



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Newsletter - May 2013

May Meeting

on Monday 27th at 7.30pm

at Balmoral Bowls Club

Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

This meeting will feature the

Annual Patron's Trophy Contest

MSR for senior players (Grade A and B)

Members and non members welcome to compete or to listen

The test piece will be a March, Strathspey and Reel each of at least 4 parts.

Competitors are to submit two sets of tunes of which the judge will choose one

Prizes: 1st: Patron's Trophy and \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30

Entries by email to qhps@qhps.org, phone to 07 3397 4512 or before 7.30 on the night

This month sees our premier senior competition for the Society, with the Patron's Trophy MSR.

At the same time Society members are making their mark elsewhere, with Ross Campbell judging at the NSW Pipers Society Silver Chalice competition and Maurie DeHayr and Tom McGirr judging at the RU Brown in Adelaide. Also congratulations to Ross Campbell for his 3rd in the Clasp in Adelaide and to Michael Rodger and Peter Hurwood placing in the Silver and Bronze Medals in Adelaide respectively.

We also have the Queensland Solo Championships to look forward to at Ipswich in early June, so there are plenty of chances to hear some good playing in the near future.

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Alex McConnell
Secretary

2013 SOCIETY CALENDAR

MONTHLY MEETING Dates

FEBRUARY 25 TH	PIPERS' NIGHT	JULY 22 ND	JIMMY DURHAM MEMORIAL (2/4 FOR JUNIORS)
MARCH 25 TH	FEATURED PIPERS TO BE ADVISED	AUGUST 26 TH	FEATURED PIPERS TO BE ADVISED
APRIL 22 ND	PIPERS FROM WYNNUM RSL	SEPTEMBER 23 RD	(ANNUAL MEETING & AIR/JIG CONTEST)
MAY 27 TH	PATRON'S TROPHY (MSR FOR SENIORS)	OCTOBER 28 TH	FEATURED PIPERS TO BE ADVISED
JUNE 24 TH	PIPERS FROM QLD HIGHLANDERS	NOVEMBER 25 TH	JACK McCANDLISH TROPHY (6/8s)

After each competition, the floor is open for all. Please advise as you arrive that you intend to play so we can schedule performances.

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

3 rd February	5th May CANCELLED	4 th August	3 rd November (Recital)
3 rd March	2 nd June	8 th September	1 st December
7 ^h April	7 ^h July	6 th October	

APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting attracted about twenty members and unfortunately only a couple of players.

Lachlan McPhee led off the evening with a few tunes.

Donald Galloway formally opened the meeting and advised that we had an apology from Andrew Roach and Margaret Paterson. He advised that Joe Joyce would be our featured piper a bit later on.

Lachlan then continued with his selection which included **John MacDonald of Glencoe, John MacColl's March to Kilbowie Cottage, O'er the Bows to Ballindalloch, The Famous Ballymote, Crossing the Minch, Alan MacPherson of Mossbank, At Long Last, Barefoot through Brisbane, Ye Jacobites by Name.**

Donald mentioned the participation and success of Society members at Maclean.

Joe Joyce then gave us a wide ranging selection including the 4/4s **Caulderhead, PM Bob Martin, Crusaders, Music of Spey**, the 6/8s **Dornoch Highland Gathering, Mrs Lily Christie**. 2/4s **Highland Wedding and Balmoral Highlanders, Strathspeys & Reels Dora McLeod, Susan McLeod, John Morrison of Assynt House and The Brown Haired Maid, Slow Air & Jigs – Finlay McRae, Frahar's Jig, Kesh Jig, Rocking the Baby, Wise**

Maiden & Doug Boyd's Favourite, Hornpipes – Man from Skye, The High Level and Train Journey North, Strathspeys & Reels again – PM Sandy Gordon, Caledonian Society of London, Lady Mackenzie of Gareloch, High Road to Linton, Cape Breton Fiddlers, Dakabin Runaway, Mace Face & Fork n Eye, Hornpipes Big Road Brusher, Beverly's Wedding, John Walsh's Walk & Roachy Owes me Beers (an own composition!).

Donald Galloway asked Joe to give a bit of a sketch of his piping career and Joe obliged, with some of the highlights being: Started piping in 1981 with the Redcliffe band for a couple of years but then gave it away until his father took him to Rob MacGregor to learn. As a result he ended up in St Andrews No 2 band for a year or so before moving up to the No 1 band. In 1985 he joined the army and continued playing the pipes there for 7 years or so. In the early 90s he went to Scotland for the Worlds with the Blacktown band from Sydney. All through this time he maintained an association with St Andrews and was with the No 1 band for 25 years, including stints as Pipe Sergeant and Pipe Major. He is a Life Member of the band. Currently he is Pipe Major of the Wynnum RSL band and they have just started up a No 2 band.

