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## Pipers and Pipe Band Society of Ontario



### Ottawa Branch Newsletter

January 25, 2012



## HAPPY ROBBIE BURNS DAY!

### Results: Winter Storm 2012 (Kansas City)

Several Ottawa Branch members were recognized in Kansas City at the Winter Storm 2012 Contest. Congratulations go to Colin Clancey of Kingston, Ontario for placing first in the United States Silver Medal Piobaireachd Competition! Adjudicators for this event were Stuart Liddell of Scotland, Bruce Gandy of Canada, and Alastair Dunn of Scotland.

Congratulations also to Iain Bell of Kingston, Ontario for placing third in the Grade 1 North American Drumming Championships. Adjudicators for this event were Jake Jorgensen of Scotland and John Fisher of Canada.

The Midwest Highland Arts Fund is an organization that promotes Scottish Highland performing arts, primarily through workshops, concerts, and competitions such as Winter Storm. The Winter Storm Contest is held annually in Kansas City.

### Results - Ottawa Branch Knockout - Group B Jan. 7, 2012

Archie Cairns Cup

### Upcoming Events

Be sure to check the PPBSO Ottawa Branch website Calendar for Ottawa Branch Knockout events! Online registration is available to assist the Ottawa Branch Executive with planning. Online payment via paypal will be implemented in the next few weeks but in the meantime all fees will still be collected at the door. Join us for the February 18, 2012 Knockout. **Please note that the venue is currently slated for the Naval Officers' Mess at 78 Lisgar St. Check the Ottawa Branch website closer to the event date to confirm the venue location**

#### Feb. 18

Canadian Content Contest

Tune Requirements:

Piping Group A - Medley containing purely Canadian Content

Piping Over 40 Contest - March

Medley of Competitors' Choice, 2-4 minutes

Drumming Group A - Hornpipe/Jig

#### Mar. 6

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and three drummers as well as over 35 spectators. Adjudicators were P/M Allan Clark for piping and Jim Corrigan for drumming. The competition was followed by a spirited Drumming recital given by Jim Corrigan (Chris Dodson accompanying) and an energetic piping recital by P/M Alan Clark.

**Some photos of the new venue!**



Jason Baird in action



The Crow's Nest - view from the back

**Photos of our participants and organizers!**



**Mar. 10**

Ottawa Branch Knockout Final

Tune Requirements:




- Piping Group A - Medley (Competitors' Choice, 3-5 minutes)
- Piping Group B - Medley (Competitors' Choice, 3-5 minutes)
- Drumming Group A - Medley (Competitors' Choice, 3-5 minutes)
- Drumming Group B - Medley (Competitors' Choice, 2-4 minutes)

**Ottawa Branch Knockout**

**About the Branch Newsletter and Website**

The Ottawa Branch Executive is increasing our efforts to reach our membership by implementing a new website and changing the newsletter format. The website provides the executive a means to easily post news and announcements as well as allow users to sign up for events online. Branch members can now easily subscribe to the newsletter service. As always, constructive feedback from the membership is welcome.

**Ottawa Branch Website**

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John Steele with our Vice President 2 - Ron Graham



Drumming Finalists (l to r): MacGregor van de Ven, Shaun Melnyk, James Johnson



Top 6 (l to r): Branna MacDougall, Zachary Dwyer, Charles Hinse McCullough, John Steele, Watler McLeish, Jason Baird

## Results

### Drumming:

1. MacGregor van de Ven
2. Shaun Melnyk
3. James Johnson

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2. Zachary Dwyer
3. Walter McLeish
4. Jason Baird
5. Charles Hinse McCullough
6. Branna MacDougall

A great big thank you to the audience members, competitors, judges and organizers!

Ok, on to the list for the finals! The following competitors have qualified to compete in the Group B final this March 10, 2012:

#### Piping:

- John Steele
- Jason Baird
- Marshall MacPherson
- Walter McLeish

#### Drumming:

- James Johnson
- Shaun Melnyk
- Macgregor van de Ven

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## Bill Livingstone to Adjudicate The Canadian Content Competition

Bill Livingstone has confirmed that he will adjudicate the upcoming Ottawa Branch Canadian Content Competition to be convened February 18, 2012 at the Navy Officers' Mess at 78 Lisgar St. in Ottawa. In addition, an over 40 Medley contest will also be held.

Mr. Livingstone has had a long distinguished competition career winning many solo prizes including both Gold Medals and the coveted Clasp at the Northern Meeting. Twice. Mr. Livingstone also led the 78th Fraser Highlanders as Pipe Major of the first non-Scottish band ever to win the World Pipe Band Championships in 1987. The band travelled 16 times to the worlds and made the top 6 on 12 occasions. In addition, the band has won the North American Pipe Band Championship at Maxville, Ontario and the Canadian Pipe Band Championship at Cambridge, Ontario, an unprecedented 12 times each. A

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Bill Livingstone performing at his Northern Man CD release party

Following the competitions, Mr. Livingstone will perform a recital.

