



# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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## Newsletter - June 2011

### June Meeting

on Monday June 27  
7.30pm  
Balmoral Bowls Club

Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

**The night will be a Pipers' Night so all are welcome to bring along their pipes and have a few (or lots of) tunes.**

Since our last meeting, the Queensland Championships has been held, with a good entry of bands and soloists. Despite the cold and miserable weather (but thankfully no rain) it was a good day. Details are now firming up for the band contest in Toowoomba on 27 August as well.

The contest season in Scotland is now in full swing and our results pages will give you an idea of who's in contention and who's not this year.

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# 2011 SOCIETY CALENDAR

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 28 <sup>TH</sup>	PIPERS' NIGHT
MARCH 28 <sup>TH</sup>	HORNSPIPE AND JIG (SENIOR) / AIR AND JIG (JUNIOR) CONTEST
APRIL	NO MEETING - CLASH WITH ANZAC DAY
MAY 23 <sup>RD</sup>	PATRON'S TROPHY CONTEST (MSR FOR SENIOR PLAYERS)
JUNE 27 <sup>TH</sup>	PIPERS' NIGHT
JULY 25 <sup>TH</sup>	JIMMY DURHAM MEMORIAL CONTEST (2/4 MARCH FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS)
AUGUST 22 <sup>ND</sup>	
SEPTEMBER 26 <sup>TH</sup>	
OCTOBER 24 <sup>TH</sup>	
NOVEMBER 28 <sup>TH</sup>	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

6 <sup>th</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> May	7 <sup>th</sup> August	6 <sup>th</sup> November
6 <sup>th</sup> March	5 <sup>th</sup> June	11 <sup>th</sup> September	4 <sup>th</sup> December
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	

## MAY MEETING

As usual, our May meeting featured the Annual Patron's trophy competition for senior players (Open and Intermediate). We had about 30 people along in all.

The meeting was fittingly conducted by the Patron, Maurie DeHayr, and he advised apologies had been received from Tam McGirr, Margaret Paterson, Innes Barker, Joan O'Neill (who was ill) and Donald and Elizabeth Galloway. He then mentioned the recent passing of Lewis Turrell, the renowned New Zealand piper. As a mark of respect he asked Michael Rodger, who is a New Zealander from Timaru, to play a Lament while all stood in silence.

The judge this year was your scribe. After a year or so of inactivity in the playing and judging activities, it was good to get back into at least one of them!

The players in order were as follows, with their tunes and some notes on their performances:

Corey Dale had an excellent sounding pipe and his tunes were *Brigadier Ronald Cheape*, *John Roy Stewart* and *Thomson's Dirk*. All the tunes were well played and expressed, with perhaps just a bit of caution

at the entry to the strathspey and the reel, and a few suspect birls in the march, plus a very minor squeal on low G.

Larry Flynn's pipe was good as usual and his tunes were *John McColl*, *Dora MacLeod* and *Alec C MacGregor*. The March was the highlight, despite a bit of surging in the blowing early on. The Strathspey was perhaps a little too "square" and the GDE's in the reel were a little suspect. However, an enjoyable performance overall.

Michael Rodger had turned up despite not being too well and he also had some problems with his middle tenor drone. His tunes were *Clan McColl*, *Maggie Cameron* and *Rejected Suitor*. The pipes unfortunately deteriorated during his performance. The march was well done and also the Strathspey but the reel never really got going. Still, a commendable performance in the circumstances.

Ross Campbell intended to play *Hugh Kennedy*, *Piper's Bonnet* and *Thomson's Dirk* but unfortunately went off the tune very early, a fate many of us can identify with! It was a pity as his pipe was sounding

very nice (with his lower pitched Hardie chanter in it) and he was going quite well.

Matt Supranowicz had a strong pipe as usual and his tunes were *Donald MacLellan of Rothesay*, *Susan MacLeod* and *The Sheepwife*. The pipe was just a touch off being perfectly tuned, but not so as to markedly affect the enjoyment of the music. He played all three tunes and a good strong tempo with plenty of expression and very good technique.

