



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Newsletter - October 2009

October Meeting

on Monday October 26th
7.30pm

Balmoral Bowls Club
Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

The meeting will be a Pipers' Night

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

Most of the contests have come to an end for the year, both here and in Scotland, and you will find results of many of them in the results section of this newsletter. We are now at the time when we need to plan next year's program for the Society. Because of a number of circumstances, this may involve some changes from the past, so your suggestions are welcomed.

Please speak to any member of the committee if you have some ideas. See last month's newsletter for the list of those elected to the committee.

Don't forget our November Meeting, featuring the Jack McCandlish Trophy for 6/8 playing and our traditional Christmas Party - everyone is invited to bring along some special food to share.

Thanks to the many members who have responded promptly to their subscription notice. If you haven't got around to paying your sub yet, you can bring it to a meeting, post it to the PO Box or transfer it to the Society bank account - Details are: Queensland Highland Pipers Society Inc, Westpac, BSB: 034037, Account: 274406. Please put your name in as a reference and email (to qhps@qhps.org) or fax (to 07 3009 0494) a copy of the receipt.

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2009 SOCIETY CALENDAR

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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 28 TH	SEPTEMBER (PAIRS OF PIPERS)
OCTOBER 26 TH	PIPERS' NIGHT
NOVEMBER 23 RD	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

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	

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our September meeting featured a Pair of Pipers contest. Unfortunately there were no entries in the senior division but we had three Pairs in the Junior section, so it was a worthwhile contest.

About 30 members were in attendance and Maurie DeHayr took on the announcing duties as both Tam and Matthew were unable to attend. Apologies were received from Tam McGirr, Matt Supranowicz, May Maclean, Ross Campbell, Vic McKay and Iain Bruce. Sam Young was in town and had taken the opportunity to come along to the meeting.

Unfortunately we don't seem to have captured the tunes each Pair played, apart from James and Meggie Doran, who played *P/M Willie Grey's Farewell to the Glasgow Police, Struan Robertson* and *Lachlan MacPhail of Tiree*.

Our judge for the evening was Jason Palfrey and he has supplied the following notes about the contest:

James & Meggie Doran - Played well together showing

good control in each tune. There were a couple of minor chokes which crept in during the performance though. Overall, the chanter & drone sound was not accurate together from the start but remained consistent throughout.

James & Peter Gallacher - One piper was unsettled throughout entire performance with regular cutting in and out. The other piper however maintained a well controlled performance. The tempo was a shade steady though in the 6/8 March. Chanter sound was not accurate and the drones fluctuated due to inconsistent blowing.

Kirby Douglas & Malcolm MacKellar - Produced a very well played and expressed selection showing good technique and control. Chanters sound was good throughout with a very nicely blended drone sound. This was a very enjoyable performance.

As an overview, each pair of pipers displayed that they have received good tuition and have a good understanding of the basic fundamentals of piping. The

most noticeable difference between each pair though was their instrument set up and the ability to set the sound of two instruments to match. This is not an easy task, but is something that also needs to be taught. I'd like to thank the QHPS for inviting me to judge this event and I hope to see each of the competitors again in the future.

The result of the contest was:

1. Kirby Douglas and Malcolm MacKellar
2. James and Meggie Doran
3. Peter and James Gallacher

After the contest we had a number of short selections from the competitors including:

Kirby Douglas: *Charles Edward Hope Vere, Lament for the Old Sword (Ground only)*

Meggie Doran: *The Dark Isle, Donald MacLellan of Rothesay*

Malcolm MacKellar: *Sir James MacDonald of the Isles Lament (Ground only), Tug Argan Gap, Pony Gallop*

Peter Gallacher: *Setting a Course for Lewis, Mrs MacLean of Pennycross*

James Doran: *Shoreline of Lewis, Arthur Bignold of Lochrosque, Struan Robertson, Lachlan MacPhail*

Finally Vaughn Parker, borrowing Sandy Dalziel's pipes, gave us quite a long selection of tunes of all varieties showing the benefit of his full time job playing with the Queensland Police Pipe Band. It was good to hear him playing at the meeting after not hearing him for a while. Overall, we had a good and varied night of piping.

