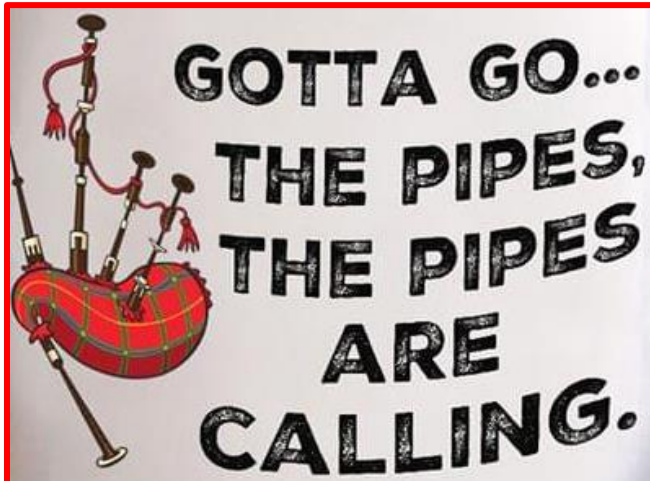


Ingersoll Pipe Band Newsletter



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Celebrating 114 Years



Parade Time Has Arrived!

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Thank you to all who contributed photos – Harold Matthews, Verna Cuthbert, Tricia Dawson, Doug Glover, John Rimington, Larry Perry, Catherine Stark, and of course, Facebook !

Once we hit the month of May, all members of the Ingersoll Pipe Band know that it's time to get prepared to hit the late spring parade and summer event circuit. This requires both mental and physical preparation – reviewing tune and drum scores at practices and at home; getting uniforms in order; checking over our bagpipes and drum kits to make sure we have the best sound possible; entering important performance dates on our personal calendars; and, last but not least - getting ready to have fun playing for gathered crowds both large and small.

Our Pipe Major Doug Collins is definitely making sure that the IPB sound is very sharp and that the starts and finishes of tunes are of professional calibre. He is also giving us extra practice in marching and counter marching just in case we forgot how to do it over those winter months.

Quartermaster Doug Turvey is doing everything on his end to make sure we are looking sharp. Our Secretary Mary Ellen Muterer is keeping track of our bookings, and, our Treasurer Jane Muterer is very happy to collect and deposit performance fees that we earn and accumulate.

The rest of us, besides following all the guidelines, just need to look forward to showing up for practices, parades and events! That we certainly can do as proud IPB members and supporters.

Your Newsletter Editor - *Veronica*

iLoveaParade

First Parade of The Season
Woodstock Victoria Day Parade May 20, 2024



If you look closely at the photo above you can see the IPB leading the parade over the railway tracks on Wellington St. South and then along Henry and Finkle Streets and into Southside Park

VICTORIA DAY PARADE 2024

Monday, May 20 at 10 a.m.
Woodstock Fairgrounds to
Southside Park



As per usual, the parade began at the fairgrounds and marched along Dundas to Wellington and then to the park. It was a bout a 2.3 km jaunt! The weather was beautiful in the morning before the excessive heat rolled in for the day. We had a very large band and not only did we look great but we sounded great!

Check out the YouTube video of the band on Dundas Street.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oe_Fv11I0k8 (Thanks Larry Perry for providing it).



Parade Logistics

Getting assembled and tuned up for this year's Woodstock parade was a little confusing! We **tried** to assemble at the far south end of Southside Park to arrange carpooling over to the Woodstock Fairgrounds. We were told that was not possible so we headed for the parking lot of Fanshaw College nearby to wait for a non-existent city bus to transport us to the parade start. When that plan failed, we carpooled over to the Food Basics parking lot and walked across Dundas to our meeting point at McKenzie and Nellis. Here we all eventually met up, got tuned up and got prepared with final instructions to march off.



