

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

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***Ottawa Branch Workshop & Ottawa Branch Open Solo Contest***  
SATURDAY 07 APRIL 2007 (see next page for all the details)  
Workshop Instructor and Open Contest Judge: **Bob Worrall**

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## *2006/2007 Ottawa Branch Knock-Out Finals.....*

*Another knock-out season comes to a conclusion. A packed house was witness to some very exciting piping and drumming in the finals, with each of the competitors playing a medley of their own choice. The tunes were extremely varied and befitting the final night of this competition, the playing at a very high standard. Many thanks to all the competitors who played throughout the year, hopefully you enjoyed the experience as much as those who were able to watch and listen. Our thanks to P/M Scott Bell and Lead Tip Chris Bell of the Rob Roy Pipe Band for adjudicating this very special competition. Following the contest, the annual Ottawa Branch AGM was held with election results for 2007/2008 as follows: President Graeme Ogilvie, Vice-President John Harper, Vice-President Jenny Putinski, Treasurer Jack Yourt and Secretary Douglas Heyland.*

*The winners of each of the Divisions for 2006/2007 were:*

**"A" Division Piping**  
**Allison MacDonald**  
*Ottawa Folklore Trophy*

**"B" Division Piping**  
**Liam Melville**  
*Ottawa Robert Burns Club Trophy*

**"A" Division Drumming**  
**Doug Crowe**  
*John D. Wilson Memorial Trophy*

**"B" Division Drumming**  
**Brendan Vallee**  
*Ottawa Branch Drumming Trophy*



## **OTTAWA BRANCH OPEN SOLO PIPING CONTEST**

**Saturday 07 April 2007**

**RCAF Officers' Mess, 158 Gloucester Street, Ottawa, Ontario**  
(see map at right)

**Tune Requirements:** March, Strathspey, Reel of the competitors' choice.  
Registration Closes at 7:45 pm. First Piper to Play at 8:15 pm.  
No Entry Fee.

**Judge and Recitalist: Bob Worrall**

**Prizes: 1st \$300 and the Glengarry Trophy, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100.**  
All remaining competitors will receive a minimum \$25 gift certificate courtesy one of Ottawa's fine local pubs.

**General Admission just \$10.00.**



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## **OTTAWA BRANCH WORKSHOP WITH BOB WORRALL**



**Saturday 07 April 2007**  
**Registration: 12:00 pm**  
**Classes: 12:30 to 4:30 pm**  
**Admission: \$20.00**



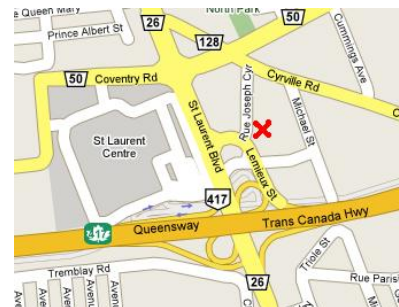
**Franklin Room, Chimo Hotel, 1199 Joseph Cyr Street (see bottom right)**



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, PPBSO Music Board member, 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 very exciting opportunity.

### **THREE TOPICS WILL BE COVERED**

- a. Practice Strategies**
- b. Playing a March, Strathspey & Reel...Phrase Definition, Defining the Idiom, Controlling Rhythms**
- c. Controlling Stage Fright and Performance Anxiety**



## Future Ottawa Branch Dates

- 14 April *Smiths Falls Spring Fling (indoor competition for soloists and bands)*
- 28 April *Glengarry Pipe Band Celtic Roots Concert Tour - Brockville*
- 12 May *Winchester In-Door Highland Games*
- 26 May *OPG Kingston Celtfest (outdoor competition for soloists and band)*
- 16 June *Veterans Memorial Highland Game* [www.veteransmemorialhg.com](http://www.veteransmemorialhg.com)
- 02-06 July *Kingston School of Scottish Music and Dance* [www.macgregordespitethem.com](http://www.macgregordespitethem.com)
- 03-04 August *Glengarry Highland Games* [www.glengarryhighlandgames.com](http://www.glengarryhighlandgames.com)
- 05 August *Montreal Highland Games* [www.montrealhighlandgames.qc.ca](http://www.montrealhighlandgames.qc.ca)
- 25 August *North Lanark (Almonte) Highland Games* [www.almontehighlandgames.com](http://www.almontehighlandgames.com)

