



# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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## Newsletter - April 2012

### April Meeting

on Monday 23rd at 7.30pm

at Balmoral Bowls Club

Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

The meeting was going to be a Pair of Pipers Competition. However, as a number of prospective competitors will not be able to attend because of the proximity of Anzac Day, it has been decided to **defer this competition** till later in the year (date to be advised).

**Instead we will be having a Pipers' Night**

where all are encouraged to bring their pipes and present a selection of tunes for the entertainment of the meeting.

Our March meeting was again a very successful one (see the report inside) so it looks as though this will be a good year for the Society. In the results section you will see that two Brisbane bands did very well (St Andrew's 3rd in Grade 3 and University of Queensland 4th in Grade 4) and we extend our congratulations to them. The Maclean results are also inside and our congratulations are extended to Society members who did well in the solos, along with the BBC Old Collegians winning the Grade 4 band contest. The Sunshine Coast band contest is coming up in mid May followed by the Queensland Championships at Ipswich on the Queen's Jubilee Holiday weekend in June.

On a sadder note, we received news of the passing of Grace, wife of long-standing Society member Ian Young of Home Hill and mother of Sam Young and also of Maria, wife of Society member Doug Gifford. Our thoughts are with the families at this sad time.

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## 2012 SOCIETY CALENDAR

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 27 <sup>TH</sup>	2/4 MARCH THEME NIGHT - PLAY YOUR FAVOURITE 2/4S AND FIND OUT ABOUT THE HISTORY, STRUCTURE AND PLAYING OF THIS MUSIC,
MARCH 26 <sup>TH</sup>	HORNPIPE AND JIG(SENIOR) /AIR AND JIG (JUNIOR) CONTEST
APRIL 23 <sup>RD</sup>	PIPERS' NIGHT
MAY 28 <sup>TH</sup>	PATRON'S TROPHY CONTEST (MSR FOR SENIOR PLAYERS)
JUNE 25 <sup>TH</sup>	STRATHSPEY & REEL THEME NIGHT ( <b>tunes to be advised</b> )
JULY 23 <sup>RD</sup>	JIMMY DURHAM MEMORIAL CONTEST (2/4 MARCH FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS)
AUGUST 27 <sup>TH</sup>	MINI RECITAL NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 24 <sup>TH</sup>	ANNUAL MEETING & AIR AND JIG CONTEST
OCTOBER	<b>A major solo contest in lieu of the monthly meeting (watch for details)</b>
NOVEMBER 26 <sup>TH</sup>	JACK McCANDLISH TROPHY (6/8 MARCHES)

- ◆ After each competition, the floor is open for all.
- ◆ 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.

During 2012 we will be awarding competition points for each contest - 4 for first place, 3 for second, 2 for 3rd and 1 for just competing. We are going to approach sponsors to donate substantial prizes for the Junior and Senior Piper of the Year, so watch for details - but more importantly - turn up and compete!

### PIOBAIREACHD GROUP

5 <sup>th</sup> February	6 <sup>th</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> August	4 <sup>th</sup> November (Recital)
4 <sup>th</sup> March	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	9 <sup>th</sup> September	2 <sup>nd</sup> December
1 <sup>st</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> July	7 <sup>th</sup> October	

## MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting featured a competition (hornpipe and jig for seniors and air and jig for juniors) and attracted a total attendance of around 50 people of whom thirteen were competitors!

Donald Galloway welcomed everyone and then made presentation of a pair of cufflinks to Matt Supranowicz. Matt is about to head off overseas for a few years but has been a stalwart of the Society since his early teenage years at least and has served as President and Vice President. We look forward to his eventual return sometime in the future as an even more accomplished piper.

The only apologies were from Reg and Glenys O'Malley. Donald then introduced Tam McGirr as judge for the evening and we started with the junior competition.

