions, medley of competitor’s choice (minimum 2:45)

Piping Judge: P/M Alan Clark

Drumming Judge: L/D Dave Yeo

Recital:

**Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa
2005 North American Grade 4 Champions**



Order of Play for March Finals:

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| 1. Scott Cameron (7:45 pm) | 6. Doug Crowe | 10. Andrew Killick |
| 2. William MacNeill | 7. Brendan Vallee | 11. Iain Cleaton |
| 3. Andrew Munro | 8. Will Ridley | 12. Brendan Kelly |
| 4. Matt Goral | 9. Jonathan Verrett | 13. Rob MacLeod |
| 5. Marielle Lesperance | | |

REMINDER: PPBSO OTTAWA BRANCH ELECTIONS AT THE MARCH KNOCK-OUT FINALS

Elections will be held in conjunction with the Ottawa Branch Knock-Out Finals the night of Saturday 04 March. As a minimum, one Vice-President position will be open this year. Please consider if you'd like to help the Branch in this capacity. For any information on the position's terms of reference, please contact Graeme Ogilvie at 830-9160.

Future Ottawa Branch Dates

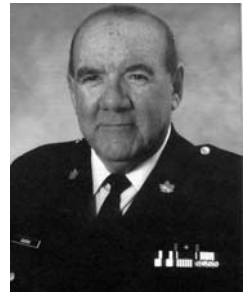
Saturday 01 April 2006 Ottawa Branch Piping Workshop with Major Archie Cairns

Registration at 12:00 pm. Cost: \$20.00 (for the afternoon).

Session 1: 12:30 pm *Time and Rhythm*

Session 2: 2:30 pm *Effective Practice Techniques*

Join us for an afternoon of instruction from the renowned piper, judge, composer, teacher, Major Archie Cairns. Piping was his profession for over 65 years, 52 of which was continuous service in the Canadian Forces. He was a student of his father P/M John Cairns, P/M John Wilson and Capt John MacLellan MBE and was a highly successful open competitor for thirty years. An extremely well respected Pipe Major world-wide, he wrote/arranged the CF Pipe Band Manual, and since his retirement he has produced four outstanding instructional books: Pipe Music Book 1, Pipe Music Book 2, the "How To" Manual for Learning to Play the Great Highland Bagpipe, and the "How To" Piobaireachd Manual.



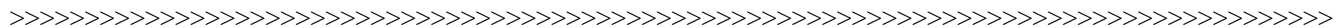
**01 April 2006 Ottawa Branch Open Solo Piping Contest (judge Major Archie Cairns)
Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset Street West, Ottawa**

08 April 2006 Indoor Pipe Band Contest, Smiths Falls Collegiate High School, Smiths Falls (see page 5)

13 May 2006 Winchester In-Door Highland Games

27 May 2006 Kingston Celfest. Lake Ontario Park, Kingston (see page 4)

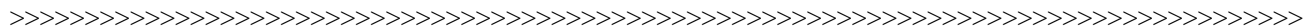
03-07 July 2006 Kingston School of Scottish Music & Dance. A bass drumming program will be added this year, instructed by Craig Colquhoun. Craig will be joined by Jim Kilpatrick, John Fisher, Tyler Fry, Bob Worrall, Ken Eller, Ann Gray, Ann Milne, and Sheila Milne. Forms will be available shortly.



Announcements

**GLENGARRY SCHOOL OF PIPING AND DRUMMING
DRUMMING WORKSHOP – 18 MARCH 2006**

The Glengarry School of Piping and Drumming will be holding a snare drumming workshop Saturday 18 March with Hugh Cameron at the Maxville Public School, Maxville, Ontario. Cost will be \$25 for PPBSO members (with registration in advance), \$30 at the door, and \$10 for additional lunches (e.g. parents who drive to Maxville and stay). The workshop will run from 9:00 am until approximately 3:00 pm. For more info, contact Rob Wilson at rwilson@stirlingengineering.ca.



