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# November Meeting Monday 24th Balmoral Bowls Club, Jean Howie Drive, Morningside at 7.45 pm

Pairs of Pipers Contest  
Senior: 1<sup>st</sup> \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$40  
Junior: 1<sup>st</sup> \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$40, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$20  
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## From the Editor:

As you will see from the meeting report, our October meeting was very successful. We look forward to another excellent night this month and we thank Wynnum RSL Services Club for their sponsorship of the Pairs of Pipers contest. Don't forget your plate of party food to add to the supper.

Don't forget to keep checking the Society website at [www.pipebandsqld.org/qhps](http://www.pipebandsqld.org/qhps) as it develops and also the APBA Queensland website at [www.pipebandsqld.org](http://www.pipebandsqld.org). The Society website now has an archive of all the newsletters from 2002.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our next newsletter will be sent in mid-February in time for our first meeting of the year on 23 February.

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## OCTOBER 2003 MEETING

President Doug Thoresen started off the evening at 7.15pm to get us positioned for the Queensland Selection Competition. He introduced a visitor, Mark Ryan, who is Pipe Sergeant of the Crows Foot Pipe Band in Alaska. There were apologies from Roy Gunn (in Darwin) and Bob Payne (in Melbourne).

Over 100 people were present, making it a most successful evening from a social as well as a piping perspective.

Doug introduced Alan Hancox from the Celtic Celebration committee to be our compere for the evening. Alan explained the place of this competition in the Macallan trophy structure. Our judges for the evening were Matthew Rigby and Tom McGirr.

Darin Cook had unfortunately been called away for work and so was unable to compete, delaying the start by a few minutes as he had been drawn to play first. We began with the March Strathspey and Reel competition.

The first to play was Matthew Supranowicz and his tunes were *71<sup>st</sup> Highlanders*, *Susan Macleod* and *The Sheepwife*.

The other players in order, and their tunes, were:

Michael Redmond: *Major Manson of Clachantrushal*, *John Roy Stewart*, *Major D Manson*

Mark McKenzie: *Inveran*, *Cameronian Rant*, *Mrs MacPherson of Inveran*

Cory Dale: *74<sup>th</sup>'s Farewell to Edinburgh*, *John Roy Stewart*, *Bessie MacIntyre*

Jason Palfrey: *Edinburgh City Police Pipers*, *Dora Macleod*, *The Sheepwife*

Adam Britten: *Knightswood Ceilidh*, *Shepherds' Crook*, *The Rookery*

After that feast of tunes, with very little repetition, it was almost time for supper to

catch our breath. However, just before the break, our guest from Alaska, Mark Ryan gave us a few tunes.

With the number of people, supper was a very noisy affair!

Alan summoned us back together at about 9pm for the second part of the competition., the air and jig. The tunes played by the competitors this time were:

Matthew Supranowicz: *She Moved Through The Fair*, *Braes of Mellinish*

Michael Redmond: *The Deer Forest*, *Geese in the Bog*

Mark McKenzie: *Setting a Course for Lewis*, *Old Wife of the Mill Dust*

Cory Dale: *A Song for David*, *Troy's Wedding*, *Banjo Breakdown*

Jason Palfrey: *Tones of Westlawn*, *Nightmare on Ringhaddy Avenue*

Adam Britten: *Wasted Journey*, *Troy's Wedding*

After much deliberation, our judges came up with the final result, which was:

1<sup>st</sup> Adam Britten

2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Palfrey

3<sup>rd</sup> Michael Redmond

Tom said a few words, commending all the competitors and saying that the margins between them had been very fine.

Apart from a few closing remarks, that was the end of the meeting. It had been a most entertaining evening of piping

If you have access to the Internet, you can go to the Society website at [www.pipebandsqld.org/qhps](http://www.pipebandsqld.org/qhps) and follow the link on the right of the home page to re-live some of the atmosphere of the evening (or to live it for the first time if you weren't there!)

