



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Newsletter - August 2009

August Meeting

on Monday August 24th
7.30pm
Balmoral Bowls Club
Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

The meeting will be the Annual Meeting followed by a Pipers Night

The Business for the Annual Meeting includes the Reception and Adoption of the Accounts, Election of a President, Secretary and Treasurer and other members of the Management Committee and such other business as the meeting decides to consider. The membership of the Management Committee under the new rules is flexible and can include such additional positions we may decide such as our traditional ones of Patron, Vice-Presidents, etc.

After the Annual Meeting there should still be plenty of time for piping so be sure to bring your pipes.

This edition of the newsletter brings many results from the Scottish contest season, and some have been held over to next month for space reasons.

Look up the Portree Games, Lorient and Halkirk and St Andrew's Games for mention of successes of Roy Gunn, Matt Supranowicz and Mark McKenzie.,

On the local scene, the Redlands Gathering is fast approaching.

This month is our Annual Meeting, so come along and have your say about the Society. With our new incorporated status, we also need to make decisions about the structure of the committee and there may be new opportunities for you to be involved

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2009 SOCIETY CALENDAR

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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|---------------------------|--|
| FEBRUARY 23 RD | PIPERS' NIGHT |
| MARCH 23 RD | HORNPIPE & JIG CONTEST FOR SENIORS, 2 PARTED JIG FOR JUNIORS |
| APRIL 27 TH | PIPERS' NIGHT |
| MAY 25 TH | PATRON'S TROPHY CONTEST (MSR FOR SENIOR PLAYERS) |
| JUNE 22 ND | PIPERS' NIGHT |
| JULY 27 TH | JIMMY DURHAM MEMORIAL CONTEST (2/4 MARCH FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS) |
| AUGUST 24 TH | ANNUAL MEETING |
| SEPTEMBER | SEPTEMBER (PAIRS OF PIPERS) |
| OCTOBER | PIPERS' NIGHT |
| NOVEMBER | JACK McCANDLISH TROPHY (6/8 MARCHES) |

- ◆ 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.

PIOBAIREACHD GROUP

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|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 st February | 3 rd May | 2 nd August | 1 st November |
| 8 th March | 31 st May | 6 th September | 6 th December |
| 29 th March | 5 th July | 4 th October | |

POSSIBLE MAJOR SOLO CONTEST

10th or 17th October

JULY MEETING

About 35 members and guests turned out for our July meeting with the Jimmy Durham trophy contest. We had five competitors, no doubt somewhat diminished by the current flu which seems to be attacking the schools at the moment.

Matt Supranowicz opened the proceedings. There was an apology from Tam McGirr who is in Scotland playing with the Shotts Band. Matt also introduced our judge for the evening, Ross Campbell.

Malcolm McKellar was the first competitor and his tune was **Charles Edward Hope Vere**.

The other competitors in order were:

Nick Tomkins: **Mrs MacDonald of Dunach**

Kirby Douglas: **Charles Edward Hope Vere**

Rylie Douglas: **Glenfinnan Highland Gathering**

Ben Silvester: **79th's Farewell to Gibraltar**

While we waited for the judge, Sandy Dalziel gave us a few tunes. First up were the first 2/4s he ever leaned, **Duncan McInnes** and **Muir of Ord**, followed by the hornpipe **Donald Macleod** and jig **The Curlew**. Then he played the Australia Highlanders selection and finally the strathspey **Lady Loudon** and the reel **Major Manson**.

The judge having now deliberated, we were ready to hear the results which were as follows:

- 1st Kirby Douglas
- 2nd Nick Tomkins
- 3rd Malcolm McKellar
- 4th Rylie Douglas
- 5th Ben Silvester

Ross commented on the playing – good clear execution but sometimes some problems with timing. Good portents for the future. You scribe commented on the

fact that this trophy was originally donated by the Warwick Caledonian Society, so having such a strong representation tonight from Warwick was significant. Iain Bruce related how, when annual Highland Gatherings ceased in Warwick, the Caledonian Society held annual piping recitals involving members of this Society. Ross Campbell commented on hearing Jimmy Durham play in Adelaide a long time ago and also said that day was the beginning of his long study of Piobaireachd – which he recommended to all young pipers.

