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Ottawa Branch Summer Dates

- 16 June 2007 Veterans Memorial Highland Games, Spencerville, Ontario
www.veteransmemorialhg.com
- 02 - 06 July 2007 Kingston School of Scottish Music & Dance
Place: Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario
For more info, contact: (613) 542-7287 or email: swb1@post.queensu.ca
Website: <http://www.macgregordespitethem.com>
- 08 July 2007 A Musical Tribute – A Salute to our Troops (Carleton Place Legion)
* for more information email ron.barb@xplornet.com
- 03-04 August 07 Glengarry Highland Games
www.glengarryhighlandgames.com
- 05 August 2007 Montreal Highland Games
www.montrealhighlandgames.qc.ca
- 25 August 2007 North Lanark (Almonte) Highland Games
www.almontehighlandgames.com

1st Annual Kenneth Bush Invitational Piping Competition

This year the Veterans Memorial Highland Games (Spencerville) is pleased to announce the addition of the Kenneth Bush Memorial Invitational Piping Competition. Mr. Bush attended innumerable highland games, and followed his children to many highland games all over Canada and the United States. Mr. Bush died on October 18, 2006. In his honour, the inaugural competition will take place on Friday, June 15th, 2007 at the United Church in Spencerville at 8 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door and \$5.00 if you show your advance ticket to the V.M.H.G Games on Saturday June 16th. If you would like more information or if you have any questions or comments, please email the Games secretary-treasurer, Maggie Bush at sbush@xplornet.com.

ELGIN-ALEXANDER FRASER

Elgin, son of Victoria and Hamish Fraser and sister Alyston of Carleton Place, Ontario, celebrated his 3rd birthday on April 10, 2007. At the age of nine months Elgin was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a cancer of the sympathetic nervous system, the nerve network that carries messages from the brain throughout the body. Radiation and chemotherapy put the cancer into remission, but sadly it returned in January 2007 invading Elgin's spine. Because Elgin is a big hockey fan, he wished, expressed through the Children's Wish Foundation, to visit with the Senators Hockey Club. The result was a front row seat at a Senators practice, taken for a skate around the rink with centre Mike Fisher and a guided tour of the dressing room. Several players had heart-to-heart talks with the young boy.



For many years, the Foster family, Bob and Anna, and Neil and his family, have provided the canteen at the Winchester Indoor Highland Games. This year the family donated the proceeds from the concession to the Fraser family. We trust that you will all join with us in expressing our sincere appreciation and gratitude for this most humanitarian gesture: Foster families, you are truly citizens of the community and Ottawa Branch is proud to have you within its family.

Addendum: Elgin-Alexander Kirk Fraser passed away peacefully in the arms of his mother, father and sister at 7: 45 pm, Saturday, 19 May some two hours after learning that his beloved Senators had succeeded in reaching the Stanley Cup finals. *(photograph courtesy John Major, Ottawa Citizen)*

Highland Mist Pipe Band serves as "Anchor Band" for the Big Apple!

Representing Kanata Branch 638 of the Royal Canadian Legion, the Highland Mist Pipe Band served as "Anchor Band" for the New York City Tartan Day parade on Saturday 14 April. The band was blessed with great weather, 15 degrees Celsius and sunny. The short parade route down Manhattan's 6th Avenue was lined with an estimated 700,000 spectators. The band's special composed Americana medley was a rousing hit!



The marching units included pipe bands from the United States, Scotland, Canada, Ireland and Pakistan. Other marching groups included dogs of the British Isles, Highland and Irish dancers, various Celtic clubs, associations, and city, State and national officials. The Highland Mist group numbered 31 band members, spouses and band supporters. The four-day trip was organized by piper Denis Watson. Visit the band web-site at <http://highlandmist.ca>. *(photograph by drummer Reg McIntyre)*

Andrew Hayes – 2nd at the Dan Reid Memorial

The Dr Dan Reid Memorial Challenge Recital is a unique event presented by the St Andrews Foundation of San Francisco, held this year on Saturday 05 May in the Crystal Ballroom of the Marines' Memorial Hotel. Invited to play in the Masters Piobaireachd for the first time, Andrew Hayes of the Ottawa Police Service Pipe Band finished 2nd to Jack Lee.

