

PIPERS' and PIPE BAND SOCIETY of ONTARIO, OTTAWA BRANCH

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**** KNOCK-OUT DATE CHANGED TO 14 OCTOBER 2006 ****

Our sincerest apologies to everyone, but for operational reasons the Walkley Armouries have had to reclaim their facility for the night of 07 October and we could not find another facility in the Ottawa area at this short notice which could capably accommodate all our requirements for the Knock-Out contests that we run. So it was with great consternation that we have had to postpone our first meeting of the new year to Saturday 14 October. Our apologies again to all of those upon whom this will have a negative impact.

A reminder, as well, that the first Saturdays of January and February were already booked at the Walkley Armouries when we made our inquiries for this year, so we've had to move our meetings to the second Saturdays for those two months. Please make those respective changes to your calendars.

EASTERN ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIP SUPREME 2006

The inaugural Eastern Ontario Championship Supreme series has been 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 recognize those Ottawa Branch pipers, drummers and pipe bands who had the most overall success during the 2006 season at our local events. The top three finishers in each category are listed on the last page of this newsletter. Presentations of the first place plaques and 2nd/3rd place certificates, sponsored by the Scottish and Irish Store of Bells Corners, will be made at 6:00 pm on Saturday 14 October at the Walkley Officers' Mess, the night of our first knock-outs. Because of the early start, we'll put on some free pizza and a 35th anniversary cake. Following the presentations we hope to have some special entertainment, and then at 7:30 pm we'll continue with the...

Opening Knock-Out Contests..... Saturday 14 October 2006 (see next page for details).

If anyone in the Ottawa Branch has motions to be made at the **PPBSO Annual General Meeting on 11 November 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 14 October 2006 Ottawa Branch meeting.

PPBSO 2006 AGM / CHAMPION SUPREME AWARDS PRESENTATION

Date: November 11, 2006

Time: AGM - 2:00 pm/CS Awards/Ceilidh - 7:00 pm - 12:00 am

Place: Lions Club Hall, Memorial Arena, Thompson Road, Milton, ON

OPENING KNOCK-OUT CONTESTS..... Saturday 14 October 2006

As it continues to be a very popular event, we will again run the amateur knock-out contests 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). We're hoping again this year that we will have enough drummers participate to make an "A" and "B" split for that side of the contest. It can be anticipated that both "A" Divisions will be for Grade 3 and above, the "B" Divisions will be for Grade 4 and below.

Knock-Out Contest Date... **Saturday 14 October 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 ***.**

Again in 2006..... all attendees at our Ottawa Branch meetings at the Walkley Mess will be required to pay the \$5.00 cover charge, COMPETITORS INCLUDED. Although it would have been preferred to continue the practice of allowing competitors in for free, the cost of doing business continues to rise. We unfortunately need to try to keep pace.

Future Ottawa Branch Dates

<i>14 October 2006</i>	<i>Ottawa Branch Knock-Out Contest, Walkley Mess</i>
<i>04 November 2006</i>	<i>Ottawa Branch Knock-Out Contest, Walkley Mess</i>
<i>02 December 2006</i>	<i>Allan Quinn Memorial Contest, Drumming Knock-Out, Walkley Mess</i>
<i>13 January 2007</i>	<i>Maj(Ret'd) Archie Cairns Cup, Drumming Knock-Out, Walkley Mess</i>
<i>10 February 2007</i>	<i>Ottawa Branch Knock-Out Contest, Walkley Mess</i>
<i>03 March 2007</i>	<i>Ottawa Branch Knock-Out Finals, Walkley Mess</i>
<i>07 April 2007</i>	<i>Ottawa Branch Piping Workshop, Open Solo Piping Contest</i>
<i>12 May 2007</i>	<i>Winchester In-Door Highland Games</i>

Events



SCOTLAND TONIGHT

Presented by the Sons of Scotland Pipe Band
Saturday 21 October 2006 at 7:30 pm
Centrepointe Theatre, Nepean

This year Scotland Tonight features performances by Drew Duthart (who will be going to Ireland the following week to compete in the World Solo Drumming Championships), Rob Crabtree, and Duncan Gillis. Dancing will be provided by Katharine Robinson School of Dance, the MacCulloch Dancers, and the Champagne Dance School. Also scheduled to perform is the Ingleueuk Scottish Country Dancers.

Tickets are now on sale at the Centrepointe Theatre, 101 Centrepointe Drive, telephone 613-580-2700 or on-line at www.centrepointetheatre.com. Tickets are \$20.00 plus taxes and applicable charges. Hope to see you at Scotland Tonight! The Sons of Scotland Pipe Band. www.sospb.com

Results

Andrew Hayes wins Canadian Police Professional Solo Piping Championships



Andrew Hayes, of the Ottawa Police Service Pipe Band, won the prestigious Canadian Police Professional Solo Piping Championship at the Ottawa City Hall Council Chamber on 23 September 2006, on aggregate points for both the Piobaireachd and MSR contests. An extremely professionally managed event, the annual invitational contest runs in conjunction with the National Police Memorial weekend, with all proceeds going to the Memorial Fund for Police and Peace Officers killed in the line of duty. This year there was a special award for the winner of the double MSR contest, the Pat Hayes Memorial Cross, in honour of Pipe Major Pat Hayes, long time P/M of the OPS Pipe Band and an extremely well known figure in the world of piping. The judge for this year's event was Bill Livingstone, Pipe Major 78th Fraser Highlanders, and the evening's Master of Ceremonies was Scott MacAulay from the College of Piping, Summerside PEI.

