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Garrison Gazette

Welcome

Merry Christmas everyone and welcome to the 4th Edition of the IGB Newsletter. Hopefully you are enjoying your Quarterly Editions of the Garrison Gazette, on all the upcoming and going events with the Ascot Park Hotel Brass Bands (Senior and Junior) of the IGB Society. Time certainly has flown by and another year nearly down.

Upcoming Events (Dates may vary closer to events)

OSBBA Contest (Roxburgh)	6-7 April 2019
OSBBA Band Camp (Pounawea)	17-19 May 2019
BBANZ Nationals (Hamilton)	10-14 July 2019

What's Been Happening

BAND FISHING TRIP

The 21st Annual Band Fishing Trip was held on the weekend of the 5—7 October. Every year on the first weekend of October we head to Lake Te Anau for a weekend of fishing, relaxing and male bonding.

After travelling to Te Anau, we get our last minute groceries and supplies from the local supermarket, our hut tickets from DOC Headquarters and a few ‘secret weapon’ fishing lures at the sports shop, and it’s off to The Moose Hotel at 11am for our first meeting. After a quick lube and last-minute talk it’s off to Te Anau Downs to launch boats and get on our way. We stay at the Glasnook hut which is situated at the head of Lake Te Anau’s North Arm. Once there we unload all our overnight gear in the hut and head out fishing, knowing that whoever lands the heaviest fish over the next 3 days will get their name on the prestigious trophy and take home the engraved beer handle.

This year we were treated to exceptional weather conditions – sunny, calm with no rain during the day time. Something unheard of for this weekend.

This year’s trophy winner was Henry Wilson, an ex band member who now resides in Wanaka.

This trip is open to anyone associated with the Ascot Park Brass Band and we welcome young and old, current and past members to come along. Don’t worry if you can’t fish or don’t have a boat, we will accommodate you with someone that does. We have had band’s people from as far away as Christchurch and even Auckland who have travelled down for this trip. So put it in your diary for 2019 –October, 4th, 5th and 6th. If you need any further information, contact Steve Gooding anytime (goodingmarine@xtra.co.nz).



Henry Wilson

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BLOWERS' YARN

Two fellas are fishing in a boat under a bridge. One looks up and sees a funeral procession starting across the bridge. He stands up, takes off his cap, and bows his head. The procession crosses the bridge and the man puts on his cap, picks up his rod and reel, and continues fishing.

The other guy says, "That was touching. I didn't know you had it in you."

The first guy responds, "Well, I guess it was the thing to do - after all, I was married to her for 40 years.





LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

The Inner Wheel Club of Invercargill North outdid themselves once again with their Bi-annual Last Night of the Proms Concert held at the Civic Theatre on Saturday 27th October. A most enjoyable night, not only for the public but for the performers which included Invercargill Symphonia conducted by Wayne Perniskie, the combined Choirs of Southland directed by Sarah Rae and our very own Ascot Park Hotel Brass Band conducted by Matthew Dick. Not only did the MC (Nathan Hughes) have the crowd in laughter and involved in actions but he mesmerized them with his amazing singing, along with the other guest artists - Rebecca Ryan, Cheryl Anderson and Michelle Lange (accompanied by the lovely Sheryl Walker) singing The Best of British Songs through the Ages to James Bond Themes and Queen numbers. For those who don't know, the proceeds of the night went to Hospice Southland.

AUXILIARY BAND



The Auxiliary Band held a Spring Concert on 23rd September to conclude the third term of the year and show off some of the music they have been working on. The concert was a great assortment of music going from an upbeat piece by Jock McKenzie called Grounded, to the modern Adele hit, Rolling in the Deep. We also had items from small groups, ensembles including: Tom Stewart's Rock Band 'Subantarctic', two brass Ensembles organised by Ken Wellington and two separate Marimba Duet including an original. It was a great hour of entertainment for a gold coin showcasing the capabilities and flexibility of many of the Auxiliary players. I'm sure those who attended enjoyed what they heard.