Robert Gibb was the final competitor and he played *South Hall*, *Lady MacKenzie of Gairloch* and *Miss Proud*. Again his pipe was not going as well as it might. The march was well played, the Strathspey was perhaps played a bit too carefully and there were a couple of missed doublings. The reel went quite well.

While the judge considered his decision, Ross Campbell played the ground and two variations of *Lachlan MacNeill of Kintarbert's Fancy*.

The results were then announced and prizes presented by the patron, Maurie DeHayr, as follows:

- 1st Matt Supranowicz
- 2nd Cory Dale
- 3rd Larry Flynn

Following the presentations, Larry Flynn played a selection of tunes, but unfortunately we don't have the names of any of them.

Robert Gibb was the next to play and he started out with the 3/4's *Banks of Allan Water* and *My Land*, then moving up a bit with the jigs *John MacDonald's Exercise* and *Donald Willie and His Dog*. Back to a more measured pace with the 2/4's *Edinburgh Volunteers* and *74th's Farewell to Edinburgh* and finishing with a set of reels: *High Road to Linton*, *Piper of Drummond*, *Stephanie Peterson's Fancy*, *De'il amang the Tailors* and *Kate Dalrymple*.

He was followed by Matt Supranowicz with a selection including *Stephanie's Lullaby*, *Bonni's Blue Brozzi*, *Battlefield Jig*, *The Bungee Jumper*, *The Seagull* and *The Thief of Lochaber*.

Maurie DeHayr mentioned that this was the last meeting that Robert Gibb would attend, as his period at Scots PGC College Warwick was coming to an end, and he wished him all the best in his future endeavours. He also reminded those in attendance of the society Piobaireachd Group meeting on 5 June and the Queensland Championships on 11 June at Ipswich.

To bring the evening to a close, the raffle was drawn and duly won by Peter Gallacher and all moved to our usual supper and a chat.

## Piobaireachd Group

The June meeting of the group was again a rewarding experience for all in attendance.

The morning commenced with Ross Campbell displaying a new Strathmore Chanter which he had on trial and playing the opening tune which on this occasion was *The Battle of Auldearn No. 2*. He was followed by Robert Gibb who played firstly the Ground of *The Marquis of Argyll's Salute* and then *Isabel Mackay* in full.

After some discussion on the tunes player thus far Tam McGirr gave the meeting *The Clan McNab* again on a new chanter – this time a Henderson –

The set tune *Lachlan McNeill Campbell of Kintarbert's Fancy* was then distributed by Ross and after discussing the salient points took us through it after which we broke for morning tea during which we bade a farewell to Robert Gibb who would be returning to Scotland as his tenure at Scots PGC college was to end mid June.

Morning Tea over and Ross played the set tune to be followed by Robert Gibb playing the ground of *MacDonald of Kinlochmoidart's Lament No 2* and finished his time with us playing *Too Long in this Condition* with the Donald McDonald variation included.

The next meeting of the group will be held on Sunday 3rd July . Performing Arts Room, Rochedale High School, Priestdale Road, Rochedale, 10am-1pm.

