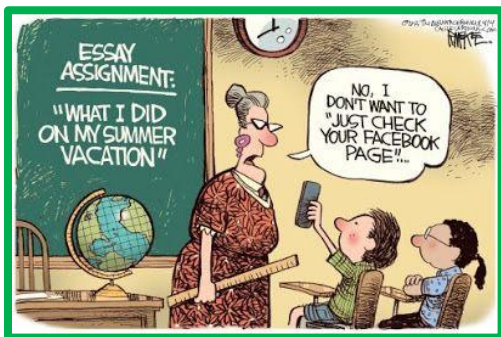


Ingersoll Pipe Band



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Celebrating 112 Years



The Ingersoll Pipe Band has been keeping track on its Facebook Page of its piping gigs and jaunts around the area since our last issue was sent out in June. Several of these postings show how admirably well members coped with the very warm to extremely hot parade conditions of July and August. It was pretty amazing that we avoided most of the thunderstorms and were able to perform when called upon without pulling out our rain capes.

Not every event had all pipers and drummers present as several members were on vacation – at the beach, taking part in local excursions, heading off for cottage holidays, golfing at local courses, boating in one of Ontario’s beautiful lakes. Other members took off for points to the West or East across Canada. Others headed for international borders – USA or the UK. Many IPB’ers were busy at work, moving into new homes, looking after gardens, running farms and small businesses, and generally trying to keep up with the demands of welcoming visitors and entertaining at home. Some of our members were busy competing at various highland games across the province and were very busy practising and preparing for these very important competitions. All in all compared to the Summer of 2021, this year was definitely busy both on personal and band levels.

This issue looks back at the Summer of 2022 and tries to reflect how the IPB tried to “return to the new normal”. No doubt there will be some roadblocks and u-turns ahead as we move into the fall. Yet, the important thing is that we are back in business again as a band to improve our musical skills and entertain the community. Thanks to all who submitted photos of band and family events. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. – Your Editor, *Veronica*

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Canada Day July 1st Embro Highland Games



This year's poster featured front and centre a lass who is very skilled at highland dancing. She is Megan Coghill, and it just so happens that her mom, Lana, is one of our IPB Intermediate piping learners!

After an absence of two years, The Embro Highland Games held by the Zorra Caledonian Society were up and running again. Over 4000 visitors were welcomed to Embro to view and appreciate, or participate in the road race, dog and sheep trial demonstrations, the highland dancing competitions, the piping and drumming competitions and massed band events, the "heavy event" competitions, the musical entertainment (Including Metis fiddling, drumming, and jigging) and act as vendors, or ambassadors for the clans. It was indeed a joyful day to celebrate the 83rd anniversary of the Embro Games, Ontario's oldest celebration of Scottish culture.

Pipers Ron Marshall and Angus Thomson were not only performing with us but were also actively involved in the organization and running of the games. Well done, gentlemen.

Although the afternoon brought thunderstorms to surrounding areas, the sun continued to shine on Embro all day long!

Schedule of Events

Time	Event
7:00 am	GATES OPEN for the 83 rd time!
7:30 am	Road Race Registration opens
8:00 am	Highland Dance Registration opens
8:30 am	Solo Piping & Solo Drumming Competitions begin
8:55 am	Town Crier (Doug Turvey)
9:00 am	Highland Dance Competition begins
9:00 am	5 & 10 km Road Races start
9:08 am	2 km Road Race starts (for Grade 8 and under)
10:00 am	Scottish Dogs on Parade
10:00 am	Metis Dance Demonstration #1
10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Local Craft Alcoholic Beverages begin serving
10:30 am	Sheep Herding Demonstration # 1
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Heavy Events - 30lb Embro Stone Throw
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Heavy Events - Open Stone Throw
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Steel City Rovers
11:00 am - 2:00 pm	Children's Scottish Crafts
11:30 am	Sheep Herding Demonstration #2
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Heavy Events - Light Weight for Distance
11:30 am	Kilted Yoga - Moda Yoga - visitor participation
12:30 pm	OFFICIAL OPENING - President's Welcome Visiting Dignitaries, Anthem, Massed Bands
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Steel City Rovers Musical Workshop - visitor participation
1:00 pm	Metis Dance Demonstration #2
1:00 pm	Dog Agility Demonstration #1
1:15 pm	Ingersoll Pipe Band leads the Clan Parade
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Heavy Events - Scottish Heavy Hammer Throw
1:30 pm	Highland Dance competition resumes
1:30 pm	Pipe Band competitions begin
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Taiwanese - Taiwanese Choir and Dance
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Heavy Events - Caber & Challenge Caber
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Steel City Rovers
3:00 pm	Dog Agility Demonstration #2
3:45 pm - 4:30 pm	Heavy Events - Weight for Height
4:30 pm	Heavy Events - Awards
4:30 pm	MASSSED BANDS



