

PIPRZ★

[*All dialogue authentically blawn.]

I hadn't picked up my set of pipes for a month and figured the least I could do is drone on low A or something, so I picked up my chanter with a new reed and it had grown mold on it. I scraped it a bit and it sounds OK, but I'm worried.



There is probably as much hocus-pocus about reeds as anything else in piping.



I once met an old guy who played a reed that was five years old. When he took it out of the chanter the cane was almost black with fungus and dirt. Pipie said the guy was one of the worst pipers he had ever heard too.



I spray an athlete foot fungus killer on a cotton ball and stuff it into the end of the dry stock. Seems to kill the fungus and not damage the reed at all. Smells bad though so try to avoid breathing the stuff and quit sucking on your pipes and blow.



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