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## November Meeting Monday 26th Balmoral Bowls Club, Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

At **\*\* 7.30 pm \*\***

The meeting will start a little earlier than usual with some of our more senior members playing for us, followed by Andy Gorrie demonstrating his electronic bagpipe. This will be followed in turn by our **Veterans' (over 50) contest**: -- 5-7 minute medley. 1st: \$40, 2nd: \$20, 3rd: \$15 - - enter on the night; and the **Christmas Party** (please bring along some extra goodies for supper)

### From the Editor:

As we come to the end of the year we can look back on our most successful time of the last few years. A change of venue and program has certainly borne fruit in increased attendance and interest from pipers of all ages, shapes and sizes, but we still have challenges for next year in our proposed competition at Easter and to further widen our reach in encouraging the enjoyment of the music of the pipe.

We wish members a happy and safe festive season and a happy and prosperous New Year.

On a sadder note, our thoughts at this time are with

our Patron Maurie DeHayr, whose mother passed away last week

Our next newsletter will be out in February prior to the first meeting of the year on 25 February.

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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.**

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### OCTOBER 2001 MEETING

Our October meeting saw another good attendance of around 30 members and supporters. The good thing was that eight of those attending were to end up playing during the evening. The first of these was Doug Thoresen who played a few tunes to announce that the meeting was about to start. He then introduced Bob Payne who has been getting some clues from Roy Gunn recently. As a result he is playing the best we have heard him and he gave us a musical selection including *Fair Maid of Barra*, *Two Ronnie's Maggies*, *Skye Boat Song*, *Kilworth Hills* and *Highland Cathedral*.

Next to play was one of our younger pipers, Ryan Hoffman. He played on a good steady pipe and showed strong finger technique. As he went on an occasional choke intruded but the impression he left was of a player to watch for the future. His tunes included *Cameron MacFadyen*, *Struan Robertson*, *Ellen Orr*, *Duncan McGillivray*, *Video Man*, *D/M Ross Huth*, *The Panda* and *Turf Lodge*.

Keeping with the younger players for the time being, Jordon Whicker was next to have a tune, again on a good sounding pipe. He was quickly into some fast music which was played quite well but could probably do with a bit more settling in to ensure that the music was brought out a little more strongly. The tunes he played included *The Battle of the Somme*, *D/M Ross Huth* (hornpipe), the Jigs *Wee Buns* and *The Opal* and the Reels *MacArthur Road*, *The Egg and the Fiddle*, *Mozart on the Rampage* and *Air on a High G Thing*.

Phillip Cowan was next to play. He now seems to be a veteran of our meetings but we should note he is still one of our youngest members. His versatility and repertoire are certainly getting quite extensive. His selection was varied, with a mixture of "traditional" and

"modern" compositions. His rendition of *Caber Feidh* as a march was particularly good, with strong musical expression. Some of his Strathspey and Jig phrasing was a bit variable but no doubt further work on these will improve his consistency/ His other tunes included *Colin's Cattle, Bells of Dunblane, Rose of Allandale, The Rowan Tree, The Crusaders, Dark Island, Captain Colin Campbell, Lexy McAskill, Sleepy Maggie, The Silver Chanter, She Walked Through the Fair, Not the Bunny Hop, Duncan the Guager, Coming to the Crunch, Walking the Surf, The Big Birl, The Bulgarian Bandit, Rocking the Baby and The Jig of Slurs.*

Matt Rigby was next to play--at last an "older" player! On his usual impeccable instrument he launched off into some 6/8s in fine style before launching into the quicker stuff. After a quick re-tune he was back into tradition 2/4 Marches, Strathspeys and finished off with a couple of good quality reels. The tune list included *Ellen Orr, Duncan McGillivray--Chief Steward, Archie Beag Archie McNab, Brae Riach, Turf Lodge, Alexander Low of Tiree, The 71st Highlanders, David Ross, The Craggs of Stirling, Tulloch Gorm, Lady Loudon, John Morrison of Assynt House and The Cockerel in the Creel.*

Robert Baker, who was next to play, has shown continued improvement--playing a well toned instrument and giving a very musical interpretation of his several tunes, only spoilt by the occasion getting to him and suffering a few chokes on the way. He played *Stewart Chisholm's Rocket Fuel, Garb of Old Gaul, Music of Spey, Wings, Murdo's Wedding, The Haunting, McArthur Road, Jenny Dang the Weaver, Mason's Apron, 79th's Farewell to Gibraltar and Highland Laddie.*

It was now about .45 and Doug introduced the final player of the evening in Society stalwart Iain Bruce whose instrument was its usual sweet tone as he played with the apparent ease we are accustomed to. After a few musical tunes as he got the pie ready, he played the "Piobaireachd of the Evening" which on this occasion was *Lament for Sir James MacDonald of the Isles.*

This finished off the evening, except for the drawing of the raffle (winner Ian Davidson) and, of course, supper.

