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**October Meeting
Monday 24th
Balmoral Bowls Club,
Jean Howie Drive,
Morningside**

**at 7.15 pm (note the
earlier than normal time)
Featuring the Celtic
Celebration Committee Qld
Selection Contest**

From the Editor:

This is an eventful month in the Queensland piping scene with the visit of Gordon Walker, the South Queensland Solo and Band Championships and next Monday night the Celtic Celebration Committee's Queensland final combined with our Society October meeting.

Other events coming up are listed in our "What's On" page.

Some things have missed being included in this Newsletter because the editor has not yet mastered the art of doing more than three things at once. Hopefully the November issue will be a big one.

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SEPTEMBER 2005 MEETING

Our September Meeting attracted over 40 members and guests. We welcomed Maurie DeHayr & Malcolm McRae back from their trips to Scotland. We also welcomed Peter & Lorna Burrows, who hadn't been to a Society meeting for some time.

President Reg O'Malley introduced the evening and went through some coming events. He also called us to stand for a minute's silence in remembrance of Rosie McLelland, whose passing was reported in the September newsletter.

Then it was time for the first of our semi-final rounds in the Knockout contest. It has been decided we will have three semi-finals with the three winners to play off in November for the main prize. Both the "losers" in the final will be paid the same prize money. We were to have two semi-finals – the last one will be immediately before the final in November.

Jordan Whicker was first to play. His tunes were *D/M Ross Huth, The Famous Bavarian, The Gael, The Panda, La Boem, Jenny's Chickens* and *Rakish Paddy*. He had a bit of difficulty with his pipes with a few chokes, which perhaps affected his playing.

Vaughn Parker was the other half of this first semi-final. His pipe was going well and he gave a very well controlled and musical performance. His tunes were *MacCrimmon Will Never Return, Jimmy Blue, James MacClellan's Favourite, The Jolly Tinker* and *The Gravel Walk*.

In the next semi-final, Reg O'Malley in his capacity representing the sponsor (Wynnum Services Memorial Club) had nominated a "wild card" - Max Yeo. Max played a good selection and sequence of tunes but the pipe was just a little out. His tunes were *Una McIntyre, Brae Riach, If The Weather Will Allow Me, Highland Mafia* and a number of reels.

Matthew Supranowicz was the other half of this semi. On a very firm and resonant pipe, he played *Samantha's Lullaby, Rodney Hull QC, Susan*

MacLeod, Traditional Reel, Sleepy Maggie, Irish Reel and *Glasgow Police Pipers*.

Reg O'Malley then canvassed with the meeting the idea of holding a social night on 12 October with Gordon Walker. This had been suggested by Sandy Campbell and the proposal attracted general support so it was decided to go ahead and publicise it.

Before the results of the voting were announced we had some more tunes from our competitors. Max played *Man From Skye* and *Pumpkin's Fancy*. Vaughn played *Loch of the Birds, Mrs Mary Grant* and *Colin's Cattle*. Jordan gave us *The Bonnie Lass of Fyvie, Scotland the Brave, Lucy Cassidy, Braes of Mellinish* and *The Rakes of Kildare*. Finally Matthew played *Angus MacKinnon, Duncan McGillivray Chief Steward, Bruce Gandy's Farewell to the Iron Horse, The Banks of Lochiel, Ca' the Ewes, Lt Col D J S Murray* and the ground of *The Unjust Incarceration*.

After that feast of tunes Vaughn Parker and Matthew Supranowicz were announced as winners of their semi-finals and they will go into the final in November.

Malcolm McRae was next to play. He had a strong sounding pipe with plenty of drone harmonics. I don't have a note of his tunes but he played some little tunes before a 6/8 and a couple of 2/4 Marches.

Iain Bruce was our last player for the evening. On his usual fine sounding pipe his tunes included the 6/8s *Ballochyle, Mrs Lily Christie* and *Princess Diana's Welcome to Deeside*, the air *An Anturachd Ard*, hornpipes *The Boys of the Blue Hill* and *The Jolly Beggarman* and finally the piobaireachd *Clan Campbell's Gathering*.

By now the night was drawing on, so the raffle was drawn (by Lorna Burrows) and won (by Alec McIntosh). All then retired for supper and a chat.

Knockout Contest

This month we take a break from the Knockout as the program will be filled up with the Celtic Celebration Committee contest. Next month will see one semi-final and then the final between three competitors.

The prizes in the final will be: Winner \$200, losing finalists \$100 each.

