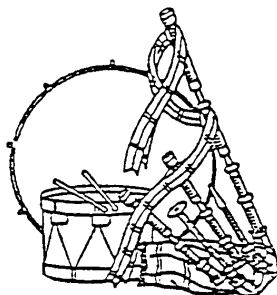


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** WELCOME TO THE 2009/2010 OTTAWA BRANCH SEASON **

We hope that everyone has survived the rain of 2009 and enjoyed the pleasant sunshine that has brought the summer to a close. As always, the summer goes by too quickly. With the North Lanark (Almonte) Games behind us, we now turn our sights on the new Ottawa Branch indoor season. Last year's activities were extremely well attended and we hope to continue that trend in the 2009/2010 season. Looking forward to seeing you all back out at our monthly Branch meetings!

EASTERN ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIP SUPREME 2009

The Eastern Ontario Championship Supreme series had a very successful fourth season. 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 recognize those Ottawa Branch pipers, drummers and pipe bands who had the most overall success during the 2009 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, again graciously sponsored by the Scottish and Irish Store (now in Bells Corners AND the east end at Innes and St Laurent), will be made at 6:00 pm on **Saturday 03 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 03 October 2009

It seems everyone is anxiously awaiting this very popular event so we will go again as in past years. "A" Divisions will tentatively be for Grade 3 and above, the "B" Divisions will be for Grade 4 and below. If there is sufficient numbers for the piping knock-outs, we may introduce another Division in between "A" and "B" for those who are beyond the beginner level but may not be ready for the full requirements of the "A" Division. 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). Advance registration by email to harper@gamma.ca would be appreciated to gain a sense of expected participation this year. Note: to encourage solo drummers, a "duty piper" will be available if the competitor brings the respective pipe music.

Knock-Out Contest Details... **Saturday 03 October 2009. Time... 7:30 pm.** Competitors are asked to be registered no later than 7:15 pm. 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 for 2009/2010

	"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>

Future Ottawa Branch Dates

07 November 2009 *Ottawa Branch Knock-Out Contest, Walkley Mess*
05 December 2009 *Ottawa Branch Knock-Out Contest, Walkley Mess*
09 January 2010 *Major Archie Cairns Cup, Drumming Knock-Out, Walkley Mess*
06 February 2010 *Allan Quinn Memorial Contest, Drumming Knock-Out, Walkley Mess*
06 March 2010 *Ottawa Branch Knock-Out Finals, Walkley Mess*
08 May 2010 *Ottawa Branch In-Door Highland Games (Kemptonville)*

Events

PPBSO 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Date: 28 November 2009
Lions Club Hall (upstairs), Campbellville, Ontario 1:00 pm start

Highland Ball

Saturday, 07 November 2009
Sheraton Hotel, 116 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

Gailhlig Ottawa



The Gaelic Club of Ottawa, Gailhlig Ottawa, is run by Randy Waugh of the Sons of Scotland Pipe Band. Randy has taken the reigns at the club which was a re-invigoration of the group previously run by Rita Messer which was operating for 77 years. In addition to new interest and great topics to learn and discuss, Randy has assembled a team of musicians and singers to form the choir Ar Oran, which is Gaelic for 'Our Song'. Their debut will be at the pipe band's annual Scotland Tonight show on Sunday 22 November, and new members are welcome at anytime - singing experience not necessary. Randy has also arranged to begin holding a celebration of the Gaelic arts here in Ottawa with the first National Capital Mod to be held on Saturday 21 November at the Kent Street Legion. This will be a terrific, fun competition with lots of variety and something for people of all ages. Please pass along the information to anyone you think may be interested in taking part or coming out to watch. Song, speaking, small pipes, fiddling and harp playing are all part of this day, so there's something for everyone! Please visit the website at <http://www.gaidhligottawa.ca/> for further information.

