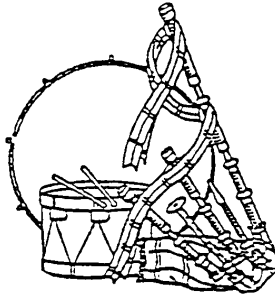


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November Knock-Out Contest..... Saturday 01 November 2008 (see next page for details)



Eastern Ontario Champion Supreme Awards and October Knock-Out Contest start the 2008/2009 Season.....

For the third year in a row, over 100 people came out for the presentation of the Eastern Ontario Champion Supreme Awards and to watch the first piping/drumming solo contests of the new season. As is the tradition of the Ottawa Branch, the first knock-out contest of the season started out with the standard 4/4 March contest for the pipers and 2/4 March for the drummers. Our thanks go out again to our piping judge, Hugh Goldie (pictured bottom left, fresh from his return from a work term in Mexico) and our drumming judge, Bob Waugh of the Glengarry Pipe Band (pictured bottom right), both of whom did another outstanding job for the contests. It was another good start to an indoor season and we look forward to many excellent nights ahead over the fall, winter and spring. The piping and drumming results from the October contests were as follows:



Piping "A"
1st Jason Seguin
2nd Mike Griggs
3rd Liam Melville

Piping "B"
1st MacGregor van de Ven
2nd Graeme Burns
3rd Matt Goral

Piping "C"
1st Taylor Williams
2nd Camden Garson
3rd Eric Noden

Drumming "B"
1st Erica Pulling
2nd Bill Creber
3rd Laura Dawson

PPBSO 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
22 November 2008, 1:00 pm
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 136, 21 Charles Street, Milton ON

NOVEMBER KNOCK-OUT CONTESTS..... Saturday 01 November 2008

Knock-Out Contest Date... **Saturday 01 November 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 "C" Division.... four parts **2/4 March** (one or two tunes)

Drumming "B" Division.... four parts **4/4 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).

Knock-Out Tune Lists for Remainder of 2008/2009

	"A" Piping	"B" Piping	"C Piping	"B" Drumming
October	<i>4/4 March</i>	<i>4/4 March</i>	<i>4/4 March</i>	<i>2/4 March</i>
November	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>2/4 March</i>	<i>4/4 March</i>
December	<i>Slow Air & Jig</i>	<i>Slow Air & Jig</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>3/4 March</i>
January	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Slow Air & 6/8 March</i>	<i>6/8 March</i>
February	<i>MSR</i>	<i>S/R</i>	<i>n/a</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>

Future Ottawa Branch Dates

***06 December 2008 Ottawa Branch Knock-Out Contest, Walkley Mess
Recital by Dan Bist, accompanied by P/M Alan Clark (see next page)***

***10 January 2009 Major Archie Cairns Cup, Drumming Knock-Out, Walkley Mess
Recital by Andrew Hayes***

***07 February 2009 Allan Quinn Memorial Contest, Drumming Knock-Out, Walkley Mess
Band performance by Ottawa Police Service Pipes and Drums***

07 March 2009 Ottawa Branch Knock-Out Finals, Walkley Mess

28 March 2009 Ottawa Branch Piping Workshop with Ken Eller, Open Solo Piping Contest

10 May 2009 Ottawa Branch In-Door Highland Games (Kemptonville)

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ROB ROY PIPE BAND, KINGSTON

The Rob Roy Pipe Band is looking to add to its roster in anticipation of a move to Grade 3 for the coming year. Any experienced players interested in joining our Grade 3 band are invited to contact Scott or Chris Bell for further information.

E-mail swb1@post.queensu.ca.



Events

Saturday November 1st, 2008 *The Mighty Craic!*

Come and Join us in celebrating an evening of Champions! This year the Niagara-Hamilton Branch is proud and honoured to host the annual Highland Gala. It's a night filled with entertainment, music and fun with the best that Ontario has to offer in the piping scene. The event will be held in the Sheraton Hotel's Grand Ballroom in Hamilton (116 King Street West) commencing at approximately 7:00p.m. Recitals will be given by each grade's Champion Supreme Band. Tickets are \$20.00 each. For Tickets call 905.664.4485 or email n.h.ppbso@hotmail.com.



