

11th Annual Presidents' Day 2010 Piping and Drumming Workshop



Saturday and Sunday February 13 & 14, 2010

Instructors:

P/M Ed Neigh, Piping

P/M Reay MacKay, Piping

P/M Ian MacDonald

Stephen Cameron, Drumming

Held at Texas Military Institute, the Episcopal
School of Texas

20955 Tejas Trail West– Coates Hall

Piobaireachd Session Monday Feb 15, 2010

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Held at Covenant Presbyterian Church

211 Roletto Road

Instructors' Recital / Ceilidh

Saturday February 13, 2010 – 7:30PM -9:00PM

Held at Texas Military Institute – Ayers Hall

Registration Form

***Deadline, postmark by February 5, 2010 Please PRINT the information.**

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/ST/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Band Affiliation: _____ Band Grade: _____

Check one: Piper _____ Snare Drummer: _____

Solo Competitor Yes _____ No: _____ Solo Competition Grade: _____

If not a competitor, how long have you been playing?

Waiver

I hereby waive any claim I may have for damages against the Black Bexar Pipe Band, the Texas Military Institute and/or Covenant Presbyterian Church and any and all of their agents or representatives for any losses, damages, or personal injuries or property damages which may be directly or indirectly sustained or suffered during the course of or as a result of my attendance at the 11th Annual Piping & Drumming Winter Workshop February 13, 14 & 15, 2010. I understand that any unsafe or discourteous conduct will result in my dismissal from the Workshop without refund of tuition. This release shall be binding upon myself, my assigns, my personal representatives and heirs.

Sign: _____ Date _____

Signature & Date Required. Parent or Guardian if a Minor (under 18)

Please indicate Tuition Fees enclosed:

Piping & Drumming Workshop both days: \$80 _____

Piping & Drumming Workshop one day: \$40 _____

Monday Piobaireachd Session: \$45 _____

Late Registration Fee if postmarked after February 5, 2010: \$10 _____

For families with 2 or more students there is a 10% discount on the tuition fees.

Total fee enclosed: \$_____ Make payable to "Black Bexar Pipe Band" & mail to:

Rose Adams 4323 Valley Field San Antonio, TX 78222-3716

***** SPECIAL \$5 discount if you register by January 31, 2010! *****

The Workshop Faculty

Ed Neigh has long been a highly recognized member of the piping scene in Ontario, Canada. He has won many solo piping honors including: The Dunvegan Medal at Portlee, Isle of Skye, The Open March at Oban, Best Overseas Player at Braemar three years running, The North American Solo Championship, Piobaireachd Society (Canada) Gold Medal and Bar

While traveling widely throughout North America judging, performing recitals, teaching at summer schools, and conducting workshops, Ed has also been called upon to judge at The World Pipe Band Championships. He can also be heard on a variety of piping and pipe band recordings.

Reay MacKay, Like many notable pipers, Reay was first taught by his father, Colin Mackay. He received his first Piobaireachd tuition from Murdo Macleod (a native of Benbecula, Scotland), and student of John McDougall Gilles. Reay has won most of the major competitions in Canada and the United States, including the North American Championship (Maxville) several times. In addition to being an illustrious exponent of bagpipe music, Reay is a professional accordionist. Reay is the present Pipe Major of the 48th Highlanders of Canada, a well-respected band in Toronto Canada.

Ian K. MacDonald, began playing the practice chanter at the age of six years of age eager to take part in whatever his older brother Craig was doing. Both Craig and Ian received their initial instruction from their father, P/M John MacDonald of the Toronto Police Pipe Band. Following their successful competitive playing in Grades three and four, both Craig and Ian began to receive further instruction from Jim McGillivray in Piobaireachd and Light Music. During this time period, they also played under their father in the Toronto Police Pipe Band bringing it from Grade four right up to Grade one competition where the band is still successfully competing today.

In 1996, Ian proudly took over as Pipe Major of the Toronto Police Pipe Band from his father, after becoming a Police Constable with the Toronto Police Service. The band has competed successfully in Grade One for the majority of his tenure both locally in Ontario and internationally at the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland. In 2003, Ian handed over the leadership of the Competition Band to P/M James MacHattie, who lead the band to the 2004 North American Pipe Band Championships in Maxville, Ontario, Canada, where they won the Grade One Competition. Ian continues to play in the Competition Band as a proud member.

Ian's professional solo accomplishments began In 1994, when he won the **knockout** competitions in Ontario and British Columbia in the same year. In 1997, Ian won the Canadian Gold Medal and went on to win the "A" Grade Strathspey and Reel at both Oban and Inverness. Ian has placed in the Gold Medal Piobaireachd competition at Inverness on three occasions including a fourth place in 2004 and a fifth place in 2005. Ian won the Hornpipe & Jig contest at Inverness in 2004. Recently, Ian won the Former Winner's M/S/R competition and placed second in the Clasp Piobaireachd Competition at the Maxville Gold Medal Contest in 2005.