Before we broke for supper, Sam Young was prevailed upon to draw the raffle which was won by Joan O'Neill.

Piobaireachd Group

Your scribe was unable to be at the October meeting, so Peter Burrows kindly managed the administrative aspects of the meeting and gives us this account of the proceedings:

Present were Peter Burrows, Frank Moody, Tracey Hebron, Ralph Nankervis, Ian Davidson and Ross Campbell.

The Piobaireachd Group assembled at the Rochedale High School on Sunday 4 October at 10am. Alex McConnell was at a Pipe Band Association Conference in Adelaide and asked Peter Burrows, at the recent Piper Society meeting, if he would take the key and open the school for the Piobaireachd Group meeting. Of the six members present, three were new to the Piobaireachd Group and only Ross Campbell had a set of bagpipes, a beautiful set of Lawrie's half Sterling Silver and Ivory, made in Scotland in the 1930's. Ross started his one man recital with a few 4/4 marches until his chanter settled and then gave a wonderful rendition of *Tulach Ard* a tune he has recently mastered, on a great sounding steady pipe. Following this while his pipe was sounding just perfect Ross then played *The Battle of Auldearn*, a tune he had recently learned while in Scotland.

As the class was only small Ross then handed out notes, music and a compact disk on the set tune for the day, and said he would put off the tutorial until next month, and proceeded to impress his five piece audience with an impressive and inspiring rendition of *The King's Taxes*. This was followed by a well deserved cup of tea or coffee and a few goodies supplied by Desley McConnell and Tracey Hebron. We all enjoyed an interesting chat at morning tea as the newer members mixed socially with Ross, Ian and P.B. and the tea break turned into a question and answers session.

To our surprise, after morning tea, Ross Campbell blessed us with yet another tune, his fourth Piobaireachd for the morning, presented in his usual gentlemanly humble and masterful manner *The Clan McNab's Salute*. What a sublime effort, which was enjoyed and appreciated by all present and we locked the school building and headed home at about 12:30pm very satisfied with another memorable occasion. Well done Ross, thank you ! P.B.

What's on.....

- O**
C 25 Celtic Festival of Queensland - Helidon, Lockyer Valley. 9am to 3pm
T 26 **Society Meeting**
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- 1 **Society Piobaireachd Group**
1 Combined Scottish Societies Gathering, Castle Hill, Sydney. Contact 02 9622 4322
N 8 NSW State Solo Contest Scots College Bellvue Hill. Contact 02 9622 4322
O 13-15 Duckadang Retreat for Regional Pipers and Drummers - organised by Lockyer
V Valley Celtic Pipe Band at Lions Camp, Duckadang (near Linville). Contact 0409 896 164 or qcqb.secretary@y7mail.com
20 Police Pipe Band Concert, Old Museum Building, Gregory Terrace. 2pm and 7pm. Tickets \$10. For bookings phone 3253 3800, Monday to Friday 8am-4pm
23 **Society Meeting**
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- D**
E 5 Daylesford (Vic) Highland Gathering. www.pipebandsvic.com
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2010 - 3/4 Australian Pipe Band Championships - Caloundra.

SEE EXTRACT FROM PRESS RELEASE LATER IN THIS NEWSLETTER

VISIT THE COMING EVENTS PAGE AT www.pipebandsqld.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

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

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

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Contest Results

Tain Highland Games – 12

August

Piobaireachd

- 1st Martin Kessler
- 2nd Niall Matheson
- 3rd Kyle Morton
- 4th Ross Shand

March

- 1st Ross Shand
- 2nd Niall Matheson
- 3rd Martin Kessler
- 4th Kyle Morton

Strathspey & Reel

- 1st Niall Matheson
- 2nd Martin Kessler
- 3rd Kyle Morton
- 4th Ross Shand

Jig

- 1st Niall Matheson
- 2nd Kyle Morton
- 3rd Martin Kessler
- 4th Ross Shand
- Judge: Jimmy Jackson