Our Drum Corps

**Top left – Kory and Doug G; Top right – Kevin, Tammi, Larry and Harold
Bottom left – Doug T, Aly, Winston; Bottom right – Adam, Wendy, and DSgt Lisa McP**

We had a great turnout of drummers for both parades on Victoria Day. We welcomed back to the band, Kory Stephens who was a former member several years ago. (more about Kory in our next issue of the IPB Newsletter)



Our Pipers

Top left – Bonnie-Heather, Eric, Lee; Top right – Ron, Don, Jim, PSgt Charlie
 Centre left – George (LFF band), PM Doug C; Centre right - Cheryl, Nancy, Joanne, Mary Ellen
 Bottom left – Lois, PM Doug C; Catherine, Lana



Jane



Nancy and Veronica

Similar to the drummers' story, we had a full turn out of pipers. We welcomed George Elliott from the London Fire Fighters Pipe Band to join us on our parade route this year. It's wonderful to have so many of our members making connections and playing with other area pipe bands such as the Firefighters Band, The London Police Pipes and Drums, The Dundas Pipes and Drums, and The St. Thomas Police Pipes and Drums.

On Parade in Woodstock





Departing Woodstock and preparing to head for Thamesford afternoon parade



We are so fortunate to have a great support team that assists us on many parades. Pictured above Al McEown, one of our car pool drivers, indicating that he can't believe that the bus was not showing up! Pictured below, Larry Stafford, another member of our support team.



Thankfully, Woodstock Transit did pick us up at the end of the parade at Southside Park and transport us back over to the Fairgrounds area to retrieve our cars. With the Thamesford parade happening at 1 pm, it didn't give our band members much time to grab a quick lunch and then report for duty again!

Parade #2 Thamesford Calithumpian Parade



We are not quite sure if the heat extremes in 2024 was a throwback to the 80's, but all IPB members will agree that it had to be one of the longest and hottest parades that we have participated in for a very long time! Similar to Woodstock's parade, we started the parade with a full complement of pipers and drummers but along the Thamesford route we saw some of our players fall victim to the heat.



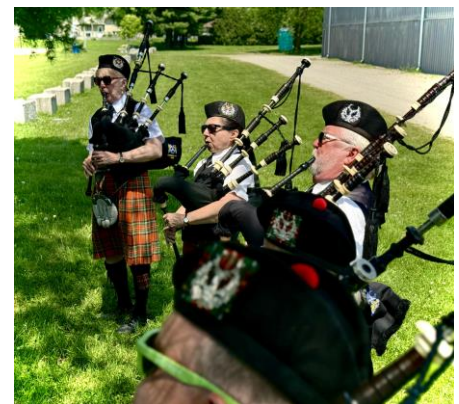
Even our MPP Ernie Hardeman's car fell victim to the heat and had to pull over for a rest break before completing the route which was 3.5 km long. With the temperature reading 27.222°C it's no small wonder that the heat took its toll on parade participants and viewers.

We would like to thank the organizers for the invitation to participate in the parade. This was the 106th anniversary of this community wide celebration that takes place over four days every May on the Victoria Day long weekend. An amazing effort by all of the volunteers and sponsors.

Pre Parade at The Thamesford District Recreation Centre



We had the opportunity to meet up with our Member of Parliament for Oxford County, Arpan Khanna and his Constituency Office Manager, Jasmine Sullivan prior to the parade. They extended their congratulations to us – “Huge congratulations to the [Ingersoll Pipe Band](#) on their successful trip to Arizona! 🎵🎶 Oxford is proud to have you representing us with your incredible talent.” Arpan presented us with a certificate of recognition.



Tuning Up and Spectators Anxiously Waiting for the Parade to Start





MPP Ernie Hardeman sporting one of our new IPB baseball caps with Jane M, Doug C, and Mary Ellen – all residents of Oxford County



A little farther afield – residents of London who are part of the IPB – Winston, Eric, Laurie, Aly, Carole and visitor, George



More proud Oxford residents – Kevin, Nancy and Harold



Two Ingersoll residents, Doug C and Jim A, flanking Catherine who resides in the nearby Princeton area.



