

HIGH DESERT PIPES & DRUMS



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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 March 24 – Kent Argubright MD “Doc” will start off the year for High Desert as Guest Bartender.

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

O'Niell's Pub www.oniells.com 505-255-6782
4310 Central Ave SE(Corner of Central & Washington in East Nob Hill)

NEW----Available at O'Niell's March 24 --- HDPD Pint Glasses ---- NEW

What's in a name ? Your ancestry? - Not necessarily. Scottish surnames were seldom used prior to the eleventh century, and do not necessarily denote a biological ancestor. According to "[The Origin and Signification of Scottish Surnames](#)" by Clifford Stanley Sims, originally published in 1862: "In Scotland, whoever joined a particular clan, no matter what his position or descent, assumed the surname of his chief, and this was accepted as an act of loyalty : it does not follow, therefore, that all who bear the same surname are descended from a common ancestor." However, many names, for example Gallaway, derive from place names – and could indicate the origin of your family name – if not your actual ancestors

PIPE MAJORS MESSAGE – words o'wisdom frae Wee Billy

When I raced motorcycles as a young kid, I was taught by the best how to win at Racing Motorcycles. I was one of the best in Northern California. As a young drummer, I did well and learned from so many pros it would take up a whole page just for their names. When I finally learned a new instrument...the Bagpipes, I was again instructed by the best.. Although I am not in the grade one or two ranks at the moment I was on the prize list many, many times in grade 4 and 3. I only mention the above things because I want you to know I know how to be serious about competition. I want you to be serious too!

I remember after the 97 games in Scotland, we were all at the Sharp's home having a party and I just muttered out that I wanted to go back to Scotland with the band but with much better instruction so I mentioned, "I'll just call Terry Lee and Reid Maxwell." Nate said ..."Do ya think they'd want to help a grade four beginner band?" My reply was "Let's just see!" I think I called that night from Patricia's home. The next month Alan Bevan and Reid came out for our first lesson. 1998 was the first year we had any one from SFUPB out to instruct us. Then in Jan 1999, I went to Scotland with Patricia and Kent to get instruction from Kenny and the pros at the Piping Centre. Once home, I couldn't wait to impart the knowledge I learned there to the folks in the band at the time so we could be ready for Alan and Reid and finally Scotland in 99. The rest is history.

As we gear up for a return trip to Scotland in August 2007, we have a solid core group of band members whose are practicing at home, AND in attendance at rehearsals every Monday and Thursday. It is this kind of dedication, and working as a team, which will really pay off in August. These folks have their GAME faces on already. They want to go and play well.

That's what I am used to as well. When you go to a competition, whether here or overseas, you prepare now...not in August. The band has lots of great musicians, but it is vital that we get to the next level – which is playing "like one bagpipe" - This requires lots of hours rehearsing as a group. Every rehearsal between now and August is crucial. I'm excited to take this band to Scotland – you deserve to go and you deserve to do well. Remember.....

WE NEED TO PLAY AT A LEVEL THAT THE OTHERS ARE NOT WILLING TO ATTAIN!!!
PM Bill Horn

Book Review: dedicated to Rob O'Niell (after reading this book, you might want to add Skirlie or Stap, or Potted Hough to the menu at O'Niells ----or--- maybe not) and **Carmine Russo** (a new course at CNM?)

Recipes from Scotland, F Marian McNeill ISBN 0-903065-79-7

Florence Marian McNeill (1885-1973) has sold more Scottish cookery books than any other writer in this century. Originally published in 1946, Recipes from Scotland has been republished and updated with British, European, and American measurements. The book has a great introduction, a listing of culinary terms, and recipes for a multitude of traditional and unusual Scottish meals – such as Creamed Finnan-Haddie, Crappit Heids (stuffed Haddock Heads) or a Cloutie Dumpling. The Scottish menu shows a variety of dishes made from a relatively small variety of ingredients. Using every bit of the fish and wild game and combining it with oatmeal or barley, and potatoes, or cabbage, or turnip, they created a healthy diet. A very old Highland dish called Hattit Kit uses buttermilk, new milk and double cream. It sounds delicious but I doubt I'll be making it --- Instructions are as follows: "Warm the buttermilk slightly before milking-time. Carry the vessel to the side of a cow and milk into it 1 pint of milk....."

SCOTLAND 2007

Flights have been booked, accommodations obtained, a seminar scheduled with our mentors from the World Champion Simon Fraser Pipe Band from British Columbia, and anticipation is starting to build. Band members are practicing, and saving, and arranging their schedules, and practicing, and looking for their passports, and practicing, and, of course, worrying. This is a big undertaking, and it places a huge demand on the band as a whole, and on each individual. “Opportunities of a lifetime” are always challenging and stressful.

High Desert is going outside of its comfort zone, and competing in 3 competitions in Scotland, each of which has more bands than we would compete against in the entire competitive season in the Western United States. Competing in Scotland is a challenge, both musically and financially. Each trip to Scotland that the band made in the past (1997, 1999, 2001) has been a huge learning experience - and each trip has taken the band to another level. Being the first American band to win in Grade IV (in 1999) was naturally a highlight - but being the wee band that took the chance in 1997 was possibly a bigger achievement. Because High Desert showed “it could be done” – numerous other bands from the Western United States have also gone over to compete.