Results

North American Championships – Glengarry Highland Games 01 August 2009 FIRST PLACE GRADE 4 - OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE PIPE BAND



photo courtesy: Cst Mark Horton

Congratulations to the Ottawa Police Service Pipe Band who, taking first place marks from three of the four judges, won their first North American championship since 1994 when the band was under the direction of Pipe Major Pat Hayes. The competition band is now led by Pat's son, Andrew Hayes, who also played with the Scottish Lion 78th Frasers Pipe Band which won the Grade 1 North American championship. The Ottawa Police Service Pipe Band is under the direction of Pipe Major Jamie Ritchie and Lead Tip Rob MacLeod.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY PIPE BAND 2nd PLACE GRADE 5



HIGHLAND MIST PIPE BAND 3RD PLACE GRADE 5



2009 GLENGARRY HIGHLAND GAMES Trophy Winners



photos courtesy: Jamie MacCulloch

Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal (Canada) 2009

The 2009 Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal (Canada) Contests were held Friday 31 July 2009 in the Maxville Anglican Church, Main Street, Maxville, Ontario. This year's judge was Colin MacLellan for both the Gold Medal contest and the competition for the Bar to the Gold Medal. The Reader was Jack Coghill Jr, the Chair of the Contest was Jack Yourt and the Chief Steward was Douglas Heyland. The Open Piobaireachd for the Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal (Canada) contest had twelve competitors and ran in the morning. The Gold Medallist for the Piobaireachd Society Bar to the Gold Medal contest ran in the afternoon and consisted of seven players, including the 2009 winner of the Gold Medal Contest. The winner of this year's Gold Medal and 1st place prize money was Alex Gandy, currently playing with the Grade 2 Hamilton Police Pipe Band and formerly a member of Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band. The Bar to the Gold Medal was won by Alex's father, Bruce Gandy from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, who plays with the 78th Highlanders (Halifax Citadel) Pipe Band. This is the first time that a father and son have both won the Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal (Canada).

Winners - 2009 Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal (Canada) Contest

Open Piobaireachd for the Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal

- 1st - Alex Gandy, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia – Lament for the Viscount of Dundee
- 2nd - Andrew Rogers, Fredericton, New Brunswick – The MacRaes' March
- 3rd - Ben McClamrock, Baltimore, Maryland – The Battle of Auldearn No 2
- 4th - Alan Clark, Ottawa, Ontario – Lament for Captain MacDougall
- 5th - Kevin Dugas, Atlanta, Georgia – The Earl of Seaforth's Salute



Gold Medallist for the Piobaireachd Society Bar to the Gold Medal

- 1st - Bruce Gandy, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia – The Battle of Waternish
- 2nd - Roderick MacLean, Halifax, Nova Scotia – The Battle of Auldearn No 2
- 3rd - Alex Gandy, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia – Lament for the Viscount of Dundee



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

photos courtesy: Jamie MacCulloch

Haggis is English, historian says (from BBC World Service)

A haggis recipe was published in an English book almost two hundred years before any evidence of the dish in Scotland, a historian has claimed. Historian Catherine Brown said she found references to the dish inside a 1615 book called *The English Hus-Wife*. The title would pre-date Robert Burns' poem *To A Haggis*, which brought fame to the delicacy, by at least 171 years. But former world champion haggis maker Robert Patrick insisted: "Nobody's going to believe it." Ms Brown said the book by Gervase Markham indicated haggis was first eaten in England and subsequently popularised by the Scots. The first mention she could find of Scottish haggis was in 1747.

Ms Brown told the BBC the author made it quite clear haggis was enjoyed by everyone, not just Scots. She said: "It was popular in England until the middle of the 18th Century. Whatever happened in that period, the English decided they didn't like it and the Scots decided they did. "We had Robert Burns come along who saw in it a very practical dish using up the odds and ends and making something good out of them. "Obviously the English turned up their noses at it and ate their roast beef, and the Scots for 350 years have been making it their own." Her findings are due to be broadcast in a documentary on STV in Scotland. Mr Patrick said the idea haggis originated in England was akin to claims by the Dutch and Chinese to have invented golf. He added: "Anything that's to do with Scotland, everybody wants to get a part of.

"We've nurtured the thing for all these years, we've developed it, so I think very much it is a Scottish product. "It's one of the mainstays of my business's economy so we'd never give it up." James Macsween, whose Edinburgh-based company makes haggis, said it would remain a Scottish icon whatever its origin. He said even if the haggis was eaten in England long before Burns made it famous, Scotland had done a better job of looking after it. And he added: "I didn't hear of Shakespeare writing a poem about it."