SCOTLAND TONIGHT.... An Evening of Celtic Excellence

Presented by the Sons of Scotland Pipe Band

Saturday 15 November 2008 at 7:00 pm

The Bronson Centre, 211 Bronson Avenue, Ottawa

This year **Scotland Tonight** features performances by the Sons of Scotland Pipe Band and Mac An Alba. Dancing will be provided by the MacCulloch School of Dance, the Katharine Robinson School of Dance and Caithream Celtic Dance Fusion. Also scheduled to perform is singer Carol Anderson. And more to be announced at www.sospb.com.

Tickets are \$20 plus surcharges, available on TicketWeb @ www.ticketweb.ca or by phone at 1-888-222-6608. There will be vendors, a door prize and something for everyone!! We hope to see you at Scotland Tonight!! The Sons of Scotland Pipe Band.

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.

HIGHLAND MIST PIPE BAND - ESTES PARK 2008



In Colorado: Standing Ovation for Highland Mist! Held annually at 8,000 feet altitude in the Colorado Rockies, the Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival in Estes Park, CO has grown steadily since its founding more than three decades ago. And the 2008 event continued the tradition, with more than 70,000 spectators in attendance over the four-day Festival in early September. Representing the Royal Canadian Legion, Kanata's Highland Mist Pipe Band was contracted as a featured guest pipe band, and the band's outstanding and varied performance won standing ovations from spectators who attended the evening Tattoos. Conducting Officer was 638 RCL Branch President Mike Lapensee.



In addition to the Tattoo performances, the band participated in street parades, festival field events and "on stage" during the wrap-up formal banquet. All performance groups combined in Massed Band extravaganzas on the Festival Field and Tattoo esplanade for opening and closing ceremonies. Under the direction of Acting Pipe Major George Andras, Acting Pipe Sergeant Andrew Shepherd and Drum Sergeant Tom MacKenzie the band struggled with unusually cold and damp high mountain weather. The Mist's Tattoo performance included a unique medley that had the audience enthusiastically joining in to sing the intro tune, "Red River Valley." The Mist's singer, Carol Anderson harmonized with piper Denis Watson as they sang "Dark Island," backed up by the pipes and drums. A spirited drum salute was the "icing on the cake," according to festival president, Dr. James Durward.

On the Festival Field and at the Tattoo, Highland Mist's Carol Anderson was also tasked to sing the moving patriotic song "God Bless America" accompanied by Marine Corps Brass and Pipes & Drums.

There was little "down time" for the members of the band. Various performances or parades each day and evening from noon to 11 p.m. kept the group busy, and in looking back, most felt that the entire venture was a significant bonding experience for the hard-working band members. Months of concentrated rehearsals at Kanata Legion paid off in musical excellence by the time the group boarded the commercial flight to Denver International Airport, followed by a lengthy bus ride up into high mountain country. "When it was all over, the were one tired and happy group," observed Kanata Legion's president Mike Lapensee. They did the Royal Canadian Legion proud!"

Other guest performance groups at Estes Park included the Niagara Regional Police Pipe Band, the U.S. Military Academy's "HellCats" bugles and drums from West Point, the U.S. Marine band from 29 Palms, CA, the U.S. Army Mounted Cavalry Guard from Fort Carson, CO, noted Celtic chanteuse Isla St. Clair, and various drill and Colour Guard groups. The Festival hosts a wide variety of activities. Included are Band, Highland and Irish Dance competitions, heavy Celtic athletic events, large Clan gatherings and AGMs, Herding and "Dogs of Britain" demonstrations, Tartan and

Whiskey seminars, and performances by traditional and Celtic Rock groups. There's a lot to see and do at the Festival, judged to be among the top three in North America.

(A founding member of the Longs Peak Festival in 1981 is Pipe Major Bob Tracy of Highland Mist. He and his wife Trudy continue today as Tattoo Estes Producers.)

(photos previous page courtesy Sandra Wickham, photo to right courtesy Trudy Tracy)



National Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service



The 31st National Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service was held on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, Sunday 28 September 2008. Under cloudy skies, over 2,000 police and peace officers participated in the solemn ceremony.



