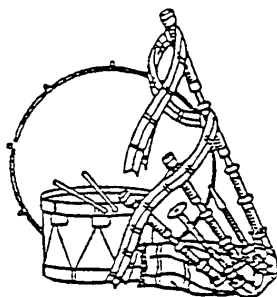


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The annual Ottawa Branch Open Solo Piping Contest took place the night of Saturday 27 March 2010 at the Junior Ranks' Mess of the Cartier Square Drill Hall in downtown Ottawa. The 2010 contest featured nine top area pipers (see photos below) who provided an exceptional evening's entertainment. This year the event used a panel of three adjudicators, Lionel Tupman, Fraser Clark, and Brian Williamson. For a record

sixth time, this year's winner was Andrew Hayes of the Ottawa Police Service Pipe Band. Second place went to P/M Alan Clark of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa, third place to P/M Katie Buckland of the Air Command Pipes and Drums; fourth place to P/Sgt Curtis Leblanc of the Air Command Pipes and Drums; and young MacGregor van de Ven of the Rob Roy Pipe Band took home fifth place.

A very special thanks goes out to the sponsors of this year's Open Contest, The Ben Bhraggie House, The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa, Jim McGillivray Piping, McCarthy Highland Services, The Scottish and Irish Store, and Walsh Bagpipes for enabling this outstanding evening of piping. As well as the first place prize money of \$300, Andrew Hayes also received the historic Glengarry Trophy.



OTTAWA BRANCH OPEN CONTEST 2010



Future Ottawa Branch Dates

08 May 2010	Ottawa Branch In-Door Highland Games – Kemptville, Ontario
29 May 2010	OPG Kingston Celfest Highland Games www.robroypipeband.com
30-31 July 2010	Glengarry Highland Games www.glengarryhighlandgames.com
01 August 2010	Montreal Highland Games www.montrealhighlandgames.qc.ca
21 August 2010	North Lanark (Almonte) Highland Games www.almontehighlandgames.com

Ottawa Branch In-Door Games

Saturday 08 May 2010

St Michaels Catholic High School, Kemptville, Ontario
2755 Highway 43 (2 km west of Hwy 416)

*** Admission: \$7.00 per person, whether competitor or spectator ***

Registration starts 8:00 am
Solo Piping Competitions start 8:30 am
Solo Drumming Competitions start 10:00 am
Pipe Band (Grade 5, Grade 4, Grade 3, Grade 2) Competitions start 1:30 pm

Note: As an encouragement to enter in advance, advance entries will continue to be accepted at no cost, **HOWEVER...** entries on the day will now be charged a \$10.00 admin fee (regardless of number of events entered). Advance entries can be made by mail or by email, but must be received by 01 May 2010.

O.P.G. Kingston Celfest Saturday 29 May 2010

Rideau Acres, Kingston, Ontario

We are pleased to announce that we will be running the 6th annual Kingston Celfest on 29 May 2010, again at the spacious Rideau Acres Campground. Please join us this year in our continued efforts to improve and expand the contest. Support your branch event and earn Eastern Ontario Champion Supreme points!!

- **No on-field solo entries** allowed this year (to allow better scheduling).
- **The contest will commence at 8:30 am and will finish no later than 6:00 pm.**
- **Bands will participate in a brief closing ceremony**, which will include playing several tunes at the halt.
- Celfest will again be featuring a **beer tent and lots of good food.**
- **No admission** will be charged to the event; however there will be a parking charge of \$5 per vehicle.

Timetable (tentative):

Registration	8:00 a.m.
Solo Events Commence	8:30 a.m.
Pipe Band Contests	1:00 pm (Gr5), 2:00 pm (Gr4), 3:00 pm (Gr3), 4:00 pm (Gr2)
Closing Ceremony	5:00 p.m.

Directions:

Exit 401 at Highway 15, Follow Highway 15 north 1 mile to Cunningham Road, Turn left onto Cunningham Road.

Inquiries:

Scott Bell at swb1@queensu.ca ; 613-542-7287 or Rob Roy Pipe Band at www.robroypipeband.com
Entry forms also available at www.ppbsso-ottawa.org .

Events

Pipefest 2010

Pipefest 2010 in Ottawa is now scheduled for **Saturday 07 August 2010**. This is a wonderful charity march, and a global piping event which will involve bands people from all over the world! We will continue to have information updates on the Sons of Scotland Pipe Band site at www.sospb.com as we get further into the planning stages, and there is info on the Pipefest site at www.pipefest.com . *Sons of Scotland Pipe Band*.

Announcements

SAM SCOTT SCHOOL OF PIPING AND DRUMMING....