Inaugural Silver Cap

Invitational Solo Piping

Competition - Glasgow – 13

August

- 1st Willie McCallum £1000, Banks View (by Chris Armstrong), *Dora MacLeod, John MacKechnie's Big Reel, The Banks of Lochail, Donald MacLeod, Malcolm Johnstone*
- 2nd Gordon Walker £750, *John MacDonald of Glencoe, Piper's Bonnet, John Morrison, Assynt House, My Love, My Joy, My Treasure, Donald Cameron's Powder Hornpipe (arrangement by Gordon Walker), Donald Cameron's Power Horn*
- 3rd Niall Stewart £600, *Uisdean MacLeod (by Iain MacFadyen), Ewe wi' the Crookit Horn, Kildonon, Leaving Ireland, P-M Calum Campbell's Caprice, Alex MacDonald*
- 4th Alasdair Gillies £450, *My Beautiful Kind Young Girl (by Norman Gillies), Highland Harry, Dr. MacPhail's Reel, Lindsay's Lament, The High Level, Dr. Iain MacAonghais*
- 5th Alex Gandy £300, *John*

MacMillan of Barra, Cabar Feidh, John MacInnes, "Wee Michael's, Joe McGann's Fiddle, Unnamed (by Alex Gandy)

6th Glenn Brown £150, *Bonnie Ann, Peter Hunt (by Chris Armstrong), Dr. MacPhail's Reel, The Maids of Jura, The Fingercontrol, Amanda Clarke*

7th Iain Speirs £150, *Edinburgh City Police, The Glen Brig (by Tom Speirs), Bessie McIntyre, Fhuair Mii Pog A Laimh An Righ, Donald MacLeod, Donald, Willie, and His Dog*

Each competitor had to submit a march, strathspey reel, air, hornpipe and jig, with at least one tune an original composition or arrangement never before performed in public. A CD is to be made of the event, and from it people can vote online for their favourite, and if any other competitor beats McCallum, that person will receive an

additional prize. If McCallum wins again, the prize money will be doubled. The contest was judged by Bob Worrall from behind a screen.

Assynt Highland Games - Lochniver – 14 August

Piobaireachd

1st Martin Kessler
2nd David Bisset
3rd Leif Kinlay
4th Ruairidh Edwards

March

1st Martin Kessler
2nd Carol-Anne MacKay
3rd Ruairidh Edwards

Strathspey & Reel

1st Martin Kessler
2nd Leif Kinlay
3rd Duncan MacLeod

Jig

1st Carol-Anne MacKay
2nd Martin Kessler
3rd Ruairidh Edwards
Judge: Andy Venters

Glenfinnan Highland Games - 15 August

Piobaireachd

1st Matt Pantaleoni
2nd Stevie Watterston
3rd Simon McKerrel
4th Euan MacCrimmon
Judges: Malcolm McRae,
Jimmy Jackson

March

1st Matt Pantaleoni
2nd Simon McKerrel
3rd Euan MacCrimmon
4th Willie McIntyre

Strathspey & Reel

1st Duncan Grant
2nd Euan MacCrimmon
3rd Simon McKerrel
4th Matt Pantaleoni
Light music judges: Iain
MacFadyen & John
MacDougall.

Helmsdale Highland Games – 15 August

Piobaireachd

1st Martin Kessler
2nd Duncan MacGillivray
3rd Ruairidh Edwards
4th David Bisset

March

1st Duncan MacGillivray
2nd Martin Kessler
4th Ruairidh Edwards
5th David Bisset

Strathspey & Reel

1st Carol-Anne MacKay
2nd Duncan MacGillivray
3rd Martin Kessler
4th Ruairidh Edwards

Jig

1st Carol-Anne MacKay
2nd Ruairidh Edwards
3rd Martin Kessler
4th David Bisset
Judge: John Don MacKenzie

Masters Invitational Solo Piping Competition at the National Piping Centre, Glasgow – 16 August

Overall

Alan Bevan

Piobaireachd

1st Alan Bevan, *In Praise of
Morag*
2nd Willie McCallum, *MacNeil
of Barra's March*
3rd Glenn Brown, *Battle of
Auldearn #2*
4th Angus MacColl, *The Battle
of the Pass of Crieff*
Judges: Jack Taylor, Ronnie
McShannon

