

HIGH DESERT PIPES & DRUMS

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*The High Desert Pipes and Drums
invites you to
A Scottish New Year
January 20, 2006*

The members of the High Desert Pipes and Drums are hosting an evening of piping, drumming, singing, dancing, eating, and socializing on January 20, 2006 at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge (5900 Jefferson NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico). The evening will feature music by the High Desert Pipes and Drums, and other local musicians.

In addition to great music, we will be serving a Scottish-Italian Spaghetti Supper. (*Confused???*) This is in honor of the MacCrimmons, hereditary pipers to the Kings of Scotland, who are believed to have originated in Crimona, Italy. Chef for this feast will be Carmine MacRusso, piping student and culinary arts instructor at Albuquerque T.V.I. A cash bar will be available. There will be door prizes, a silent auction, merchandise – AND HOPEFULLY – YOU!!!

The goal of the evening, in addition to sharing some great Scottish music, is to raise funds for a seminar, to be held in Albuquerque in 2006, with Terry Lee and Reid Maxwell, Pipe Major and Pipe Sergeant of the Grade I World Champion Simon Fraser University Pipe Band. These seminars are essential to the improvement of the band.

HDPD won the Grade IV competition at the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow Scotland in 1999- becoming the first, and so far, ONLY, American band to win in that grade, Pipe Major Bill Horn, is hoping to take another generation of High Desert musicians to Scotland in 2006 or 2007 – and the band is working hard to attain that goal.

Space is limited –so book early - \$15.00 donation per person.
Contact hdpdnews2003@aol.com for tickets (Tables of 10 available)
or check the web-site www.hdpd.org Thanks for your support.

HIGH DESERT PIPES & DRUMS Win the James Dwyer Cup at the Rio Rancho Highland Games

On Saturday, October 15, 2005, in weather more reminiscent of Scotland than New Mexico, High Desert took two first places in band competition. From Bill Horn "I want to say great job over the weekend in both band and in solo. As for solo piping, I know it's hard to do both band and solo on the same day. Takes a ton of strength to hold up. Good job guys. The judges Chris, Andrew, and Seamus said after the competition that if we could build the drum section, and with the pipe section we have now we would do very well in Scotland. Thanks to all the helpers, Kevin (bigfoot), Danny J, Rich, Jenny, Elijah and everyone I've forgotten. I just wanted to say thanks for everything to all of you. We still have the James Dwyer trophy for one more year.... He'd be proud!...Coolness"

THINK THE BAND IS GOOD? Wait till you hear the solo's!!!!

Congratulations to Paul ---On October 14, 2005 at the 7th Annual P/M Angus MacDonald Western Regional Championship in San Diego, California, **Paul Langan**, Los Alamos, NM and a member of the High Desert, placed third in the Grade I Amateur Piobaireachd competition. Paul learned the pipes as a wee boy in Edinburgh from his grandfather. More information on this prestigious event can be found at <http://www.bydand.com/macdon.htm>.

Want to know more about things Scottish????

Yes, understanding the culture can improve your piping and drumming

On the internet – try <http://www.royalhouseofsteward.org.uk> The site covers many subjects including Scottish History, Knights Templar, The Clans, Scottish Castles, Famous Scots, and music, videos, and current Scottish issues.

Famous Scottish Battles by Philip Warner (ISBN 0-7607-0004-4) provides a synopsis of Scottish battle from 1297 through 1746. The Battle of Stirling Bridge, Falkirk, Bannockburn to Glencoe and Culloden

Scotland's War by Seona Robertson and Les Wilson (ISBN 1-85158-700-4) is full of photos and quotations from soldiers and civilians living through World War II. It includes a chapter on the Blitz in Clydebank. Our favorite Octogenarian, Pat Wright, survived those two days of bombing, before becoming a Royal Marine Commando.

AMERICA! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO THE AULD GAME? by W Eric Laing (ISBN 1-894916-32-8) www.theauldgame.com "For all those whose enjoyment of golf is impacted by slow play." Eric currently resides in Bermuda, but spent many years here in Albuquerque, where he was a great supporter of the High Desert. High Desert has some copies of this great book signed by the author –available for purchase. \$25.00

NEW NEW NEW

High Desert T shirts – available in White & Black (s-2xl) \$20.00



Modeled by Chris Bollinger at the High Desert Rugby Championship Oct 2005

DATES TO REMEMBER – upcoming performances

November 26, 2005 – 5 pm – Twinkle Light Parade 3rd street to Botanical Gardens

December 15, 2005 - HDPD Election of Officers

January 20, 2006 – Friday 7-11 pm – Scottish New Year hosted by HDPD

January 21, 2006 – Burns Night – sponsored by St Andrews Society

March 11, 2006 – St Patrick's Day Parade

MORE OF THOSE PAINFULLY HONEST CRITIQUE SHEETS FROM THE LAST
TWO COMPETITIONS OF 2005
AND IN THE JUDGES OPINION – Critiques from Longs Peak – Estes Park, Colo.
Quick March Medley - September 10, 2005

Judge: Rodrick MacDonald Piping Points awarded 64

- 1- Intro quite nice, one early chanter, tempo very good and well sustained after rolls
- 2- Nice break and good flow, drones going out a bit
- 3- A few minor mistakes here but on the whole nicely played – on the whole a nicely selected medley and played well together