Still more Oxford residents – specifically from Zorra Township – Doug T, Wendy, Angus, Ron, Lois and Lana



These three are also bandmates in the London Fire Fighters PB – Eric and George from London and Christina from Ingersoll

Thankfully Approaching the End of the Parade



Once we were finished we got to head over to IPB long time member and drum tutor, Dave Kinkaid's home in Thamesford. Every year he and his wife, Pat, open their patio up for IPB members, Shriners who were in the Calithumpian parade, and friends and family members to enjoy some long awaited and needed refreshments.

Dave is flanked by Linda, another band supporter, on the left and Pat on the right. Thanks so much for your hospitality and especially for the pizza and wings ordered in for supper!





Cheers, Dave & Pat



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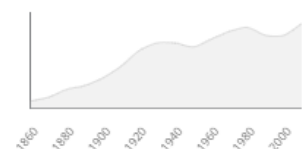
calithumpian, variant of *callithumpian*, adj. & n.

U.S. colloquial and regional (originally north-eastern). Designating a group of people making cacophonous music or noise using a variety of...

FYI
• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

How common is the word *callithumpian*?

Fewer than 0.01 occurrences per million words in modern written English



Indianapolis 500 Weekend May 26, 27 2024



The 108th Running of the **Indianapolis 500** presented by Gainbridge was scheduled for Sunday, May 26, 2024. The greatest drivers in racing were competing for The Borg-Warner Trophy, one of the most recognizable prizes in all of sports.



Many of our band members have made numerous trips south of the border each spring to join with the Indianapolis 500 Gordon Pipers Horsehoe/Pipes and Drums as they take part in the annual Indianapolis 500 Race and all the events that surround it. Each year has its interesting turns and events and the weather always factors into the weekend's activities. Regardless of how many trips IPB members have made to this premiere event, the air is charged with anticipation as we cross over the border into the USA and arrive on the Friday of the US Memorial Day weekend.

This year a smaller number of IPBers and supporters made their way to our accomodation at The Colonel Green House, a residence loacted in the Greater Indianapolis Area at the Fort Harrison State Park. This was the same location that we were billeted at last year, just a different house.

Our accommodation was not quite as large as last year's but with fewer folks attending, we were able to spread out just fine. We took advantage of the common areas both indoors and outdoors. Again this was a great location from which to access Saturday's parade downtown. and Sunday's big race. The other advantage of our lodging location was that it gave us great access to croquet "courts" . The Matthews once again brought their official croquet gear and so we were able to have a few games of friendly rivalry while relaxing and waiting for the more official Indy events to take place.



The Colonel Greene House



Home Sweet Home

Our attendees this year representing the IPB included –
 Pipers – Nancy Matthews, Christina Breen, PS Charlie Thomson, Angus Thomson, Veronica Jackson, Will Tempest
 Drummers – Leslie Tempest, Doug Turvey, Harold Matthews, Tammi Minogue
 Supporter – Larry Stafford.

Will and Leslie hail from Huntsville. They are members of The Cameron of Lochiel Pipes and Drums that is based in Huntsville and practices at the Legion Hall there. Several of us have met Leslie and her son, Will in Orillia at practices for The Pipes and Drums of Canada. Will being a huge racing fan inquired about the possibility of going to Indy one year, so Doug T made the arrangements.



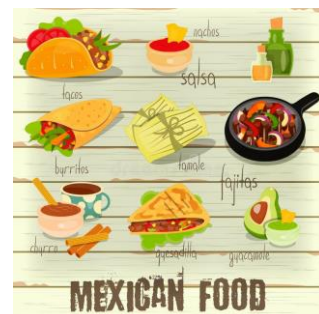
Friday Night Croquet Round Up



Leslie and Will getting the finer points of croquet instruction by our Pro Harold



We discovered this great Mexican restaurant last year so of course it was natural to head over to the “cantina” again for a delicious Friday evening “cena” (dinner).



Parade Day



The Purdue Marching Band

The streets were packed and the weather was perfect for a parade Saturday afternoon in downtown Indianapolis.

More than 200 000 folks lined the streets to view this year's parade. The theme was "Iconic Moments in Indy."

The 1.5-mile route through the downtown core included numerous floats, giant helium balloons, celebrities, bands and all 33 Indy 500 drivers. Since the 500 Gordon Pipers were on a float last year they repeated the tradition again in 2024. For those of us who experienced this phenomenon last year we were prepared for it; our newbies found it very interesting to be standing static rather than marching the parade route.



