

PIPERS' and PIPE BAND SOCIETY of ONTARIO, OTTAWA BRANCH

**** www.ppbsso-ottawa.org ****



President: Graeme Ogilvie (613) 830-9160
(email: graeme.ogilvie@sympatico.ca)
Vice-President: John Harper (613) 830-8962
(email: harper@magma.ca)
Vice-President: Jenny Putinski (613) 836-7372
(email: pjputins@sympatico.ca)
Treasurer: Jack Yourt (613) 774-3622
(email: jcyourt@hotmail.com)
Secretary: Douglas Heyland (613) 821-2505
(email: keemik@ca.inter.net)

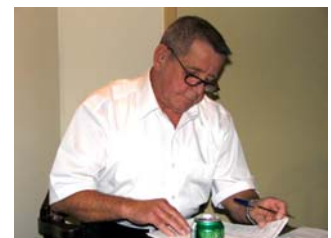


November Knock-Out Contest..... Saturday 04 November 2006 (see third page for details)



Eastern Ontario Champion Supreme Awards and October Knock-Out Contest kicks off new season in style.....

We couldn't have asked for a better start to the 2006/2007 winter season. Over 130 people came through the door to take part in the awarding of the inaugural Eastern Ontario Champion Supreme Awards (see next page) and watch the first piping/drumming solo contests of the new year. As is the tradition of the Ottawa Branch, the first knock-out contest of the season started out with the standard 4/4 contest for the pipers and 6/8 contest for the drummers. Although we knew these events were gaining in popularity, it was with great surprise that we saw 34 (!) pipers sign up this night, and seven drummers. Even with the best efforts of our stewards to keep the event moving, our piping judge David Clyde didn't finish the last competitor until 11:00 pm. It may have been a late night, but the participation was fantastic. Our thanks, too, to John Shaw who came out and took his first turn as our drumming judge. The piping and drumming results were as follows:



Piping "A"
1st Amos Van Die
2nd Allison MacDonald
3rd Christian McCartney
4th Jonathan Verrett
5th James Clark
6th Robert Fournier

Piping "B"
1st Graeme Ellis
2nd Liam Melville
3rd Matt Goral
4th Michael McDonald
5th Michael Ahronson
6th Calum MacMillan

Drumming "A"
1st John Pakenham
2nd Doug Crowe
3rd Iain Bell

Drumming "B"
1st Jeff Cameron
2nd Dylan Stewart
3rd James Riddick

EASTERN ONTARIO CHAMPION SUPREME 2006

The inaugural Eastern Ontario Champion Supreme series was extremely successful. With points accumulated at the indoor Games in Winchester and Smiths Falls, at the Kingston Celtfest, and the traditional outdoor Games at Spencerville, Maxville, Montreal and Almonte, the final results recognized those Ottawa Branch pipers, drummers and pipe bands who had the most overall success during the 2006 season at our local events. Plaques, as pictured to right, went to all the winners below. Certificates went to the second and third place finishers (see the September 2006 newsletter for complete results). An incredible thanks goes to the Scottish and Irish Store of Bells Corners who sponsored the plaques and certificates.



Practice Chanter
Eric Noden
Justin Reid (tie)
Grade 5
Michael McDonald
Grade 4
William MacNeill
Grade 3
Andrew Munro
Grade 2
Jonathan Verrett
Grade 1
Andrew Killick

Novice Piobairechd
Allison Bell
Junior Piobaireachd
Karrie McLeod
Inter Piobaireachd
Allison MacDonald
Jonathan Verrett (tie)
Senior Piobaireachd
Andrew Killick

Drum Pad
Nicholas Desjardins
Shaun Melnyk (tie)
Grade 5
Dylan Stewart
Grade 4
Jordan Duval
Grade 3
Douglas Crowe
Grade 1
Rob MacLeod

Grade 5 Pipe Band
Rob Roy
Grade 4 Pipe Band
Arnprior-McNab
Grade 3 Pipe Band
Rob Roy
Grade 2 Pipe Band
Glengarry



PPBSO 2006 AGM / CHAMPION SUPREME AWARDS PRESENTATION
Date: 09 December 2006
Time: AGM - 1:00 pm CS Awards/Ceilidh - 7:00 pm - 12:30 am
Place: Royal Canadian Legion, Hall A, 919 York Road, Guelph, ON

If anyone in the Ottawa Branch has motions to be made at the **PPBSO Annual General Meeting on 09 December 2006**, 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 04 November 2006 Ottawa Branch meeting.