Ring the Secretary on 07 3397 4512 or email on qhps@optushome.com.au if you would like to enter.

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What's On

Most of this information is also on the APBA Qld website. Go to www.pipebandsqld.org and click on "Coming Events". There are links to web pages for events, email contacts, etc

O C T	22	Inverell Sapphire City Festival Pipe Bands Parade and Assessment Day
	22	Morayfield Kilties Ceilidh - Narangba Hall, Mackie Road, Narangba. - \$5 - "Scotch on the Rocks", Dancers, Massed Bands. Enquiries 07 5498 5489
	23	Silver Tassie Solo Piping Contest – Sutton Forest (NSW) Contact 02 4868 3492
	24	Society Meeting – Celtic Celebration Committee Qld Piping Selection Contest
	29	Brisbane Clans Pipes & Drums Hallowe'en Cailidh - Lyndon Bowls Club, Holland Park at 7.30pm. \$15. Contact Mavis 38498271 or Kate 33692232
	30	Celtic Celebration Committee Bowls Day - fundraiser for sending Australian Pipers to Lorient in 2006 – see advertisement elsewhere in this newsletter
	30	Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Band Contest - Castle Hill, NSW – Contact 02 9580 3593, 02 9871 3593 - NSW State Pipe Band Championships
N O V	12	Qld Irish Association Pipe Band 80th Anniversary Celebration - Irish Club, Brisbane. Contact Pipe Major Rod Smith (0410 407 550)
	13	Society Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 10am to 1pm
	20	Ormiston House Thanksgiving Day - Contact 07 3286 1425, 07 3821 2732
	26	Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band St Andrew's Ceilidh - 26 November at 7pm.- \$15 for non-members. Contact 0414776361
	28	Society Meeting – Final of Knockout Contest and Christmas Party
D E C	4	Society Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 10am to 1pm
2 0 0 6	27 <u>Feb</u>	First Society Meeting for 2006
	5 <u>March</u>	Australian Pipe Band Championships - - Ringwood, Victoria. Details here: http://www.pipebandsqld.org/event.htm#Champ2006
	10-12 <u>March</u>	New Zealand Pipe Band Championships: - Hamilton – Details here http://www.nzpipebands.org.nz/contests.htm
	2 <u>April</u>	Tartan Day Toowoomba
	14,15 <u>April</u>	Maclean Highland Gathering - (Good Friday and Easter Saturday)
	5-7 May	International Police Tattoo - Adelaide Entertainment Centre

The Smallpipers Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month.. Contact Malcolm McLaren - mrmclaren@bigpond.com

The NSW Pipers' Society meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 Holtermann Street, Crows Nest. Contact Ron Clement – 02 9948 1914.

The NSW Solo Pipers Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Blacktown Pipe Band Hall, Blacktown Showground, Richmond Road, Blacktown. Contact 0412 602 983 or at www.blacktownpipeband.com. Each meeting is a competition based on age rather than grade

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

Scottish Radio Programs	4EB - FM 98.1 – Thursday afternoons 2.15—4.30 pm 2RDJ - FM 88.1 - Tuesday morning 9 am - 10 am
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For more details about any of the above events where a contact is not mentioned, ring the Society Secretary (07 3397 4512) and we will see what we can dig up for you.

If we don't know about your event (social, musical, fundraising or whatever) we can't publicise it in the Newsletter. So tell us and get free publicity.

Piobaireachd Meetings

Our September Meeting attracted about 15-20 players and listeners. There were apologies from Max and Bernie Yeo.

Malcolm McRae started the morning off with *The Pretty Dirk*. Roy read the (quite long) story of the tune. Malcolm commented that the tune has an air of desperation, and one can imagine Patrick Og's anxiety as he worried whether he would play well enough to win the dirk. It is a tune that can be played with a lot of expression in it.

Matthew Supranowicz was the next Piper and his tune was *The Glen is Mine*. Bob Payne read the story.

Then David Greenhalgh played *Lament for Donald of Laggan*, his first tune for the group. He had a long tune-up and still didn't quite get the drones right but he gave a good interpretation of the tune. Malcolm commented that it is a classic MacCrimmon tune sometimes regarded as beginner's piece but it is very difficult to keep the song of it.

Vaughn Parker then played *The Lament for James McDonald of the Isles*, also his first tune for the group. Bob read the story.

Morning tea followed and afterwards we worked through the set tune which was *The Duke of Athol's Salute*. Malcolm explained that the pause marks in this tune are very significant and need to be well held. He then sang the tune through and played it.