The Second Annual "Sam Scott Summer School of Piping and Drumming" will be taking place from 05-09 July 2009 at St. Michael's Catholic High School in Kemptville, Ontario. Classes being offered are for students who are beginner/novice, Grades 5, 4, 3, and 2 in all of Piping, Side Drumming and Mid-Section.

The \$290.00 tuition cost is based upon two classes per day with a maximum of students per class. We will try to accommodate everyone if at all possible. We are not-for-profit organization keeping the cost of the learning process to a minimum whilst ensuring the highest possible teaching standards.

This year one student whose family passes a needs test application will receive their tuition free of charge. There is also a draw from all the participants and the lucky person will receive half their tuition back. For registration and /or information please contact John Wright at john.wright061@sympatico.ca

Results

Toronto Indoors (Mossspark Armoury)...Ottawa Branch Results Saturday 10 April 2010

Pipe Bands

Grade 2 MSR – 1st Rob Roy, Grade 3 Medley – 1st Rob Roy, Grade 4 March Medley – 1st Arnprior-McNab

Quartettes

Grade 3 – 1st Rob Roy, Grade 4 – 3rd Arnprior-McNab

Piping

Professional Piobaireachd – 1st Alan Clark, Professional MSR – 2nd Alan Clark

Senior Amateur Piobaireachd – 3rd Ross Davison

Grade 1 MSR – 2nd MacGregor van de Ven, Grade 1 6/8 March – 3rd MacGregor van de Ven

Intermediate Amateur Piobaireachd – 1st Liam Melville

Grade 2 MSR – 1st Amos van Die, 2nd Liam Melville, Grade 2 6/8 March – 3rd Amos van Die

Novice Piobaireachd – 1st James van de Ven

Drumming

Professional MSR – 2nd Scott Nicholson, Professional H/J – 1st Scott Nicholson

Grade 1 MSR – 2nd Iain Bell, Grade 1 H/J – 1st Iain Bell

Gr3 MSR – 1st Erica Pulling, 2nd Keegan Melville, 3rd Cailin Robertson

Smiths Falls Spring Fling – Saturday 17 April 2010 – Results

BANDS

Gr 3 Pipe Band

- 1st Rob Roy
- 2nd Air Command

Gr 4 Pipe Band

- 1st Sons of Scotland

Gr 5 Pipe Band

- 1st Highland Mist
- 2nd Smiths fall
- 3rd Sons of Scotland

Open Trio Hornpipe/Jig

- 1st Arnprior-McNab
- 2nd Rob Roy

Drummers Salute

- 1st Smiths Falls Gordon



PIPING

Open MSR	1 st MacGregor van de Ven	2 nd Chris Dodson	3 rd Katie Buckland
Gr 3 March	1 st Eric Noden	2 nd Jordan McConnell	3 rd Lochie Bisaillion
Gr 3 S/R	1 st Eric Noden	2 nd Jordan McConnell	3 rd Lochie Bisaillion
Gr 4 March	1 st John Steele	2 nd Neil Bell	3 rd Marc Corneleisse
Gr 5 March	1 st Joe Steele	2 nd Justin Reid	3 rd Joshua Alexander
Practice Chanter	1 st Michael Hunter	2 nd Madeleine Thompson	3 rd Bronis MacDougall/Finley van de Ven
Novice Adult	1 st Sue Irving	2 nd Doug Cameron	
Interim Piob	1 st Liam Melville	2 nd Taylor Williams	3 rd Dave Campbell
Junior Piob	1 st Eric Noden	2 nd John Steele	3 rd Neil Bell
Novice Piob	1 st Walter Scott McLeish	2 nd Justin Lawson	3 rd Randy McIntosh

DRUMMING

Open MSR	1 st Iain Bell	2 nd Carley Widmeyer	
Gr 3 MSR	1 st Dylan Stewart	2 nd Keegan Melville	3 rd Cailin Robertson
Gr 4 March	1 st Shawn Melnyk	2 nd Tomm MacKenzie	3 rd A.J. Moskalyk
Gr 5 March	1 st Jason Minney		
Practice Pad	1 st MacGregor van de Ven		





Tartan Day 2010 NATIONAL TARTAN DAY CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 11 April was the day all over the world to celebrate the tartan and in Ottawa a large celebration took place on the front steps of Parliament Hill. Organized by the Sons of Scotland Pipe Band, National Tartan Day featured piping and drumming by the Sons of Scotland and guests, Step and Highland Dancing by the MacCulloch School of Dance, entertainment by the Ingleneuk Scottish Country Dancers and some Gaelic songs by the Ar n-Òran Gaelic Choir. The Sons of Scotland continue to plan to hold this event every year, and for those who participated this year, a big thank you and we look forward to seeing you next year at National Tartan Day!
Bethany Bisailion, P/M The Sons of Scotland Pipe Band.



