



# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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## Newsletter - July 2011

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### July Meeting

on Monday July 25  
7.30pm  
Balmoral Bowls Club

Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

**The meeting will feature  
The Jimmy Durham Memorial Trophy  
for junior players (Elementary & Sub-Intermediate)  
The test piece is a 2/4 March of 4 or more parts of the competitor's  
choice played once through.**

**Prizes:** 1st: The Jimmy Durham trophy plus Medal plus \$100.  
2nd: Medal plus \$60                      4th: Medal plus \$20  
3rd: Medal plus \$40                      5th: \$15

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on the night.**

As we pass the middle of 2011, we come to the Jimmy Durham Memorial trophy for junior players (see above). We are getting this newsletter out a little early to see if we can boost the entry to this contest, so please encourage any Elementary or Sub-Intermediate pipers you may know to enter. Sadly, Jimmy Durham's brother Bill passed away on 30 June in Bathurst. There is a little more on Bill later in the newsletter but we can mention here that he continued to take an active interest in this contest by annually providing prize medallions.

*Alex McConnell*

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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	

## JUNE MEETING

Our June meeting was a pipers' night and, what with the cold weather, people with the flu and so on, we had a fairly small attendance of about fifteen people. However, three pipers had turned up with their pipes and, as it turned out, we had quite an enjoyable evening of piping.

Your scribe took on the duties of announcing for the evening. After welcoming those in attendance and mentioning the apologies (Matt Supranowicz, Innes Barker, Margaret Paterson and Joan O'Neill), I also related a recent phone call from Vic McKay. Vic has been a faithful attendee and player for many years but now feels his age and medical problems will preclude him from attending in the future. He expressed his great appreciation for the hospitality shown to him by members of the Society and for the enjoyment of listening to the playing over those years.

Then it was on with the piping. The first player was Peter Gallacher, who is a pupil of Harry MacKenzie's and who is now playing with St Andrew's. Though he was suffering a cold and a very solid chanter reed, we heard a varied selection. His finger technique was strong and the tunes musically played - no doubt a

young player to be watched. The pipes he was playing are an old set - those examining them afterwards weren't sure of their origins. They could be an old set of Glen's or perhaps a set of Gillanders. In any event the drone sound was very good. Peter's tunes included amongst others the air *The Rose*, the 4/4's *At Long Last* and *Barefoot Through Brisbane*, the MSR *John MacDonald of Glencoe*, *Maggie Cameron* and *Alick C MacGregor*, the hornpipe *Crossing the Minch* and the jig *Banjo Breakdown*.

Maurie DeHayr was next to play. He had just put in a new chanter reed and was determined to blow it in rather than trim it down too much, so he had to work a bit hard! The pipes sounded quite good, despite the new reed. His tunes included, among others, *Lord Lovat's Lament*, *Highland Laddie* (4 parts), *Brown Haired Maiden* (4 parts), 6/8s *Farewell to the Creeks* and *Glendaruel Highlanders*, 2/4 *The Australian Ladies* and a selection of "Highland Dancing" tunes.

Ross Campbell entertained us next. He was playing the Hardie chanter he has been using recently to good effect (he won the Gold Medal at the Adelaide contest with it). His pipe was going extremely well overall

with good resonance on all the notes. As with the others, he played two brackets of tunes and the following list covers both brackets: *Land of Trees, Dream Valley of Glendaruel, Sunset, Colin's Cattle, Murdo MacKenzie of Torridon, MacLeod of Mull, MacNeill of Ugadale, the Dark Island, The Liberton Pipe Band, The Royal Scots Polka, An Old Irish Air, The Rovin' Journeyman, P J Shaw, Old Toasty, The Boys of Bluehill, Champion of the Seas and Paddy McGinty's Goat.*

Each of our players then played again in the same

order. Peter played some of his band medley tunes, Maurie played some 3/4s and *Barren Rocks of Aden* (among others) and Ross Campbell finished off the evening's piping with his second bracket.

The raffle was duly drawn and the meeting reminded about Tartan Day the following Saturday, Piobaireachd Group on Sunday and the Jimmy Durham Trophy contest for junior players at our July meeting. Supper then rounded out the evening.

