



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Newsletter - November 2007

November Meeting

on Monday 26 November

7.15pm for 7.30pm

Balmoral Bowls Club

Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

The meeting will feature

A 6/8 CONTEST – The Jack McCandlish Trophy

Two Divisions - Junior (Elementary and Sub-Intermediate) and

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**Please also remember to bring along something special for
our Christmas supper – we rely on you to make the supper a
memorable one.**

The compliments of the season and a Happy New Year to all our
readers. The next newsletter will be the January edition.

Alex McConnell

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member of the Society.

SOCIETY CALENDAR

November	26	McCandlish Trophy – 6/8 March Competition (junior + senior)
December		No meeting
January	28	Veteran Pipers' Night

An outline of the rest of our 2008 program will be included in the January Newsletter

- ◆ 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.

OCTOBER MEETING

Our Pipers' Night for November was a fairly quiet one, with about 25 in attendance.

We had apologies from the Grogans, Tom McGirr, James Doran and Bob Payne.

After an opening by President Reg O'Malley, first to play was Vic MacKay on his smallpipes. He played a couple of his own compositions, *I've Lost My Grip* and *Ballad of Maurie DeHayr*, having previously distributed copies of the words to the accompanying songs. He had a bit of difficulty with remembering the latter tune so finally sang the song instead and presented Maurie with a copy of the words and music to "his tune".

Matthew Supranowicz was the next to play. On a big sounding pipe he started out in $\frac{3}{4}$ time. His tunes included *Colin's Cattle*, *Banks of Allan Water* and *Highland Brigade at Magersfontein*. Next were some 6/8s including *Miss Isabelle T MacDonald*, *Mrs Lily Christie* and *Lord MacPherson of Drumochter*. Next was a 2/4 March for which he couldn't remember the name, the strathspeys *Susan Macleod* and *Piper's Bonnet* and reels *The Sheepwife* and *Lt Col D J S Murray*. He finished with the air *She Moved Thro' the Fair* and the jig *The Old Wife of the Mill Dust*.

Next to play was Geordie Stainthorpe, who is now in

the Police Pipe Band, after a period helping out at Scots PGC in Warwick for some months. Again a fairly strong sounding pipe. His tunes included the air *Fear a Bhata*, 4/4s *Lord Lovat's Lament*, *Flett from Flotta*, *The Wee Highland Laddie*, 6/8s *Rab's Wedding* and *General Montgomery* and the piobaireachd *The Duke of Atholl's Salute*. A fine introduction to the Society with some enjoyable playing.

Malcolm McRae was next to play on a very nice bagpipe. His tunes included the air *Mist Covered Mountains*, 6/8s *Dovecote Park* and *Farewell to the Creeks*, 2/4s *The Inverness Gathering*, *Barren Rocks of Aden*, *Eilidh's Wedding* (composed by Malcolm) and *The Siege of Delhi* and the piobaireachd *The Sister's Lament*.

The final piper for the night was Iain Bruce, whose tunes included the 3/4s *Lewis Turrell's 3/4* and *The Shores of Argyll*, 2/4s *The Piper o' Dundee*, *The Haughs of Cromdale*, *The Back of Benachie*, *Dornoch Links* and *The Piper's Cave*, the air *Isobel MacGregor*, jigs *The Foxhunter*, *Failte d'on Piobaire* and *Drops of Brandy* and the piobaireachd *The Cave of Gold*.

Finally the raffle was drawn and supper was enjoyed by all.

Piobaireachd Group

We had a good turn up of a dozen or so for our November meeting on a quite hot day. We had an apology from Matthew Supranowicz, who was in the process of finishing a thesis.

Malcolm McRae was the first cab off the rank with *MacLeod's Controversy* after a bit of light music to "warm up" - somewhat superfluous given the weather! Bob Payne read the story of the tune (to much amusement). Malcolm mentioned the "Donald Mor run down" in this tune.

Maurie DeHayr was next to play. His tune was *The Battle of the Bridge of Perth*. Bob Payne read the story. Malcolm commented that the tune was of primary construction - easy to learn but interesting to play and a challenge to keep the tune going through the variations.

Lament for Mary Macleod was Yasu Hamilton's tune. Bob read the story first and Malcolm said that it is quite difficult to play despite the apparently easy technique. It was very nicely played.

Tom McGirr then played *I Got a Kiss of the King's Hand*. Bob read the story.

Next we sang the set tune, *Lament for the Old Sword*. Malcolm commented that the tune is regular and not too long, but there is a need to avoid pulsing the third theme note in each phrase - draw out the first and last theme notes. He also discussed the differences between different settings of the tune in relation to substitution of B for C in the variations.

