

# PIPERS' and PIPE BAND SOCIETY of ONTARIO, OTTAWA BRANCH

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## Knock-Out Finals

**SATURDAY 03 MARCH 2007** (see next page for details)  
**Judges....** Scott Bell (piping), Chris Bell (drumming)  
**Recital....** Jeremy Keddy (Uilleann Pipes), John Dahms (fiddle)

### \*\*\* February Knock-Out Determines Finalists \*\*\*

The last of our piping and drumming knock-out series to determine the finalists was held Saturday 10 February 2007 at the Walkley Armouries Officers' Mess. The judges were P/M Colin Clansey (piping) and Bob Waugh (drumming). The top six results in "A" Division (piping) were as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Karrie McLeod, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amos Van Die, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jonathan Verrett, 4<sup>th</sup> Andrew Munro, 5<sup>th</sup> William MacNeill, 6<sup>th</sup> Michael Griggs. Full results for the season are available at our web-site [www.ppbsso-ottawa.org](http://www.ppbsso-ottawa.org). Following the night's contest, the audience was treated to an extremely polished and entertaining performance by the 2006 PPBSO Grade 2 Championship Supreme Glengarry Pipe Band. The piping and drumming finalists for the 2006 Knock-Out Series, to be contested 03 March, are as follows:



#### "A" Division Piping

1. Amos Van Die
2. Allison MacDonald
3. Karrie McLeod
3. Jonathan Verrett

#### "B" Division Piping

1. Matt Goral
2. Michael McDonald
3. Asher Dodenhoff
3. Liam Melville
3. Nicole Lacasse

#### "A" Division Drumming

1. Doug Crowe
2. John Pakenham
3. Heather Wilson

#### "B" Division Drumming

1. James Riddick
2. Jeff Cameron
3. Dylan Stewart



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

*Elections will be held following the Ottawa Branch Knock-Out Finals the night of Saturday 03 March, before the recital.  
 For any information on position terms of reference, please contact Graeme Ogilvie at 830-9160.*



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## **MARCH KNOCK-OUT FINALS.... Saturday 03 March 2007**

Start Time... **7:30 pm**. Admission.... \$5.00. 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: Scott Bell**

**Drumming Judge: Chris Bell**



*Recital: Jeremy Keddy on Uilleann Pipes, John Dahms on Fiddle*

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## **Future Ottawa Branch Dates**

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>24 March 2007</b>   | <b>Rob Roy Pipe Band and Highland Dancers Ceilidh and Silent Auction</b>                                                                   |
| <b>07 April 2007</b>   | <b>Ottawa Branch Piping Workshop with Bob Worrall<br/>Ottawa Branch Open Solo Piping Contest</b>                                           |
| <b>14 April 2007</b>   | <b>Smiths Falls Spring Fling<br/>Indoor competition for soloists and bands</b>                                                             |
| <b>28 April 2007</b>   | <b>Glengarry Pipe Band Celtic Roots Concert Tour - Brockville</b>                                                                          |
| <b>12 May 2007</b>     | <b>Winchester In-Door Highland Games</b>                                                                                                   |
| <b>26 May 2007</b>     | <b>OPG Kingston Celtfest<br/>Outdoor competition for soloists and bands</b>                                                                |
| <b>02-06 July 2007</b> | <b>Kingston School of Scottish Music and Dance – Bob Worrall, Ken Eller, Ann Gray, John Fisher, Tyler Fry, Graham Kirkwood (see below)</b> |

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- 02 - 06 July 2007** **Kingston School of Scottish Music & Dance**  
Place: Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario  
Instructors - Bob Worrall, Ken Eller, Ann Gray, Tyler Fry, Graham Kirkwood, John Fisher  
For more info, contact: (613) 542-7287 or email: [swb1@post.queensu.ca](mailto:swb1@post.queensu.ca)  
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# OTTAWA BRANCH WORKSHOP WITH BOB WORRALL



*Saturday 07 April 2007*  
*Registration: 12:00 pm*  
*Admission: \$20.00*

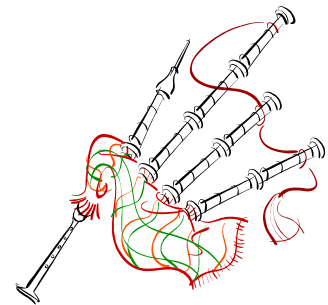


Join us for an exceptional afternoon of instruction from one of the world's most well-known pipers, adjudicators and instructors. A winner of both light music events at the Northern Meeting in Inverness, seven overall North American Solo Piping Championships, appointed to the Piobaireachd Society's panel of approved judges, one of the few Canadians accepted to judge Grade 1 bands at the World Pipe Band Championships, and a tremendously talented performer as a member of Scantily Plaid. Keep this afternoon free on your schedule, as you'll not want to miss this exciting opportunity. More details to follow.

