



**September Meeting
Monday 24th
Balmoral Bowls Club,
Jean Howie Drive,
Morningside
At 7.45 pm**

**Queensland
Highland
Pipers' Society**

The meeting will be a pipers' night--a chance for all to bring along their pipes and have a tune.

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September

2001

From the Editor:

Another successful meeting last month--the numbers attending must be a record for an Annual meeting in recent years! We were also treated to some excellent piping. The meeting decided to have a \$5 Levy in addition to the \$20 subscription for 2001-2002 to supply the means of replacing the photocopier. It is anticipated that a "new" reconditioned machine will be purchased before Christmas, so the subscription notice at the back of the newsletter is for the amount of \$25. Unless another levy is imposed or the subscription increased at the next annual meeting, it will go back to \$20 next year.

This edition carries the reports presented to the Annual Meeting and also many results from the major band and solo contests in Scotland that occur at the end of the summer.

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HOW TO GET TO THE BALMORAL BOWLS CLUB

For those who like to work out their own directions the UBD Reference is Map 160, Reference Q12.

From the Gateway Arterial--turn north at the Lytton Road intersection (just south of the bridge), travel along Route 24 and the Route 23 (Wynnum Road) till you see the Colmslie RSL on your left. Turn in as if going to the RSL but go right through their carpark and continue along Jean Howie Drive for about 350 metres. Turn left into the Bowls Club car park.

From the City--go across the Story Bridge, left into Shafston Avenue, then into Lytton Road and Wynnum Road (Route 23). Go along Wynnum Road until you see the Colmslie RSL on your right. Turn in as if going to the RSL but go right through their carpark and continue along Jean Howie Drive for about 350 metres. Turn left into the Bowls Club car park.

From the west (old Cleveland Road--Turn into Bennetts Road. Continue along Bennetts Road, across the railway line and a park will appear on your right. Jean Howie Drive goes through the park (the entrance to the drive is near the boundary of the Bulimba Cemetery). Go about 350 metres along the Drive and turn right into the Bowls Club car park.

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.

AUGUST 2001 MEETING

An excellent turnout of 44 members occurred for our annual meeting and own choice medley contest in September.

The first part of the evening was the annual meeting. The minutes, President's Report and Financial Statement are printed separately in this newsletter.

Your scribe and editor was the judge for the ensuing competition and following are the comments on the performances:

Ryan Hoffman (*Gaelic Air, Colin Thompson, The Panda, Collach in Dudain (?), Turf lodge*). Good bagpipe -just a couple of little blemishes - started with slow air. Very good fingers - occasional blip in blowing and little catches in fingering but more exception than the rule. Very traditional selection but musically mature. Jigs - a couple of bars to get control. Slowed down a touch. Good brisk tempo and distinct phrasing but in a round style.

Jordon Whicker (*The Banks of Lochiel, D/M Ross Huth, Kenny Gillies, Wee Buns, Yet Another Air, J K Lang*). Very nice bagpipe. Good blowing. Not quite the same edge to fingering as Ryan but probably a bit more consistent. Slow air to start: nice music -relaxed tempo. Hornpipe next: well handled then into a jig -missing some execution but control still holding. - back into an air with pies still going well. Jig at end of judging time very well handled.

Bonnie McRae (*Bathgate Highland Gathering, Dalnahassaig, Barney's Balmoral, Madam Bonaparte, In Memory of the Youngest Shipley, Kenny Gillies, Atholl Highlanders*) Fine bagpipe and good blowing - started out with 9/8 - top hand blown out a bit sharp. Couple of

minor indiscretions in blowing. Strathspey played rather slowly but with correct stress and reel moved along well. A squeal and a choke. A few more variations in blowing as set went on. Jig - steady tempo and a few chokes. Good fingering throughout - perhaps a bit tight from nerves but excellent performance for a relative beginner.

Lea Ahokava (*Bathgate Gathering, Callum Ian, Tommy Tully's Air, Keel Row, Madah Ruah, Humours of Tulla, Rakish Paddy, Gravel Walk*). Good bagpipe - perhaps bit quieter than we are used to hearing from Lea. Started out with a 6/8 with an excellent interpretation of this time signature. Excellent fingering and very good blowing. Into the faster music - tempo very quick but phrasing maintained very well. Air - good drawing out of the music.