After morning tea Malcolm played the tune on the pipe.

Iain Bruce was next with *The Battle of Castle Strome* and then we heard from Roy Gunn with *Nameless (Hiharin Dro a Dro)*. Malcolm commented that when this had been set for the Gold Medal many made note errors. It had originally been thought that this tune had no real phrase pattern but recent musicological research has revealed it matches some medieval Welsh harp music.

Finally Tom McGirr had another tune - *The Company's Lament*.

Address Change

We have been notified that Bill Durham, well known reedmaker (and donor of our annual trophies for the Jimmy Durham Memorial Contest) has just moved.

His new address is

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What's on.....

N O V 23-25 Duckadang Retreat for Pipers and Drummers - contact Caithe Cameron on 0409 896 164 or via email at lca31486@bigpond.net.au

V 26 **Society Meeting** - see Calendar for details

D 1 Daylesford Highland Gathering, Victoria Park, Daylesford, VIC.

E 2 **Piobaireachd Group** - Rochedale High School 10am

C 2 South Qld Regional Dancing Inc High Tea - contact Sandy Green on 38514881 or sandygrn@bigpond.net.au

1 Fred Logan New Years Day Gathering - Petrie Park, Nambour - more details elsewhere in the newsletter

J 19 Brisbane Clans Pipes & Drums Burns Night- Wellers Hill Bowls Club. Contact 07 3369 2232

A 19 Qld Irish Association Pipe Band Burns Night - Irish Club - Contact 07 3849 8271 or 07 3848 9588

26 Scottish Clans Congress Burns Night - Mt Gravatt Bowls Club. Contact Ernie Thompson 07 3200 9536

28 **First Society Meeting for 2008** - see Calendar for details

M 7 & 8 New Zealand Pipe Band Championships - Papakura - www.nzpipebands.org.nz

A 16 Geelong Highland Gathering

R 21 & 22 Maclean Highland Gathering

2/11 Australian Pipe Band Championships at Castle Hill, NSW.

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 jamesrforsyth@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

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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

Contest Results

Glenfiddich Solo Piping Championship - Blair Atholl – 27 October

Piobaireachd

1st Roddy MacLeod, *Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay*

2nd Iain Speirs, *Nameless - Cherede darievea*

3rd Jack Lee, *Craigellachie*

4th Gordon Walker, *The MacKays' Banner*

5th Angus MacColl, *Lament for Patrick Og MacCrimmon*

Judges: John MacDougall, Jim McGillivray, Jack Taylor

MSR

1st Willie McCallum, *Captain Campbell of Drumavoisk, Dora Macleod, Lt.-Col. D.J.S. Murray*

2nd Gordon Walker, *The Braes of Castle Grant, Cabar Feidh, John Morrison, Assynt House*

3rd Alasdair Gillies, *91st at Moddar River, Susan MacLeod, The Sheepwife*

4th Angus MacColl, *MacLean of Pennycross, Maggie Cameron, Mrs. MacPherson of Inveran*

5th Stuart Liddell, *Abercairney Highlanders, John Roy Stewart, Willie Murray*

Judges: Walter Cowan, Gavin Stoddart, John Wilson

Overall

Gordon Walker

Andrew Wright of Dunblane, Scotland, was awarded the

Balvenie Medal for his life-long contributions to piping. Also competing - Richard Hawke and James Murray

Scottish Piping Society of London's competitions - Kensington Conference Centre - 3 November

Bratach Gorm (for past winners of the Bratach Gorm, the Gillies Cup, or the Northern Meeting or Argyllshire Gathering Gold Medals)

1st Chris Armstrong

2nd Roddy MacLeod

3rd Jack Lee

4th James Murray

5th Willie McCallum

(12 competed)

Judges: Jim McGillivray,

Gavin Stoddart, John Wilson

Gillies Cup (for winners of the Bratach Gorm, Gillies Cup, Rams Horn at London, and pipers graded Senior or A by the CPA)

1st Jack Lee, *Lament for the Laird of Annapool*

2nd Iain Speirs, *Scarce of Fishing*

3rd Robert Wallace, *The MacDougalls' Gathering*

4th Gordon Walker, *The Battle of Aldearn #2*

5th Willie McCallum, *The Groat*

(26 competed)

Lawrie Ram's Horn Snuff Mull Piobaireachd (for pipers graded A or B+ by the CPA)

