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# Garrison Gazette

## Welcome

Welcome to the 7th edition of the IGB newsletter. Hopefully you are enjoying your quarterly editions of the Garrison Gazette on all the upcoming and past events with the Ascot Park Hotel Brass Bands (Senior and Junior) of the IGB Society.

Time has gone so quickly since June's edition of the Gazette and a bit has been happening not only in the band but with the Secondary Schools Band and the National Youth Band.

## Upcoming Events (Dates may vary closer to events)

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| Auxiliary band Concert (All Saints Church) | 29 September (planned date)  |
| Boys Fishing Trip                          | 4—6 October                  |
| St Andrews Church Service (Gore)           | 20 October confirmed         |
| Gore Rhododendron Festival                 | 20 October confirmed         |
| Gore Santa Parade                          | Usually 1st week in December |
| YMCA Carols in the Park                    | Around 3rd week in December  |
| Girls' Fishing Trip                        | Date still to be advised     |

## What's Been Happening

Leading up to the Nationals the band had a lovely visit from Lisa-Maree Fleck, a representative from the ILT who presented the Society with a cheque. Thank you ILT, without your support we couldn't achieve what we are today. The Society strives to keep our 151 years of history strong and to make you proud to be a supporter of our amazing organisation.

The Nationals as most of you know were held in Hamilton on 10—14 July. It has been 40 years since the Nationals were held in Hamilton. It is a lovely place and thanks Hamilton, you put on a great contest.

It was however a sad occasion for us this year as we said farewell to our wonderful conductor Matthew Dick. Matthew made the decision to stand down before the Christmas break after leading the IGB for 6 years. He will be greatly missed, hopefully we will see his smiling face behind an instrument in the not too distant future. And not those stolen ones that went missing at the contest!!

Our results were 5th for the Hymn and 5th for the set test. We couldn't have wished for a better result for Matthew to go out on. Yes, we slipped for the Own Choice but as a result we got 7th overall out of 11 A Grade bands. Not too shabby since our only full band rehearsal, due to unforeseen circumstances and delayed flights, was on the Friday morning before the Hymn and set test that night.

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Sadly the Street March got cancelled because of rain. I don't even think I can count on one hand the times this has been cancelled in the years since the 80's when I was involved. So many disappointed bands people. Thanks Hamilton for coming up with the last minute indoor venue for those who wanted to run through their march.

The winners of the 2019 Nationals were—A Grade Hymn, Wellington Brass, A Grade Test, Wellington Brass, A Grade Own Choice, North Shore Brass. Woolston took out the best concert soloist in the test and Wellington Brass basses took out the best section in the test. For more results on the Nationals please look up the BBANZ website.

The Auxiliary band held a concert on Sunday 26 August at Knox Church Hall on Pomona Street. Arranged by Trinity Waddell. The inclement weather meant only the keenest brass band followers made up the audience, mainly family members. Conducted by Kath the Auxiliary band opened with The Big Top followed by a couple of lighter numbers, before an octet of the new players learning at the Out-Of-School classes played a medley of popular tunes. The band then played a few more pieces before the IGBALM trio, three of the life members in the Auxiliary (names withheld for security reasons) played arrangements of a quartet for trombones, a trio for French horn, euphonium and tuba, and another trombone quartet, all modified to fit the instruments played by the individuals. Finished with The Final Countdown which required a big bass end. Thankfully our two elderly players on that end of the music were boosted by Aaron. What better way to end a fantastic concert but an encore of the Invercargill March.

## Player Profiles

**Steve Gooding**—Steve started in the Junior Band when he was 10—48 years ago (time certainly flies by). At the age of 14 he took the next big step and advanced up to the Senior Band. At age 18 he toured Australia with the BBANZ National Youth Band. This was the start to many tours as Steve also toured in the New Zealand National Band in 1989, 1990, 1992, 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2009. In 1989 Steve was part of the winning quartet at the National Contest along with John McKinley, Justin Muschamp and Logan Ballantyne. Steve has been the principal cornet player for the IGB Society (A Grade) known over the years as H & H Cougar Brass Band and Ascot Park Hotel Brass Band. With Steve's involvement and achievements within the Society over the years, he was awarded life membership of the IGB Society in 2009.

As most of us know Steve is now one of the longest playing IGB members in the band. He has stepped up and put his cornet aside to take over from Matthew as a temporary conductor until a permanent one is found. Thanks Steve and you are doing an amazing job. Make sure you keep practising as well.



