

This was a non-scientific survey, which was created to gain a snapshot impression of member's impressions of the events, activities and services provided by BCPA to its membership.

Some observations on the BCPA Survey:

Of the 75 survey respondents

- 97% believe BCPA plays an important role in piping & drumming in BC
- 92% believe BCPA provides good value for membership dues
- 95% believe it is important to have BCPA approved judges at competitions
- 88% think it is important to have BCPA stewards at competitions
- 73% BCPA presents about the right number of events
- Slightly more felt the BCPA newsletter was too infrequent, rather than about the right frequency
- 85% felt short e-mail announcements about events would be helpful
- Vast majority of those responding visit the BCPA website a couple of times per month to once a week
- Calendar, competition results and info about upcoming events are among the items most looked at on the BCPA website
- Piper & Drummer is the most frequently used source for news about piping and drumming news.

The survey results were reviewed and discussed in detail at the December Board meeting. In general, the Board has set improved communications as a top priority, and view the information gathered in this survey as helpful in better understanding member's perceptions and interests.

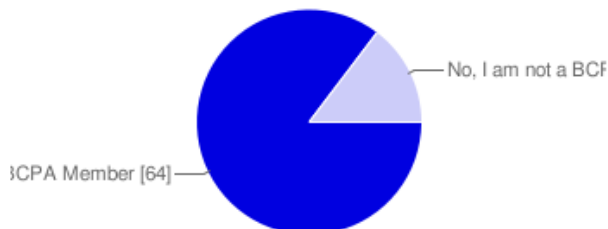
As we work toward implementing a new website in early 2010, the information and comments gathered from this survey will be most helpful in many ways. Thanks to all who were able to participate in the survey, and we all look forward to web improvements coming our way soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Skye K. Richendrfer,
Vice President

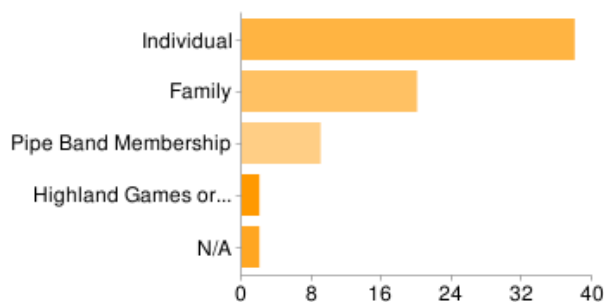
Summary [See complete responses](#)

Are you currently a member of the BCPA?



Yes I am a BCPA Member **64**
 No, I am not a BCPA Member **11**

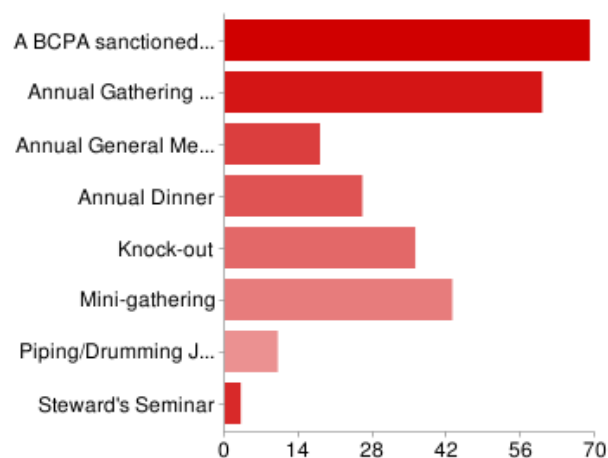
If you are a BCPA member, what is your status?



Individual **38**
 Family **20**
 Pipe Band Membership **9**
 Highland Games organization **2**
 N/A **2**

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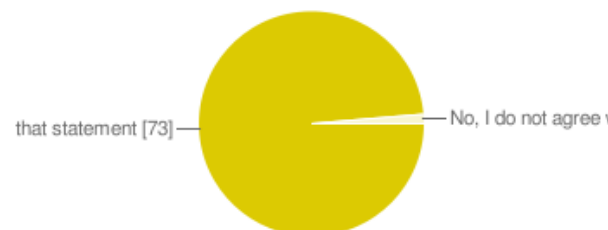
During the past 12 months, I have attended



A BCPA sanctioned Highland Games event
 Annual Gathering (indoor meet)
 Annual General Meeting (AGM)
 Annual Dinner
 Knock-out
 Mini-gathering
 Piping/Drumming Judge's Seminar
 Steward's Seminar

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BCPA plays an important role in piping & drumming in BC, and Pacific NW of the US



Yes, I agree with that statement
 No, I do not agree with that statement

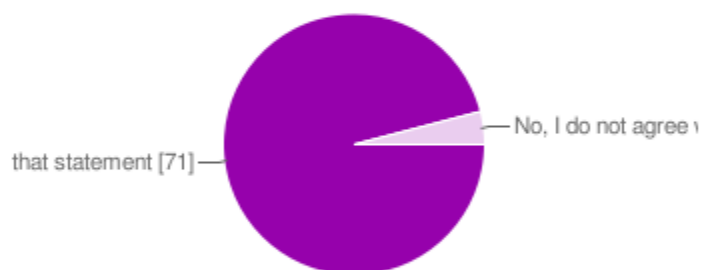
BCPA provides good value for membership dues



