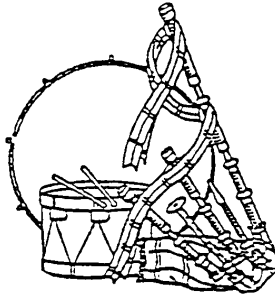


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December Knock-Out Contest – Saturday 06 December 2008

RECITAL: DAN BIST (World Drum Corps Champion with Scottish Lion 78th Frasers) accompanied by P/M ALAN CLARK, Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa

Knock-Out Contest Date... **Saturday 06 December 2008. 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). ***** NOTE: do not park in reserved parking spots, the Armouries are a 24/7 facility ***.**

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

Piping "A" Division.... Slow Air and Four Parts of Jig (one or two tunes)
 Piping "B" Division.... Slow Air and Four Parts of Jig (one or two tunes)
 Drumming "B" Division.... four parts **3/4 March** (one or two tunes)

A reminder that a "duty piper" is available for all drumming competitors (if possible, provide music in advance to graeme.ogilvie@sympatico.ca).

Future Ottawa Branch Meeting Special Recitals..... don't miss out!!!

10 January 2009..... Andrew Hayes
07 February 2009..... Ottawa Police Service Pipe Band
07 March 2009..... Air Command Pipes and Drums

2008 PPBSO ELECTION RESULTS (effective 22 November 2008)

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Future Ottawa Branch Dates

<i>10 January 2009</i>	<i>Major Archie Cairns Cup, Drumming Knock-Out, Walkley Mess Recital by Andrew Hayes</i>
<i>07 February 2009</i>	<i>Allan Quinn Memorial Contest, Drumming Knock-Out, Walkley Mess Band performance by Ottawa Police Service Pipes and Drums</i>
<i>07 March 2009</i>	<i>Ottawa Branch Knock-Out Finals, Walkley Mess Band performance by Air Command Pipes and Drums</i>
<i>28 March 2009</i>	<i>Ottawa Branch Piping Workshop with Ken Eller, Open Solo Piping Contest</i>
<i>18 April 2009</i>	<i>Smiths Falls In-Door Highland Games (date tentative)</i>
<i>09 May 2009</i>	<i>Ottawa Branch In-Door Highland Games (Kemptville)</i>
<i>23 May 2009</i>	<i>Celtfest Highland Games, Kingston</i>
<i>20 June 2009</i>	<i>Veterans Memorial Highland Games, Spencerville</i>



November Knock-Out Contests Results.....

The knock-out series continued on 01 November featuring the "C" Division pipers playing their 2/4 Marches. The "B" Division drummers played 4/4 Marches this night. On a rare quiet night, there was still a very good audience to listen to the young competitors go through their paces. Our thanks go out to Brian Williamson (bottom left), our piping adjudicator for the November contest, and to Steve Lanning middle left), our drumming adjudicator. The piping and drumming results were as follows:



Piping "C" Division

- 1st Taylor Williams*
- 2nd Camden Garson*
- 3rd John Steele*
- 4th Eric Noden*
- 5th Geoffrey McCardy*

Drumming "B" Division

- 1st Bill Creberl*
- 2nd Erica Pulling*

Events

Drum School Workshop

Featuring **Dan Bist**

Saturday 06 December 2008 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm
St Martin's Anglican Church, 2120 Prince Charles Road, Ottawa,
Admission \$20.00

Pre-register at: tom.mackenzie@sympatico.ca or at 613 327 9616

Dan's Experience and Awards

- * 2008 Spirit Of Scotland Pipe Band (Grade 1)... 1 year
- * 78th Fraser Highlanders Pipe Band (Grade 1)... 6 years
Played under lead drummers Michael Hunter, John Fisher and Drew Duthart
With the 78th Frasers, Dan has won 1 World Drum Corps Championships and 4 North American Drum Corps titles
- * In Solo competition, 3rd Place 2005 Agnew-Harrison Invitational and 2007 Georgetown Professional Drummer of the Day
- * Presently with the Niagara Regional Police Pipe Band Grade 2



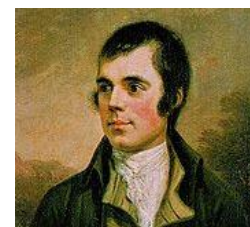
The theme of the workshop is *Playing Excellence as a Solo and Corps Player*. Dan will be teach you the theory and practice of being an excellent player and will apply that theory to two original scores for one of the MAP tunes that you can use for your solos in 2009 in Grade 5 or Grade 4.

