



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Newsletter - July 2007

July Meeting

on Monday 23 July

7.15pm for 7.30pm

The meeting will feature

The Jimmy Durham Memorial Trophy

for junior players (Elementary & Sub-Intermediate)

The test piece is a 2/4 March of 4 or more parts of the competitor's choice played once through.

Prizes: 1st: The Jimmy Durham trophy plus Medal plus \$100.

2nd: Medal plus \$60

4th: Medal plus \$20

3rd: Medal plus \$40

5th: \$15

**Entries to qhps@optusnet.com.au or 07 3397 4512
or before 7.15pm on the night.**

The last month has been a pretty quiet one in piping terms in our part of the world but things are starting to build up in the northern hemisphere.

Malcolm McRae, Roy Gunn and Iain Bruce are all going to be in Scotland for various periods during the piping season.

Vaughn Parker and Matthew Supranowicz are both going to Lorient and Matthew is also competing at the Worlds with Manawatu Band from New Zealand.

We wish all the travellers safe journey and a great time. Apologies if I've missed anyone - those are just the ones I know about at the moment.

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SOCIETY CALENDAR FOR 2007

January	13,14	Summer School
	29	Pipers' Night
February	26	Hornpipe & Jig (junior + senior)
March	26	Pipers' Night
April	23	Pairs of Pipers (junior + senior)
May	28	Patron's Trophy (MSR for seniors, should submit 2)
June	25	Pipers' Night
July	23	Jimmy Durham Memorial (2/4 March for juniors)
August	27	Annual Meeting + Slow Air & Jig (junior + senior)
September	24	Pipers' Night and Talk by Iain Bruce
October	22	Celtic Celebration Competition (MSR, H/J for seniors)
November	26	McCandlish Trophy – 6/8 March Competition (junior + senior)
December		No meeting
January 28 2008		Veteran Pipers' Night

- ◆ For senior competitions, competitors to submit two of each tune type and play one.
- ◆ After each competition, the floor will be open for all as at a Pipers' Night.
- ◆ The aim is to start meetings at 7.30pm (7.15pm for a 7.30pm start) to allow an earlier finish/more piping/more social time at the end of the meeting. Junior competitions are to start promptly and finish by 8.30pm.
- ◆ A number of other suggestions are also being looked at by the committee, so it should be a busy year for the Society.

JUNE MEETING

About 37 members and guests turned out for our Pipers' Night in June.

First to play was Maurie DeHayr, with the tunes: 3/4s *Lochanside* and *P/M MacLellan DCM*, 6/8s *Leaving Port Askaig*, *Willie Ross*, *El Alamein* and *P/M W Denholm*, air *Donald Ross of Vancouver* (Donald Morrison), MSR *Miss Jeannie Carruthers*, *Lady Loudon* and *Rejected Suitor*

The next piper was James Doran and his tunes *Miss Isabelle T MacDonald*, *McGuire's Jig*, *P/M Wille Gray's Farewell to the Glasgow Police* and the slow air *Shoreline of Lewis*.

Next Malcolm McLaren and Cory Dale gave us a short duet on smallpipes, playing *Green Hills*, *Barren Rocks of Aden* and *The Three Wise Monkeys*.

Roy Gunn was the next player. He started with light music: *1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders Farewell*, *Highland Wedding*, *Caledonian Canal*, *Bessie McIntyre* and *Carles wi' the Breeks*: and then finished

up with the the piobaireachd *Lament For The Old Sword*.

Then it was back to one of the younger brigade with Vaughn Parker. First he played the MSR *South Hall*, *Shepherd's Crook* and *Traditional Reel* and then the piobaireachd *Black Donald's March*.

