



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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July Meeting Monday 24th

Souths Leagues Club, Jane Street, West End

7.45 pm

The meeting will feature the Jimmy Durham Memorial contest

This competition is open to **ALL JUNIOR PIPERS** (Elementary & Sub-Intermediate) who have not previously won the event.

TEST PIECE: 2/4 March of at least 4 parts, once through. The "Jimmy Durham Memorial" Trophy is a perpetual trophy originally donated by the Warwick Caledonian Society. Four fine medals are donated annually by Bill Durham

Prizes: 1st -The Jimmy Durham Trophy to hold for one year and \$60, 2nd - \$30, 3rd - \$20, 4th - \$10, together with the medals mentioned above.

Entries to the Secretary, PO Box 1252, Coorparoo DC 4151 or by phone 3397 4512 (AFTER 4.00PM) by Friday 22 July

From the Editor:

Our meeting this month will be overshadowed by the sadness at the death last week of Betty DeHayr, wife of our Patron Maurie and herself a former Secretary of the Society. It is fitting that our contest this month is for Junior pipers, as Betty was always concerned that younger pipers should be encouraged by our Society.

We have more inside the newsletter about Betty but I am sure all members of the Society would want me to express to Maurie their condolences and support at this time.

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Vale Betty DeHayr

It was with shock and sadness that we heard of the serious illness and then the passing of Betty DeHayr. Along with our patron Maurie she has been for many years a stalwart supporter of the Society and the cause of piping in Queensland.

A considerable number of members were present at her funeral on Monday 17 July, along with many other members of the Scottish and Piping communities – the chapel was full well beyond overflowing. Fomer Society President Iain Bruce played the lament.

To commemorate Betty's life we can do no better than to reprint the Eulogy composed by her family.....

BETTY ANN DE HAYR

Betty was born in Lady Bowen Hospital on 31st March, 1936, the third child to Charles and Pearl Parker.

As a child she was a tomboy and prepared to give as much as she took. Kids will remember a whack with a handbag containing a bible on the way home from Sunday School.

She attended the Kelvin Grove State School but didn't take to school life and as soon as she could she went to work. Firstly at the then McWhirters in the Valley store and later at Finney Isles {David Jones} where she became an expert fitter of ladies' and children's shoes.

She played tennis but her main interest was ballroom dancing at Ron Steele's studio in the Caledonian Club in Elizabeth Street, Brisbane.

It was here at the monthly dance that she met Maurie. It wasn't love at first sight and for a short time, after a few outings they went their separate ways. But eventually love blossomed and they were married in St. Pauls Presbyterian Church on 9th June, 1956 and so became the couple we all know as "Betty & Maurie".

In 1964 when Maurie had major heart surgery, Betty displayed the strength and determination needed to nurse him back to health and maintained a watchful eye over him ever since.

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JUNE 2000 MEETING

Our June meeting had an attendance of 32 (I hope that includes your scribe who arrived very late after being delayed at work!) In attendance was Roy Gunn who moved some time ago from New Zealand to retire on the Gold Coast. Bob Payne had tracked him down (not without some difficulty) after having met him at the Pipers' Retreat. We're pleased to report he has now joined the Society and we hope to

see him as much as he is able. Roy has a distinguished career especially in the playing of Piobaireachd and we look forward to hearing some of the big music from him in the future.

Matt Rigby, just back in Brisbane after some (successful) surgery on a troublesome back, was our judge for the Hornpipe and Jog competition, which unfortunately only attracted two competitors, Phillip Cowan and Matthew

Supranowicz. Matthew's account of the contest follows:

Firstly I would like to say after having been away from Brisbane for over half a year it was great to see all of the regular members of the QHPS again.

I think that when you are away from something for a period of time you really notice the changes that have taken place. Therefore as I commented at the meeting it is heartening to hear and see the tremendous improvements in both Phillip and Matthew's piping and concepts of piping over this time.

The first competitor was Matthew Supranowicz playing Dora Watt and the Judges Dilemma. Matthew's Bagpipe took a couple of parts to settle, to become an enjoyable to listen to instrument - as such maybe a few minutes would have assisted in settling the instrument before starting the performance. Matthew's Hornpipe started at a good tempo, which continued throughout with good clean finger-work. Matthew had a good break into the jig, which he played well although missing a couple of gracenotes in the 1st and 3rd parts. Overall a very competent and enjoyable performance.

Phillip was the second competitor playing Trinity Bay Blue and The Ewe with the Crookit Smile. Phillip had a good sounding big instrument, however once again maybe a bit more time spent tuning the drones would have enhanced the performance as the outside tenor was slightly out of tune. Phillip's Hornpipe was played with clear and concise finger-work with a good break into the Jig, which was played equally as well as the Hornpipe. Overall an impressive and enjoyable performance.

