



Pipe Band Drumming News



2001-2002

Simon Fraser University wins the 2001 World Pipe Band Championships playing Pearl drums

Following on from their win in 1999, the Simon Fraser University band gained the top place in Grade One to take the most prestigious prize in the Piping competition world. The band, guided by Pipe Major Terry Lee and Drum Major Reid Maxwell (pictured right), has now won the competition four times in the last seven years. The SFU also won the Juvenile Grade this year with their Robert Malcolm Memorial Pipe Band.

Both bands were playing the world-class Pearl FFX505 snare drum with special features including lightweight aircraft quality aluminium components, total free floating design, 100% Maple 6 ply shell, top and bottom precision snares with full adjustment, and a superb choice

of high-gloss lacquer finishes.

The World Championship win by the SFU finishes off a great year for bands playing Pearl. (See the **Pearl Winners table below.**)

Strathclyde Police band finished with top placings in no less than four major

Grade One competitions. Dumfries and Galloway achieved top placings in five Grade Two competitions, and there were many successful competition performances particularly from Ravara and Lomond & Clyde **all playing Pearl drums - of course.**



Eric Ward, lead drummer Strathclyde Police Band

PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2001 WINNING RESULTS

Cowal Championships, Dunoon, Scotland, Aug 25th

Grade 1	4th	Strathclyde Police
Grade 2	1st	Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary
	4th	Ravara
Grade 3a	4th	Coalburn
Grade 4a	3rd	Lomond & Clyde
	D	Lomond & Clyde
Grade 4b	5th	Kilsyth Thistle
Juvenile	1st	St Thomas Episcopal School
Novice Juvenile	3rd	47th Cutler Boys' Brigade

World Championships, Glasgow, Aug 11th

Grade 1	1st	Simon Fraser University
Grade 2	3rd	Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary
	6th	Ravara
Grade 3a	5th	Benoni
Grade 4a	3rd	Lomond & Clyde
Juvenile	1st	Robert Malcolm Memorial
	2nd	St Thomas Episcopal School
Novice Juvenile	4th	47th Cutler Boys' Brigade

North American Championships, Maxville, USA, August 4th

Grade 1	3rd	City of Washington
Grade 2	3rd	Robert Malcolm Memorial

Scottish Championships, Dunbarton, July 28th

Grade 1	5th	Strathclyde Police
Grade 2	1st	Ravara
	3rd	Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary
	D	Ravara
Grade 4a	1st	Lomond & Clyde

All-Ireland Championships, Omagh, July 7th

Grade 1	3rd	St Lawrence O'Toole
Grade 2	1st	Ravara
Grade 3a	4th	Woodgrange

European Pipe Band Championships, Ayr, Scotland, June 23rd

Grade 1	6th	Strathclyde Police
Grade 2	1st	Ravara
	2nd	Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary
Grade 3a	2nd	Woodgrange
Grade 4a	4th	Lomond & Clyde
	D	Lomond & Clyde
Novice Juvenile	3rd	47th Cutler Boys' Brigade

British Championships, Banbridge, N. Ireland, May 19th

Grade 1	5th	Strathclyde Police
Grade 2	1st	Ravara
	5th	Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary
	D	Ravara
Grade 4a	5th	Lomond & Clyde
	D	Lomond & Clyde

Drum Corps Champion of Champions

Grade 2	Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary
Grade 4a	Lomond & Clyde

Congratulations to all these Pearl winners



2001 World Champions the Simon Fraser University pipe band (top) proudly displaying their well-earned trophies, and the World Junior Grade Champions (above), the SFU's Robert Malcolm Memorial pipe band

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Congratulations to Ravara. Having won 3 out of 5 Grade Two Championships, Ravara has earned a well-deserved promotion by the RSPBA to Grade One.

New Pearl products developed especially for pipe bands

PIPE BAND SNARE DRUM CARRIERS



Representing the state of the art in carrier design, these top specification May carriers are the most comfortable and highly adjustable carriers on the market today. Offering patented features never before available to the Pipe Drum market they are at the cutting edge of design.