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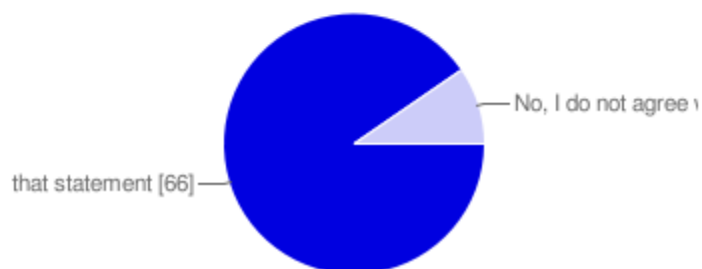
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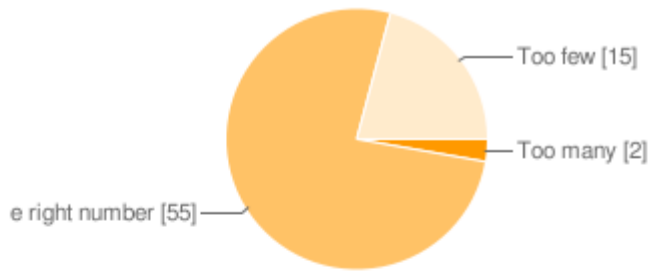
It is important to have BCPA approved stewards at competitions



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The number of events presented by BCPA is



Too many	2
About the right number	55
Too few	15

Is there another event or activity you think BCPA should provide?

Offer more to outside the lower mainland to assist members....

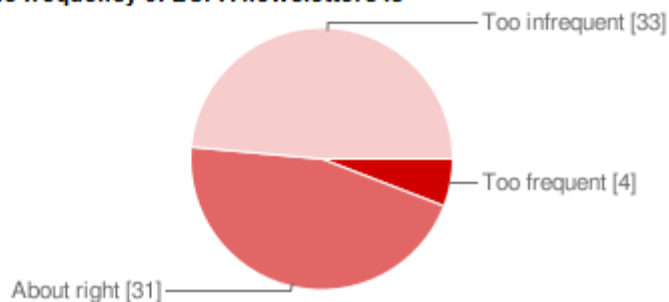
No, not in particular. I think the bcpa does an admirable job particularly with the Annual Gathering, Seminars and the Annual Dinner.

This is Skye's input form - double testing links from BCPA website.

I would like to see the BCPA start a youth advisory committee so that we can engage the younger generation in the process of organizing events and increasing attendance. A committee of 6 young people (21 and under) could go a long way to generating new ideas that would attract younger members to BCPA events. Right now, the knockout

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The frequency of BCPA newsletters is



Too frequent	4
About right	31
Too infrequent	33

What else would you like to see included in the BCPA newsletter.

I would like to in fact actually see a newsletter once in a while.

We should get rid of the newsletter and update bcpipers.org to be much more of a blog, i.e. a website that is organized by date of entries, searchable and is updated more frequently. Members can sign up if they want to get emailed everytime something new is added to the site/blog.

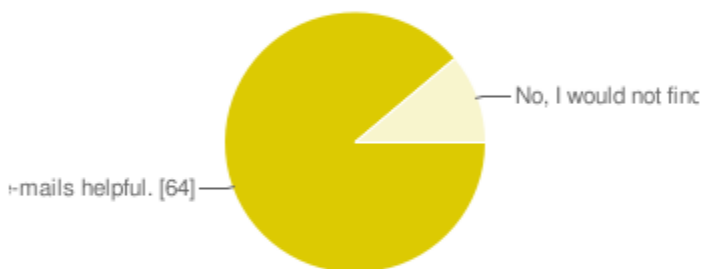
I know the newsletter is a thankless job to do. I do not think however that it should be just a dump of the results from the highland games. Even if the newsletters are kept small, I think it is important to have some sort of article in each one.

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Would you find short e-mail announcements from BCPA about events and announcements helpful?

Yes, I would find e-mails helpful.

No, I would not find e-mails helpful.