### **NATIONAL TARTAN DAY CELEBRATIONS**

**Friday, 06 April 2007 12 Noon at Parliament Hill Ottawa**

Join the Sons of Scotland Pipe Band and many friends in celebrating the first 'Gathering of the Clans' on Friday 06 April to mark National Tartan Day. Pipes, drums and dancing will mark this unique event which helps celebrate our heritage and legacy, colors and pride on this day. Wear your tartans, bring your friends, and lets all come together to make this day special and exciting. Visit our band website for more information at [www.sospb.com](http://www.sospb.com) and we hope to see you all on Parliament Hill the 6<sup>th</sup> of April.

TO ALL BANDS AND DANCERS: PLEASE PASS THIS ALONG TO YOUR MEMBERS AND COLLEAGUES. IF YOU EMAIL P/M BETH BISAILLION AT [sospb@sospb.com](mailto:sospb@sospb.com) YOU CAN BE INCLUDED ON UPDATED PRESS RELEASES DONE THE WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT, THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Historical Note.... 06 April was chosen as Tartan Day because it is the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Abroath (06 April 1320). Until that point, Scotland was not recognized as a separate country. The Declaration, one of the great statements of independence, bore the seals of 38 Scottish Lords and was sent to Pope John XXII in Rome, where the logic of the Scottish Case was accepted and recognition of an independent Scotland was made official.



### **Ottawa Branch Drumming School with Rob MacLeod – last session still available**

The Ottawa Branch is hosting a drumming school with the lead instructor being Rob MacLeod of the Glengarry Pipe Band. The final session will be held Saturday 31 March. The 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.ppbso-ottawa.org](http://www.ppbso-ottawa.org). The cost for the 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 covered rudiment exercises that helped to identify base rudiments and combination rudiments. The afternoon consisted 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.



## \*\*\* OTTAWA BRANCH NEWSLETTER UPDATE \*\*\*

For those who have not renewed your PPBSO membership for 2007, and receive this newsletter by mail, this will be your last issue. You have three options.... (a) renew your PPBSO membership!!! (b) provide an email address to [graeme.ogilvie@sympatico.ca](mailto:graeme.ogilvie@sympatico.ca) to be added to our newsletter email distribution list, or (c) for a small annual fee of \$15 you can continue to receive monthly hard copies of the newsletter (and support your Ottawa Branch activities).

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## 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*

On Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the Glengarry Pipe Band Grade II will be celebrating their Scottish heritage by holding a “Celtic Roots” concert at the Brockville Arts Centre. The night promises to give you a variety of highland music, song and dance as the pipe band gets ready to kick off their piping season. The show commences at 7:30 pm and features the Glengarry Pipe Band Grade II, first place winners of the 2006 Celtic Classic in Bethlehem, PA. Under the direction of Colin Clansey, the pipe band has shown great success throughout the years at the Glengarry Highland Games and the World’s Pipe Band Championship in Scotland, to name a few.

Solo performances by Pipe Major Clansey and Ed Bush will be sure to entertain those who love the wail of the great highland bagpipe, and Brockville highland dancers, Sonja Stilnovich, Paige Morin and Fiona O’Dair will be on hand to perform the highland dances. Other entertainment will include a tin whistle and fiddle duet by Karrie McLeod and Kelsey McDonell, and Celtic numbers sung by Christina Clansey accompanied with the small pipes and piano.

If you’re looking to celebrate your Celtic roots, pick up your tickets now at the Brockville Arts Centre at 235 King Street West, Brockville. Visit [www.brockvilleartscentre.com](http://www.brockvilleartscentre.com). Box office hours are Monday to Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$18.00/adults and \$15/seniors and students.

