

BRITISH COLUMBIA PIPERS' ASSOCIATION

Information for the 88th Annual Gathering

April 10 & 11, 2020

Featuring invited adjudicators Iain Speirs, John MacKenzie, Paul Brown

NOTE: Competitors must enter Annual Gathering events on-line and pay by credit card at the BCPA website www.bcpipers.org. No paper entries or cheques will be accepted. Go to www.bcpipers.org for details.

Entries including full payment and tune names (where tune submissions are required and for all band events) must be received by March 20, 2020. Entries will not be accepted if not fully paid.

Where tune submissions are required, solo competitors who do not submit their tunes by the entry deadline shall receive their chosen tune at the adjudicator's table, not in the final tuning room.

In the List of Events table below, a white filled box means the event is offered on that day.

The Open grade is the highest calibre grade of the music discipline.

**** Requirements are submit one of each tune and minimum four parts each tune unless stated otherwise ****

NOTE: There are revisions to several events. Please examine the List of Events table carefully

**** Friday and Saturday events and activities are at ****

**** North Delta Secondary School, 11447 82nd Avenue, Delta, BC V4C 5J6****

PIPING

Event	Grade	Music	Requirements	Fri Apr 10	Sat Apr 11
102	Beginner	Slow Air (on Chanter)	Min. 2 parts, repeats to be observed		
103	Beginner	2/4 March (on Chanter)	4 parts of March. Two parted tunes permitted		

111	5	2/4 March	Min. 4 parts		
112	5	Slow Air	Min. 2 parts, repeats to be observed		

121	4	2/4 March	Min. 4 parts		
123	4	Strathspey & Reel	2 parts each played twice or 4 parts each		
122	4	Piobaireachd	Ground & next variation (singling)		

131	3	2/4 March	Min. 4 parts		
132	3	Strathspey & Reel	Min. 4 parts ea		
133	3	Piobaireachd	Submit 1 tune		

141	2	March, Strathspey, Reel	*Submit 2M, 1S, & 1R		
142	2	Piobaireachd	Submit 2 tunes		
144	2	Jig	Submit 2 tunes		

151	1	March, Strathspey, Reel	Submit 2 of each tune		
152	1	Piobaireachd	Submit 3 tunes		
154	1	Jig	Submit 2, play 1 twice		

161	Open	March, Strathspey, Reel	Submit 4 of each tune		
162	Open	Piobaireachd	Submit 4 tunes		
164	Open	Jig	Submit 4, play 1 twice		

171	Adult	2/4 March	Min. 4 parts		
173	Adult	6/8 March	Min. 4 parts		
174	Adult	Piobaireachd	Ground & next variation (singling)		

192	CPA B	CPA B Piobaireachd	Submit 4 tunes		
193	CPA C	CPA C Piobaireachd	Submit 3 tunes		

*Requirements Legend: M = March, S = Strathspey, R = Reel

SNARE DRUMMING

Event	Grade	Music	Requirements	Fri Apr 10	Sat Apr 11
202	Beginner	2/4 March (on Practice Pad)	BCPA Massed Band setting		
203	Beginner	6/8 March (on Practice Pad)	BCPA Massed Band setting		

221	4	2/4 March	4 parts only		
222	4	6/8 March	4 parts only		

231	3	2/4 March	Min. 4 parts		
232	3	6/8 March	Min. 4 parts		

241	2	March, Strathspey, Reel	Min. 4 parts ea		
242	2	Hornpipe & Jig	Min. 4 parts ea		

251	1	March, Strathspey, Reel	Min. 4 parts ea		
252	1	Hornpipe & Jig	Min. 4 parts ea		

261	Open	March, Strathspey, Reel	Submit 2 sets		
262	Open	Hornpipe & Jig	Submit 2 sets		

TENOR DRUMMING

301	Beginner	2/4 March (on Practice Pad)	BCPA Massed Band setting. 75 bpm metronome accompaniment only		
302	Beginner	6/8 March (on Practice Pad)	BCPA Massed Band setting. 80 bpm metronome accompaniment only		
341	2	2/4 March	Min. 4 parts. Playing and flourishing required. Piper optional		
342	2	6/8 March	Min. 4 parts. Playing and flourishing required. Piper optional		
351	1	March, Strathspey, Reel	Min. 4 parts ea tune		
352	1	Hornpipe & Jig	Min. 4 parts ea tune		
361	Open	March, Strathspey, Reel	Min. 4 parts ea tune		
362	Open	Hornpipe & Jig	Min. 4 parts ea tune		