Craig Wainwright-Fisher from Warwick then played a few tunes. Matthew introduced him as a gap student from Scotland who is working at the Scots PGC College. His tunes were **P/M Willie Grey's Farewell to the Glasgow Police, Maggie Cameron and Duntroon.**

Kirby Douglas then played again for us including the ground of **Lament for the Old Sword**, followed by 2 parts of **Duncan Johnstone** and **Loch Maree**.

The next piper was Matt Supranowicz and his tunes included **Lord MacPherson of Drumochter, Tulloch Gorm, Jock Wilson's Ball, Sandy Gordon, The Banks of Lochiel, Braes of Mellinish, Pitlochry High School Centenary**, a Breton set including Marche, Melodie and Gavotte du Aven, **She Moved Through the Fair**, and Irish jigs including **The Kesh Jig** and **The Foxhunter.**

Finally Iain Bruce had a few tunes but my record of what they were unfortunately appears to have disappeared.

The raffle had three draws. Draw 1 was first done by Peter Borrows but when the ticket wasn't found Harry MacKenzie drew a number which was held by the Silvester family. Draw 2 was done by Vic McKay and won by Glenys O'Malley. Draw 3 was done by Jim Johnstone and won by Vic McKay again!

We then adjourned for supper.



Competitors in the 2009 Jimmy Durham contest. From left: Ben Silvester, Kirby Douglas, Nick Tomkins, Rylie Douglas, Malcolm McKellar

Piobaireachd Group

With a number of people still away, our August meeting was again a small affair with only four in attendance. We began with a discussion of *Sir James MacDonald of Isles Lament*. We then had a look at Garry Forno's "new" pipes - an old set of Lawries he had found and purchased and then refurbished. There was also general discussion about structures of "simple" Piobaireachd.

Garry next played with some light music on the pipes, followed by *Glengarry's Lament*. There followed some discussion on the tune and on the pipes, especially the lower pitched chanter Garry was using and on chanters in general.

By now it was time for morning tea and then Maurie DeHayr played *MacIntosh's Lament*. This was followed by some more conversation before we all departed.

What's on.....

24 Society Annual Meeting
AUG 26-27 Argyllshire Gathering, Oban
 29 Cowal Gathering - Dunoon
 30 Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Solo Contest. Ryde (Sydney) TAFE. Contact Mike Stubbings 02 9670 1936

3-4 Northern Meeting, Inverness
SEP 5 Kingaroy Band Jam from 10:00am : Kingaroy Cricket Club, Youngman Street, Kingaroy Contact : qcpc.secretary@y7mail.com
6 Society Piobaireachd Group
 19-20 Redland Highland Gathering Bands & Solos - see details later in this newsletter
28 Society Meeting - Pipers' Night

4 Society Piobaireachd Group
 9-11 Noosa Piping & Drumming Workshop - Instructors Jori Chisholm, Richard Hawke, Tyler Fry, James Laughlin. \$230 or \$200 if you book before end August. Contact noosapipelineband@noosapipelineband.com or see the website www.noosapipelineband.com
OCT 11 East Coast Highland Games, Newcastle at the Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale. Contact Milton Rigby 02 4943 1399 or email milton.rigby@bigpond.com or Andrew Macpherson 0409 990 810 or email amacpherson@komatsu.com.au
 17 Wollongong Highland Games, Vikings Oval, Corrimal and Spring Streets. Contact iwatson@exemail.com.au
 18 Silver Tassie Solo Contest - NSW Southern Highlands. Contact barnowl@acenet.com.au
26 Society Meeting

1 Society Piobaireachd Group
 1 Combined Scottish Societies Gathering, Castle Hill, Sydney. Contact 02 9622 4322
NOV 8 NSW State Solo Contest Scots College Bellvue Hill. Contact 02 9622 4322
 13-15 Duckadang Retreat for Regional Pipers and Drummers - organised by Lockyer Valley Celtic Pipe Band at Lions Camp, Duckadang (near Linville). Contact 0409 896 164 or qcpc.secretary@y7mail.com
23 Society Meeting

2010 - 3/4 Australian Pipe Band Championships - Caloundra

VISIT THE COMING EVENTS PAGE AT www.ppipebandsqld.org FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE, INCLUDING WEB LINKS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

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@qhps.org) 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

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

The NSW Pipers' Society meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Contact Ron Clement
– 02 9948 1914.

