



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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March

March Meeting Monday 27th

Souths Leagues Club, Jane Street, West End

7.45 pm

“Open Medley” contest, - let's hear your musical imagination let loose

The contest will be **open to all** comers (if we have a very large entry we may divide it into a junior and senior division).

Tunes entirely at the choice of the competitor (**5-7 minutes** playing).

Prizes: 1st \$30, 2nd, \$20, 3rd \$10.

Entries to the Secretary by 24 March would be appreciated (07 3397 4512 A/H)

From the Editor:

With our first meeting of the year over, we now start on a series of competitions. **Please give them your full support** – last year we had some very small entries.

Remember that there will be **no meeting in April** because of the clash with Easter. The **April Newsletter will be early** because your scribe and Desley are off overseas from late April till the end of May (yes we will be visiting Scotland).

President Bob Payne will send out a short newsletter for May to remind everyone about the meeting.

Bob will be also the contact while we are away. His phone number is 07 5532 4643 (be aware that he lives at Southport, so you may be on an STD call if you ring him).

Alex McConnell

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FEBRUARY 2000 MEETING

A good crowd of 32 turned up for our first meeting of the year. Your scribe only got there towards the end of the meeting because of work commitments, so if I have got anything in the wrong order I apologise.

The first item of the evening was to be a lament played by Doug Thoresen in memory of three members and friends of the Society who had died since our previous meeting in November

Doug expressed his appreciation in the honour of being requested to open the meeting with an appropriate tune and especially in memory of Lachlan McCabe, Peter McDiarmid and Dave Pearson and indeed the past pipers who have given so many tunes and music to us.

He suggested that a memorial meeting or trust be considered to allow a remembrance of our past pipers on an annual basis.

The tune that he thought of playing was "Lament for Rory Mor" attributed to Patrick Mor MacCrimmon but then felt it would be more appropriate to play something perhaps more familiar to all in attendance. With this in mind he quoted the tune "Doctor Mackay's Farewell to Benbecula" which was written originally by Iain MacLachlan but on review by BBC TV it was changed to the lovely haunting Air "The Dark Island".

Next to play was Phillip Cowan, who is still rapidly developing as a player. First he played a set of Parlour Pipes and on these his tunes included *Wearing of the Green*, *The Minstrel Boy*, *No 'Awa tae Bide 'Awa*, *Will Ye No Come Back Again*, *Cutting Bracken*, *Barren Rocks of Aden*, *Rocking the baby* and *The Jig of Slurs*. On taking up his "big pipes" he went on to

play *The Sleeping Tune*, *The Crusaders*, *Queensland Youth on Parade*, *Trinity Bay Blue*, *The Pap of Glencoe*, *Captain Duncan MacGregor*, *Lexy McAskill*, *Summer Set*, *The Big Birl*, *The Ewe With The Crookit Smile* and *Highland Cathedral*. All in all a great mix of old, middle aged, new and newer music.

To continue with the variety for the evening, Malcolm McLaren had brought along two sets of bellows blown Scottish Smallpipes of his own manufacture, one in A and one in D. I'm not sure if this was the first meeting of ours he has been to, but if not it was certainly the first for a long time. Malcolm is now resident in Brisbane and is making Smallpipes, so if you want a set, please contact him. His phone number is 07 3820 2902. The interest aroused by the pipes was evident as members crowded around for a look and a discussion after the meeting. He played a few tunes on them including *Callanish*, *High Over Bunachton*, *Mill Mill 'O*, *Sir John Fenwick*, *Drops of Brandy* and *Foxhunters*.

Next to play was Iain Bruce, who gave us his usual musical and varied selection in an impeccable style. His tunes included the 3/4s *Donald MacKinnon's* and *The Shores of Argyll*, the 6/8s *MacLeod of Mull* and *George Johnston*, the slow air *Morag Beag* (written by Ron Fleming for Iain's daughter), the jigs *Paddy Carey* and *Bessie Brown*, the 2/4 Marches *Father John MacMillan Of Barra* and *Allan Dodd's Farewell to Scotland*, Strathspey *Susan MacLeod*, Reel *John MacDonald*, Hornpipes *Boys of Bluehill* and *Jolly Beggarmen* and finally the Jigs *Tenpenny Bit* and *David Ross*.

Finally Bob Payne had a few tunes himself including *White Swan*, *Waters of Kylesku*,

The Shieling, Fair Maid of Barra and Kilworth Hills.

Bob wished Dave Sinclair a happy birthday for the 20th just past (he's now a

year into the fourth quarter of a century). The raffle was drawn by Innes Barker and won by Joan O'Neill and all retired for supper and a chat, many with Malcolm McLaren as I mentioned earlier!