The float did give us the advantage of seeing above the crowd and getting an opportunity to really appreciate all the sights and sounds. Fans use this opportunity to see all the Indy drivers up close, much different than watching the race out at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday. It was estimated that this year's race would have the second-largest attendance in the last century and would see 345 000 tickets sold. Lots of **waiting** around for participants and parade spectators!



IPB members waiting for the parade to begin



Volunteers waiting to move the balloons out onto the route



Representatives of cultural groups wait patiently to march and dance down the street



What's a parade in the USA without an Oscar Meyer hot dog float?

Definitely Waiting! Some Having More Fun Than Others!!!



And Then We Were Off....



If you click on the photo above you will see a short video broadcast from the parade by NBC Peacock Channel.



Pipers and bass drums on the front wagon; all other drummers on the second wagon. So by riding a float we saved ourselves a 2.4 km walk!



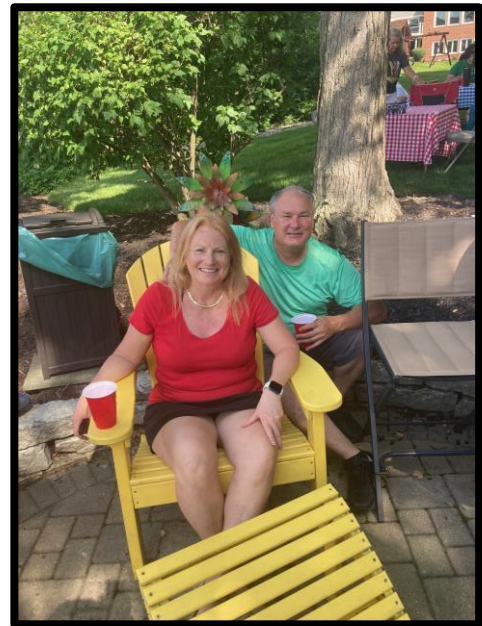
More parade footage if you click on the photo above!

FY! - 1.5-mile (or 2.4 km) Press Release -
"The 2024 AES 500 Festival Parade kicks off on Saturday. The parade is expected to draw about 200,000 spectators along the 1.5-mile route in downtown Indianapolis to see floats, giant helium balloons, celebrities, bands and all 33 Indy 500 drivers. This is the 68th year for the annual event, part of the 500 Festival."

A Brief Respite Between Gigs The tradition continued ...

Last year, following the parade, Kim and Ray Peck invited us to their home located on the Geiser Reservoir in the northeastern part of the Greater Indianapolis Area. Their son, Robbie, is a member of the Gordons 500 pipe Band.

Once again we and other members and friends of The Gordons were treated to an absolute amazing BBQ spread for dinner. We had plenty of time to renew acquaintances and after dinner provide a few tunes for neighbours and passing boaters on the lake. We so appreciate all the effort put forward by The Pecks and The Indianapolis 500 Gordon Pipers Horsehoe/Pipes and Drums for hosting us on the Memorial Day weekend.



Our hosts, Ray and Kim Peck



Pipe Major Doug Hardwick and wife and band member, Patti Hardwick

Hanging out at The Pecks with The Gordon 500s



Saturday Night's Activities Continue



Blend Bar Cigar Indianapolis has over the past few years invited the combined bands to send a few pipers and drummers each year to play some music at their location on the Saturday night prior to the big race. Our purpose is to entertain their many members and visitors. We play a few Scottish tunes and the staff and owners treat us to some appetizers, beverages and cigars if we wish! Gordon 500 Drummer, Kimble Richardson arranges this outing and it is always a unique opportunity to bring Scottish pipe band music to a new set of fans.