Friends and Family Enjoy July 1st Scottish Games



Massed Band Performance 2022



The following bands made up the Massed Band this year –

- Durham Regional Police Pipes & Drums**
- Peel Regional Police Pipe Band**
- London & District Pipe Band**
- Guelph Pipe Band**
- The Spirit of Ontario Pipe Band**
- Ingersoll Pipe Band**

The Embro Highland Games were the fourth set of highland games across the province. that the PPBSO (Pipers' and Pipe Band Society of Ontario) administered the piping, drumming and pipe band contests at various levels of competition. **If you click on the photo above you will be taken to a video** – it is of the final Massed band of the day and the IPB can be seen in our familiar bright Ancient Royal Stewart kilts on the right hand side (two columns) under the leadership of PM Doug Collins. Thank you to former member, Allan Longridge for sharing the video with us.



**IPB Members
Waiting to
March On**



Making Old and New Acquaintances at Embro

One of the amazing things about the Embro Highland Games (especially after a hiatus of two years) was the opportunity to check in with “old” acquaintances and make some “new” ones.

Some Old Ones

The Zorra Caledonia Society had a “Welcome” booth and look who we found volunteering at it during the day – two of Zorra Township’s finest, Kathy Fraser and Alan Normand, who acted as MC for the day. Great job to all the community volunteers! (Kathy and Alan also appeared in Embro’s Thistle Theatre production of “Brigadoon” in 2018 with IPBers – Doug Turvey, Wendy and Ron Marshall, and Veronica Jackson)



Piper Adam Walker is no stranger to IPB members. Adam was with our band for many years and recently joined the Peel Regional Police Band. He is extremely busy piping with their bands in competition almost every weekend during the summer. Lots of practising and it has paid off. Adam (Wilson McBeath’s grandson) competed successfully at the Grade 2 level in the Jig, March and Strathspey/Reel categories. Well done, Adam!



London and District Pipe Band members, Piper Laurie and Tenor Drummer Carole Marson took time out of preparing for competition and performances to pose for your editor. The Marson duo, former members of the IPB, are also members of the London Police Pipe Band.



IPB’s good friend, supporter and “all things piping and drumming” consultant, Jim Scott was busy judging the solo and band piping competitions in Embro for the PPBSO. Jim owns and operates Scott’s Highland Services in London and is ever so helpful when we reach out to him for advice and equipment. Jim was formerly the PM of the London and District Pipe Band (previously known as the London Firefighters Pipe Band).





IPB Member Andrew Longridge's son, Alan (who was a former member of IPB), stopped by our tent to say hi to many members that he and his dad know well. The photo above shows Alan with his sons and spouse, and IPB members, Harold Matthews and Charlie Thomson.

Some New Ones



Meet The McTavish Father & Son Duo of Robert and Roger who travelled to Embro all the way from the GTA – Etobicoke. These two gents are huge fans of all things Scottish and frequently travel to highland games and Scottish festivals around Southern Ontario. In your editor's opinion, they sported the nicest Scottish clan t-shirts on display on Canada Day in Embro.



Meet more fans from the GTA!
 Pictured above are left to right – Ron Shieh who is an architect, Jean Chen who is an Interior Designer (OCAD Associate), Veronica Jackson, your editor, and Kelley Chang who is a language teacher.
 This was not their first visit to Embro and they were very happy to return post Covid to participate in the highland games as spectators.