RCMP Pipes, Drums and Highland Dancers 250th Anniversary Robbie Burns Celebration

Sunday 25 January 2009, 2:30 pm, at Dominion Chalmers United Church



Featuring the RCMP Pipes and Drums, the RCMP Highland Dancers, Alexis MacIsaac of Riverdance, Garth and Brad Hampson, pianist Luba Sluzar Pope, a special repeat performance of traditional Gaelic music by world famous Catherine Ann MacPhee, and MC Rob Clipperton of CBC Radio fame.



Tickets (\$20, children under 12 free) are available from Garth Hampson at 613-824-2350 or from any member of the RCMP Pipes and Drums.

2009 Sons of Scotland Pipe Band Events

Saturday 17 January 2009 at 6 pm, **Robbie Burns Ceilidh** at St. Matthias Anglican Church 555 Parkdale Avenue. There will be a three course buffet dinner, silent auction, door prizes, entertainment with pipe band performances and Scottish country dancing, cash bar, and free parking. Tickets are \$20 or \$10 for under 16, available at the church Mondays from 7 to 9 pm. Group tables can be reserved by emailing the band at sospb@sospb.com.

Sunday 05 April 2009, **National Tartan Day Celebration** at 12 noon on Parliament Hill, Ottawa. All tartans are welcome. Speeches, highland and step dancing demonstrations and a massed band with an invitation to all area pipers and drummers. There will be an after-party at D'arcy McGee's Irish Pub.

All information on events is available on the band site at www.sospb.com.

AIR COMMAND PIPES & DRUMS - 60TH Anniversary Celebration

By: Rob Waller

On Saturday, May the 9th 2009, the Air Command Pipes and Drums will be commemorating its 60th anniversary with a celebration to be held at the Junior Ranks Mess located at 4 Queen Elizabeth Dr, Ottawa ON. The current members of the ACPD would like to extend an invitation to all present and past members of the band, as well as its many supporters over the years, to come and revel in the rich history and good times had by anyone associated with this excellent organization.



For those unfamiliar with its beginnings, the band came into existence when it was authorized in 1949 as the RCAF Station Rockcliffe Pipe Band. As such, it currently holds the distinction of being the longest serving regular force volunteer pipe band in Canada. It consisted of serving military members posted to Station Rockcliffe who also had an interest in piping and drumming and volunteered their time with the band. They received instruction once a week from a hired professional and performed at various local events. It was through the efforts of Ed Eccles and WO1 Ted Yaegar that support was generated within the station towards the formation of its very own pipe band. Although it had already existed for two years, it wasn't officially recognized by the RCAF until 1951, which is also the year that the band recruited its first pipe major, Sgt Alex Howie.

Over the next few years, the band improved and began to compete in various highland games. A major milestone occurred when the band achieved a clean sweep of all available trophies at the 1960 Brookline Scottish Games in Boston, Massachusetts (A class champions, Slow march, 1st, 2nd, 3rd in solo piping, duet, solo drumming, and the Drum Major led massed bands onto the field). This was quite remarkable as the band started the competition season in B division and slowly worked their way up, getting higher and higher placing at the different games in and around Ontario. The band continued to perform at various high profile events. In particular, the band played at several functions for the state visit of President John F. Kennedy in 1961.

In 1968, the band went through a few major changes. Firstly, as the Canadian Forces changed as a result of Unification, so did the band as its name was changed to the Canadian Forces Base Ottawa Rockcliffe Pipe Band. In 1972, it was again renamed; this time to the 410 Wing RCAF Association Pipe Band; partly because the RCAFA sponsored the competition band. This name was short lived however, since the band became the Canadian Forces Base Ottawa (North) Pipe Band a year later. The second major change was that it was at this time that membership in the band was extended to permit civil servants and dependents of military personnel to join.



The longest serving of all the Pipe Majors of the band was P/M Archie Cairns, who served as Pipe Major from 1964-1968, and then from 1970 until his retirement from the regular force in 1981. Under his tenure, the band excelled at competitions, took part in the yearlong cross country travelling performances in 1967 for the CF Centennial tattoo and performed for the Duke of Edinburgh in Baden, Germany in 1973. In his last performance as pipe major, P/M Cairns took the band to Scotland to perform in the 1981 Edinburgh Tattoo. He was responsible for directing and arranging the Canadian scene for the tattoo, in which he composed all of the music. Another contribution that Archie Cairns made towards piping and pipe bands in Ottawa was that he was responsible for founding the Ottawa Branch of the PPBSO.