Maurie DeHayr took the opportunity to present an APBA Advanced Piping Certificate to Hazel Osborne.

Ainsley Hart had been working on one of our previous set tunes - *Chisholm's Salute* - and he played it for us after Bob Payne read the story.

To finish off the day we had Iain Bruce to play *Colin McRae of Inverinate's Lament* and Roy Gunn to play *Old Men of the Shells*. Bob read the story.

By this time it was well after our scheduled finish time of 1pm, so we certainly had a good session of big music.

The next meeting will be on Sunday 13 November (note the different Sunday of the month)

We have a special list of people interested in these meetings so that we can easily reach them to tell of any changes in plans for the meetings, etc. if you would like to be on this list please tell the secretary (07 3397 4512 or qhps@optushome.com.au). Each newsletter will also carry a "Piobaireachd page" like this one to keep everyone in the Society in touch.

Contributions. We always welcome contributions to the newsletter – post or email your article to the Secretary or ring to discuss what you want to put in and we will be glad to help.

Pipers Needed We often get calls for solo pipers for weddings funerals, parties, etc. If you would like to be on the list we refer these people to, please give us your name, contact details (preferably phone or mobile), the times you are available and, if you wish, the fee you usually charge. We will put you directly in touch with the person who wants to hire the piper and you work out final details with them. People available for New Years Eve or Anzac Day are particularly needed.

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Gordon Walker in town

Gordon Walker's brief visit to Brisbane certainly left an impact on the local scene.

The social night held by the Society attracted about 50 people with piping from Jordan Whicker. Tam Campbell (Gordon's Pipe Sergeant in the 52nd Lowland Regiment Pipe Band), the man himself, Iain Bruce, Malcolm McRae, Max Yeo and Vaughn Parker.

We also had some singing and some general comments from Gordon and shared many a word over supper and over a drink in the bar before, during and after the evening.

His concert on the Friday night at the Morningside RSL attracted about 150 people who were entertained also by the QIA Pipe band, dancers and Tam Campbell as well as Gordon himself

CONTEST RESULTS

Scottish Junior Piping Championship – Carnoustie - 17 September

Champion of Champions 2005

Overall

- 1st James Mackenzie
- 2nd Alistair Henderson
- 3rd Fraser Maitland

MSR

- 1st Alistair Henderson

Piobaireachd

- 1st James Mackenzie

Scottish Junior Champion (13-16 Years)

- 1st Faye Henderson
- 2nd James Mackenzie
- 3rd Emma Buchan

Junior Piobaireachd Champion (13-16)

- 1st Faye Henderson
- 2nd James Mackenzie
- 3rd Nathan Drysdale

First Army Piping and Drumming Championships - Edinburgh – 8-9 October

Senior Piobaireachd

- 1st LSgt Ross McCrindle, Scots Guards
- 2nd Pte Andrew Carlisle, 2nd Battalion The Royal Irish Regiment
- 3rd WOcdt Lynsey McNicholl, Tayforth UOTC
- 4th P-M Michael Gray, The Highlanders

Senior March

- 1st Pte Andrew Carlisle
- 2nd WOcdt Lynsey McNicholl
- 3rd Sgt Roddy Weir
- 4th P-M Michael Gray

Senior Strathspey & Reel

- 1st LSgt Ross McCrindle
- 2nd Bdr Alan Johnston
- 3rd Sgt Roddy Weir
- 4th Cpl MacGregor

Open Hornpipe & Jig

- 1st Pte Andrew Carlisle

- 2nd Bdr Alan Johnston
 3rd P-M Michael Gray
 4th Sgt Roddy Weir

Mini Bands MSR

- 1st 1st Battalion The Royal Highland Fusiliers
 2nd Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities OTC
 3rd 1st Battalion Scots Guards

Mini Bands Medley

- 1st 2nd Battalion The Royal Irish Regiment
 2nd Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities OTC
 3rd 1st Battalion Scots Guards

**Nicol-Brown Amateur Invitational Solo
 Piping Competition Rome, New York – 8
 October**

Piobaireachd

- 1st Colin Lee, *The Desperate Battle*
 2nd Kevin Dugas, *Battle of the Pass of Crieff*
 3rd Scott McIntosh, *Battle of Auldearn #1*
 4th Cameron Scott, *The Old Men of the Shells*
 5th Alex Gandy, *The King's Taxes*
 6th Amber Blair, *Lament for Donald Duaghal Mackay*

