

# HIGH DESERT PIPES & DRUMS



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October 1, 2006- Members of the High Desert Pipes and Drums help celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Popejoy Hall on the University of New Mexico Campus. Joining them is the band Patriarch, Patrick Wright , originally from Clydebank, Scotland.  
Photo courtesy of G Douglas Hitchcock, Gross-Gerau Germany.

front row:(left to right) Clarie Primozic, Daniel Appel, Kevin Thomas, Daron Peters, Pat Wright, Thomas Primozic, Megan Maestas back row: Chris Cahoon, Kent Argubright, Jim Douglas, Bill Horn, Patricia Sharp, Chris Burrus

*The Clan Wallace (Worldwide) held their 2006 Directors Meeting in Albuquerque, and we were thrilled that they chose to attend "A Scottish Evening" on October 14 – following is an excerpt from the Clan Wallace (Worldwide) newsletter-----*

"We were very fortunate in being there for a benefit show and dinner for the High Desert Pipes and Drums(HDP&D), our official pipe band. The HDP&D will return to Scotland this year for competitions and need all of the financial help they can get. The Benefit was held in the Police Lodge on Jefferson Street. Col. Craig Chamberlain USA (Ret) was the Master of Ceremonies. The guests of honor were three veterans of WWII, Patrick Wright, Sye Feldman, and Soloman Barth. The HDP&D performed first with traditional music that you would expect, and some great solos. This is a very talented band. We had dinner and were entertained by students from the Albuquerque Academy under the direction of Katie Harlow performing as "Mind the Gap". They performed a selection of traditional and original material in the Celtic tradition. They were great.

After the dinner the individual members of the HDP&D band had a talent show. Not what you would expect from members of a pipe band. No Siree Bob. These people put on a show that was worth the price of admission all by itself. The show ranged from original arrangements on the marimba, to pantomime, to Elvis Presley, to Frank Sinatra sound alike signing "The Lady is a Tramp" by Chris Cahoon. They were all good and you begin to understand the musical talent that makes up this band. They are "world class."

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*..... and from the HDPD Pipe Major, Bill Horn, without prejudice.....*

"I want to thank you all for a great night of performing! I was so proud to see that we pulled a rabbit out of a hat yet once again. Just a few practices and there ya have it.. GREAT JOB GUYS. Being the Pipe Major I must say this... a great performance one and all. A wonderful evening.. I couldn't believe the talent in the drum section. I was blown away. Cahoon, (Frank Sinatra) You rocked. Lindsay...Geeeezzzzz man. You wrote that? That stirred so many people, the feeling you had playing your instrument. I'm still blown away. Thomas, no words for this one. I had no idea you had so much music in your heart. Claire. Too Cool!!! I used to play Elvis tunes years ago. I even played drums for an Elvis impersonator!!!! Great job all YOOOOS guys. Marion Langan was awesome. Great dancing girl. Paul did a great job playing for you. Thanks also to OY, Patricia, Lindsey, Dane Adrian and Roland Gonzales.

Great job Mason, Kevin and last but not least Patricia. This couldn't have happened without you putting this all together. Thanks to Carmine, Johnny Sharp, Ginny Primozic and you other heavy hitters for helping clean up and get us out of there. Once again, Thanks..... Bill

**"We sincerely appreciated your participation in Popejoy's 40th birthday celebration. Your group really got things going, and, no doubt, attracted some folks who heard your music, and came by to see what was going on. Thanks again!  
Linda Spaulding, UNM Public Events, Popejoy Hall"**



President John Wallace presenting a check to HDP&D Pipe Major Bill Horn with members of the drum corps in the background. The HDP&D band are our official band and wear the Red Wallace Tartan.

"I'm the editor-in-chief of Albuquerque The Magazine, and wanted to let you know that we selected High Desert Pipes and Drums as an editors' pick in our annual "Best of the City" issue (December/ January). Your category: **"Best Way to Indulge Thy Inner Celt."**

Our "Best of the City" issue comprises reader-voted winners in categories from margaritas to menswear, and also a selection of editors' picks -- things we think are great about the city."

Lexi Petronis Editor-in-Chief Albuquerque The Magazine

## **THE 2007 HIGH DESERT GUEST BARTENDERS AT O'Niell's Pub**

O'Niell's Pub has been a part of the Albuquerque community since 1994. The Guest Bartender events are their way of building community and giving back to local organizations and charities both through the O'Niell's Pub donations and through donations that are given during the Guest Bartender night.

O'Niell's basically throws a party at O'Niell's Pub with complimentary appetizers -- all you need to do is bring a sense of fun and adventure. O'Niell's bartenders will be there to make us look like pros as we pour, mix, and serve (and to make sure you get the drink you ordered) Watch your emails or check the O'Niell's website for dates and times and guest bartenders. February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jim & Barbara Carnes will start off the year for High Desert as Guest Bartenders.

