



# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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## Newsletter - October 2008

### October Meeting

on Monday 27 October  
7.15pm for 7.30pm

Balmoral Bowls Club  
Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

The night will start with a meeting to decide on whether to incorporate the Society (see notice inside the newsletter) and then continue as a Pipers' Night

so all are encouraged to bring their pipes and have a tune or two

The decision on incorporation could mark a new stage in the history of the Society which was established some 42 years ago. It would certainly be an expression of confidence in the future and could provide a platform in the longer run for expansion and diversification of our activities.

On the shorter timescale, the Committee will shortly be looking at planning our program for 2009, so if you have some ideas of what should (or should not!) be done, please speak to a member of the committee so that we can take those ideas into account.

Next month sees our final meeting of the year and our traditional Christmas supper, along with the Jack McCandlish trophy contest, so polish up your 6/8s and work out your contribution to the supper!

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*Alex McConnell*

## SOCIETY CALENDAR

October Pipers Night

November Jack McCandlish Trophy (6/8s) and Christmas Supper

- ◆ After each competition, the floor is 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 early finish/more piping/more social time at the end of the meeting. Junior competitions are to start promptly and finish by 8.30pm.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

President Matthew Supranowicz welcomed 33 members and visitors to our September Pipers' Night.

James Doran was our first piper and his tunes included the jig *Allan MacPherson of Mosspark*, the MSR *Arthur Bignold of Lochrosque*, *Maggie Cameron* and *Thompson's Dirk*, a 6/8 and the slow air *Shoreline of Lewis*. His pipe was very nice and for the most part well blown. He gave us a nice variety of solid tunes.

Matthew Supranowicz was next on a good firm instrument and again a solid selection of tunes including the 6/8s *Old Adam* and *Lord MacPherson of Drumochter*, Strathspeys and reels *The Piper's Bonnet*, *Susan MacLeod*, *The Sheepwife* and *Lt Col D J S Murray*, slow air *Samantha's Lullaby*, jigs *The Braes of Mellinish* and *The Seagull* and the 4/4s *Flett from Flotta* and *Wee Highland Laddie*.

Larry Flynn has not been seen much at our meetings for a good while which is not surprising since he has been back in Ireland, but Australia is now lucky enough to have him back, He started with the 6/8 *Mrs Lily Christie* and continued with 6/8s, 2/4s and air and some Irish Hornpipes and Jigs.

Iain Bruce was the next in the "lineup" with a resonant

pipe playing a selection of 2/4 marches, *Finlandia*, a selection of Strathspeys and reels, the 2/4 marches *Edinburgh City Police Pipe Band*, *74th's Farewell to Edinburgh* and *Leaving Glenurquhart*, 6/8 marches *Macleod of Mull* and *Doreen and Iain* and the Piobaireachd *Struan Robertson's Salute*.

Ross Campbell was our final piper for the night. As usual he had it well organised and it was a fine selection of melodic tunes including the 9/8 *Dreaming of Islay*, 6/8 *Kirkwall Bay*, 2/4s *Lord Panmure*, *Memorial Bells of Inverary*, *MacKay's Farewell to the 74th* and *72nd Highlanders Farewell to Aberdeen*, slow air *Blink Bonnie*, hornpipe *Donald MacLeod* and jig *Joshua James*.

The raffle was then drawn and all adjourned for supper.

The room where our meetings are held is very good at carrying the human voice, so any conversation during the piping is clearly audible above (or at least alongside!) the pipes. This can disturb others enjoyment of the music, so we would appeal to all to resist the temptation to comment before the piper has finished. We have plenty of time to talk between performances and during supper.

## Piobaireachd Group

Our September Piobaireachd Group was attended by seven members, not bad since we had apologies from Iain Davidson, Yasu Hamilton, Ross Campbell, Peter Burrows, Malcolm MacRae and Roy Gunn.

Iain was the first to have a tune and it was *The Prince's Salute*. The Prince in this instance is Prince Charlie's father. Garry Forno read the story of the tune from Roy's book and continued to do so through the meeting.

