



Eric Paterson - Membership Report (2011-12)

Since the last AGM, we have seen some fluctuation in membership. There has been an overall decrease from 76 members to 67 active members. As last year's report was submitted immediately following a recruitment campaign, this reduction in numbers was to be expected, as many of the recruits had not yet had the opportunity to "kick the tires" on the band. Membership since the end of summer has remained relatively stable.

The NCB's inaugural 2011-2012 concert season has been a driving force behind our newly-recruited members. We hear time and time again that people are choosing our band because of degree of difficulty our music presents and because we are playing music that no other band in the area is playing.

After several seasons of discussion, we finally moved on the purchase of new uniforms. Many members have taken advantage of the opportunity to purchase the new, technologically enhanced, NCB golf shirt. If you have not yet taken advantage of this opportunity, do not fear! Shirts are still available for sale.

Finally, recruitment is something that is always on our minds. New members are important to keep the band going as others retire or move on to other adventures. Low brass continues to be an area of focus for us, but all sections are encouraged to welcome new members.