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Christian G. Malcolm Kehm U.S.M.C. Memorial Piping Scholarship Recipient
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I would like to thank Clan MacCallum-Malcolm, for the Scholarship Award. The Christian G. Malcolm Kehm Scholarship was a wonderful help to my family and allowed me to attend NAAPD the week of July 19-24. It was a tremendous opportunity to learn from a fine group of instructors and it turned out to be a great week filled with music and fun. I traveled to the school with my son Dillon, four other members of our band, the Rosie O'Grady's Highlanders, and Nick Damery of the Dunedin City Band. (Dillon and Nick were scholarship winners in 2008.)

At camp we learned about pipe maintenance, band tuning and preparation for competitions. We also learned marches, strathspses, and reels, how to read Piobaireachd music, timing, Piobaireachd movements, and exercises. One of the things I liked was how much feeling can be put into the music. It's given m a greater appreciation of Piobaireachd.

Our group did a gig for the Ceilidh. Five of us played a MSR using just three sets of pipes...one person plays the top hand and the other the bottom. We were called "The Four Roses and a Thorn"! It was the four guys from Rosie's and our one guy from Dunedin. The boys did a great job with our gig and it was a big hit.

It was a wonderful experience to have the opportunity to spend the week immersed in the world of piping, learning from the best instructors, and seeing the three boys having fun together playing their pipes. Thank you again,

David (Andy) Anderson