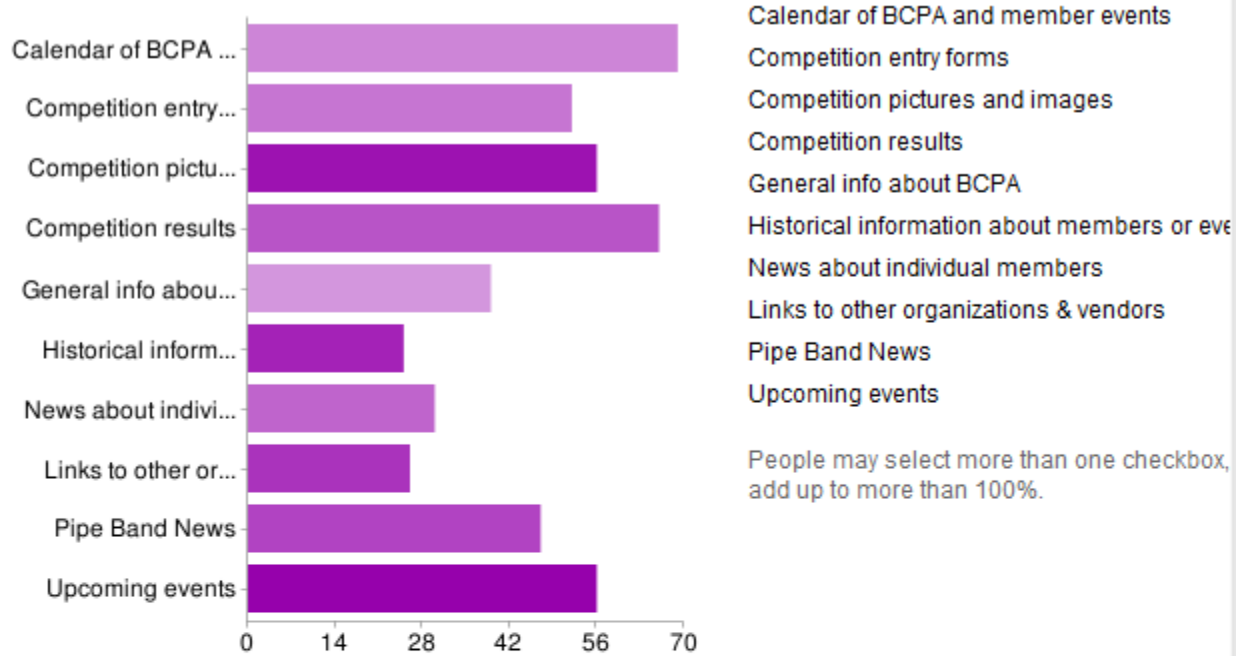
I visit the BCPA website:

- Regularly (once a week or more)
- Occasionally (a couple times a month)
- Periodically (once a month)
- Infrequently (a few times a year)
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What do you look for at the BCPA website?



What (if any) content do you think is missing from BCPA website?

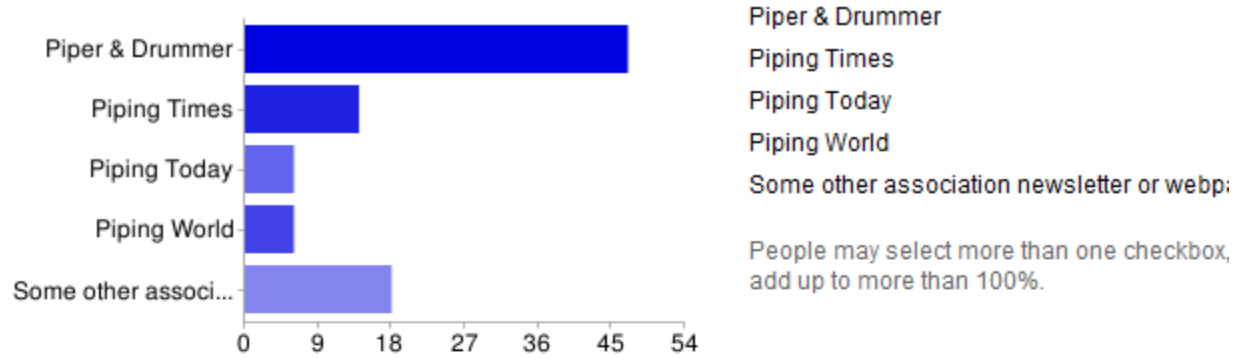
The question above does not let me check more than one! contact info for teachers and judges

More timely info. i.e, Today.... or Results updated the same day, etc. Like pipesdrums.com but for our association. Could also have more "community based" forums. Like people looking to share rides, hotel rooms, etc.

There is a lot missing and also a lot not being kept up in terms of wanting to be on par with a piperdrummer site. No disrespect to Ken but I think the website has become a bit more of a photobucket. I know Ken is more than willing to post what comes his way, so the content prob

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From what other sources do you seek piping/drumming news?



The one thing I think the Board of BCPA really needs to do is:

We need to work on our communication (ie web site, and newsletter) make it more fun!! Parties are good. Music is fun. Let's play more. :) Also, Friday night knockouts and Saturday mini-gatherings make it hard for people from farther away to get to the knockouts. Saturday evening events are preferable

Utilize online resources better to keep in touch with the membership. Twitter, facebook, but most importantly an updated bcpipers.org. The current site is old and hard to fine new content. The new site should have RSS, auto posting to twitter and facebook, have email notifications for m

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Number of daily responses