BANDS

812	5	Quick Marches Set	8 parts of Quick Marches in simple time		
821	4	Medley	3-5 minutes		
822	4	March, Strathspey, Reel	1 x 4 parted or 2 x 2 parted Ms, Ss, & Rs. RSPBA prescribed tunes list recommended but not required		
831	3	Medley	3-5 minutes		
832	3	March, Strathspey, Reel	Min. 4 parts ea tune		
841	2	Medley	4-6 minutes		
842	2	March, Strathspey, Reel	Submit 2 sets		
851	1	Medley	Submit 1, 5-7 minutes		
852	1	March, Strathspey, Reel	Submit 2 sets		

GENERAL INFORMATION

Step 1: Competitors must enter Annual Gathering events on-line and pay by credit card at www.bcpipers.org. If you do not have a credit card, you may use a Visa® Gift Card purchased at any of the following locations. In Canada: Vancity credit unions, Shoppers Drug Mart, Pharmasave, 7-Eleven, and other retail outlets. In the USA: Wells Fargo, PNC Bank, US Bank, and other retail outlets.

Step 2: You should print this information document in order to read the information, music and rules requirements on both pages.

Step 3: You must complete all fields of the competitor information section online. Your BCPA Membership # is on your membership card.

Step 4: Where tune submissions are required, (Grade 2 & 1 Piping, Open Piping & Drumming, CPA, and Bands), tunes must be entered online or submitted to entries@bcpipers.org before the entry deadline of March 20, 2020.

Step 5: Before the entry deadline, updated band rosters must be submitted to the Membership Chair at membership@bcpipers.org

No telephone, email or late entries accepted. NO REFUNDS. For questions regarding entries, contact 604-882-0953 or entries@bcpipers.org

NON-MEMBER FEE

*** Solo competitors and bands who are not current members of the BC Pipers Association (BCPA) or an officially recognized piping/pipe band association affiliated with the BCPA (associations in the Alliance of North American Pipe Band Associations), must pay an additional \$12.00 CDN (\$10.00 US) per soloist or \$60 CDN (\$50 US) per band to entry fee total. Non-BCPA members, please submit a picture or scan of your current membership card, or similar proof, to entries@bcpipers.org**

VENUES

Friday events are at the North Delta Secondary School, 11447 82nd Ave, Delta, BC.

Doors open one hour before competition starts. Competition begins 9 am (Piobaireachd for Grades 4, 3, 2, 1, Adult, Open, and CPA), 4 pm (Open Snare Drumming and Open Tenor Drumming). **Depending on number of entries, events may start earlier/later. All events subject to time change. Check the events schedules to be posted on April 8, 2020.**

For food service, there is a good selection of restaurants nearby.

Saturday events are at the North Delta Secondary School, 11447 82nd Ave, Delta, BC.

Doors open one hour before competition starts. Competition begins 8:30 am for solo piping and drumming, 2:45 pm for band contest. **Depending on number of entries, events may start earlier/later. All events subject to time change. Check the events schedules to be posted on April 8, 2020.**

Food service in the school cafeteria is available on Saturday and including at the Ceilidh.

ADMISSION FEES

Spectator admission tickets to the band competition are available for advance purchase. Prices will be higher at the door. Admission to the Open piping and drumming events is by donation. There will be complimentary seating for performing band members at the back of the Theatre during the Band Contest.

SENIOR ADJUDICATOR DRUMMING WORKSHOPS

The Senior Drumming Adjudicator will conduct workshops for snare drummers on Friday April 10, 10 am – 11:30 am (for solo grades Beginner, 4, and 3) and 11:30 am – 1:00 pm (for solo

grades 2, 1) 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (for drumming instructors) at the Annual Gathering venue. Admission is free.

INTERACTIVE DEMONSTRATIONS OF PIPING AND DRUMMING

Interactive demonstrations of piping and drumming for youth and adults interested in learning the instruments will be held on Saturday April 11, from 12:00 noon until 1:00 pm. A great way to become engaged in a very fulfilling passion. No registration required.

DRUM MAJORS WORKSHOP

A free Drum Majors workshop will be held on Friday April 10, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Registration required.

BCPA "AFTER HOURS" CEILIDH

The BCPA "After Hours" Ceilidh begins at the Annual Gathering venue immediately after the Saturday band contest and awards presentation. Aggregate winners of all solo grades in piping, snare drumming, and tenor drumming are expected to play.

CPA (Competing Pipers Association) B&C Grades Piobaireachd Events

These events are officially sanctioned and recognized by the Competing Pipers Association.

Competitors must be current CPA "B" or "C" Grade members and provide proof of CPA membership with your entry. The link to the CPA website is www.competingpipers.com. Fee to join is £30. CPA Junior members are not permitted to compete in this event. The CPA "C" Grade event will only be offered if 3 or more competitors enter the event. If less than 3 enter, the players will combined with the "B" grade event and a prize for the best "C" grade player awarded.

