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**Queensland
Highland
Pipers' Society**

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**July Meeting
Monday 24th
Balmoral Bowls Club,
Jean Howie Drive,
Morningside
at 7.45 pm**

**The night will be the annual Jimmy
Durham Memorial Contest**

for Elementary and Sub-Intermediate players
who have not previously won the trophy - 4
part 2/4 March once through.

Prizes:

1st Perpetual Trophy, Souvenir Medal and \$60

2nd Souvenir Medal and \$30

3rd Souvenir Medal and \$20

4th Souvenir Medal and \$10

Enter on the night

From the Editor:

This newsletter will arrive a bit over a week earlier than usual as your scribe is about to jet off overseas. Watch for the first hand reports of events in Scotland in future issues! Make sure you don't turn up for the meeting a week early!

The Newsletter may also be a bit shorter than usual as things have rather caught up with us in preparing to go away. The next edition will be literally "filed from Scotland".

Please urge as many as possible to support the Jimmy Durham Memorial contest at the forthcoming meeting

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JUNE 2006 MEETING

A crowd of about 30 were in attendance at our June meeting. Apologies were received from Reg and Glenys O'Malley, Vic MacKay, Robert Baker and Iain Davidson. We were pleased to welcome Ross Campbell from Melbourne and his wife to the meeting.

In Reg's absence, Maurie DeHayr took on the announcing duties.

We wish Malcolm McRae and Stephanie all the best as they depart for a three month season in Scotland. Your scribe and Desley are also away in the same general direction for the next two months but newsletters and meetings will continue to flow.

Malcolm McRae was the first to play and his tunes included the 3/4s *The Dream Valley of Glendaruel* and *Colin's Cattle*, 6/8s *John MacKenzie's Farewell to Strathglass* and *Dr Ross's Farewell to the Argyllshire Gathering*, 2/4s *The Atholl And Breadalbane Gathering* and *Melbank Cottage*, strathspey *The Caledonian Canal* and reel *Lexy McAskill*.

Phillip Cowan was the next piper. His last performance at the Society was just after a hand reconstruction following a car accident - his playing shows he has made an excellent recovery since then. He had a firm and resonant pipe. The tunes he played included *Battle of Waterloo*, *Garb of old Gaul*, *Battle of Killiecrankie*, *Hector the Hero*, *Up 'n Adam*, *Th Rocket Racketeer*, *La Boem*, *Spill the Beer*, *Rakish Paddy*, *Crossing the Minch*, *Andy Renwick's Ferret*, *Suzie Ruthford* and *Good Drying*.

Ian Hustwick was next to play. This was his first performance at the Society and he had been brought along by Phillip. He had a strong bagpipe and good fingering technique in his selection which included 74ths *Farewell to Edinburgh*, *La Boem*, *Leaving Lismore*, *Tripping up the Stairs*, *Boys of the Lough*, *Stepping Out*, *Kelseys Wee Reel* and *Electric Chopsticks*.

Peter Burrows had once again come equipped to play and on a quieter but resonant pipe (after it took a minute or two to come in) gave us a varied selection including the airs *Catherine Ellen's Song* and *Echo Lake* the 2/4s *Pipe Major William Macleod*, *Jeannie Carruthers* and *Allan Dodd's Farewell to Scotland*, strathspey *Dora Macleod* and reels *Alastair & Debbie* and *Lexie McAskill*.

We heard from Matthew Supranowicz next. Matthew has moved up to take a place vacated by Darin Cook in the Lorient contest. We wish him all the best as he represents Australia along with Cory Dale. As usual both pipe and fingers were going well and he played a fine selection including *Macleod of Mull*, *Jean Mauchline*, *Bruce Gandy's Farewell to the Iron Horse*, *The Clan McColl*, *The Shepherds Crook*, *The Grey Bob*, *She Moved Through the Fair*, *The Kesh Jig*, *Calliope House*, *The Humours of Whisky* and *The Foxhunter*.

The quality piping continued with Iain Bruce producing his usual immaculate bagpipe and playing on it tunes including the 6/8s *O'er The Water to Charlie*, *The News frae Moidart*, *Morag* and *The Campbells are Coming*, the air *The Silver Chanter*, jigs *The Foxhunter*, *Welcome the Piper* and *Drops of Brandy* and the MSR set *Charles Edward Hope Vere*, *Lady Loudon* and *The Grey Bob*. He said at the end he would spare us a Piobaireachd as the drones were a bit wet!