# What's On

<b>N O V</b>	22	Brisbane Clans Pipes & Drums - "Go Highland" on "The Island" to celebrate St Andrew's Day. \$25. Departs 12.30 pm from Queens Wharf. Contact Kate 3369 2232 or Mavis 3849 8271
	24	<b>Final Society Meeting for the year. Pair of Pipers contest &amp; Christmas supper.</b>
<b>D E C</b>	6	Victorian Pipe Band Championships, Daylesford. Enquiries Kurt Abell 03 9889 8666. Note this is the <b>2004</b> championships
<b>J A N</b>	1	Fred Logan New Year's Day Scottish Gathering: 10 am to 4 pm, Petrie Park Nambour. More details later in this newsletter.
	17	Burns Supper and Dance – Brisbane Clans Pipes & Drums – 7 pm at Wellers Hill Bowls Club. Three course meal – bookings are essential. Contact Kate Wyse (3369 2232) or Mavis Williams (3849 8271)
	30-1/2	Regional Piping & Drumming Retreat – Camp Duckadang. Organised by Lockyer Valley Celtic Pipe Band. Contact Lorraine Hing - 07 5465 6251
<b>F E B</b>	8	Berwick, Victoria. Full Bands and Solos Contest. Enquiries Kurt Abell 03 9889 8666
	22	Ballarat, Victoria. Full Bands and Solos Contest Enquiries Kurt Abell 03 9889 8666
	23	<b>First Society Meeting for 2004</b>
<b>M A R</b>	6	Nunawading, Victoria. Full Bands Contest. Enquiries Kurt Abell 03 9889 8666
	12-14	New Zealand Pipe Band Championships, Taupo. Contact John Harrison 0011 64 3 328 7262 or email pipesnz@clear.net
	21	Australian Pipe Band Championships – Geelong (Queen's Park). Note <b>this is not the Easter Weekend</b> . More details elsewhere in this newsletter.
	22	<b>Society Meeting</b>
	28	Ringwood, Vic. Full Bands Contest. Enquiries Kurt Abell 03 9889 8666
<b>A P R</b>	9,10	Maclean Highland Gathering. Contact Bob MacPherson 02 6645 2887, <a href="mailto:bobmacpherson@bigpond.com">bobmacpherson@bigpond.com</a>
	26	<b>Society Meeting</b>
<b>L A T E R</b>	27 Jun	Tartan Day at the Southbank Cultural Centre Forecourt – forget any other dates you have in your diary!! This one has been confirmed with the organisers.

**The NSW Pipers' Society** meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6 Holterman Street, Crows Nest. 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

For more details about any of the above events and a contact is not mentioned, ring the Society Secretary (3397 4512) and we will see what we can dig up for you.

<b>Scottish Radio Programs</b>	<b>SBS Radio</b> – Brisbane FM 93.3 – Thursday nights 10-11 pm <b>4EB</b> - FM 98.1 – Thursday afternoons 2.15—4.30 pm <b>2RDJ</b> - FM 88.1 - Wednesday morning 6 am - 9 am
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**Select your partners for the  
Pair of Pipers competition  
at the November Meeting (24<sup>th</sup>)**

- This competition is open to ALL. There will be a senior and junior division as long as we have enough entries, otherwise it will be an 'all in' contest with augmented prizes and a special prize for the best "Junior" pair.
- SENIOR will be for Pairs where both of the players are Intermediate or above and the prizes (for the pair, not each member!) 1<sup>st</sup> \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$40
- JUNIOR will be where one player is Sub-Intermediate or below and the prizes 1<sup>st</sup> \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$40, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$20
- Each player may play once only
- The TEST PIECE for both divisions will be a MEDLEY SELECTION OF 5-7 MINUTES DURATION
- There is no entry fee and you can enter on the night. However a phone call or email to the Secretary prior to the night would be appreciated to help in planning the meeting.