The CPA "B" Grade event will be adjudicated by an adjudicator from the CPA Supplementary List

of Judges and/or the Solo Piping Judges Association Adjudicators List. The CPA "C" Grade event will be adjudicated by a BCPA or ANAPBA affiliated association "A" Certificate Piobaireachd Adjudicator or a CPA "A" Grade member.

REQUIRED VOLUNTEERS FROM BANDS

As a requirement for acceptance of a band's entry, the names of two volunteers must be submitted for volunteer work for 2 to 3 hours on the Saturday. Assignments to be communicated.

RULES

All events are conducted under the rules of the BC Pipers Association. **All bands shall compete as a full Band. All bands shall present in Concert formation.**

The Annual Gathering Most Points Award will be calculated using solo events with a minimum of 6 players who actually compete.

ORDER OF PLAY

Orders of play for Grade 1, Open Piping, Open Snare Drumming, CPA B&C, & Bands will be determined by random draw. The random draw will take place at 7 pm March 22 at the Competition Secretary's address. All other events are *first to enter, last to play*, with all entries received by 11:59 pm February 18 will be considered to be randomly received on February 18.

All orders of play will be posted within one week of the competition on the BCPA web site (www.bcpipers.org) and at the Competition Secretary's area when the doors open on competition days.

Competitors must check in with the registration desk and with the individual event steward at the start of each of their events. Competitors not ready to play in the posted order may be disqualified.

Competitors are required to report any event performance time conflicts to the applicable stewards.

TUNE SELECTION

For events where more than one tune or set is required to be submitted, tune selection for solo events will be conducted by the adjudicator at the time the competitor presents to perform, except for Grade 2, 1, and Open Piping, CPA B&C Piobaireachd, and Open Snare Drumming events.

For Grade 2, 1, and Open Piping, CPA B&C, and Open Snare Drumming events, tunes and sets shall be submitted online or to entries@bcpipers.org by March 20, 2020. Players will have until March 27, 2020 to submit tunes changes. For Grade 2, 1, and Open Piping and CPA B&C events, the competitor will receive their selected tune when they enter the final tuning area to compete. For Open Snare Drumming events, the selected set for each competitor in each event will be posted 3 hours before the start of the competition at the Competition Secretary's area.

If the Grade 2, 1, and Open Piping, CPA B&C, or Open Snare Drumming competitor does not submit their tunes or sets by the entry and changes deadlines, the competitor shall inform the adjudicator of the tunes or sets for the event at his/her scheduled competition time and the adjudicator shall indicate which tune or set is to be performed.

For band events, selection of MSR (Grades 1 & 2) will be conducted by Chief Steward when band is on the stage.

HIGHLAND DRESS

Refer to the BCPA competition rules for appropriate highland dress.

TUNING TIME

Tuning time is a maximum three minutes (except piobaireachd which is a maximum five minutes).

PRIZES

For solo events other than Open and CPA, prizes are medals. For solo Open, CPA and Band events, monetary prizes are awarded. The band monetary prizes will be awarded as an aggregate prize. The aggregate winner in each grade receives a perpetual trophy.

A tuition scholarship to the 2020 Piping Hot Summer Drummer Summer School (donated by Piping Hot Summer Drummer) will be awarded to the Most Promising Piper as jointly determined by the adjudicators of the Grade 5 Piping events.

A tuition scholarship to the 2021 Celtic Arts Foundation Winter School (donated by the Celtic Arts Foundation) will be awarded to winner of the Grade 2 Piping aggregate. A tie for the tuition scholarship shall be broken on Piobaireachd, then March, Strathspey & Reel preference.

Winner of the "super aggregate" for Grade 1 Piping competitions will be a total aggregate score from the 2019/20 Mini Gatherings and the 2020 Annual Gathering. This aggregate will be calculated on a total of all results of each event, being weighted equally. The winner receives up to a maximum of \$600 CDN toward an airline ticket to Ontario to compete in the George Sherriff Memorial Invitational competition. Winner must be a current BCPA member and reside in the BCPA sanctioning jurisdiction (BC, WA, OR). Winner must have also played in the Annual Gathering Grade 1 Piobaireachd, which will be used to break a tie.

The Open Piping Aggregate winner receives up to \$800 CDN toward an airline ticket to the UK to compete in the Argyllshire Gathering, Northern Meeting, or Scottish Piping Society of London competitions. The winner must play in events 161, 162, & 164 to qualify. The result of the Piobaireachd event will be used to break a tie. Winner must be a current Active, Junior or Life BCPA member and must primarily reside in the BCPA sanctioning jurisdiction (BC, WA, OR).

A tuition scholarship to the 2020 Piping Hot Summer Drummer Summer School (donated by Piping Hot Summer Drummer) will be awarded to the Most Promising Snare Drummer as jointly determined by the adjudicators of the Grade 4 Snare Drumming events.

