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**** WELCOME TO THE 2007/2008 OTTAWA BRANCH SEASON ****

We hope that everyone has had a very pleasant summer. As always, it goes by too quickly. But with the North Lanark (Almonte) Games in the past, we now turn our sights on the new Ottawa Branch indoor season. Each year our activities continue to grow bigger and better and we are very optimistic that the 2007/2008 season will follow that trend.

EASTERN ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIP SUPREME 2007

The Eastern Ontario Championship Supreme series has been extremely successful. With points accumulated at the indoor Games in Winchester and Smiths Falls, at the Kingston Celfest, 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 2007 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 13 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 "goodies". At 7:30 pm we'll continue with the.....

OPENING KNOCK-OUT CONTESTS..... Saturday 13 October 2007

As it continues to be a very popular event, we will again run the amateur knock-out contests this season. "A" Divisions will be for Grade 3 and above, the "B" Divisions will be for Grade 4 and below. The year will start with our traditional 4/4 March contest for the pipers (four parts, one or two tunes), and a 2/4 March contest for the drummers (four parts, one or two tunes). We again hope this year that we will have enough drummers participating to make an "A" and "B" split. Note: to encourage solo drummers, a "duty piper" will be available if the competitor brings the respective pipe music.

Knock-Out Contest Date... **Saturday 13 October 2007. 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 ***.**

Admission..... \$5.00, competitors included (there is no entry fee for the contests).

Knock-Out Tune Lists

| | "A" Piping | "B" Piping | "A" Drumming | "B" Drumming |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| October | <i>4/4 March</i> | <i>4/4 March</i> | <i>2/4 March</i> | <i>2/4 March</i> |
| November | <i>n/a</i> | <i>2/4 March</i> | <i>2/4 March</i> | <i>4/4 March</i> |
| December | <i>Slow Air & Jig</i> | <i>n/a</i> | <i>Strathspey/Reel</i> | <i>3/4 March</i> |
| January | <i>n/a</i> | <i>Slow Air & 6/8 March</i> | <i>MSR</i> | <i>6/8 March</i> |
| February | <i>MSR</i> | <i>n/a</i> | <i>Hornpipe/Jig</i> | <i>2/4 March</i> |
| March | <i>Medley own choice</i> | <i>Medley own choice</i> | <i>Medley own choice</i> | <i>Medley own choice</i> |

Saturday 29 September 2007.... *Tenor Drum / Bass Drum Workshops*

Date: Saturday 29 September 2007 **Place:** Canadian Police College (north end of St Laurent Blvd).
Instructors: tentatively Duncan and Ian Gibson
Time: Session 1: 12:30 to 2:00 pm, Session 2: 2:30 to 4:00 pm.
Cost: \$20.00, please check the Ottawa Branch web-site at www.ppbsso-ottawa.org to confirm all details.

Drumming School with Rob MacLeod

The Ottawa Branch will host a second drumming school with Rob MacLeod of the Glengarry Grade 2 Pipe Band. Details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter and will be provided on the Ottawa Branch web-site, but classes will tentatively be held Saturday 27 October and Saturday 24 November. Timings likely from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Place will be the Deveau Hall at the Canadian Police College (north end of St Laurent Blvd). For any advance information, please contact either Rob MacLeod at Robert.theman_mac@yahoo.com or Graeme Ogilvie at graeme.ogilvie@sympatico.ca.

Workshop #1: The Competition 2/4 March. This will involve combination rudiments and phrases in the morning and the evolution of the competition 2/4 march from the elementary, intermediate and advanced levels. This will cover scores by various different composers.

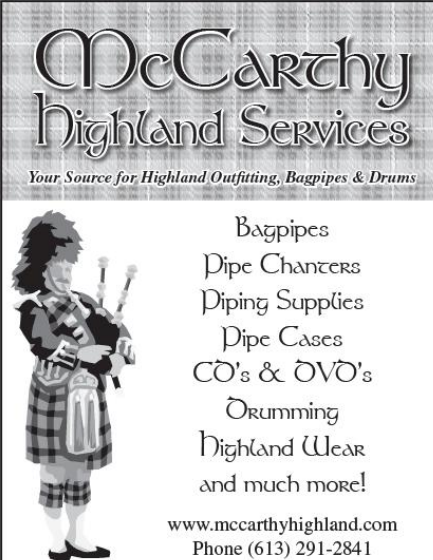
Workshop #2: The Strathspey, Reel and Jig. This will cover rudiments for strathspeys, reels and jigs. It will consist of scores at the elementary, intermediate and advanced levels. There will be scores by different composers.

Glengarry School of Piping and Drumming

The Glengarry School of Piping and Drumming runs on Saturday mornings, from 9-12 at the Maxville Public School. The fee is \$300 for approximately 30 lessons (1 hr per week) or \$500 for approximately 30 lessons (2 hrs per week). There are no classes 22 September due to band participation at the Celtic Classic in Bethlehem PA.