IPB members and friends at The Blend



Kimble, in the centre, who arranged the visit



2 Pipers & A Drummer – Gordon 500S



PSgt Charlie & Veronica



Angus and Larry enjoying time at The Blend

Race Day Sunday May 26th

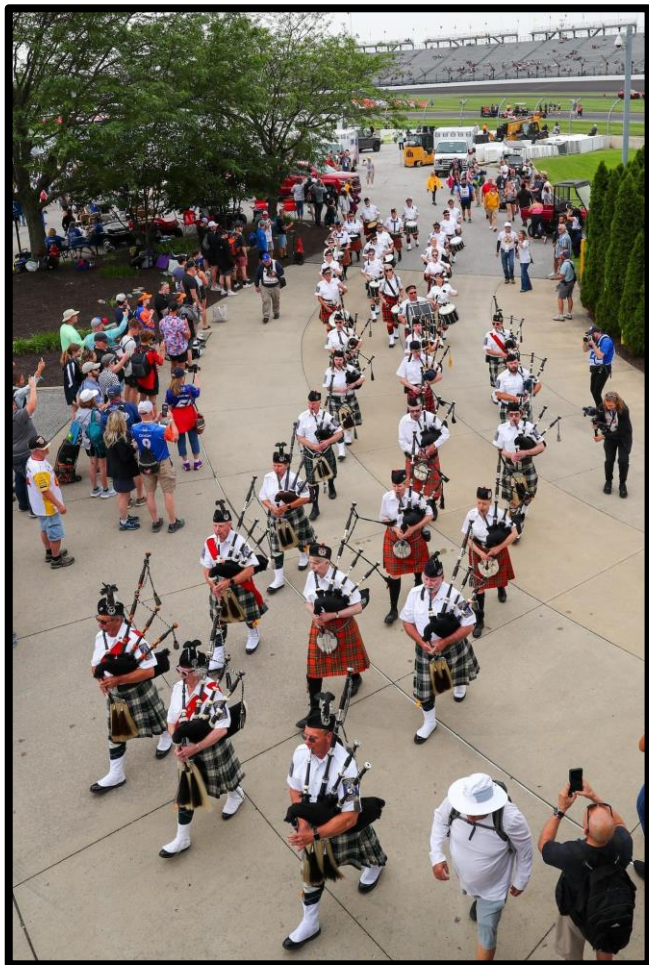
All of the IPB contingent was up and ready to leave Fort Harrison quarters at 4:30 a.m. on Sunday. We car pooled to a destination where we met up with The Gordon 500 contingent. Our trip to the Indy race site and entry to the grounds was quick and easy. Thanks once again to PM Doug Hardwick for his organization and expertise at getting us to our location inside the track in excellent time. We greeted the sunrise and the prospect of a possibly very wet day at The Brickyard.



After a healthy but delicious breakfast of donuts and coffee, we prepared ourselves mentally and physically just after 7 am to march over to the staging area of the Born-Wagner Trophy. Here we prepared ourselves and waited patiently for the NBC Peacock Streaming Channel to give us the green light to take the trophy on its historic journey around the infield and then out onto the track.

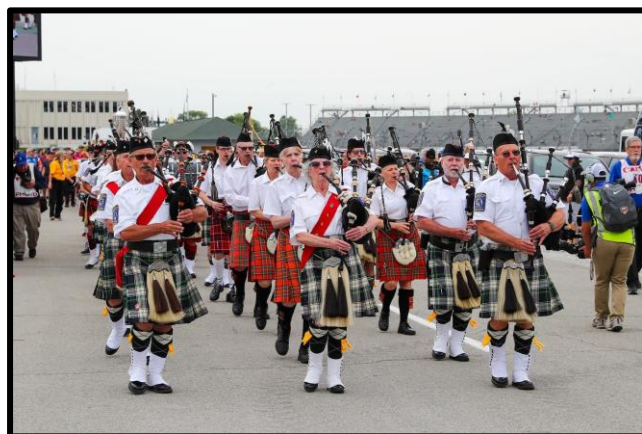


Once the Borg-Warner Trophy was safely escorted by the main grandstand, the pipe band marched to turn three of the race track where we got to pause and take a breather. Here we hung out with the amazing Purdue Marching band. In 1919, the Purdue "All-American" Marching Band became the first band to perform as part of the day's ceremonies. Each year when we get the opportunity to have conversations with these incredible university musicians, as well as the 500 Speedway Regiment High School Band members. It makes us all the more aware of how much marching bands, whether "all American" brass and percussion bands, or, "Scottish traditional pipe bands" have in common. Pride in our performance, traditions and music is foremost and appreciated by fellow bandmates no matter their ages.



