



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting

Monday 23rd February

NOT THE 16TH AS
PREVIOUSLY ADVISED

Yes, that is the 4th Monday, not the 3rd. Due to other bookings at the Club, we have agreed to change our meetings to be on the 4th Monday of each month this year rather than the 3rd.

This first meeting for the year will be a Pipers Night. Although some people will have been lined up to play, don't let that discourage you from bringing your pipes along and having a tune.

**Souths Leagues Club, Jane Street, West End.
at 7.45 pm**

Please remember the rule that smoking will not be permitted during the meeting.

All comments made in this newsletter reflect the views of the author and do not necessarily reflect the policy or views of the Queensland Highland Pipers' Society or of any officer or member of the Society.

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THE PIPER'S DIARY

FEBRUARY

- 23rd **First Society Meeting of the Year - PIPERS NIGHT**
25th NSW Pipers Society - Uniting Church Hall, Holterman St, Crows Nest

MARCH

- 1st Nunawading Highland Gathering (Victoria)
13th-15th New Zealand Pipe Band Championships - Rotorua
15th Scots School Bathurst Highland Gathering
15th Geelong Highland Gathering (Victoria)
23rd **Society Meeting**
25th NSW Pipers Society - Uniting Church Hall, Holterman St, Crows Nest
29th Ringwood Highland Gathering (Victoria)

APRIL

- 4th Maclean Highland Gathering - see details later in the newsletter.
5th St Mary's Band Indoor Contest (Sydney) Contact Cyril Law
02 9604 2439
10th -12th Australian Pipe Band Championships - Newcastle Showgrounds -
Contact Mike Stubbings 02 670 1754 (h) or 02 688 3300 (w)
22nd NSW Pipers Society - Uniting Church Hall, Holterman St, Crows Nest
27th **Society Meeting**

MAY

- 1st -3rd Australian Celtic Festival - Glen Innes - Contact 02 6732 2397
2nd -3rd Bundaberg Highland Gathering - Contact 071 52 9879
9th Redcliffe Band Contest - details to be advised
25th **Society Meeting**

JUNE

- 13th Ipswich Thistle Highland Debutante Ball - St Mary's Function Centre,
Ipswich
22nd **Society Meeting**

AUGUST

- 15th World Pipe Band Championships -Glasgow
24th **Society Annual Meeting**
29th Ipswich Thistle Solo and Band Contest - details to be advised
29th Cowal Pipe Band Championships - Dunoon

If you need more details about any of the above events and a contact is not mentioned, ring the Society Secretary (3397 4512 after hours). and we will see what we can dig up for you.

Scottish Radio

SBS Radio - Brisbane FM 93.3 - Thursday nights 10-11pm

4EB - AM 1053 - Thursday afternoons 3-4pm

Programs

Jock McCabe, who many readers will have met, has published a **book about his life named "Highlander 'neath the Southern Cross"**.

Even if you realised Jock was a pretty colourful personality, perhaps you don't realise how colourful - this book will fill in the detail. A couple of extracts from the foreword by Norman McSwan, Sydney, will give a bit of a taste:

"This is the amazing tale of one man's incredible journey: a story of a life that began in the misty Highland glens of Scotland's Loch Ness and then encompassed virtually the whole of Australia.....He worked and fought and drank and sang in the bush among the forgotten men and women who helped build this country..... He ranged from Perth to the Gulf country of far North Queensland, carried his swag through Tasmania and drove cattle and sheep in NSW and Queensland.....He is truly a legend and this story tells how the legend began and how it is now easing towards its close."

You can obtain the book by sending a cheque or money order for **\$20 plus \$2** postage and packing to

**Glengarry Publishing, PO Box 330,
TENTERFIELD NSW 2372.**

BUNDABERG HIGHLAND GATHEPING

Labour Day Weekend

Saturday & Sunday

2nd & 3rd May 1998

Martens Oval [Soccer Grounds]
Miller Street,
Bundaberg.



**SOLO PIPING
SOLO DRUMMING
DRUM MAJORS
MINI BAND CONTEST
FULL BAND CONTEST**

**Solo events Saturday afternoon
Prizemoney & Certificate will be awarded
in each section according to entries.**

**Band events Sunday.
Bands - Prizemoney & Certificate - All
Grades 1st \$250, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100**

Information from:

The Secretary

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Ken McCracken 07 4159 3459

MacAllister Reed Business Sold

Bringing to an end of the legends of the modern piping era, James Troy and Sons, a Canadian firm is taking over the business. James Troy Snr was the Pipe Major of the City of Victoria Pipe Band, which was a leading Canadian band during the 70s. He is the Troy of *Troy's Wedding* fame. James Troy has a son, Jamie Troy junior. They have been making reeds for years, so they will not be novices when they take over their new business.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Our final meeting of the year was graced by both a good crowd of members and plenty of competitors for the Pair of Pipers contest.