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## **Rob Roy Pipe Band and Highland Dancers Ceilidh and Silent Auction Night Kingston, Saturday 24 March 2007**

Confederation Place Hotel - Downtown Kingston.  
Lots of great entertainment all night  
Silent Auction tables closing at different times throughout the evening  
Scotch tasting area.....learn and sample  
Tickets \$5.00 per person light lunch included. Cash Bar.  
For more information email Leslie at [haggis@cogeco.ca](mailto:haggis@cogeco.ca).



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## **Ottawa Branch Drumming School with Rob MacLeod – two sessions still available**

The Ottawa Branch is hosting a drumming school with the lead instructor being Rob MacLeod of the Glengarry Pipe Band. Sessions two and three will be held Saturday 24 February and Saturday 31 March, respectively. Each session runs from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Canadian Police College (north end of St Laurent Blvd). A map to the class site is available for download off the Ottawa Branch web-site at [www.ppbsso-ottawa.org](http://www.ppbsso-ottawa.org). The cost for each session is \$20.

The sessions were designed to cover three components: notation, rudiments and scores. The first workshop covered notation in the five major pipe band time signatures, and various busker-level tunes for marches in different time signatures. The second session will consist of a similar format. The morning will cover rudiment exercises that help to identify base rudiments and combination rudiments. The afternoon will consist of tunes in the busker format as well but with a focus on a graduating system of difficulty. The third session is going to consist of advanced rudiment exercises with a heavy focus towards exercises in all five major pipe band time signatures. There will be a lot of focus on common-time and jig-time exercises. The afternoon will consist of tunes that are geared more towards a concert or competition format with a heavier emphasis given to no-march time signatures. For those interested in participating, please contact Rob MacLeod at [robert\\_theman\\_mac@yahoo.com](mailto:robert_theman_mac@yahoo.com) or Graeme Ogilvie at [graeme.ogilvie@sympatico.ca](mailto:graeme.ogilvie@sympatico.ca). Advanced notice of attendance is requested so that the appropriate number of handouts can be prepared.

## Kingston Celfest *Saturday 26 May 2007* Lake Ontario Park, Kingston, Ontario

We are please to announce that we will be running the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Kingston Celfest on 26 May 2007 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. Come out and earn Eastern Ontario Championship Supreme points!!

- **Bands will participate in a brief closing ceremony**, which will include plyaing several tunes at the halt.
- **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 winner of the Grade 5 piping and drumming contests.
- 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:

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

### Band Events

|          |                   |                                                                     |
|----------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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.) <b>and</b> Medley (3:00 – 5:00 min) |

### Prize Money

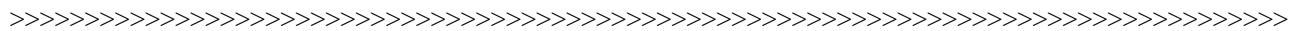
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|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Grade 5</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> \$250</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> \$150</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> \$100</b> |
| <b>Grade 4</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> \$300</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> \$200</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> \$100</b> |

- 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).

Inquiries: Scott Bell at [control@ams.queensu.ca](mailto:control@ams.queensu.ca) or (613) 542-7287, Rob Roy PB at [www.macgregordespitethem.com](http://www.macgregordespitethem.com)



## THE GLENGARRY PIPE BAND *CELTIC ROOTS* CONCERT TOUR BROCKVILLE ARTS CENTRE SATURDAY 28 APRIL 2007

**HIGHLAND MUSIC**  
**PIPES, FIDDLE**  
**TIN WHISTLE**  
**SONG**  
**DANCE**



**235 KING ST WEST**  
**7:30 PM START**  
**ADULTS \$18**  
**STUDENTS \$15**  
**SENIORS \$15**

***City of Ottawa Highland Games***  
***Saturday 29 June 1974***  
***Canadian Inter-Provincial Championship***  
***& Canadian Open Championship***



**Canadian Inter-Provincial Championship.** For the first time, an attempt was made to allow contestants in each province to compete against one another in a confined competition entitled the Canadian Inter-Provincial Championship. To this end each province was invited to send one contestant in each pipe band grade, two in each solo piping/drumming grade, one drum major, four highland dancers, one caber tosser, and one tug-of-war team. Each Provincial Representative would have the opportunity of competing in all of the events applicable to that specific category and the end result would provide a truly Canadian Champion. **Canadian Open Championship.** Contestants from anywhere in the world were eligible to enter any event designated as a Canadian Open Championship, subject to their designated classification. **Grand Champion Awards.** An Interprovincial Champion who the “beat all comers” in the Open category would be awarded a Grand Champion Award. It was recognized that meeting these requirements could present such a formidable challenge that some of the Statuettes could take several years to be awarded.

The 1974 City of Ottawa Highland Games Coordinator was P/M Archie Cairns of Canadian Forces Base Ottawa, the Assistant Coordinator P/M Jack Coghill of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa. The Music Secretary was Ian Smith, the sitting President of the PPBSO Ottawa Branch. Entry fees for Grade 1 bands were \$6.00, all other band grades \$3.00. Professional solo events cost \$1.00. Amateur solo events were \$0.50. Expense money for bands within 50 miles was \$25, from 50-100 miles was \$50 and over 100 miles was \$100. There was no opening massed band, but all bands had to participate in the final massed bands to earn their travel money.

