

B.C. PIPERS' - NEWS LETTER

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It is hoped that we will be able to keep the members of the British Columbia Pipers' Association informed of the activities of this organization and of piping in British Columbia by means of a monthly news letter, the first of which appears this month. All comments and suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

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The 28th Annual Gathering of the B.C. Pipers' Association was held at the Seaforth Armoury on Saturday, March 26th. The Judge and guest of honour of this competition was Pipe Major Neil Sutherland, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, presently Pipe Major of the Winnipeg Police Pipe Band, and Pipe Major of the Calgary Highlanders Pipe Band during the Second World War. P.M. Sutherland was especially impressed by the large number of the younger competitors, and had high praise for their fine performances.

Due to the large number of entries in the Novice and Juvenile classes in recent years, it was decided this year to hold eliminations in these events. James MacMillan had the difficult task of choosing the top five performers in the Novice and Juvenile classes. The successful top five in each class were then judged by P.M. Sutherland.

Special thanks are to be given to Al Baillie and his crew of hard working Stewards for making the competitions a success.

The results of the day are as follows:

Junior Amateur Piobaireachd:

1. Bill Elder
2. Tommy Richardson
3. Peter MacNeil

Amateur Piobaireachd:

1. David Wilson
2. Peter Knapp (San Francisco)

Senior Amateur Old Highland Airs:

1. William Paterson (Bellingham, Wash.)
2. Harry Mumford
3. James Coubrough

Novice Marches:

1. Sherea Barwell
2. Lylla Nairn
3. Gordon Hardy
4. Greg Marshall

Juvenile Marches:

1. Gordon Ross (Victoria)
2. Bobby MacDonald
3. Theresa MacInnes
4. David MacKenzie

Juvenile Strathspeys and Reels:

1. Bobby MacDonald
2. Theresa MacInnes
3. David MacKenzie
4. John MacLeod

Junior Amateur Marches:

1. Peter MacNeil
2. Bill Elder
3. Tommy Richardson

Junior Amateur Strathspeys and Reels:

1. Bill Elder
2. Terry McHardy
3. Alan MacLeod

Amateur Marches:

1. David Wilson
2. Rae Marie MacInnes
3. Arnie Stone

Amateur Strathspeys and Reels:

1. David Wilson
2. Rae Marie MacInnes
3. Peggy Gillies

Open Piobaireachd:

1. James MacMillan
2. Ronald Forman
3. Hugh Aird

Old Highland Airs - Veterans 60 and over:

1. Kenneth MacLeod
2. Seb. Nellies

Open Marches:

1. James Yardley (Powell River)
2. David Westie (Powell River)
3. James MacMillan

Under 16 Years - Highland Fling:

1. Leslie Ann Horne
2. Rowena Yandle
3. Bonnie Moffatt.

Quartette Competition:

1. Powell River - (P.M. David Westie)
2. Powell River - (P.S. George Taylor)

Open Strathspeys and Reels:

1. James Yardley (Powell River)
2. Catherine MacDonald
3. John MacKenzie (Powell River)

Miniature Pipe Band Competition:

1. Powell River Company Pipe Band
2. Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Pipe Band

Open Jigs:

1. James Yardley (Powell River)
2. Fred MacLeod (Powell River)
3. Ben Manson (Powell River)

Trophy winners:

- MacIver Memorial Trophy - David Wilson
- MacCrimmon Memorial Trophy - James Wilson
- Laurie Trophy - James Yardley (Powell River)
- Henderson Trophy - James Yardley (Powell River)
- Walter Douglas Trophy - Powell River
- Nicholson Trophy - David Wilson
- Alex Lobban Trophy - Bill Elder
- Tait's Jewellers Trophy - Powell River
- Cabar Feidh Trophy - David Wilson
- Alan MacNab Memorial Trophy - Kenneth MacLeod
- Gordon Sinclair Memorial Trophy - Bill Elder
- Mrs. C.M. Crawford Trophy - Powell River
- K. Nicholson Willis Trophy - Bobby MacDonald

The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28th, at 8:00 P.M. in the Band Room of the Seaforth Armoury. The principal order of business will be the election of President, Vice-President, Directors and Auditors. It is hoped that a large number of members will attend this most important meeting. Piping selections will be offered after the meeting, and refreshments will be available. All members are strongly urged to attend.

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The members of this association were saddened to learn of the death of one of the foremost members of the piping fraternity in British Columbia, Walter Douglas, who suddenly passed away on March 28th, in Regina, Saskatchewan. Mr. Douglas was at the time of his death a Trustee of the B.C. Pipers' Association and served as its President from 1937 to 1940. The donor of the Walter Douglas Trophy for Quartette Competition, Walter Douglas was formerly an active competitor. Our sympathies are extended to Mrs. Douglas and family.

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A Bi-Monthly competition will be held on Friday, April 22nd, at the Scottish Auditorium, 12th Avenue and Fir Street. The following events will be held:

Juvenile Strathspeys and Reels
Junior Jigs
Amateur Marches
Senior Amateur Old Highland Airs
Quartettes (Juv., Jun. and Amat.)

The latter event was held for the first time at the Bi-Monthly competition on February 12th, and was acclaimed a great success. Three quartettes competed, and the Braemar Quartette, led by Bobby MacDonald, was judged the winner. If sufficient interest is shown, this event will be made a regular feature of the Bi-Monthlies.

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The following persons have been elected to membership:

David Ireland - Bellingham, Wash.
D. Bruce - Powell River
S. Ferguson - Powell River
R. Hetherington - Powell River
I. Johnston - Powell River
P. MacDowell - Powell River
J. MacKenzie - Powell River
W. MacKenzie - Powell River
B. Manson - Powell River
G. Pryde - Powell River
H. Steel - Powell River
G. Taylor - Powell River
J. Yardley - Powell River

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DON'T FORGET:

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BI-MONTHLY COMPETITION: APRIL 22nd.

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