The school is interested in sending students to the Stratford Sessions Piping and Drumming Workshop, 20 October 2007, in Stratford ON and would like to fill up a bus, if possible.

More information on both the Glengarry School and the trip to the Stratford Sessions can be obtained from Rob Wilson at 613-362-7847 or by email at rwilson@stirlingengineering.ca.



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THE SONS OF SCOTLAND - SCOTLAND TRIP 2007



The Sons of Scotland Pipe Band took its fifth trip to Scotland this past August to compete, perform, and enjoy the sights of Edinburgh and towns beyond. Good weather, great friends, and magnificent venues were in store for us.

We departed Ottawa for Scotland on Sunday 05 August just after the band competed at the Montreal Highland Games. Along with the band were a few guests, one terrific highland dancer, and new Pipe Sergeant Barry Donaldson from Glasgow. Mr. Donaldson, who also plays with House of Edgar Shotts and Dykehead, had spent a few days in Ottawa working with the Sons. On his return to Scotland he invited the band to a Shotts practice which they took in later that week. That evening was just tremendous; the venue could be described as slightly frightening, but the talent and results were inspirational with both Robert Mathieson and Jim Kilpatrick very kind and welcoming to us all. The band also took in the Drumming for Drinks contest at the Lord Todd, and hosting their members from Scotland known as the 'Glasgow Division' for an evening practice and fish & chip night in Edinburgh.



The first show the band did was at Drummond Castle near Perth in honour of the 75th anniversary of BLESMA, a UK veterans charity. The Pipe Major and her brother played a tune written in the charity's honour. After that, the band stopped in Dunblane to play at the Cathedral to pay their respects to the children who died in 1996. It was a very moving experience.

The next day was the Worlds, and the skies in Glasgow opened up to welcome us to the big contest. We played at 9:48 in the morning, and did a great job. Looking forward to Perth the next day didn't work out, as the field was rained out. Instead we spent some time in the lovely town of Perth, and headed back to Edinburgh. Some of the band took time to dry out their kit, some did travel planning, and some explored Edinburgh further. But for a trio of us bold types, we went through to Glasgow and hit the Islay Bar, which was packed with pipers and drummers from all over the world. Lots of pints, and great music! It was quite the afternoon.

The next three days people had off to travel and visit, and many took in some great sites and came back with terrific stories! The next day some of us went to the College of Piping where we sat for exams, and that evening we were guests of the Caledonian Brewery for a pies and pints night. It was then off to the Guildford Arms on West Register Street for a quick performance with our friend Shakey from the brewery - what a fantastic host! Friday was our last day in Edinburgh, and we were busy. We started on Waverley Bridge for a 9 am performance to wake up the commuters, then it was off for a quick breakfast before a tour and show at the Palace of HolyroodHouse. From there we headed back to the Lothian Bus Headquarters where we hopped on a double decker bus and toured Leith and the City Centre, entertaining people as we played on the top deck...fantastic! From there we headed up to Edinburgh Castle where after a tour we did a show in Hospital Square to great acclaim. It was off to the Jam House on Queen Street for dinner and a show for the Caledonian Brewery before the big pub crawl started...all dressed up as pirates, the Savages in our band (their real name) organized a wicked night out for the band complete with commemorative t-shirts, eye-patches, and pirate gear to end what was an incredible two week tour. Next year... London!!



Bethany Bisailion, Pipe Major, The Sons of Scotland PB

2007 PPBSO Games First Place Prize Winners (from the Ottawa Branch)

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Georgetown 09 June | Rob Roy Pipe Band | Pipe Band Grade 4 |
| | Allison Bell | Piping Grade 3 Strathspey/Reel |
| | John Pakenham | Drumming Grade 1 MSR & Grade 1 Hornpipe/Jig |
| Kincardine 07 July | Karrie McLeod | Piping Grade 2 March |
| Chatham 08 July | Andrew Hayes | Professional March & Jig & Professional Piobaireachd |
| | Michael McDonald | Novice Piobaireachd |
| Cambridge 15 July | James Clark | Piping Grade 1 Jig |
| | MacGregor van de Ven | Piping Grade 4 March & Novice Piobaireachd |
| Maxville 04 August | Andrew Hayes | Glengarry 60 th Anniversary MSR |
| | Andrew Hayes | Professional March & Professional Piobaireachd |
| | Colin Clansey | Professional Strathspey/Reel & Professional Jig |
| | Brendan Vallee | Professional Drum Major |
| Montreal 06 August | Colin Clansey | Professional March & Strathspey/Reel & Jig |
| | Allison MacDonald | Piping Grade 1 Jig |
| | Douglas Crowe | Drumming Grade 2 Hornpipe/Jig |
| | Daryl Fowlie | Drumming Grade 3 MSR |
| Fergus 12 August | Allison MacDonald | Grade 1 Jig |