Ross Campbell was our last player for the evening. Playing a pipe with a nice "ring" to it he started out in 3/4 time with *Dream Valley of Glendaruel*. He went on to play *Land of Trees*, *The Boats at Dunkirk*, *The Braemar Gathering*, *Tug Argan gap*, *Kirkhill*, *Major Manson of Clachantrushal*, *Isa Johnstone*, *Fiona MacLeod* and *Blink Bonnie*.

After the drawing of the raffle all proceeded to supper

Piobaireachd Club

Despite a good turnout of people, we unfortunately had to abandon our June meeting as the Hall had been double booked. This didn't stop us having a quick conversation (well over an hour!) in the carpark. Ideas for the group and the Society were discussed, many tall tales and true exchanged and Matthew Supranowicz wished all the best in his expedition to Lorient.

LEGENDARY AND HISTORICAL NOTES ON CEOL MOR

'INTRODUCE YOUR TUNE'

A handy, small reference book giving the stories on most of the tunes listed and indexed similar to the Piobaireachd Society Collection. A must for every serious player of the great music to carry in the pipe case and a superb teaching aid. Compiled by Roy Gunn. \$20 plus airmail postage and handling \$1. Contact Roy Gunn, 31 Mariner Quays, 3 Lee Road, Runaway Bay, Qld, 4216. Phone 07 5529 2852

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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

J U L	15	Sunshine Coast Branch of Society of St Andrew of Scotland Celtic Afternoon Tea - Maleny. - Details TBA
	22	Rockhampton Pipe Band and Academy of Highland Dancing Ceilidh – Bauhinia House – 7.30pm. Adults \$25. School Children \$10. Music by Bun-Ber-E. Visit www.rockhamptonpipeband.com or phone 07 4928 5419

		Society Meeting – Jimmy Durham Memorial (Junior Players 2/4 March)
	24 28 - 6/8	Festival Interceltique de Lorient, Brittany, France. This year is the year of Australia
A U G	6 12 23,24 25,26 27 28 31- 1/9	Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 9am to 1pm World Pipe Band Championships, Glasgow Green. Argyllshire Gathering Solo Contest, Oban, Scotland. Cowal Gathering, Dunoon, Scotland. Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Solo Contest Society Meeting Northern Meeting, Aviemore, Scotland
S E P	2 3 9,10 17 23 24 24 25	Sunshine Coast Branch of Society of St Andrew of Scotland Ceilidh, Woombye, 7.30 p.m. - Details TBA Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 9am to 1pm MacGregor Highland Gathering – Macgregor Primary School – Bands and Solos and all the traditional Highland Games entertainment. More details later in this newsletter Scots College (NSW) Contest Ipswich Pipe Band Contest. Details later in this newsletter Manly-Warringah Band Contest (NSW) - Tentative only Sunshine Coast Branch of Society of St Andrew of Scotland Picnic and AGM. Foote Sanctuary, Buderim. - Details TBA Society Meeting
O C T	1 14 14,15 22 22 23 29	Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 9am to 1pm Woollongong (NSW) Highland Games Redlands Highland Gathering - Bands and Solos - Cleveland Showgrounds. Details to be advised. Promoted by the Redlands Scottish & Celtic Society The Silver Tassie – Australasian Young Piper of the Year – Solo Piping Competition, Sutton Village Hall (NSW Southern Highlands): 11am Rockingham City (WA) Solo Conest. For information Raylee Riley - vriley@bigpond.net.au Society Meeting Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Castle Hill Band Contest - NSW Pipe Band Championships

The Smallpipers Group - Contact Malcolm McLaren for meeting details - mrmclaren@bigpond.com

The NSW Pipers' Society meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 Holterman 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

Radio Programs	College of Piping Radio: You can tune in on the Internet on www.college-of-piping.co.uk/html/radio.htm 4EB - FM 98.1 – Thursday afternoons 2.15—4.30 pm
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For more details about any of the above events where a contact is not mentioned, ring or email the

Society Secretary (07 3397 4512 or qhps@optushome.com.au) 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.

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.

CONTEST RESULTS

United States Piping Foundation Invitational Solo Piping Championships held at the University of Delaware – 17 June

Piobaireachd

- 1st Alasdair Gillies, *The End of the Great Bridge*
- 2nd Ann Gray, *Lady Margaret MacDonal'd's Salute*
- 3rd Mike Rogers, *Isabel MacKay*
- 4th Ian Whitelaw, *Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay*
- 5th Graham Mullholland, *MacNeill of Barra's March*

MSR

- 1st Bruce Gandy, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
 - 2nd Mike Rogers
 - 3rd Ann Gray
 - 4th Andy Rogers, Fredericton, New Brunswick
 - 5th Ian Whitelaw
- Ann Gray was the overall winner and qualifies for a place in the Glenfiddich
- Judges: Reay Mackay, Andrew Wright.
- Other competitors: John Bottomley, Paula Glendinning, Roderick MacLean, Douglas MacRae, Scott Walker.

