



# Ingersoll Pipe Band

## Our Second Century

### Ingersoll Welcomes Its Newest Pipe Major Jack Habkirk

The Board of Directors of the Ingersoll Pipe Band is pleased to announce the appointment of Jack Habkirk as Pipe Major. Jack is no stranger to the Band, in fact he has 28 years of service and has been both Pipe Sergeant and Quartermaster. Jack has also made a major contribution to our teaching programme.



As a child Jack would hang around Bob Collins' place when he was practicing outside. Bob couldn't seem to get rid of him and so took him on as his first pupil! Jack joined the band in 1965 and played until 1972. After a sabbatical, he rejoined in 1989. He recalls the band being mostly adults, and mostly male. There were just a few women and kids. The uniform was full dress

with plaids, spats and horse hair sporrans. In fact, at his first parade, the Battle of Britain in 1965, he arrived all decked out in his new uniform with his spats on backwards (buttons on the inside of his ankles). Fortunately Dave Haycock set him straight. Thanks Dave! Jack works as a Quality Control Technician for a cement manufacturing company. His family includes wife Barb, 2 daughters, 2 sons, 2 stepsons and one grandson. His other interests include going to his cottage, reading, listening to music (except rap and classical) and gardening.



Practicing May 1966



At the Battle of Britain 1968

### 2011

#### Parades & Events

**Coming in April**  
*Kit Inspection*

**May 23rd**  
*Woodstock  
Victoria Day Parade*

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*Thamesford  
Victoria Day Parade*

**May 27th-30th**  
*Indiannapolis  
Weekend*

**July 1st**  
*Embros Highland  
Games*

*Our Christmas Dinner and Awards Banquet*

December saw the Annual Band Christmas Banquet which is held for band members and their guests to relax and unwind after a busy season of parades and performances. To kick off the event, the haggis, born by Duncan Chevrier, was piped in by Dustin Douglas. The address was given by Charlie Thomson and grace was offered by George Duncan. Claude Roach led us in the singing of "Oh Canada".



Duncan, you look nervous!

After enjoying a wonderful dinner, we proceeded to the highlight of the evening, the presentation of the annual awards which include Most Improved Piper, Most Improved Drummer, (as selected by the Pipe Major and Drum Major respectively), the Horseshoes Trophy, the Golf Trophy, the coveted (?) Cruiser Award for the person

with the most interesting band-related mishap, and Bandsman of the Year, awarded to a band member who is chosen by his or her peers for contributions made to the band that are over and above the regular requirements of a band member.

This year's winners include: (drum roll please!)

**Most Improved Piper:**

Mary Ellen Muterer. Mary Ellen has been with the band for many years, but this year she has taken the band on parade several times and has played some solo events to round out her experience as a piper.



Mary Ellen receives her award. from Jim.

**Most Improved Drummer:**

Duncan Chevrier. Duncan came for lessons last fall and learned at a remarkable pace. He was able to go out on pa-

rade in the spring and has participated in almost all parades since. He is a cheerful and enthusiastic player.

**The Horseshoe Trophy:**

This years' champion horseshoe players are Jane Muterer and Doug Glover (who was playing in his first ever tournament.)



Jane & Doug...what a team!

**The Cruiser Trophy** was

awarded this year to Matt Wright for events in Taiwan...but, unfortunately, we don't have the translation!



Warren Wright accepts the Cruiser award for his son, Matt, from Jon Arthur

**Bandsman of the Year:**

John Lynes. John is always willing to help out and is frequently seen making haggis or tending bar. Over the past year he served as the Communication Officer, developing and formatting a new approach to our band newsletter which can now go out to members and interested others by e-mail. John recruited many members to



Gail re-caps the year's highlights.