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

Contest Results

Rosneath Highland Games - 18 July

A-Piobaireachd

- 1st Martin Kessler, *Lament for the Dead*
2nd Finlay Johnston, *The King's Taxes*
3rd Allan Russell, *Lament for MacDonald's Tutor*
4th William Geddes, *The Earl of Seaforth's Salute*
Judges: Malcolm MacRae, Colin MacLellan

B-Piobaireachd

- 1st Keith Bowes
2nd Jamie Forrester
3rd Alasdair Henderson
4th Greig Canning
5th Alexis Meunier
Judges: William Morrison, Allan Forbes

March

- 1st Alasdair Henderson
2nd Finlay Johnston
3rd Allan Russell

- 4th Cameron Drummond
Judges: Barry Donaldson, James Banks

Strathspey & Reel

- 1st Cameron Drummond
2nd John Mulhearn
3rd Alasdair Henderson
4th Donald MacPhee
Judges: Barry Donaldson, James Banks

Halkirk Highland Games - 25 July

Piobaireachd

- 1st Peter MacGregor, *MacCrimmon's Sweetheart*
2nd Martin Kessler, *Battle of Auldearn No. 2*
3rd Roy Gunn, Australia, *Lament for MacDonald of Kinlochmoidart No. 1*
4th David Bisset, *The MacLeods' Salute*
5th Ainsley Hart, Australia, *The Battle of Watermish*

March

- 1st Peter MacGregor
2nd James Craig
3rd Neil MacNaughton
4th Martin Kessler
5th Carol-Ann MacKay

Strathspey & Reel

- 1st Peter MacGregor
2nd Carol-Ann MacKay
3rd Neil MacNaughton
4th Martin Kessler
5th Ruaridh Edwards
Judge (all events): John MacDougall

European Pipe Band Championships - Inverclyde, Scotland – 25 July

Grade 1 (Medley, 13 competed)

- 1st Field Marshal Montgomery
2nd St. Laurence O'Toole
3rd House of Edgar-Shotts & Dykehead
4th Strathclyde Police
5th Scottish Power
6th Boghall & Bathgate

Drumming: St. Laurence O'Toole
Judges: John Wilson, Jennifer Hutcheon (piping); Jim Hutton (drumming); Ciaran Mordaunt (ensemble)

Grade 2 (MSR, 20 competed)

1st Inveraray & District
2nd Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary
3rd Ravara
4th Phoenix Honda-Glasgow Skye

5th Lonond & Clyde

6th Grampian Police

Drumming: Dumfries &

Galloway Constabulary

Judges: Tony Sloane, Jim

Campbell (piping); Sandy Steele

(drumming); Jim Baxter

(ensemble)

The Gathering invitational

solo piping competition,

National Piping Centre,

Glasgow – 26 July

Overall

Stuart Liddell

Piobaireachd

1st Stuart Liddell, *Lament for the Only Son*

2nd Naill Stewart, *Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay*

3rd Bruce Gandy, *The Battle of Waternish*

Judges: Colin MacLellan,

Ronnie McShannon

MSR

1st Stuart Liddell, *P-M John Stewart, John Roy Stewart, John Morrison, Assynt House*

2nd Willie McCallum, *Murdo MacLeod, Lady MacKenzie of Gareloch, John MacKechnie's Big Reel*