Ian has also been given the opportunity to judge and teach throughout North America and he has especially enjoyed his trips down to the great state of Texas and the Salado Highland Games. This is the first piping workshop Ian has been involved with in Texas and he is very excited about getting an opportunity to expand on some of those illegible comments quickly jotted down on a competitor's scoresheet, wishing he could spend just a few more minutes to explain.

Ian plays a 1940-1950 set of Henderson Drones, a Naill Chanter and a Sheepskin Bag.

Ian's most prized accomplishment is his family. He lives in Whitby, Ontario, Canada with his beautiful wife Brenda and their three children, Colin (9Yrs.), Cameron (8Yrs.) and the beautiful Ashlyn (6Yrs. & Daddy's little girl!!). Hockey is another important passion to Ian and both son's have begun their journey down the icy road while Ashlyn gracefully attacks highland dancing and gymnastics. Ian owes all of his greatest achievements to his wife and best friend, who keeps them all together and looking good!

Stephen Cameron, was born in Ballymera, located about 30 miles north of Belfast. He began drumming at the age of seven. His principal drumming instructors were World Drumming Champions Andrew Scullion and Bobby Rea. Emigrating to Canada in 1988, Stephen joined the Grade I Metro Police Pipe Band. In both solo and band competitions, Stephen is a world champion drummer. His solo credits include three All-Ireland Solo Championship titles; a top 10 finish-World Junior Championships; 1990 North American Professional Champion; Open Drumming-Canada-“Professional Drummer of the Day” in all solo competitions entered during the 1990-1991 season. Stephen now lives in Georgetown, Texas, with his wife.

Please note additional instructors will be added if necessary.

General Information, Rules and Directions

The workshop is offered to all pipers and drummers in and around the state of Texas. Emphasis will be placed on both the solo and band performer and also to those who do solo competition.

To obtain the maximum benefit, class size will be limited. This year we are encouraging new beginning piping students to attend the workshop. They are most welcomed to work on the fundamentals of piping and build a strong foundation of correct fingering to develop tomorrow’s champions.

WHEN: Saturday, February 13, 2010 8:30AM – 4:30PM, & Sunday, February 14, 2010 9:00AM– 4:00PM. Monday, February 15, 2009 the Piobaireachd Session will be held from 9:00AM– 4:00PM.

Tuition Fees: Piping & Drumming sessions for February 13 & 14, 2010 is \$80. Piobaireachd Session on Monday, February 15, 2010 is \$45. Attending only one day of the weekend the fee is \$40.

WHERE: Piping & Drumming workshop is held at Texas Military Institute, the Episcopal School, 20955 Tejas Trail West, Coates Hall, San Antonio, Texas. The Piobaireachd Session is held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 211 Roletto Road, San Antonio, Texas.

DIRECTIONS to TMI: From San Antonio – take I-10 West, take exit 554 to Camp Bullis Road; turn right on Camp Bullis Road go half mile; turn left on Tejas Trail and proceed approx 8/10 mile; school on the left. Go through the stop sign on the hill intersection; Coates Hall will be on your left.

From Austin – South on IH 35, exit onto N Loop 1604; take I-10 ramp to El Paso. Follow directions as above.

From Houston – West on IH-10. Follow directions as above.

Recital/Ceilidh – Held on Saturday evening February 13th at 7:30 – 9:00PM. The Recital features the instructors and students wishing to share their musical talents. We encourage you to participate and bring other musical instruments you enjoy playing. The Recital is free to all workshop participants. Admission for all others is \$5 at the door.

General directions to Covenant: The church is located just outside Loop 410 on the Access road between Honeysuckle and NW Military Drive. Directions will be available at the workshop.

School Rules – No Alcohol is allowed on Campus. Take proper precaution and care of the school’s property. Any disruptive behavior or violation of these rules is cause for automatic dismissal. No smoking is permitted anywhere on campus.

Dress: Winter casual – jeans, slacks, long-sleeved shirt or sweater. Kilts are optional for school or the ceilidh.

Tom McGregor “Of Royal Lineage” tomtmac@sbcglobal.net will have some basic supplies such as pipe/practice chanter reeds, hemp, corks, along with McCallum pipes and practice chanters. If you contact him early enough, he may be able to get something else that you may need.

ABERDEEN BAGPIPE SUPPLY

The Aberdeen Bagpipe Supply Shop may be available during the weekend workshop.

They offer a complete line of quality piping supplies and accessories, books, and CDs. Special orders may be placed by phone at 713-781-8546 or on line at www.aberdeenbagpipe.com Classes on maintenance will be held. So place your order for hemp, seasoning, corks, reeds, etc. If Jim is coming you can save on shipping by picking up your order at the workshop!