

Ingersoll Pipe Band



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Indeed, the first two sets of Highland Games in our part of Ontario have already come and gone. For competition bands, the action all began in Georgetown on June 11th and in Coburg on June 18th. Ingersoll is looking forward to participating in our first games in Embro on July 1st. In preparation for these games, the band has been memorizing new music.

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A new tune, was sent out to all pipe bands who participate at highland games. The tune is called "The Diamond Anniversary March" and was composed by Pipe Major Tyler Bridge of Guelph who was the winner of The Pipers' & Pipe Band Society of Ontario's recent 75th anniversary composing competition. His winning tune will be played by the massed bands participating at the games on the PPBSO summer circuit of games. Some of our band members will be competing in upcoming games as soloists so we wish them good luck as they get ready for these exciting times ahead. We also wish area bands who are competing "smooth piping and drumming ahead". A few Ingersoll members also participate with these bands at various levels of band competition.

Our schedule for the spring and summer season has been busy already and promises to heat up in the next few weeks. Needless to say we are excited to be back out participating in parades, performing at other events, and sharing our favourite music with crowds big and small. Over the next few pages we will take a look back at our preparations and participation so far in the 2022 season. Thank you to all the contributors for this issue that emailed photos and shared their excitement with us.

– Your Editor, *Veronica*



Piping Maintenance Workshop Saturday May 7th



All the pipers would like to thank our Pipe Major Doug Collins for spending many hours assisting us with pipe maintenance and obtaining for the band several well needed supplies to get us “parade ready”.

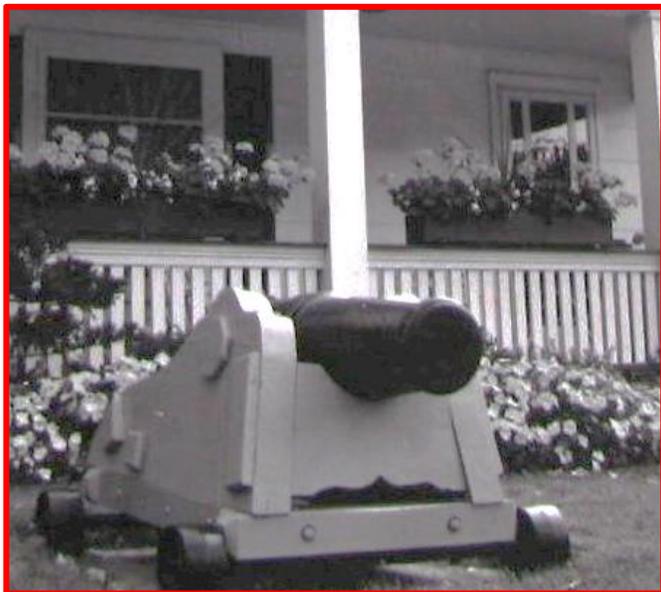
There was an excellent turn out at the band hall for our Saturday pipe maintenance date and both Doug and Pipe Sergeant Charlie were able to give lots of time and advice to everyone who requested it.



Perky Pipers Prepping for Parades (say that 5 times fast)



Canon Restoration Project



Ingersoll Cheese and Agricultural Museum Face Book page posting -

Remember the small cannon that once sat guarding the Sinclair home on Canterbury Street?

The piece has been restored and ready for public viewing again! Head to the museum this Saturday, May 21st at 2:00pm and take part in a short celebration and commemoration of this cannon's 125th anniversary! It will be a blast!

And ... it was a blast for the mini band from the IPB! Two of our members, Nancy and Harold Matthews were very close friends of Diana Sinclair and when she passed away in August 2017 they were very much involved in settling her affairs. Diana was godmother to the Matthews' sons, Alister and Hamish, also members of the IPB. Diana was very proud of her Scottish heritage.

A decision was made to donate the cannon that sat out in front of her home to the Cheese and Agricultural Museum. Diana's grandfather originally had the canon commissioned in the early 1900's and it sat on his property in Ingersoll. Later it was moved to Canterbury Street, the location of the home of his son James (Diana's father).