There is a lot of individual dedication and commitment. Paul & Patsy will travel from Los Alamos, Chris Cahoon will commute from LA, Marcy from Clovis. Bill, Mason, Chris, Chris,(yes there are 3 of them), Dave, Lorraine, Kent, Kevin, Patricia, Daron, Robin, Thomas, Claire give up two nights a week to band rehearsal and other days practicing at home- and use their vacation time to make this journey – representing the band and New Mexico in Scotland.

The band is attempting to relieve some of the financial burden on these individuals and are working hard to raise funds to help defray some of the cost. Each dollar donated is one mile closer to Scotland for your favorite band member. So if you have a favorite band member - join our family and help them get to Scotland.

The High Desert is a New Mexico Non-Profit Public Foundation with tax exempt status under IRS Code 501 c (3). Your donation is tax deductible. Donations may be sent to

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OR ON WWW.HDPD.ORG

The Band OOT 'n ABOOT

The Great Guinness Toast -- February 16 at 11 pm members of the High Desert Pipe Band joined the patrons of O'Niell's Pub to celebrate the Great Guinness Toast! Held annually around the world to mark the 30-day countdown to St. Patrick's Day.

Temporary farewell to bass drummer **Tim Dwyer**, whose responsibilities as an APD officer, prevent him from making the Scotland trip. Warm welcome to **Robin Hopkins**, with the Bernalillo Sheriff's Department, who is filling Tim's very large shoes. APD – BC Sheriff's Dept???? I see a pattern!!! HDPD obviously needs police protection.

2007 also sees the departure of the **Maestas clan**. It's amazing how quickly the kids grow up. Neither **Megan** or **Melissa** were driving when they joined the band many years ago – and now Melissa will be driving to Boston for her Junior year of college – and Megan will be graduating this spring from UNM's Anderson School of Business, and gainfully employed. A great addition to the bass section, we'll miss you lots!!!!

Looking forward to the return of piper **Dominique Coffing** from her yearlong stay in Taiwan, where she is teaching English --- and also giving some lessons on the chanter.

Wee **Joseph Kanteena**, piper, has been waylaid with a broken arm incurred as he was "looking at the stars while standing on the ice." Joseph wins the BEST EXCUSE FOR NOT PRACTICING award --- (against some very stiff competition, believe me!)

Patrick Wright, the band octogenarian originally from Clydebank Scotland, gave a rousing annotated rendition of the Toast to the Haggis at the Annual St Andrew's Society Burns Supper at the Marroitt in January. The High Desert Pipes and Drums performed after the dinner, with Mason Parson's version of "The Mexican Hat Dance on the Pipes" getting a great reception. If you have digital photos from Burns Night you would like to share, please email to hdpdnews2003@aol.com. High Desert Piper **Paul Langan**, originally from Edinburgh, gave the Toast to the Haggis, at the Burns Supper in Santa Fe the following week.

From **Chris "Sinatra" Cahoon**

"Hey everybody, It seems like just yesterday that I joined the band and now I am leaving Albuquerque for a new job in California. I wanted to thank everybody for welcoming me into the band. I learned so much and had such a great time. I especially want to thank Mason and Bill for leading the band so well.

Don't worry, though, I'm going to be back for St. Patrick's day and still go to Scotland with the band. You guys are the best. High Desert Rules!! Chris Cahoon"

NOW AVAILABLE -- You can pay those pesky 2007 band dues ONLINE at www.hdpd.org . If you have not filled in the Membership form - It is available for download in ABOUT THE BAND. In order to attend lessons at Sandia Prep or participate in gigs- You must have this form on file. If you can't remember doing it --- then you probably didn't. You can email to hdpdnews2003@aol.com or mail to PO BOX 6705, Albuquerque, NM 87197

ALSO AVAILABLE at www.hdpd.org - make a Tax Deductible DONATION online to HDPD

WHAT IS THE HIGH DESERT DAE'IN?????

(Upcoming Gigs- times listed are performance times and subject to change)

Saturday -March 17, 2007 --- St Patricks Day gigs

ARCA's 50th Anniversary - 11 am

Uptown Sports Bar - Noon

O'Niell's Pub – 1 pm

O'Niell's Pub – 6 pm

Gecko's on Central -7pm

New Mexico Pediatric Society 8 pm – Embassy Suites

Geckos on Academy- 9 pm

Uptwon Sports Bar- 10 pm

Saturday -March 24, 2007

2 pm “Bagpipes in the Mountain’s” Private party for GPS Aerospace

6 –9 pm- O'Niell's Pub – Guest Bartender – Kent Argubright MD

**April 21-22 band seminar with Terry Lee, PM and Duncan Miller
from world champion SFU Pipe Band ----**

**May 19, 2007 - Rio Grande Celtic Festival returns –Balloon Fiesta Field ---
*Guest of honor – ou ain wee Patrick Wright***

July 31, 2007 band leaves for Scotland 2007

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

August 15, 2007 --- the Return of HDPD to New Mexico



Remembering

Jeff Houska

February 11, 1950 - December 10, 2002

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What else is goin' oan in the piping world?