The DRM Mission. The DRM Invitational Piping Competition was initiated in 1992 to honor the memory of Dr. Dan Reid and his wife Barbara who were killed in a climbing accident in Kenya in 1991. Dan was a member of the St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco and had been the initiator of a committee to formulate a plan to promote the history, playing and knowledge of the Great Highland Bagpipe throughout the United States. The objective of the Challenge Recital is to maintain and preserve the classic compositions of the Great Highland Bagpipe for future generations of pipers; to provide a forum in which the instrument, the recitalists and the judges have the advantage of best possible conditions in which to practice their art; and to present, through it's restrictive tune list, tunes that are classic in their composition and to make

available a musical audio library of these compositions as played by the finest exponent of the art in the modern era. As a result of the competition, a catalog of the finest compositions of the music has been created in audio format. The DRM committee prides itself on bringing to light traditional pieces of music, long hidden from the piping public by their age and lack of publication. By offering these selections, the music, history and sound can be carried into the next generation of traditionalists. For more information, see www.drданreidmemorial.com.

ONTARIO JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED

The Honourable Rob Nicholson, P.C., Q.C., Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, made the announcement 02 April 2007 that **The Honourable Timothy D. Ray**, counsel with Beament Green in Ottawa and with Ross, Clifflen & Morrison in Smiths Falls, was appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Justice in and for the province of Ontario. Mr.



Justice Timothy Ray, a member of the RCMP Pipes and Drums (NCR), and the President and Co-Founder (with Cam Ellis) of the Town of Mississippi Mills Pipe Band, received a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Ottawa in 1970 and a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) in 1965 from Wilfrid Laurier University. He was admitted to the Bar of Ontario in 1972. His practice expertise is in the areas of litigation, administrative, insurance, personal injury, corporate/commercial law.

Mr. Justice Ray has acted as a Senior Instructor for the Bar Admission Course for the Law Society of Upper Canada, as a Director of both the Advocates' Society

and the Ontario Centre for Advocacy Training and as Adjunct Professor at Emory University in Atlanta. He is the recipient of the Gordon Henderson Lawyer of the Year Award for community service by the County of Carleton Law Association and a founding Director of the Almonte Hospital Foundation. He is a frequent lecturer and presenter at professional associations on general advocacy and various other issues. His appointment was effective 08 April 2007.



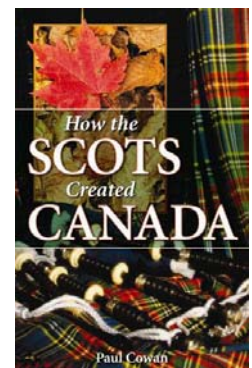
photograph courtesy Stewart Nimmo

Congratulations, Tim, from all of us in the Ottawa Branch.

How the Scots Created Canada, by Paul Cowan

The Scots left the Highlands and Lowlands in droves to conquer the wilderness and create a thriving nation in Canada. They were the discoverers, conquerers, fur traders, soldiers, explorers, businessmen, prime ministers, settlers, musicians, artists, inventors, visionaries, and builders that helped shape the new country.

Combining research and intriguing speculation, Paul Cowan has woven an entertaining and playful look at the great movement of the Scots to Canada. You'll meet: mysterious Templar knights led by a Scottish nobleman and the men who seek their reputed treasure buried on a Canadian island; pirate Captain Kidd, Canada's own Sherlock Holmes; the Gaelic speaking outlaw who's exploits thrilled Quebecers in the late 1800s; the hardy Highlanders who repelled an American invasion, the rival fur traders who waged a bloody war in the Canadian wilderness; a Canadian spymaster; the hard-headed Scots businessman who ran Canada like a family business; Fathers of Confederation; the bold explorers who put their names on the Canadian map; and the Scots who tied a nation together with a ribbon of steel.



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The Vimy Memorial Re-dedicated *A moment in time*

by C/Supt. Graham Muir,
edited by Roxanne Ouellette,
photography compliments of Debra Holmes and
Gilles Laframboise

Vimy, April 9, 2007, 5:30 am. – It's cold and dark, with a stiff wind blowing across the Vimy Memorial as RCMP Sgt. Ewen Booth pipes the lament. Ninety years have passed, to the minute, since Canada's youth 'went over the top', commencing the assault on Vimy Ridge. The battle that ensued, resulting in the successful routing of the Ridge's German defenders, has since become known as a defining moment for Canada as a young nation.



It was here that the Canadian Corps fought together as an autonomous unit for the first time: not under British command as deployed 'colonial boys',

but in strength as four divisions, each under Canadian command. Some 100,000 Canadian lads along a nine kilometer front threw themselves into the breach. They would die and suffer in unspeakable numbers. Over the three days that the battle raged 3,598 men perished and another 10,602 were wounded. We have no contemporary reference point to gauge such incredible loss of life.

