

State of the World ('s)

Pipeband Competitions

As many of you know three of the five “majors” in Great Britain have been canceled: the British, European, and now the United Kingdom. Only the Scottish and World’s remain on the schedule. A number of EUSPBA bands have been planning to go to the World’s in August. While in Scotland this past week, EUSPBA President Jim Dillahey tried to get some more information from the RSPBA. This is part of the response he received from John Hughes, Chairman:

We still have the Worlds date in the calendar, as we do the Scottish Championships at the end of July. We are working with both sets of promoters and local and national government on a weekly basis. We have set up weekly conference calls . . . with Glasgow Life and other key Worlds stakeholders to monitor the ever changing picture. As soon as we have any more clarity then we will let you know. There are national briefings here from the Scottish Government twice a day, and the message changes from one briefing to the next. All of our schools close as from today probably until August. So it’s an unprecedented set of circumstances, and we’re doing our best to navigate the Association through these difficult times.

U.S. Piping Foundation Piping Championships

We hope that on June 20, 2020, the University of Delaware will once again play host to the USPF Piping Championships. Professional (Open) and Amateur Grade 1 pipers will contest Piobaireachd, March, Strathspey & Reel events. The Professionals have the opportunity to qualify for prize money totaling \$6,000. The Grade 1 champion will win two weeks tuition. For the champion in both of the categories transatlantic airfare to GB is awarded to enable him/her to compete in major overseas events. For more information and entry form go to <https://www.uspipingfoundation.org/> The deadline for entries is March 30th.

Cancelations and Postponements

The postponements have tentative dates listed. These are not firm at this time.

March 21

Charlestown Indoor Games - Canceled

DSAF Solos – Canceled

EUSBA Ohio Valley Indoor – Canceled

PM Sandy Jones Invite – Canceled

April 3

NH Indoor Scottish Festival – Canceled

EUSPBA Solo Workshop – Postponed (11/20)

April 4

NH Indoor Scottish Festival – Canceled

Cincinnati Indoor - Canceled

Dunedin Highland Games – Postponed (11/21)

April 17

Jimmy McIntosh Challenge – Postponed (8/14)

April 18

CT Piping and Drumming Workshop – Canceled

Loch Norman Highland Games – Postponed (8/15)

April 19

CT Piping and Drumming Workshop – Canceled

Loch Norman Highland Games – Postponed (8/16)

April 26

Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland – Canceled

May 16 – 17

Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival – Canceled

May 23

Greenville Scottish Games - Canceled

May 30

Rockland County Ceol Mor Festival - Canceled