Sometime during the 1980s, the band became associated with Air Command in Winnipeg. During this time, the band was known as both the CFB Ottawa Pipe Band and the Air Command Pipes and Drums; the bass drum had both names stenciled on it. As time went on, the band simply became known as ACPD. With the closure of CFB Ottawa North in 1995, the band's association with the base was coming to an end. Even though it closed in 1995, ACPD still continued to practice at Rockcliffe for another decade, when they moved their operations to its current home of CFB Uplands along side the Central Band of the Canadian Forces.



In recent years, ACPD has continued to perform at recurring annual high profile events such as the national Remembrance Day and Canada Day ceremonies at the War Memorial and Parliament Hill, Battle of Britain Parade and the Quebec International Military Music Festival. The most recent change to the band is that it is now led by the only commissioned Pipe Major in the Canadian Forces, Captain Ian Ferguson. He was promoted (or demoted depending on your point of view) from his previous rank of Chief Warrant Officer in July 2008.

The 60th Anniversary celebration will be a catered event offering finger foods as well as various libations of the alcoholic persuasion. There will be a musical performance by the Air Command Pipes and Drums, followed by live entertainment from The Windy Kilts. In addition, there will be a separate area in which anyone who is so inclined can entertain the audience with some solo piping and drumming. So, come out and reconnect with your old band mates for a great night of fun.

If you wish to inquire about more information, or indicate your intention to attend the event, you may do so via one of the three contacts indicated below. RSVPs before 31 Jan 09 will help in the estimation of numbers for planning purposes.

When: Saturday May 9th, 2008 @ 7pm

Where: Junior Ranks Mess, 4 Queen Elizabeth Dr, Ottawa ON

Information can be requested from:

Captain Ian Ferguson

Air Command Pipes and Drums

E-mail: acpd60th@gmail.com or Phone: 613-949-2642 or 613-443-1153



Remembrance Day Ceremonies, Ottawa 2008

At 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month in Canada, ceremonies across Canada paused in silence to remember the more than 115,000 Canadians who have given their lives fighting for freedom and peace. As Canada's capital, Ottawa plays a central role in Remembrance Day ceremonies, and in Ottawa, an estimated crowd of 30,000 gathered at the National War Memorial on a crisp breezy morning for Canada's largest Remembrance Day ceremony. It was an unprecedented outpouring of respect and remembrance for the sacrifices made by Canada's soldiers. Corporal Katie Buckland was the lone piper chosen to play the lament.



The Governor-General, Michaëlle Jean, laid the first wreath on behalf of the people of Canada at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which represents the 27,500 of Canada's more than 100,000 war dead who have no known grave. Prime Minister Stephen Harper, along with his wife, Laureen, and children, Ben and Rachel, also laid a wreath at the foot of the memorial during the ceremony. The Speaker of the Senate, Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien and Chief of Defence Staff were among others who also took their turns laying wreaths. For all those who followed in laying their own wreaths, it was a way to recognize the ultimate sacrifices made by so many of Canada's young men and women. This year a new tradition based on LCol John MacRae's poem was enacted. The stanza "To you from failing hands we throw the torch. Be yours to hold it high" was put into action as a World War 1 veteran passed the torch to a WWII veteran, then to a Korea Veteran, and a Peace Keeper and Afghanistan Veteran.



This year marks the 90th Anniversary of the end of World War 1. With Canada only having one veteran left from this conflict, 108 year old John Babcock, it certainly marks the end of a chapter in the nation's history. The photograph to the left was taken in the forest of Compiègne after reaching an agreement for the armistice that ended World War I. It was taken just after 11am on the 11th November 1918. This year's National Silver Cross Mother, Mrs. Roxanne Priede, mother

of the late Master Corporal Darrell Priede, represented all the mothers who have lost children. Master Cpl. Darrell Jason Priede was a Combat Photographer, doing his job ... a job he loved, when the helicopter he was in went down taking his life along with the lives of his comrades in arms from several other countries.