Helen McCabe and family would like to thank everyone for prayers, support and expressions of sympathy during the illness and recent loss of Lachlan. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

What's On

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| MARCH | 27 | Society Meeting – Open Medley |
| APRIL | | No Society Meeting this month |
| | 6 | Celebration of the Declaration of Arbroath – 11am to 2pm – Queen Street Mall upper entertainment area – organised by the Clans Congress – contact Iris Reid Benjamin 07 3366 4811 – Bands, Dancers, Displays |
| | 9 | Ringwood (Vic) Highland Gathering – contact 03 9876 4140 |
| | 8 | Bundanoon Highland Gathering – NSW Southern Highlands |
| | 21-22 | 96 th Maclean Highland Gathering – see full details later in the newsletter |
| | 22-23 | Australian Pipe Band Championships – Adelaide |

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| MAY | 5-7 | Glen Innes Celtic Festival – contact 02 7632 2397 |
| | 13 | Kingaroy Band Contest (Mini Bands, Full Bands and Solos) – full details later in newsletter |
| | 19-20 | The Pipers Retreat – Commercial Hotel, Tenterfield – see the notice and booking form later in the newsletter |
| | 20-21 | Celtic Celebration Committee – Saturday Piobaireachd Championship, Sunday AOM Trophy - Irish Club – Contact Rab Lawrie 07 5498 9798 |
| MAY | 22 | Society Meeting – Patron's Trophy |
| | 27 | Caboolture Highland Gathering – Apex Park, Centenary Lakes – contact 07 5498 9798 |
| | 27 | Brisbane Clans Pipes and Drums Highland Ball – Riverside Ballroom – contact Mrs Kate Wyse on 07 3369 2232 or 07 3221 7138. Note this will not be a debutante ball as was previously advised |
| JUNE | 24 | Bannockburn Dinner – Irish Club - \$50 a head – organised by the Clan Campbell and Clan Donald Societies – Contact Trevor Campbell 07 3359 6662 |

If you need more details about any of the above events and a contact is not mentioned, ring the Society Secretary (07 3397 4512 after hours) and we will see what we can dig up for you. We also have information on meetings and functions of a wide range of Scottish and other Celtic organisations, so if you were wondering about something, please contact us and we will see what we can find for you.

**Scottish Radio
Programs**

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

FROM THE PIOBARIACHD SOCIETY WEBSITE:

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference will take place in the Royal Hotel, Bridge of Allan, from Friday evening, 24th until after lunch on Sunday 26th March 2000. The programme consists of "Donald MacDonald - the Man and his Music" by Keith Sanger and Roderick Cannon, "The Story of the Kilberry Book of Ceol Mor" by James Campbell, "The Bobs of Balmoral" by Norman Matheson and "The Set Tunes for 2000" by Malcolm McRae and Andrew Wright.

MacArthur-MacGregor Manuscript

This will be published by the John MacFadyen Memorial Trust in March this year and is at the printers at the time of writing this newsletter. The Society is also contributing towards the cost of publication. The book will comprise; an account of the history of the manuscript and an analysis of the musical style by Frans Buisman, a facsimile of the original manuscript as written by John MacGregor, and a performing text by Andrew Wright. Roderick D. Cannon is the consulting editor.

Reprint of Alec Haddow's "History and Structure of Ceol Mor

The reprinting of this valuable reference book in an improved format is imminent. The Society has been fortunate in obtaining some financial support towards the reprint.

QHPS PROGRAM FOR 2000

The Proposed Program for the year is shown below. Note that we have cancelled the April Meeting as it would fall on Easter Monday and be the day before ANZAC Day. The program is always flexible, so if you have ideas for changes, please speak to one of the executive.

We will also (starting with this newsletter) give full details of the competition (if any) to be held at **next month's** meeting, to help members be prepared and hopefully to boost the number of competitors.

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| 27 March | Open Medley Contest (5-7 minutes) | 24 July | Jimmy Durham Trophy (2/4 March for junior members) |
| April | NO MEETING | 28 August | Annual Meeting and 6/8 contest |
| 22 May | Patron's Trophy (MSR for senior members) | 25 September | Pair of Pipers Contest |
| 26 June | Hornpipe & Jig Contest | 23 October | Pipers' Night |
| | | 27 November | Veterans' Contest (Medley 3-5 minutes) |

NEXT MEETING (MAY)

Patron's Trophy contest – this is the serious stuff.... MSR for senior players (Open & Inter.)

Prizes: 1st \$50 and Trophy, 2nd, \$25, 3rd \$20.

Entries to the Bob Payne by 19 May would be appreciated (phone 07 5532 4643)

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Kingaroy Cricket and Sports Club

Youngman Street Kingaroy 4610

13th May 2000

- * Solo Piping and Drumming all Grades,
- * Grade 3 & 4 Mini Band Competition
- * Grade 1, 2 & 3 Full Band Competition
- * Drum Major's Competition
- * Mass Bands
- * On Ground Stalls

For further information contact the Secretary
Joan McGruer
P.O. Box 51
Kingaroy 4610
Phone 07 4162 1435

Contest Details and entry forms were in last month's newsletter. Entires close 7 April

SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you haven't paid yet paid your subs for 1999/2000 in response to then notice sent last month, please do so as soon as possible. We will soon be culling the mailing list for the newsletter.