Thanks to Kath for the work she puts into the band and for encouraging the young ones in their different strengths and abilities in their playing. Keep up the good work band ☺. By Dawn

10 PIN BOWLING

On Saturday 17th November the Senior and Auxiliary Band had an end of year wind down at 10 Pin Bowling. It was an enjoyable family outing with lots of laughs, the odd ball going in the wrong direction and a few sore arms. After bowling we all headed down to Cobb & Co and finished the day off with a good old Southern Meal.

GIRLS ANNUAL FISHING TRIP

On the weekend of 23/25th November, 7 Ladies of the Band made their way to The Ramada Resort in Wanaka for their Annual Girls Fishing Trip. This has been running now for 3 years, treating ourselves to a little R & R from a busy year of banding and since we are not able to go on the boys fishing trip we decided to create our own. (A little more up market I might add).

With the Gentry of the band not convinced it is a Girls fishing Trip, I would like to say after finding an AA Battery and a lot of hard work we caught 21. (Proof is in the Pudding). BUT, you should have seen the one that got away!!



CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

On Dec 1st, the Auxiliary Band loaded themselves onto a Freight Haulage truck, to serenade the Invercargill public with Christmas Carols. This annual event is enjoyed by all the members of the Aux band and they have quite a lot of fun. Sadly it will now be the only time they will venture out on the back of a truck carolling, as this is getting too complicated with all the Health and Safety rules.

RIVERTON CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & CAROLS AT WAIKIWI

On Dec 7th some Auxiliary Band members headed to Riverton to play at the Annual Riverton Christmas Festival. It was a lovely night and was supported by a large crowd. Then on the 9th Dec they were invited to play at Carols At Waikiwi. Once again they couldn't of had a lovelier night for playing Christmas carols to the public.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL ESK ST

The Senior band was approached to play at the Esk Street Christmas Festival on the 8th December. With a small band we headed down to the Esk St. Island at 1.30 pm for a half hour continuous bracket of Christmas carols. Esk Street was certainly in the Christmas Spirit, with continuous music, jugglers, crafts, lots of activities for the children and food venues for those whose were a bit peckish.





CAROLS IN THE PARK

Sarah Rae and her Choir combined with the band meet once again at the Queens Park Band Rotunda on the 19th December for the YMCA Carols in the Park. Due to previous years where it started to get too cold towards the end for the elderly and the children, it was decided to bring the carolling forward an hour starting at 7 pm. With 1½ hours of carols and Jerry Ford compering, it was a great night and a great way to finish the banding year.

DI LENIHAN'S COMBINED ACAPELLA / BAND CONCERT

On Sunday 2nd Dec at the First Church in Invercargill, Di Lenihan lead the way with her Acapella Choir for the Christmas Here and There Concert combined with the Senior Band, conducted by Shaun. It was a lovely concert and a lovely ending to farewell Di in her decision to retire at the end of this year. I am sure she will still be in the background helping out where she can.

Players' Profiles



Megan Gooding—I started playing cornet in 2005 at the age of 12 at the Out of school Music Classes after playing the clarinet for four years. After six months I had joined the Auxiliary band and began lessons with Kath, I progressed through to the senior band in 2007 and began lessons with Kevin Dell. In 2013 I stepped up to the Principal cornet seat following on from my dad Steve.

Over the years I have been selected for four national secondary schools bands and four national youth bands and was selected as Principal Cornet of the 2015 Youth Band and received an award for outstanding musical contribution. I have also been lucky enough to be invited to play Principal cornet for three different A grade Australian bands to compete at various national and state level competition. Highlights of my playing career to date are being selected for the Young Brass Musician of the Year Finals and being selected for the 2017 National Band of New Zealand who competed at the World Championships in Kerkrade, Holland where we achieved a second place.

My advice for young brass players is to go for any opportunity you are given, no play out or playing opportunity is too small.

Brianna Loan—Brianna started lessons with Kath playing 4 years on the Cornet. She wanted to learn to play a brass instrument because Sam (her big brother) did and she thought it looked like fun and knew a few other kids who also played in the band. She started in the Auxiliary Band 3 years ago and switched to the horn for a change, which she is really enjoying!

Brianna has been helping out in the Senior band for the past month and is doing a marvellous job. Other than banding she enjoys playing badminton, playing percussion, singing and drama.

She has just sat her Grade 6 Trinity Exam on the horn and got a whopping 85%. Well Done!