They have the added ability of fitting not only Pearl drums but most other popular Pipe drums available. There is a choice of two models:

PBC EAPC-I Snare Drum Carrier ... RRP £153.50

Manufactured from aircraft tempered aluminium this lightweight carrier includes the patented back shoulder bar which improves stability and divides the load between the shoulders. The carrier has a free floating snare attachment which grips the drum by the tension posts leaving the drum to resonate freely. The attachment enables the drum to be adjusted for both height and angle.

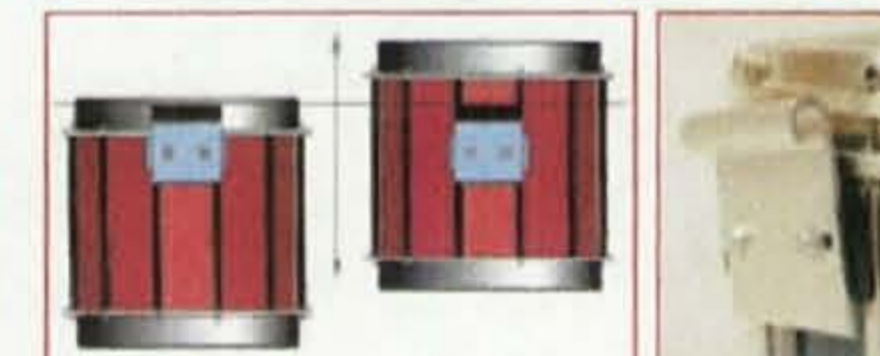


Eric Ward and Reid Maxwell both achieved 'top 6' placings in the 2001 World Pipe Band Solo Drumming Championships held recently in Bathgate.

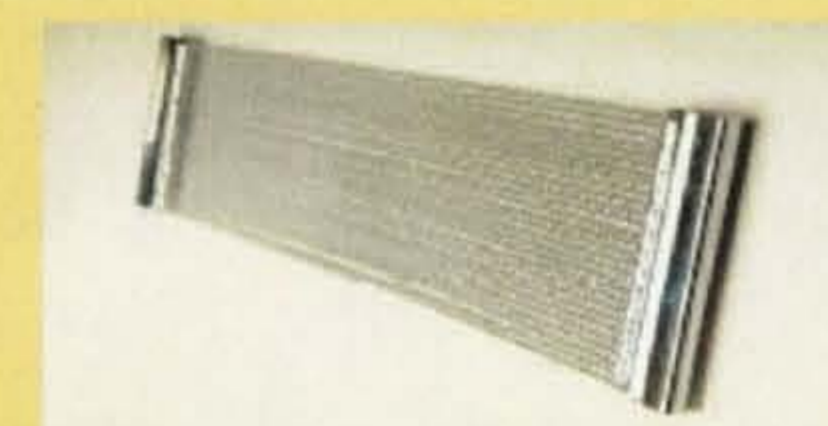
PBC APC-I Snare Drum Carrier RRP £175.86

Including all the features of the EAPC-I the top specification APC-I has the additional feature of the Variable Positioning System (VPS, see illustration) which allows the drum to be adjusted not only for height and angle but also the distance from the body can be individually set to suit the player.

All the cleverly thought-out features of the Pearl light-weight carriers are designed to give players the maximum comfort and convenience. The drum is easily detachable during rest periods, and it is fully adjustable through a wide range of playing positions and angles.



NEW SNARE WIRES



A brand new 28-strand top internal snare wire has been developed to enhance and improve the sound of Pearl and other pipe band snare drums.

Every aspect has been analysed to get the optimum performance. These include getting the number of coils (and stretch) in the snare wires exactly right to maximise the contact with the batter head. The tension in the wires has been carefully analysed as well as selecting the right number of wires (28 is the optimum in this case) to achieve the desired and controlled amount of "buzz". In addition we have experimented with different types of finishes, resulting in a bright chromed wire which gives a brighter sound.

Order S505TC 28-strand top snare wire RRP £14.75

NEW PIPE BAND TENOR & BASS DRUM BEATERS

Available now, these beaters are manufactured from high quality materials to create the right competition winning sound. Naturally, the beaters are carefully balanced to have the right feel, but they are also finished in high quality heavy duty fabric to improve durability.



PPM 60 Tenor Beaters RRP £17.30

PPM 65 Bass Beaters RRP £26.55



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