The competitors and their tunes were:

Tamar Stanfield-Roche - *The Saffron Kilt* and *Glasgow City Police Pipers*  
 Lachlan McPhee - *Leaving Lismore* and *Alan McPherson of Mossbank*  
 Lloyd-George Worth - *Leaving Ersikay* and *Corkhill*  
 Nicholas Johns - *Mrs MacSwan* and *Kenny Gilles*  
 Kristian Stanfield-Roche - *El Alamein* and *The Irish Washerwoman*  
 Rylie Douglas - *Loch Rannoch* and *The Judge's Dilemma*

The senior competitors then took to the floor:

Ross Campbell - *Donald MacLeod* and *The Duck*

Malcolm MacKellar - *Tam Bain's Lum* and *Senior*  
*The Geese in the Bog*  
 Andy Matthews - *Raigmore* and *The*  
*Fiddler's Rally*  
 Andrew Roach - *Touchin Cloth* and *Rory*  
*MacLeod*  
 Wayne Kennedy - *John MacKenzie's Fancy*  
 and *The Piper's Bonnet*  
 Matt Supranowicz - *Tam Bain's Lum* and  
*Troy's Wedding*  
 Nick Tomkins - *Duncan Johnstone* and *The*  
*Curlew*

1st Andrew Roach  
 2nd Matt Supranowicz  
 3rd Ross Campbell

To finish off the evening, first of all the five Scots PGC players played together some 2/4's (waulking songs) *The Sabbatical* and *Cutting Bracken*, 4/4s *Murdo's Wedding* and *The Old Rustic Bridge* and 3/4s *The Bloody Fields of Flanders*, *I See Mull* and *P/M J K Cairns*

Finally, Brian Wilson played a few tunes including 4/4s *Flett from Flotta* and *Falkland Palace*, 6/8s *Pipe Sgt J Barclay* and *Dougie Gillies* and waltzes *My Lodgings on the Cold Ground* and *The Old Bean Waltz*.

Tam McGirr expressed his compliment to all the competitors and mentioned that all the pipes were of a good standard. He said that there is a need to take care in presenting oneself in a competition and mentioned especially that it is important to not turn one's back on the judge.

The hour by now being quite late all that was left was to draw the raffle and tuck into the supper.

The prizes were presented by Patron Maurie DeHayr and were as follows:

#### Junior

1st Lloyd-George Worth  
 2nd Rylie Douglas  
 3rd Lachlan McPhee

## Piobaireachd Group

The April meeting of the Piobaireachd Group was held as advertised though there were several apologies from pipers attending their last band practice before the Easter Competitions which were to be held the following weekend. However we were pleased to welcome Iain Bruce, Malcolm McRae and Roy Gunn as well as Lachlan McPhee.

*Glengarry's Lament* played by Malcolm McRae was the opening tune of the morning session and, after some discussion of it he was followed by Ralph Nankervis who also played *Glengarry's Lament*

Iain Bruce was next to play, his tune being *The Lament for Alasdair MacDonnell of Glengarry*

Lachlan McPhee, making his first visit to the group, was next to play, his tune being *Too Long in this Condition* and was followed by Roy Gunn playing *The Lament for Captain MacDougall*, after which we retired for a short break.

Morning tea over the meeting resumed with Malcolm playing *The MacGregor's Salute* and he was again followed by Iain Bruce playing *Chisholm's Salute*.

The final tune for the day was then played by Roy Gunn, it being *The Lament for Donald of Laggan*.

The next meeting of the Group will be held on Sunday 6 May.

# What's on.....

<b>A P R</b>	21 Bundanoon Highland Gathering - Southern Highlands NSW
	<b>23 Society Meeting - Pair of Pipers Contest</b>
<b>M A Y</b>	3-6 Glen Innes Celtic Festival
	<b>6 Society Piobaireachd Group</b>
	12 Sunshine Coast Band Contest, Yandina - 07 5442 8632, <a href="http://www.sunshinecoastpipesanddrums.com">http://www.sunshinecoastpipesanddrums.com</a>
	19 Scottish Pipe Band Championships, Dumbarton
<b>J U N</b>	<b>28 Society Meeting</b>
	<b>3 Society Piobaireachd Group</b>
	9 Ipswich Thistle Band and Solo Contest - 0414 776 361, <a href="http://www.ipswichthistle.com">www.ipswichthistle.com</a>
<b>J U L</b>	<b>25 Society Meeting</b>
	30 British Pipe Band Championships, Annan
	<b>1 Society Piobaireachd Group</b>
	7 Tartan Day, King George Square. Contact 07 3855 1072
	<b>23 Society Meeting</b>
	28 European Pipe Band Championships, Belfast

**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

## OTHER PIPING SOCIETIES

**The Smallpipers Group** - Contact Malcolm McLaren for meeting details - [mrmclaren@bigpond.com](mailto:mrmclaren@bigpond.com)

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

**Victorian Pipers Association:** <http://www.vicpipers.org/>

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

## 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

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## CONTEST RESULTS

### Duncan Johnstone Memorial - 17 March - National

#### Piping Centre, Glasgow

This contest is run by the Competing Pipers Association for players grade B and C.