# What's on.....

J U N	25	Bannockburn Dinner - Clan Campbell Society - Irish Club - \$70. Bookings essential. Contact Morag 07 3359 9052
	25	British Pipe Band Championships - Annan
	26	Kirking of the Tartan - 10am St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Spring Hill. Enquiries to Scottish Clans Congress on 07 3200 9536
	<b>27 Society Meeting</b>	
J U L	2	15th International Tartan Day, King George Square (NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE AND DAY) 9am to 4pm. <a href="http://www.aussie-scots.org.au">www.aussie-scots.org.au</a> or ring Ian Campbell 07 3359 8195
	2	Aberdeen (NSW) Highland Gathering. Contact Charles Cooke 02 6545 8141
	<b>3</b>	<b>Society Piobaireachd Group</b>
	<b>25</b>	<b>Society Meeting - Jimmy Durham Trophy</b>
	30	European Pipe Band Championships, Belfast
A U G	<b>7</b>	<b>Society Piobaireachd Group</b>
	13	Worlds Pipe Band Championships - Glasgow Green
	19-21	Scots in the Bush - celebrating Scots in the Burnett region. <a href="http://www.boondoomahomestead.org.au">www.boondoomahomestead.org.au</a>
	<b>22</b>	<b>Society Meeting</b>
	24,25	Argyllshire Gathering, Oban, Scotland
	27	Cowal Championships, Dunoon, Scotland
	27	Toowoomba Caledonian Society Centenary Celebration Highland Gathering - Concordia College, Stephen Street, Toowoomba. Full details out soon - watch <a href="http://www.pipebandsqld.org">www.pipebandsqld.org</a> or contact Alex McConnell - 07 3103 3740
28	Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Solos - Ryde (Sydney) TAFE. Enquiries Michael Stubbings 02 9622 4322	
S E P	1,2	Northern Meeting Piping Competitions, Inverness
	<b>11</b>	<b>Society Piobaireachd Group</b>
	18	Manly (Sydney) Band Contest
	<b>26</b>	<b>Society Meeting</b>
	22/10	Silver Tassie Solo Contest (NSW)
	29/10	Gledfiddich Piping Championships, Blair Castle, Perthshire, Scotland
	6/11	Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Highland Gathering, Castle Hill, Sydney

**VISIT THE COMING EVENTS PAGE AT [www.pipebandsqld.org](http://www.pipebandsqld.org) FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE, INCLUDING WEB LINKS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES**

For more details about above events where a contact isn't mentioned, ring or email the Secretary (07 3397 4512 or [qhps@qhps.org](mailto:qhps@qhps.org)) and we'll see what we can dig up for you. If we don't know about your event (social, musical, or whatever) we can't publicise it. 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](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

**The Smallpipers Group** - Contact Malcolm McLaren for meeting details -  
[mrmclaren@bigpond.com](mailto: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](mailto:u4114272@anu.edu.au)  
OR Jamie Forsyth 0419 631 999 or email [jamesforyth@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesforyth@hotmail.com)

**RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia:** [www.rubrown.org.au](http://www.rubrown.org.au)

**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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## **Australian Pipe Band Championships 2012**

### **Ballarat, Victoria - 6-8 April**

Championships Website: <http://www.australianpipebandchampionships.com.au/>

Fast fact: The thirty-five bands currently attending will travel a combined total of 32,052 km to compete in Ballarat!

The University of Ballarat Pipe Band, in conjunction with major sponsors the University of Ballarat, the City of Ballarat, Sovereign Hill and the North Ballarat Sports Club, intend making this event both memorable and enjoyable for all. Plans are taking shape to give this Championships features that have not been seen in the past.

Keep the Easter weekend free in 2012 and join us for an unforgettable Championships!

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# CONTEST RESULTS

## Dunbar , Scotland Pipe Band Contest– 14 May

### Grade 1

- 1st Lothian & Borders Police
- 2nd Torphichen & Bathgate
- 3rd Dysart & Dundonald
- 4th MacKenzie Caledonian

### Grade 2

- 1st Boghall & Bathgate Juvenile
- 2nd MacKenzie Caledonian
- 3rd Glenrothes & District
- 4th George Watson's College