At this point we had supper and afterwards moved down to the bar area of the club to see if it might be suitable as a society meeting venue, especially in the hotter months. The raffle was drawn by Innes Barker and won by Glenys O'Malley

Tom McGirr had brought along a brand new set of Peter Henderson drones lent to him by St Kilda retail, which he matched with a McCallum chanter. The pipes seemed to interact adversely with the bar refrigeration from where I sat but they did appear to improve during the strathspeys in the selection he played, which included: 4/4s *The Wee Highland Laddie*, *Intercontinental*, *Killiecrankie*, *The Rose of Allendale*

and strathspeys *The Caledonian Canal*, *Susan MacLeod*, *Maggie Cameron*, *The Ewe wi' the Crookit Horn*, *The Shepherd's Crook*, *Arniston Castle*, *Dora MacLeod* and *The Islay Ball* (2 parts).

Malcolm McRae played next and his pipe sounded better suited to the surroundings than Tom's. He warned us in advance of a new bag and cracked blowpipe stock but they didn't seem to adversely affect the pipe or the piper. His tunes included the slow air *Cruaghach Donn*, 2/4 *The Braes of Castle Grant*, strathspey *The Caledonian Canal*, reel *Alick Cameron* and the jigs *Jeannie Robertson* and *The Barley Mow*.

Iain Bruce was next to play and his pipe had the same problem as Tom's, so I checked by moving closer and the effect disappeared, so it must have been the

refrigeration. His tunes included the 3/4s *Borve Castle* and P/M *Donald MacKinnon*, 6/8s *Mrs MacDougall* and *Capt. Oldfield's Welcome to Kilravock*, MSR *Edinburgh Volunteers*, *Maggie Cameron* and *Sandy Cameron* and finally the piobaireachd *Nameless (hi hio tro tro)*.

Reg O'Malley mentioned that Malcolm, Iain and Roy are shortly off to Scotland and Matthew Supranowicz and Vaughn to Lorient. He wished them well in their various endeavours.

Matthew Supranowicz then finished off the evening of piping with the 6/8s *Ballochyle* and *Duncan McGillivray*.

Piobaireachd Group

We had seven at the July meeting with apologies from Malcolm McRae and Yasu Hamilton.

Roy Gunn was the first to have a tune. After warming up the pipe with some light music, we heard *Lament for MacSwan of Roaig*, with the story of the tune read by Bob Payne.

Iain Bruce was next to play with *The Battle of Waternish*. Bob again read the story. Iain commented that the W was pronounced as a V by Donald MacKinnon, his first Piobaireachd teacher, a Skyeman.

Maurie DeHayr was next, on the third fine-sounding pipe for the day. He played *MacIntosh's Lament* after Bob read the story.

Before we went to the set tune, Tom McGirr gave us *The Desperate Battle*. Bob again did the honours.

Before adjourning for morning tea, Roy led us in singing the set tune for the day, *Chisholm's Salute*, and after morning tea Iain played it on the pipe. Roy said Lachlan McCabe had played this tune with success in Scotland.

Iain got this tune from Bob Brown and then Jim Macintosh and Angus MacKay's book - hence he does not play the second thumb variation as is written in Kilberry, or an a'Mach. There is also some difference in linking notes.

Next to play was Sandy Campbell. His tune was *Glengarry's Lament*.

Finally Tom McGirr came back to give us *Lament for the Old Sword*, with Bob reading the story afterwards.

It had been a great day of excellent pipies and melodious tunes.

*The
August Meeting of the Society
will be*

The Annual Meeting

plus a Slow Air and Jig Competition (Junior & Senior Divisions)

Full details of the competitions in the August Newsletter

What's on.....