## Piobaireachd Group

The Piobaireachd Group's meeting on Sunday 10 July was curtailed somewhat with a late start due to work being done in some areas of the school during the holiday period. Nevertheless we proceeded with the opening tune *Glengarry's Lament* being played by Peter Hurwood.

The meeting then welcomed two visitors - Jasper and Raleigh Kent - who had come up from Ballina for the meeting.

Ross Campbell then gave us *Catherine's Lament* after its story was read from Roy Gunn's book - Ross is still exploring new sounds and on this occasion was playing a new Henderson blackwood chanter with a slightly lower pitch than those we have become used to.

Next to play was Gary Forno whose tune was *The Company's Lament* after which Ross spoke of the set tune - *The Gathering of Clan Chattan* which he led the group through.

Following the morning tea break Ross played *The Gathering of Clan Chattan* and spoke of the need to recognise the timing of certain notes throughout. The final player of the day was Maurie DeHayr whose tune was *Rory McLoude's Lament*.

The session concluded with a discussion on the programme for our November Meeting (Sunday 6th) and all agreed to make it a longer day with recitals given by members and visitors of tunes the group has studied during the past 6 years. This could be a great day with non playing visitors welcomed. - further details will be announced as the programme for the day is finalised.

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# What's on.....

- J** 25 **Society Meeting - Jimmy Durham Trophy**  
**U** 30 European Pipe Band Championships, Belfast  
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## 7 Society Piobaireachd Group

- 13 Worlds Pipe Band Championships - Glasgow Green  
 19-21 Scots in the Bush - celebrating Scots in the Burnett region.  
[www.boondoomahomestead.org.au](http://www.boondoomahomestead.org.au) or 07 4168 0168

- A**  
**U** 22 **Society Meeting**  
**G** 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  
[www.pipebandsqld.org](http://www.pipebandsqld.org) or contact Alex McConnell - 07 3103 3740  
 28 Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Solos - Ryde (Sydney) TAFE. Enquiries  
 Michael Stubbings 02 9622 4322

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- S** 1,2 Northern Meeting Piping Competitions, Inverness  
**E** 11 **Society Piobaireachd Group**  
**P** 18 Manly (Sydney) Band Contest  
 26 **Society Meeting**

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- 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

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## 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

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**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:** 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

### Vale Bill Durham

Bill passed away on 30 June at the age of 80 years and his funeral was held at St Stephen's Presbyterian Church in Bathurst on 7 July.

Ron Clement writes in the NSW Pipers Society Newsletter: *A great man, Scottish born, a famous piping family.....survived by his wife Cathy, children and grandchildren, they moved back to Bathurst from the Central Coast to be closer to their family. Bill was sponsored to migrate to Australia to tutor to the Scots School Bathurst Pipe Band, having played with a world champion band in Scotland.....Bill was a foundation member and strong supporter of our Society, generously allowing your scribe to take some video of him making reeds which we showed at a Society meeting some time ago.*

One of our own members, Mark McKenzie, who knew Bill well, writes: *He was also a great piper, an authority on Piobaireachd, a good reed maker (chanter and drone reeds) a good bag maker, a great teacher and an all round gentleman who always had time to assist any piper that asked for help. In general he was a great asset to piping in Australia and will be missed.*

## CONTEST RESULTS

### Aberdeen Highland Games - 19 June

#### **Piobaireachd**

1st David Wilton, *The Old Men of the Shells*

2nd Greig Canning, *Lament for Captain MacDougall*

3rd Ben Duncan, *The MacDougalls' Gathering*

4th Fraser Maitland, *The Groat*

5th Alan Russell, *The Menzies' Salute*

Judges: Norman Matheson, Jack Taylor

#### **March**

1st Alan Russell

2nd David Wilton

3rd Neil Walker

4th Ben Duncan

5th Fraser Maitland

Judges: James Hamilton, John MacDougall

#### **Strathspey & Reel**

1st David Wilton

2nd Alan Russell

3rd Greig Canning

4th Neil Walker

5th Colin Campbell

Judges: James Hamilton, John MacDougall

#### **Jig**

1st Neil Walker

2nd Ben Duncan

3rd David Wilton

4th Colin Campbell

5th Fraser Maitland

Judges: James Hamilton, John MacDougall

### British Pipe Band

### Championships - Annan 25 June

#### **Grade 1**

1st Field Marshal Montgomery

2nd St. Laurence O'Toole

3rd ScottishPower

4th Boghall & Bathgate

5th Strathclyde Police

6th Inveraray & District

Drumming: St. Laurence O'Toole

Judges: Jim Semple, Dixie

Ingram (piping); Jim Baxter

(drumming); Bob Shepherd

(ensemble)