Eagle Piper's Society



The Eagle Piper's Society will hold its first North American meeting in Ottawa, Ontario. The meeting will be held Wednesday 12 May 2010 at the Cartier Square Drill Hall hosted by the Ottawa Branch of the PPBSO. This will be the first Eagle Piper's Society meeting ever held outside of Scotland. Current Eagle Piper's Society President Colin MacLellan will give a presentation on the

history of the society and distribute official Eagle Piper's ties to those wishing to purchase memberships. In the tradition of the Eagle Piper's Society meetings, entertainment will be provided by local pipers and meat pies will be served. For more information on the Eagle Piper's Society, go to: <http://eaglepipers.wordpress.com/>

Wednesday, 12 May 2010 starting at 7pm.
Junior Ranks Mess - Cartier Square Drill Hall

What Creatures Grow in a Sheepskin Pipe Bag??

Graeme Ogilvie

Ask anyone who has/had a sheepskin pipe bag, or any sort of hide bag, what creatures might be growing inside and you'll get squirms, shudders and uncontrollable tics. It doesn't take much imagination to think that a warm moist place such as the inside of the pipe bag that never sees the light of day nor any breath of fresh air, with all sorts of spit and dribble making its way inside, and being liberally doused on a regular occasion with the gunky concoction called Airtight bagpipe seasoning, must be full of germs, fungi and diseases of the worst magnitude.



I was experiencing some minor health issues and I kept coming around to the same question. Could it be all the stuff that I'm sucking back in every time I take a breath on the bagpipes that was causing my problems?

So I struck out to find the answer to the question.... Just what does grow inside a sheepskin bag?

The first thing that surprised me was my family doctor, and other GPs I spoke to, didn't want to touch the question with a ten foot pole. It was not something in which they were very interested in pursuing. Particularly since they quickly concluded it would have nothing to do with my immediate health concerns.

So the search went on and the question finally met some interest in Dr George Fraser, at the time the Director of the Anxiety and Phobia Clinic at the Royal Ottawa Hospital, and himself a piper of quite solid repute (playing most recently with the Air Command Pipes and Drums). George agreed to look for someone who might help me with my investigation, and eventually put me in touch with Dr Gary Garber, Professor & Head, Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Ottawa (Ottawa Hospital), who agreed to take a sample of my two-year old Bowes sheepskin pipe bag and have it analyzed (sacrificed to the greater good!!). He warned me in advance, though, that there was not likely to be anything of interest in the bag. But he had enough curiosity that he was willing to give it a try. So with a certain degree of trepidation I delivered my pipe bag, in the interest of medical science, and awaited the results of the upcoming 'autopsy'.

Some weeks later I received the call I was so anxiously awaiting; time to come back to the doctor's office for the results. I was giddy like a four year old on Christmas morning.

When I met Dr Garber, he gave me the worst straight away. As I had imagined, the pipe bag sample was teeming with millions of bacteria. They all had names with at least fifty letters to them and that I couldn't pronounce in a hundred years, let alone spell. Ah-hah was my nodding response. Exactly what every reasonable person would have suspected. So then the next question was just how ugly was it?

It was like finding out that your long sought-after Christmas present was nothing but a lump of coal. There may have been millions of bacteria in the bag sample, but they were simply the garden variety bacteria that are commonly found in a human mouth. The fact that adult mouths contain over 400 different strains of bacteria, it should not have been a surprise that a representative collection of these bacteria types is what was found in the sample. As Dr. Garber suggested, that only made sense. The only thing going in to the bag is what we blow in from our mouths. So it was to be expected that the only thing found in the bag would be related to the source.

Well that sure ruined a good story, but dispelled the age old myth that deep within the innards of our pipe bags lurked pathogens awaiting their chance to inflict untold suffering to those who dared to play bagpipes. So for all those who twist and squirm every time you think of what might be growing in a traditional hide or sheepskin bag, you needn't twist and squirm any longer. Unless something ugly and despicable makes its way through one of the five stocks, there won't be anything ugly and despicable growing in your pipe bag.

For the pipers among you who now play 21st century, hi-tech, more-gadgets-than-a-normal-human-being-could-imagine, spend-all-your-spare-time-microwaving-kitty-litter, kind of pipe bag, this will be of no interest at all. But potential good news for all those traditionalists still out there who might have otherwise been wondering.