## Marleen Adams—



I live in Riverton, Originally from the Netherlands, where I came to New Zealand in 2001. I meet my future husband Richard and have two girls. I joined the APHABB in 2007 playing Tenor Horn and currently now on the Baritone.

I have been playing music since I was 7 years old with percussion, at 10 moved onto cornet and by 12 years of age I was playing French Horn.

At the moment I own a Cafe at Riverton. I travel with my girls to Band practice every Friday night.

## Brass Band Girl Power

Invercargill has delivered once again an outstanding group of female players. Congratulations go out to Darcy Herrick (percussion), Florence McKenzie (cornet) and Brianna Loan (horn) who got into the New Zealand Secondary Schools Band. Well done girls and well deserved. All your hard work definitely paid off.

## Congratulations

In the last month we have had a few Auxiliary band members coming up the ranks to trial out in the Senior Band. We welcome Darcy Herrick on percussion, Aidan Dudfield on euphonium, Jack O'Connell on baritone and Kyrell Gerrad on cornet. I am sure you will love taking the next step playing the for A Grade. Scary I know but exciting as well.

## BBANZ National Youth Band 2019

This year we do not have any present band players in the National Youth Band but that hasn't stopped three of our past IGB Society players now playing in other bands around the country, auditioning and being accepted. Well done Jack McKenzie on 2nd trombone (now playing for Woolston), Anna Redmond, 3rd cornet (Kaikorai) and Reuben Brown on euphonium (now playing for Hutt City Brass and then Wellington Brass after local contest.)

## Wanted

### BAND MUSICAL DIRECTOR

We are still looking for a Musical Director. We may be at the bottom of the South Island but Invercargill has so much to offer. Great friendly hospitality, lots of job opportunities, great beaches, never dries out—but most of all a great friendly family brass band society with 151 years of history. If you are interested please email the [secretary@ascotbrass.org.nz](mailto:secretary@ascotbrass.org.nz).

### DEPUTY CONDUCTOR

We are still 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. If you are interested please email me at [secretary@ascotbrass.org.nz](mailto:secretary@ascotbrass.org.nz).

### IGB SECRETARY

Due to starting a new job I have stepped down as IGB Secretary as I could no longer give it my all. If anybody is interested in this satisfying roll please email the secretary or contact any member of the Management Committee. I will still be writing the Gazette's Quarterly Newsletter so please if there is anything you would like to share, stories whether past or present, don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for all your support.

## Update on Instruments Stolen at Contest

Hamilton Police have charged a person regarding the stolen instruments. The person has pleaded guilty to receiving stolen goods and sentencing is in November. Both instruments have been on sold—one going to Auckland and the other one to the Manawatu. They don't know what instrument went to which area.

Police are still investigating the person's phone and Facebook messages as well as bank transactions and are hopeful they can track the buyers down.

If anyone in the brass banding community knows anything that can help the investigation, we would really appreciate their help. Please contact Constable McQueen from Hamilton Police Ph 021 192 9287.

Besson Sovereign tenor horn serial number 170130  
W. Nirchl trombone, Model H-880QL, serial number M 12004."

## IGB Society—Links

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HNplXtOqcRJob5gbAlyM8Kty0JV0Gcjw/view?ts=5d6c8b7c>

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We are always looking for supporters to help out now and again whether it is for working bees, concerts, or fundraising etc.

If you feel that you have a spare hour here or there or could help please contact Kerri on 021 151 0527 or email the secretary on [secretary@ascotbrass.org.nz](mailto:secretary@ascotbrass.org.nz).

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

## Blowers' Yarn

After having their 11th child, an Irish couple decided that was enough as they couldn't afford a larger bed. So the husband went to his doctor and told him that he and his wife didn't want to have any more children.

The doctor told him there was a procedure that would fix the problem but it was expensive. A less costly alternative was to go home, get a large firecracker, light it, put it in a beer can, then hold the can up to his ear and count to 10.

The husband said to the doctor, *"B'Jayzus, I may not be the smartest guy in the world, but I don't see how putting a firework in a beer can next to my ear is going to help me with my problem."*

*"Trust me, it will do the job"* said the doctor.

So the man went home, lit a cracker and put it in a beer can. He held the can up to his ear and began to count—"1, 2, 3, 4, 5" at which point he paused, and placed the beer can between his legs so he could continue counting on his other hand.

This procedure also works in Australia. Ha ha.



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