**Grade 2**

1st Ravara  
 2nd Seven Towers  
 3rd Buchan  
 4th Denny & Dunipace  
 5th Lomond & Clyde  
 6th Phoenix Honda Glasgow  
 Skye  
 Drumming: Ravara

**Grade 3A**

1st Manor Cunningham  
 2nd Oban  
 3rd Isle of Islay  
 4th Quinn Memorial  
 5th City of Edinburgh  
 6th Coalburn IOR  
 Drumming: Manor Cunningham

**Ceres Games - Fife - 25 June****Piobaireachd**

1st George Stewart  
 2nd Jonathan Graham  
 3rd Greig Canning  
 4th Greig Wilson

**March**

1st Jonathan Graham  
 2nd Greig Canning  
 3rd George Stewart  
 4th Greig Wilson

**Strathspey & Reel**

1st George Stewart  
 2nd Greig Canning  
 3rd Jonathan Graham  
 4th Gordon Rowan  
 Judge: Robert Barnes.

**Luss Highland Gathering - 2****July****March**

1st Neil Walker  
 2nd Jonathan Graham  
 3rd John Mulhearn

**Strathspey & Reel**

1st Neil Walker  
 2nd Keith Bowes  
 3rd Jonathan Graham  
 Judges: Jimmy Banks, Andrew  
 Wright  
 This Gathering does not have a  
 Piobaireachd competition

**All-Ireland Ppe Band  
 Championship - Lisburn,  
 Northern Ireland - 2 July****Grade 1****MSR**

1st Field Marshal Montgomery  
 2nd St. Laurence O'Toole  
 3rd Cullybackey  
 Judges: F. Connolly, W. Garrett  
 (piping); David Clark  
 (ensemble); Gordon Craig  
 (drumming)

**Medley**

1st St. Laurence O'Toole  
 (ensemble preference)  
 2nd Field Marshal Montgomery  
 3rd Cullybackey  
 Judges: T. Sloane, J. Moles  
 (piping); C. Mordaunt  
 (ensemble); Gordon Parkes  
 (drumming)

**Overall**

1st Field Marshal Montgomery

**Grade 2**

1st Seven Towers  
 2nd Ravara  
 3rd St. Finbarr's  
 Drumming: Seven Towers  
 Judges: T. Sloane, J. Moles  
 (piping); C. Mordaunt

(ensemble); Gordon Parkes  
 (drumming)

**Stirling Highland Games - 10  
 July****Piobaireachd**

1st John Mulhearn, *The King's  
 Taxes*  
 2nd Derek Midgley, *Park  
 Piobaireachd No 2*  
 3rd Mael Sicard-Cras,  
*MacCrimmon's Sweetheart*  
 4th Ross Forrest  
 5th Jenny Hazzard, *Glengarry's  
 March*

Judges: Hugh MacCallum,  
 Ronnie McShannon

**March**

1st Craig Muirhead  
 2nd John Mulhearn  
 3rd Jenny Hazzard  
 4th Simon McKerrell  
 5th Alan Russell  
 Judges: Walter Cowan, Tom  
 Speirs

**Strathspey & Reel**

1st Simon McKerrell  
 2nd John Mulhearn  
 3rd Craig Muirhead  
 4th Jenny Hazzard  
 5th Alan Russell  
 Judges: Walter Cowan, Tom  
 Speirs

**Society member featured on R & Hardie website**

Tam McGirr, who is currently in Scotland, has been featured on the website of the famous bagpipe maker. This is where you will find him - [rghardie.com/artists/view/tam\\_mcgirr](http://rghardie.com/artists/view/tam_mcgirr)