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- 21 **CONTEST CANCELLED** - Sunshine Coast Pipe Band Contest
- J** 23 **Society Meeting** - see Calendar for details
- U** 28 European Pipe Band Championships - Inverness
- L** 29 Toowoomba Celtic Connections Variety Concert - Philharmonic Performance Complex, 7 Matthews Street. Adults \$18, Children 12 and under \$8. Enquiries 07 4636 3072
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- 5 **Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 10am to 1pm**
- 11 World Pipe Band Championships - Glasgow
- A** 18 Qld Irish Association Debutante Ball. \$49. Bookings Mavis 3849 8271 or Rowena 3848 9588
- U**
- G** 22,23 Argyllshire Gathering - Oban www.obangames.com
- 25 Queensland Pipe Band & Solo Championships - Limestone Park, Ipswich. See details later in the newsletter
- 24,25 Cowal Gathering - Dunoon www.cowalgathering.co.uk
- 26 Combined Scottish Societies (NSW) Solos - Ryde
- 27 **Society Meeting** - see Calendar for details
- 30,31 Northern Meeting, Aviemore piping.northern-meeting.org
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- S** 2 **Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 10am to 1pm**
- E** 23 Manly Warringah Band Contest, Manly Oval, Sydney
- P** 24 **Society Meeting** - see Calendar for details
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- 7 **Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 10am to 1pm**
- O** 13,14 Eddie Santaguiliana Memorial Gathering and South Queensland Pipe Band Championships - Redlands Multi Sports Club, Randall Road, Birkdale. Solos (Saturday) and Bands (Sunday). More details soon
- C**
- T** 20 Woollongong Highland Games - NSW
- 22 **Society Meeting** - see Calendar for details
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- N** 4 **Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 10am to 1pm**
- O** 4 Combined Scottish Societies (NSW) Band Contest - Castle Hill Showground
- V** 26 **Society Meeting** - see Calendar for details

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

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

The NSW Pipers' Society meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at Baptist Church,
Willoughby Road, 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

Canberra Pipers Society: contact Sean Hodgman ph 6282 2795 or email u4114272@anu.edu.au
OR Jamie Forsyth 0419 631 999 or email jamesforsyth@hotmail.com

RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia: Contact Sue Kempster 08 8264 3329
skempster@adam.com.au

The WA Pipers' Society meets on the 3rd Saturday at the Autumn Centre, Inglewood. Contact
Mrs Alma Dender – 08 9448 7446

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

Radio 997 FM (Redcliffe) – Sundays 12noon to 3pm

Burnett River Radio (91.5 FM) - Thursdays 7pm to 9pm

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
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Contest Results

British Pipe Band Championships - 23 June - Ballymena, Northern Ireland

Grade 1 (medley, 14 competed)

1st Field Marshal Montgomery
 2nd Boghall & Bathgate
 3rd Strathclyde Police
 4th House of Edgar-Shotts & Dykehead
 5th Vale of Atholl
 6th St. Laurence O'Toole
 Drumming: Boghall & Bathgate
 Judges: W. Pollock, D. Ingram (piping); A. Aitken (drumming); D. Cardwell (ensemble)

Grade 2 (MSR, 17 competed)

1st Ravara
 2nd Cullybackey
 3rd Torphichen & Bathgate
 4th Seven Towers
 5th Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary
 6th Phoenix Honda-Glasgow Skye
 Drumming: Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary
 Judges: J. Campbell, T. Sloane; Dunbar (drumming); D. Clark (ensemble)

Grade 3A (medley)

1st Annsborough
 2nd Pitlochry & Blair Atholl
 3rd University of Strathclyde
 4th Williamwood
 5th Johnstone
 6th Auchintober
 Drumming: University of Strathclyde
 Judges: Edgar, Wood (piping); Criag (drumming); Mordaunt (ensemble)

Grade 3B (medley)

1st Drumlough
 2nd Cullen
 3rd Killen
 4th Brechin
 5th Raffrey
 6th Lanark
 Drumming: Killen
 Judges: H. Stevenson, P. Snadden (piping); H. Russell (drumming); J. Baxter (drumming)

Juvenile (medley, four competed)

1st George Watson's
 2nd Kintyre School
 3rd Dunoon Grammar
 4th Boghall & Bathgate

Drumming: George Watson's
 Judges: W. Pollock, D. Ingram (piping); A. Aitken (drumming); D. Cardwell (ensemble)

Grade 4A

1st Killadeas
 2nd Kirkaldy
 3rd Troon Blackrock
 4th Derryclaven
 5th Kirkudbright
 6th St. Laurence Howth
 Drumming: Killabeees
 Judges: H. Stevenson, P. Snadden (piping); H. Russell (drumming); J. Baxter (drumming)

