



Calgary Fire Department Pipes & Drums NEWSLETTER

Stampeding past a crowd of 350,000+

While marching at a speed of approximately 3.8 kilometers per hour doesn't *exactly* qualify as stampeding, the Calgary Fire Pipes & Drums proudly marched (in step and in tune) in the 2008 Calgary Stampede Parade on July 4, 2008. Joining approximately 170 other groups as part of the Firefighters' Museum Society's entry, the Band led the way for the Antique Rig and Fire Department dignitaries. With an attending crowd of over 350,000 and a television audience of *millions*, this Band proves their ability to march with seasoned veterans in our city's legendary parade! The Band would like to thank John Cobo from the Museum Society, and the Calgary Stampede Parade Committee for accommodating their participation.



Above: The Band looks great marching along 6th Avenue at 1st Street S.E. in the 2008 Stampede Parade.

A heartfelt thanks...

The Calgary Fire Pipes & Drums would like to extend their sincere thanks to **all** of their sponsors and supporters. The Memorial Fund continues to grow ensuring the Band has the honour of playing at line-of-duty deaths and other related Fire Service events.

A special thanks is extended to Unity Builders Group for their continuing generous sponsorship and support.



Pulling together for a Good Cause

Saturday, June 21, 2008 saw a huge turnout from the CFD membership and CFD Pipe Band supporters to the 2nd Annual Antique Rig Pull hosted at the Cat n’Fiddle Pub on 16th Avenue N.W.

With ten teams competing, competition was tight! Thanks to all those who participated, and special congratulations to the CFD Rugby Team (“A” Shifters), who managed to set a new record and win the coveted trophy!

This event raised \$4,300 to support the Memorial Fund, established to help fund travel expenses allowing the band to perform at funerals for line-of-duty deaths.

As always, the Band thanks Stuart, and all the staff at the Cat n’Fiddle pub for their ongoing support.

St. Patrick’s Day Fundraiser

To celebrate the biggest Irish event of the year, the Band chose to play at various pubs to spread cheer and raise funds for a great charity.

Starting at the Cat n’Fiddle, the band travelled to the Trap n’Gill, and Father Murphy’s before returning back to the Cat n’Fiddle to end the night. Thank you to the visited pubs for accommodating the Band on one of the busiest pub nights of the year.

The Band was proud to assist the staff at Father Murphy’s in raising \$3,000 for Muscular Dystrophy Canada.



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The “A” Shift CFD Rugby Team places first overall in the 2nd Annual Rig Pull with their winning efforts shown. Encouraged by Drummer Ron Scherman in the driver’s seat of the Antique Rig, the team consisted of (left to right): Jeremy Griffin (left knee pictured) Blaine Worobetz, Wade Bieraugle, Tristan Shanks, Darrin Pawlik and Jay Watson.

New Membership

The Band’s aggressive recruitment campaign has been working to showcase the fun, camaraderie and playing opportunities membership brings.

The Band welcomes new drummers:

Ron Scherman (*top right*)
Chris Durrer (*bottom right*)



Summer Break

The Band’s last practice before summer break will be on July 14, 2008. Practices resume the first Monday of September, with the Band ready to play at the Pensioner’s Banquet and to participate in the Annual Firefighter’s Memorial in Colorado Springs, later that month. The Fall will also reveal a new website and changes to the band structure...stay tuned!

Have a safe summer!