The Matthews asked pipe band members if we would be interested in taking part in the museum's dedication of the Sinclair cannon and we all agreed that it was an excellent idea. Since our PM Doug was busy playing at a wedding that day, Piper Mary Ellen Mutterer agreed to step in and act as PM for the afternoon.



Nancy and Harold with the newly restored cannon near the entrance to the museum

After our participation, The Matthews wrote:

"Thank you one and all for coming out today and being part of the Sinclair Cannon Dedication ceremony. Diana would have been thrilled to have had some piping/drumming for this event and equally grateful for sunny bright skies to unveil the newly refurbished cannon. I appreciate you taking time out of what I know is a busy holiday weekend for everyone. This was an important event for Harold and myself, as it signified the last piece of the puzzle to put Diana's affairs in place. It was a great day to be together and share Lois's first 'unofficial' mini-parading event. Wilson would have been proud to see you today! You looked and sounded great! Finally a big thank you to Mary Ellen who orchestrated and organized us perfectly. Thank you for leading the way today and keeping us all in tune and in step. You rocked it! To wrap things up, as Diana would say....Many Thanks!"

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Scenes from Dedication Ceremony at the Ingersoll Museum



First Parades of 2022

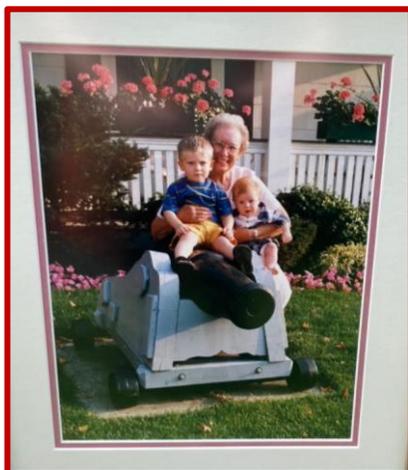


As tradition dictates for the IPB, we take part in two events on Victoria Day Monday. This year the date fell on May 23rd. It was a very exciting day for two communities – Woodstock and Thamesford as they returned post Covid to their event packed weekends. It was also a very exciting day for one of our pipers, Lois Turvey who “officially” debuted her piping and marching skills on parade.

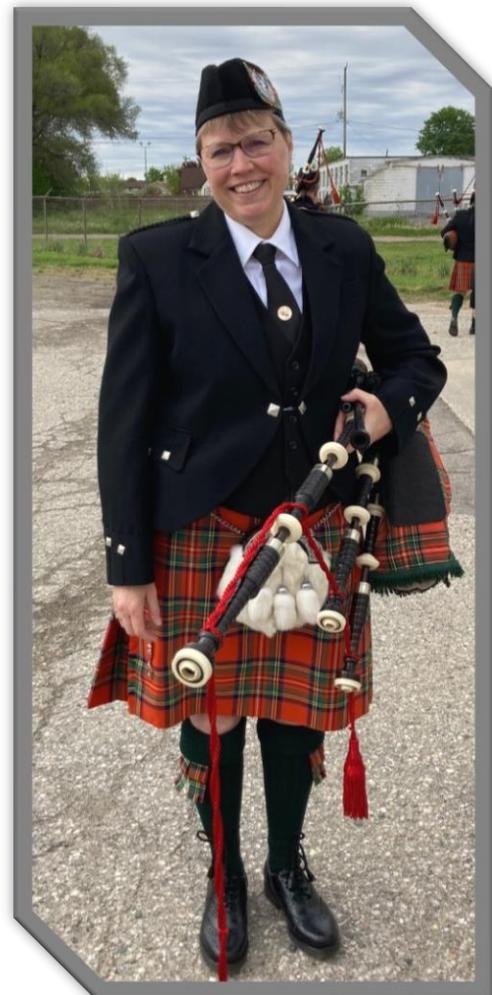


Top Photo, Curator Scott Gillies addressing the crowd gathered for the ceremony and explaining the historical significance of the Sinclair Family to the town’s history.

Bottom Photo – Nancy relating some memories of Diana Sinclair and her activism in the community.



Diana with her Godsons



Looking great, Lois in Woodstock prior to tuning up!