The Vimy Memorial itself marks, with profound symbolism, the final resting place of 11,285 Canadian soldiers for whom there is no known grave. Their names are etched, each and every one, into the white Croatian limestone at the base of the monument. As a gesture of gratitude, France granted Vimy Ridge, which encompasses the original battleground, to Canada in 1922 for use in perpetuity as a memorial park. The Vimy Monument, designed by Canadian sculptor and architect Walter Allward, is recognized as Canada's principal war memorial in Europe. It was originally dedicated in 1936 and was designated a National Historical Site in 1996, making it the first such site outside of Canada.

As an historical footnote, the RCMP did not deploy at unit strength until 1918, at which time the Royal Northwest Mounted Police (RNWMP) fielded a squadron comprised of 726 men and 12 officers, as part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Long before this cavalry unit could be mustered, many members purchased their discharge to join the fight. Thus, there were members of the Force who fought at Vimy. John French, regimental number 3031, and nephew of our first Commissioner George Arthur French, received the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) for his actions in battle. And Henry Norwest was twice-honoured with the Military Medal for his actions as a 'sharp shooter' at Vimy.

Cpl. Debra Holmes thought it only appropriate that we were there to mark the precise moment of the Canadian advance on the Ridge. For Booth, it was personal. His Grandfather, John William Thresh, fought here. As a nineteen-year-old boy soldier from Montreal, he served with the Canadian Field Artillery as a lead driver and gunner for the 22nd and 66th Batteries. Grandfather Thresh survived the war and went on to raise a family that included several grandchildren, three of whom now serve in the RCMP. For the record, the Booth boys, including Ewen's twin who serves with the Ontario Provincial Police, are all outstanding pipers.

With the last strains of *Flowers of the Forest* still hanging in the air and another hour remaining before first light, Booth, Holmes and I decide to visit the Canadian war grave at the base of the Ridge. One cannot walk the ground here without sensing that this is truly a sacred place. Standing amongst the white headstones, the twin pylons of the Vimy Memorial are a striking sight, back-lit by the subtle grey of sunrise. It is an eerie feeling indeed to look out over the gradual incline that rises 750 meters to the Ridge, knowing that it was from roughly this place that the Canadian forward trenches gave up every mother's son to the tortuous task of taking that hill. To this day, the ground has not been touched: it is as ripped, rent and torn as it was when the guns ceased firing. The grass providing cosmetic cover to the muck and mess through which the men advanced on April 9 cannot mask the violent scarring of the artillery.

The sun shines very bright today. And unlike the sleet and snow that met the Canadian advance ninety years ago, we were favored by a warm spring breeze. The re-dedication of the Vimy Memorial is an historic moment, ever-so well attended by local folk, Canadian youth, veterans, dignitaries and royalty. Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip are here to mark the occasion with Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the President of France. Roughly 12,000 people are gathered to bear witness and pay their respects. The RCMP is well represented too. There are thirty five members, many with family ties to Vimy, forming the RCMP contingent representing all but one division. In 1936, there were reportedly eighteen members of the Force present for the initial dedication ceremony.



There is plenty of pomp and ceremony that comes with such an occasion. All would say that this is a signature moment for Canada and the stuff of lasting memories for those in attendance. The military guard of honour is comprised of Regular Force and Reserve units, most with regimental badges and battle honours tracking back to this place and the fields of Flanders and Belgium close by. The combined military brass and pipe bands also give a very fine performance. But on this day, the first note 'in the wee hours' is from the bagpipe of our very own Sgt. Ewen Booth, Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Eastern Ontario Championship Awards

See the current standings on the Ottawa Branch web-site at www.ppbso-ottawa.org. Results to date include those from the Smiths Falls Indoors, the Winchester Indoors and the Kingston Celtfest.

WINCHESTER IN-DOOR GAMES, 12 MAY 2007 *** RESULTS ***



Judges: Andrew Hayes, Brian Williamson, Hugh Goldie, Kahlil Cappuccino, Steve Lanning