Toronto Indoor Games - Saturday 15 April 2006 (Dennison Armoury, Downsview)

Solo Piping Events: Gr5 through Prof (including Prof 45+), Piobaireachd. **Solo Drumming - Snare:** Gr5 through Professional, **Solo Drumming – Other:** Bass, Tenor (Rhythm and Flourishing). **Quartettes:** Gr1 & 2 Combined (MSR, H/J), Gr3 & 4 Combined (MSR), Gr5 (MM). **Drummers' Fanfare:** Gr1 & 2 Combined (tbd), Gr3 & 4 Combined (tbd), Gr5 (tbd). **Celeidh Contest:** An Open Contest, a minimum of one piper is required, play will be between 3 and 10 minutes.

NOTES: Solo Events will be run under PPBSO rules, Champion Supreme points awarded. Competitors must be PPBSO members or affiliates. Quartettes (4 pipers) are not a PPBSO event (competitors do not have to be PPBSO members). Competitors do not have to be from the same band. All competitors must be in appropriate highland dress as described in the PPBSO rule book. Any event with less than three (3) competitors will be cancelled. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Gary Moore at president@ppbsO-toronto.org.

Kingston Celtfest

Saturday 27 May 2006

Lake Ontario Park, Kingston, Ontario

The inaugural **Kingston Celtfest** was a **resounding success!** The day featured piping and drumming contests, a dancing competition, pipe band events, food and beverages and Scottish vendors. We are pleased to announce that we will be running the 2nd annual Kingston Celtfest on 27 May 2006 at Lake Ontario Park. This venue received rave reviews at last year's contest.

Please join us this year in our continued efforts to improve and expand the contest. **We are striving to run this event as a competitor-friendly Games and welcome your input.**

- **Bands will not be asked to parade around a crowded field**, but will play several tunes at the halt as part of a massed band.
- **Grade 4 bands** will have the opportunity to **play twice**, showcasing each selection (medley and march medley) required for the summer contests.
- **Prize money** will be offered to the top three finishers in each Grade.
- **No admission** will be charged to the event.
- **A \$100 Scholarship** to the Kingston School of Scottish Music & Dance will be awarded to the most promising solo drummer and solo piper.
- At the conclusion of the day, bands will be provided a **10 minute session with the judging panel** to review score sheets and receive direct verbal feedback.
- The contest will commence at 9:00 a.m. sharp and will **not run behind schedule**, finishing no later than 5:30 p.m.

Timetable:

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| Registration | 8:00 a.m. |
| Solo Piping & Drumming Commences | 9:00 a.m. |
| Grade 5 Pipe Band Contest | 1:00 p.m. |
| Grade 4 March Medley Contest | 2:00 p.m. |
| Grade 4 Medley Contest..... | 3:00 p.m. |
| Closing Ceremony..... | 4:00 p.m. |
| Band Time with Judges | 4:30 p.m. |

Judges – Andrew Berthoff, Michael Grey, Hugh Goldie, Graham Kirkwood

Band Events

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| Event #1 | Grade 5 Pipe Band | March Medley (2:45 – 4:30 min.) |
| Event #2 | Grade 4 Pipe Band | March Medley (2:45 – 4:30 min.) and Medley (3:00 – 5:00 min) |

Band Size – As per PPBSO regulations (full band)

Prize Money

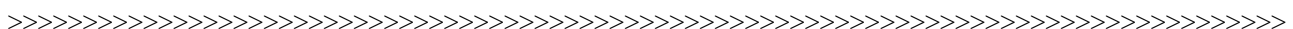
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| Grade 5 | 1st \$250 | 2nd \$150 | 3rd \$100 |
| Grade 4 | 1st \$300 | 2nd \$200 | 3rd \$100 |

- Note 1: Bands are not permitted to play up a level, due to time constraints
- Note 2: Grade 4 prizes will be awarded based on a combined score over the 2 contests.
- Note 3: Bands are encouraged, but not required, to use concert formation facing the audience.
- Note 4: Bands will not be required to march into the competition circle.

Directions:

Exit Highway 401 at Sir John A. MacDonald Blvd. Follow Sir John A. MacDonald Blvd. to King Street (T-junction). Turn right onto King St and follow for several blocks. Lake Ontario Park is on your left (just past St. Lawrence College).