## County Tyrone Pipe Band Championships - Dungannon, Northern Ireland – 14 May

### Grade 1

- 1st Field Marshal Montgomery
- 2nd St. Laurence O'Toole
- 3rd Cullybackey

### Grade 2

- 1st Seven Towers
- 2nd Ravara
- 3rd Aughtinboher
- 4th Cullen Cork

## Scottish Pipe Band Championships - Dumbarton – 21 May

### Grade 1

- 1st Field Marshal Montgomery
- 2nd St. Laurence O'Toole
- 3rd ScottishPower
- 4th Boghall & Bathgate
- 5th Inveraray & District
- 6th Fife Constabulary
- Drumming: St. Laurence O'Toole
- Judges: Iain MacLellan, C. Moffat (piping); John MacInnes (drumming); Ciaran Mordaunt (ensemble)

### Grade 2

- 1st Grampian Police
- 2nd Buchan
- 3rd Glasgow Skye
- 4th Denny & Dunipace
- 5th Seven Towers
- 6th Ravara

- Drumming: Denny & Dunipace
- Judges: Jim Campbell, John Wilson (piping); David Brown (drumming); David Clark (ensemble)

### Grade 3A

- 1st Oban
- 2nd Pitlochry & Blair Atholl
- 3rd Police Service of Northern Ireland
- Drumming: Oban
- Judges: W, Garrett, C. Edgar (piping); Paul Turner (drumming); Trevor Dear (ensemble)

### Grade 3B

- 1st Stockbridge
- 2nd Stamperland
- 3rd Glenrothes
- Drumming: Stockbridge
- Judges: John McCarlie, R. Campbell (piping); Gordon Parkes (drumming); Joe Noble (ensemble)

### Juvenile

- 1st George Watson's College
- 2nd Dollar Academy
- 3rd Boghall & Bathgate
- Drumming: George Watson's College
- Judges: Iain MacLellan, C. Moffat (piping); John MacInnes (drumming); Ciaran Mordaunt (ensemble)

### Grade 4A

- 1st Scottish Borders
- 2nd Thiepvale Memorial
- 3rd Upper Grossgare
- Drumming: Kilsyth Thistle
- Judges: W, Garrett, C. Edgar (piping); Paul Turner (drumming); Trevor Dear (ensemble)

### Grade 4B

- 1st Closkelt
- 2nd Bo'ness RBL
- 3rd Nottinghamshire Police
- Drumming: Bo'ness RBL
- Judges: John Nevans, Aandrew

- Wright (piping); S. Steele (drumming); Alistair Aitken (ensemble)

### Novice

- 1st George Watson's College
- 2nd Kintyre Schools
- 3rd Craigmount High School
- Drumming: George Watson's College
- Judges: John Nevans, Aandrew Wright (piping); S. Steele (drumming); Alistair Aitken (ensemble)

## Continental Pipe Band Championships - Swifterbant, The Netherlands – 28 May

### Open

- 1st Antwerp & District
- 2nd Concord
- 3rd Belgian Blend
- 4th Clan Pipers Frankfurt
- 5th Coriovallum
- 6th City of Amsterdam
- Drumming: Antwerp & District

### Grade 2

- 1st Antwerp & District
- 2nd Concord
- 3rd Belgian Blend
- 4th Clan Pipers Frankfurt
- 5th City of Amsterdam
- 6th Coriovallum
- Drumming: Antwerp & District

### Grade 3

- 1st Concord
- 2nd Belgian Blend
- 3rd Clan Pipers Frankfurt
- 4th City of Amsterdam
- 5th Coriovallum
- Drumming: Concord

### Grade 4

- 1st Odenwald
- 2nd Dronen & District/MacDowell
- 3rd Interscaldis
- 4th Baul Muluy
- 5th Beatrix
- 6th Dutch Pipes & Drums

7th Saendistrict  
8th Clan Lamont  
9th Clan MacBeth  
10th Lowland Brigade  
Drumming: Dronten &  
District/MacDowell

