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November Meeting

Monday 22nd

**Souths Leagues Club, Jane
Street, West End**

7.45 pm

**The meeting will be the
Veteran's Competition, together
with the Christmas Party (Please
bring a plate of Christmas Fare to help the
celebrations along)**

Veterans Contest

Test piece: Medley of 3-5 minutes

Prizes: 1st: \$40, 2nd: \$20, 3rd: \$15

**Entries to the Secretary phone 3397 4512
after hours or by post by 19/6/98**

From the Editor:

The year concludes for the Society with the Veteran's Contest this month, but not the piping year – see the notice about the visit of Gordon Walker in early December. Your next newsletter will arrive in early February and will contain details of the programme for next year.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the Society this year and wishes for a full and prosperous New Year to all our members near and far.

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OCTOBER 1999 MEETING

A compact crowd of 25 loyal supporters rolled up for our pipers night in October. Bob Payne started the evening with a joke and some announcements, including the Veterans Contest next month. He also apologised for his unplanned absence last month!

Then he gave us a couple of tunes, prefacing the performance with the announcement that Sandy Campbell bears no responsibility for the playing! He had just made it for his third lesson of the year tonight, having spent much of the year trying to retire from his dentistry practice! Nevertheless he gave a steady performance on a well tuned pipe with perhaps a little irregularity on the top hand notes. The tunes were musically expressed despite a few little difficulties with execution. From your scribe's memory, the performance showed a big improvement on his previous performance at the Society some time ago. His tunes included **The White Swan, Waters of Kylesku, Land of my Youth, Kilwoth Hills, Hills of Kintail, Mist Covered Mountains, Dark Island, and Rab's Wedding.** Particularly noticeable was the steadiness of his drones almost throughout, a feat that could well be emulated by many younger learners.

Doug Thoresen was next to play. His chanter being a touch flat, a quick adjustment yielded an immediate improvement and he

was away after a brief touch of the drones. His pipe was not loud but had good resonance and came up to pitch quite quickly. His varied and entertaining selection included **Lochanside, Dream Valley of Glendaruel, Banjo Breakdown, Colin's Cattle, Farewell to the Creeks, 10th HLI, Southall, Glen Caladh Castle, Maggie Cameron, Islay Ball, John MacDonald's Reel, Alec C MacGregor, Rocking the Baby and Jig of Slurs**

Next we heard from Stuart MacLeod playing Phillip Cowan's pipes. He gave us a short selection including **Lord Lovat's Lament, Leaving Lismore and Barney's Balmoral.** He blew the instrument well and played steadily and musically.

Next to entertain us was Phillip Cowan. After a bit of tuning his instrument was going well. He started with some slow tunes. A little more tuning and he was off into another varied selection which included **Shenandoah, Greenlands, Rose of Allandale, The Crusaders, Qld Youth on Parade, Train Journey North, Jig of Slurs, The Fishing Boat, The Keel Row, The Drunken Piper, Airlie's Big Day, Trinity Bay Blue and The Ewe with the Crookit Smile.**

Finally Maurie deHayr was persuaded to have a few tunes. He was not playing his usual pipes but one of the pipes belonging to the Brisbane Boys College. The pipes are a set of Hendersons

previously owned by Don Bonfield, who used to play in in the Caledonian Band in the late '50s. The pipes sounded well from blowing up without any preparation. After a few tunes he decided the chanter needed a bit of adjustment to bring it to the drones, but then the drones needed tuning as well!. By now the pipes were sounding with good resonance. He launched into a varied selection including the 2/4 **W C Balfour Campbell** (by

Ian Campbell), the 4/4s **Bonnie Gallowa', The Auld Hoose** and **Leaving Ireland**, the 6/8s **Farewell to the Creeks** and **Leaving Port Askaig** and then **Haughs of Cromdale, Dalnahassaig, Aspen Bank** and **Molly Connell**.

Finally for the night, Bob organised the drawing of the raffle by May Maclean. It was duly won by Hettie.

All then retired for supper and a chat.

What's On

NOVEMBER	21	Combined Scottish Societies (NSW) Highland Gathering – Drummoyne Oval – contact Helen MacKenzie 02 9869 7876
	22	SOCIETY MEETING
	24	NSW Pipers Society Jimmy Jackson Memorial Contest (Medley 3-6 minutes) – Holternan Street, Crows Nest
	27	Go Highland on The Island – Brisbane Clans Pipes and Drums St Andrew's Day Function cruising on the Brisbane River. Departs 12.00noon. \$15. Contact Kate Wyse 07 3369 2232 or Mavis Williams 07 3849 8271 A/H
	28	APBA (Qld Branch) Picnic in the Park – Sherwood Forest Park, Corinda from 10.30am. Bring yourself and family, instrument, food & drink. Contact Brian Edmonds 3375 5394
DECEMBER	4	Queensland Highlanders Ceilidh – Sherwood RSL – Clewley & Browne Streets, Sherwood. Contact 0410 407 550
	4,5	Daylesford Highland Gathering (Victoria). Bands Saturday, Solos and Miniature Bands Sunday
	5	Celtic Concert with Bun-Ber-E Celtic Band. Balmoral Bowls Club, Jean Howie Drive, Morningside. Contact 07 3349 1230 or 07 3396 9025
	18	Ceilidh with Gordon Walker – Enoggera Bowls Club – 7.30pm to Midnight. Bar Prices, \$10 Admission. Gordon is visiting Australia and going to Perth Sydney and Brisbane. This is your chance to hear him while he is in Brisbane.