MSR

1st Angus MacColl
2nd Alan Bevan
3rd Murray Henderson
4th Willie McCallum
Judges: Colin MacLellan, Bill
Livingstone

Crieff Highland Games - 16 August

Senior

Piobaireachd

1st Martin Kessler
2nd Jamie Forrester
3rd Allan Johnstone
4th Allan Russell
5th PM Alasdair Gillies
Judges: Andrew Wright, Ronald
Clark

MSR

1st Willie McIntyre
2nd Alasdair Gillies
3rd Allan Russell
4th Alexis Meunier
5th Michael Gray
Judges: Sandy Spence, David
Hutton

Invergordon Highland Games – 22 August

Piobaireachd (Kincaig Cup, Chieftain's Prize Medal)

1st Alasdair Gillies, *The
MacKay's Banner*
2nd Brian Donaldson, *The
Lament for the Viscount of
Dundee*
3rd Duncan MacGillivray, *The
Big Spree*

March

1st Alasdair Gillies
2nd Alex Gandy
3rd Jenny Hazzard

Strathspey & Reel

1st Alasdair Gillies
2nd Alan Clark
3rd Alex Gandy
Judge: James Jackson

Lonach Highland Games – 23 August

Piobaireachd

1st Xavier Boderiou
2nd Stuart Easton
3rd William Nichols
4th Innes Smith

5th Alexis Meunier
 6th Allan Russell
 Judges: Jack Taylor, Duncan
 Watson

March

1st Alexis Meunier
 2nd Allan Russell
 3rd Simon McKerrell
 4th Chris Gibb
 5th Lyric Todkill
 6th Stuart Easton

Strathspey & Reel

1st Allan Russell
 2nd Alexis Meunier
 3rd Simon McKerrell
 4th Chris Gibb
 5th Lyric Todkill
 6th William Nichols.

William Grant Composition

1st Simon McKerrell, *The
 Lonach Gathering*
 2nd Stuart Easton, *The Lonach
 Gathering*
 3rd Jim Stevenson, *The Lonach
 Gathering*
 Light Music Judges: Jim
 Hamilton, Ian Duncan & Bill
 Fraser

**Glenisla Highland Games
 (114th annual) – 23 August****Overall (Pipe-Major James
 MacGregor Trophy)**

Xavier Boderiou

March

1st Xavier Boderiou
 2nd Roddy Weir
 3rd Alexis Meunier
 4th Will Nichols
 5th James MacHattie

Strathspey & Reel

1st Xavier Boderiou
 2nd Alexis Meunier
 3rd Will Nichols
 4th Steven Watterson
 5th Stuart Easton

Jig

1st Alexis Meunier

2nd James MacHattie
 3rd Stuart Easton
 4th Xavier Boderiou
 5th Will Nichols
 Judges: Tom Speirs, James
 Burnett & J. Gibb

**Birnam Highland Games - 29
 August****Overall (Sinagoca Cup)**

Jori Chisholm

Piobaireachd

1st Jori Chisholm
 2nd Euan MacCrimmon
 3rd Andy Rogers
 4th Allan Russell
 5th Andrew Hayes
 Judges: Gordon Clark, Tom
 Speirs

March

1st William Nichols
 2nd Andrew Hayes
 3rd Allan Russell
 4th Stuart Easton
 5th James Troy
 Judges: Ronnie Clark, Sandy
 Spence

Strathspey & Reel

1st Jori Chisholm
 2nd James Troy
 3rd Andrew Hayes
 4th Allan Russell
 5th Michael Gray
 Judges: Ronnie Clark, Sandy
 Spence

Jig

1st Euan MacCrimmon
 2nd Michael Gray
 3rd James MacHattie
 4th Allan Russell
 5th Jori Chisholm