### **Bathgate Highland Games – 28 May**

#### **Piobaireachd**

1st Gordon McCready  
2nd Peter McAllister  
3rd Andrea Boyd

#### **March**

1st Gordon McCready  
2nd Tracey Williams  
3rd Andrew Wilson

#### **Strathspey & Reel**

1st Gordon McCready  
2nd Alex Scougall  
3rd Jonathon Greenlees

### **32nd Annual Jakarta Highland Gathering, – 28 May**

#### **Southeast Asian Quintets**

1st Malaysian Pipe Band Club  
2nd McNally Memorial  
(Singapore)  
3rd St. Andrews (Hong Kong)  
Judges: Scott Nicolson, piping;  
Alan Wallace, drumming

#### **Open Quintets**

1st St. Mary's Band Club  
2nd University of Ballarat  
3rd Malaysian Pipe Band Club  
Judges: Scott Nicolson, piping;  
Alan Wallace, drumming

#### **Solo Piping- Open**

#### **MSR**

1st Adam Harvey  
2nd Stewart Fong  
3rd James Pasch  
Judge: Scott Nicolson,

#### **Hornpipe & Jig**

1st Adam Harvey  
2nd Stewart Fong  
3rd Don Liddicoat  
Judge: Scott Nicolson

### **Atholl Gathering -Blair Atholl – 29 May**

#### **Piobaireachd**

#### **A-Grade**

1st Calum Beaumont  
2nd Finlay Johnston  
3rd Gordon McCready  
4th Simon McKerrill  
5th Jonathon Greenlees  
6th Alan Russell, Kelty  
Judges: Stuart Shedden, Tom  
Speirs

#### **B-Grade**

1st George Stewart  
2nd Gordon Bruce  
3rd Tracey Williams  
4th Duncan Grant  
5th David Shedden  
Judges: Colin MacLellan,  
Andrew Wright

#### **C-Grade**

1st Sarah Muir  
2nd Darach Urquhart  
3rd James Gore  
4th Colin Campbell  
5th Bradley Parker  
Judges: Ronald Clark, Bill  
Wotherspoon

#### **MSR**

1st Gordon McCready  
2nd Cameron Drummond  
3rd Peter Hunt  
4th Alan Russell  
5th Calum Beaumont  
6th Graham Drummond

#### **Hornpipe & Jig**

1st Gordon McCready  
2nd Margaret Dunn  
3rd Ross Forrest  
4th Alan Russell  
5th Cameron Drummond  
6th Jonathon Greenlees

#### **Junior MSR**

1st Angus MacColl  
2nd Connor Sinclair  
3rd Andrew Clark  
4th Greg McAllister  
5th Andrew Brodliie  
6th Harry McLachlan

#### **Junior Jig**

1st Connor Sinclair  
2nd Andrew Clark  
3rd Harry McLachlan  
4th Angus MacColl

5th Greg McAllister  
6th Andrew Brodliie

### **The United States Pipe Band Championship -Alma, Michigan – 28-29 May**

#### **Grade 1**

#### **Medley**

1st 78th Fraser Highlanders  
2nd Peel Regional Police  
3rd City of Chicago

#### **MSR**

1st Peel Regional Police  
2nd City of Chicago  
3rd 78th Fraser Highlanders  
Best Bass: Peel

### **Markinch Highland Games – 5 June**

#### **Piobaireachd**

1st John Mulhearn, *The Earl of  
Ross's March*  
2nd Alan Russell, *Mrs. Smith's  
Salute*  
3rd Derek Midgley, *Lament for  
Patrick Og MacCrimmon*  
4th Darrach Urquhart, *Melbank's  
Salute*  
5th Craig Sutherland, *Battle of  
Auldearn*  
6th Ben Duncan, *Desperate  
Battle of the Birds*  
Judges: Colin MacLellan,  
Andrew Wright

#### **MSR**

1st Greig Wilson  
2nd Craig Sutherland  
3rd Jenny Hazzard  
4th Derek Midgley  
Judges: Roderick Barron, Lawrie  
Gillespie