Good control maintained throughout and an excellent musical selection of tunes.

Cory Dale (*Man from Skye, The Haunting, Drops of Brandy, Lark in the Morning, Norma Coyne, Brian's taxi Ride Home*). Straight into the quick stuff with a hornpipe. Next into an air-- a little bit manufactured. Nice air. Jig next. Just struggling with phrasing a bit- playing a bit too close to the limit. Bagpipe and blowing good throughout.

Matthew Supranowicz (tune list not available--Matthew was a last minute recruit for the contest and we never quite caught up with him!). Jig to start. Good control and nice bagpipe until a slip about the third part but recovered well. Strathspey with lovely bite. Jigs - a choke and a couple of slips. Very good phrasing in jigs. Nice air. Bagpipe still going very well. Even the abstract tune came out pretty well.

The judge then made some comments complimenting all the players and saying that it was good to be judging a contest where the positives can dominate over the negative aspect of he judging art to some extent. He then presented the prizes

The results were:

1. Lea Ahokava
2. Cory Dale
3. Matthew Supranowicz

This was not the end of the piping as Donald Galloway had turned up with his pipes ready to play. On his usual fine sounding instrument he gave us a musical selection of tune including *Fair Maid of Barra, Farewell to Transport Technology (Dept. of Main Roads), My Land, Castle Dangerous, Lark in the Clear Air, 10 HLI Crossing the Rhine, Bugle Horn, Highland Cathedral*.

Matthew Supranowicz was next to play and he gave a contrasting mainly modern selection including *Espresso Depresso, Caber Feidh, 4 Jigs, Folky Thingy Thing, Velvet Fog*.

Finally we heard from Matthew Rigby and he gave us a sample of the more serious stuff, with *Colin Thompson, David Ross* and *Jimmy Young* and finishing up with the Piobaireachd *Too Long in This Condition*.

By now it was close on 10.00 pm so the raffle was drawn by Hettie and won by Innes Barker and all progressed to animated conversation over supper.

Society Program for 2001

September 24

November 26

Veterans' Contest &
Christmas Party

October 22

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What's On

S E P T E M B E R	24	Society Meeting
	29	Balmoral Scots Community Ceilidh: 7.30 pm. At our meeting venue, Balmoral Bowls Club. Admission \$15. Book early on 3399 9267 or 3261 4595. Band "Scotch on the Rocks". Highland Dancing Display, Supper provided.
	29	NSW Pipers Society Silver Chalice Piobaireachd Contest. Contact Ron Clement 02 9948 1914
	29, 30	Queensland Pipe Band Championships (including solo contest) Cleveland Showgrounds. Contact Harry or Jan MacKenzie 07 3207 5820
O C T O B E R	14	<u>Qld State Min Band Championships</u> followed by <u>AOM solos</u> —Wynnum Manly Leagues Club. Mini Bands start at 9.00 am. Mini Band enquiries to Joe Joyce (work 3866 8951, mobile 0416 067 557)
	20	Woollongong Highland Gathering—Dapto Showground. Contact Irene Watson 02 4261 8052
	22	Society Meeting
	27	Ceilidh at Halloween—Scottish Clans Congress—Irish Club at 7.30 pm. Admission \$33. Contact Del Paten (3300 1031) or Val McDonald (5438 7030)
N O V E M B E R	26	Society Meeting—Veterans' Contest and Christmas Party
	30	Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band St Andrew's Night Supper and Ceilidh—Band Hall, Lion Street, Ipswich. Contact Liz 0414 776 361

The NSW Pipers' Society meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6 Holterman Street, Crows Nest. However their meeting times have been disrupted a bit of late, so ring before attending. Contact Ron Clement - 02 9948 1914

The WA Pipers' Society meets on the 3rd Saturday at the Autumn Centre, Inglewood. Contact John McMurchie - 08 9401 9587

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 10-11 pm
4EB - AM 1053 – Thursday afternoons 3-4 pm

Pipes for Sale

Purchased from Ron Fleming eight years ago
\$3,500 spent on sterling silver (2½ years ago) and refurbishment in the UK
imitation ivory

Offers of \$2,500 and over considered

Contact
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE QUEENSLAND HIGHLAND PIPERS SOCIETY HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2001 AT SOUTHS LEAGUES CLUB.