3rd Angus MacColl,

Benderloch, Scotland, *Mrs. John*

MacColl, Maggie Cameron,

Mrs. MacPherson of Inveran

Judges: Jimmy Banks, Ian

Duncan

Hornpipe & Jig

1st Willie McCallum, *Jack Adrift, Malcolm Johnstone*

2nd Stuart Liddell, *The Busy*

Buddy, The Blue Lagoon

3rd Angus MacColl, *Redondo*

Beach, Rory MacLeod

Judges: Colin MacLellan,

Ronnie McShannon, Jimmy

Banks, Ian Duncan

Other Competitors: Greg

Wilson, Gordon Walker, Euan

MacCrimmon

St. Andrew's Highland Games

- 26 July

March

1st Jonathon Graham

2nd Gavin Walker

3rd Ainsley Hart, Australia

4 Mark MacKenzie, Australia

Strathspey & Reel

1st Gavin Walker

2nd Jonathon Graham

3rd Thomas MacLean

4th Mark MacKenzie, Australia

Jig

1st Gavin Walker

2nd Jonathon Graham

3rd Thomas McLean

4th Mark MacKenzie, Australia

Lochaber Gathering Festival

of Piping, Fort William– 1

August

Premier- and A-Grade

Piobaireachd

1st John Angus Smith

2nd Euan MacCrimmon

3rd Gordon Walker

4th Martin Kessler

March

1st Willie McCallum

2nd Peter Hunt

3rd Gordon Walker

4th Andrea Boyd

Strathspey & Reel

1st Willie McCallum

2nd Gordon Walker

3rd Peter Hunt

4th John Mulhearn

B-Grade

Piobaireachd

1st Tracey Williams

2nd John Mulhearn

3rd Tom Glover

4th Robert Gray

March, Strathspey & Reel

1st Iain Marshall

2nd John Mulhearn

3rd Andrew Travers

4th Martin Kessler

Open Hornpipe & Jig

1st Willie McCallum

2nd Gordon Walker

3rd Kyle Morton

4th Andrea Boyd

Portree Highland Games - 4

August

Dunvegan Medal

1st Stuart Liddell, *Lament for the Children*

2nd Fiona Manson

3rd Mark MacKenzie

4th John-Angus Smith, *Lament*

for Donald Duaghal MacKay

5th John Mulhearn, *Lament for*

Donald Duaghal MacKay

Judges: Iain MacFadyen,

Malcolm McRae, Iain Morrison

Clasp

1st Dr. Angus MacDonald

2nd Stuart Liddell

3rd Murray Henderson

March

1st Peter MacGregor

2nd Stuart Liddell

3rd Andrew Hall

4th Dr Angus MacDonald

5th Willie MacIntyre

Strathspey & Reel

1st Stuart Liddell

2nd Niall Stewart

3rd Peter MacGregor

4th Iain Marshall

5th Ken Sutherland

Jig

1st Niall Stewart,

2nd Gordon Walker

3rd Stuart Liddell

4th Simon McKerrell

5th Willie McIntyre

Judges: Dugald MacNeil, Alan

Forbes

6/8 March

1st Stuart Liddell
 2nd Gordon Walker
 3rd Niall Stewart
 4th Fiona Manson
 5th Duncan Grant
 Judges: Dugald MacNeil, Alan Forbes

Silver Chanter, Dunvegan Castle, Isle of Skye - 5 August

Winner

Roddy MacLeod (for the sixth time, and the third in a row),
Rory MacLeod's Lament

Other competitors

Gordon Walker, *Lament for Patrick Og MacCrimmon*
 William Geddes, *Lament for MacSwan of Roiag*
 Jonathon Greenlees, *Lament for the Children*
 Niall Stewart, *Too Long in this Condition*
 Stuart Liddell, *Lament for the Only Son*

North Berwick Games - 8 August

SOLOS**Piobaireachd**

1st William Geddes, *The Battle of Auldearn*
 2nd Allan Johnstone, *Lament for Mary MacLeod*
 3rd Michael Gray, *Lament for MacSwan of Roaig*
 4th Iain Speirs, *The MacDougalls' Gathering*
 Judges: Colin MacLellan, Ronnie McShannon

March, Strathspey & Reel

1st Cameron Drummond, *The Lochaber Gathering, Tulloch Castle, The Cockerel in the Creel*
 2nd Allan Russell, *Kelty, Scotland*
 3rd Allan Johnstone
 4th William Geddes
 Judges: Hugh MacCallum, Tom Speirs

BANDS**Grade 1 MSR (six competed)**

1st Dowco-Triumph Street (Canada)
 2nd Pipeband Club (Australia)
 3rd Manawatu Scottish (New Zealand)
 Judges: John MacCarlie, Jim Campbell (piping); D. Brown (drumming); Peter Snadden (ensemble)

Medley (six competed)

1st Boghall & Bathgate
 2nd Torphichen & Bathgate
 3rd Lothian & Borders Police
 Judges: Andrew Wright, (piping); Alistair Aitken (drumming); Trevor Dear, (ensemble).