MSR

- 1st Alex Gandy, *Mrs. John MacColl, Susan MacLeod, Thompson's Dirk*
 2nd Cameron Scott
 3rd Kevin Dugas
 4th Scott McIntosh
 5th Colin Lee
 6th Kirsten Campbell

6/8 March

- 1st Colin Lee, *Frank Thompson, Ellenorr*
 2nd Alex Gandy
 3rd Cameron Scott
 4th Ashleigh Weeden
 5th Scott McIntosh
 6th Kevin Dugas

Judge: Donald MacPhee

**G.S. McLennan Invitational - San Diego – 16
 October**

Piobaireachd

- 1st Richard Hawke, *Lament for Captain MacDougall*
 2nd Alan Bevan, *The Young Laird of Dungallon's Salute*
 3rd Andrew Rogers, *The Gathering of the MacNabs*

MSR

- 1st Alan Bevan
 2nd Richard Hawke
 3rd Donald MacPhee

Judges: John Cairns, Bruce Gandy, Gavin Stoddart.

**South Queensland Solo and Pipe Band
 Championships – Redlands – 15,16 October**

SOLOS**Learner Chanter**

- 1st Brett Canning
 2nd Fiona Stagg

Elementary March Heat One

- 1st Nicholas Omdahl
 2nd Sharlean McNamara
 3rd Andrew Neeland

Elementary March Heat Two

- 1st James Nelson
 2nd Angus Wheeler
 3rd John MacLellan

Elementary March Final

- 1st Angus Wheeler
 2nd James Nelson
 3rd Sharlean McNamara

Elementary Air Heat One

- 1st James Nelson
 2nd Peter McDiarmid
 3rd John MacLellan

Elementary Air Heat Two

- 1st Helen Lyster
 2nd Sharlean McNamara
 3rd Nicholas Omdahl

Elementary Air Final

- 1st Peter McDiarmid
 2nd Helen Lyster
 3rd Sharlean McNamara

Champion Elementary Piper - James Nelson**Sub Intermediate MSR**

- 1st Vaughn Parker
 2nd Bevan Donaldson
 3rd Natasha Downs

Sub Intermediate Jig

- 1st Vaughn Parker
 2nd Jayne Shelley
 3rd Max Yeo

Champion Sub-Intermediate Piper - Vaughn Parker

Intermediate MSR

- 1st Vaughn Parker
- 2nd Jordan Whicker
- 3rd Hazel Osborne

Intermediate Hornpipe And Jig

- 1st Vaughn Parker
- 2nd Christopher McLeish
- 3rd Hazel Osborne

Champion Intermediate Piper - Vaughn Parker**Open MSR**

- 1st Matthew Supranowicz
- 2nd Alistair McInnes
- 3rd David Greenhalgh

Open Hornpipe And Jig

- 1st Alistair McInnes
- 2nd Matthew Supranowicz
- 3rd David Greenhalgh

Open Piobaireachd

- 1st Matthew Supranowicz
- 2nd Alistair McInnes
- 3rd Sandy Dalziel

Champion Open Piper - Matthew Supranowicz**BANDS****Grade 1/2**

- 1st St Andrew's
- 2nd Qld Highlanders No 1

Grade 3

- 1st Ipswich Thistle

Grade 4

- 1st Qld Police Juvenile
- 2nd Gold Coast Tweed
- 3rd Clan Stuart

City of Wollongong Highland Games and Pipe Band Contest - 15th October**Grade 4**

- 1st Canberra Burns Club No 2
- 2nd City of Bankstown No 2
- 3rd Burwood RSL

Grade 3

- 1st United Mineworkers
- 2nd City of Blacktown No 2
- 3rd Sydney Thistle

Grade 2

- 1st Canberra Burns Club No 1
- 2nd United Mineworkers

Grade 1

- 1st City of Blacktown No 1

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 Morningside 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.

CELTIC CELEBRATION COMMITTEE (QLD)**"You Are Invited"**

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CELTIC CELEBRATION COMMITTEE



Queensland Selection Competition

for Open standard pipers (to select Queensland's representatives for the
2006 Australasian Piping Final)

Balmoral Bowls Club, Jean Howie Drive, Morningside, Brisbane

Monday, 24th October 2005

in conjunction with the October meeting of the Queensland Highland Pipers' Society
which will start at 7.15 pm

The competition consists of two elements:

a March, Strathspey and Reel, and a Hornpipe and Jig, all minimum 4 parts each

2006 is the 'Year of Australia' in Lorient