Opening: Doug Thoresen declared the meeting open at 7:55 pm

Apologies: Maurie DeHayr, Roy Gunn, Philip Cowan

Last Annual Meeting Minutes: Moved Reg O'Malley, seconded Jack McCandlish that the minutes as published in the September 2000 Newsletter be taken as read and confirmed. *Carried*

President's Report: Doug Thoresen presented his annual report, a copy of which is printed in the September newsletter. Moved Joan O'Neill, seconded Jack McCandlish that the report be received. *Carried*

Treasurer's Report: Presented by the Treasurer, Alex McConnell, along with a report from the Auditor. Moved Alex McConnell, seconded Bob Payne that the Treasurer's report be adopted. *Carried*

Elections:

Doug Thoresen appointed Glenys O'Malley as Returning Officer and she took control of the meeting, declared all positions vacant and called for nominations.

Patron: Maurie DeHayr was proposed by Alex McConnell, seconded by Doug Thoresen. No further nominations. Elected by acclamation.

President: Doug Thoresen was nominated by Alex McConnell, seconded by Bob Payne. No further nominations. Elected by acclamation.

Vice Presidents: Bob Payne was nominated by Alex McConnell and seconded by Doug Thoresen. Matthew Rigby was nominated by Alex McConnell, seconded by Doug Thoresen. No further nominations. Elected by acclamation (Matthew subject to his consent).

Secretary/Treasurer: Moved Joan O'Neill, seconded Reg O'Malley that the positions of Secretary and Treasurer continue to be combined. *Carried.*

Alex McConnell was nominated by Bob Payne and seconded by Doug Thoresen. No further nominations. Elected by acclamation.

Auditor: Robert Hood nominated by Doug Thoresen, seconded by Bob Payne. No further nominations. *Carried*
Doug Thoresen then took over the meeting again.

Quorum: Resolved to stay at 10 for general meetings and 3 for committee meetings (Moved Alex McConnell, seconded Bob Payne).

Subscription for 2000/2001: Moved Alex McConnell, seconded Reg O'Malley that the subscription stay at \$20 and that a one-off levy of \$5, as provided for in the Society constitution, be applied to assist with replacement of the photocopier, *Carried.*

Affiliation with APBA: Moved Glenys O'Malley, seconded Alex McConnell that we maintain affiliation as a Limited Affiliation Society. *Carried*

General Business:

1. Alex McConnell moved, Jack McCandlish seconded that the meeting endorse the actions of the committee in planning a solo contest to be held in association with the Australian Pipe band Championships at Easter 2002.

Carried

2. Jack McCandlish suggested the committee write to bands to ask them to consider presenting a range of pipers or combinations at a particular monthly meeting.

Close: 8.20pm

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Having by coercion and arrangement taken the position of President from the capable Bob Payne, I am pleased to say that in spite of a couple of absences on my part we have evolved a very good pro-active team spirit which has been evident in this past years activities and attendances.

Much of our annual calendar is set in place and noteworthy aspects of visiting Pipers has not been overlooked thanks to the co operation and communication of all parties concerned.

We continue as much as possible to encourage and apply mutual support to Piping Dancing and Band activities by members' attendance or by way of notices in our Newsletter which has become an interesting means of communication effectively attended to by our capable secretary.

Members' support has been most encouraging, and we welcome our many young Pipers to play and of course extend our appreciation to our more experienced and mature players who have freely given their excellent musical performances at our monthly meetings from time to time.