1st Innes Smith

2nd Finlay Johnston

3rd Fiona Manson

4th William Geddes

5th Andy Rogers

(24 competed)

London Medallion MSR (for winners of the London Medallion, Strachan Cup, or the former winners MSR at the Northern Meeting or Argyllshire Gathering)

1st Roddy Macleod

2nd Gordon Walker

3rd Iain Speirs

4th Chris Armstrong

5th Margaret Dunn

Judges: Jim McGillivray,

Gavin Stoddart, John Wilson

J.B. Robertson March (judged as part of the London Medallion)

1st Chris Armstrong

2nd Iain Speirs

3rd Roddy Macleod

4th Gordon Walker

5th Margaret Dunn

Judges: Jim McGillivray,

Gavin Stoddart, John Wilson

John Roe Plate (for pipers graded B or C by the CPA)

1st Alasdair Henderson

2nd Duncan Grant

3rd Neil Hall

4th Chris Gibb

5th Julian Dorman

(34 competed)

Strachan Cup (for pipers graded A or B+ by the CPA)

- 1st Glenn Brown, Canada
 - 2nd Jenny Hazzard
 - 3rd William Geddes
 - 4th Alan Johnston
 - 5th Callum Beaumont
- (23 competed)

Mary Flora Beaton Hornpipe & Jig

- 1st Simon McKerrell
- 2nd Gordon Walker
- 3rd Margaret Dunn, Willie McCallum (tied)

London Scottish Hodden Grey MSR (for pipers graded B and C by the CPA)

- 1st Alasdair Henderson
 - 2nd Xavier Boderiou, Brittany
 - 3rd Sylvain Hamon, Brittany
 - 4th Kirsty MacIntyre
 - 5th Glenn Harris
- (36 competed)

Donald Forbes Medal Hornpipe & Jig (for those competing in the Strachan Cup)

- 1st Alan Johnston
 - 2nd Roddy Weir
 - 3rd Euan MacCrimmon, Inverness, Scotland
- (20 competed)

Hugh MacMillan Hornpipe & Jig (for pipers graded B and C by the CPA)

- 1st Xavier Boderiou
 - 2nd Alasdair Henderson
 - 3rd Robert Gray
- (32 competed)

NSW State Solo
Championships - Scots
College - Bellvue Hill - 11
November

Learner Practice Chanter (6 Competitors)

- 1st F Barry-Corderoy
- 2nd Ashleigh Crawford
- 3rd Alice Niula

Elementary Air (33 Competitors)

- 1st Andrew Gavel
- 2nd Laura Lee
- 3rd Alex Boronkay

Elementary March (33 Competitors)

- 1st David Howard
- 2nd Laura Lee
- 3rd Tommy Gale

Sub Int March (24 Competitors)

- 1st Brett Muller
- 2nd Joe Chalker
- 3rd Aaron O'Neill

Sub Int S & Reel (24 Competitors)

- 1st Brett Muller
- 2nd Aaron O'Neill
- 3rd David Howard

Intermediate March (13 Competitors)

- 1st Richard Wilson
- 2nd Iain Dunnett
- 3rd Adam Wishart

Intermediate S & Reel (11 Competitors)

- 1st Glen Muller
- 2nd Aaron O'Neill
- 3rd Joe Chalker

Intermediate Hornpipe/Jig (11 Competitors)

- 1st Richard Wilson
- 2nd Glen Muller
- 3rd Sean Hodgman

Piobaireachd Urlar (3 Competitors)

- 1st Kerrie Flynn
- 2nd Lachlan Micati

Restricted Piobaireachd (4 Competitors)

- 1st Phil Ragno
- 2nd Joe Chalker
- 3rd Sean Hodgman

Veterans March (4 Competitors)

- 1st Bruce Spence
- 2nd John Elliott
- 3rd John McIntyre

Open March (9 Competitors)

- 1st Tam McGirr
- 2nd Garry Barker
- 3rd Adam Wishart

Open Strathspey & Reel (9 Competitors)

- 1st Richard Wilson
- 2nd Tam McGirr
- 3rd Garry Barker

Open Hornpipe & Jig (9 Competitors)

- 1st Tam McGirr
- 2nd Richard Wilson
- 3rd Will Ridley

Open Piobaireachd (8 Competitors)

- 1st Tam McGirr
- 2nd Garry Barker
- 3rd Maree Poole

CHAMPION ELEMENTARY PIPER

Laura Lee

CHAMPION SUB INTERMEDIATE PIPER

Brett Muller

CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE PIPER

Richard Wilson

CHAMPION OPEN PIPER

Tam McGirr

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