As most of our readers are aware, there is a very strong bond between the Taiwanese Community and Embro all because of a certain MacKay- Dr. George MacKay. *Son of Scots immigrants, Presbyterian missionary George Mackay was born near Embro in Zorra Township. In 1872, he founded the first overseas mission in Tamsui, Taiwan. An unconventional character, but sensitive to local needs, Mackay practised dentistry and trained local clergy. He married a Taiwanese, TiunChhang-Mian, and had three children. The "Black-Bearded Barbarian" worked in the Tamsui region until his death, established 60 chapels, several schools and a hospital. In 1881, he raised funds here in Oxford County to help build Oxford College, Tamsui, which later became a university. He was also an outspoken opponent of the Canadian head tax on Chinese immigrants. An inspiration to the evangelical missions movement in Ontario, Mackay remains a national hero in Taiwan. (Ontario Heritage Foundation)*

It was terrific to meet this lovely family and share their enthusiasm.

More Images of Events and Folks at Embro's Highland Games





Some of our pipers and drummers competed in individual competitions. Congrats to the following for their placements:

- Grade 5 Tenor** – 1st Wendy Marshall
2nd Graham Carroll
- Novice Bass** – 1st Graham Carroll
- Grade 5 Piping** – 2nd Ron Marshall
- Grade 4 Piping** – 5th Christina Breen

(Christina, Graham and are also members of the London & District Pipe Band and performed with this band in the **Grade 4 Band** competition; it placed 3rd in March Medley)

Innerkip Canada Day Weekend Celebration Parade – July 2nd

**Innerkip & District Lions Weekend
Canada Day Long Weekend**

Lions Weekend is BACK in 2022!!!

Donations accepted

Food available for sale at the Beer Garden

LIIONS INTERNATIONAL

We Serve

Friday July 1	Saturday July 2	Sunday July 3
11:15 am - Softball Tournament Starts	10:00 am - Lions Weekend Parade	8:00 am - noon - Fireman's Breakfast
11:15 am - Beer Garden Opens	11:15 am - Softball Continues	4:00 pm - Beer Garden Opens
8:00 pm - Family Dance with DJ	11:15 am - Beer Garden Opens	7:00 pm - Innerkip Eagles Fastball Game
	9:00 pm - Dance with Rusty James	9:45 pm - Fireworks

It was indeed a busy time for IPB on the Canada Day front. We were invited to take part in Innerkip's holiday fun and the parade stepped off at 10 am. There were excellent crowds along the main street and everyone enjoyed the sunshine and the atmosphere. Pipe Sergeant Charlie did the honours of tuning us up and leading the band.



Pipers Ron Marshall (above) and Angus Thomson (middle) and Don Gale (below) warming up





Four additional pipers tuning up!
Top Left – Nancy Matthews
Top Right – Claude Roach
Bottom Left – Cheryl McEown
Bottom Right – Al McPherson



Click on the photo above to see a short video of one of our tunes played in Innerkip

Hanging Out Pre-Parade
Top Left- Nancy, Cheryl, Angus, Al
Top Right – Veronica and Doug G
Bottom Left - Doug T, Cheryl, Harold
Bottom Right – Harold and Wendy



Doug G on parade





Some great photos of the band – courtesy of the Innerkip Lions' Facebook Page



Innerkip Lions Club
@innerkipionsclub - Nonprofit organization

A Busy Sunday – July 10th

Stop #1 : A request was sent to our IPB Secretary for a pipe band appearance at Maple Grove Christian Retreat Centre on the 19th Line of Oxford County, just east of Thamesford. Over the past few years the band has made several appearances there to assist with special occasions. This year the band played on “Day 1 of #mgfamilycamp2022 “ - celebrating 75 years of Christian camping. We had a good turnout for the mini band and below are a couple of photos from the camp’s Facebook page and a few from band members.



A Busy Sunday – July 10th

Stop #2 : Keeping with the Maple theme, the second stop was at The Maples Retirement Home in Tavistock. Piper Nancy Matthews' great aunt, Ruth Wallace, recently turned 100. Nancy asked band members if they would assist her in celebrating Ruth's century of life and also provide a bit of entertainment for the rest of the nursing home residents. The Maples was also visited by the IPB in 2020.