**Thank you to Wynnum RSL Services Club for their kind sponsorship.**

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**AUSTRALIAN PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2004  
GEELONG HIGHLAND GATHERING ASSOCIATION  
QUEENS PARK, NEWTOWN, VICTORIA**

### **ENTRIES**

**Fees:** .Bands: \$80 for each Grade; \$10 for each Drum Major Contest (solo); \$40 for Open Display  
**Send To:** APBA Inc, Vic Branch, 1132 Riversdale Road Box Hill Sth. 3128.  
**CLOSE.** FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY. 2004

**Further Information:** Secretary: Ron Chrystal - Mobile 0410 040 109  
P.O.Box 4309, Market Square, Geelong, Victoria 3220

**Internet:** <http://www.geelonghighlandgathering.org.au/index.htm>

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**CONTEST RESULTS****Scottish Pipers Society of London Contest - 25 A Grade March (J.B Robertson March)****October****Bratach Gorm (Blue Banner)**

1<sup>st</sup> Bruce Gandy  
2<sup>nd</sup> James Murray  
3<sup>rd</sup> Willie McCallum  
4<sup>th</sup> Roderick MacLeod  
5<sup>th</sup> Robert Wallace

Judges: Iain MacFadyen, James Young, John Wilson

The Bratach Gorm is open to pipers who have won any of the Gold Medals, the Dunvegan Medal, or the Open Piobaireachd at London.

**Open Piobaireachd (Gillies Cup)**

1<sup>st</sup> Willie McCallum  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Armstrong  
3<sup>rd</sup> Roderick MacLeod  
4<sup>th</sup> Stuart Shedden  
5<sup>th</sup> Gordon Walker

Judges: Malcolm McRae, Walter Drysdale

1<sup>st</sup> Willie McCallum

2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon Walker

3<sup>rd</sup> Iain Speirs

4<sup>th</sup> Roderick MacLeod

**Former Winners MSR (London Medallion)**

1<sup>st</sup> Gordon Walker

2<sup>nd</sup> Willie McCallum

3<sup>rd</sup> Roderick MacLeod

4<sup>th</sup> Iain Speirs

Judges: Iain MacFadyen, James Young, John Wilson

**Hornpipe & Jig (Beaton Cup)**

1<sup>st</sup> Chris Armstrong

2<sup>nd</sup> Willie McCallum

3<sup>rd</sup> Roderick MacLeod

**Champion Piper (most aggregate points)**

Willie McCallum

## **Glenfiddich Solo Piping Championships Blair Atholl – 1 November**

### **Piobaireachd**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jack Lee *Lament for the Laird of Anapool*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Willie McCallum *The Daughter's Lament*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Bruce Gandy *Battle of the Pass of Creiff*  
 4<sup>th</sup> Gordon Walker *The Bells of Perth*  
 5<sup>th</sup> Mike Cusack *The Big Spree*  
 Judges: Malcolm McRae, Jack Taylor and James Young.

### **March, Strathspey & Reel**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gordon Walker *Knightswood Ceilidh, Piper's Bonnet, John Morrison of Assynt House*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Alasdair Gillies  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Willie McCallum  
 4<sup>th</sup> Jack Lee  
 5<sup>th</sup> Murray Henderson  
 Judges: Walter Drysdale, John McDougall and Iain MacLellan.

### **Championship Winner**

#### **Jack Lee**

A three-way tie in points between Jack Lee,

Willie McCallum and Gordon Walker was broken by giving preference to the Piobaireachd. The contest has now been running since 1974 and Jack Lee is the first non-Scottish piper to win the overall Championship. Competitors are invited based on results of major contests of the year. Other competitors were Chris Armstrong; Roddy MacLeod and Iain Speirs.

## **Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Band Contest – Castle Hill, Sydney – 16 November**

### **Grade 2**

- 1<sup>st</sup> St Andrews Brisbane  
 2<sup>nd</sup> (tied) St Mary's / Bankstown

### **Grade 3**

- 1<sup>st</sup> United Mineworkers  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Blacktown No 2  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Northern Suburbs

### **Grade 4**

- 1<sup>st</sup> United Mineworkers  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Scots College Old Boys  
 3<sup>rd</sup> (tied) Canberra Burns Club / Scots College A

## **HOW TO GET TO THE BALMORAL BOWLS CLUB**

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