#### Piobaireachd

##### B-Grade

- 1st Darach Urquhart
- 2nd Graham Drummond
- 3rd David Shedden
- 4th Sarah Muir
- 5th George Stewart

##### C-Grade

- 1st Steven Leask
- 2nd James Gore
- 3rd Connor Sinclair
- 4th Emmet Conway
- 5th Neil Clark

#### Light Music

##### B-Grade MSR

- 1st Sarah Muir
- 2nd Steven Leask
- 3rd Greg Wilson
- 4th Jonathan Graham
- 5th Craig Sutherland

##### C-Grade MSR

- 1st Callum Moffat
- 2nd Steven Gray
- 3rd Matt Wilson
- 4th Richard McGrath
- 5th Glenn Ross

##### B- and C-Grade Jig

- 1st Darach Urquhart
- 2nd Jonathan Graham

3rd Craig Sutherland

4th Bradley Parker

5th Callum Moffat

### Donald MacLeod Memorial - 30 March -Stornoway

The contest pays tribute to the late Donald MacLeod, and competitors are required to play his compositions.

#### Overall

Willie McCallum

#### Piobaireachd

- 1st Iain Speirs, *Salute to a White Primrose*
  - 2nd Chris Armstrong, *Lament for the Rowan Tree*
  - 3rd Willie McCallum, *Lament for Islay Flora MacLeod*
  - 4th Angus MacColl, *Cabar Feidh Gu Brath*
- Judges: Rona Lightfoot, Iain Morrison, John Wilson

#### MSR

- 1st Stuart Liddell
  - 2nd Willie McCallum
  - 3rd Niall Stewart
  - 4th Roddy MacLeod
- Judges: Jimmy Banks, Rona Lightfoot, John Wilson

#### Hornpipe & Jig

- 1st Stuart Liddell
  - 2nd Willie McCallum
  - 3rd Niall Stewart
  - 4th Angus MacColl
- Judges: Jimmy Banks, Rona Lightfoot, John Wilson
- Other competitors: Callum Beaumont and Jack Lee

Australian Pipe Band Championships - 8-9 April - Ballarat

## Grade 1 (three competed)

## Overall

- 1st Western Australia Police
- 2nd Queensland Highlanders
- 3rd Pipeband Club
- Drumming: Western Australia Police

## Medley

- 1st Western Australia Police
- 2nd Queensland Highlanders
- 3rd Pipeband Club
- Judges: Sam Young, Ken Eller (piping); Emlyn Brown (drumming); Bill Russell (ensemble)

## MSR

- 1st Western Australia Police
- 2nd Queensland Highlanders
- 3rd Pipeband Club
- Judges: Viv Riley, Richard Parkes (piping); Mick O'Neill (drumming); Nat Russell (ensemble)

## Grade 2 (seven competed)

## Overall

- 1st Moorabin City
- 2nd City of Adelaide
- 3rd St. Andrews
- 4th University of Ballarat
- 5th Hawthorn City
- 6th Canberra Burns Club No 1
- 7th LCC Southern Cross No 1
- Drumming: City of Adelaide

## Medley

- 1st Moorabin City
- 2nd Hawthorn City
- 3rd City of Adelaide
- 4th University of Ballarat
- 5th St. Andrews
- 6th Canberra Burns Club
- 7th Southern Cross LLC
- Judges: Sam Young, Ken Eller (piping); Emlyn Brown (drumming); Bill Russell (ensemble)

## MSR

- 1st Moorabin City
- 2nd City of Adelaide
- 3rd St. Andrews
- 4th University of Ballarat
- 5th Hawthorn City
- 6th Canberra Burns Club
- 7th Southern Cross
- Judges: Viv Riley, Richard Parkes (piping); Mick O'Neill (drumming); Nat Russell (ensemble)