Tom McGirr was the next piper with *Clan McNab's Salute* and he was followed by Maurie DeHayr with part of *Rory MacLeod's Lament*. Good to see Maurie playing the big music after his recent battles with illness.

Vaughn Parker was the next piper and he gave us *The Glen is Mine*.

By now it was time for the set tune, which was *Battle of the Bridge of Perth*. Iain gave us a talk about it and then we sang it through together before adjourning for morning tea.

After morning tea Iain played the tune through for us on the pipe and we heard two more tunes: *Kinlochmoidart No 1* from Vaughn Parker and *The Big Spree* from Tom McGirr.

## **Incorporation of the Society**

### **Notice of Special General Meeting**

**A special general meeting of the Society will be held at the Balmoral Bowls Club on Monday 27 October 2008 at 7.30pm. The business to be discussed will be:**

**1. A decision to incorporate the Society under the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) using our existing objects along with the model rules provided by the Queensland Government.**

**2. A decision to appoint Alexander James McConnell to make the application for incorporation**

The resolution to incorporate will have to be passed by a majority of 75% of those present and voting at the meeting in order to go ahead.

On the Society website there is a copy of our present rules and a "mock-up" of how the rules of an incorporated version would look. Just go to [www.qhps.org](http://www.qhps.org) and have a look. There are also links to the information provided by the State Government on incorporated associations.

***The  
November Meeting  
of the Society  
will be the Jack McCandlish trophy contest for 6/8 marches***

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

Test piece for senior – two 4-parted 6/8 Marches; for junior - one 4-parted or two  
2-parted 6/8 Marches

Prizes: Senior: 1st \$60, 2nd \$30 ,3rd \$20 Junior: 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15

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# What's on.....

**O** 26 Society Piobaireachd Group  
**C** 27 Society Meeting  
**T**

**N** 2 Australian Pipe Band Championships at Castle Hill, NSW.  
**O** 15 Kingaroy Piping and Drumming Social Fun Day - 10am till late. Cricket Club,  
**V** Youngman Street. Contact Ross Page 4162 4460  
**24 Society Meeting**  
**30 Society Piobaireachd Group**

9/5/09 RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia Recital  
 10/5/09 RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia Competition (see contact details below)  
 6/6/09 Queensland Pipe band Championships - Ipswich  
 7/6/09 Queensland Solo Championships - Ipswich

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

**The NSW Pipers' Society** meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month. The venue is about to change. Contact Ron Clement – 02 9948 1914.

**The NSW Solo Pipers Club.** Contact 0412 602 983 or at [www.blacktownpipeband.com](http://www.blacktownpipeband.com).

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

**RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia:** Contact Sue Kempster 08 8264 3329 [skempster@adam.com.au](mailto:skempster@adam.com.au) Meetings for the remainder of 2008 are 3 October, 7 November (Silver Chanter Piobaireachd Competition) and 5 December.

**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](http://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](mailto: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

## Vale Jimmy Stevenson

Just before going to press we were saddened to hear that Jimmy Stevenson had passed away on 11 October after a battle with a brain tumour. Our thoughts are with his family at this time and we will have a bit more about him in next month's newsletter.

# Contest Results

## Pitlochry Highland Games - 13 September

### March

- 1st Alan Russell
- 2nd Donald MacPhee
- 3rd Neil Walker
- 4th Gavin Walker
- Judges: Barry Donaldson, Ian Duncan

### Strathspey & Reel

- 1st Xavier Boderiou
- 2nd Neil Walker
- 3rd Alan Russell
- 4th Lynsey McNicholl
- Judges: Barry Donaldson, Ian Duncan

### Jig

- 1st Donald MacPhee
- 2nd Xavier Boderiou
- 3rd Gavin Walker
- 4th Lynsey McNicholl
- Judge: Sandy Spence