The winner of the afternoon's Piobaireachd contest was Sean McKeown, of the Toronto Police Pipe Band (see above bottom left with Police Chief Dave Poirier of Summerside PEI). Second was Glenn Brown and third Andrew Hayes. The winner of the evening's double MSR contest was Andrew Hayes, with Ian K. MacDonald placing second and Roderick MacLean placing third. It was only fitting that Andrew Hayes would be the winner of the Medal in honour of his father, and he is seen above middle receiving the Memorial Cross from his mother, Brenda, and his sister, Shannon. At left he is seen receiving the MSR trophy from Pat Welsh of the Royal Bank, and at right he is seen receiving the aggregate Memorial Trophy from Chief Vince Bevan, Ottawa Police Service.



GLENGARRY PIPE BAND WINS CELTIC CLASSIC

The Glengarry Pipe Band, out of Maxville Ontario, came out on top at the 2006 Celtic Classic Invitational Pipe Band Competition in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on 23-24 September 2006. There were Grade 2 and Grade 3 contests at the Celtic Classic this year, with the six following bands competing in Grade 2: Glengarry, Kenmure, Manchester, Monaghan, Oran Mor, and Saffron United. This is a unique contest where each of the bands competes four times over two days, playing medleys twice and March, Strathspey, Reels twice. Prize money is quite substantial and in US funds!! The judges were Dale Brown (piping), Gail Brown (piping), John Wassman (piping) and Tom Kee (drumming).



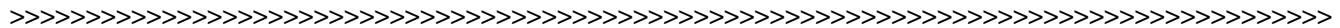
Andrew Hayes takes 3rd in Northern Meeting “A” Grade MSR

Continuing his stellar play of 2006, Andrew Hayes placed third in the “A” Grade MSR at Aviemore, Scotland on 31 August 2006. Also placing at this prestigious contest from Ontario were James MacHattie, P/M Toronto Police, who took a fourth in the Highland Society of London’s Gold Medal for Piobaireachd and Ian K. MacDonald, former P/M Toronto Police, who took a fourth in the Silver Star double MSR.

Events

Ottawa Branch Bass / Tenor Workshops

Tenor Drum and Bass Drum workshops were held Saturday 23 September 2006 at the General Mess of the Canadian Police College (home of the RCMP Musical Ride). A good turnout of ten bass and ten tenor drummers spent the afternoon taking expert instruction from Duncan Gibson and Ian Gibson of the North American Champion Toronto Police Pipe Band. This was the second year that this workshop has taken place on the National Police Memorial weekend, and it continues to be very popular. Everyone went home ecstatic with their comprehensive instruction that day.



THE SONS OF SCOTLAND - UK TRIP 2006



The Sons of Scotland took its fourth trip to Scotland in August and had the opportunity to play at some great places, and make lots of new friends! This year we had dancers from the Katharine Robinson School of Dance and members and guests of the band. It was a great crew, and we had a wonderful time once again. We had shows and two contests planned, and our goal was to have fun and do our best, and we achieved that, and more!!

Saturday 12 August was the day of the World Championships, and we played in the morning in Grade 4B. (photo above). We were joined this year by two of our Scottish pipers, and after the contest did a quick interview for Radio Clyde~this has become a yearly event now! We also spent some time with friends in other pipe bands including our good pal Drew Caldwell, lead drummer and Drum Major of The Highlanders (4 Scots) who just returned from a tour in Iraq. We were glad he got home safe and sound, and hung out with the band when he could and look forward to a visit from him someday.

35th Anniversary

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The band and dancers took a short plane ride to Belfast to play at City Hall. We spent the day there and did a noontime show on the front lawn of this great building and afterwards had a luncheon with the Lord Mayor, who was very charming! We flew home that same night, and it was a fantastic opportunity for us to see such a beautiful city. (photo to left)

We did a tour of the Highlands one day, and went to the Culloden Battlefield. At right is a picture of Pipe Major Bethany Bisaillion playing the Lament 'Flowers of the Forest' at the site. The band did a magnificent job



at Culloden, Lyle Davidson and the Pipe Major both played some piobaireachd as the skies went gray; we hopped onto our coach to go to Inverness but the rain started and we had to postpone that show..luckily the pubs were open and the chippie made up some fried Mars bars, thanks to the charms of Judy Benvie!

When we headed out to Loch Ness/Drumnadrochit to play, the sun came out and we did a short show at the visitor center. Just before we began a small coach pulled up and out got people from Winchester! Small world. After that show, our wonderful coach driver Jim took us to the banks of Loch Ness for a photo stop which turned into an invasion of the Canadian Kilted Wading Brigade..there was more than one monster in the Loch that day! (photo to left)



On our last day in Edinburgh, we played at The Palace of Holyrood House, one of the homes of Her Majesty The Queen. She had visited earlier that week, and the Senior Superintendent told her that we were coming and she remembered us from last year! We played there, and then hopped on a double decker bus provided by Lothian Transport which took us around the city as we played. The

dancers did their best fling..all while it rained! This was such a fantastic event~as we got going, the people in office buildings came to the windows and cheered, people on the sidewalk waved and clapped, and the looks on people's faces on the other buses were unforgettable! We ended our trip on the Royal Mile and walked up to Edinburgh Castle where we played in the Great Hall; the rain forced us inside, and we were glad! We did a show at the 3Sisters Pub for our friends from the Caledonian Brewery.

The next day we headed back home, another grand journey under our belts. It was certainly a trip to remember, and I want to thank everyone in the band and the highland dancers from the Katharine Robinson school for their talent and dedication.



Bethany Bisaillion
Pipe Major
The Sons of Scotland PB