Congratulations to the following bands for their results at the 2007 North American Championships:

2nd Place Grade 2 Medley (4th place overall).... Glengarry Pipe Band

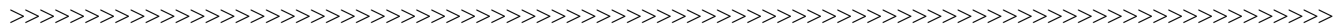
Pipe Major Colin Clansey, Lead Drummer Mark Passmore

3rd Place Grade 3..... Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa Pipes and Drums

Pipe Major Alan Clark, Lead Drummer Dave Yeo

2nd Place Grade 5.... Sam Scott Memorial Pipe Band

Pipe Major John Wright, Lead Drummer Neil Birkett



Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal (Canada) 2007

The results for the 2007 Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal (Canada) contest are as follows:

Open Piobaireachd for the Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal

Judge - William Livingstone (Readers - William Connell, Brian Williamson)

1st - Sean McKeown (Toronto, Ontario)

2nd - Jacob Dicker (Sarnia, Ontario)

3rd - Ian Lyons (Victoria, Australia)

4th - Michael MacDonald (Toronto, Ontario)

5th - Scott McIntosh (Ottawa, Ontario)

Gold Medallist for the Piobaireachd Society Bar to the Gold Medal

Judge - William Livingstone (Readers - William Connell, Brian Williamson)

1st - Andrew Hayes (Nepean, Ontario)

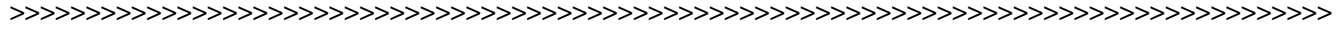
2nd - Ian K. MacDonald (Whitby, Ontario)

Submitted by: John C. Yourt, Chair, Gold Medal Contest

Results

P/M Colin Clansey takes 2nd at Oban Silver Medal

Pipe Major Colin Clansey of the 2nd Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (2 CMBG) Pipe Band, and the Glengarry Grade 2 Pipe Band, placed second at the 2007 Highland Society of London Silver Medal for Piobaireachd contest in Oban, Scotland on 22 August. Colin was edged out by James Beaumont of Bo'ness Scotland (in 2006 Colin came second in the Silver Medal to James' brother Callum). The Argyllshire Gathering in Oban is the first of two solo piping championships which have the privilege of presenting a Gold Medal for piobaireachd on behalf of the Highland Society of London, with the Northern Meeting in Inverness being the second of the two.



Andrew Hayes wins inaugural Kenneth Bush Invitational Piping Competition



In conjunction with this year's Veterans Memorial Highland Games, on Friday 15 June at the United Church in Spencerville Andrew Hayes won the first Kenneth Bush Memorial Invitational Piping Competition. Held in memory of Mr. Bush, who passed away 18 October 2006, this annual contest will honour someone who would be familiar to all those who have attended highland games all over Canada and the United States. Eric Ouelette finished in 2nd and Scott MacIntosh in 3rd place. The judge was Ed Bush.

2007 SCOTTISH RESULTS for Andrew Hayes

Andrew Hayes also had a very successful summer in Scotland, as follows:

- * 3rd in "A" Grade March at Argyllshire Gathering, Oban (23 August)
- * 2nd in "A" Grade Piobaireachd at Cowal (24 August)
- * 4th in "A" Grade March at Cowal (24 August)

Rob Roy Pipe Band (Kingston), Grade 4.... 8th in the World!!!



The World's....we had a GREAT time and it was a wonderful experience for those of us who have never been before. On a rainy Saturday August 11th we played first in our group at 9:00 am for the qualifier. What excitement when we found out we had placed first in our qualifier and were going to play again at 2:20 pm for a chance at the World Championship..... in the rain. The final result was eighth place overall in Grade 4A (out of 42 bands). The breakdown was 4th (drumming), 5th (piping), and 12th (ensemble).



We also played at Inverkething, placing fourth in Grade 4, then we played up to Grade 3 and placed third!! Unfortunately the Perth Highland Games were cancelled the day after the World's because of the rain!! Our dancers had some great results as well at Inverkething and Bridge of Allen. Did we mention the rain?? Bridge of Allen had so much rain that buses had to be towed out by farm tractors because they sunk so deep in the mud. Great memories of that adventure! The dancers and band also did shows at Blair Castle, Melrose Abbey (*photo left*) and Stirling Castle.