## **Proposed Biography of Lachlan McCabe**

Jock McCabe has written to us advising that he is planning to write a biography of Lachlan and he is asking for as many people as possible to supply their personal memories. He writes:

"If you could please write what you know about him. The good times and the bad. I would truly like it. What you write will be placed in the book verbatim with your name placed on the end of the article. In fact the book will be written by his friends, all I will be doing is compiling it. It will be a record of his life by his friends."

He comments about Lachlan: " I don't think I met a cleverer bloke in my life. Whatever he took on he excelled at. Not many folk in the Piping world know he was a gold medalist at Tug Of War, and pulled for Australia. Nor did they know he still has records for swimming unbroken since his life in WA."

Jock's contact details are:

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# What's On

<b>N O V</b>	24	Brisbane Clans Pipes and Drums now traditional St Andrew's Day celebration—"Go Highland on the Island". River cruise 12 noon to 3.30 pm. \$20 a head. Ring Kate (3369 2232) or Mavis (3849 8271) to book (essential)
	26	<b>Society Meeting—Veterans' Contest and Christmas Party</b>
	30	Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band St Andrew's Night Supper and Ceilidh—Band Hall, Lion Street, Ipswich. Contact Liz 0414 776 361
<b>D E C</b>	1-2	Daylesford (Vic) Highland gathering. Bands Saturday, Mini Bands and Solos Sunday
	31	Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band New years Eve Ceilidh—Band Hall, Lion Street, Ipswich. Contact Liz 0414 776 361
<b>J A N</b>	1	Nambour New Years Day Gathering. Petrie Park. 10 am to 4 pm. Bands, Dancing, Celtic Musicians, Single Malt tastings, Tog-O-Wars, highland Cattle, Clydesdales. More information from Fred Logan (07 5441 4238). Organised by the Sunshine Coast branch of the Society of St Andrew of Scotland.
	19	Brisbane Clans Pipes and Drums Burns Supper and Dance. Wellers Hill Bowls Club. Contact Kate 07 3369 2232
	25	Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band Burns Supper Ceilidh (venue to be advised). Contact Liz 0414 776 361
<b>F E B</b>	25	<b>First Society Meeting of 2002</b>

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

## Pipe Band News from Scotland

### Provisional dates for 2002:

Worlds 10 August Glasgow Green

Scottish 18 May Dunbarton

European 22 June Belfast

Note: these dates are unconfirmed at this stage

### Regradings

Apparently Ravara from Northern Ireland are to be upgraded to Grade 1, but neither the Queensland Highlanders (winners of Grade 2 this year) or Prince Charles from California (winners last year) are to be upgraded. Although Ravara had a great season this year, they were 6th in the Worlds and were beaten by both the above bands. Seems like the old double standard may be back.

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# CONTEST RESULTS

**NSW Pipers Society Silver Chalice**  
**Piobaireachd Contest- 29 September**

**Restricted**

1. Robert Gow-Lament for the Old Sword
2. Ron Clement-Glengarry's Lament
3. Ron Wicks-Lament for Sir James MacDonald of the Isles

**Open**

1. Ross Campbell-Scarce of Fishing
  2. Robert Pearce-Corrienessan's Salute
  3. Glen Anderson-Clan Campbell's Gathering
- Ron Clement, John Fairley, Rev Bruce Spence, Frances Crown and Bruce Campbell also played in the open. The Judge for both events was Dennis Browning.