The last Allied fatality of the First World War was a Canadian, Private George Lawrence Price who enlisted in the 120th Bn CEF, transferred to the 15th Bn CEF, and later posted to the 28th Bn. He was a 25 year old farm laborer originally from Kings County Nova Scotia but working near Moose Jaw. He was shot by a sniper at 10:58 am and died in Mons Belgium just minutes before the Armistice that we now all commemorate. A monument stands just near where Price died. This location is ironically just a half mile from where the first casualty of this war died. They are buried in St Symphorien Military Cemetery in Belgium.

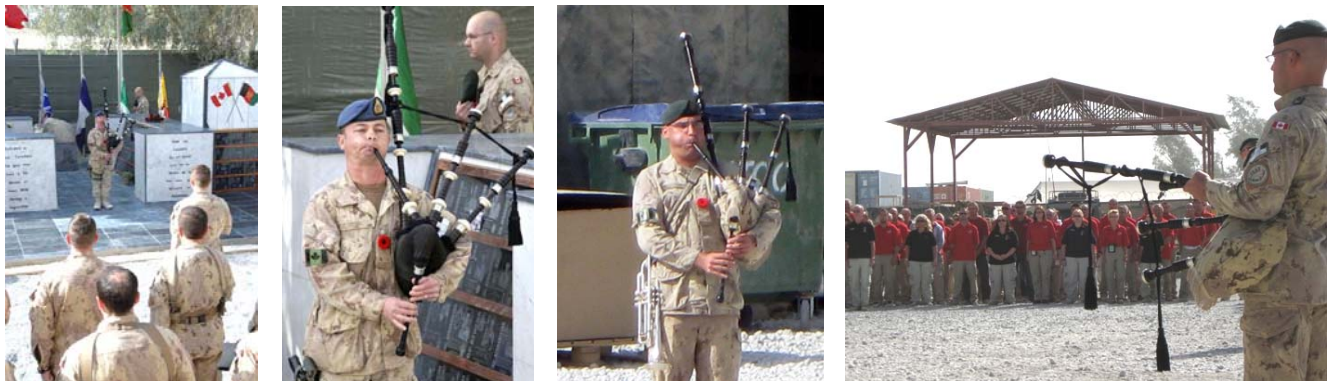


Pipe bands were represented at the national ceremony by the Air Command Pipes and Drums and the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa Pipe Band.

Remembrance Day Ceremonies, Kandahar Afghanistan 2008

Wreaths were placed at the memorial wall to fallen Canadians during the Remembrance Day ceremonies at Kandahar Air Field Afghanistan on 11 November 2008 recognizing the 97 Canadian soldiers who have died there since the mission began six years ago. In an especially moving ceremony this year, six families of fallen soldiers travelled the 10,000 km to take part in the remembrance. Also participating in this year's ceremony were two Ottawa Branch members currently serving in Kandahar with the 2nd Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, Pipe Major (WO) Colin Clansey and Cpl James Gendron.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them and all who serve abroad. We wish them a safe return.



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Results (Cont'd)

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For further details please contact Pipe Major (Master Warrant Officer) Alan B. Clark, CD

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The band plays year-round at a variety of community functions and events. Players range in ability levels from experienced to novice. In addition to scheduled events, practice is held bi-weekly at the Martintown Public School.

With the addition of a new Pipe Major, the band may be in a position to compete at the Grade 5 level in the future.

The band is looking for the right person to lead the band and will consider providing financial incentives. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Al Cooper, on behalf of the SGPD Executive, at 613-931-1345 or via email at corinnecooper@xplornet.com.

2007/2008 PPBSO (Ottawa Branch) Financial Statement

Category Description	Oct 06 – Sep 07	Oct 07 – Sep 08
INCOME		
Donations	1,625.00	1,000.00
Door Receipts	4,125.00	3,115.00
Memberships	4,014.00	3,758.00
Workshop, Seminar Revenue	1,010.00	45.00
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TOTAL INCOME	\$10,774.00	\$7,918.00
EXPENSES		
AGM Expenses	100.00	0.00
Bank Charges	52.81	187.97
Gifts/Donations	300.00	300.00
Hall Rental	1,292.21	1,404.14
Internet	123.74	110.69
Judging, Recital	2,350.00	2,125.00
Medals	491.53	545.88
Miscellaneous	62.00	66.00
Postage, Copying	1,719.81	1,792.75
Prize Money	1,475.00	1,350.00
Travel	0.00	189.42
Workshop, Seminar Expenses	800.00	200.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,767.10	\$8,271.85
INCOME vs. EXPENSES	\$2,006.90	- \$353.85
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