



The City of Wellington Pipe Band News

This months newsletter focuses on the more immediate history of the band, the present members and possibly a wee look into the future.

March 2009

Regards (for the nonce)
Chris Golder
Secretary

President's Report

The 2009 National Pipe Band champs were held in Christchurch last weekend and I was lucky enough to be able to attend this year. This would be the first time for a very long time that this band was not represented. Congratulations to Auckland and Districts for their winning performance in the Grade 1 event. The AGM for the RNZPBA was held in Christchurch also and Timaru have applied to run the 2011 national championships on the first weekend of March. The capitation levies for the next year are to be \$19 or \$13 per head if paid early. The next newsletter from the RNZPBA will confirm the required payment date.

It has already been mentioned to me it is now time for this band to START preparing for the 2010 nationals that are to be held in Masterton.

URGENT - we need all of the uniform items not currently being used by band members to be sent back so that we can supply enough items to the Temuka band as they require items for their coming trip to Switzerland for the tattoo there.



March in March

As this is the March Newsletter I felt that we should have a good display of marching. I was so impressed with the timing of the footwork in this picture that I have added it to the COWPBN Logo! - Check out 'Gazza' - Completely in control out front!



Drumming Lessons

We are pleased to announce that Glenn Miller has begun teaching classes for side drummers who are keen to learn & develop. The Lessons are held every Tuesday night from 6:30 - 8:00pm at the City of Wellington Pipe Band Hall. Tennor drum lessons by Kylie Alison-Miller are also being given on the same evening.

The lessons are open to anyone who is keen; with Beginners classes from 6:30 - 7:00pm and an Intermediate class straight afterwards from 7:00 - 8:00pm. The cost is \$10 per lesson, per person, payable within a school term, an extra one time cost for drumsticks is also required (around \$25 - \$35). This is an excellent opportunity for us all to encourage a new generation of drummers into the pipe band movement as a whole.



The 2007 City of Wellington Pipe Band No. 1 Band

Back Row Iain Dunnett, Hamish Grant

3rd Row Philip Stebbings (Drum Sergeant), Ian MacKenzie, Marion Horsburgh, Aaron Waterreus, Joshua Dean, Daniel Stevenson.

2nd Row Peter Menzies, Jude Johnstone, Leif Christensen, Allan Cotton, John Gray, Kate Cowin, Davey Welsh (Pipe Major)

Front Row Catrina Dewhurst, Robbie Milner, Catherine Nicolson, Gary McLean, Christopher Berry, Katherine Dewhurst, Ali Rossiter, Ainsley Hart.

The Andrew Carlyle Recital

By all accounts the recital by Andrew Carlyle on the 26th February at the Pipe Band Hall was a complete success. Andrew started playing the pipes at the age of 7 and by the age of 10 he was in a grade 1 band. He played some well known tunes as well as some Irish jigs and reels. The crowd were well entertained by not only the quality of his playing but also the amount of time that he played for as well. Congratulations to the Wellington Pipers Club for presenting this fine musician to us.

Working Bee

There is a WORKING BEE planned for Saturday 28th March from 9:00am at the band hall. The main focus will be to complete the painting of the exterior walls and roof. Do come along to help out on the day if you have a few hours available. Bring along a couple of suitable tools and dress accordingly. Tea and coffee supplied bring along your own food requirements. If the weather is wet we will postpone the work until Sunday 29th.

New Piper For the Band

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Beth Black to the band. Beth is a competent piper who comes from Cromwell. She is studying at the School of Architecture in Wellington and will be here for about five years.



Well that is all for this month, the next newsletter is set in 2059 when Pipe Bands rule the world with their Laser Guided Robot Sporrans!

Manana Regards
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