Tuning Up in Woodstock at The Fairgrounds





Finally – On Parade – Dundas Street Woodstock Thanks for the photos, Verna!

Thamesford Calithumpian Days
Parade Day May 23rd



The Thamesford Lions Club were the organizers of the 103rd parade! The event started at 1:00 pm and the route was a little different this year. As Thamesford has developed, it was decided to reverse the parade and march from the public school to the arena. The route was extended into the streets of some of the new subdivisions to welcome many of the new residents.



Drummers patiently waiting for the pipers to warm up.

We gained two additional drummers for our afternoon parade – total = 9 but loss one piper for a total of 15 ; Total band members on parade = 24. Excellent!



Official Photo of Lois with PM Doug C and PSgt Charlie



The Turveys





Hanging out at the school prior to the parade and a photo op with MPP Ernie Hardeman



And We're Off!



If you would like to view a video of this year's Calithumpian parade, click on the link below. IPB appears around the 4 minute mark!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVJvOMNwIng>

Final Photos from Thamesford



A big thank you to Dave and Pat Kincaid for hosting us after the parade for some well earned snacks. Also thanks to Harold, our roving photographer/drummer for his excellent photos from the day.

Indianapolis 500 May 28, 29th



It seems impossible that it was 2019 when IPB members last headed south to Indianapolis for the Indy 500 race. Once again, the Gordons 500 Pipe Band invited us back to resume our long friendship between pipe bands and to recognize their 60th anniversary.

So this year, brothers Gail and Kevin MacKay, The Breen Family – Piper Christina, husband Bob, and daughter, Dani, and The Matthews Duo – Harold and Nancy, travelled to Indianapolis to represent our pipe band. Let it be known that they were fantastic reps once again for the IPB and returned with quite a few photos of their Memorial Day weekend activities in the USA. (Pictured above is Dani in the Royal Stewart tartan carrying out the duties of the Canadian flagbearer on the track on race day).

Almost all of the weekend's photos that you will see over the next two pages were taken by Harold Matthews or Kevin MacKay.

Thanks so much for submitting them to your newsletter editor for use in this edition.

It was a very special weekend on two accounts – The Indianapolis 500 Gordon Pipers-Horse Shoe Pipes and Drums were celebrating their 60th anniversary and DM Gail MacKay was recognized for his long standing support of the Indianapolis band.

Harold Matthews submitted the following report:



“This meeting and ceremony of the Ingersoll Pipe Band and The Gordon Pipers of Indianapolis at the Indy 500 marked many events:

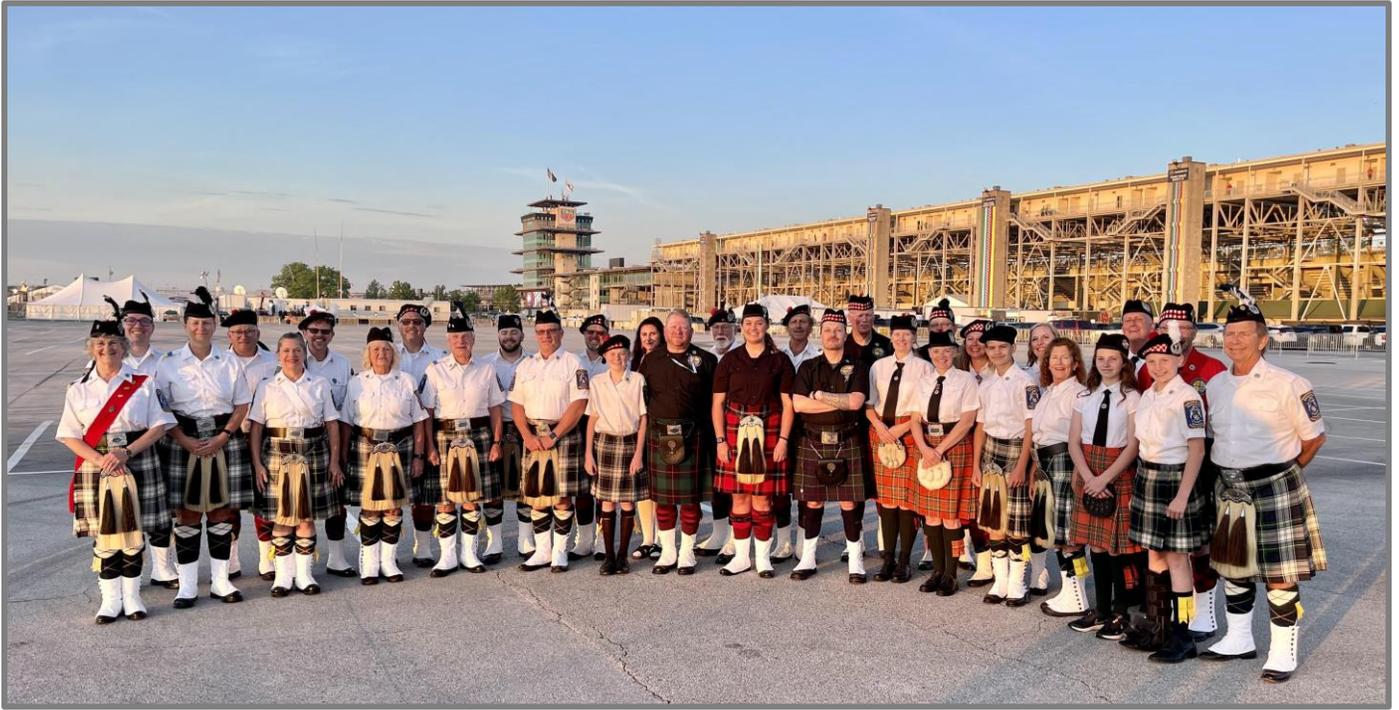
Drum Major Gail McKay was honoured to be welcomed as a Life Member of the Gordon Pipers.

The Gordon Pipers were recognized by The Ingersoll Pipe Band as they Celebrate their 60th year as The Official Pipe Band of the Indy 500.

This was the 106th year of the running of the Indy 500. “



Indy 2022



At the Brickyard and The Cigar Bar



Click on the photo to the left to view a video of the Gordon 500's with their IPB partners escorting the Borg-Warner Trophy on race morning for 106th Indianapolis 500!



Cedarview Retirement Thursday June 9th

PM Doug received a request for our band to perform in Woodstock at Cedarview Retirement. It was decided that we would entertain the residents on a Thursday evening in lieu of a regular practice back at the band hall. The retirement residence was celebrating "Candy Man" Day and after our performance, their recreation supervisor, Gail, doled out candy chocolate bars to the band!



Photos of our band members and residents in the back courtyard and parking lot of Cedarview. Unfortunately rain showers moved in so we had to cut our performance short. We promised to return another day.



Video Coverage courtesy of Larry Perry - <https://www.facebook.com/larry.perry.357622/videos/704352800832283>

Relay for Life June 11th 2022 Woodstock



Relay for Life was back in Woodstock, raising awareness and funds for the Canadian Cancer Society. On June 11th from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the College Avenue Secondary School there was a variety of games and things scheduled for people to enjoy as they walked the CASS track raising funds. Three pipers from Ingersoll – PM Doug Collins, Claude Roach and Veronica Jackson - led the participants around the track as the special luminaries were lit at the end of the evening. We met up with Wilson McBeath's grandson-in-law – Jason Church. He was taking part as a survivor; Wilson's granddaughter, Jennifer Church and great grandson were there as well earlier in the day. Congrats to all the participants and sponsors.



**No one should have
to face cancer alone.**



COMMUNITY
IS BIGGER THAN CANCER

Doors Open Oxford Ingersoll



Earlier in the spring, the curator of the Ingersoll Agricultural and Cheese Museum asked the IPB to consider taking part in Doors Open Ingersoll on June 18th. After some discussion, the Executive of the band agreed that it would be a good idea.

We would like to thank Mary Ellen Muterer for taking the lead and organizing the band hall and setting up all the displays for our visitors. Also a shout out to PM Doug and DM Gail for their active part in organizing the performance sessions of the band members and escorting the visitors through the building.