Of the music itself we have tried a variety of ways to expose the many aspects. As a result we can be assured of hearing everything from Pops, Traditional, competition and Classical Piping. We have continued to include a place for the learner player seeking experience, the competition Piper displaying further inroads to proficiency, the veteran or mature player showing experience presented in medley selections of choice. The encouragement of Piobaireachd music has been a feature of the year's activity and is a continuing feature of our monthly meetings.

We have the chance of organising a major solo competition to be held in association with the advent of the Australian/South Pacific Pipe Band championships to be held at Redlands next Easter. With your approval this evening and some sponsorship already offered by the "Raising the Standard" publishers we could further enhance our calendar by this proposed event.

At this juncture I have not mentioned specific names of all the wonderful people who assist or donate to the Society but we/I am most grateful for the great team support of our executive committee, office bearers past and present and you the members. Our ladies and gentlemen who continue to assist with the provision of supper to conclude our Piping evenings. The facilities of the Balmoral Bowls Club giving us a truly Scottish connection.

In conclusion, I would say how fortunate we are in our secretary and equally important his good lady, who apart from duties do all the carting and carrying as well as tidying up after our meetings to which end I thank those who assist and would ask all the members who can make these chores a little easier to do so.

Thanking you for the past year and looking forward to the next.

Yours in Piping
Doug "T"

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QUEENSLAND HIGHLAND PIPERS' SOCIETY
Statement of Income and Expenditure
Year Ended 30/6/2001

<u>INCOME</u>	
DONATIONS	150.00
DOOR TAKINGS	694.00
INTEREST	1.68
RAFFLE RECEIPTS	497.00
SALES: Bar	137.45
SUBSCRIPTIONS	<u>1705.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>3185.13</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
BANK CHARGES	27.70
DEPRECIATION	41.00
POSTAGE	754.38
PRINTING	806.37
PRIZE MONEY:	
6/8 Contest	100.00
Jimmy Durham Trophy	90.00
Patron's Trophy	95.00
Veterans' Contest	<u>60.00</u>
	345.00
PURCHASES FOR RESALE: Bar	30.56
RAFFLES	256.74
RECITAL FEES	100.00
RENT	525.00
STATIONERY	49.34
SUNDRY EXPENSES	92.40
SUPPERS	<u>135.82</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>3164.31</u>
SURPLUS	<u>20.82</u>

A J McConnell

Treasurer

QUEENSLAND HIGHLAND PIPERS' SOCIETY
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 30/6/2001

	Last year	This Year
<u>ASSETS</u>		
ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
Cash	269.30	100.00
Cheque Account	<u>1770.15</u>	<u>2215.60</u>
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	<u>2039.45</u>	<u>2315.60</u>
Other Assets		
Photocopier	283.00	255.00
Typewriter	<u>135.00</u>	<u>122.00</u>
TOTAL Other Assets	<u>418.00</u>	<u>377.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2457.45</u>	<u>2692.60</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities		
Unpresented Cheques	0.00	214.33
EQUITY		
Members' Funds	<u>2457.45</u>	<u>2478.27</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>2457.45</u>	<u>2692.60</u>

NOTES:

1. The year has been a fairly stable one on the financial front. Subscriptions are down on last year but income from meetings is up.

2. Fairly substantial amounts have again had to be spent on photocopier maintenance in the last year (see the amount of about \$800 under Printing). The machine is getting to the stage where replacement will be necessary sooner rather than later.

A J McConnell

Treasurer

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CONTEST RESULTS

Bridge of Allan 5 August

Grade 1

- 1 David Urquhart Travel
- 2 Strathclyde Police
- 3 Lothian & Borders Police
- 4 Queensland Police

Grade 2

- 1 Maple Ridge USA
- 2 Robert-Malcolm Memorial Canada
- 3 Dumfries and Galloway Police
- 4 St Thomas USA

Glenfinnan Highland Gathering -

August 18

Piobaireachd

- 1st John Angus Smith, England

2nd Gordon Walker, Glasgow
3rd Colin MacLellan, Glasgow
4th Angus MacColl, Benderloch
Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Ronald Lawrie, John MacDougall

March

1st Angus MacColl
2nd Iain Speirs, Edinburgh
3rd Gordon Walker
4th James Beaumont, Edinburgh