Grade 4B

1st Moneygore
 2nd Burntisland
 3rd Dr. Wright Memorial
 4th Bready
 5th Antrim
 6th East Kilbride
 Drumming: Burntisland
 Judges: H. Stevenson, P. Snadden (piping); H. Russell (drumming); J. Baxter (drumming)

Novice Juvenile

1st Inveraray & District
 2nd North Lanarkshire Schools
 3rd George Watson's College
 4th Vale of Atholl
 5th Kintyre Schools
 6th Inverclyde
 Drumming: North Lanarkshire
 Judges: Edgar, Wood (piping); Criag (drumming); Mordaunt (ensemble)

Cupar Highland Games - 1 July

Piobaireachd

1st Gordon McCready
 2nd James Murray
 3rd Fiona Manson, NZ
 4th Douglas Campbell
 Judges: Walter Drysdale, Andrew. Wright

March

1st James Murray
 2nd Andrew Mathieson
 3rd Alistair Henderson
 4th Gordon McCready

Strathspey & Reel

- 1st James Murray
- 2nd Mike Fitzhenry
- 3rd Andrew Mathieson
- 4th Alistair Henderson

Jig

- 1st Mike Fitzhenry
 - 2nd Keith Bowes,
 - 3rd James Murray
 - 4th Alistair Henderson
- Light music judge: Lawrence Gillespie.

**All-Ireland Pipe Band Championship - 7 July
- Newcastle, NI****Grade 1****MSR**

- 1st Field Marshal Montgomery
 - 2nd St. Laurence O'Toole
 - 3rd Ballycoan
 - 4th Ballinderry Bridge
 - 5th Bleary & District
- Judges: Denver Cardwell, Finbarr Connelly (piping); Ciaran Mordaunt (ensemble); Gordon Parkes (drumming)

Medley

- 1st St. Laurence O'Toole
 - 2nd Field Marshal Montgomery
 - 3rd Ballycoan
 - 4th Bleary & District
 - Ballinderry Bridge
- Judges: John Wilson, Dixie Ingram (piping), David Brown (drumming); David Clarke (ensemble)

Grade 2

- 1st Cullybackey
 - 2nd Ravara
 - 3rd Seven Towers
 - 4th Phoenix Honda-Glasgow Skye
 - 5th Killeen
- Judges: John Wilson, Dixie Ingram (piping), David Brown (drumming); David Clarke (ensemble)

Grade 3A

- 1st Annsborough
 - 2nd Arklow
 - 3rd Aughtinboer
 - 4th New Ross & District
 - 5th Finvoy
 - 6th Cottown
- Judges: Denver Cardwell, Finbarr Connelly (piping); Ciaran Mordaunt (ensemble); Gordon Parkes (drumming)

Grade 3B

- 1st Drumlough
 - 2nd Cullen
 - 3rd Raffrey
 - 4th Killen
 - 5th Newcastle West
 - 6th Augharonan
- Judges: John Wilson, Dixie Ingram (piping), David Brown (drumming); David Clarke (ensemble)

Stirling Highland Games - 8 July**Piobaireachd**

- 1st Euan Dewar - *MacFarlane's Gathering*
 - 2nd Douglas Campbell - *The Groat*
 - 3rd William Geddes - *Old Men of the Shells*
 - 4th Jenny Hazzard
 - 5th Willie McIntyre
- Judges: Hugh MacCallum, Ronnie McShannon

March

- 1st Euan Dewar
- 2nd William Geddes
- 3rd Xavier Boderiou
- 4th Jenny Hazzard
- 5th Roderick Weir

Strathspey & Reel

- 1st William Geddes
 - 2nd Xavier Boderiou
 - 3rd Jenny Hazzard
 - 4th Roderick Weir
 - 5th Gavin Ferguson
- Light music judge: Walter Cowan

Balloch Games - 14 July**March**

- 1st D MacPhee
- 2nd A Russell
- 3rd R Canning
- 4th J MacPhee

Strathspey & Reel

- 1st A Russell
- 2nd R Canning
- 3rd J MacPhee
- 4th M Fitzhenry

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See last month's newsletter for contest details and entry forms. Note that the closing date for entries is Friday 10 August.

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