North Lanark (Almonte) Highland Games Saturday 25 August 2007

Judges: Brian Williamson, Amy Garson, Hugh Goldie, Ron Rollo, Jim Hutton

Grade 3 Pipe Band (Set)

1st Arnprior-McNab 2nd Durham Regional Police

Grade 4 Pipe Band (March Medley)

1st Glengarry Gr4 2nd Rob Roy 3rd Sons of Scotland Gr4

Grade 5 Pipe Band (March Medley)

1st Quigley Highlanders 2nd Sam Scott Memorial 3rd Sons of Scotland Gr5

Amateur Piper of the Day... Adam Baines

| <i>Piping</i> | <i>1st</i> | <i>2nd</i> | <i>3rd</i> |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Gr1 March | Jonathan Verrett | Adam Baines | Erika Kelly |
| Gr1 S/R | Adam Baines | Allison MacDonald | David C. Lewis |
| Gr1 Jig | Adam Baines | Allison MacDonald | Jonathan Verrett |
| Gr2 March | Karrie McLeod | Grant McDougall | Jason Blommers |
| Gr2 S/R | Grant McDougall | Andrew Munro | Karrie McLeod |
| Gr2 Jig | John Scott | Karrie McLeod | Andrew Munro |
| Gr3 March | Aiden Bowen | Brendan Culver | Allison Bell |
| Gr3 S/R | Will Barton | Ana-Paula da Costa Heath | Brendan Culver |
| Gr4 March | Zachary Lindeman | Michael McDonald | Callum Harper |
| Gr5 March | Graeme Burns | Jamie Letourneau | Sarah Dupuis |
| Snr Amat Piob | Adam Baines | Matthew Yuen | Erika Kelly |
| Inter Amat Piob | Brendan Culver | Aiden Bowen | Karrie McLeod |
| Jnr Amat Piob | Jason Blommers | Ana-Paula da Costa Heath | David Campbell |
| Nov Amat Piob | Michael McDonald | Matt Goral | Kathy Fraser-Collins |
| Drumming | <i>1st</i> | <i>2nd</i> | <i>3rd</i> |
| Gr2 MSR | Iain Bell | | |
| Gr3 MSR | Daryl Fowlie | Eric Legere | |
| Gr4 March | Troy Hamstra | Dylan Stewart | Ian Thompson |
| Gr5 March | Francis McArdle | Shaun Melnyk | Billy Creber |
| Open Bass | Jason Overton | Sean Cleaton | Ben Booth |
| Amat Bass | Kent Stewart | Joey MacDougall | Ian McIntosh |
| Flour Tenor Amat | Caitlyn Pellerin | Kendra Towns | |
| Flour Tenor Novice | Callie McLeod | Sarah Millar | Diane McLean |

The **Sam Scott Memorial Pipe Band** is looking for pipers and drummers to play in its bands. There has been some interest shown toward starting a Grade 3 level competitive band - both pipers and drummers would be needed. Mid-section musicians are currently the first priority followed by side drummers and pipers. If you are not at that level at present and want to be part of a winning tradition in a musically creative environment, with a wealth of expertise to make it happen, then please call John Wright at 613-692-2612 or email john.wright061@sympatico.ca or contact Neil Birkett at neil@maplebrook.com to personally let your plans be known to us as soon as possible. Confidentiality is guaranteed.





Eastern Ontario Championship Supreme Results 2007

| PIPING | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd |
| Grade 5 | Jamie Letourneau / Graeme Burns (tie) | | Adrienne Quane |
| Grade 4 | Michael McDonald | Matt Goral / Adam Campbell (tie) | |
| Grade 3 | Allison Bell | William MacNeill | Nicholas Lundberg |
| Grade 2 | Karrie McLeod | John Scott | Andrew Munro |
| Grade 1 | Allison MacDonald | Jonathan Verrett | Andrew Killick |
| Novice Piob | Matt Goral | Michael McDonald | MacGregor van de Ven |
| Junior Piob | David Campbell | Nicholas Lundberg | William MacNeill |
| Intermediate Piob | Karrie McLeod | Lyle Davidson | |
| Senior Piob | Jonathan Verrett | Michael Fenton / Allison MacDonald (tie) | |
| DRUMMING | | | |
| Grade 5 | Francis McArdle | Keegan Melville | Shaun Melnyk |
| Grade 4 | Troy Hamstra | Kimberley MacDonald | Dylan Stewart |
| Grade 3 | Daryl Fowlie | Elizabeth Desgranges | |
| Grade 2 | Iain Bell | Douglas Crowe | |
| Grade 1 | John Pakenham | | |
| BANDS | | | |
| Grade 5 | Sam Scott Memorial | Smiths Falls Gordons | Sons of Scotland Gr5 |
| Grade 4 | Rob Roy | Glengarry Gr4 | Cameron Highlanders |
| Grade 3 | Arnprior-McNab | | |
| Grade 2 | Glengarry Gr2 | | |

PPBSO 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / CHAMPION SUPREME AWARDS PRESENTATION

Date: 24 November 2007

Windsor, ON

Champion Supreme Award Event in the Capitol Theatre (121 University Avenue West)

(more details to follow)
