



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Newsletter - June 2012

June Meeting

on Monday 25th at 7.30pm

at Balmoral Bowls Club

Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

Strathspey and Reel Theme Night

Following the success of our 2/4 March Theme Night at the February meeting, this month we are having a Strathspey and Reel theme night. Tom Campbell has kindly agreed to give us a bit of background on this branch of our music and it's to be hoped that a good number of pipers will play their favourite starthspeys and reels during the course of the evening. It's not necessary to dress in kilt for the night and all are encouraged to play a few "warm-up" tunes to ensure their pipe and fingers are going well to do justice to the theme tunes they have for us.

Sadly, this month has seen the passing of a long time member of the Society, Ron Scott, of which more inside.

The Queensland band and Solo Championships went off very well with large entries and details are firming up for a workshop for Under 18s later in the year. More about these inside.

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Alex McConnell
Secretary

2012 SOCIETY CALENDAR

MONTHLY MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 27 TH	2/4 MARCH THEME NIGHT - PLAY YOUR FAVOURITE 2/4S AND FIND OUT ABOUT THE HISTORY, STRUCTURE AND PLAYING OF THIS MUSIC,
MARCH 26 TH	HORNPIPE AND JIG (SENIOR) /AIR AND JIG (JUNIOR) CONTEST
APRIL 23 RD	PIPERS' NIGHT
MAY 28 TH	PATRON'S TROPHY CONTEST (MSR FOR SENIOR PLAYERS)
JUNE 25 TH	STRATHSPEY & REEL THEME NIGHT
JULY 23 RD	JIMMY DURHAM MEMORIAL CONTEST (2/4 MARCH FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS)
AUGUST 27 TH	MINI RECITAL NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 24 TH	ANNUAL MEETING & AIR AND JIG CONTEST
OCTOBER	A major solo contest in lieu of the monthly meeting (watch for details)
NOVEMBER 26 TH	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 th February	6 th May	5 th August	4 th November (Recital)
4 th March	3 rd June	9 th September	2 nd December
1 st April	1 st July	7 th October	

MAY MEETING

A good number of 38 people, including 6 competitors, turned up for our annual Patron's Trophy contest in June.

Maurie DeHayr did the announcing, as President Donald Galloway was judging the contest.

Maurie conveyed apologies from our "doorman" Jack Grant who unfortunately had been admitted to hospital just a couple of days previously. Good wishes for his quick recovery were expressed. Maurie also conveyed the apologies of Sandy Dalziel Andy Matthews and Malcolm MacKellar who had intended to come from Warwick to compete. Unfortunately Sandy was ill and hence they were not able to come.

Without further ado, the contest commenced. the competitors and their tunes are as follows. Each

competitor had to submit two sets, of which the judge chose the one to be played.

Larry Flynn - *Millbank Cottage, Shepherd's Crook, The Sheepwife*
Tom Campbell - *Stirlingshire Militia, Caber Feidh, Mrs MacPherson of Inveran*

Nick Tomkins - *Arthur Bignold of Lochrosque, Susan Macleod, Major David Manson*

Tom McGirr - *Braes of Castle Grant, John Roy Stewart, The Sheepwife*

Wayne Kennedy - *Taking of Beaumont Hamel, John Roy Stewart, Dr MacPhail's Reel*

Lachlan McPhee - *David Ross, Lady Loudon, Alick C MacGregor*

While the judge deliberated Wayne Kennedy played a few tunes including *At Long Last, Barefoot through Brisbane, Ye Jacobites by Name, B52, The Beaker, and Glasgow City Police Pipers.*

Donald Galloway said a few words about the contest, commending the standards of both the instruments and the playing and then announced the results, with Maurie DeHayr presenting the prizes.



1st - Tom McGirr
2nd - Larry Flynn
3rd - Wayne Kennedy

Maurie called for a round of applause for all the competitors.

Larry Flynn then played a selection including *Ass in the Graveyard, For Ireland I shall not tell her name, Crossing the Minch, Barbara's Jig, Glasgow Police Pipers* and *The Exercise.*

Finally Tom McGirr finished up the evening with a selection including *Castle Dangerous, Leaving Glenurquhart, Bidy from Sligo, the Seagull, Donald Cameron's Powderhorn* and a selection of medley reels.

The raffle was drawn by Alan Morrice and won by Larry Flynn.

Donald closed the meeting, mentioning that our next meeting is a strathspey and reel theme night and also mentioned the piobaireachd group meeting coming up on 3 June.

Pictured left are our winners - Wayne Kennedy, Tom McGirr and Larry Flynn

Piobaireachd Group

A good attendance, good instruments and good music were the ingredients for a successful June meeting of the Piobaireachd group.

