

Bagpipe Solutions by John Cairns Newsletter

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What's New?

Website

Bagpipe Solutions by John Cairns is proud to announce the completion of our new and improved website! Please take a moment and visit our new site at www.bagpipesolutions.com.

We have added many new pages including a resource library where clients will be able to find articles and helpful information on learning the bagpipe. Another new feature is more detailed information on our tutor books and CDs, including the table of contents for each volume.

Newsletter

We are now producing a periodic newsletter that will highlight what is new with Bagpipe Solutions by John Cairns. Included will be student accomplishments, tips and tricks, and much more. If you have any suggestions for our newsletter or would like to contribute an article, we welcome all ideas and suggestions to info@bagpipesolutions.com.

Student Highlights

Many of our students excelled this past piping season and we are very proud of each and every one of them.

A few students won special awards and we would like to recognize them for their wonderful efforts.

Virginia Franklyn won the MacCrimmon Quaich for Grade 1 Piobaireachd in Highlands Ranch, Colorado – congratulations Virginia!

Mary Wallace won the amateur Piper of the Day in Stone Mountail, Georgia – Congratulations Mary!

Zac Read won the Amateur Piper of the Day in Alama, Michigan – Congratulations Zac!

Testimonials

We are always looking for testimonials from students, retailers and teachers to add to our website. If you would like to submit either a written or video testimonial, we would be happy to add it to our site. We would also be happy to add your photo or website link to your testimonial.

Tips and Tricks

Some pipers believe that you need to improve the strength of your fingers and hands to become a better piper. Did you know that this is in fact not true? The playing of the pipe chanter is based on the principle of uncovering and recovering the holes, which makes finger dexterity a critical requirement. For more information on this subject as well as exercises to increase your dexterity, visit www.bagpipesolutions.com

Retailers

We are pleased to highlight our Platinum Retailer – Universe of Bagpipes. Oliver Seeler, who owns and runs this business has been a dedicated seller of our products since the beginning, and has sold more of our products than any other retailer!

You can find our more information on Oliver and Universe of Bagpipes at www.hotpipes.com.

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to Oliver for his support and dedication.

Interesting Facts

The bagpipes were banned twice in Scotland, the first time in 1560 after the reformation and again in 1746 after the Battle of Culloden. The ban was so severe that a piper (James Reid) was executed in York in 1746 as a rebel because the pipes were deemed to be an instrument of war. It is also known that over 500 pipers were killed during the First World War.

Upcoming Newsletter

Be watching for our next newsletter. We hope to have information on the release of our Volume 7 tutor book and CD.

Season's Greetings

And last but not least, John and Debbie would like to wish all of our students, retailers, teachers and clients a safe, healthy and happy holiday season and all the best in 2007.

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