**Braemar Highland Gathering -
 5 September****Piobaireachd**

1st Marion Horsburgh
 2nd Greg Wilson
 3rd Michael Gray

4th Jamie Forrester
 5th Jori Chisholm
 6th Simon McKerrell

March

1st John-Angus Smith
 2nd Alasdair Gillies
 3rd Jori Chisholm
 4th Greg Wilson
 5th Simon McKerrell
 6th Jonathan Greenlees

Strathspey & Reel

1st Alasdair Gillies
 2nd Greg Wilson
 3rd Jori Chisholm
 4th Andrew Carlisle
 5th John-Angus Smith
 6th Andy Rogers

Belgian Pipe Band**Championships - Alden Biesen
 - 12 September****Open (MSR)**

1st Concord (Netherlands)
 2nd Antwerp & District
 (Belgium)
 3rd Heather Pipes & Drums
 (Denmark)
 4th City of Amsterdam
 (Netherlands)
 Drumming: Concord
 Bass-section: Concord

Grade 2 (medley)

1st Heather
 2nd Concord
 3rd Antwerp & District
 4th City of Amsterdam
 Drumming: Concord

Grade 3 (medley)

1st Concord
 2nd Antwerp & District
 3rd City of Amsterdam
 4th Coriovallum (Netherlands)
 Drumming: Concord

Grade 4

1st Belgian Blend (Belgium)
 2nd Paris & District (France)
 3rd Ghent District Highlanders
 (Belgium)

4th Beatrix (Netherlands)
Drumming: Belgian Blend

**Springbank Invitational -
Campbeltown – 12 September**

Overall (Piobaireachd & MSR)
Willie McCallum

Piobaireachd

1st Angus MacColl, *The Bells of Perth*
2nd Willie McCallum, *Lament for the Earl of Antrim*
3rd Niall Stewart, *Lament for the Children*
4th Roddy MacLeod, *Lady MacDonald's Lament*

MSR

1st Willie McCallum, *Major Manson at Clachantrushal, Capt. Campbell of Drum a Voisk, Dora Macleod, Caber Feidh, Roddy MacDonald's Fancy, John MacKechnie's Big Reel*
2nd Roddy MacLeod, *Clan MacColl, Hugh Kennedy, Lady Loudon, The Piper's Bonnet, The Sheepwife, Lt. Col. D.J.S. Murray*
3rd Niall Stewart, *Parker's Welcome to Perthshire, Arthur Bignold of Lochrosque, Lady Loudon, Susan Macleod, Kildonan, Dr. MacPhail's Reel*
4th Gordon Walker, *The Braes of Castle Grant, Edinburgh City Police Pipe Band, Tulloch Castle, Caber Feidh, The Smith*

of Chilliechassie, Major David Manson

6/8 March (Played as part of the tuning period before the Piobaireachd. Tune must be written by an Argyllshire native)

1st Willie McCallum, *Heading for Lochsanish*
2nd Stuart Liddell, *The Highland Brigade Depot*
3rd Niall Stewart, *Bengullion*
4th Roddy MacLeod, *Margaret C. Hay*

Hornpipe & Jig

1st Stuart Liddell, *Busy Buddy, The Blue Lagoon*
2nd Gordon Walker, *Redondo Beach, Donald Cameron's Powder Horn*
3rd Douglas Murray, *Crossing the Minch, The Rakes of Kildare*
4th Roddy MacLeod, *The Piper's Controversy, Donnie MacGregor*
Judges: John MacDougall, Iain MacFadyen & Colin MacLellan.

Northern Ireland Piper of the Year - Adair Arms Hotel, Balleymena – 3 October

Overall

Alen Tully

Piobaireachd

1st Andrew Carsile, *The Gathering of Clan Chattan*
2nd Jonathan *The Battle of Bealach nam Brog*
3rd Kevin Rogers, *The Field of*

Gold

Judge: James Murray

MSR

1st Alen Tully
2nd Kevin Rogers
3rd Andrew Carlisle
4th Jonathan Greenlees

Hornpipe & Jig

1st Alen Tully
2nd Philip Tasker
Light music judges: James Murray & Norman Dodds

Royal National Mod - Oban – 11 October

Overall

Angus MacColl

Piobaireachd

1st Angus MacColl, *The Bells of Perth*
2nd Gordon Walker, *Lament for the Children*
3rd Euan MacCrimmon, *The Stewarts' White Banner*
Judges: Iain MacFadyen, John Wilson