After initial greetings Ross Campbell commenced the meeting playing two tunes *The Marquis of Argyll's Salute* followed by *The MacDonalds are Simple.*

Sandy Dalziel then played *The MacGregor's Salute* and was followed by Lachlan McPhee playing *Too Long in this Condition.*

We then went through the set tune – *The Desperate Battle* – and on this occasion Ross played a recording of R.U. Brown talking of it at a workshop conducted in Adelaide in 1972. followed by a recording of Malcolm McRae on Pipes in Adelaide in 2006.

Morning tea followed, after which there was a short discussion regarding our November Meeting and it was agreed that the meeting would be another RECITAL DAY held in the same format as last year.

Andy Matthews then played *The Wee Spree* and was followed by Andy Richards playing *Tulloch Ard.*

The Lament for *Sir James MacDonald of the Isles* was our next tune played by Peter Hurwood.

Tam McGirr then gave us *His Fathers Lament for Donald MacKenzie* to be followed by Maurie DeHayr playing the final tune of the meeting *Lady Doyles Salute*

Next Meeting – SUNDAY 1st. JULY

What's on.....

J	25 Society Meeting
U	30 British Pipe Band Championships, Annan
N	1 Society Piobaireachd Group
	7 Tartan Day, King George Square 9am to 4pm. Contact 07 3859 8195 or www.aussie-scots.org.au
J	7 Aberdeen (NSW) Highland Games - Upper Hunter Valley. Contact charles_cooke@esat.net.au
U	22 Pipe Band Contest, Brisbane Boys College Junior School Green - 12 noon to 4pm. Contact Steve Stanley 0400 953 126 ssstanley@bbc.qld.edu.au
L	23 Society Meeting
	28 European Pipe Band Championships, Belfast
	5 Society Piobaireachd Group
	11 Worlds Pipe Band Championships, Glasgow
A	17-19 Scots in the Bush, Boondoomba Homestead (near Mundubbera) Bands, Dancers, Stalls, etc. Contact 07 4168 1068 or buddythomson@bigpond.com
U	22-23 Argyllshire Gathering, Oban
G	25 Cowal Pipe Band Championships, Dunoon, Scotland
	27 Society Meeting
S	6-8 Northern Meeting Inverness
E	9 Society Piobaireachd Group
P	24 Society Meeting

The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association has announced that Glasgow will continue to be the venue for the Worlds Championships through to 2015.

Also, following on the successful Scotland Homecoming year in 2009, there is to be another one in 2014 - worth remembering if you're planning a trip in the next few years.

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 above events where a contact isn't mentioned, ring or email the Secretary (07 3397 4512 or 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

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

Vale Ron Scott

Ron Scott passed away on Saturday 2 June at the age of 83.

Ron was a long standing identity in the Scottish, Pipe Band and Piping communities in Brisbane. He was a piper in the post-WWII St Andrew's Pipe Band and went on to be involved with the Red Hackle Pipe Band in the 1960s.

He was for many years, and up to his death, a council member of the Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Qld) Ltd. He had held numerous offices in this Society and only retired as Chieftain recently. He had been awarded the Australian Celtic Honour of D.Urr (Honoured Person)

He was always very supportive of Pipe Bands and Piping, both directly and through the St Andrew Society and through his long standing membership of the Queensland Highland Pipers' Society. For many years he was a regular attendee at our meetings.

Our thoughts at this time are with his wife Irene and their family.

His funeral was held on Friday 8 June and the Society was well represented.

3rd & 4th October 2012

Brisbane Boys College

Stuart Liddell, Tyler Fry (Bass Section Drumming), Kyle Warren (Member of Field Marshall Montgomery Pipe Band, and of the Famous Red Hot Chilli Pipers!), Grant Cassidy (Solo Drumming)

2012 Queensland Youth Piping & Drumming School, Brisbane

This is a unique opportunity to learn from World Champion Musicians just for Queensland Piping & Drumming.

This is a two day exclusive workshop to Under 18's. The workshop covers 2 days of expert tuition, meals, accommodation and entry to Wednesday nights' Recital, as well as School T-Shirt for only \$200 per participant!