Bob Payne introduced the evening and introduced Alex McConnell as the judge for the competition, of which we would have a junior and senior division. He also announced that Margaret Paterson had kindly donated the first prize for the senior event in memory of her late husband, Ron, former vice-president of the Society.

The first to play in the junior section were Brendan Hood and his son Alexander. They played an interesting selection, consisting of *The B52, The Silver Spear, Ass in the Graveyard, My Home Town, Duncan the Gauger, The Kaines Lassies* and *Dick Gossips Reel*.

Their pipes sounded well together and were quite strong. Although there was a little uneven blowing occasionally, together with some minor lack of togetherness at times, the phrasing of the tunes was good. The medley had good dynamics and effective use of harmony. There was a brief choke by one piper just before the end but the stop itself was good.

Next to play were Jack McCandlish and his grandson Matthew Supranowicz. They played *Jack's Welcome Back, Heather Grant, Bill Barry's Favourite, Malcolm Ferguson* and *The Eavesdropper*.

Their pipes were much quieter than the previous pair but apart from a bit of blowing variation they were well set together and the drones were excellent at the start, although they drifted a bit towards the end. There was bit of hesitation at the start, but the playing had good precision most of the time with just a little drifting in a couple of tunes. One piper stopped briefly during the air. Phrasing was good and held through the faster music.

The first Senior pair were Gilleion MacKenzie and Jason Kelly. Their medley consisted of *Duggie's Glenfiddich Weekend, The End to the Waiting, Air on a High G Thing, The Gael* and *Good Drying*.

They got away to a good solid start on excellent instruments. They played with very good precision, with just a few minor divergences from perfect togetherness. They had effective use of harmony and kept their phrasing an precision on a high level through some exceptionally difficult passages. There was some minor drifting of the D's and perhaps F's. Their finish was highly effective.

Next to play were John Paul Bellamy and Andrew Vaschina. And their tunes were *Up to the Line, Smith's a Gallant Fireman, Devil in the Kitchen, The Brolum, The Haunting, Chasing Shadows* and *Troy's Wedding*

They missed the start slightly but their chanters were well set, with the drones just a little off. They phrased their tunes well and had a well-constructed medley but there was a little lack of togetherness, a couple of note errors and a slight choke. Use of harmony was effective. During the air the chanters drifted a bit and the drones cam and went a bit, possibly pointing to slightly uneven blowing. D's and E's deteriorated during the performance.

The final pair of competitors in the senior event were Jason Palfrey and Darin Cook. Their tunes were *Scotsaire, Bidy from Sligo, Fair Maid of Barra, Susan MacLeod, Holy Shamrock* and *Stew's Hornpipe*.

They made a very effective start on excellent pipes. Their phrasing and the musical value of their performance was very good and their pipes held well throughout. There was a little lack of togetherness a couple of times, including

during the air. Some cut notes in the strathspey were not quite together and some embellishments lacked a little clarity.

Lest any of the above comments seem too critical, it needs to be said that all the performances were of a good standard and most entertaining to listen to.

As always there have to be winners and losers. One prize was awarded in the Junior section and it was won by Brendan and Alexander Hood.

In the Senior section, two prizes were awarded. Gill MacKenzie and Jason Kelly

were the winners, closely followed by Darin Cook and Jason Palfrey.

The raffle was drawn by Margaret Paterson and won by Enid Haig and, after closing remarks and compliments of the season from Bob Payne, all retired for our traditional Christmas supper. There was plenty of food and talk to keep us going for a long time.

Proposed Society Meeting Program for 1998

The following list shows a proposed program for the year. It's not quite final, so if you would like to have some input, we would welcome it. There are two nights listed as **Special Program**. A couple of suggestions for these are a lecture on some aspect of piping, perhaps a discussion about either the instrument or current trends in pipe music, or even a Video or CD night - there are starting to be quite a few resources of this type available.