Ulster Pipe Bands Championship - Newcastle, Co. Down - 8 August

Overall

1st. Field Marshal Montgomery
 2nd St Laurence O'Toole
 3rd Scottish Power
 4th Ballycoan
 5th Cullybackey
 6th Los Angeles Scots
 7th Australia Highlanders
 Drumming: Field Marshal Montgomery

MSR

1st Field Marshal Montgomery
 2nd St Laurence O'Toole
 3rd Cullybackey
 4th Scottish Power
 5th Ballycoan
 6th LA Scots
 7th Australia Highlanders
 Judges: Dixie Ingram, Allan Ronaldson (piping); M. Wilson (drumming); Jim Baxter (ensemble)

Medley

1st Field Marshal Montgomery
 2nd St Laurence O'Toole
 3rd Scottish Power
 4th Ballycoan
 5th Australia Highlanders
 6th Cullybackey
 7th LA Scots
 Judges: G. Wilson, R. Campbell (piping); Jim Hutton

(drumming); Ciaran Mordaunt (ensemble)

Breton Bagadou Championship, Lorient, Brittany - 9 August

Bagadou - Grade 1**Lorient Championship**

1st Auray
 2nd Cap Caval
 3rd Kemperle
 4th Brieg
 5th Perros-Guirec
 6th St Nazaire

Breton Championship

1st Cap Caval
 2nd Auray
 3rd Brieg
 4th Kemperle
 5th Perros-guirec
 6th St. Nazaire

Pipe Band MSR

1st Toronto Police / Cap Caval (tied)

Medley

1st Toronto Police
 2nd Cap Caval
 Judges : John Wilson, Bob Worrall, Bobby Brannigan, Tom Johnstone

MacCrimmon Trophy, Lorient, Brittany - 2 August

Overall

Alex Meunier
 MacCrimmon Trophy

Breton Music

1st Cédric le Bozecm, Brittany
 2nd Gwenael le Corronc, Brittany
 3rd Alexis Meunier
 4th Stuart Easton, New Zealand
 5th Andrew Carlisle, Northern Ireland

Irish Music

1st Andrew Carlisle
 2nd Robert Watt, Northern Ireland
 3rd Michael Grey / Matthew Supranowicz (tied)

Scottish Music

1st Cameron Drummond,
Edinburgh
2nd Alexis Meunier
3rd Ian K. MacDonald
Other competitors; Cédric
Lebozec, Brittany; Chris Gibb,
Glasgow; Alasdair Henderson,
Glasgow; and David Stone.

Piobaireachd competition (3 August)

1st Hervé le Floc'h, Brittany, *The Blind Piper's Obstinacy*
2nd Alasdair Henderson, *The Battle of Auldearn No. 2*
3rd Ian K. MacDonald, *Lament for the Dead*
4th Andrew Carlisle, *Lament for Captain MacDougall*
5th Robert Watt, *Corrienessan's Salute*
Other competitors; Alexis Meunier, Chris Gibb, Matthew Supranowicz, Michael Grey, Cameron Drummond and Stuart Easton.

Todd Bar Recital Challenge, – 13 August**Winner**

Angus MacColl
Other competitors: Alan Bevan,
; Alasdair Gillies, Pittsburg;
Stuart Liddell
This annual competition is held at the University of Strathclyde and invited players perform whatever they wish within 20 minutes, provided they include a traditionally structured march, strathspey & reel and the ground of a piobaireachd. The event was judged by an unidentified panel hand-picked by organiser Willie McCallum.

Worlds Pipe Band Championships, Glasgow Green - 15 August**Grade 1 Overall**

- 1 Simon Fraser University
- 2 Field Marshal Montgomery
- 3 St. Laurence O'Toole
- 4 Strathclyde Police
- 5 House of Edgar-Shotts &

Dykehead
6 Boghall & Bathgate
Drumming: Simon Fraser University

Grade 1 Medley

Simon Fraser University
Drumming: House of Edgar-Shotts & Dykehead
Australia Highlanders and Manawatu got through the qualifying round but The Band Club missed out.

Grade 1 MSR

1 Simon Fraser University
Drumming: Simon Fraser University

Grade 2 (MSR)

1 Inveraray and District
2 Ravara
3 Mauchline and District
4 Dumfries
5 Grampian Police
6 New Westminster Police
Drumming: Inveraray and District
Full results next month.

Watching the Worlds Live

The BBC this year streamed a live coverage of the Grade 1 contest at the Worlds live on the Internet. The coverage began about 6pm on Saturday evening and the last Band played at about 2.30am Sunday, followed by a 2 hour gap before the results were announced, so it was a bit of a marathon effort to watch it.

They covered the qualifying rounds in the morning, which saw some very good performances but started in miserable rain. Thankfully, by the time of the final, most of the rain had gone and there were even shadows at times! Bob Worrall was the commentator and he provided a succinct summary after each performance.