Also check out the High Desert Pipes & Drums Corner at O'Niell's as it gets decorated!!

## OOT 'n ABOOT

August 12, 2006 Bill Horn piped for the wedding of Daniel Huff and Donna Zernick of the St Andrew's Society at the Casa Rondena Winery and Vineyards.

The members of the High Desert were proud to perform at The ARCA Apple Mountain Camp on September 14, 2006. at the invitation of our own Piper Jim Douglas.

September 16, 2006 the band played at the GRAND OPENING of the new O'Niell's Pub on Central. It didn't seem that long since we played Rob's first Grand Opening back in 1994? It has been a great journey growing up together.

September 17, 2006 we were back again at O'Niell's Pub for their half-way to St. Patrick's Day celebration (although rumor has it that a few pipers were still there from the previous evening)

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 at UNM's Popejoy Hall for it's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. After the performance, several members of the band "crashed" the St Andrew's Picnic - where Chris Cahoon played for our suppers.

November 12, 2006 – members of the High Desert performed at the 231<sup>st</sup> Marine Corp Birthday Ball held at the Sheraton Uptown. This is an annual performance for HDPD in support of our troops.

Wednesday, December 6, a great night fundraising night at Uptown Sports Bar for HDPD

Thursday, December 7 another great night at O'Niell's Pub for the Nob Hill Shop-N-Stroll

Daniel Appel, a snare drummer with High Desert for many years, has joined the Marines and is currently in San Diego. We wish him well, and hope that the years of marching with the High Desert come in handy, although we seldom marched more than 50 yards at a time.

We welcome the return of Piper Lorraine McInnes Monie, who was working in Honduras for the last four months AS WE SAY FAREWELL to Tim Borgman who is off to Estes Park, Colorado to work AS WE WELCOME new piper Chris Cahoon, new snare drummers Daron Peters and James Haley AND we anxiously await the return of Dominique, who is teaching in Taiwan. We also had a surprise visit from Felipe Rael, former HDPD piper, and wife Tammy, former HDPD snare drummer, passing through Albuquerque on their way to Hawaii.

### **Message from Jeff**

***"I wanted to let you know that the boys and I are doing well. I am engaged to get married. Tell everyone that I said hi and even though I am here in Utah I will still consider everyone that I got to know with HDPD friends and family. I still feel like I am a member of the band. Jeff Bowman aka BullDawg ( as Bill would call me sometimes)-chanter student"***

Many thanks to Ginny Primozic for coordinating the annual fundraiser "Festival of Giving", sponsored by Coronado Center and its merchants.

Congratulations to new chanter student Dr. Laurence Butcher for his speedy passing from Step 1 to Step 2

Sincere condolences to the family of Malcolm MacKenzie on the sudden passing of his Mother. Malcolm is a chanter student and attends UNM. Bill Horn represented HDPD at the services.

## **ROBERT BURNS DINNER**

Saturday, January 27, 2007  
Marriott Pyramid North

cocktails: 5:30 p.m.

formal dinner:  
7:00 p.m.

entertainment  
program

8:00 - 10:30



there will be an outstanding line-up  
of entertainment for the evening:

pipers • dancing • poetry  
songs • silent auction

### **ticket prices:**

**\$5 off all tickets before December 15**

SASSNM members: \$45 adults, \$20 children

non-members: \$50 adults \$20 children

(\$5 of ticket price will be applied towards a St Andrew  
membership for non-members, if desired)

contact Stephanie Kaylan: 286-2088

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Saturday, January 27, 2007 – Burns Supper – High Desert Performs**

**Saturday, Sunday – Feb ?? (date to be announced) Terry Lee/Reid Maxwell  
from world champion SFU Pipe Band ---- band seminar**

**February 3, 2007 - Jim & Barb Carnes- Guest Bartenders at O’Niell’s Pub**

**February – Competition in Mesa Arizona**

**March --- St Patricks Day gigs**

**May 2007 - Rio Grande Celtic Festival returns - Albuquerque**

**August 4, 2007 – Games in North Berwick, Scotland**

**August 5, 2007 - Games in Bridge of Allen, Scotland**

**August 11, 2007 - World Pipe Band Championships, Glasgow Scotland**

## Results from the 2006 World Pipe Band Championships

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### Grade 1

1st Field Marshal Montgomery (Ulster)

**2nd Simon Fraser University (Canada) - *our mentors***

3<sup>rd</sup> House of Edgar-Shotts & Dykehead (Scotland)