February	Pipers Night	July	Jimmy Durham Trophy - 2/4 march for Junior players
March	Patron's Trophy - MSR for Senior players	August	Annual Meeting and 6/8 Contest - two 4-parted 6/8s
April	<i>Special Program</i>	September	<i>Special Program</i>
May	Hornpipe & Jig Contest (4 parts each)	October	Pipers Night
June	Veterans Contest - Air & 2/4 March for those over 50	November	Pair of Pipers (Medley) and Christmas Party

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RESULTS

Scottish Piping Society of London Annual Competition - 25 October

Bratach Gorm

1. Mike Cusack - Lament for the Children
2. P/M Iain Macey - The Blue Ribbon
3. Robert Wallace - The King's Taxes
4. Sgt. Wilson Brown - The Earl of Seaforth
5. Roderick MacLeod - Lament for the Viscount of Dundee.

Gillies Piobaireachd

1. John Angus Smith- The End of the Great Bridge,
2. William Morrison -Lachlan MacNeill Campbell's Fancy
3. P/M Iain Macey - The Bells of Perth
4. John Patrick - Lament for Donald D. MacKay
5. Sgt. Wilson Brown - The Earl of Seaforth.

Highland Club Piobaireachd

1. Kenneth MacBride
2. Andrew Wright
3. Bernard Bouhadana.

London Medallion M.S.R.

1. James Murray
2. Mike Cusack
3. William Morrison
4. John Patrick

Strachan M.S.R.

1. Herve Le Floch
2. Andrew Mathieson
3. Michael Rogers
4. Donald MacKay.

Highland Society Targe M.S.R.

1. Andrew Wright
2. Stephen Milner
3. James Beaumont.

J.B. Robertson March

1. P/Sgt. Gordon Walker
2. Mike Cusack
3. James Murray.

Beaton Cup Jig

1. P/Sgt. Gordon Walker
2. Roderick MacLeod
3. Robert Wallace.

Under 18 Slow Air & Jig

1. Bernard Bouhadana
2. Hugo MacPherson
3. Ken Price.

The Overall London Champion for 1997 was Mike Cusack

**Daylesford Highland Gathering 1997
6th December, 1997 Pipe Band Contest****Grade 1**

1st - City of Melbourne No 1
2nd - City of Blacktown No 1.
Drum Corps: City of Blacktown No 1.
Street March: City of Blacktown No 1.
Dress & Drill: City of Blacktown No 1

Grade 2

1st - City of Footscray;
2nd - Adelaide City Pipe Band
3rd - City of Melbourne No 1
Drum Corps: Adelaide City Pipe Band.
Street March: Adelaide City Pipe Band.
Dress & Drill: City of Melbourne No 1

Grade 3

1st - Moorabbin City Pipe Band
2nd - Golden City Pipe Band
3rd - Ballarat University Pipe Band.
Drum Corps: Moorabbin City Pipe Band.
Dress & Drill: Royal Caledonian Society
Pipe Band South Australia.

Grade 4

1st - Maryborough Pipe Band
2nd - Watsonia RSL Pipe Band
3rd - Derwent Scottish Pipe Band.
Drum Corps: Derwent Scottish Pipe
Band.
Street March: Derwent Scottish Pipe
Band.
Dress & Drill: Derwent Scottish Pipe
Band.

Juvenile

1st - Haileybury College Pipe Band
2nd - Scotch College Pipe Band.
Drum Corps: Scotch College Pipe Band.

**Palmerston North(NZ) Square Day -
13/12/97. 23 Bands - result highlights:****Grade 1 MSR**

1stNZ Police
2nd Celtic Inn Manawatu Scottish
Society PB
3rd City of Wellington Pipe Band
4th Canterbury Caledonian PB

Grade 1 Medley

1stNZ Police
2nd Canterbury Caledonian PB
3rd City of Wellington PB
4th Celtic Inn Manawatu Scottish
Society PB

Overall Grade 1 result

1stNZ Police
2nd Celtic Inn Manawatu Scottish
Society PB
3rd Canterbury Caledonian PB
4th City of Wellington PB

Overall Grade 2

1st City of Napier
2nd Hamilton Caledonian PB
3rd City of New Plymouth
4th City of Auckland
5th Fielding and Districts

Overall Grade 3

1st Whangarei & County
2nd Tauranga & Districts
3rd Celtic Inn Manawatu Scottish
Society PB no.2
4th Marton & District

Strathclyde Police Leadership Changes

Harry McAlear has stepped down as Pipe Major of the Police and Ian Plunkett now heads the band. What's more, this bastion of Sinclair chanters has also changed to the all-conquering Shepherds.