To register, please contact - Andrew Roach 0417 287 443 or bigmansmate@bigpond.com

Tutors Recital

Wednesday 3rd October 2012

Come and experience the amazing talents of the workshops' tutors who have performed all over the world in amazing concerts, championships and recitals venues.

brisbane boys college college hall commencing at 7pm
\$25 per head

OTHER PIPING SOCIETIES

The Smallpipers Group - Contact Malcolm McLaren for meeting details -
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

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CONTEST RESULTS

Scottish Pipe Band Championships - Dumbarton – 19 May

Grade 1 (medley, 16 competed)

- 1st Field Marshal Montgomery
- 2nd ScottishPower
- 3rd Inveraray & District
- 4th Strathclyde Police
- 5th St. Laurence O'Toole
- 6th Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
- Drumming: Shotts
- Judges: John Wilson, Iain Wood (piping); David Brown (drumming); Trevor Dear (ensemble)

Grade 2 (MSR, 16 competed)

- 1st Glasgow Skye
- 2nd Denny & Dunipace Gleneagles
- 3rd Buchan
- 4th Lomond & Clyde
- 5th Oban
- 6th Howard Memorial
- Drumming: Denny & Dunipace Gleneagles
- Judges: Ronnie McShannon, Alan Ronaldson (piping); W. Goodall (drumming); Denver Cardwell (ensemble)

Bathgate Highland Games – 26 May

Piobaireachd

- 1st Darach Urquhart
- 2nd Tracey Williams
- 3rd Chris Gibb
- Judges: Tom Speirs, Andrew Wright

March

- 1st Gordon McCready
- 2nd Calum Watson
- 3rd Greig Wilson

Strathspey & Reel

- 1st Gordon McCready
- 2nd Steven Gray
- 3rd Graham Drummond

Blair Atholl Highland Games – 27 May

Overall

- Gordon McCready

A-Grade Piobaireachd

- 1st Douglas Murray, *Lord Lovat's Lament*
- 2nd Innes Smith, *MacNeill of Barra's March*
- 3rd Andrea Boyd, *Daughter's Lament*

4th David Wilton, *Old Men of the Shells*

5th William Geddes, *Farewell to the Laird of Islay*

6th Gordon McCready, *Lament for Captain MacDougall*

Judges: Tom Speirs, John Wilson

B-Grade Piobaireachd

- 1st Robert Gray
- 2nd Greig Canning
- 3rd Angus MacColl Jr.
- 4th Michael Elder
- 5th Roddy Weir
- Judges: Brian Donaldson, Andrew Wright

C-Grade Piobaireachd

- 1st Steven Leask
- 2nd James Gore
- 3rd Caitlan MacDonald
- 4th Connor Sinclair
- 5th Craig Martin

MSR

- 1st Gordon McCready
- 2nd Matt Wilson
- 3rd David Wilton
- 4th Connor Sinclair
- 5th William Geddes
- 6th Darach Urquhart

Hornpipe & Jig

- 1st Douglas Murray
- 2nd Gordon McCready
- 3rd Alan Johnstone
- 4th Greig Wilson
- 5th Mike Fitzhenry

Jakarta Highland Games - 27 May

Open Quintets

MSR

- 1st St Mary's
- 2nd South West Highlanders
- 3rd Ballarat Highlanders
- 4th The Pipeband Club
- Judges: Scott Nicolson (piping), Alan Wallace (drumming)

Medley

- 1st St Mary's
- 2nd South West Highlanders
- 3rd Ballarat Highlanders
- 4th The Pipeband Club

Judges: Scott Nicolson (piping), Alan Wallace (drumming)

Overall Open Champions

1st St Mary's
2nd South West Highlanders
3rd Ballarat Highlanders
4th The Pipeband Club

Judges: Scott Nicolson (piping), Alan Wallace (drumming)

Southeast Asian Quintets

Marches

1st Malaysian Pipeband Club
2nd Hong Kong
3rd St Joseph's Institute
4th St Andrew's Hong Kong
Judges: Scott Nicolson (piping), Alan Wallace (drumming)

Medley

1st Hong Kong
2nd Malaysian Pipeband Club
3rd St Joseph's Institute
4th Oriental Pipes & Drums
Judges: Scott Nicolson (piping), Alan Wallace (drumming)

Overall Southeast Asian Champions

1st Hong Kong
2nd Malaysian Pipeband Club
3rd St Joseph's Institute
4th Oriental Pipes & Drums
Judges: Scott Nicolson (piping), Alan Wallace (drumming)

Solo Piping

Open

MSR

1st Adam Havey
2nd Hamish Cotton
3rd Paul Spencer
Judge: Scott Nicolson

Hornpipe & Jig

1st Adam Harvey
2nd Lachlan Reid
3rd Stuart Fung
Judge: Scott Nicolson

Southeast Asian Slow Air & March

1st Andrew Yu
2nd Parmjit Singh
3rd Kieran Wan
Judge: Scott Nicolson

Markinch Highland Games - Fife – 3 June

Piobaireachd

1st Michael Elder
2nd Jonathan Greenlees
3rd Greig Canning
4th Tracey Williams
Judges: Colin MacLellan, Andrew Wright