British Pipe Band Championship - Pitlochry, Scotland – 24 June

Grade 1 (MSR)

- 1st Field Marshal Montgomery
- 2nd Strathclyde Police
- 3rd House of Edgar-Shotts & Dykehead

4th Vale of Atholl

5th Scottish Power

6th Simon Fraser University

Drumming: House of Edgar Shotts and Dykehead

Grade 2 (medley)

- 1st Tayside Police
 - 2nd Bucksburn & District
 - 3rd Ravara
 - 4th Seven Towers
 - 5th Torphichen & Bathgate
 - 6th Royal Scottish Dragoon Guards
- Drumming: Tayside Police

Cupar Highland Games – 1 July 1

Piobaireachd

- 1st James Murray, *Battle of Auldearn No2*
 - 2nd P/M Michael Gray, *Isabel MacKay*
 - 3rd Andrea Boyd, *Lament for Donald of Laggan*
 - 4th J. Forrester
- Judge: Walter Drysdale

March

- 1st James Murray
- 2nd Andrew Mathieson
- 3rd Ross Cowan
- 4th Fiona Manson

Strathspey & Reel

- 1st Ross Cowan
- 2nd P/M Michael Gray
- 3rd Douglas Campbell
- 4th Andrew Mathieson

Jig

1st James Murray
 2nd Ross Cowan
 3rd Douglas Campbell
 4th Andrea Boyd

2nd Field Marshal Montgomery

3rd Strathclyde Police

Drumming: SLOT

Judges: G. Lawrie, J Moles (piping); G. Craig
 (drumming) J. Baxter (ensemble)

**All-Ireland Pipe Band Championships -
 Letterkenny, 1 July**

MSR

1st St. Laurence O'Toole

Medley

1st Field Marshal Montgomery

2nd Strathclyde Police

3rd St. Laurence O'Toole

Drumming: Strathclyde Police

Judges: I. MacLellan, W. Pollock (piping); H.

Russell (drumming); C. Mordaunt (ensemble)

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CD review from Dave Sinclair

Alex Woodley of Mount Nathan , Gold Coast, has sent me some CDs of his group. One of the CDs in particular impressed me greatly – it is the “Skye Collection”. His cover note states “During a lifetime of playing folk music, many tunes have come and gone, these tunes came and stayed, and in a sense collected me. They are all linked to the Isle of Skye in some way, as I am, and it was my pleasurable duty to record them..”

Members of QHPS will recall that Alex is a grandson of the late Alistair MacSween (1888-1955), a great Australian born Piper and an excellent composer of Ceol Mor and other Pipe Music; a very well known Northern Rivers personality. Alistair's father, Charles MacSween, came from Kingsburgh, Trotternish, Isle of Skye, and his mother Christina Bruce came from Glendale about four miles west of Dunvegan Castle on Skye. In olden times Glendale was renowned for its handsome men and beautiful women, who possessed rare skills in arranging wildflowers.

Needless to say the music on Alex Woodley's CD is redolent of everything I have ever heard of the Musty Isle and the tunes are drawn from many Skye folk. Alistair MacSween composed or arranged seven of the tunes and his magic skill is fairly demonstrated by Alex and his companions. I am very pleased to have this CD in my collection of Celtic music.

Alex Woodley's address is 175 Nathan Valley Road, Mount Nathan, Qld, 4211 and his phone number is 07 5596 2818 if you would like to order a copy

Macgregor Highland Gathering



Hosted by: Lions Club of Brisbane Macgregor

9th & 10th September, 2006

Macgregor State Primary School

1. McCullough Street, Macgregor, Brisbane
(behind Sunny Park Shopping Centre)



Programme

Saturday, 9th September - Band Contest

Sunday, 10th September - Solos

Other features of the two days are planned to include:

Highland Dancing Competition, Massed Pipe Band Display and Massed Fling, Scottish Country Dancing Display, Scotch & Border Collie Dog Obedience and Agility Trial, Scottish Heavies, Scottish Ceilidh (Saturday Night), Kirkin' o' the Tartan, Highland Games.