July 1-8 , 2007 – California - Piping Schools & Monterey Highland Festival THE NATIONAL PIPING CENTRE, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MONTEREY CELTIC ARTS ACADEMY, TO PRESENT THE 2007 MONTEREY BAY SCHOOL OF PIPING AND DRUMMING IN PEBBLE BEACH DURING FIRST EVER MONTEREY COUNTY CELTIC WEEK

The internationally renowned National Piping Centre, based in Glasgow, Scotland, in association with Monterey Celtic Arts Academy (MCAA) is returning to Pebble Beach to present, "The 3rd Annual Monterey Bay School of Piping and Drumming" at beautiful Stevenson School. The Piping School will be held from Sunday, July 1st to Friday, July, 6th 2007, and will again feature some of the world's finest piping and drumming instructors.

A very special event-filled first ever "Monterey County Celtic Week" will be held the week of the Piping and Drumming School, from July 1-8, 2007. (<http://www.montereyscotgames.com>).

Assisting Piping Centre's Principal, Roddy MacLeod, with the 2007 Monterey Bay School of Piping and Drumming, is Michel d'Avenas, Pipe Major of the award-winning Monterey Bay Pipe Band. The school will feature four award-winning bagpipe instructors and one award-winning drumming instructor. A limited number of scholarships will be available for students in the region, and those interested should call Michel d'Avenas at (831) 372-2020 or email bagpipe11@comcast.net to receive a Scholarship Application Form.

For more information, call Michel d'Avenas at (831) 372-2020 or email bagpipe11@comcast.net or call Roddy MacLeod at 44(0)141 353 0220 or email reception@thepipingcentre.co.uk.

From R.G. Hardie

"Continuing a tradition of excellence reaching back almost 150 years and an R G Hardie manufacturing story of no less than 50 years standing. You can hear 2006 Aviemore Gold Medallist and Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Sergeant, Alastair Dunn, playing the new Peter Henderson Bagpipes by following this link:

<http://www.rghardie.co.uk/music.html>

In preparation for Scotland 2007 - Another History Lesson

according to Clifford Stanley Sims, [Origin and Signification of Scottish Surnames](#)

"In the year 770 Solvathius king of Scotland, obtained a victory over Donald Bain of the Western Isles, by the assistance of a man who was unknown to him. After the battle, being desirous to see who had done him so signal a service, he was pointed out to him with these words: "Sholto Dhuglass" (behold the swarthy man)" Hence the name Douglas was born. The Douglas family history includes Sir William Douglas, who was in the service of Charlemagne and founder of the family Donglassi in Tuscany. " Sir James de Douglas carried the heart of Robert Bruce to the Holy Land. Since 1329, with the death of Bruce, the arms of the Douglas clan shows a crowned heart - which commemorates this event.

Behold the High Desert has our own "Sholto Dhuglass"
"swarthy" piper **Jim Douglas**

**In our tribute to the Irish on St Patrick's Day, we present a
poem by our own band Poet Laureate Patrick Wright**

**WILD WILLIE BRENNAN
HANGED: FERMOY, IRELAND 1804**

**An ancestor o' mine, a great highwayman,
Once roamed the green byways in old Ireland.
By robbing the rich for the widow's brood,
Like Robin Hood, his labours did good.**

**His fame soon spread, posters were read,
'Til soon there was a large price on his head.
Tho' a price so attractive to all Fermoy poor,
His cover was safe, behind the closed door.**

**For twenty-three years, his great escapades,
Garnered much wealth from his various raids.
The wealth, however, only passed through his purse,
To be given to those whose lives were much worse.**

**Now they say his demise, without any lies,
Can be traced to one, with true wifely ties.
Sad as it may seem, 'twas his wife's dastardly scheme,
That sent Willie to the gallows, an end to his dream.**

**Tho' bad news for sure, his wife was the doer,
That sent wild Willie Brennan to the gallows.
But! 'Twas surely good news, one could even say manly,
To know the reward money is still in the family!!!**

**Pat Wright
March 15, 1993**

When in Scotland, visit St Patrick's Well next to the Ettrick Bar in Ol' Kilpatrick.
the alleged birthplace of St Patrick (not the bar--- the toon!) then pop o'er to
Ann & Angus for a wee cup of tea.

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
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Clan Wallace Society (Worldwide)
Kent F Argubright M.D.
P.M. Seymour B Feldman
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There is still time to join this notable list of supporters. Get your name immortalized on the HDPD's first CD and help get the band to Scotland 2007 for more info – contact hdpdnews2003@aol.com

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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)

**The members of the High Desert Pipes and Drums
Thank the faculty and staff of Sandia Preparatory School
Great people, great school, and a great facility**

The High Desert Pipes and Drums is a tax exempt NM Public Foundation. Donations to the High Desert are tax-deductible under IRS code 501c)(3)
Lessons in piping and drumming are held every Thursday night at Sandia Preparatory School on Osuna starting at 6:00 pm.
For more information, please contact Bill Horn 203-9633 or email hdpdnews2003@aol.com.