MSR

1st Alasdair Henderson
2nd Gordon McCready
3rd Jonathan Graham
4th Matt Wilson
Judges: James Banks, Bob Shepherd

Queensland Pipe Band and Solo Championships - Ipswich - 9 June

The day was cold but thankfully not much rain, unlike the following day! This year's championships had the largest entry for some years, both bands and soloists. The Pipeband Club from Sydney was in attendance and the solo events were very well subscribed. The two Piobaireachd competitions were a bit of a marathon for the judge, Iain Bruce. Society member Alistair McInnes took out the champion open piper award and member Ross Campbell won the Piobaireachd. In addition, the placegetters in all grades contained many names of pipers who have played at our Society meetings. Congratulations to Ipswich Thistle who again organised the event, which ran very well to time - with such a large entry that in itself is quite an achievement!

BANDS

Grade 4

1st University of Qld at Emmanuel College
2nd Gold Coast Tweed
3rd Maclean & District
Pipe Corps: - University of Qld at Emmanuel College
Drum Corps: University of Qld at Emmanuel College
Dress: Qld Police Juvenile
Drill: - University of Qld at Emmanuel College

Grade 3

1st Wynnum RSL
Pipe Corps - Wynnum RSL
Drum Corps - Wynnum RSL
Dress: Wynnum RSL
Drill: Wynnum RSL

Grade 2

1st St Andrew's – Association Trophy
Pipe Corps: St Andrew's - Association Trophy
Drum Corps: St Andrew's - Association Trophy
Dress: St Andrew's

Drill: St Andrew's

Grade 1

1st Qld Highlanders No 1
 2nd The Pipeband Club, NSW
 Drum Corps: Qld Highlanders No 1
 Dress: Qld Highlanders No 1
 Drill: Qld Highlanders No 1
 Overall March Off Drill
 Qld Highlanders No 1
 Overall Dress
 Wynnum RSL

SOLOS

LEARNER CHANTER – 2/4 March

1st Bradley Scott
 2nd Abby Dalziel
 3rd Christopher McCosker

D GRADE – 2/4 MARCH

1st James Senanayake
 2nd Benjamin Mooney
 3rd Edward Scott

D GRADE - SLOW AIR

1st Benjamin Mooney
 2nd James Senanayake
 3rd Zali Rogers

C GRADE -MSR

1st Lloyd George-Worth
 2nd Peter Hurwood
 3rd Nic Johns

C GRADE - JIG

1st Lachlan McPhee
 2nd Peter Hurwood
 3rd Rylie Douglas

B GRADE -MSR

1st Nick Robinson
 2nd Andy Matthews
 3rd Thomas Fox

B GRADE - HORNPIPE/JIG

1st Nick Robinson
 2nd Sam Hemer
 3rd Malcolm MacKellar

A GRADE – MSR

1st Thomas Campbell
 2nd Alistair McInnes
 3rd Andrew Roach

A GRADE - HP/JIG

1st Alistair McInnes
 2nd Conor McCallion
 3rd Wayne Kennedy

PIOBAIREACHD 'A' (OPEN)

1st Ross Campbell

2nd Alistair McInnes

3rd Conor McCallion

PIOBAIREACHD 'B'

1st Thomas Fox

2nd Andy Matthews

3rd Lloyd George-Worth

Roddy MacSween Memorial

1st Thomas Campbell

CHAMPION OPEN PIPER

Alistair McInnes

The Wellington Pipers Club annual piping competitions – 9 June

Everest Piobaireachd

1st Iain Robertson, *The End of the Great Bridge*
 2nd Stuart Easton, *Lament for Captain MacDougall*
 3rd Marion Horsburgh, *Colin Roy McKenzie's Lament*
 4th Andrew Edwards, *Too Long In This Condition*
 Brown Cup (march, strathspey, reel, hornpipe, jig)
 1st Iain Robertson, *John MacColl's March to Kilbowie Cottage, Cameronian Rant, Smith of Chilliechassie, Jimmy Blue, The Rakes of Kildare*
 2nd Marion Horsburgh
 3rd Stuart Easton
 4th Stewart McKenzie

Strathmore Highland Games - 9 June

Piobaireachd

1st Greig Canning
 2nd Allan Russell
 3rd Jonathan Greenlees
 4th Greig Wilson
 5th Alan Clark
 Judges: Ronnie Clarke, Duncan Watson

March

1st Gordon McCready
 2nd Alan Russell
 3rd David Wilton
 4th Jonathan Greenlees
 5th Greig Wilson

Strathspey & Reel

1st Gordon McCready
 2nd David Wilton
 3rd Alan Russell
 4th Glenn Ross
 5th Jonathan Greenlees
 Light Music Judges: Robert Barnes and James Hamilton