PIPE

### Grade 2

**1st Robert-Malcolm Memorial (Canada) - *our mentors***

2nd Tayside Police (Scotland)

3rd The Band Club (Australia)

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### Grade 3A

1st Denny & Dunipace (Scotland)

2nd Battlehill (Ulster)

3rd Gaelic College (Canada)

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### Grade 3B

1st Aughintober (Ulster)

2nd Cottown (Ulster)

3rd Beeston (England)

### Juvenile

**1st St. Thomas Episcopal School (USA)**

2nd George Watson's College (Scotland)

3rd Kintyre Schools (Scotland)

4th Boghall & Bathgate (Scotland)

**5th Sir James MacDonald (USA) –**

2006

### Grade 4A

1st University of Strathclyde (Scotland)

2nd Lanark & District (Scotland)

3rd Benoni (South Africa)

### Grade 4B

1st Killadeas (Ulster)

2nd Saintfield

3rd Glengarry (Canada)

### Novice Juvenile

1st Kintyre Schools (Scotland)

2nd Methil & District (Scotland)

3rd George Watson's College (Scotland)

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Need more American bands in the top three!! Maybe the High Desert Pipes & Drums 2007!!!

**Scotland 2007?????---** Nothing creates progress like a GOAL ---Scotland is a sizeable goal - but one we have accomplished three times. It is an amazing feeling to stand on a field with 5000 other pipers on Glasgow Green -- Regardless of the outcome of the competition, sharing the experience with folks from all over the world, is a once-in-a-lifetime experience not easily forgotten. This is an opportunity to visit a country and participate in the culture - not just observe it as a tourist and also represent the State of New Mexico.

The World Pipe Band Championships are August 11, 2007 . Historically, the band has gone for two weeks and competed at 3 different games. The band would depart sometime around July 31, 2007 and return to Albuquerque on August 13, 2007 . Leaving on the 31<sup>st</sup> gives the band time to recuperate from the trip, adapt to the time change, and for the instruments to acclimate. The band would compete on both the Saturday and Sunday (August 4th & 5th) at the North Berwick and Bridge of Allen competitions, then have the following week to fix/correct/improve based on the weekends critiques. Then, THE WORLDS

Planning, and fundraising, and practicing for this great experience started with the "Scottish Evening" on October 14 – continued with our appearance at Uptown Sports Bar on December 6 – followed by lots of exciting gigs throughout 2007. Stay tuned!!!!

One of our most ambitious projects is the CD, which we hope to have completed soon. Many thanks to the following individuals, companies, and organizations which have shown their support with financial support.

Patrick & Elizabeth Wright  
Argyle Welding Supply Co, Inc  
Jim & Barbara Carnes  
O'Niell's Pub  
Clan Wallace Society (Worldwide)  
Kent F Argubright M.D.  
P.M. Seymour B Feldman  
Sandia Preparatory School  
Forgemaster Iron, Inc

(Your name here)

A trip to compete in Scotland is a tremendous commitment of time, energy, and money. We rely on the support of the community in addition to the efforts of members of the band, to make SCOTLAND 2007 a reality. Our last trip to the Worlds was 2001, and in the years since, many new band members have joined HDPD. The High Desert Pipes & Drums- the NEW GENERATION are ready to make their mark!!!

# IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE A BAGPIPE BAND

Even in Scotland, a bagpipe band is a novelty. It makes people stop and listen. The kilts, the buzz of the snares, the rhythm of the bass, and the haunting sounds of the Great Highland War Pipes evoke feelings of heroism, patriotism, tradition, and dignity.

Traditionally, pipe bands or a single piper have played at memorial services, veteran's affairs, and for slain police officers and firefighters with tunes such as "Amazing Grace". A pipe band playing marches, jigs, and reels create a festive mood for weddings, parades, or fiestas. To people who have never seen the bagpipes, the spectacle is fascinating.

  
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In 1994 the HIGH DESERT PIPES AND DRUMS was incorporated in New Mexico as a NonProfit Corporation and received 501(c)(3) status by the Internal Revenue Service as a Public Foundation. Our goals are to promote bagpipe music in New Mexico, provide musical instruction to beginners and band members, participate in civic events, promote the State of New Mexico and constantly improve as a band by competing in regional, national, and international competitions. We were the first US band to win in Grade IV at the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland (1999)

High Desert Pipes and Drums is currently working on a CD recording, for release in 2007, and we would like to include you in that CD as an



**For a donation of \$1000.00 you will receive :**

**Special Recognition in the liner notes of the CD**

**PLUS - invitation to the CD release party**

**PLUS - 5 autographed copies of the CD**

**PLUS- an additional 5copies of the CD will be donated in your name to the school, church, library, or other civic organization of your choice.**

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