2009 PPBSO Games - Ottawa Branch First Place Prize Winners

<i>Georgetown 13 June</i>	Iain Bell	Drumming Grade 1 MSR
	Iain Bell	Drumming Grade 1 Hornpipe/Jig
<i>Lindsay 27 June</i>	Allison MacDonald	Senior Piobaireachd
<i>Cambridge 18 July</i>	Graeme Burns	Piping Grade 3 Strathspey/Reel
	Iain Bell	Drumming Grade 1MSR
	Iain Bell	Drumming Grade 1 Hornpipe/Jig
	Patricia Nisco	Professional Drum Major
<i>Maxville 31 July</i>	Ross Davison	Piping Grade 1 March
	Katie Buckland	Piping Grade 1 March
	Taylor Williams	Piping Grade 3 Strathspey/Reel
	Jeremy Tetrault-Farber	Piping Grade 5 March
	Ross Davison	Intermediate Piobaireachd
	Robert MacLeod	Drumming Grade 1 Hornpipe/Jig
<i>Montreal 02 August</i>	Allison MacDonald	Piping Grade 1 March
	MacGregor van de Ven	Piping Grade 2 March
	Liam Melville	Piping Grade 3 March
	Liam Melville	Piping Grade 3 Strathspey/Reel
	Iain Bell	Drumming Grade 1 Hornpipe/Jig
<i>Fergus 08 August</i>	MacGregor van de Ven	Piping Grade 2 March
	Liam Melville	Piping Grade 3 March
	Liam Melville	Piping Grade 3 Strathspey/Reel
	Liam Melville	Junior Piobaireachd
	Iain Bell	Drumming Grade 1MSR
	Iain Bell	Drumming Grade 1 Hornpipe/Jig

Piping in the Sudan



Pictured at left is Brad Hampson of the Ottawa Police Service Pipe Band, and RCMP Pipes and Drums (NCR). The following is his story with regards to playing Flowers of the Forest in front of the Cross of Sacrifice in the Khartoum Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery.

It was 0600 hrs on 25 April. I was invited to play by the Australian Army contingent here in Sudan (the only piper in the country, I guess). At any rate, as you know, it is a very special day for the ANZACs who remember their sacrifice at Gallipoli that day. All the Commonwealth forces were present in the cemetery (Canadian, Aussie, NZ, Brits, amongst others with some American soldiers thrown in) for the service, and a Maori even did his traditional war dance right after my lament (thought he was gonna kill me!!). Anyways, the cemetery holds approximately 1,000 commonwealth servicemen, including several Canadians from the North African campaign in WW2, all the way back to the Nile expedition. Quite a place. One of those places that is easy to get to but not easy to find if you don't know where it is. I also played some traditional tunes through the cemetery after the service while all participants milled around chatting (which was in itself quite a moving experience).

For those who were in attendance at the Friday night Glengarry Highland Games Tattoo in Maxville, Brad Hampson (along with RCMP Assistant Commissioner Graham Muir, who is currently serving in Kabul, Afghanistan) provided the greetings from serving members on deployment.

*** Eastern Ontario Championship Supreme Results 2009 ***

PIPING			
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Grade 1	Chris Dodson	Ross Davison	Emily Kate MacLellan
Grade 2	MacGregor van de Ven	Ryan Ross	Kevin MacLeod
Grade 3	Liam Melville	Graeme Burns	Taylor Williams
Grade 4	Jordan McConnell	Neil Bell	Eric Noden
Grade 5	Jeremy Tetrault-Farber/Heather Mosher (tie)		Tomm MacKenzie
Senior Piob	Matthew Yuen	Nico Gravel	Allison MacDonald
Intermediate Piob	MacGregor van de Ven	David Campbell	Ross Davison
Junior Piob	Liam Melville	Camden Garson	John Steele
Novice Piob	Anna Savage	Heather Mosher/Jeremy Tetrault-Farber (tie)	
DRUMMING			
Grade 1	Iain Bell	Rob MacLeod	
Grade 3	Erica Pulling	Cailin Robertson	Matthew Larabie
Grade 4	Bill Creber/ Keegan Melville (tie)		Tomm MacKenzie
Grade 5	Matthew Yuen	Shaun Melnyk	Dusty Lavier
BANDS			
Grade 2	Glengarry		
Grade 3	Rob Roy	Arnprior-McNab	Black Watch
Grade 4	Ottawa Police Service	Glengarry	Sons of Scotland
Grade 5	Highland Mist	Queens University	Lanark & Renfrew

*PPBSO 2009 Solo Champion Supreme Winner
Grade 1 Side Drumming – Iain Bell*



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