One suggestion that I would like to make to both Phillip and Matthew would be to play their tunes at a slightly quicker tempo as they both have the ability necessary to achieve this. I feel that this would enhance their performances greatly and bring out a bit more music in their playing.

The result of the contest was:

1. Phillip Cowan
2. Matthew Supranowicz.

As usual, the competitors were prevailed on for some more tunes. Matthew's contributions were **Morag Duncan, McNeill of Ugadale, Jean Mauchline, Rose Among the Heather, Captain Lachlan MacPhail's Welcome to Tiree** and **Struan Robertson**.

Phillip's tunes included **The Dark Island, The Pap of Glencoe, Captain Duncan MacGregor, The Sheepwife, Ballochyle, Ellen-Orr, Portland Castle, Captain Colin Campbell** and **The Cockerel in the Creel**

Finally Doug Thoresen was persuaded to give us few tunes (not a very difficult thing to persuade him to do) and they included the Air **Dream Angus**, moving into the 6/8s **Glendaruel Highlanders** and **Farewell to the Creeks**, a couple of substantial 2/4s in **Donald Maclean's Farewell to Oban** and **Arthur Bignold of Lochrosque** with the Strathspey and Reel **Shepherd's Crook** and **Rejected Suitor** to finish up.

The evening was finished up with Phillip Cowan drawing the raffle which was won by Hattie and all present moving on to supper.

QHPS Program for 2000

24 July	Jimmy Durham Trophy (2/4 March for junior members)	23 October	Pipers' Night
28 August	Annual Meeting and 6/8 contest	27 November	Veterans' Contest (Medley 3-5 minutes)
25 September	Pair of Pipers Contest		

What's On

JULY	21	Society of St Andrew of Scotland Ball – Convention Centre - \$97 per person. Enquiries John Simpson 3379 7327 or Graham McLeod 3300 6714
	22	Peter Boyle Memorial Contest – Maryborough Cricket Grounds – Contact 07 4121 2810
	24	Society Meeting – Jimmy Durham Trophy
AUGUST	9	Silver Chanter, Dunvegan Castle, Isle of Skye
	12	Cowal Championships, Dunoon
	23,24	Argyllshire Gathering, Oban
	28	Society Meeting – Annual Meeting & 6/8 contest
SEPTEMBER	2-3	Newcastle Mattara Bands and Solos – Arthur Matthews 02 4943 6580
	6-7	Northern Meeting, Inverness
	9	Wynnum Highland Gathering- Bands and Solos – Contact Glenys O'Malley 07 3822 6563
	25	Society Meeting – Pair of Pipers Contest
	30	Queensland Pipe Band and Solo Championships – Limestone Park, Lion Street, Ipswich. Contact Liz McGhee (Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band – 07 3281 5408
OCTOBER	23	Society Meeting – Pipers' Night
	28	Ceilidh at Halloween – presented by the Clans Congress at the Irish Club at 7.00pm - \$30 – Enquiries Del Paten 3300 1031, Jenny Ferguson 3289 1697 or Val McDonald 5438 7030

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

NEXT MEETING (AUGUST)

6/8 contest (2 4-parted tunes)

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

Entries to the Secretary by 26 August would be appreciated (phone **07 3397 4512**)

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New World Pipe Band Championship Qualifying Rules

For those of us just coming to grips with the method used in the last couple of years where the top six bands from the previous year went into a final with the best six bands from a qualifying contest held in the morning, the RSPBA have instituted another new system as follows:

A system of pre-qualification for the event is to be used to produce a Grade 1 World Championship Final contested by a nominal number of 12 bands. Six RSPBA bands pre-qualify from the results of the major championships prior to the Worlds in the same season; i.e. the six highest placed Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association bands from a league based on the championships prior to the world's.

Overseas bands pre-qualify based on either of the following:

- (i) Having achieved a top 6 place at the previous years worlds
- (ii) Having achieved a top 6 place at a major prior to the worlds (in the same season)

As normal, a competition will be run on the morning of the Worlds for all Grade 1 bands excluding the above pre-qualifiers. From this competition up to 6 bands (but a minimum of 4) will qualify for the final. The nominal number of 12 bands can increase if the number of automatic qualifiers is greater than 8.

