

John Family in Brass Banding – TTB in particular.

Circa 1880 – present

1. Christian Paul John 1863-1909
Tenor Horn TTB 1880-1909
Do not have any details other than a few old photos of the band.
As can be seen CP died at the age of 39, leaving his eldest son, the newly married Arthur and his wife Minna to bring up the other 3 school age boys. (nothing is known of CP's wife).
2. Arthur Paul John 1887-1952
1st son of CPJ
Principle Cornet TTB, State Solo Champion on numerous occasions.
Conductor TTB, 1920-1947
Choir Master of two church choirs
Member of the Tanunda Orchestra on both trumpet and violin.
Tutor to many community bands in country SA.
Adjudicator at State Band Contests and Eisteddfods around SA.
Started the first junior band in SA approx. 1935.
TTB was the first "A Grade" band in SA under APJ's conductorship.
3. Hugo John
2nd son of CPJ
Tenor Horn TTB
4. Ben John
3rd son of CPJ
Euphonium TTB
5. Alf John
4th son of CDJ
Baritone TTB
6. Martin John
5th son of CPJ
Flugel TTB
7. Duets, Trios & Quartets etc
Arthur, Hugo, Ben, Alf and Martin were virtually unbeatable at competitions in any combination.
8. Frank John
1st son of APJ
Australian Champion Trombone at 17 years of age.
Edrich Siebert, on returning to the UK after touring USA and Australia in the early-thirties, claimed he had heard the best trombone player in the world, a young man by the name of Frank John from TTB.
Principle trombone TTB
Conductor TTB 1948-1952
Conductor Nuriootpa Town Band
Principle trombone SSO
Principle Trombone of a "famous" big band (don't know the name!) in Sydney during the 40's.
Conductor Skelerup-Woolston, NZ
Conductor Waitemata, NZ

9. Len John
 2nd son of APJ
 Euphonium TTB.
 Unfortunately, Len was killed in a tragic work accident in his mid-twenties.
10. Vic John
 3rd son of APJ
 Cornet TTB
11. Galvin John
 4th son of APJ
 Principle Euphonium TTB at the age of 14.
 SA Euphonium solo Champion
 Conductor TTB 1952-1976.
 Conductor Kensington & Norwood City Band 1977-1983
 Conductor Nuriootpa Town Band
 Conductor Elizabeth City Band
 Conductor massed band of over 400 players at a Gala Spectacle in 1961 at Elder Park when the Queen Mother visited , and was presented to Her Majesty during the event.
 Established the first SA school brass band at Nuriootpa High School 1966.
 Won eleven straight Test Pieces at SA Competitions with TTB.
 Won Australian "A Grade Championship" with TTB. (at the time, he was the youngest conductor in Australia to achieve this).
 Won 16 SA "A Grade" titles with TTB.
 Won "Victorian A Grade title with TTB.
 Won four SA "A Grade" titles with K&N.
 Won one SA " A Grade and B Grade " title at the same contest with Elizabeth.
 Acclaimed Adjudicator at both State and National competitions.
 Awarded "Baron of Barossa" for services to the Barossa and music in particular.
 Established the now famous TTB "Melodie Nacht" in 1965. (now in it's 57th year)
12. Warren John
 5th son of APJ
 Euphonium TTB
 Eb Tuba TTB
 "Baron of Barossa"
13. Phillip John
 1st son of Galvin
 SA Euphonium solo Champion
 Euphonium TTB.
 Principle Euphonium K&N
 Assistant Principle Euphonium Willoughby City Band, NSW.
 Principle Euphonium 10th/27th Army Band.
 Deputy conductor TTB.
14. Stephen John
 2nd son Galvin
 SA Junior Tenor Horn Champion.
 SA Open Trombone Champion (R/U C of C)
 Principle trombone TTB at age 16.
 Euphonium TTB (5 years)
 Deputy conductor TTB

President TTB Committee (7 years)
Principle Trombone K&N (7 years)
Trombone Elizabeth City (6 years)

15. Peter John
Son of Warren
SA, and NZ Junior Tenor Horn Solo Champion.
SA Senior Tenor Horn championship.
Australian senior Tenor Horn Championship.
Principle Tenor Horn TTB at 14 years of age.
Unfortunately gave up playing in late teens due to injuries from a car accident.
16. William John
Son of Peter
Cornet TTB
17. Nicole John
Daughter of Stephen
SA Junior Cornet Championship
Australian Junior and Senior French Horn Championships, at the same contest.
Cornet, Flugel, Tenor Horn TTB.
French Horn, Band of SA Police.
French Horn (casual) ASO
French Horn, AWO
18. Ian John
Son of Len
Eb Tuba TTB
Eb Tuba Australian Army Band
19. The John Girls of the "Tanunda Town Band Ladies Auxiliary"
Minna John, APJ's wife, committee member >20years.
Christine John, wife of Galvin, President 25years.
Shirley John, wife of Warren, Secretary 10 years.
Mavis John, wife of Frank, committee member 5 years.
This hard-working committee, consisting of virtually all bands men's wives, raised money through catering for weddings, birthdays, funerals etc, plus card evenings, trading tables etc. raising enough money in the early sixties to allow the band to purchase a new set of uniforms and a complete set of new instruments plus percussion equipment.
20. The John "In-laws"
Stan Groecke. Galvin's cousin. Eb Tuba TTB & SA Eb Tuba Champion.
Tim Gramp. Galvin's nephew. Tenor Horn TTB and K&N.
Geoff Nettelbeck. Galvin's brother in-law. Drum Major TTB. Australian Marching Champion A grade band.