



## The Transcona and District Pipe Band December 2007 Newsletter

First and foremost we would like to take this opportunity to wish  
you and yours a very

**Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

Happy Holidays everyone!

### St. Andrew's social

Thank you everyone for your help in making the evening a huge success! Having the dinner earlier in the evening seemed to work out well because we received many positive comments to the fact. The profit from the Social was \$2250 (up from last 2 years - \$1600 in 2006, \$900 in 2005). Great job everyone!

### Competitions for 2008

Moose Jaw/Regina Highland Games - May 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Everything is in place for that weekend and more information will be coming in the New Year.

### 2008 Summer Band Trip – Dave Stewart

The band will be making a return trip to Alberta this summer to compete in both the Calgary and Canmore Highland Games Aug. 30, 31, 2008. We will plan a complete repeat of last summer's trip with a few small changes that we have in mind. Further details will follow closer to the summer. For now, please mark your calendars for a trip from 27 Aug to 1 Sep 08.



Sunday, August 31, 2008

Centennial Park, Canmore, Alberta

The Executive is also beginning the leg work in order to plan a trip to East coast in the summer of 2009. The band will compete at the Halifax Highland Games and Scottish Festival on 11 Jul 09 and the Antigonish Highland Games a week later on 18 Jul 09.

Within the next 19 months, the band will only lose one member to aging out, but we stand to gain 4 more pipers and 2 drummers in that time. Add the fact that the band will lose up to 6 more members in the months after July of 2009; the timing of this trip is best for our band.

We will begin preliminary work in the New Year to pave the way for the planning of this trip. We want to start the planning process early enough to ensure the best possible trip for the band, one that will include lots of side trips as well as the opportunity for the band to play.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Practice in 2008**

The first official practice of 2008 will be on Tuesday, January 8 at Harold Hatcher School. Wednesday night Chanter students start back on January 9 at the Legion.

## **New student!**

Danica Racicot is our new chanter student for 2008! Welcome Danica and her family!

## **Workshop**

We are still planning on having the workshop after the Winnipeg Scottish Festival on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007. More information will follow.

## **Grading cards**

Each competing band member MUST have a grading card for 2008. Cards are \$10 each and have been pre-purchased by the band along with its registration for the 2008 season. Please make your payment to Ted prior to the Winnipeg Scottish Festival on 16 Feb 08.

## **2008 Tim Hortons Brier**

The Canadian Men's Curling Championship will be held at the MTS Centre from March 8-16. Our band has been invited along with other Winnipeg Pipe Bands to participate in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies plus the daily draws.

The Opening Ceremonies are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, 8 Mar 08 and the Closing Ceremonies are Sunday, 16 Mar 08 and are immediately following the final game that starts at 5:30 p.m. There are at least 20 draws during the week which require 2 pipers and we are required to provide pipers from our band for at least 4 of these events.

The band will be paid a \$1000.00 honorarium and there will be passes made available for band members and their families if they wish to watch the curling following any performances.

Details regarding parking, passes and other issues are still being worked out by the Brier organizing committee, and will be forwarded when available.

## **Jackets and Hoodies**

Does anyone want a Transcona and District Pipe Band jacket or hoodie? Please let Anne know if you are interested in buying one. We need 12 people minimum before we can place an order.

## **Fundraising – Anita Bihun**

Well, it has been a very busy year already for your Executive. We have been working hard to promote the Pipe Band and to fundraise.

Thank you to all Families who participated in the fundraisers so far this year. The **Cheese & Pizza** fundraiser held in October realized an \$803.33 profit for the Pipe Band. Our recent **Mordens Chocolate** and **Bothwell Cheese** fundraiser realized a \$974.78 profit for the Pipe Band. We are off to a great start due to your continued participation and efforts to support your Pipe Band. Thank you!!

I have been submitting an article to the Transcona Views each month giving upcoming event and fundraising information and always with the view of promoting the Pipe Band to our local community and hopefully attracting some new members in this way.

The Herald newspaper Reporter has given us coverage in local newspapers twice this year already. The Herald is very interested in helping us to promote our pipe band to potential new members, so we will work hard to keep this communication open with them.

Please keep in mind that All Band Families are required to participate in every fundraiser. This is how we are able to:

1. Keep the yearly fees of the band so low for each student and still offer a high quality program for all of our band members
2. Pay the various operating costs of the Pipe Band
3. Send our Competition Band to competitions throughout the summer each year.

Your support is vital and is a part of being a member of the Transcona Pipe Band. Thank you for your continued efforts in this regard. I am looking forward to 2008, especially the Bud, Spud & Steak - it is a very fun evening and a great way to fundraise for the Pipe Band!

## **Upcoming dates for 2008!!**

- Cheese & Pizza fundraiser - will kick off January 14<sup>th</sup>, deadline January 22/23 with delivery Feb 5/6
- Morden's Easter Bunny fundraiser - will kick off end of February.
- Bud, Spud & Steak @ Canad Inn Transcona - **April 11th, 2008**

**Mark this date on your calendar!!**

- Bingo (Club Regent Casino): TBA, we will be submitting an application in the New Year

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**2008 events:**

First practice of the year	Jan. 8
First Wed. night Chanter practice	Jan. 9
Robbie Burns Dinner and Dance	Feb. 2
Winnipeg Scottish Festival	Feb. 16
Band Workshop	Feb. 17
Manitoba Brier	March 8-16
Bud, Spud and Steak	April 11
Brandon Highland Games	TBA, usually the last weekend in April
Regina/Moose Jaw	May 16-19
Selkirk Highland Gathering	TBA
Bands on the Boardwalk	June 29
Calgary/Canmore	Aug. 27 – Sept. 1

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**2007-2008 BAND EXECUTIVE**

<b>President</b>	<b>Dave Stewart</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Anita Bihun</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Ted Rennie</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Maureen McFarlane</b>
<b>Special Events</b>	<b>Denise Stewart</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Pat Fritschij</b>
<b>Quartermaster</b>	<b>Anne Rennie</b>