MSR

1st Gordon Walker
2nd Angus MacColl
3rd Euan MacCrimmon

Hornpipe & Jig

1st Angus MacColl
2nd Gordon Walker
3rd Gavin Ferguson
Light music judges: Jimmy Banks & Ian Duncan



The 2010 Tartan Spectacular will be held in Caloundra on the beautiful Sunshine Coast on Easter Saturday, 3 April 2010. This location was chosen to capitalise on the fantastic weather of the Sunshine Coast and Caloundra's close proximity to the Sunshine Coast Airport allowing bands and spectators to fly direct. Returning the Championships to the Easter weekend also brings the 2010 Tartan Spectacular back into sync with the Champion of Champions of Australia Highland Dancing event.

The 2010 Tartan Spectacular is expected to attract bands from Australia and New Zealand and as far away as Asia. Pipe Bands Australia – Queensland has secured the services of a truly international panel of experienced adjudicators.

Piping

Ross Campbell – Queensland

Brian Niven – Victoria

Bob Worrall – Canada

Graeme Blisland – New Zealand

Drumming

Yvonne Coustley – Queensland

Scott Mitchell – New Zealand

Ensemble

Bill Russell – Victoria

Andrew Berthoff – Canada

There is a website dedicated to the Championships - tartanspectacular.com

Snapshot information

Pipe Band Championships: Easter Saturday, 3 April 2010

Venue: Caloundra Panthers AFL Ground, North Street, Caloundra

Band contest registration deadline: 5 February 2010

Programme advertisement deadline: 5 February 2010

Vendor registration deadline: 5 February 2010

2010 Tartan Spectacular contact information

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Glenfiddich Field Announced

The following pipers will be competing on 31 October at Blair Atholl for what has almost become a "Champion of Champions" event for solo piping. Unlike last year, when there were four competitors from outside the UK, this year there is only one, Bruce Gandy, and he is there as a winner of the US Piping Foundation Championship. Malcolm McRae, who has just returned to Australia from a season of judging in Scotland, is flying back around the planet to be a judge at the event.

Glenn Brown, Glasgow – Northern Meeting Gold Medal
Alastair Dunn, Glasgow – Argyllshire Gathering Gold Medal
Bruce Gandy, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia – United States Piping Foundation Championship
Stuart Liddell, Inveraray, Scotland – Northern Meeting Clasp
Angus MacColl, Benderloch, Scotland – Argyllshire Gathering Senior Piobaireachd
Roddy MacLeod, Glasgow – Silver Chanter
Willie McCallum, Bearsden, Scotland – Northern Meeting Former Winners MSR
James Murray, Cupar, Scotland - Argyllshire Gathering Former Winners MSR
Iain Speirs, Edinburgh – Bratach Gorm at London
Gordon Walker, Galston, Scotland – 2008 Glenfiddich Champion

News

Congratulations to long standing Society member Trevor Campbell who has just been elected as **Chairman of the Celtic Council of Australia (Qld)**, succeeding John Agnew who has retired from the position. Other people well known in the piping community who are members of the committee are Buzz Ennis and Mavis Williams. Individuals can become members of the Council for \$20 per year (\$10 retiree/student/concession). Write to the Hon Treasurer CCA, 83 Terowi Street, SUNNYBANK HILLS QLD 4109.

2010 Contest Season

2010 is again shaping up to be a good year for contests in our part of the world. Some of the dates and events are yet to be confirmed (so don't book your accommodation yet!), but this is the emerging shape of the year ----

Saturday 27 March - Maclean (program yet to be announced)
Saturday 3 April - Australian Pipe Band Championships, Caloundra
Saturday 15 May - Sunshine Coast (Yandina) - Bands
Saturday 12 June - Ipswich - Bands
Sunday 13 June - Ipswich - Solos
Saturday 17 July - Warwick - Bands and Solos
Late August/early September - Redlands - Bands and Solos