The National Peace and Police Officers' Memorial Service is held every year, providing an opportunity for families, friends, colleagues and all Canadians to pay tribute to the brave and dedicated men and women who lost their lives while protecting Canadian communities. Among the new names that were added to the honour roll were: Constable Douglas Scott (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) of Brockville and Constable Christopher Worden (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) of Ottawa. Other historical names that were added this year were: Game Warden Austin Letcher (1967), Constable Edward MacMaster (1935), Constable Leigh Metcalfe (1927) and Deputy Sherriff Baliff James McKay (1918).

The Service is a lasting tribute to the sacrifice of those brave men and women. "THEY ARE OUR HEROES, WE SHALL NOT FORGET THEM". Their names are forever etched on the glass panels erected along the perimeter wall adjacent to the Memorial Pavilion which now totals 744 fallen officers.

Over 300 pipers and drummers from across Canada participated in the Memorial Parade, and were joined by the Ceremonial Band of the Waterloo Regional Police Service. Pipe bands represented this year included the Ottawa Police Service, the Halton Regional Police, the Niagara Regional Police, the Durham Regional Police, the OPP Commissioner's Own Pipes and Drums, the Greater Sudbury Regional Police, the York Regional Police, the Air Command Pipes and Drums, the Toronto Police, the Peel Regional Police, the NYDOC Emerald Society, the Brockville Police, and the RCMP Pipes and Drums (with representatives from Montreal, Ottawa and Regina).



Photos upper left and right courtesy Clint Eastop, Ottawa Police Service. Photo bottom right courtesy Joyce Kirkpatrick.

Results

2008 PPBSO CHAMPIONS SUPREME – Ottawa Branch Members

Iain Bell Drumming – Grade 2 Side
 Robert Moore Drumming – Novice Rhythm Tenor
 Andrew Hayes Piping – Professional Piobaireachd
 Patricia Nisco Professional Drum Major

EASTERN ONTARIO CHAMPIONS SUPREME 2008

The third Eastern Ontario Champion Supreme awards were handed out at the October meeting of the Ottawa Branch. With points accumulated at the indoor Games in Kemptville and Smiths Falls, at the Kingston Celfest, and the traditional outdoor Games at Spencerville, Maxville, Montreal and Almonte, the final results recognized those Ottawa Branch pipers, drummers and pipe bands who had the most overall success during the 2008 season at our local events. Plaques were presented to all the winners below. Certificates went to the second and third place finishers (see the September 2008 newsletter for complete results). A huge debt of thanks again goes out to the Scottish and Irish Store of Bells Corners who very graciously sponsored this year’s plaques and certificates.

Piping

- Grade 1**
Allison MacDonald
- Grade 2**
Matthew Yuen
- Grade 3**
MacGregor van de Ven
- Grade 4**
Graeme Burns
- Grade 5**
Ian Noble

Drumming

- Grade 1**
Rob MacLeod
- Grade 2**
Iain Bell
- Grade 3**
Troy Hamstra
- Grade 4**
Dylan Stewart
- Grade 5**
Billy Creber

Piobaireachd

- Senior**
Jonathan Verrett
- Intermediate**
Lyle Davidson
- Junior**
David Campbell
- Novice**
Graeme Burns

Pipe Bands

- Grade 2**
Glengarry
- Grade 3**
Arnprior McNab
- Grade 4**
Rob Roy
- Grade 5**
Sons of Scotland



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**2008 PAT HAYES MEMORIAL
SOLO PIPING CHAMPIONSHIPS**
Saturday 27 September 2008
Ottawa City Hall (Council Chamber)
Judge: Jim McGillivray

Piobaireachd

- 1st **Bruce Gandy**, Halifax (Lament for the Children)
- 2nd **James MacHattie**, Toronto
- 3rd **Kylie MacHattie**, Toronto

Pat Hayes Memorial MM/SS/RR

- 1st **Bruce Gandy**, Halifax
- 2nd **Ian K. MacDonald**, Whitby
- 3rd **James MacHattie**, Toronto

OVERALL WINNER – BRUCE GANDY



***"The Thistle Amongst the Lilies"* Quebec's First Collection of Bagpipe Music**

The Thistle Amongst the Lilies is the culmination of over 15 years of composing by Montreal piper **Jeff McCarthy**. In his many years of playing for The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada, he has been inspired by events or people (or just for the fun of it) to compose a few "guid wee choons". In collaboration with a few old friends, composers from the Montreal piping community, he has put together a collection which is "old country" in intent but fresh in it's addition of tunes, old and new, to the repertoire of Scotland's most famous national instrument. *The Thistle Amongst the Lilies* has 52 pages, is spiral bound with a full color laminated cover and contains 40 tunes, covering the full range of light music. The tunes are set up on the page in "landscape" style, which makes it easy to set the book up on a music stand to practice with. The book has background information on the tunes, and on the composers as well. This book is an enjoyable addition to the music collection of every piping enthusiast, and many of the tunes allude to aspects of one of the oldest Scottish communities in North America. Get your copy today!

