

2017 GAIRLOCH IAIN DALL YOUNG PIPERS FESTIVAL 2017

The Iain Dall Young Pipers Festival will take place in Gairloch High School on Saturday 23th September. The purpose is to encourage Under 18 pipers, from Primary upwards, to participate in friendly and relaxing competitions.

The Festival commemorates Iain 'Dall' MacAoidh (1656-1754) piper to Mackenzie of Gairloch, blind from the age of seven as the result of smallpox, the legendary 'Blind Piper'. Pupil of the great MacCrimmon of Skye, he composed perhaps the finest piobaireachd ever, of which about a dozen are still extant and exercise our very best pipers today. He was also a fine poet and his grandson, Uilleam Ros, the great Gaelic poet who died tragically young, is remembered particularly for his poem Moladh Gheàrrloch (In Praise of Gairloch).

There are eight Classes; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, prizes are offered for 1-7

- Competition 1 Primary pupils March on practice chanter
- Competition 2 Secondary pupils March on practice chanter
- Competition 3 Novice march on pipes – pupils playing for less than a year (Flowerdale Trophy- Donated John Mackenzie of Gairloch.)
- Competition 4 U15 Piobaireachd (Iain Dall Chanter - donated the Clan Mackenzie Society of Scotland & the UK)
- Competition 5 U15 - March, Strathspey and Reel
- Competition 6 U18 Piobaireachd – (Iain Dall Quaich - Donated by North Highland Connections)
- Competition 7 U18 March Strathspey and Reel
- Competition 8 Ishbel MacAskill Memorial Prize U18 Original Composition for Pipes or Fiddle £100

Entries £3 by 1st September 2017

Entry forms s.a.e to Acting Convenor, Blair Cottage, Aultgrishan, Melvaig, Gairloch IV21 2DZ or mackenzie@iambik.org ; further information: 01455 771228