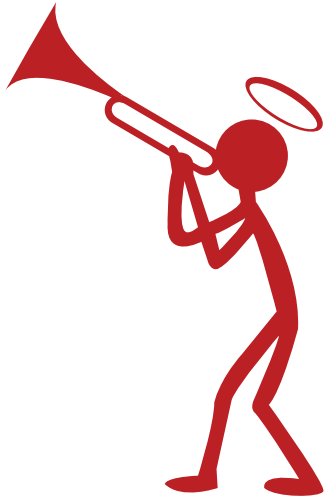


The Saints

April 2012



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New players and a glance at the upcoming concert – Simply the Best with John Lewis, Riki McDonnell and Howard Taylor

Our biggest concert this year occurred on 3rd March and was held at the new stadium. Attendance numbers were up on last year's Elton John event, with 25 000 people and the whole of the Highlanders and Crusader rugby teams present. A fine brass performance was laid down by a splendidly attired invitational 9-piece with vocals by a cast of thousands. Guest percussionist Mr. Daniel Dance did a creditable version of 'drummer squeezed onto a small piece of plywood', and the concert also featured the debut of sousaphone virtuoso Mr. Rene Spoors. Two more similarly successful follow-up concerts have been held. Thanks are also due to honorary bandits Ralph Miller, Raynor Martin and Kyle Lawson for their assistance with delicate solo trumpet work.

Changing of the Guard and a new award



Alan Brieseman – Life Member with Oak Leaves

At the end of last year St Kilda Brass held their AGM in the bands 110th year. The evening was notable for two important reasons. First, the meeting marked a change in leadership with Peter McHenry taking a step back after 20 years in a presidential/chairman role. Pete's organisational skills that he brought to the role and the multiple facets of personnel, financial and time management are a hard act to follow. His commitment to St Kilda has spanned more than 40 years and encompassed percussion, conducting and all the cornet and horn seats at various times. Fortunately he is only stepping aside and not leaving town!

Second, and the highlight of the AGM (wow, highlight and AGM in the same sentence) was the awarding of life

membership to St Kilda stalwarts Mike Devlin, John McAdam and Ian McCabe. Following beginnings with Oamaru Citizens, Mike has been enlivening the Saints since 1980, found time between cornet practices to complete a medical degree, and is the spiritual leader of the back row. John has completed his 20th year with the band after initiation with Hamilton Citizens. He also has found time to study, build a house and set up a new dynasty in the Mainland. Ian started with Invercargill and has been with Saints since 1996. He has served within and without the committee in a number of roles and importantly, is one of the few to contribute new genetic material to the band.

With life memberships now two-a-penny, the incoming President did what presidents have always done and unilaterally announced a new supreme order – in this case 'life

membership with oak leaves' – recognising truly outstanding service to the band. New trophies were commissioned and a special surprise gathering was held in December to present the deserving first two recipients with their awards. This took place at the home of Alan and Dot Brieseman, with a short brass preamble. Alan has not been in the best of health lately, but was still able to provide critical assessment of the bands' carol playing skills. Despite these comments we still presented him with his 'life member with oak leaves' because the trophy had been engraved and paid for. Alan then presented Pete McHenry with his (also well earned) award. The evening and the 2011 band year concluded with a nice quiet cup of tea at Mr. Ted Pheloung's house.

Life Members - 2011





Provincials Organising and Playing

2012 Otago Southland Provincials - Dunedin

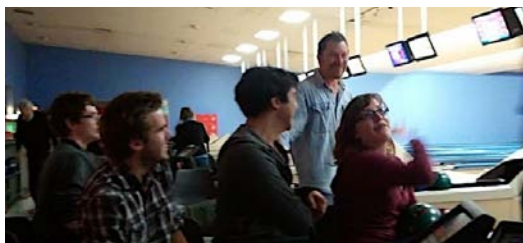
The 2012 OSBBA Provincial Contest was recently held at the Kings and Queens High Schools in Dunedin on the weekend of 31 March-1 April. St Kilda were responsible for the organisation, and a big thank you must be given to the committee and helpers (particularly Kimberley, Kerry, Dianne, Anne and the Thompson family) who performed this task and delivered a smoothly running event.

In the band events on Saturday night, Peter Adams conducted Leigh Baker's arrangement of the hymn Eventide and Peter Graham's Essence of Time as the own choice work. The performances delivered second placings behind old friends and rivals Ascot Park Invercargill, with Dwayne Bloomfield as adjudicator. At the Sunday afternoon Entertainment section the band gave a rousing rendition of Peter Graham's Call of the Cossacks. This featured most of the band's soloists, the entire tenor and baritone horn section, and deserving special mention, a hastily choreographed Cossack dance by the back row cornets. Kerry Wood (soprano, motivational expert and dance instructor) made his debut with the Saints. Returning to the fold for the weekend were Tim Walsh, Keenan Buchanan and Gordon Barney. The musical adjudicator supplemented with additional judges Gladys Hope, David Burchell and Shane Gallagher were most impressed and the band took home the Entertainment trophy. Thanks again to all who contributed to the weekend in playing and support categories

Results

- 1st Open Slow Melody – Rose Evans
- 1st U19 Slow Melody – Melon Burton
- 1st Amateur Air Varie – Megan Gooding
- 2nd Championship Air Varie – Erynne Scherf
- 3rd Championship Air Varie – Matt Toomata





John McAdam showing everyone how to win Ten Pin Bowling at a recent social function – he claims he has never played before.

Young Blood

So with a new uni year we are lucky to have coerced four new players into our band room... Hopefully we don't scare them away too fast!

In no particular order we welcome; Kimberley who is from Hamilton, and plans to study dentistry (free dental care please?), Kimberley joins the ranks of our rapidly expanding cornet section. Also joining the cornets (but don't hold that against him) is Tammo all the way from the Netherlands, he has joined us in the Deep South and is working on his

PhD in the geology department. Our final addition to the ever-popular cornets is Jamie. He joins us from the not so far away town of Timaru, where we will soon be visiting for Nationals! Jamie is studying forensic analytical science. Last but not least we have Madeleine (Melon) who has joined our talented horn section (Tenor Horn to be precise). Melon is from sunny Nelson and is studying 1st year health science.

We extend our warm welcome to you all and hope you enjoy your time with us. We don't bite...much!

Simply the Best – 12 May 2012

Save the date

Rapidly approaching, and please see the flyer in with your newsletter, is the 'Simply the Best' concert conducted by Howard Taylor and featuring unquestionably New Zealand's two finest brass soloists, Riki McDonnell and John Lewis. Adding to their already extensive list of achievements, Howard and John have just taken out the Australian Championships with Gunnedah Shire Band. Riki won the euphonium title and in the band events, came 2nd with Brisbane Excelsior. Please ballpoint pen the 12th May into your diaries now, and tell all your friends.

Upcoming Dates

2012

- Nationals (Timaru) July 4-8
- New Zealand Music Concert – September 1
- A Night at the Opera 3 – October 27

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