The PIPERS RETREAT

May 19th 20th

at the Commercial Hotel. Tenterfield.

It was one of Lachlan's wishes that the 'Pipers Retreat' event carry on. He put so much enthusiasm and effort into organising it and we want to carry on for his sake.

This year we have decided to hold it at the Commercial Hotel in Rouse St. from 19-20 May. This time of the year was chosen as it is quiet on the piping scene and we avoid clashing with the many contests and events that come up later in the year. Also it is Autumn in Tenterfield and quite picturesque for visitors from other areas and not as cold as July.

The Commercial Hotel is central in Tenterfield and the hosts, Mr. & Mr's. John Varley are looking forward to having the Retreat at their hotel.

The cost of accommodation at the Commercial is very reasonable i.e. \$15 Single and \$25 Double per night. If you wish accommodation to be booked at the Commercial please fill in the section at the bottom and return it as soon as possible. Other hotels within walking distance are the Royal Hotel . 02 6736 1833, Tenterfield Saddler Hotel (formerly Exchange) 02 6736 1054, Telegraph Hotel 02 6736 1015. There are also plenty of Motels in the town.

We would also like you to take part in the programme side of the weekend and advise us what Piobaireachd or light music you will play. If you can give a short talk about 'something you think will interest the group or a demonstration of anything new, then please mention it in your reply.

We would like all those attending if possible to wear their kilts especially the players. Jeans and sneakers are certainly not acceptable and it only takes a bit of effort to look the part when playing.

Meals will be available at the Commercial and your \$6 registration fee covers the cost of morning and afternoon tea, administration costs and 'Pipers Retreat' programme. There will be a raffle(s) during the weekend and the money raised will go to organisations that helped Lachlan while he was sick, such as the Blue Nursing Service in Warwick who were wonderful to him and Helen.

Please reply as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely. Jean McCabe.

ACCOMMODATION BOOKING FORM.

Name Address

Phone No

Please reserve accommodation for people.

Will you play a Piobaireachd? Sat. Morning Session

Will you play light music Fri. evening and Sat.

Can you give a demonstration on something new etc

Talk on a subject? (Time 5 - 15 mins. maximum)

Note. Your \$6 p.p. to reserve accommodation is your nomination fee as well.

Please make cheque payable to: Tenterfield Highlanders Pipe Band.
and post to PO Box 330 TENTERFIELD 2372.

Phone: (02) 6736 1232.

96TH MACLEAN HIGHLAND GATHERING EASTER WEEKEND APRIL 21ST - 22ND 2000


Friday Afternoon - Cameron Park
Saturday - Maclean Showground



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2000 MACLEAN HIGHLAND GATHERING VENUE & EVENTS

EASTER FRIDAY 21st APRIL

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| <p>Cameron Park Afternoon</p> <p>CWA Hall Night</p> <p>R.S.L Hall Night</p> <p>Maclean Shopping Centre</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elementary Piping & Drumming - Chanter Learner - Drum Learner - Open Piping Piobaireachd - Open Piping March/Strathspey/Reel - Hornpipe/Jig - Scottish Ceilidh 7.30 pm - "Under Lights" - Civic Welcome - Bands - Scottish Entertainment |
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EASTER SATURDAY 22nd APRIL

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| <p>Maclean Shopping Centre</p> <p>Maclean Showground</p> | <p>8.30 am Street March Bands on Parade Hugh Donald Anderson Band Sign Competition</p> <p>9.00 am Highland Dancing Competition</p> <p>10.00 am Band Contest</p> <p>10.00 am Solo Piping/Drumming Contest</p> <p>12.30 pm Official Opening Drum Major Solo Competition Highland Sports Scottish Stalls</p> <p>4.30 pm Massed Band Display</p> |
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EASTER SATURDAY NIGHT 22nd APRIL

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| <p>Civic Hall</p> | <p>8.00 pm SCOTTISH Concert Piping Recital (Guest Piper) Highland Dancing Display Scottish Entertainment</p> |
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Scottish Concert

Easter Saturday Night - 22nd April, 2000

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CONTEST RESULTS

Uist & Barra Contest - Piping Centre - Glasgow – 12 March

MSR

- 1 Gordon Walker
- 2 Angus MacColl
- 3 Roddy MacLeod
- 4 Willie Morrison
- 5 Stuart Liddell

Piobaireachd

- 1 Roddy MacLeod
- 2 Willie MacCallum
- 3 Stuart Shedden
- 4 Iain Speirs
- 5 Gordon Walker.

Overall

- 1 Roddy MacLeod
- 2 Gordon Walker

Nunawading Highland Gathering Sunday 5 March 2000

Grade 1

- 1 Williamstown RSL

Grade 2

1. Moorabbin
2. Uni of Ballarat

Grade 3

1. Warrnambool
2. Melbourne 2
3. Nunawading

Grade 4

1. Scotch College
2. Maryborough
3. Haileybury College

Juvenile

1. Haileybury College
2. Scotch College