**AOM MacAllan Trophy Qld Heat --Wynnum Manly Leagues Club 14 October**

**MSR**

- 1 ADAM BRITTEN Qld Police
- 2 DARIN COOK Qld Highlanders
- 3 LARRY FLYNN Qld Highlanders

**IRISH**

- 1 IAN CAMPBELL
- 2 ADAM BRITTEN
- 3 JASON PALFREY Qld Highlanders

**AGGREGATE**

- 1 ADAM BRITTEN
- 2 IAN CAMPBELL
- 3 DARIN COOK

**Judge - PM Joe Joyce**

**QLD MINI BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS--Wynnum Manly Leagues Club 14 October**

**GRADE 4**

1 QLD HIGHLANDERS  
2 MACLEAN  
3 SCOTS COLLEGE

**GRADE 3**

1 ST ANDREWS  
2 MACLEAN  
3 ST ANDREWS

**GRADE 2**

1 QLD HIGHLANDERS  
2 ST ANDREWS

**GRADE 1**

1 QLD POLICE  
2 QLD POLICE

Judges - Norm Hughes, Maurie de Hayr, Peter Rowland, Dave Gray

**Glenfiddich Championships--Blair Castle 27 October**

**Piobaireachd**

1st Jack Lee, "Lament for the Earl of Antrim"  
2nd Willie McCallum, "The Big Spree"  
3rd Greg Wilson, Falkirk, Scotland, "Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay"  
4th Bill Livingstone, Whitby, Ontario, "In Praise of Morag"  
5th Angus MacColl, Benderloch, Scotland, "The Unjust Incarceration"  
Judges: John D. Burgess, Gavin Stoddart, Donald MacPherson

**March, Strathspey & Reel**

1st Willie McCallum, "Duchess of Edinburgh," "Dora MacLeod," "John MacKechnie's Big Reel"  
2nd Alasdair Gillies, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
3rd Jack Lee  
4th Greg Wilson  
5th Gordon Walker, Glasgow

Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Iain Morrison, Angus J. MacLellan

Also playing were Niall Matheson, Inverness; Chris Armstrong, Bathgate, Scotland; and Colin MacLellan, Edinburgh.

**Overall Winner**

Willie McCallum

**Scottish Piping Society of London's Bratach Gorm- London - November 3**

**Bratach Gorm (for winners of the Open Piobaireachd at London or a Highland Society of London Gold Medal)**

1st Roddy MacLeod, "Battle of Auldearn, #2"  
2nd Willie McCallum  
3rd Stuart Shedden, Glasgow  
4th Robert Wallace, Glasgow  
5th John Angus Smith, London

Judges: G. Stoddart, I. MacFadyen, D. MacPherson

**Open Piobaireachd**

1st Greg Wilson, "Lament for MacLeod of Colbeck"  
2nd Colin MacLellan, Edinburgh  
3rd Roddy MacLeod

4th Angus MacColl, Benderloch, Scotland

5th Willie McCallum

Judge: A. Wright

**Former Winners March, Strathspey & Reel**

1st Gordon Walker, Glasgow

2nd Angus MacColl

3rd Willie McCallum

4th Murray Henderson

5th Roddy MacLeod

Judges: G. Stoddart, I. MacFadyen, D. MacPherson

**J.B. Robertson March**

1st Gordon Walker

2nd Donald MacPhee, Alexandria, Scotland

3rd Angus MacColl

4th Willie McCallum

5th Murray Henderson

Judges: G. Stoddart, I. MacFadyen, D. MacPherson

**Jig**

1st Greg Wilson

2nd Gordon Walker

3rd Willie McCallum

Judges: G. Stoddart, I. MacFadyen, D. MacPherson

**Strachan Cup MSR**

1st Peter Hunt, Glasgow

2nd G. Watterson

3rd I. D. Smith

4th Brendon Eade

The contest saw the return to competition of Murray Henderson who has not competed since 1995

It also saw the use of score sheets for competitors, a previously little known custom in the UK!

## BBC Pipeline

**October 14:** Featured Chris Armstrong from Bathgate. In addition tracks from the SFU recording from the Sydney Opera House, Invergordon Distillery Pipe Band from 1988 and also Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and an archive interview with Donald Shaw Ramsay.

**October 21:** Forgot to record--editor suffering from recovery from daughter's wedding!

**October 28:** Music from the Glenfiddich. MSRs from Willie McCallum, Alasdair Gillies and Greg Wilson. Piobaireachd from Jack Lee.

**November 4:** More from the Glenfiddich. MSRs from Jack Lee, Gordon Walker and Chris Armstrong. Piobaireachd from Willie McCallum and Greg Wilson

**November 11:** Missed the first third of the program.

**Small Pipes For Sale**  
**Scottish Small Pipes in the Key of A**  
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The Annual Meeting decided to keep the annual  
figure at **\$20.00** but also impose a levy of  
**\$5** to help in replacing the Society photocopier

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included with this newsletter.

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