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Editors Note

Heya

The last three months have just flown by.... I can't believe it's only a week and a bit till Christmas!

Thats about all from me....

Happy Holidays!

Megan

Executive Update

As the Festive Season rapidly approaches it is a chance to reflect on what a busy few months it has been and what an exciting competition season lies ahead in the New Year.

Pipin' Hot was a fantastic success back in October and to stage such a high quality concert in front of a packed Civic Theatre was a real credit to all those who took part, whether it was on stage as a performer or as one of the many volunteers who helped behind the scenes.

The 125th held at the same weekend was also a great time for past and present players, volunteers and supporters to celebrate a rich history and reminisce of past glories and also to look forward to what the next 125 years may bring.

Our ILT Foundation and ILT grants we applied for in October have been approved and we once again thank the ILT for their valuable support. This continued assistance will enable us to proceed with those items we have budgeted for which this season includes a new set of drums which have been ordered.

We would also like to thank our community funding partners; ILT Foundation, ILT, Community Trust South and Aotearoa Trust

A special welcome to Adam McCollum and Jayne Young who have joined our pipe band family, we are extremely lucky to have them travel from their home in Northern Ireland to join us in Invercargill, we know you will all make them feel welcome.

To all our players, volunteers and supporters thank you for all your efforts over the past few months and we would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!!!

All the Best

From your Executive Team

A Pipin' Hot Time

It seems like such a long time ago... but here are a few snaps of our Pipin' Hot concert back in October...

Photo credit - Helen Copeland



Fundraiser Update



A big thank you to everyone who has sold or purchased tickets in the Christmas hamper raffle. There were three great prizes and well done to those who received them!!!

1st - Andrew Martin

2nd - Trevor McMaster

3rd - Linda & Jim McLeod

To everyone who assisted in our fundraising throughout the year a massive thanks. Fundraising plays an important part in the operation of the organisation. While it helps subsidise travel to the Nationals, it also importantly shows our community funders when we are applying to them for support, that we have a commitment and initiative to try and raise funds through our own hard work.

On behalf the Fundraising committee we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We also have lovely Southland honey for sale, both creamed and natural. Forms are out now, contact your band manager if you need one.

A special thanks to the Frasers at Miele Apairies for the honey!



If you have any great ideas on fundraising or just want to be part of the great fundraising team, then please contact the fundraising secretary Diane Copeland by email BDcope@xtra.co.nz.

Hororata Highland Games

Our first contest of the year was in early November - which included a long trip up on the Friday and a wee detour on the way home via Central Otago & the Fairlie Bakehouse. It was a great day out and a first on the board for many of our newbies!

Photo credit - Jack King



Solo Piping Results

Great to get the Southland Solo Piping Championship Day ticked off the list after a rather stop start year of covid. Congratulations go to all competitors; it was a great day!

This competition would not have been possible without the awesome volunteers. A big thanks goes to Ali and Aaron for their tuning expertise, our stewards - Jim, Delwyn and Janine who made sure everyone was in the right place at the right time and to Heidi and Judy for their support and secretarial skills. Plus, a huge thanks to all our sponsors for their generous support.

Judges were Lance Turnbull, Graeme Glass and Adam Waghorn.

There was strong competition across all grades and results were as follows;

Chanter Section:

1st - Ryan Knight
2nd - Adrian Mansell
3rd - Max Callahan

Novice - Slow air:

1st - James Shaw
2nd - Gwylam McMillian-Armstrong
3rd - Hamish Montgomery
4th - Hayden Everett

D Grade:

Most points - Georgia Beck
Runner up - Edward Horrell

C Grade:

Most points - Madisyn Braithwaite
Runner up - Jamie Callahan

B Grade:

Most points - Bradley Knight
Runner up - Jamie Callahan

A Grade:

Most points - Louis Davis
Runner up - Adam Waghorn



Above:
Chanter class



Right:
James Shaw
(Novice Winner)

125th Celebration Weekend

After two postponed weekends due to Covid, the City of Invercargill Highland Pipe band finally got to celebrate our 125th anniversary (now actually 126th) on the weekend 14th – 16th October.