Stop #3 : After Tavistock, the IPB travelled to the Shakespeare area for a special family reunion. One of Nancy's teaching colleagues from Stratford, was hosting it at her property outside of Shakespeare. Her school colleague also had family coming from Argentina and they had never had the privilege of being serenaded by a pipe band! After all their strenuous work during the afternoon, the Shakespeare hosts generously fed, watered and entertained the IPB members. A great way to spend a beautiful July Sunday afternoon.



Harvest Crossing Retirement Living Tillsonburg August 9th



Aspira Harvest Crossing recreational director, Karen, invited the IPB down to Tillsonburg to entertain the residents on the evening of Tuesday August 9th. This is the third summer in a row that we have visited these happily retired folks. The weather cooperated and a good time was had by all - especially the mini band of 8 pipers and 3 drummers.



Gathering to warm up and check in



Despite the dark skies we ended up with a lovely evening to play.



Harvest Crossing Performance



Since there had been a recent outbreak of Covid at the retirement residence, most of our audience and care workers wore masks.

When we paused for a break in the performance the residents spoke to us about how much they enjoyed our tunes. Several other residents sat on their balconies and applauded our efforts.

It was a very heart warming visit to Tillsonburg and after the show, many of us stopped for a well deserved ice cream cone at Dad's Ice Cream shop.



50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday August 20th

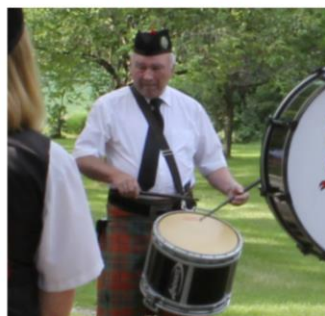
It was not exactly the "Twelve Days of Christmas" numbers but we did have 11 pipers piping and 4 drummers drumming at a recent anniversary celebration near Bright ON. We had a very fun afternoon surprising the anniversary couple – Gail Cuthbert Brandt and Bernd Brandt on the occasion of their 50th celebratory year. Definitely the couple, their family members, and friends were very surprised to hear and see the IPB marching up their driveway to their lovely farmhouse in Blandford-Blenheim Township. After the performance, we enjoyed the food and beverages and horses and old cars! Thanks to all in the band that participated.



Thanks to
Andrew Cairns
for these
photos from
the afternoon.

FOUR DRUMMERS DRUMMING

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We Made The Headlines!



Bright Elaine Ballantyne

BRIGHT, Aug. 22, 2022

Bagpipers and Drummers Made a Stir Last Saturday in Bright



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We met the Ayr News correspondent, Elaine, in Bright (as she explained in her article). We had convened there to tune up our pipes in order to surprise the party guests at the farm. We invited her to tag along for the real news story. Thanks, Elaine and the Ayr News publishers for sharing the story and photos.

The usually quiet village enjoyed a short visit last Saturday afternoon from 15 members of the Ingersoll Pipe Band. The band was on route to the 50th anniversary party of Gail and Bernd Brandt on the 12th. Wanting to practice first, the band made a short stop to the Bright Park. Many locals enjoyed hearing the stirring music.

"It was a complete and overwhelming surprise," Gail reports.

The band congregated and then played as they marched up the Brandt's farm lane.

Several guests were moved to tears.

Gail's sister, Veronica Jackson, has been playing pipes with the band for years and was the one who organized the fantastic surprise.

The band played two sets of traditional songs, including "Scotland the Brave," "Mary's Wedding" and "Road to the Isles."