Piping the trophy through the in field of the track. Right click on the photo above to watch some of the parade.

Scenes from the Morning's March



More Scenes from Race Day



Racing News Update

Thankfully, we were able to complete our parade duties at the track by noon hour. We had time to have some lunch and put our instruments away when the Indianapolis Motor Speedway made the following announcement –

"Given the proximity of lightning moving toward the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, a decision has been made to pause the pre-race ceremonies and move fans out of the grandstands and Snake Pit," the IMS said Sunday in a statement. "Spectators are encouraged to follow the instructions of IMS team members. They should exit the grandstands in an orderly fashion and implement their personal safety plans."

"The start of the 108th Running of the Indianapolis 500 will also be delayed. Additional updates on timing will be communicated."

Along with thousands of fans, most of the IPB members decided to vacate the track and head back to our residence at Fort Harrison State Park. After a lengthy delay of getting out of the speedway we finally hit the open highway and by 2 pm were just unpacking our gear when the heavens opened and down came the downpour.

Meanwhile back at the track, officials allowed spectators to return to the grandstands as lightning cleared the area. A decision was made to rub the race and to lift the local TV blackout.

Thank you to those fans who waited out the rain with us. We hope to see racing action soon and track drying is underway.

For those unable to be at the Speedway in person due to today's schedule changes, NBC affiliate WTHR will televise the race live in Central Indiana, with the local blackout lifted due to the storm.



So in the end we did get to view the race – in the comfort of our residence!

We set up our own sports bar with a big screen TV included!



At 4:37 pm, the "Drivers start your engines" announcement was made and at 4:44 pm the Indianapolis 500 green flag was waved. After several caution laps, accidents etc. at 7:45 pm, Josef Newgarden won the 2024 Indy 500!



Pipers Christina Breen and Will Tempest had volunteered to pipe the trophy to the track at the race's end with Gordon 500 pipers, PM Doug and Doc. Doug Turvey volunteered to stay behind with the pipers and Will's mom, Leslie, to bring them home as he was their designated driver. Just before 11:30 pm they finally arrived "home" and hit their beds – a very, very long day but indeed a fun one!

A Visit to Cedarview in Woodstock June 13th



We have visited Cedarview Retirement several times over the past few years and each time the residents have thoroughly enjoyed our music. Last year it was a very rainy evening but this year we were fortunate to have sunshine and a lovely breeze.

We had a great turnout of pipers and drummers and we were very comfortable in our summer dress- black crested golf shirts and ball caps with our kilts. Many bands are looking at alternatives for their uniforms as climate change affects our performances and comfort levels in more extreme temperatures.

A pleasant surprise was that one of the residents, Ken Moore, is the father of two of our former pipers. His two sons, Gary and Roddy, were in the band on parade from 1961 to 1970.



Ken standing between PM Doug C and Jim A who were both in the band with his sons



Also a surprise to find out that one of our snare drummers, Tammi Minogue, is Ken's niece!

Below, some photos of the residents who attended our concert for them, and PM Doug gave them some background about the IPB and our tunes.



Looking Sharp in Our Summer Gear



More Photos of Our Visit to Cedarview



Freya our Web Master



**Two of our Woodstock fans – Joanne & Larry Perry
(Catherine Stark's parents)**

Annual Spring Band Hall Clean Up & Chore Day

As usual there were lots of outdoors and indoors projects to look after on our Saturday morning clean up day in June. Thanks to all our volunteers we were able to get a lot accomplished in a very short amount of time.