**Reed All About It by Jack Habkirk**

Welcome to the second century of the Ingersoll Pipe Band. My goal is to carry on the traditions of the band set out by the past band leaders. I look to next three years with anticipation of bringing the best of the band's past and



President Stew Watt presents John Lynes with Bandsman of the Year.

participate in the writing of articles, and has included lots of pictures which are appreciated by all. He also worked tirelessly with Jim Muterer and others to produce our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book, spending many hours coordinating the typing of the material, and the editing and printing of the book. (He even recruited his Dad an experienced printer, to help!)



future together to successfully propel us forward into this new century.

**Service Awards:**

Our band is blessed with the loyalty and long service of many of its members and we recognize this service in five year increments with the presentation of service pins. The Service pins were presented by Mary Ellen Muterer and Paul Weber to:

- Jon Arthur            5 years
- Allison Harkes    10 years
- Joanne Muterer    25 years
- Bill Allen            45 years

(Some of them must have played as babies!!!)

The evening is capped off with entertainment and dancing. This year the music was provided by Brian Gillis. A good time was had by all.

**Ingeroll Pipe Band  
Practice**

**Ingersoll Pipe Band Ar-  
moury**

**Thursday Evenings**

**Students 7:30pm**

**Members 8:00pm**

*Around The Band by Mary Ellen Muterer*

We began the year, as in past years, with the New Years Day Levee circuit. A number of the band members played in the morning at the Ingersoll Legion. The band was presented with a plaque, by the Legion, to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. After the Band finished in Ingersoll, it was off to Woodstock where the Band entertained in two different venues. The end of January saw us,

once again, feeding and entertaining 150 people at our Robbie Burns Dinner. A big thank you goes out to all our Band Members for their help. A special thanks goes to Chris for all the PEELED potatoes and turnips, to Gail for cooking the delicious roast beef and for all his shopping, and to Jane, Joanne and Mary Ellen for all the behind the scenes work and for cooking the delicious



Max Chevrier plays at the Burns Supper

meal. We will keep you informed of upcoming events as we get closer to the actual “parade season”.

*Loud Drums Save Pipes by Gail MacKay*

Out with old and in with the new!!! We have been able to purchase five new Premier side drums with the money from our Trilium Grant. Most of the drums to be replaced are fifteen to twenty years old and have served the band well over time. Drums have improved and have even decreased in weight. Every drum company declares that their equipment is the best, but not many are able to stay in the market for many years. One example were the Legato drums that had at one time. With good care and maintenance we should be set for a few more years.

An Exciting Evening...

Hugh Cameron shows the new side drums to Gail



Winston, Gail, Chris and Dave practice setting the snares.

**Band Trip To Taiwan** by Chris Radford

Ni Hau!!!!

The 2010 Taiwan Trip was from November 7th to 13th. Leaving cold miserable weather at Toronto airport, we arrived to hot sunny weather in Taipei after enduring a long plane flight of 15 hours. Having had plenty of sleep on the flight, I was too excited when we arrived to



Jack! We thought Jim told you to behave!

care about the time difference.

We were met at the airport by Tam-Kang High School officials, led by Principal, Albert Yao. The trip was jam-packed with meeting dignitaries (who want to feed you eight course traditional meals) to playing in front of literally thousands of people at the 2010 International Flower Expo. Tam-Kang High School Alumni provided stays in the amazing Fullon Hotel and



Back: Gail MacKay, Jon Arhur ,Steve Rossiter, Charlie Thomson, Paul Weber and Jack Habkirk  
Front: Matt Wright, Juanita Radford, Joanne Muterer, and Chris

Silks Place in Yilan County. While in Yilan I took a 2 hour morning bike ride through the city and local street market. The streets were filled with hundreds of bikes and thousands of mopeds. It was an experience to be part of! We visited the National Palace Museum and the National Center for Traditional Arts,

the latter located in Wujie Township, Yilan. Taipei 101 was certainly a site to see and we actually got to go in the mall. I didn't buy anything except postcards because everything else was really expensive.... crystals, fur and frilly girl stuff. This was an experience I am glad I got to do.