Judge: Robert Mason Ensemble Points awarded 90

Early E skirls – nice careful tempo- good. Bass a little heavy – ringy. Good break into Burgess – nice pointing – slips 2nd part. Midsection a bit heavy. Losing balance with pipes. Good full sound overall. Nice break. Really good tempo here. Very nice integration between snares and pipes. Good playing here. Cut off- a few squeaks but full sound at end. Overall: watch tonal balance between 2 sections. Really good tempos and good integration between 2 corps. Work on shading in bass/tenor. Lots of potential

Judge: Tom Foley Drumming Points awarded 75

Good opening rolls – well together. Snare – tone good but playing very quietly Right Hand snare drummer playing off snare (ruins the tone! Watch this!) Bass Drum volume good – tenors a little loud. Snares playing quite well together but very carefully. L/D steady throughout. Snare tone very good. Just watch the volume. Quite a nice performance. Material very suitable to the grade level. Watch your tenor volume (and snare drum stick position)

WUSPBA CONTEST RESULTS

Colorado Isle of Mull	4 points	1 st Place
Centennial	8 points	2 nd Place
High Desert Pipes and Drums	12 points	3rd Place
City of Denver	16 points	4 th Place
Michael Collins	22 points	5 th Place
Colorado Youth	24 points	6 th Place
Fingals Cave	26 points	7 th Place

ed. note: The games in Estes Park, Colorado are one of the best in the Western United States. with a Parade, Concert, and Tattoo in addition to the regular Highland Games events. It is always a pleasure to reunite with the Clan Wallace- and we were honored to march with them in the parade. High Desert wears the Modern Red Wallace tartan proudly

NOTES FROM OUR FRIENDS

Hi- My Memories of Scotland (1999) are so great..... hope your trip in 2006 is still in the works. Love Carla , Albuquerque NM

Dear Pipers & Drummers – Thank you for the newsletter from Albuquerque. I still remember the thrill of you all winning the Silver Cup in Glasgow.(1999-World Championships) I found out a couple of years ago that the Burrell Museum was formerly my Grandmother Maxwell's family home. They sold it because there were no more Maxwell men to carry on the business and the name. They were killed in the Wars. Hope this money helps you all out for a trip...yours with affection- Shirley Chambers – Victorville, CA

Thank you for sending the newsletter Enclosed is my check...Greetings to all...Elaine, Albuquerque, NM

HDPD is indeed internationally known-----My pen pal, who lives in Christchurch, New Zealand, and who plays tenor drum in a P&D group there, went to Vancouver, Canada for a drumming meet, met some girl there who was wearing a High Desert tee shirt!!!! Your group played for my birthday party in 2004 and...I've already had a request to bring the 10 people back, for 2006, in Corrales, in August..... Maxine, Corrales, NM

Re the Rio Rancho Highland Games -Congratulations to the HDP&D's. Well done. Also fantastic that Paul placed so well at San Diego (a pupil of mine won the overall Professional event on the Saturday there- Richard Hawke) So great result right through the weekend!- Regards Murray Henderson, Fife, Scotland

Well done, the band! No matter how many competitors. I'll look forward to the newsletter... Eric Laing, Bermuda

THANKS TO:

T.J Trout and the folks at 94 Rock for their support. They are currently running some Public Service Announcements to help us in our quest for snare drummers who don't mind showing off their knees.

Coronado Center and the **Real Simple's Festival of Giving** Fundraiser for Non-Profits, which allowed organizations such as High Desert to sell tickets to their special shopping day and raffle on November 13, 2005 from 6-9 pm. Thanks also to Ginny Primozic for chairing this fundraising effort.

Lorraine McInnes Monie for organizing the Entertainment book fundraiser, which is currently ongoing.

WITH SADNESS

To Sye Feldman on the sudden passing of Marguex, his wife of 55 years. Sye is a past Pipe Major of the Ballut Abyad Shrine Pipe Band and has piped here in Albuquerque for at least four decades. Sye- our thoughts are with you in this difficult time

MUSIC IN CORRALES presents

ALASDAIR FRASER - Scottish fiddle and NATALIE HAAS - cello

NOVEMBER 12, Saturday, 7:30pm HISTORIC OLD SAN YSIDRO CHURCH, CORRALES
NOVEMBER 13, Sunday, 4:00pm HISTORIC OLD SAN YSIDRO CHURCH, CORRALES

Tickets: \$18 advance purchase \$20 door \$12 student

Ticket Purchase Locations:

Frame -n - Art Las Tiendas Center, Corrales Road & Alameda
Bookworks 4022 Rio Grande NW
Washburn Piano Pavillions at San Mateo & I-40

Information: 877 - 287 - 0082 www.musicincorrales.org

"Alasdair Fraser is recognized throughout the world as one of the finest fiddle players Scotland has ever produced. His name is synonymous with the vibrant cultural renaissance which is transforming the Scottish musical scene." SCOTS magazine

Alasdair and Natalie's latest CD, "Fire and Grace," won Scotland's 2004 award for Best Traditional Recording.

The High Desert Pipes and Drums is a 501(c) (3) Public Foundation dedicated to the teaching and playing of the Scottish Bagpipes and Drums. Donations to the high Desert are tax-deductible.

Sincere thanks to Sandia Preparatory School for providing us with such a wonderful facility. The High Desert Pipes and Drums offers on-going lessons on drums, chanter and bagpipes every Thursday starting at 6:00 pm in the Music Building at Sandia Preparatory School. For more information on lessons please contact Pipe Major Bill Horn at hyperpiper1@aol.com or 203-9633

The High Desert Pipes and Drums are available for performances. Please check out our web-site at www.hdpd.org for more information. Thanks to Barbara Everett and eWebiz for support on the web-site. Questions ? Contact hdpdnews2003@aol.com