For more information, please go to <http://www.pipermacbear.com/meirleach.htm>.

Passages



Scott MacAulay 1956-2008

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Scott MacAulay, best known as the founder and Director of the College of Piping & Celtic Performing Arts in Summerside, PEI. Only 51 years old, he succumbed to a year long battle with cancer. Originally from Hamilton, Ontario he began piping lessons at a very young age with the East Kiwanis Pipe Band under Pipe Major Jock MacFarlane (along side fellow student Graeme Ogilvie). Before accepting the position in Summerside, Scott lived in the Ottawa area where he was co-Pipe Major of the Grade 1 Dunvegan Pipe Band (with Colin MacLellan) from 1985 to 1989 and during the 1989/1990 season served as President of the Ottawa Branch of the PPBSO. Incredibly well respected as a piper, teacher, composer, adjudicator and entrepreneur, his passing is a tremendous loss to the world wide piping community.

RCMP Piper Ken Thornton Celebrates Turning 90 In Style!!



Piper Kenneth W. Thornton turns 90 years young, celebrating ‘in fine style’ by playing the pipes in his own honour, ably supported by mates of the RCMP Pipe Band (Ottawa). The big day for Ken occurred on Saturday, October the 18th. Roughly 200 of his closest friends and family gathered at the Creemore Legion to pay respects, enjoy a meal and sample the obligatory birthday cake. There were even fireworks to mark the occasion.

Ken grew up on a dairy farm in small-town New Brunswick, always wanting to be a ‘Mountie’. The Second World War broke out and the Royal Canadian Air Force claimed him first. He did not realize his dream as a young man. But the dream was re-kindled when he learned that the RCMP was forming pipe bands including ‘citizen volunteers’. And he did volunteer, wanting only to wear the scarlet tunic, if but for a day on one parade. He set about learning the pipes to accomplish this goal starting at the ripe age of 84. Suffice to say, he realized that dream and continues to wear the uniform with pride. And the RCMP Pipe Band is proud to count him as one of theirs.

It was a special moment for Ken when he received a pipe tune entitled “Ken Thornton’s Compliments to the RCMP”, written and framed by friend Scott Cameron and played by Pipe Major Graeme Ogilvie and Pipe Sergeant Gilbert Young. He also received a second tune entitled “Captain Creemore’s Salt and Vinegar” from RCMP Piper Roderick Booth. There’s a story to this that will have to wait for another day.

Congratulations Ken!!!

photo courtesy John Dell



The Glengarry Pipe Band is recruiting pipers and drummers!

The Glengarry Pipe Band is welcoming pipers and drummers to come out and experience the most musically revolutionary pipe band between Toronto and the Maritimes! Our Grade 2 band enjoys success at the highest levels, promoting musical and technical excellence. We also include a Grade 4 band that offers pipers and drummers competitive experience while improving all aspects of playing ability. This year we are planning on a third band that will focus on teaching and developing pipe band musicians. The Glengarry Pipe Band organization has something for everyone.

We are a progressive, charity-based organization that strives to accomplish the best in music and in developing competitive spirit and strong ethical attributes in youth. Following on last year's success, this year we have many exciting plans, including a trip to the 2009 World Pipe Band Championships in Scotland. For more information visit www.glengarrypipeband.ca. Gr2 contact - Ed Bush 613-657-1117 and Gr4 contact - Ross May 613-323-7780.

Bagpipes for Sale

Set of Kintails, in perfect shape with a gortex bag. Pewter and plastic embellishments. They were purchased about ten years ago for \$1,500, looking for about as much today. Comes with wooden carrying case. Please contact Stefan at ducksanddinosaurs@yahoo.ca.