The weekend opened on the Friday night with our Pipin' Hot show performed to a packed Civic Theatre in Invercargill. This show was first performed in 1997 and is still as popular today as in the early years and is a real highlight on the entertainment calendar in Southland. With a large cast of CIHPB players, local musicians and this year the National Youth Pipe Band of NZ, the show was very well received by the large crowd and really set the tone for the rest of the weekend.

On the Saturday night we held a dine and dance at the Ascot Park Hotel with approximately 210 in attendance, this included 19 Life Members. We were also honoured to have RNZPBA President Iain Blakeley in attendance along with Board Members, Stu McHale and Allister McGregor, Promotions and Publicity Officer, Liam Kernaghan and Executive Officer Penny Wilson. Iain made a special presentation to the band recognising the Band's 125 year history on behalf of the RNZPBA.

The evening was a great chance for past and current members to have a catch up and enjoy the social occasion.

Lynn Morton had spent many, many hours putting together some fantastic memorabilia displays and these were well received with almost everyone taking time to look through. A massive thanks to Lynn for all the hours she put into this project.

We were also very fortunate to have Rewa, Peter, Andrew & David Josland from Hamilton as part of the weekend celebration. Rewa is the Great Granddaughter of Lt Col James Thompson who was one of the driving forces in establishing the Band and was the Bands' first President. It was lovely to meet them all and hear of their family history and its connection to the band.

A 125th cake was beautifully made by Rochelle Copeland and this was cut by Joyce Agnew, a Life member of the band and fundraiser extraordinaire, along with Terra-Lee Heremia Morton, one of the band's up and coming tenor drummers and the fifth generation of the famous Morton clan to play for the Band.

A very special gift

At the Dine and Dance on the Saturday Southland dancers were presented with a beautiful sword from the McMillan Family. When Neil McMillan Senior began piping for Highland dancing in Southland in the late 1950's it was customary for the piper to bring the swords for the dancers to dance over. Neil continued to bring his own personal sword for the time that he spent playing for Highland Dancing in Southland over many years. After Neil Senior passed away his family held on to the sword but recently the decision was made to pass on the sword so it can again be used for Highland dancing. The Southland Centre committee of the Piping and Dancing Association of NZ are absolutely thrilled to have been gifted this beautiful sword. We appreciate the history behind this gift and look forward to seeing it used for a new generation of Highland dancers in Southland.

Below: Heidi Boniface (Southland Centre P&D President & Grade three tenor drummer) being presented with the sword.



Drum roll please...

A big welcome to Adam McCollum and Jayne Young who arrived in Invercargill on 30th November from their home in Northern Ireland.

Adam is the new drumming tutor employed by the Southland Piping and Drumming Development Trust and is into his second week of lessons with members of the drum corps.

After initially accepting the role towards the end of 2021 we have all been eagerly awaiting their arrival, however challenges around immigration have delayed this until now.

A massive thanks to all the work the SPDDT Trustees undertook to clear the mountain of bureaucracy around immigration into NZ and to Adam & Jayne for their patience during this time.

Both Adam and Jayne play for the current Grade 1 World Champion Field Marshall Montgomery Pipe Band so we are very fortunate to have them come and join our band family.

Bon Voyage

All the best and safe travels to Callum Copeland who is leaving mid- January to travel to Glasgow where he will be joining the drum corps of Inverary & Districts Pipe Band. This has been a dream of Callum's for a number of years to play for a leading Grade 1 band in Scotland and will be a great experience to be part of one of the leading bands.

He will be travelling home in March to play at the 2023 National Championship in Christchurch so we will be able to catch up with him then and see how he is settling into life in Glasgow.

Summer School



A number of you have registered to attend this year's summer school in Christchurch.

Each year the Executive contribute up to a maximum of \$300 per player who attends the summer school, so if you could please email a copy of your registration to Robyn Smith.

Email; cihpbaccts@gmail.com

Summer school is a really fantastic opportunity to learn from the very talented tutors that attend as well as make new friends in the pipe band community.

Upcoming events

RNZPBA Summer School - Christchurch

11th - 15th January 2023

All band practices start back

Week of 16th January 2023

Southland Contests

11th & 12th February 2023 - more
details to come

Octagon Day & Otago/Southland Contest

18th/19th February

Pipe Band Nationals

8th - 12th March 2023 Christchurch

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