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# *Ingersoll Pipe Band*

## *Our Second Century*

### *Around the Band* *by Mary Ellen Muterer*

As summers do, this summer has gone very quickly. Parade wise it has been quiet with only a few events in August and September. We played at the Harvest Fest festivities in Ingersoll at the end of August and Labour Day weekend we had a big band for the Bayfest parade in Port Rowan. The next weekend was our annual trip to Richmond, Michigan for the Good Olde Days parade. Another big parade, another hot day. A good time seemed to be had by everyone. Those of us who went down on the Saturday for a little pre parade shopping also experienced a few good sales.

The band experienced some sadness as well this summer with the passing of some family members. Mike Hominick played with the band from 1951 to 1990 and he passed away on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Our sympathy also goes out to Claude Roach and his family on the passing of his mother in September. On August 25<sup>th</sup> we lost a lovely lady—Helen Collins. Helen was married to Pipe Major Bob Collins and was like the “First Lady” of the Ingersoll Pipe Band. Helen was always there helping out at events, cleaning at work parties and keeping our hall in spice and span shape, going on trips and travelling to parades and competitions with us—she could pick out the winning bands with the best of them. Helen might not have played an instrument in the band but she was sure one of its most valuable members. We miss her and Bob very much.

October and November bring on our busiest parade months. Pick up a list of upcoming events. Clear your calendars, shine your shoes, find your long underwear and get ready to play.

### *2011* *Parades & Events*

*October 8th*  
*Simcoe Warriors' Day*

*November 5th*  
*Tillsonburg Remembrance Day*

*November 11th*  
*Ingersoll Remembrance Day*  
*Oxford Manor Remembrance Day*

*November 18th*  
*Ingersoll Woodingford Lodge*

*November 19th*  
*Ingersoll Santa Claus Parade*  
*Tillsonburg Santa Claus Parade*  
*Woodstock Santa Claus Parade*

*November 16th*  
*Aylmer Santa Claus Parade*

*December 3rd*  
*Springfield Santa Claus Parade*  
*Band Christmas Banquet*

*December 4th*  
*Belmont Santa Claus Parade*

*December 10th*  
*Straffordville Sanata Claus Pa-*

## Ingersoll Pipe Band—Our Second Hundred Years

### Loud Drums Save Pipes by Gail MacKay

Anyone Can Play Bass!!!?

Dave Kincaid suggested that he had heard many times that “anyone can play bass”. Even though many think this way, it’s far from the truth. Over the years we have heard many bass drummers that played the bass drum because they didn’t or couldn’t learn to play anything else. Any good bass player must be a person who really wants to learn to play bass and is willing to put in the time to learn the basics the correct way.

When I think back to my

early training by Joe Balfour and Charlie Worrall, I learned the basics and never have forgotten them. These two men were most willing to pass on their talents to others. Out band has had a number of excellent base players over the years including Joe, Charlie, Jack Gunnis, Nick Edmonds, Ken Candler and current drummers, Bill Allen, Dave Kincaid, and Kevin MacKay.

So the next time you hear that “anyone can play base”, keep in mind that good base players are developed, not just found.

### Ingersoll Pipe Band Practice

Ingersoll Pipe Band Armoury  
Thursday Evenings  
Students 7:30 pm  
Memebers 8:00 pm

Did you know that 15.1% or 4.7 million Canadians claim Scottish descent?



A two bass drum day featuring Dave and Kevin



Bass Drummer Bill Allen

## Ingersoll Pipe Band—Our Second Hundred Years

### Summer...Seems like a long time ago!

Remember Summer??

The Ingersoll Pipe Band is always pleased to celebrate Canada Day and to start off the summer with a trip to the Embro Highland Games as we know it will be a day of picnics, pipe and drum competitions, dancing and all other things Scottish.

The Embro Games were originally started in 1856 and ran for about thirty years. After a hiatus the Games were revived in 1937 and have run

continuously since that time, making them the oldest Highland Games in Ontario.

These Games are one of those great bargains, with admission fees that are very reasonable, and a variety of events that would appeal to all members of the family. Many folks come for the “heavy” events featuring the largest Tug –of –War event in Canada. Others enjoy the highland dancing competitions which go on for most of the day. Piping aficionados can

listen to their hearts’ content to both individual piping and drumming and band competitions and, when you want a break from all that great music, you can watch the amazing sheep dogs at work and do a bit of shopping. If you haven’t brought your own lunch, there are many vendors offering yummy alternatives.

All in all it is a great beginning to a wonderful summer season.



*Reed All About It by Jack Habkirk*

Since we are returning to active competition next year. I thought you might find the following things about Highland games interesting.

- 1. The first Scottish games were held in the border town of Halkirk in the early 1780's.
- 2. The Famous Braemar games near Balmoral cas-

tle weren't held until about 1830.

- 3. The first Canadian games were held around 1810.
- 4. Canadian games grew from 26 in 1982 to 70 in 2003
- 5. Highland Games are popular because
  - a. Admission is inexpensive

b. Sporting events are not highly commercialized

c. Competition is friendly

The best part of Highland Games to me is the remarkable piping and drumming that can be heard in all classes.

Good Luck Competitors!



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On the Web

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New drummers Sarah, Jerry and C.J. on parade

How many drummers does it take to change a lightbulb? Five - One to hold the bulb and four to drink until the room spins.

How many Pipe Majors does it take to change a lightbulb? - Just one: he holds it in place and the world revolves around him.

How do you keep your violin from getting stolen? - Put it in a bagpipe case.

Thanks to Euan Brownhill for these jokes