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Pipe band to take part in world championships

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The Georgetown Pipe Band is hoping to cap its successful year on the Ontario competition scene by winning some honours at the World Pipe Band Championships to be held in Glasgow, Scotland next week.

With the influx of new members over the past couple of years, the organization now has two competition bands, namely Grade 4 and Grade 5. Since their first contest at the Hamilton Indoor Games, held April 7, through to the Cambridge Highland Games on July 15, the Grade 5 band started and remained strong, winning three contests and placing second in the Canadian Championships on June 24 in Hamilton.

The Grade 4 band has also enjoyed success placing third at the Hamilton Indoor Games, placing second at Kincardine Highland Games and third at Cambridge Highland Games.



The Georgetown Pipe Band, which has enjoyed a very successful season on the Ontario competition circuit, is hoping to add to their list of accomplishments when it competes in the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow next week.

Submitted photo

Pipe Major Tracey Porter credits the hard work and dedication of all the present members who have worked hard during the past three years.

This has included twice weekly prac-

tices under the expert teaching of Thomas Anderson (piping) and Graham Kirkwood (drumming). The band has been involved in many fundraising events, parades etc. to enable them to

make the trip to Scotland where they will also compete at the Rothesay Highland Games on the Island of Bute on August 19.

This fall will be very busy for the band, which supports the local community taking part in the Acton Fall Fair Parade, the Georgetown and Acton Santa Claus Parades, the Acton and Brampton Remembrance Day Ceremonies and the Guelph Scottish Tattoo. At present there are 22 pipers and 14 drummers in both bands with members age 9 and up.

The drummers are under the leadership of Gail Bennett who competes with both bands at all the games. The band is always looking for new members of any age, experienced or willing to learn. The Pipe Major can be contacted at porterter@rogers.com

The Pipe Band is grateful for the continued support and encouragement of the Georgetown Lions Club who have been affiliated with the organization for many years now.

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