Solo Piping Events

LEARNER CHANTER

EVENT 1: March of 2 parts played once through, any time signature.
Restricted to learners who have been learning for not more than 12 months and not playing the pipes.

ELEMENTARY PIPING

EVENT 2: 2/4 March - 4 parts minimum

EVENT 3: Slow Air - 2 parts minimum

SUB - INTERMEDIATE PIPING

EVENT 4: 2/4 March, Strathspey & Reel - March of 4 parts minimum, Strathspey & Reel of 2 parts minimum each

EVENT 5: JIG - 2 parts minimum

INTERMEDIATE PIPING

EVENT 6: 2/4 March, Strathspey & Reel - each of 4 parts minimum

EVENT 7: Hornpipe & Jig - each of 4 parts minimum

OPEN PIPING

EVENT 8: 2/4 March, Strathspey & Reel - each of 4 parts minimum

EVENT 9: Hornpipe & Jig - each of 4 parts minimum

PIOBAIREACHD**EVENT 10: Restricted Piobaireachd** (Own Choice)**EVENT 11: Open Piobaireachd** (Own Choice)**PRIZES SOLO PIPING (In addition to trophies,etc)****1st PRIZE \$15.00****2nd PRIZE \$10.00****3rd PRIZE \$5.00**

Solo Entry Form

PIPING – DRUMMING

Entries close Friday 18th August 2006 (No Phone Entries Accepted)

SURNAME.....PHONE

FIRST NAME.....FAX.....

ADDRESS.....

.....P/CODE.....

DATE OF BIRTH.....

E-MAIL

BAND NAME

Event No.....Section Entry

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Sub Total

Administration Fee \$ 3.00

Total \$.....

SOLO ENTRIES TO:

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Australian Pipe Band Association.
Include Business Size
stamped addressed envelope.
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Saturday 23rd September 2006

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Solo Competition

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WINNER – SKEAN DHU + TROPHY + CERTIFICATE

LEARNER CHANTER (MARCH) ***

EVENT 1 * RESTRICTED * to learners who have been learning for not more than 12 months and not playing the pipes. Competitor may read from a score and play on a practice chanter a march of 2 parts played once through, any time signature.

ELEMENTARY PIPING ***

EVENT 2 2 / 4 MARCH - TUNE OF 4 PARTS MINIMUM

EVENT 3 SLOW AIR - 2 PARTS PLAYED ONCE THROUGH

SUB – INTERMEDIATE PIPING ***

EVENT 4 2 / 4 MARCH / STRATHSPEY / REEL - MARCH OF 4 PARTS INTO MINIMUM STRATHSPEY / REEL OF 2 PARTS EACH

EVENT 5 JIG - TUNE OF 2 PARTS MINIMUM

INTERMEDIATE PIPING ***

EVENT 6 2 / 4 MARCH / STRATHSPEY / REEL - EACH OF 4 PARTS MINIMUM

EVENT 7 HORNPIPE / JIG - TUNES EACH OF 4 PARTS MINIMUM

OPEN PIPING ***

EVENT 8 2 / 4 MARCH / STRATHSPEY / REEL – EACH OF 4 PARTS MINIMUM

EVENT 9 HORNPIPE / JIG – TUNES EACH OF 4 PARTS MINIMUM

RESTRICTED / OPEN PIOBAIREACHD ***

EVENT 10 RESTRICTED PIOBAIREACHD (OWN CHOICE)

EVENT 11 OPEN PIOBAIREACHD – (OWN CHOICE)

***** ALL GRADES *****

YOU CAN ONLY ENTER THIS EVENT IF YOU'VE NEVER WON IT IN PREVIOUS YEARS

EVENT 12 * SPECIAL PIPING EVENT - RODDY MACSWEEN MEMORIAL*

SCORE TO BE PLAYED IS "RODDY MACSWEEN"

SLOW AIR – 2 PARTS PLAYED TWICE EACH PART

ENTRY FEE \$6.00 EACH EVENT

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2006

DEFINITELY NO LATE ENTRIES

Please note: Events offered will be determined by entries received & at promoters discretion. **All competitors must wear highland dress. All bands & solo competitors must be registered with a state branch of the A.P.B.A. Solo championships held in accordance with A.P.B.A. rules.**

***** SOLO PIPING / DRUMMING *****
***** ENTRY FORM *****

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BAND

EVENT NO EVENT REG NO FEE \$6

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PIPERS ONLY: Will you be accompanying Solo drummer/s ? **YES / NO**

IF **YES** SOLO DRUMMER/S NAME/S:

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DEFINITELY NO LATE ENTRIES

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