## **The Quigley Highlanders** Present “An Evening with the Quigleys”

*Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> 8pm  
Metcalf Centre – Maxville*

*Featuring:*

*Bobby Brown & The Scottish Accent  
The Quigley Dance Band  
Highland Step Dancers  
and the Quigley Highlanders Pipes and Drums*



*Information – Tickets.... David Fraser 613-674-5552 or Mark Hall 613-525-2735*

## *Ottawa Police Service Pipe Band*



The Ottawa Police Service Pipe Band has been in existence since 1969 and was originally founded by serving Ottawa Police officers. Its purpose at the time was to promote the police service's public relations but even more to contribute to memorials for slain police officers. This mission continues today for the band, which annually plays at Canada's national police memorial service, as well as memorial services, funerals, tattoos, highland games, and parades across Ontario and the U.S. The Band wears the 'Red Ross' Tartan in honour of Ottawa's first Chief Constable, Roderick Ross.

The Pipe Band, Colour Party, and Dancers currently number approximately 55 members. Pipers and drummers are both serving police officers and civilian volunteers under the direction of Pipe Major Jamie Ritchie and Drum Major Chris Renwick, both of whom are sworn members of the Ottawa Police. The band has frequently competed in Pipe Band competitions and in 1994, won the North American Championship for grade 4 bands at the Glengarry Highland Games. Many of our current pipers and drummers compete individually at different levels across North America and in Europe and have won numerous solo championships. The band currently competes at the grade 4 level and is rebuilding after finishing second in the grade 3 North American Championships in 2004. Much of the band's success can be attributed to it's former Pipe Major, Superintendent Pat Hayes M.O.M., who sadly passed away in September 2005 while still leading the band.

Over the years, the OPS Colour Party and Dancers were added to enhance the Service's visibility and showmanship. The OPS Pipe Band, Colour Party, and Dancers have performed across North America in both Canada and the United States. Apart from Ottawa and eastern Ontario, they have thrilled audiences with their dynamic show stopping styles in Colorado, Vancouver, Cleveland, Buffalo, Toronto, Montreal, across Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and at Carnegie Hall in New York City. In June 2005, the Band hosted and organized the 150th Anniversary Ottawa Police "Tattoo" held at the Civic Centre in Ottawa. Almost 500 performers, including four Pipe Bands, thrilled the crowds with pomp and pageantry in a magical spectacle which raised thousands of dollars for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. In the Fall of 2005, the band was invited to beautiful Bermuda, where it travelled to play in an International Tattoo celebrating 500 years of colonization. Most recently the band opened for Rod Stewart at Scotiabank Place on the Ottawa stop of his Rockin' in the Round Tour.

The Pipe Band has recorded four CD's in the past several years, all of which are still available through the web-site address below by request. These recordings have featured joint ventures with famous Canadian Tenor John McDermott, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pipes and Drums, the Band of the Ceremonial Guard, the Maple Leaf Brass Band, as well as the "Brigadoons", a celtic band from Glengarry. Much of the proceeds from sales have been donated to charities which include the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, the Children's Wish Foundation, and Big Sisters Big Brothers of Ottawa.

The Pipe Band is always looking for new members from the community who have the necessary qualities to enhance the band's current mission. Details can be found at the new web-site, [www.ottawapolicepipesanddrums.com](http://www.ottawapolicepipesanddrums.com).



## Ottawa Branch Recitals

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*Ann Gray at the Kanata Legion  
Thursday 22 February.*

*Jeremy Keddy on Uilleann Pipes and John Dahms on Fiddle. Saturday 03 March after the Ottawa Branch Knock-Out Finals.*



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## St Patrick's Day Parade – Montreal 2007

- BEST MILITARY UNIT, Black Watch of Canada (with assistance from the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa Pipe Band and the 12 Wing Shearwater Pipes & Drums)**
- BEST PIPE BAND, Sons of Scotland Pipe Band**
- BEST BAND, RCMP Pipes and Drums (members of Montreal, Ottawa and Halifax Units participating)**