The following were the results for the Grade 1 Open Professional Pipe Band contest. The Piping Judges were Seumas MacNeil, John MacLellan, Angus MacLellan, Iain MacFadyen, Ian MacLeod, William Stirling, and Tom Hinchey. The Drumming Judges were Alex Duthart and Tim Orr.

|         |                 |         |                              |                      |
|---------|-----------------|---------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Results | 1 <sup>st</sup> | \$1,000 | Clan MacFarlane              | P/M Ken Eller        |
|         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | \$800   | Waterloo Police              | P/M Duncan McLachlan |
|         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | \$600   | City of Victoria             | P/M Jamie Troy       |
|         | 4 <sup>th</sup> | \$400   | Guelph                       | P/M Ed Neigh         |
|         | 5 <sup>th</sup> | \$300   | General Motors               | P/M George Campbell  |
|         | 6 <sup>th</sup> |         | Worcester                    | P/M James Kerr       |
|         | 7 <sup>th</sup> |         | St Thomas                    | P/M Gordie Tuck      |
|         | 8 <sup>th</sup> |         | 48 <sup>th</sup> Highlanders | P/M Ray MacKay       |
|         | 9 <sup>th</sup> |         | 400 Squadron                 | P/M Hugh McWhinnie   |

**Grade 2** bands (in order of their placing) were: Erskine, City of Transcona, Antigonish Gr2, Oakville Optimist, Canadian General Electric, Vancouver Ladies.

**Grade 3** bands (in order of their placing) were: Toronto Gaidhlig, Cameron Highlanders, St Laurent, Stirling Pine Falls, Rob Roy, Burlington Legion, Glenmor, Campbells, Black Watch, Heather Legion, Edmonton Caledonia.

**Grade 4** bands (in order of their placing) were: Brockville, Antigonish Gr4, Grantford Imperial, Glengarry, NB Kiwanis, St Laurent Scottish, New Market Legion, New Glasgow, General Electric, CFB Ottawa, Camp Argyle, 1<sup>st</sup> Hawkesbury, Kemptville, CNR Jasper, Ottawa Police, Sudbury.

**Open Piobaireachd Results:** 1<sup>st</sup> J. Goodenow, 2<sup>nd</sup> W. Livingstone, 3<sup>rd</sup> D Martin. **Open M/S/R Results:** 1<sup>st</sup> R. Worrall, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. McGillivray, 3<sup>rd</sup> E. Neigh. **Open Jig Results:** 1<sup>st</sup> W. Livingstone, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Worrall, 3<sup>rd</sup> H. Seynk. **Inter-Provincial Piobaireachd Results:** 1<sup>st</sup> E. Neigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Fryer, 3<sup>rd</sup> H. Macpherson. **Inter-Provincial M/S/R Results:** 1<sup>st</sup> H. Macpherson, 2<sup>nd</sup> E. Neigh, 3<sup>rd</sup> J. Fryer. **Inter-Provincial Jig Results:** 1<sup>st</sup> E. Neigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> B. MacDonald, 3<sup>rd</sup> H. Macpherson.

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Please contact Drum Major (Ret.) David Moat at (613) 256-4073 after 6pm or by e-mail at [drmoat@superaje.com](mailto:drmoat@superaje.com).

**Passages**

**Harold (Harry) Nelson Blair 1930-2007**



Pipe Major Harry Blair, who passed away 29 January after a period of failing health, was a true son of Brockville, Ontario. He was born there, educated there, employed there and spent most of his piping career there. Starting at about the age of fourteen, Harry took up the pipes with instruction from a family friend, Edward O'Donnell. His stint with the military started with the Second Battalion, Canadian Guards as a piper under Pipe Major Archie Cairns, stationed at Petawawa where his main duties at the time were restricted to piping. It was under P/M Cairns' tutelage that Harry made his greatest progress in piping. He served with the Guards for six years including a two-year tour in Germany. Harry left the Guards in 1961 and was posted to the Brockville Rifles as an instructor. This provided him an opportunity to rejoin the Brockville Highland Pipe Band where he was made Pipe Sergeant. It was only two months later that he became Pipe Major. As Pipe Major, he took the band onto the competition field in Grade 4, eventually winning at Cobourg. The band continued to rise in ability and began to compete in Grade 3, coming third at Maxville. After ten years, Harry left the Brockville band to form his own pipe band, the Clan Graham. This band existed only for a couple of years and at that point Harry decided to take a sabbatical from playing the pipes. In 1996, Harry took over the reins of the Almonte Pipe Band and took that band to Grade 4 competitions at Loon Mountain, Almonte and Maxville. Over his piping career, Harry Blair has played for many bands and influenced hundreds of students. A gathering and celebration of Harry's life was held at the Irvine Funeral Home in Brockville, and he was laid to rest in Oakland cemetery, Brockville. He will be missed in our piping community.