Congratulations to another Married Couple on a Milestone



In our November 2020 issue of the IPB Newsletter, we met several of our piping students. Some had just started out on the “learning the pipes” beginner’s journey, while others were on the intermediate trail. In that issue we had an introduction to the duo from Strathroy – Bonnie-Heather McCauslan and Lee Merrick. Bonnie explained their fascination with the bagpipes: “Lee and I have always enjoyed music and the thrill of hearing pipe bands! We are so grateful to be a part of the IPB community. Everyone is so welcoming and friendly and it’s clear that you all enjoy each other’s company! We were so lucky to begin our piping journey by studying with Wilson beginning in July of 2019. His joy and passion for piping made the early stages of learning both challenging and fun. John continued our lessons and met our fumbings and questions of technique with patience and good humour. We really appreciated John’s willingness to switch between Google Hangouts and Zoom to help us stay connected and learning. Moving to the Intermediate Zoom Table has been so rewarding and so much fun! We appreciate the time and dedication Doug invests in our musical growth. He hears us all playing to perfection each week! We look forward to our weekly Zoom lessons and hope that we will be ready to join the band on parade in the near future.” - *Bonnie-Heather McCauslan*

And they were in August 2022 – Welcome to the parade band, Bonnie and Lee! Your first official gig as pipers at Heronwood Farms!



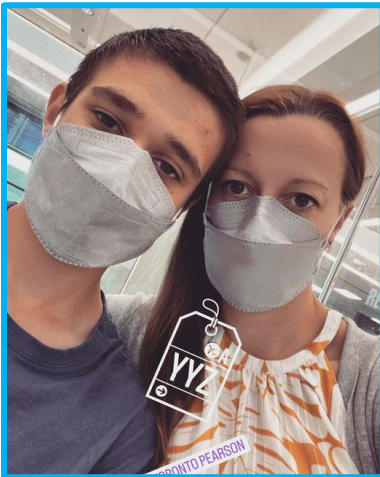
Heronwood is a rolling, wooded 155-acre mixed farm located between the villages of Bright and Plattsville in Blandford-Blenheim Township, Oxford County, Ontario. Gail Cuthbert Brandt and Bernd Brandt bought the property in 1992. Over the past two decades, they have planted over 17 000 trees on the property, restoring hedgerows and planting along roadways to prevent soil erosion. In 2012 the Brandts implemented an extensive renovation of the existing nineteenth century bank barn so that it could easily accommodate horses. Currently there are six generous paddocks and a large hay field to support a herd of six registered Canadian horses. Other agricultural ventures include hazelnut, paw paw fruit, rhubarb, garlic, and asparagus crops as well as Christmas trees and greeneries. In 2020 the Brandts added maple syrup production to their multifaceted farm operation.

Vacation News and Pics

Here is a collection of photos submitted by band members or found by your editor surfing the social network. It appears that there were lots of holiday memories being made!



Intermediate Piper Sam Bell and his mum, Drummer Lisa Gardner are pictured after landing in the UK to spend a couple of weeks visiting family and friends. Then on their return they were off to Florida and Disney World!



Look at those Star Wars Ears on Sam



Steve Shepherd and Heidi, Hunter and Owen spent a week or two at the beginning of July in the Near North. Here's some photos from Manitoulin Island and area.



A moose is on the loose!



Have bagpipes will travel



Doug Glover wrote that he and Catherine managed to meet up with six of their 11 Grandkids in Toronto. Two were from Toronto, two from Guelph and two from California. The five from Ottawa couldn't make it.



Harold and Nancy Matthews not only travelled north to Magnetwan Lake for a few days of boating and relaxation but they also travelled south to the USA to historic Williamsburg and Washington DC

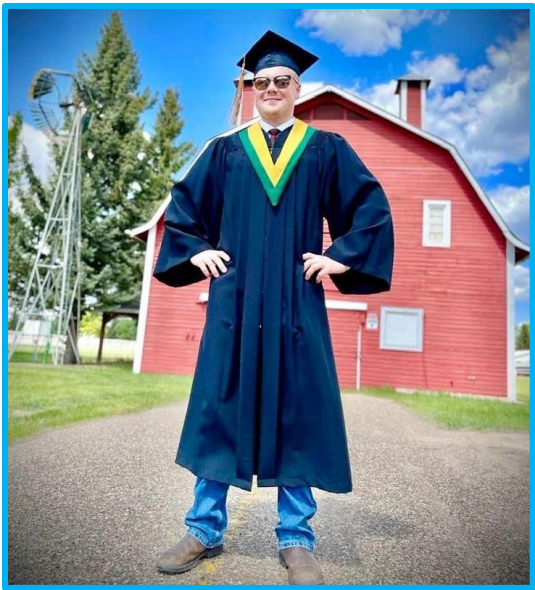


Lois and Doug Turvey travelled with friends to Ireland for a very scenic tour of the Emerald Isle. While there they also checked out a few pubs and castles.



