

6<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Dear Pipe Major / Band Secretary

Re: RSPBA, Dundee Perth and Angus Branch Solo Competitions, Saturday 21st November 2009

We are delighted to announce that the Branch solos this year will take place in an exciting new venue - the brand new Loch Leven Community Campus in Kinross. The competition is taking place at the same time as the Campus Inaugural Weekend, and as there will be a number of other activities taking place around the school, there will be a few changes from the norm:

- There will be no entry fee charged on the door to non-competitors, instead numbered programmes will be available at 50p each, with one of the numbers winning a prize at the end of the day, and these, along with raffle tickets will be on sale throughout the day at the entrance to each of the three competing areas
- The novice prizes (Chanter, Drumming on Pad, Novice Drumming and certain Piping events, as per the form) will be presented around midday
- A new event has been created this year - the Intermediate Under 18 Piping. This event has been created for those who do not wish to enter (or cannot, having previously won) the Novice Piping, but do not feel ready to compete with a full MSR. Competitors will therefore play 4 parts in 2/4 March time.
- Just before the raffle and final prize giving, because there is likely to be a larger audience than usual, we have been asked to put on a short "Massed Bands" performance, led by Kinross & District Pipe Band. We would be grateful, therefore, if all competitors staying for prize giving would join the Kinross Band to play a few tunes. These are likely to be Scotland the Brave, Bonny Galloway, Rowan Tree, and Green Hills, Battle's O'er and Lochanside.
- On the subject of the raffle, we would also be grateful if each band would encourage their members to bring along a prize to donate for the draw
- We would also like to draw your attention to the fact that there will be a ceilidh taking place in the Campus shortly after the Solos are finished - also as part of the Inaugural Weekend, and should any competitors or spectators wish to stay for this, then tickets will be available at a very reasonable price. If interested, contact Nigel Kellett from Kinross, [nigel.kellett@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nigel.kellett@tiscali.co.uk) Tel 01577 863738.
- Finally, we would remind all bands that as this is a RSPBA Branch competition, all competitors who have been issued uniform by their bands should wear it on the day - particularly for the non-novice events.

The Entry Form is attached to this letter. Please complete one form for all entrants and return to the undersigned.

Good luck to all competitors, and we look forward to seeing you in Kinross!

Yours sincerely

Mark M Clark