Strathspey & Reel

1st Gordon Walker
2nd Angus MacColl
3rd Iain Speirs
4th Euan MacCrimmon, Skye
Judges: John Burgess, Joe Henderson, Iain McLeod

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Argyllshire Gathering, Oban 22,23 August

Senior Piobaireachd

1st Jack Lee, "Craigellachie"
2nd Willie McCallum, Bearsden, Scotland, ""Donald Gruamach's March"
3rd Mike Cusack, Houston, Texas, "The Unjust Incarceration"
4th Greg Wilson, Falkirk, Scotland, "Craigellachie"
Judges: D. MacPherson, M. MacRae, J. Young

Gold Medal

1st Jack Lee, "Lament for Captain Donald MacKenzie"
2nd Iain Macey, "The End of the Great Bridge"
3rd Stuart Liddell, Inveraray, Scotland, "The Stewarts' White Banner"
4th Douglas Murray, Glenrothes, Scotland, "The MacKays' Banner"
5th Andrew Berthoff, Toronto, Canada, "The Prince's Salute"
Judges: R. Lawrie, J. Allen, A. Wright

Silver Medal

1st Andrew Rogers, "The Glen Is Mine"
2nd Martin Frewin, New Zealand
4th Anne Spalding, Broughty Ferry
5th Innes Smith
Judges: I. MacFadyen, W. MacDonald, W. Fraser

Former Winners MSR

1st Chris Armstrong
2nd Angus MacColl, Benderloch, Scotland
3rd Alasdair Gillies, Pittsburgh
4th Gordon Walker, Glasgow
Judges: I. MacLellan, B. Donaldson, J. Wilson

A Grade March

1st Jori Chisholm, Seattle, Washington
2nd John Angus Smith, London England
3rd Herve Lefloc'h, Brittany, France
4th Jack Lee
5th Peter Hunt, Glasgow
Judges: W. MacDonald, J. Young, R. Lawrie

B Grade March

1st Richard Hawke, New Zealand
2nd Andrew Berthoff

3rd Martin Frewin, New Zealand
4th Brian MacKenzie
5th Neil Walker
Judges: W. Fraser, H. MacInnes, M. MacRae

A Grade Strathspey & Reel

1st Colin Clansey, Ontario
2nd Robert Watt, Northern Ireland
3rd Douglas Murray, Glenrothes, Scotland
4th Euan MacCrimmon, Inverness, Scotland
5th Greg Wilson
Judges: I. MacFadyen, J. Wilson

B Grade Strathspey & Reel

1st Donald MacLeod,

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2nd Ross Cowen, Annan, Scotland
3rd Simon McKerral, Glasgow
4th Adrain Melvin, Pennsylvania
5th James MacPhee, Glasgow
Judges: A. Wright, I. MacLellan, R. Morrison

Cowal Highland Gathering 25 August and Champion of Champions 2001

Grade 1

1st Field Marshal Montgomery
2nd Boghall & Bathgate
3rd Shotts & Dykehead
4th Strathclyde Police
5th ScottishPower
6th Royal Ulster Constabulary
Drumming: Boghall

Champion of Champions: Shotts & Dykehead, Drumming: Shotts & Dykehead

Grade 2

1st Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary
2nd Bleary
3rd Ballycoan
4th Ravara
5th Boghall & Bathgate
6th Drambuie Kirkliston
Drumming: Bleary

Champion of Champions: Ravara, Drumming: Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary

Grade 3A

1st Milngavie
2nd Inverness
3rd Troon
4th Inverkeithing
5th Turriff & District
6th Inverclyde
Drumming: Tullylagen

Champion of Champions: Tullylagen, Drumming: Tullylagen

Grade 3B

1st Syerla

2nd Tullylagan

3rd Oban

4th Coalburn IOR

5th Banbridge

6th Leapoughs

Drumming: Syerla

Champion of Champions: Syerla, Drumming: Syerla

Juvenile

1st St. Thomas Episcopal School

2nd Lochgelly High School

3rd Dumbarton

4th MacNaughton's Vale of Atholl

5th Burntisland