### **Queensland Pipe Band and Solo Championships 2011 - Ipswich 11 June**

#### **BANDS**

#### **Grade 4**

1st Gold Coast Tweed  
2nd Qld Highlanders No 2  
3rd North Qld Scots  
Pipe Corps: - Scots PGC College  
Drum Corps: Gold Coast Tweed

Dress: Redland City

### Grade 2

1st St Andrew's  
Pipe Corps: St Andrew's  
Drum Corps: St Andrew's  
Dress: St Andrew's

### Grade 1

1st Qld Highlanders No 1  
Drum Corps: Qld Highlanders  
No 1  
Dress: Qld Highlanders No 1

### March Off Drill

North Queensland Scots

### Drum Majors

1st Dominic Andersen-  
Strudwick

### Solos

#### Learner Chanter

1st REBECCA CAPON  
2nd ALEXANDER  
STEVENSON  
3rd COHEN GORMAN

#### Elementary Slow Air

1st HEATHER McKENZIE  
2nd LACHLAN McPHEE  
3rd SAM HEMER

#### Elementary March

1st BRUCE FRASER  
2nd SAM HEMER  
3rd JAMES SENANAYAKE

#### Sub Intermediate MSR

1st KIRBY DOUGLAS  
2nd AMOS FOX  
3rd THOMAS FOX

#### Sub Intermediate Jig

1st MEGGIE DORAN  
2nd MALCOLM McKELLAR  
3rd THOMAS FOX

#### Intermediate MSR

1st NICK TOMKINS  
2nd MICHAEL RODGER  
3rd ANDREW McCABE

#### Intermediate Hornpipe and Jig

1st ANDREW McCABE  
2nd NICK TOMKINS  
3rd OWEN CAPON

#### Open MSR

1st TAM McGIRR  
2nd ROSS CAMPBELL  
3rd ROBERT GIBB

#### Open Hornpipe & Jig

1st MATTHEW SPICER  
2nd ROBERT GIBB  
3rd MURDO McLEOD

#### Roddy MacSween Memorial

1st NICK TOMKINS  
2nd ROSS CAMPBELL  
3rd ROBERT GIBB

#### Piobaireachd "A"

1st ROBERT GIBB

#### Piobaireachd "B"

1st KIRBY DOUGLAS  
2nd ANDREW McCABE  
3rd OWEN CAPON

#### 59th annual Brown Cup - Wellington, New Zealand - 11 June

#### Everest Memorial Piobaireachd

1st Brendon Eade, *McKenzie of  
Applecross's Salute*  
2nd Stuart Easton, *The End of  
the Great Bridge*  
3rd Marion Horsburgh, *The  
Battle of Sherrifmuir*

4th George Mason, *The Earl of  
Ross's March*

Judges: Jim Wilson, Nigel Foster

#### **Brown Cup (Air, March, Strathspey, Reel, Jig & Hornpipe)**

1st Stuart Easton  
2nd Murray Mansfield  
3rd Brendon Eade  
4th Revel McIntyre  
Judges: Craig Fraser, John  
Hanning

#### **N & A McPhee memorial tray for the MSR component of the Brown Cup**

Revel McIntyre

#### Strathmore Highland Games - 12 June

#### Piobaireachd

1st Alan Russell  
2nd Alan Clark  
3rd Ben Duncan  
4th Ross Forrest  
5th Jonathan Greenlees  
Judges: R. Clark, Duncan Watson

#### March

1st Alan Russell  
2nd Gordon McCready  
3rd Ben Duncan  
Judges: Ian Duncan, James  
Hamilton

#### Strathspey & Reel

1st Gordon McCready  
2nd Alan Russell  
3rd Jonathan Greenlees  
Judges: Ian Duncan, James  
Hamilton



The Society is now on Twitter and Facebook, as is the Pipe Band Association in Qld. If you use either of these, you can find us at the addresses below - the same on both services.

QHPS is at QHPS (what else would you expect!)

Pipe Bands Queensland is at PBAQld

There's not much there yet, but it will build up over time!