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 Rob Roy Pipe Band www.macgregordespitethem.com





McCarthy Highland Services



McCarthy Highland Services is your only full service highland supply business located in Ottawa. Owned and operated by Robert McCarthy in Ottawa, we have chosen to carry what we consider to be some of the finest bagpipe and drumming equipment and accessories available today. With over thirty years of playing experience, an accomplished teacher, successful former competitor, and former member of the Niagara & District Grade 1 Pipe Band, Glengarry Grade 2 Pipe Band, and the Air Command Grade 2 Pipe Band, Rob and his associates are ready and willing to use their expertise to help provide you with all of your piping, drumming, and highland outfitting needs. Rob has been chosen by **Burnetts & Struth Scottish Regalia Ltd.**, Canada's biggest and best manufacturer of kilts and highland attire, to be their official representative in their new Ottawa location, and to be their on staff piping and pipe band specialist. Be sure to visit our website at www.mccarthyhighland.com, or visit our booth at the upcoming **Smiths Falls Indoor Pipe Band contest**, and at the **Winchester Indoor Games**.

For Sale

Twelve assorted sets of highland bagpipes. All blackwood. Old to new, and ready to play. Also two sets of Dunbar polypenco pipes. Contact Gerry Raycroft at (613) 283-6481, fax (613) 283-8914 or email raycroft@ripnet.com.

INDOOR PIPEBAND CONTEST HOSTED BY SMITHS FALLS GORDON PIPE BAND

AT SMITHS FALLS COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL
APRIL 8TH, 2006



MORNING PROGRAM

STARTS AT 8:30

- SOLO BAGPIPE COMPETITION
- SOLO DRUM COMPETITION
- GRADE 5 TO GRADE 3
- PLUS NOVICE

AFTERNOON PROGRAM STARTS AT 1:00

- MINI-BAND COMPETITION WITH 5 PIPERS AND THREE DRUMMERS PER UNIT
- BANDS FROM ALL AROUND THE OTTAWA VALLEY
- GRADE 5 TO GRADE 3

- **LUNCHEON AVAILABLE**
- **FREE PARKING**

COST: \$5.00 PER PERSON CHILDREN UNDER 7 FREE
FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: 264-1507 or 283-7247

“AMAZING GRACE” (Part 2)

What was the reaction to the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards version of Amazing Grace? What follows is an article from The Sunday Post (Scotland’s most popular weekly newspaper) dated 21 May 1972.

It's All the Rage Across the Atlantic



"AMAZING GRACE", The Royal Scots Dragoons" chart-buster, is sweeping Canada and America.

Exiled Scots are chortling at this commentary from a Canadian columnist: ---

"Today's dreadful news is that teenagers are up to something new.

The biggest hit in Britain (honestly) is a hymn tune called "Amazing Grace" played by the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards.

It has leaped the Atlantic like a virus and is now on the teenage best-seller lists.

Teenagers are getting hooked on bagpipes.

It means war between the generations. The silent majority has put up with some awful noise - from head-breaking rock, electronic agonies, and the quiet despair of the folk-song folk.

But bagpipes are something else. Teenagers don't realize how dangerous they are.

They were built to be used only during battles, and very fierce loud battles, at that. The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards is no pick-up group that just found

a new sound. They're bullet-headed, clean-cut squares, and soldiers to boot.

Remember how The Beatles changed the lifestyle and hairstyle of the world? The same is happening in reverse in Canada.

For example, a truck driver says, "I picked up two teenagers, good, decent, hairy, scruffy kids like my own. Suddenly they pull off their false beards and drag those awful instruments out their bags.

"And under their filthy shirts I see bright red uniforms and brass buttons. Two real zonked bagpipe freaks!"

A police chief says, "They're hairless and overdressed. Standing at the roadside polishing their boots and buttons. I've got 50 in jail for noise pollution and still they come marching in, swinging their kilts."

A hospital director says, "The wards are brimming with ear cases. The chief psychiatrist flipped and is doing sword dances. The air force parachuted in crates of ear-muffs, but it's not enough.

A social worker says, "At a distress centre for blown-out bagpipers, the red-coated patients lie on their backs, gasping for wind. The noise eventually destroys the mind. One young bagpiper takes his sporran for walks in the park."

Yes, the menace must be stopped.

I'm afraid we'll just have to wipe out the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards. It's them or us."

Editor's note: Too late, Mac. The Dragoons are already planning another attack with their pipes of peril! The forecast is -- another sweeping victory.