OTTAWA BRANCH KNOCK-OUT CONTEST RULES.....

Just a reminder to all our competitors, the Ottawa Branch knock-outs don't operate in the traditional sense of the term. All the "A" and "B" Division competitors can play in all of their respective contests between October and February. The competitors accumulate points for top six finishes in each event, and based on the aggregate scores, the top four pipers in each Division and the top three drummers in each Division go through to the finals held in

March. So the “knock-out” only occurs after the February contest is done, with the top in each Division advancing to the final. This gives all our amateur pipers/drummers the maximum time practicing in front of judges and audiences in preparation for the next summer competition season.

NOVEMBER KNOCK-OUT CONTESTS..... Saturday 04 November 2006

Knock-Out Contest Date... **Saturday 04 November 2006. 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 ***.**

Piping "B" Division.... four parts 2/4 March (one or two tunes)
Drumming "A" Division.... four parts 2/4 March
Drumming "B" Division.... four parts 2/4 March (one or two tunes)

Future Ottawa Branch Dates

- 02 December 2006** **Allan Quinn Memorial Contest, Drumming Knock-Out, Walkley Mess**
Piping "A" Division.... March/Strathspey/Reel
Drumming "A" Division.... Strathspey/Reel (minimum four parts each)
Drumming "B" Division.... four parts 4/4 March (one or two tunes)
- 13 January 2007** **Major Archie Cairns Cup, Drumming Knock-Out, Walkley Mess**
Piping "B" Division.... Slow Air, four parts 6/8 March (one or two tunes)
Drumming "A" Division.... March/Strathspey/Reel (minimum four parts each)
Drumming "B" Division.... Strathspey/Reel (minimum two parts each)
- 10 February 2007** **Ottawa Branch Knock-Out Contest, Walkley Mess**
Piping "A" Division.... Slow Air, Hornpipe/Jig (minimum four parts each)
Drumming "A" Division.... Hornpipe/Jig (minimum four parts each)
Drumming "B" Division.... four parts 2/4 March (one or two tunes)
- 03 March 2007** **Ottawa Branch Knock-Out Finals, Walkley Mess**
"A"/"B" Piping and "A"/"B" Drumming.... medley
- 07 April 2007** **Ottawa Branch Piping Workshop, Open Solo Piping Contest**
- 14 April 2007** **Smiths Falls Spring Fling - indoor competition for soloists and bands**
- 12 May 2007** **Winchester In-Door Highland Games**
- 26 May 2007** **OPG Kingston Celtfest – outdoor competition for soloists and bands**
- 02-06 July 2007** **Kingston School of Scottish Music and Dance – Bob Worrall, Ken Eller, Ann Gray, Jim Kilpatrick, John Fisher, Tyler Fry, Craig Colquhoun**

Events

National Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service



The 29th National Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service was held on Parliament Hill on Sunday 24 September 2006. Minister of Public Safety Stockwell Day opened the Memorial Service by expressing the Government of Canada's appreciation for the work of frontline officers. He addressed the families of the fallen officers, stating "Your loved ones have made our neighbourhoods, our towns, our cities, our province and our country a better place. We will never forget them". The National Peace and Police Officers Memorial Service is held every year, providing an opportunity for families, friends, colleagues and all Canadians to pay tribute to the brave and dedicated men and women who lost their lives while protecting Canadian communities. In the past year, ten police and peace officers made the ultimate sacrifice.



Their names have been added to the Memorial Honour Roll which now includes the names of 729 fallen officers. The Service is a lasting tribute to the sacrifice of those brave men and women. "THEY ARE OUR HEROES, WE SHALL NOT FORGET THEM". Their names are forever etched on the glass panels erected along the perimeter wall adjacent to the Memorial Pavilion.

Pipe bands who were represented this year included the Ottawa Police Service, the Toronto Police Service, the Sudbury Police Service, York Regional Police Service, the RCMP (NCR), the RCMP (Montreal), the RCMP (Halifax), the Calgary Police Service, the Peel Regional Police Service, the Niagara Regional Police Service, Air Command, the OPP, the Windsor Police Service, the Durham Regional Police Service, the Winnipeg Police Service, New York Department of Corrections 317 Emerald Society, the Hamilton Police Service, the Halton Regional Police Service, and the Brockville Police Service.