## Grade 3 (11 competed)

## Overall

- 1st New Zealand Foundation
- 2nd Williamstown
- 3rd City of Melbourne
- 4th Haileybury College Pipes and Drums
- 5th Hawkesbury Nepean No 1
- 6th Perth Metro
- 7th Scots College NSW No 1
- 8th St Mary's Band Club
- 9th Scotch College Melbourne
- 10th Coastal Scottish
- 11th Perth Highland
- Drumming: New Zealand Foundation

## Grade 4 (15 competed)

## Overall

- 1st University of Ballarat
- 2nd Golden City
- 3rd South Canterbury
- 4th University of Qld at Emmanuel College
- 5th City of Dunedin
- 6th Frankston RSL
- 7th Mt Barker Caledonain Society
- 8th Canberra Burns Club No 2
- 9th Hawkesbury Nepean No 2
- 10th Qld Highlanders No 2
- 11th Knox Grammar School
- 12th Horsham City
- 13th Meriton (Singapore)
- 14th City of Cockburn
- 15th North Metro Perth
- Drumming: University of Ballarat

## Juvenile (seven competed)

## Overall

- 1st New Zealand Foundation
- 2nd Scots College (NSW)
- 3rd Scotch College (Melbourne)
- 4th Haileybury College Pipes and Drums
- 5th City of Dunedin
- 6th Hawkesbury Nepean
- 7th Knox Grammar School
- Drumming: New Zealand Foundation

108th Maclean Highland Gathering - 7-8 April

## BANDS

## Grade 4

- 1st BBC Old Collegians
- 2nd Gold Coast Tweed
- 3rd Maclean
- 4th Bellinger River
- Drum Corps Gold Coast Tweed

## Grade 3

- 1st Gold Coast Tweed

2nd Maclean  
3rd Bellinger River  
Ensemble Bellinger River  
Drum Major Solo Contest  
Winner: Andrew McColl

## SOLOS

## OPEN PIPING

## Open Piobaireachd

1st Ross Campbell  
2nd Alastair McInnes  
3rd Caitlin McInnes

## Open March/Strathspey/Reel

1st Alastair McInnes  
2nd David Greenhalgh  
3rd Murdo MacLeod

## Open Hornpipe/Jig

1st Alastair McInnes  
2nd David Greenhalgh

## Open Air

1st Ross Campbell  
2nd Alastair McInnes  
3rd Murdo MacLeod

## Gold Medal Open Piper

Alastair McInnes

## INTERMEDIATE PIPING

## March/Strathspey/Reel

1st Matt McLeod  
2nd Caitlin McInnes  
3rd Andrew Richards

## Hornpipe/Jig

1st Caitlin McInnes  
2nd Matt McLeod  
3rd Thomas Fox

## Maclean Champion Intermediate Piper

Matt McLeod

## SUB-INTERMEDIATE PIPING

## March/Strathspey/Reel

1st Sam Hemer  
2nd Heather McKenzie  
3rd Amos Fox

## Jig

1st Heather McKenzie  
2nd Sam Hemer  
3rd Amos Fox

## Maclean Champion Sub-Intermediate Piper

Sam Hemer

## ELEMENTARY PIPING

## March Heat No.1

1st Chloe Whyte  
2nd Connar McKenzie  
3rd Amber Cattermole

## March Heat No. 2

1st Edward Scott  
2nd James Senanayke  
3rd Lewis McNain

## March Final

1st James Senanayke  
2nd Edward Scott  
3rd Amber Cattermole

## Air Heat No.1

1st James Senanayke  
2nd Edward Scott  
3rd Henry Aleman

## Air Heat No. 2

1st Mitchell Durham  
2nd Brent Sullivan  
3rd Chloe Whyte

## Air Final

1st James Senanayke  
2nd Edward Scott  
3rd Brent Sullivan

## Maclean Champion Elementary Piper

James Senanayke

## Chanter Learner

1st Angus Briggs  
2nd Angus Hattenfels  
3rd Bradley Bloom

## Bruce Baker Piping Scholarship Memorial

James Senanayake

## SPECIAL EVENTS

## Restricted Piobaireachd

1st Andrew Richards  
2nd David Marriner  
3rd Thomas Fox

## "Mrs MacSwan"

1st Alistair Wallace  
2nd Alastair McInnes  
3rd Scott Rhodes

## Special Age Restricted

Sam Hemer