JANUARY	1	Sunshine Coast New Years Day Gathering – See the Notice later in the newsletter. presented by the Sunshine Coast Branch of the Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Queensland)
	1-2	Waipu (NZ) Millenium Highland Games
2000	Feb 28	First Society Meeting of the New Millenium
	Apr 22-24	Australian Pipe Band Championships – Adelaide
	May 30	Kingaroy Band Contest (Mini Bands, Full Bands and Solos)
	Sep 30	Ipswich Band Contest (Qld Championships)

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 Programs **SBS Radio** – Brisbane FM 93.3 - Thursday nights 10-11pm
4EB - AM 1053 – Thursday afternoons 3-4pm

RSPBA Championship Dates for 2000

European (Ayr)	20 May
British (Asbourne, England)	25 June
Worlds (Glasgow Green)	12 August
Cowal	26 August
Scottish (Arbroath)	2 September

5th NEW YEAR'S DAY SCOTTISH GATHERING

SATURDAY, 1st JANUARY, 2000
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piping, dancing, music, singing, tug-o-war and more.

SCOTTISH SHOPS IN ATTENDANCE
Community groups will be selling food and refreshments

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
FRED LOGAN phone (07) 5441 4238 fax (07) 5441 7858 or PO Box 5281, SCMC. QLD 4560

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CONTEST RESULTS

Queensland Solo Championships – Saturday 6 November.

The Wynnum Highland Gathering Committee provided the organisation. This Society, the Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Qld), Wynnum RSL and the Wynnum-Manly Junior RL provided the sponsorship and the weather was ideal – warm with a cool breeze and some cloud cover. The piping was judged by Society Patron Maurie DeHayr and Secretary Alex McConnell and a very good turnout of players was in evidence. The results were-

Open MSR

1. Stuart Grant
2. Lea Ahokava
3. Mark McKenzie

Open Hornpipe/Jig

1. Darin Cook
2. Mark McKenzie
3. Lea Ahokava

Open Piobaireachd

1. Stuart Grant
2. Mark McKenzie
3. Alexandra Finch

Intermediate MSR

1. Lea Ahokava
2. Phillip Cowan
3. Alexander Hood

Intermediate Hornpipe/Jig

1. Lea Ahokava
2. Alexandra Finch
3. Phillip Cowan

Sub-Intermediate MSR

1. Alexandra Finch
2. Nathan Bedford
3. Matthew Supranowicz

Sub-Intermediate Hornpipe/Jig

1. Alexandra Finch
2. Nathan Bedford

Elementary March

1. Matthew Supranowicz
2. Cory Dale

3. Karl Ashman

Elementary Air

1. Matthew Supranowicz
2. Cory Dale
3. Karl Ashman

Glenfiddich Championship – 30 October

Piobaireachd

1. Willie McCallum
2. Angus MacColl
3. Niall Mathieson
4. Roddy MacLeod
5. Alan Bevan

MSR

1. Gordon Walker
2. Willie McCallum
3. Angus MacColl
4. Niall Mathieson
5. Roddy MacLeod

Overall

1. Willie McCallum (1st Piob, 2nd MSR)
2. Angus MacColl
3. Niall Mathieson

London Competition. – 7 November

'The Brattach Gorm' (Piobaireachd)

1. Willie McCallum - 'The Lament for Donald Ban MacCrimmon'
2. Robert Wallace - 'Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay'
3. Colin MacLellan - 'Lament for the Harp Tree'.
4. John Angus Smith - 'Lady MacDonald's Lament'.
5. Brian Donaldson - 'My King has landed in Moidart'.

(14 entrants)

'The Gillies Cup' (Piobaireachd)

1. Gordon Walker
2. Willie McCallum
3. Brian Donaldson
4. Jenny Hazzard
5. Robert Wallace

(33 entrants)

**'The Highland Club of London
Challenge Cup' (Piobaireachd)**

1. Robert Watt - 'The Blue Ribbon'
 2. Craig Skedd - 'The Battle of Auldearn'
 3. Alexis Meunier - 'Lament for Donald of Laggan'
- (24 entrants)

**'The London Medallion' (MSR played
through once)**

1. Willie McCallum
 2. Andrew Mathieson
 3. Gordon Walker
 3. Brian Donaldson
- (15 entrants)

**'The James T. Strachan Memorial Prize'
(MSR)**

1. Michael Grey
 2. Jenny Hazzard
 3. Craig Skedd
 4. Bruce Erskine
- (41 entrants)

**'The Highland Society of London
Challenge Targe' (MSR)**

1. Daniel Moign

2. Andrew Douglas
 3. Stephen Cussen
- (14 entrants)

**'The J.B. Robertson Trophy' (a
J.B. Robertson march composition,
played through once)**

1. Gordon Walker
 2. Andrew Mathieson
 3. James Murray
- (12 entrants)

'The Jig for the Beaton Cup' (Jig)

1. Brian Donaldson
 2. Gordon Walker
 3. Roderick MacLeod
 4. Willie McCallum
- (41 entrants)

**'The Under 18's Trophy for The
Highland & Islands Quaich' (Slow Air
& Jig)**

1. Andrew Douglas
 2. Alexis Meunier
 3. Bruce Erskine
- (12 entrants)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We haven't chased subscriptions up this year yet. Subscriptions to the Society are payable for the year from 1 July to 30 June, so if you've paid your **\$20** at or since the middle of the year you're probably covered.

If not, we'd really appreciate your cheque!

The Secretary will be going over the records with a fine toothcomb over the Christmas break and we'll notify those who are still in arrears early in the New Year. However, this job will be made easier if there are fewer to follow up.