CONTEST RESULTS

US OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS MAY 27-28 - Alma, Michigan

PROFESSIONAL PIPING

Pro MSR – Judge - J MacKenzie

- 1 C Clansey
- 2 I MacDonald
- 3 A Gillies
- 4 A Melvin
- 5 S MacNeil
- 6 B Livingston

Pro HJ – Judge - S Jones

- 1 A Gillies
- 2 I MacDonald
- 3 C Clansey
- 4 B Livingstone
 - T Munroe
 - A Melvin
- 5 G Abbott
 - D McNally
 - M Turnbull
- 6 D Duncan
 - S MacNeil

Pro 6/8 – Judge - G Brown

non-C/S

- 1 A Gillies
- 2 I MacDonald
- 3 A Melvin
- 4 C Clansey
- 5 B Livingstone
- 6 T Munroe

Professional Piper Of The Day:

[agg MSR and HJ Scores]
Colin Clansey

Professional Piobaireachd – Judge - M

Cusack

- 1 A Gillies
- 2 M Turnbull
- 3 C Clansey
- 4 B Livingstone
- 5 G Abbott
- 6 A Melvin

BAND RESULTS

Grade 1 - March, Strathspey, & Reel - 3 bands

- 1 352 78th Fraser Highlanders
 - 2 341 Peel Regional Police
 - 3 339 Toronto Police PB
- Bass - 78th Frasers

Grade 1 - 5-8 Minute Medley - 3 bands

- 1 371 78th Fraser Highlanders
 - 2 357 Toronto Police PB
 - 3 351 Peel Regional Police
- BDC - 78th Frasers
Bass - Peel Reg Police

Bathgate 27 May

Grade 1

- 1st Boghall & Bathgate 92.75
 - 2nd Dysart & Dundonald 87.75
 - 3rd 1st Batt Black Watch 86.5
 - 4th City of Glasgow 85.25
- Drumming Boghall
Bass Section - Dysart
M&D 1st Batt Black Watch

Grade 2

- 1st 1st Batt Black Watch 87
 - 2nd Boghall & Bathgate 86.5
 - 3rd Denny & Dunnipace 84
 - 4th Newtongrange 78
- Drumming City of Glasgow
Bass Section City of Glasgow
M&D 1st Batt Black Watch

Betty Ann De Hayr continued.....

Their son, Robert, was born in 1957 after which she devoted herself to her family and their interests, becoming progressively involved in Sunday School, Scouts and cricket as she followed Robert's stages of development.

She was a keen cricket follower and when Robert was facing the bowling of the likes of Jeff Thomson, her greatest concern was his teeth. He never left home without being reminded to look after his teeth. Her only boast in life was bowling out her Father-in-law first ball in a backyard cricket match and after he protested about the fairness of the delivery she repeated the dose. He never gave her that opportunity again.

A Piper's wife, she naturally was heavily involved in piping and Pipe Bands in support of Maurie and many a bandsman enjoyed her sponge cakes after a band practice in her home.

For eight years she was Secretary of the Queensland Highland Pipers' Society and as well as the secretarial duties was known and appreciated for the suppers she provided after the meetings.

Whilst she made many friends, she was naturally reserved, but worked tirelessly in the background. She was a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, St. Andrews War Memorial Hospital, for over twenty years preparing food etc. in the Coffee Shop and Canteen but dreaded the occasions when she had to serve at

British Champs Ashbourne 24 June

Grade 1

- 1st Shotts
 - 2nd Strathclyde Police
 - 3rd Boghall & Bathgate
 - 4th Field Marshal Montgomery
 - 5th R.U.C.
 - 6th Scottish Power
- Drumming R.U.C.

Grade 2

- 1st Bucksburn
 - 2nd Lothian & Borders Police
 - 3rd Grampian Police
 - 4th Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary
 - 5th City of Glasgow
 - 6th Tayside Police
- Drumming Lothian & Borders Police

Millennium Championships 2000 - Lisburn (NI) 8 July

Grade 1

- 1 Field Marshal Montgomery 94.5
 - 2 Mcneillstown 92
- Best Drums Mcneillstown 24

Grade 2

- 1 Upper Crossgare 72.5
 - 2 Bleary & District 67.5
 - 3 Ravara 65
 - 4 Monkstown Mossley 63
- Best Drums Upper Crossgare 22.5

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When Robert and Gayleen announced their intention to marry in November 1986 she enthusiastically became involved and took over the role of "Mother of the Bride ". Their marriage brought the great joy of three grandchildren - Lachlan, Alexander and Katelyn whom she loved dearly and whom she collectively called "the little guys ". The lolly shelf was always well stocked and well used. Her natural gift of support carried on to the new generation.

The simple things in life were important to her and she gained great joy from her garden. She was a devoted family person and maintained a close relationship with her parents and siblings.

She bore the trials of her illness of the last six months with fortitude and determination and whilst her passing was sudden it was at least peaceful

In Baden Powell's last message to the Scouting Movement he wrote:

"The real way to get happiness is by giving happiness out to other people"

This is the way she lived her life.

We will miss her dearly.

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