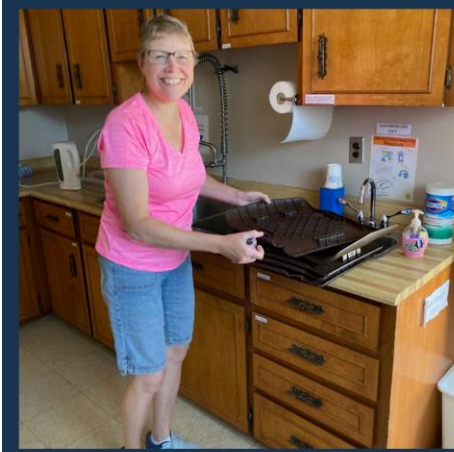
The outdoor crew looked after power washing the building walls, cleaning out eavestroughs, pruning trees, washing windows, cutting grass, eliminating weeds, and raking and sweeping up debris.

Top Row - Left – Mary Ellen; Right – Ron, Kevin, Jim H, Angus

Middle Row - Left – Winston; Middle – Ron; Right – Jim A

Bottom Row – Left – Charlie; Middle Doug C; Right – Doug T





Indoor Clean Up Crew



The indoor crew looked after cleaning windows, wiping out fridges, repairing chairs and tables, sweeping up, general dusting and cleaning duties.

Top Row – Left - Lois; Right - Joanne

Middle Row - Left – John and Dave; Right – Winston, Angus, Tammi, Larry, Jim H, Kevin

Thanks to all our learners who came out and showed their commitment to the band! Many thanks as well to all who brought special equipment to assist in the clean- up projects. Our building custodian, Mary Ellen, was very happy with all the results!



A Little Humour – Comics Sent to Your Editor



Members' News



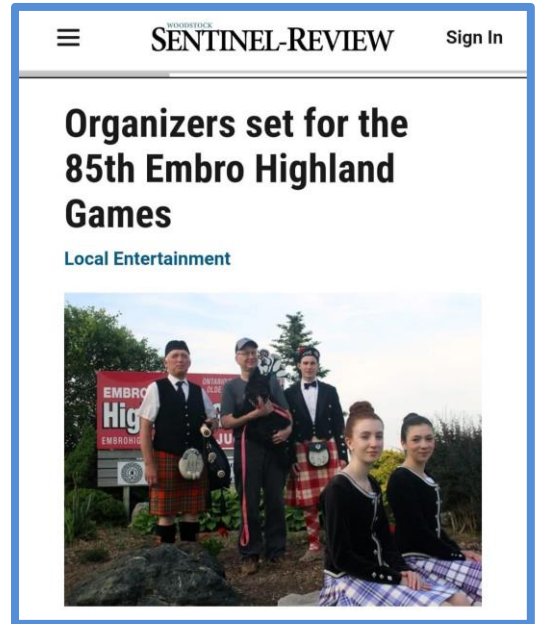
Drummer Doug Glover in Montreal hunting for the perfect Montreal bagel with his daughter Sarah



Golspie Dairy won the 2023 Oxford Tourism Award for Responsible Tourism! Ron & Wendy Marshall pictured above receiving the award from Oxford County reps



Piper Nancy Matthews piping in the strawberries at the recent Strawberry Supper at St. Paul's Church in Ingersoll



Piper Ron Marshall part of the Organizing Team for the upcoming Embro Games



Pipers Joanne, Mary Ellen and Jane piping at their Aunt Marjorie's 90th Birthday Party



Piper Christina trying out her skills on the bass drum in Massed Band in Georgetown

IPB Members in Other Band News



Tammi, Laurie, Veronica, Carole and Harold assisting PM Walt from the Chatham Legion Band at Parkwood Hospital in London



IPB members who are also London Police and Drum Members posing with PM Scott Shaw and London Police Chief Thai Truong in Toronto at the Ontario Police Memorial at Queen's Park in May



Another Photo From the Police Memorial Day at Queen's Park



Pipers Doug C and Jim A with PM Jim Scott of the London Firefighters Pipe Band and his granddaughter watching the band competition in Georgetown at the recent Highland Games



A recent photo from The Pipes and Drums of Canada practice in Orillia – Our two Dougs (T & C) with two band mates John and Frank who accompanied us one year to the Indianapolis experience!



Piper Catherine with her dog, Birdie at the RUFF MUDDER event