Over 300 pipers and drummers from across Canada participated in the Memorial Parade, and were joined by the Waterloo Regional Police brass band. *Photographs top left and middle left courtesy Jeff Kilcollins (Ottawa Police Service), photograph top right courtesy Gilles Laframboise (RCMP), photograph bottom left courtesy Roxanne Ouellette (RCMP)*

35 YEARS of the OTTAWA BRANCH EXECUTIVE

In conjunction with the 35th anniversary of the Ottawa Branch, a search was completed to capture the history of the Branch executive over that time period. What follows below is the result of that project. These are the members who have actively volunteered their time and efforts over the past 35 years to support all your Ottawa Branch events and activities.

	President	VP1	VP2	Treasurer	Secretary	
1971/1972	Archie Cairns	Jack Coghill	nil	Ian Smith	Ian Smith	
1972/1973	Jack Coghill	Alan Gillis				
1973/1974		Ian Smith		Joe Samson	Joe Samson	
1974/1975	David Benyon	Bruce Bolton		Bruce Bolton	Bruce Bolton	
1975/1976		George Buchanan		Ian Smith		
1976/1977		Ken MacDonald		Findlay Dingwall	Donald McFadhen	
1977/1978	Bruce Bolton	Jack Coghill				
1978/1979	Ian Smith	Harry Madden		Ken MacDonald	Elmer MacDonald	Sheila Jamieson
1979/1980	Ken MacDonald	Vern Ferguson		Morag Jamieson		Brian Williamson
1980/1981				Sheila Jamieson	Roger McGuire	Wendy Finan
1981/1982	Brian Williamson	Bruce MacDonald	Beth Danskin	Rob McCarthy	Archie Morrison	
1982/1983	Rob McCarthy		Amy Garson	Brian Williamson		
1983/1984			Amy Garson	Ken Garson		Margaret St John
1984/1985	Lyle Davidson					
1985/1986	Jim Fryer			Colin MacLellan		Brian Williamson
1986/1987	Jim Fryer	Colin MacLellan	Bruce MacDonald	Jack Yourt		
1987/1988			Scott MacAulay			John MacMillan
1988/1989	Brian Williamson	John MacMillan	Mary MacDonald			
1989/1990	John MacMillan					Murray Bond
1990/1991			Brian Williamson			
1991/1992			John MacMillan		Brian Williamson	Steve Lanning
1992/1993	Graeme Ogilvie					Charlie King
1993/1994		Brian Williamson	Charlie King		Jenny Putinski	
1994/1995	Graeme Ogilvie				Charlie King	Jenny Putinski
1995/1996		Graeme Ogilvie	Charlie King			
1996/1997	Graeme Ogilvie			Charlie King	Jenny Putinski	
1997/1998		Graeme Ogilvie	Charlie King			Jenny Putinski
1998/1999	Graeme Ogilvie			Charlie King	Jenny Putinski	
1999/2000		Graeme Ogilvie	Charlie King			Jenny Putinski
2000/2001	Graeme Ogilvie			Charlie King	Jenny Putinski	
2001/2002		Graeme Ogilvie	Charlie King			Jenny Putinski
2002/2003	Graeme Ogilvie			Charlie King	Jenny Putinski	
2003/2004		Graeme Ogilvie	Charlie King			Jenny Putinski
2004/2005	Graeme Ogilvie			Charlie King	Jenny Putinski	
2005/2006		Graeme Ogilvie	Charlie King			Jenny Putinski

BRANCH MEMBERSHIPS as of 31 August 2006.....

Hamilton-Niagara.....	343
Ottawa.....	391
Toronto.....	295
Western.....	256
Windsor-Detroit.....	149

Current Ottawa Branch membership for 2006... 402!!!

Hector the Hero



For those who are familiar with this extraordinarily popular tune, the following is the story behind the haunting air; a truly tragic moment in Scottish history.

Born in 1852 of humble parentage at Muir of Allan Grange, Ross-shire, young Hector MacDonald was employed in a draper's shop at Dingwall, but wanting to escape from the dreary life ahead in 1870 enlisted with the 92nd (Gordon) Highlanders. He rose rapidly through the non-commissioned ranks, serving as a colour-sergeant in the Afghan War of 1879 where he distinguished himself in the presence of the enemy so much as to be promoted to commissioned rank.

As a subaltern he served in the first Boer War of 1880/81, at which time he was made prisoner. Yet his bravery was so conspicuous that General Joubert gave him back his sword. In 1885 he led a military expedition up the Nile to Sudanese territory. In 1888 he became a regimental Captain in the British service, but continued to serve in the Egyptian army, being particularly occupied with the training of the Sudanese battalions.