## Queensland Pipe Band and Solo

### Championships - Redlands 20 & 21/9/08

#### BANDS

#### Grade 1

- 1st Qld Highlanders No 1

#### Grade 2

No prizes awarded as St Andrew's only played in one element

#### Grade 3

- 1st City of Brisbane
- 2nd Maclean & District
- Pipe Corps: City of Brisbane
- Drum Corps: City of Brisbane

#### Grade 4

- 1st Bellinger River Pipe Band
- 2nd Gold Coast Tweed Pipes and Drums
- 3rd Qld Police Juvenile Pipe Band
- Pipe Corps: Bellinger River
- Drum Corps: Gold Coast Tweed

### Best Dressed Band Overall

Gold Coast Tweed

### Best Drilled Band Overall

Queensland Highlanders No 1

### Eddie Santaguiliana Memorial Encouragement Award

BBC Old Collegians

### SOLOS

#### Learner Chanter

- 1st Malcolm MacKellar
- 2nd Lloyd-George Worth
- 3rd Cameron Seymour

#### Elementary March Heat 1

- 1st Tom Schultz
- 2nd Kirby Douglas
- 3rd John Maclellan

#### Elementary March Heat 2

- 1st Amos Fox
- 2nd Meggie Doran
- 3rd Asela Wimalatissa

#### Elementary March Final

- 1st Amos Fox
- 2nd Meggie Doran
- 3rd John Maclellan

#### Elementary Air Heat 1

- 1st Tom Schultz
- 2nd Kirby Douglas
- 3rd Lachlan Munro

#### Elementary Air Heat 2

- 1st Ben Tomkins
- 2nd Amos Fox
- 3rd Nick Tomkins

#### Elementary Air Final

- 1st Amos Fox
- 2nd Tom Schultz
- 3rd Ben Tomkins

#### Champion Elementary Piper

Amos Fox

**Sub-Intermediate MSR**

1st Jayne Shelley  
2nd James Doran  
3rd Tom Schultz

**Sub-Intermediate Jig**

1st Jayne Shelley  
2nd James Doran  
3rd Ben Tomkins

**Champion Sub-Intermediate Piper**

Jayne Shelley

**Intermediate MSR**

1st Christopher McLeish  
2nd Jayne Shelley  
3rd Jordan Gooch

**Intermediate Hornpipe & Jig**

1st Jordan Gooch  
2nd Christopher McLeish  
3rd Jayne Shelley

**Champion Intermediate Piper**

Christopher McLeish

**Open MSR**

1st Ross Campbell  
2nd Larry Flynn  
3rd Jason Palfrey

**Open Hornpipe & Jig**

1st Jason Palfrey  
2nd Ross Campbell  
3rd Vaughn Parker

**Piobaireachd A**

1st Ross Campbell  
2nd Vaughn Parker

**Champion Open Piper**

Ross Campbell

**Piobaireachd B**

1st Jacob Bigby  
2nd James Doran

3rd Christopher McLeish

**Trios (2 pipers + 1 drummer)**

1st Rod McGrath, Graeme McGrath & Simon Want  
2nd Ben Tomkins, Tom Schultz & Alexander  
Manfield  
3rd Peter Hurwood, John Manfield & David  
Spotswood  
4th Kirby Douglas, Nick Tomkins & Mitch Forbes  
5th Jayne Shelley, Rylie Douglas & Amelia  
Holmes

**Scottish Junior Championship - Carnoustie 20  
September****Ages 13-16****Piobaireachd****Junior Piobaireachd Champion 2008 (13-16)**

1st George Stewart  
2nd Craig Sutherland  
3rd Billy Stewart  
4th Andrew McPhee  
5th Steven Leask  
6th David Anderson

**MSR**

1st George Stewart  
2nd Ian Wilson  
3rd Steven Leask  
4th Fiona Mitchell  
5th Craig Sutherland  
6th David Anderson

**Intermediate MSR 13-16**

1st Ross Mackay  
2nd Ewan McNab  
3rd Jack Wright  
4th Jamie McDonald  
5th Christina Hepburn  
6th Fraser Yorston

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