A tuition scholarship to the 2021 Celtic Arts Foundation Winter School (donated by the Celtic Arts Foundation) will be awarded to the winner of the Grade 2 Snare Drumming aggregate. A tie for the tuition scholarship shall be broken on March, Strathspey & Reel preference.

Winner of the "super aggregate" for Grade 1 Snare Drumming competitions will be a total aggregate score from the 2019/20 Mini Gatherings and the 2020 Annual Gathering. This aggregate will be calculated on a total of all results of each event, being weighted equally. The winner will receive up to a maximum of \$600 CDN toward an airline ticket to Scotland or Missouri to compete in the World Solo Drumming Championship or the Midwest Highland Arts Fund Winter Storm competitions, respectively. Winner must be a current BCPA member and reside in the BCPA sanctioning jurisdiction (BC, WA, OR). Winner must have also played in the

Annual Gathering Grade 1 March, Strathspey & Reel, which will be used to break a tie.

The Open Snare Drumming Aggregate winner receives up to \$600 CDN toward an airline ticket to Scotland to compete in the World Solo Drumming Championship or the Midwest Highland Arts Fund Winter Storm competitions, respectively. The winner must play in events 261 and 262 to qualify. The result of the March, Strathspey & Reel event will be used to break a tie. Winner must be a current Active, Junior or Life BCPA member and must primarily reside in the BCPA sanctioning jurisdiction (BC, WA, OR). 4 or more players must compete in each event for the travel prize to be awarded.

The Open Tenor Drumming Aggregate winner receives up to \$600 CDN toward an airline ticket to the Midwest Highland Arts Fund Winter Storm competitions. The winner must play in events 361 and 362 to qualify. The result of the March, Strathspey & Reel event will be used to break a tie. Winner must be a current Active, Junior or Life BCPA member and must primarily reside in the BCPA sanctioning jurisdiction (BC, WA, OR). 4 or more players must compete in each event for the travel prize to be awarded.

For Open and CPA solo events, the total purse is over \$5,400, including travel prizes. For band events, the total purse is over \$3,500. The value of prizes will be provided on written request of the BCPA Competition Secretary at entries@bcpipers.org

Band prize monies will not be awarded until all tuning rooms have passed inspection.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL PRIZES

For all travel related prizes, the amount allocated will be based on a flight originating in Vancouver or the winner's city whichever is lesser cost.

Piping and Drumming prize trips must be made in the year the prize is won (or the next Winter Storm competition in the case of Winter Storm travel prizes) or the allocation toward the travel will be forfeited.

If a prize trip is not made by the winner or the requirements for the specific travel prize are not met, the monies will be re-allocated to the respective Piping, Snare Drumming, or Tenor Drumming travel support fund for BCPA members.

SATURDAY AWARDS CEREMONY

The awards ceremony will take place immediately after the Saturday band contest. The BCPA places great emphasis on dignity and presentation at the awards ceremony. First prize and aggregate winners must appear in Highland dress to receive their awards on stage.

CLASSROOM RULES

All classrooms are non-smoking & non-alcoholic areas.

It is very important to the BCPA that the content of all classrooms not be disturbed during the Annual Gathering and that, at the end of the competitions, all rooms be returned to their original condition.

All personal items and belongings must be removed from the classrooms by 7:00 pm, doors will be locked at this time. Pipers may keep their pipes with them in a designated area in the Theatre during the band contest and awards ceremony.

The indicated representative for a band is responsible for checking in with the Chief Steward upon arrival and for maintaining integrity of the room to which the band is assigned.

HOTEL

Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Langley-Surrey, 19500 Langley Bypass, Surrey, BC, V3S 7R2, 604-530-6545 Toll Free 1-866-530-6545.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

During the competition days of the Annual Gathering, in case of an emergency please contact either Competition Secretary Moira Mack at (C) 604-783-7402 or Chief Steward Lynn Bullis at (C) 604-970-7783.

WAIVER STATEMENT

(To be agreed to by competitor, or parent/guardian if under age 18)

I desire to enter the events identified, and in consideration of your acceptance of this entry, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and relieve any and all claims I may have against the British Columbia Pipers' Association Annual Gathering competitions for injuries which may be suffered by me while in attendance. I also authorize the British Columbia Pipers' Association to use for promotional purposes any audio, pictures, or videos of me or the organization I represent taken during Annual Gathering by an official BCPA photographer. I have read and understand the information in this information document.

PERFORMING RIGHTS STATEMENT

(To be agreed to by competitor or band representative)

The player or band referenced on this entry has permission to publicly perform all of the music he/she/it will perform at BCPA events and consents to the BCPA recording, storing, reproducing and broadcasting any performances publicly through whatever means it deems appropriate. The representative of the band completing this entry has consent from all individual performers in the band to act on their behalf in providing consent to the BCPA to record, store, reproduce and broadcast performances by those performers.