Catherine and Adam Stark headed down east to their hunt camp in Nova Scotia. Here they are showing off their new privy!





And now for a few June grad photos from Saskatchewan. Piper Hamish Matthews, congratulations on your earning your diploma in Animal Science Technology and Ag Business from Lakeland College.



Hamish is presently working in Manitoba

Our Annual Pipe Band Picnic Sunday August 21st

It's been a couple of years since band and family members have been able to gather at The Muterer Farm just north of Ingersoll for the annual band picnic. The rain threatened all day and indeed the horseshoe tournament had to be cancelled but by late afternoon the weather cooperated, the sun came out and we even got to see a rainbow!



Our hosts had everything prepared for the pot luck supper and the fare was delicious. Thanks so much to Mary Ellen, Joanne and Jane for all their prep work and welcoming us back.



Mary Ellen and Joanne, and our yummy spread



Picnic Goers

**Top Row: Barb & Jack,
Jane & Mark, Bonnie & Lee**

**Middle Row: Wendy & Ron,
Heidi & Steve, Harold & Nancy**

**Bottom Row: Christina & Dani,
Catherine & Doug, Veronica & Cheryl**



**Top Row: Katherine &
Alanna & Doug; Gail &
Kevin & Merilee & Jack**

**Middle Row: Hunter &
Steve & Owen; Angus
(What were you up to?),
Gail (thanking our hosts
The Muterer Family)**

**Bottom Row: Happy
Picnickers enjoying great
food and "scintillating"
conversation**



Croquet Tournament Action

Despite the showers, Harold and Nancy were able to set up the croquet wickets and “the game was afoot”! There were four teams with two on each team. Teams were determined by a random draw.



Left to Right: Dani, Nancy, Jack, Bonnie, Jane, Mark, Ron, Christina, Harold and Lee



**Team Red – Jane & Bonnie; Team Blue – Lee & Christina
Team Yellow – Jack & Dani Team Black – Mark & Ron**

Action Shots and Consultations



The Champs



Christina & Lee

Other Piping News Orillia Scottish Festival July 16th

Four IPB members were able to attend and take part in the Orillia Scottish Festival. This was another event that had been postponed since 2019. The IPB bass drum with Doug T was front and centre.



Lois, Doug T, Doug G and Veronica had a great time meeting up with old friends.



Cambridge Highland Games July 16th



Pipe Major Doug Collins hanging out at the Cambridge games with drummers Lisa McPherson-Haycock and Aly Banasazak who play with both the IPB and the London & District Pipe Band. Lisa is our Drum Sergeant

Paris Port Dover Pipe Band Canada Day Parade July 1st Paris



Piper Catherine Stark was not able to take part in the Embro Games as she was on parade in Paris on July 1st. Catherine will be focusing her attention on her new band which she competes with. We will miss her and we appreciate her work over the years in looking after our web page. Our new web master will be Freya Rimington who is an IPB drummer. Although Freya will be busy with post-secondary courses this fall, she still intends on playing with the band whenever possible.

More Piping News with The Royal Scots

Bothwell August 5th

The Old Autos **Bothwell Car Show** (2022 version) featured a parade on August 5th at 7 p.m. The Royal Scots O'Mocha Shriners Pipe Band participated to raise funds for the The Shriners Hospital for Children – Canada (the Canadian branch of the Shriners Hospitals for Children network located in Montreal). Several IPB members are part of this pipe band and a few additional IPB members paraded with them in Bothwell last night. Good crowds along the parade route - and the rain held off. Our support team - The MacKay brothers, Kevin and DM Gail - were also in attendance. Gail was a former potentate of the Mocha Shrine.



The Groupies – The Mochettes