Learners' Group

Megan Gooding is starting a Learners Group and hoping to have it up and running for the 1st Term next year. The learners' group is aimed at people wanting to play an instrument later in their life, maybe a parent whose children are playing and think WOW! I wouldn't mind having a go at this or maybe even Grandparents. Perhaps Ex-players who played earlier in their time and are thinking they would like to start up again or maybe just people who could not make Saturday Morning Music Classes due to Sports or other commitments. If you are interested in joining this group or know of anyone who might be interested then please email secretary@ascotbrass.org.nz or Megan meganrgooding@gmail.com (See Megan's Profile above).

Band Promoter

Naomi Coatsworth has been appointed Band Promoter, a new position in Management who is to approach organisations and enlighten them what the Society has to offer. Be it beer bands, street marching, ensembles or other kinds of playouts, with her enthusiasm and eagerness, Naomi is well suited for this job.



WANTED—Deputy Conductor

We are looking for a person who would like to be our Deputy Conductor when our Musical Director is unable to be at band practices or take the band at certain events. A great opportunity for a past or present IGB Member. If you are interested please send an email to me at secretary@ascotbrass.org.nz.





With Love We Remember

This year we sadly said goodbye to the following IGB members and/or supporters—Riki McDonnell, Ron Young, Marjorie Wellington, Eddie Riddle & Les Wyatt. Their smiling faces will be sadly missed.

Instrument Repairs

If you are needing your instrument repaired or looked at please do not hesitate to Contact Wal Crighton 0274 574 152. Whether it is a bit of soldering, replacement of a spring or a water key, there is not much Wal cannot fix.

IGB Society Links

FACEBOOK

Check it out. Hopefully will be up and running by Christmas. This will have all our events coming up for you to view, along with Naomi Coatsworth (Band Promoter) information.

WEBSITE

Our website address is www.ascotbrass.org.nz.



Mouthpiece

The December issue of Mouthpiece can be accessed via the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/170sIFkCy2gtXk1Vn1BIPmuuGaJ5JZh9/view?ts=5c09cff>

Farewell

Farewell and a big thank you to Helene Werda, Tom Stewart and Jack McKenzie who are moving on to other endeavours. We wish you well.

You will all be missed but no doubt we will see you at the Nationals.



I would like to say a big thank you to Pat for the Gazette layout and thank you to all those who have forwarded the information I needed to make the Gazette possible.

That is all for 2018. Until next year have a great Christmas and a happy new year everyone.

**REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR CONTACT INFORMATION
PLEASE LET KERRI KNOW SO SHE CAN KEEP THE IGB DATABASE UP TO DATE.**

CHRISTMAS ANAGRAMS QUIZ

Unscramble the letters which will lead to items that are associated with Christmas. Answers below.

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| 1. CONGRESS LIAR (5,7) | 2. CAN ASSAULT (5,5) | 3. REFRESHED ERUDITE LONDONER (6,3,3,4,8) |
| 4. DRASTIC CHARMS (9,4) | 5. IN THE GLINTS (6,5) | 6. ENJOY MAD SHARP (4,3,6) |
| 7. UNREADY CABS (6,5) | 8. GAP PAWN RIPPER (8,5) | 9. SMART HERETICS (9,4) |
| 10. OFF THE SANE PEST (5,2,7) | 11. IN ACTION SLASH (5,8) | 12. VICARS THEMES (9,3) |
| 13. HONESTY WARMS FONT (6,3,7) | 14. TINY PAY VITAL (8,4) | 15. STREAKY ROUT (5,6) |
| 16. MUDDLING PUP (4,7) | 17. WITH THE LENGTH (7,5) | 18. BE THE HELM (9) |



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Answers to Christmas Anagrams:
1. Carol Singers; 2. Santa Claws; 3. Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer; 4. Christmas Cards; 5. Silent Night; 6. Mary and Joseph; 7. Brandy Sauce; 8. Wrapping Paper; 9. Christmas Tree; 10. Feast of Stephen; 11. Saint Nicholas; 12. Christmas Eve; 13. Frosty the Snowman; 14. Nativity Play; 15. Roast Turkey; 16. Plum Pudding; 17. Twelfth Night; 18. Bethlehem.