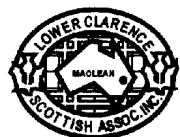
94th MACLEAN HIGHLAND GATHERING

April 4th 1998
Saturday Only

- Day Night Contest
- 10am Start
- Maclean Showground



- * Guest Piper to be confirmed
- * Maclean & District Services Club Pipe Band Centenary Year 1898-1998
- * Australian Pipe Band Championships Preliminary Contest



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YEARS

"BUT STILL THE BLOOD IS STRONG"

Lower Clarence Scottish Association Incorporated

1893 - 1998

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VENUE & EVENTS

Saturday April 4th 1998

MACLEAN SHOWGROUND

- Learner Chanter
- Elementary Piping
- Sub-Intermediate Piping
- Intermediate Piping
- Open Piping
- Solo Drumming
- Highland Dancing
- Highland Dancing Group Choreographed Competition
- Band Contest
- Hugh Donald Anderson Band Sign Award Competition
- Drum Major Flourish Solo Competition
- Maclean & District Services Club Pipe Band Centenary Feature 1898-1998
- Official Opening
- Massed Band Display
- Piping Recital
- Highland Sport

TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED

SOLO PIPING

MACLEAN GOLD MEDAL PIPING CONTEST

James MacSwan Gold Medal (Solid 9 ct gold)
Sponsored by the James MacSwan Estate,
Points 5-3-1 events 1 to 3.

Event No. 1 OPEN PİOBAIREACHD (J.K. McKinnon Memorial Trophy)

Competitors to nominate 3 tunes to the Judge.
Sponsored by the Family of the late Mrs May Blanch
1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30. Entry fee \$5.

Event No. 2 OPEN MARCHISTRATHSPEYİREEL (SLİRDARG TROPHY)

Competitors to nominate 3 sets of tunes to the Judge
each of (4) parts minimum.
Sponsored by Don Rodgers, Angus Robertson
1st. \$300, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50. Entry fee \$5.

Event No. 3 OPEN HORNPIPE/JIG (George Leask Memorial)

Competitors to nominate 3 sets of tunes to the Judge
each of (4) parts minimum,
Sponsored by Sandy & Mary Campbell. (Highland House
Brisbane)
1st. Trophy & \$150, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25. Entry fee \$5.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Event No. 4 RESTRICTED PİOBAIREACHD (Dr. H.W. Charlton Memorial)

Sponsored by David & Bill Charlton.
1st Sgian Dubh and Certificate plus cash \$25
2nd \$15 and Certificate.
3rd \$10 and Certificate. Entry fee \$2.

Event No. 5 DONALD MACSWAN MEMORIAL (Open to all grades)

Tune "Mrs MacSwan" correct music on application stamp
address envelope to the Secretary.
1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15. Entry fee \$2.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION PİPER

Alastair MacSween Memorial - plus \$30.

Event No. 6 MARCH/STRATHSPEY/REEL (Charlie McKinnon Mere.)

Sponsored by the McKinnon Family

Tunes each of (4) parts minimum.

1st. \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5. Entry fee \$2.

Event No. 7 HORNPIPE/JIG (John Wallace Memorial Trophy)

Sponsored by the Wallace Family

Tunes each of (4) parts minimum.

1st. \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5. Entry fee \$2.

SUB-INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION PIPER

Mary Catherine MacKenzie MacPherson Memorial Trophy plus \$25.

Event No. 8 MARCN/STRATHSPEY/REEL (Alex Wallace Memorial)

Sponsored by Mary Wallace

Tunes March of (4) parts into Strathspey/Reel each two (2) parts minimum.

1st \$12, 2nd \$8, 3rd \$5. Entry fee \$2.

Event No. 9 JIG Sponsored by Mary McPherson and Family

Tune 2 parts minimum.

1st \$12, 2nd \$8, 3rd \$5. Entry fee \$2.

ELEMENTARY CHAMPION PIPER

(Fred Douglas Memorial) - plus \$10.

Sponsored by the Douglas family.

Event No. 10 MARCH 2/4 (Maggie Wallace Memorial)

Sponsored by the Wallace family.

Tune (4) parts minimum.

1st \$10, 2nd \$~, 3rd \$4. Entry fee \$2.

Event No. 11 SLOW AIR (Maud Douglas Memorial)

Music composed by an Australian Resident

Sponsored by the Douglas family.

1st \$10, 2nd \$ \$6, 3rd \$4. Entry fee \$2.