Some of our visitors were local while others travelled from Toronto and Markham to check out our displays.



Our Band Room on Display



More displays in the Main Hall



**IPB Members – Afternoon Shift
MaryEllen, Joanne, Jane , Doug G and Gail**



Visitors from The GTA



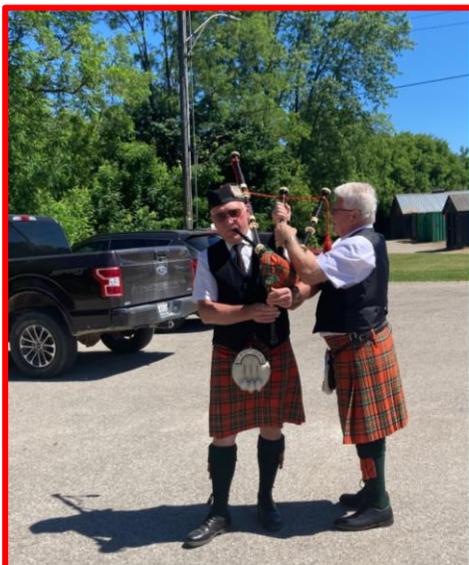
Piper Don getting ready for playing



Dave Kincaid helping out on Bass Drum



P Sgt Charlie ready to play



PM Doug tuning Ron's pipes



Drummers Dave and Doug G



Morning Mini Band members – Doug G, Cheryl, Steve, Christina, Ron, Charlie, Dave, Claude, Veronica, PM Doug C



Charlie showing us his skills as a bass drummer (seconds?)



Cheryl and Claude on hand to entertain

Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Celebration June 2, 2022



Our very first social of 2022 was held in honour of HRH Queen Elizabeth II. We celebrated her Platinum Jubilee with a dinner of fish and chips, cupcakes, and toasts (sherry, lemonade or scotch)! It was a fun event held prior to practice and we were very happy to have friends and families attend. It was particularly nice to have retired pipers Eleanor and George Duncan come out and enjoy the celebration with us. And yes, we did sing a rousing chorus of "God Save The Queen"!



Everyone joined in the spirit of the evening by wearing their favourite UK colours

Members' News Round Up

Several of our members are in more than one pipe band as they enjoy participating in competitions. Some of these individuals also compete as soloists at this year's highland games that take place around Ontario.

Drum Sergeant Lisa McPherson-Haycock competes with the London & District Pipe Band. As well, Drummers **Aly Banasazak** and **Graham Carol**, who often play with the IPB on parade, are members of the London band. Piper **Christina Breen** is another member of the London & District band.

Quartermaster Scott Munro enters competitions and drums with the Guelph Pipe Band while **Piper Catherine Stark** is competing with the Paris Port Dover Pipe Band.

Former IPB member, **Piper Adam Walker** is playing with the Peel Regional Police Pipe Band.

We wish them all the best of luck at the upcoming highland games in Kingsville, Embro, Kincardine, Cambridge, Maxville, Fergus and Almonte. (A full schedule of the games, entrants and results can be found at <http://ppbso.org/games>)

The following photos are from the recent games in Georgetown and Cobourg.



Aly, Scott and Lisa meet up in Cobourg



Graham competing in Novice Bass Drum



Catherine tuning up with Paris Port Dover

A few other IPB pipers and drummers do extra duty with additional bands – for example, **the London Police Pipes and Drums** and **the Shriners Royal Scots of Mocha**. Others travel monthly to Orillia to participate with **The Pipes and Drums of Canada Pipe Band**.



Pipers Steve and Nancy & Drummer Harold with the LPPD in Toronto

LOOKING PRETTY NIFTY AT FIFTY!

Piper Steve Shepherd's spouse held a fiftieth "Star Wars" theme birthday party for him in May in the backyard of their home in Ingersoll. Needless to say bagpipes and drums magically appeared as part of the entertainment.



Thanks, Heidi for asking us to crash Steve's BBQ and 50th Bash!

Introducing



Drummer Doug Glover and wife Catherine's 10th grandchild. Congrats! Naomi Grace Stewart pictured with her oldest brother Sullivan and her Mummy at two days old.