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to listen to gifted pipers as well as a legend of the piping world.

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## Ottawa Branch Knockout Competitions - Request for Raffle Donations

Organizers of the Ottawa Branch Knockout Competitions are requesting donations for raffle items. Any size and value would be appreciated. The raffles help to off-set the higher cost of the new venue so please be generous!

If you wish to help out, please contact James or Susan:  
[secretary@ppbso-ottawa.org](mailto:secretary@ppbso-ottawa.org)

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## RESERVE THIS DATE! March 6, 2012 - Eagle Pipers' Society Canadian Meeting



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*Founded 1960*

## Good Company, Piping, and Meat Pies. What More Could One Ask For?

The Eagle Pipers' Society was founded in Edinburgh, Scotland by John A. MacLellan, George Stoddart, and Pat Sandeman at the Eagle Bar (now the Ensign Ewart) in 1960. The Society would meet informally to enjoy a bevy and of course some light music and playing of the Ceol Mor. After a worthy period of activity, the Society went into hibernation until awakened recently by Colin MacLellan, Euan Anderson and Iain Speirs (all well known and accomplished pipers). The Society meets regularly in Edinburgh at the Scots Guards Club. For a full history, please visit [The Eagle Pipers' Society history web page](#)

The second Canadian gathering of the Eagle Pipers' Society is tentatively planned for **Tuesday, March 6, 2012**. Come enjoy an evening of light music and Piobaireachd with your friends and peers in a comfortable, non-competitive environment. And of course the customary traditional meat pies will be available for consumption.

Memberships will be available prior and at to the event. All are welcome! **Please note that, as a courtesy, absolute silence is required when playing the Ceol Mor as noted in the membership constitution.**

Those wishing to play at the meeting, please contact Ross Davison, President of [PPBSO Ottawa Branch executive](#).

Also, volunteers are needed to organize and run the event. Those interested in volunteering please contact a member of the [PPBSO Ottawa Branch executive](#).

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## 2012 Canadian Forces Music Branch Auditions

### The Canadian Forces Music Branch

**Announces auditions for the following Regular Force musician positions:**

- Flute
- French Horn Bass Trombone Pop Vocals\* Cello

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- Euphonium Tuba
- Keyboard (piano) Violin
- Electric Bass Guitar\* Percussion (Drum Set Specialty) Pipe Band Drums

\*Secondary instrumental skills would be considered an asset

- Starting salary of \$53,712
- Full benefits including paid vacation, extensive health and dental coverage, exceptional pension plan, group insurance, family support services and parental leave. Applicants must be Canadian citizens. For more information about the application process, the submission of recordings, or the audition procedure, please contact us at: 1-705-424-1200 x 1388 DHHMusic@forces.gc.ca [www.cmp-cpm.forces.gc.ca/dhh-dhp/musi/ar/index-eng.asp](http://www.cmp-cpm.forces.gc.ca/dhh-dhp/musi/ar/index-eng.asp)

Important dates:

- Recordings for preliminary round must be received by May 18, 2012.
- Final live auditions will be held 11 to 20 September 2012. The Canadian Forces will assume travel, meal and accommodation costs for candidates invited to the final auditions.

### [2012 Canadian Forces Music Branch Auditions](#)

#### [Bilingual Advertisement](#)

## **Passages - Keegan Melville - Jan. 3, 2012**

It is with great sadness and shock that we relay the news of the passing of Keegan Melville. Keegan was just eighteen years of age, but had played with Arnprior McNabb Pipes and Drums for many years and also competed as a solo drummer.

There will be a wake on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 at Goulet's Funeral Home, 310 Argyle Street South, Renfrew and there will be a memorial service at the Horton Community Centre, 1005 Castleford Road, Renfrew (heading West on 17 turn right on Castleford Rd. It's about two minutes down the road) on Saturday at 10:30AM."

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### Items for Sale

- One medium bagpipe bag for sale -no zipper
- One dark blue corduroy bagpipe bag cover
- One black leather sporran, dressed with white rabbit fur, chrome chain balls (on the tassels) and celtic design. Asking price around \$190.

Inquiries, please contact Evelyn: [brunton999@yahoo.ca](mailto:brunton999@yahoo.ca)

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### Shepherd Small Pipes

One set of Shepherd Small Pipes. Key of D, mouth blown. African Blackwood drones and chanter. Rarely used, like new condition.

Asking \$800.00

Call Dave: (613)203-3080

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### Reminder!

Renew your PPBSO membership online! Go to <http://www.ppbsso.org>

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