| Event | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Grade 2 Pipe Band | <i>Glengarry Gr2</i> | | |
| Grade 3 Pipe Band | <i>Arnprior-McNab</i> | | |
| Grade 4 Pipe Band | <i>Glengarry Gr4</i> | <i>Rob Roy</i> | <i>Cameron Highlanders</i> |
| Grade 5 Pipe Band | <i>Sam Scott Memorial</i> | <i>Sons of Scotland Gr5</i> | <i>Smiths Falls Gordons</i> |
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| Event | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Piping Open March | <i>Karrie McLeod</i> | <i>Allison MacDonald</i> | <i>Andrew Munro</i> |
| Piping Open Strathspey/Reel | <i>Andrew Munro</i> | <i>Allison MacDonald</i> | <i>Karrie McLeod</i> |
| Piping Open Hornpipe/Jig | <i>Karrie McLeod</i> | <i>Allison MacDonald</i> | <i>Jonathan Verrett</i> |
| Piping Grade 3 March | <i>William MacNeill</i> | <i>Allison Bell</i> | <i>Dan Cameron</i> |
| Piping Grade 3 S/R | <i>Allison Bell</i> | <i>William MacNeill</i> | <i>Dan Cameron</i> |
| Piping Grade 4a March | <i>Matt Goral</i> | <i>MacGregor van de Ven</i> | <i>Lindsay Bell</i> |
| Piping Grade 4b March | <i>Michael McDonald</i> | <i>Adam Campbell</i> | <i>Michael Ahronson</i> |
| Piping Grade 5 March | <i>James Letourneau</i> | <i>Terry Morin</i> | <i>Graeme Burns</i> |
| Piping Practice Chanter | <i>Cameron Airth</i> | <i>Byron Birkett</i> | <i>James van de Ven</i> |
| Open Amateur Piobaireachd | <i>Karrie McLeod</i> | <i>Michael Fenton</i> | <i>Lyle Davidson</i> |
| Junior Piobaireachd | <i>Will Barton</i> | <i>David Campbell</i> | <i>William MacNeill</i> |
| Novice Piobaireachd | <i>Michael McDonald</i> | <i>Matt Goral</i> | <i>MacGregor van de Ven</i> |
| Age 40+ March | <i>Dan Cameron</i> | <i>Peter Manderson</i> | <i>Sandy Creber</i> |
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| Drumming Open MSR | <i>Douglas Crowe</i> | <i>Iain Bell</i> | |
| Drumming Grade 3 March | <i>Daryl Fowlie</i> | | |
| Drumming Grade 4 March | <i>Troy Hamstra</i> | <i>James Riddick</i> | <i>Dylan Stewart</i> |
| Drumming Grade 5 March | <i>Francis McArdle</i> | <i>Keegan Melville</i> | <i>Shawn Melnyk</i> |
| Drumming Practice Pad | <i>Erica Doreen Pulling</i> | <i>Catherine Kern</i> | <i>Luke Kilpatrick</i> |

Winchester 2007 Soloists - Trophy Winners



Cameron Airth
*Donald Killin Memorial
Practice Chanter*



William MacNeill
*Donnelly Targe
Grade 3 March*



Karrie McLeod
*SSF Trophy
Open Piobaireachd*



Karrie McLeod
*Cameron Highlanders Trophy
Piper of the Day*



Douglas Crowe
*John D. Wilson Trophy
Drummer of the Day*

O.P.G Kingston Celfest – Saturday 26 May 2007.... Results



BANDS

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| Grade 3 | 1 st | Arnprior-McNab | | |
| Grade 4 | 1 st | Rob Roy | 2 nd | Ottawa Police |
| Grade 5 | 1 st | Sam Scott Memorial | 2 nd | Smiths Falls Gordons |

PIPING

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|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Open MSR | 1 st | Jonathan Verrett | 2 nd | Allison MacDonald | 3 rd | John Scott |
| Gr 3 March | 1 st | William MacNeill | 2 nd | Allison Bell | 3 rd | Robert Fournier |
| Gr 3 S/R | 1 st | William MacNeill | 2 nd | Allison Bell | 3 rd | Robert Fournier |
| Gr 4 March (A) | 1 st | Mike McDonald | 2 nd | Vanessa Morin-Nappert | 3 rd | Eric Kilpatrick |
| Gr 4 March (B) | 1 st | Matt Goral | 2 nd | Michael Ahronson | 3 rd | Adam Campbell |
| Gr 5 March | 1 st | Ian Noble | 2 nd | Graeme Burns | 3 rd | Adrienne Quane |
| Practice Chanter | 1 st | Stacie Durval | | | | |
| Junior Piobaireachd | 1 st | Dave Campbell | 2 nd | William MacNeill | 3 rd | Kevin MacLeod |
| Novice Piobaireachd | 1 st | Matt Goral | 2 nd | Adrienne Quane | 3 rd | Michael McDonald |

DRUMMING

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|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Open MSR | 1 st | Iain Bell | | |
| Gr 4 March | 1 st | Dylan Stewart | 2 nd | Kimberley MacDonald |
| Gr 5 March | 1 st | Keegan Melville | 2 nd | Francis McArdle |
| Practice Pad | 1 st | Erica Pulling | 2 nd | Erin Parker |
| | | | 3 rd | Troy Hamstra |
| | | | 3 rd | Shaun Melnyk |
| | | | 3 rd | Catherine Kern |