In the finals, the first three Bands, Simon Fraser University, Field Marshall Montgomery and St Laurence O'Toole were certainly very good and difficult to fault. The other three in the top six all had some noticeable glitch. It seems that just a minor problem is enough to put even a highly capable Band out of the top three.

The quality of the picture was quite good and the sound excellent. There was an option to change to a higher quality video but when I tried to do so the video started to get a bit dodgy, and I have a high speed cable connection. Apart from that the signal only suffered from a bit of a refresh delay five or six times in the whole 8 hours or so, so congratulations to the BBC.

Hopefully this is the first of many such telecasts - it's certainly a lot cheaper than flying to Glasgow!

The Redland Scottish and Celtic Society Inc presents the

"Eddie Santagiuliana Memorial"



South Queensland Pipe Band Championships and Solo Competition

**Saturday 19 September 2009 (Solos and Mini Bands)
Sunday 20 September 2009 (Full Bands)**

**Judy Holt Park,
Randall Road, Birkdale**

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NOOSA PIPING AND DRUMMING WORKSHOP 2009**Newsletter #1 7th August 2009****APOLOGIES**

Sorry to be late with the first Newsletter on the Workshop but the instructors are all heading for the World Championships to be held at Glasgow Green next weekend and have their minds on other matters!. As a result some of the details you requested are not available but we will send them out when the competitors have returned to their home bases.

WORKSHOP LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATION

The workshop will be held at the Lutheran Good Shepherd College 115 Eumundi Road, Noosaville. The school has an excellent music facility, class rooms and theatre and a 300 seat concert hall for the Saturday Evening concert. There is plenty of space for parking.

The College is within walking distance of a number of accommodation resorts particularly Ivory Palms and Coral Beach which are close to the Noosa River. We are negotiating with Accommodation Noosa to prepare packages for the workshop but we do not have sufficient information on all accommodation preferences at the moment. We expect this to be known at the end of August.

A mini bus service will be available to pick up and drop off students in the Noosa and Noosaville precinct.

TEACHING PROGRAM OUTLINE: WHAT TO EXPECT

All participants receive over four hours on Friday and six hours of formal instruction on Saturday and Sunday. Sessions are structured according to skill level and interest; music classes cover basic to advanced exercises, practice technique for solo players and bands, instrument maintenance and tuning. There is discussion of everything from music theory and composition to dress and deportment.

The school has instructors on hand for the needs and pace of beginners.

Band Sessions

Part of each day will be devoted to small-group or full-band critique, with an emphasis on band ensemble. Bands of all sizes and skill levels are encouraged to participate.

While you're here, you'll get the chance to work one-on-one with instructors. The instructors provide opportunities for working on solo competition tunes and scores, learning new Piobaireachd, or just getting advice on any aspect of your piping or drumming.

Friday 9th October

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 pm

Check in and student auditions and group placements

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A brief student orientation meeting, then classes begin!

7:00 p.m.

Student Ceilidh! Music and Dance!

Featuring members of the workshop and instructors plus guests!

Elementary

4/4 March- Flett from Flotta

Strathspey- Mac An Irish

Reel High- Road to Linton

Intermediate

2/4 March - 79th's Farewell to Gibraltar

Strathspey- Ewe with the Crookit Horn

Reel - Brown Haired Maiden

9/8 March - Bathgate Highland Gathering

2/4 March Clan McColl

Jig - Old Wife of the Mill dust

Reel - High Road to Linton

Saturday 10th October

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Piping and drumming classes, including band sessions, individual lessons, and Piobaireachd.

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Public Concert by workshop instructors plus students.

Advanced

Jig - Allan McPherson of Moss Park

Jig - Blue Cloud

Hornpipe - Daryl Boyle

2/4 March - John MacDonald of Glencoe

2/4 March - Highland Wedding

Strathspey - Caledonian Canal

Reel - Susan MacLeod

Sunday 11th October

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Piping and Drumming classes, including band sessions, individual lessons, and Piobaireachd.

4.00 pm Massed Bands and close

The Kalamaka Highlanders 25th Anniversary

6/8 March - Pipe Sgt Johnny Barclay

MUSIC PROGRAMME

The following tunes have been planned for the workshops; the music has arrived for the snare drum and will be posted on a CD to registered students. The remaining music for tenors and bass and pipe music is on its way.