In 1889 he received the Distinguished Service Order for his conduct at Toski and in 1891, after the action at Tokar, he was promoted to Major. In 1896 he commanded a brigade of the Egyptian army in the Dongola Expedition, and during the following campaigns he distinguished himself in every engagement.

After this great service MacDonald's name became famous in England and Scotland, the popular sobriquet of "Fighting Mac" testifying to the interest aroused in the public mind by his career and his soldierly personality. He was promoted to Colonel and appointed an aide-de-camp to Queen Victoria. By 1899 he had been promoted to Major-General and appointed to a command in India.

In December 1899 he was recalled to South Africa to command the Highland Brigade, which had just suffered very heavily and had lost its commander in the battle of Magersfontein. He successfully commanded the brigade throughout a number of operations, and in 1901 he was knighted. In 1902 he was appointed to command the troops in Ceylon.

Despite his overwhelming successes, Hector MacDonald was despised by his peers and the leaders in Ceylon who felt that they should not have to answer to someone of such "low breeding". In particular, the Governor of Ceylon made it no secret to the British government that he disliked MacDonald and wanted him out of Ceylon.

Accusations then began to leak that Major General Hector "Fighting Mac" MacDonald, was homosexual. MacDonald proclaimed his innocence and left Ceylon to consult with King Edward VII on the matter of his conduct. While MacDonald was gone the accusations continued to mount, but he did not get his audience with the King and was told to return to Ceylon. The Governor had hoped that the King would reassign MacDonald and that he would not be coming back, but when word arrived that he was indeed on his way back to Ceylon, the Governor was outraged. So in the next few days, an all out blitz took place in the Ceylon press with all the rumours, accusations and innuendo, and immediately the world press picked up on the story.

Being in ill health at the time, on his way back to Ceylon MacDonald stopped for a few days rest in Paris. On the Sunday morning at the Hotel Regina in Paris, Hector came down from his room to the lobby to get the morning paper and sat down to breakfast. He opened the paper and was shocked at the "grave charge" he saw in the front-page headlines. Hector got up and walked slowly up the stairs and entered his room, sat on the bed, raised a revolver to his head and shot himself.

It was a complete and utter shock to all concerned when Hector's wife Christina MacDonald came to Paris to claim his body. The British government was stunned to learn that MacDonald had a wife and son. At the time, Lord Kitchener did not allow his officers to marry, so Hector had kept his marriage a secret for years.

Thus MacDonald's fate was sealed; accusations of homosexuality were too much to bear, but the revelation of a wife and child would too have been the end of his career.

The government offered Lady MacDonald a hero's funeral, but she declined, saying "no, leave us alone". A Commission's Findings in 1903 stated: "the inhuman and cruel suggestions of crime were prompted through vulgar feelings of spite and jealousy in his rising to such a high rank of distinction in the British army".

A great Highland hero had been destroyed, and his accomplishments to the British Empire forgotten. A memorial to this brilliant Scottish soldier was erected at Dingwall and in 1903 the famed Scots violinist, James Scott Skinner, based on the following poem by Thomas MacWilliam, composed the lament to honour.... Hector the Hero.

Lament him, ye mountains of Ross-Shire;
Your tears be the dew and the rain;
Ye forests and straths, let the sobbing winds
Unburden your grief and pain.
Lament him, ye warm-hearted clansmen,
And mourn for a kinsman so true
The pride of the Highlands, the valiant MacDonald
Will never come back to you.

O, wail for the mighty in battle,
Loud lift ye the Coronach strain;
For Hector, the Hero, of deathless fame,
Will never come back again.

Lament him, ye sons of old Scotia,
Ye kinsmen on many a shore;
A patriot warrior, fearless of foe,
Has fallen to rise no more.
O, cherish his triumph and glory
On Omdurman's death-stricken plain,
His glance like the eagle's, his heart like the lion's
His laurels a nation's gain.

O, wail for the mighty in battle,
Loud lift ye the Coronach's strain;
For Hector, the Hero, of deathless fame,
Will never come back again.

O rest thee, brave heart, in thy slumber,
Forgotten shall ne'er be thy name;
The love and the mercy of Heaven be thine;
Our love thou must ever claim.
To us thou art Hector the Hero,
The chivalrous, dauntless, and true;
The hills and the glens, and the hearts of a nation,
Re-echo the wail for you.

O, Wail for the mighty in battle,
Loud lift ye the Coronach strain;
For Hector, the Hero, of deathless fame,
Will never come back again.