Event No. 12 CHANTER LEARNER (Peter Mathieson Memorial)

Sponsored by Jillian Ryan, Jennifer Anderson & families.

Tunes 2/4 March (2) parts minimum to be played on the practice chanter. This event is restricted to learners under 12 months, and definitely not playing the pipes.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Trophies. Entry is free.

BAND CONTEST

BAND CONTEST TWO ELEMENTS ONE CONTEST

* Element One March/Strathspey/Reel

* Element Two Musical Selection

GRADE No. 1 NORMAN MACSWAN MEMORIAL

Sponsored by the Lower Clarence Services Club Maclean

GRADE No. 2 NEIL WALLACE MEMORIAL

Sponsored by O'Halloran Motors Maclean

GRADE No. 3 JANET SUSAN MCLEAY MEMORIAL

Sponsored by Moran Service Centre Maclean

Grade No. 4 CLAN MCLENNAN MEMORIAL

Sponsored by the Clan McLennan Society Grafton

Prize Money all grades 1st \$300, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100.

Entry fee \$30

CONTEST RULES

1. Band & Solo contests will be conducted in accordance with Australian Pipe Band Association Contest Rules 1997.
2. Prize Money 1st Prize only - 2 competitors
1st & 2nd Prize - 3 competitors
1st, 2nd & 3rd prize - 4 or more competitors.
3. Acceptance of Entries - At least one appropriately graded band must enter for that grade to be contested. Competitors may only compete in their registered state grades.
4. State registration numbers must be submitted with all entries.

5. All entries and fees must be in the hands of the Secretary before the last mail **FRIDAY, MARCH 6th 1998.**

Business size stamped addressed envelope must accompany

all entries for contest draw and conditions.

6. Only correct highland dress or registered band uniforms must be worn under the contest rules.
7. Definitely only fine tuning permitted in front of Judges.
8. All bands not granted official exemption must participate and complete Street March, and participate in Massed Band Display. Otherwise they will forfeit prize money or travelling allowance.
9. All competitors to arrange their own accommodation, assistance will be given on request to the secretary.
10. All competitors compete at their own risk, no liability is accepted for injury or loss sustained by any person taking part in any event.
11. The Judges' decision is final.

Maclean and District Services Club Pipe Band

1998 is the Centenary year of Maclean Pipe Band. The band was formed at a meeting at the Maclean Hotel on Thursday 3rd February, 1898. Current members registered and competing with the band are:

Andrew Roach	Piper	Colin McLachlan	Piper
Murdo MacLeod	Piper	Donald Simpson	Piper
Matthew McLeod	Piper	Dennis Darke	Piper
Allister Wallace	Piper	Amelia Essex	Basic Section Drummer
Allistair McInnes	Piper	Tammy Essex	Basic Section Drummer
Ian McLennan	Piper	Trevor Essex	Snare Drummer
Paul Lomman	Piper	Adam Firth	Snare Drummer
Lyle Essex	Piper	Donald Want	Snare Drummer
Ross McLachlan	Piper	David Jackson	Snare Drummer

1998 - MACLEAN HIGHLAND GATHERING ENTRY FORM:

Entries close last mail **Friday, March 6th 1998**
NO PHONE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.

BAND

GRADEFEE

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BAND TUNES

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BAND SECRETARY

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The last owner was Sir Patrick Grant who did a lot of work to change and improve the instrument before leaving the business go on to other more lucrative things. At this point they stopped making pipes.

Later the name was bought by Joe Hogan, a former employee of J & R Glen in the Royal Mile, Edinburgh. Hogan had been unable to continue the Glen name after the death of Andrew Ross as it was sold to a third party. He then set up his own shop as Clan Bagpipes in a close around the corner from the old Glen shop. Later when the Grainger and Campbell mark became available he bought it.

Simon Fraser University Pipe Band from Strength to Strength

The band is to play a concert at Carnegie Hall on February 20, 1998. GENERAL

They are also taking their Highland Arts Festival courses to Montclair State University in New Jersey on Feb. 21 and 22

They have also announced that Stuart Liddell has joined the band for the 1998 season and will be playing with them at the Concert and instructing some of the piping courses. Stuart has won the "A"

Marches and "A" Strathspey & Reel events at Inverness, the "A" Marches at Oban, and most recently placed 3rd in the Former Winners MSR at Inverness. He has received the Young Piper of Scotland award three times and has played with the Scottish Power Pipe Band.