

Warrnambool Pipe Band– Newsletter

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Last Competition of the Season– Ringwood

The Ringwood Highland Gathering was the last competition of the season (Sunday 10th of April) and the Victorian Drumming Solo Championship was held on Saturday the 9th of April.

The two day event started with the solos and there were 3 WADPADI members competing: Nick McLeod, Peter Moir and Matt Mann. Congratulations to all of them as they all placed in their elements.

1st - Open Tenor - Matt Mann, 1st - Open Bass - Peter Moir and 2nd - Open Snare - Nick McLeod.

The aggregated awards and trophies will be presented at the Scotch College mini bands and solos. Date will be advertised as I am not sure if that is the same date as the solo piping date in May.

There will be a playoff for the Open Tenor title for 2010 as there were 4 different winners, one at each competition this season. So it will be something to see.

On Sunday the 10th of April the last competition for the

season was held at the Ringwood grounds.

Weather was not good on the day. While warming up it started to rain and then cleared as we went on to play.

The end results:

1st - Moorabbin Pipe Band
2nd - Uni of Ballarat
3rd - Hawthorn Pipe Band
Best Drum Corp -Moorabbin

Congratulation to all bands.

As the band competition season ends for another year the piping solo season is about to begin.

All dates are list in the newsletter starting with the RU Brown competition in Adelaide this weekend. Good luck to all members competing in the competition. Looking forward to hearing the results.

SWCPD Weekend

The weekend just gone saw the 10th South West Coast Piper Drummer weekend in Warrnambool.

The 3 day event saw players and tutors come from far and wide to come together and learn from the best pipers and drummer from Australia and New Zealand.

Friday afternoon was the tutoring sessions held at the Warrnambool Pipe Band rooms and then in the evening the tutor recital kicked off at the RSL at 8pm. It was a lovely evening filled with great music and of course the royal wedding on the TV.

Saturday was learning time, with everyone spilt into groups for a day full of new tunes, learning and correcting piping and drumming techniques as well as lots of sharing of information generally. Saturday night was the time to show what we had learned at the RSL Ceileidh competing for a prize.

Sunday was more classes before a shared BBQ lunch before parting ways with old and new friends. Even though the numbers were down this year it was a really fun and relaxing weekend.

Workshop Thanks

I would like to thank Barb and Tim McLeod for the job well done again with the workshop. It was an enjoyable weekend that was had by all. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the canteen ladies who helped out especially when I had to duck off to work. A special thanks to Gillian Blair,

Lorna Tan and Janita McLeod who helped on the Saturday and also the band members who helped with lunch on Sunday and all the band members who got stuck into the cleaning up after the event making it a quick and painless task.

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International News

Shotts awarded Hosbuilt Cup

Despite the RSPBA's eliminating the best bass - section at the World Pipe Band Championship for the grade one section in 2008, the 2010 award went to House of Edgar-Shotts and Dykehead.

The award was determined this year by the bands themselves in a peer - reviewed process. Each of the 14 grade one finalists was asked to vote for their winner. Two of the bands didn't participate.

The results was as following
Shotts 4, Inveraray and District 3,
SFU 3, St Laurence O'Toole 2.

From 1985 to 2003 the Best Bass Award was decided by the MSR drumming judge in the grade one final. In 2004 Hosbuilt sponsored the award with a new trophy.

For the full table of the winners please refer to the table on the www.pipedrum.com website

Up Coming (Main) Competitions– International.

May 21st - Scottish Championships (Dumbarton)

June 25th - British Championships (Annan)

July 30th - European Championships (Belfast, Northern Ireland)

Aug 6th - North Berwick

Aug 7th - Bridge of Allen

Aug 13th - World Championships (Glasgow Green)

Aug 14th - Perth

Aug 21st - Crieff

Aug 27th - Cowal Championship

Oct 22nd - World Drumming Solos

Up Coming Events

There are a few pipe band outings and playouts coming up and we would like you all to put the following dates in your dairies so you do not forget!

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8th May - RUB Adelaide Solo Piping Competition

15th May - Scotch College Solo Piping

27th May - Haggis Dinner - South Warrnambool Football Social

Rooms 9pm Mini Band required.

19th June - Ballarat Uni Solo Piping Competition

17th July - PLC Solo Piping Competition

21st August - Terang Solo Piping Competition. Help will be required for the canteen

11th Sept - Victorian Solo Piping Championships

Photo Gallery



This months photos are of the Drum Corp. Both these photos are from the Ballarat competition.

I would like to thank Lorna Tan who forwarded them to me.

I am looking for someone to take photos of the band. I have the band camera with me and I find it difficult to take photos when I am playing. If you are interested in this please let me know.

Left to Right: Paul McDonald, Monica Forster, Rachel Campbell, Nick McLeod, James Tan, Jarrod Watts.



Left to Right: James Tan, Nick McLeod, Rachel Campbell, Monica Forster and Jarrod Watts practicing near the band rooms before the Ballarat competition.

Uniform Shop New Hours!

Attention All Members!!!!

As you all know, the uniform room has been transformed with a huge clean out and now for the first time in the band history we are having times set so that our uniform lady can fit in some practice time.

So from now on the Uniform Shop will only be open between 7.30pm and 8.30pm on a Thursday night. You can make an appointment with Nannette Sharp.

Can all members also, please look in your cupboards for any extra uniform and equipment that you don't use of have outgrown. The band are very short on these: eg. band jackets, pipe band covers.

If you have any information that you would like to forward to me I will add it to the next newsletter.

Thank you

Tanya Ross
Band Secretary