After that prodigious effort, we heard from Lachlan

again, playing the tunes he played in winning the McCabe Memorial contest at Maclean - **Lament for Catherine, P/M Donald Maclean of Lewis and Alan MacPherson of Mosspark.** He finished up with **Accordion Man, The Rose of Allendale, Wings, The Rowan Tree, A Hundred Pipers and Bonnie Dundee.**

So in the final analysis, we had a pretty good night of piping, despite the small numbers.

The raffle was drawn by Mrs McInnes and also won by her!

Donald mentioned that the next meeting was the Patron's trophy and thanked all for their attendance.

Piobaireachd Group

The May meeting of the Piobaireachd Group was cancelled due to the clash with the R U Brown contest in Adelaide, which many of the normal participants attended.

“Raising the Standard”

The Scottish & Celtic Magazine of Queensland

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07 3396 9025

SNIPPETS

Tote Bags for Sale - There are still bags left over from the 2010 Australian Pipe Band Championships at Caloundra. We have some available for purchase at our meetings (\$2 each)

OTHER PIPING SOCIETIES

The Smallpipers Group - Contact Malcolm McLaren for meeting details -
mrmclaren@bigpond.com

The NSW Pipers' Society usually meets on the 1st Thursday of each month. Contact Adam Wishart – 0409 158 237 or adamwishart@live.com.au

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

RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia: 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

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

What's on.....

M A Y	25 British Pipe Band Championships - Bathgate
	27 Society Meeting - Patron's Trophy - MSR for senior players
J U N	2 Society Piobaireachd Group
	8 Qld Pipe Band and Solo Championships - Limestone Park, Ipswich - www.pipebandsqld.org
	22 Clan Campbell Bannockburn Dinner - Irish Club - Contact 07 3359 9052 - Bookings Essential
	23 Clans Congress Kirking of the Tartan - St Paul's Church, St Paul's Terrace, Brisbane - 9.30am. Contact 07 3359 9052
	24 Society Meeting - Featured Pipers from Qld Highlanders
29 European Pipe Band Championships - Forres	
J U L	6 Tartan Day, King George Square, Brisbane - 9am to 4pm - Contact 07 3359 8195 or www.aussie-scots.org
	6 Aberdeen Highland Games - NSW - www.aberdeenhighlandgames.com
	7 Society Piobaireachd Group
	21 Clans Congress Band Contest - Logan Garden, Logan City www.pipebandsqld.org
	22 Society Meeting - Jimmy Durham Memorial Contest (2/4 for Grade C & D)
27 Scottish Pipe Band Championships - Dumbarton	
A U G	4 Society Piobaireachd Group
	16-18 Scots in the Bush - Mundubbera. Contact 07 4168 0168 or 07 4168 0159 www.boondoomahomestead.org.au
	17-18 Worlds Pipe Band Championships - Glasgow
	21-22 Argyllshire Highland Games - Oban
	26 Society Meeting - Featured Pipers
31 Cowal Pipe Band Championships - Dunoon	

Sep 5-6 Northern Meeting, Inverness

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

CONTEST RESULTS

NSW Pipers Society Silver Chalice and Ron Clement MSR Contest - Sydney - 13 April

Silver Chalice Piobaireachd

- 1st Jason Craig, *Lament for Patrick Og MacCrimmon*
 2nd Paul Hughes, *Lament for Mary MacLeod*
 3rd Dennis Browning, *The Battle of Waternish*
 4th Garry Barker, *MacKay's Banner*
 5th Stephen Ross, *Beloved Scotland*
 Judge: Ross Campbell

Ron Clement MSR Contest

- 1st Jason Craig
 2nd Paul Hughes
 3rd Garry Barker
 4th Dennis Browning
 5th Adam Wishart
 Judge: Ainslie Hart

Royal Scottish Pipers Society Competition - Edinburgh - 27 April

Overall

John Frater

Piobaireachd

- 1st John Frater, *The Black Wedder's White Tail*
 2nd Colin MacNeill, *Beloved Scotland*
 3rd Iain MacLeod, *The Raising of the Standard at Glenfinnan*

March, Strathspey & Reel

- 1st Andrew Frater
 2nd Colin MacNeill
 3rd Alan Forbes

Jig

- 1st John Frater
 2nd Alan Forbes
 3rd Andrew Frater

6/8 March

- 1st Alan Forbes
 2nd Ian MacDonald
 3rd Gordon Hislop
 Judges: Colin MacLellan, Bruce Hitchings
 This is an amateur competition for RSPS members only

Atlantic Piobaireachd Challenge - Prince Edward Island, Canada - 27 April

Professional

- 1st Alex Gandy, *Lord MacDonald's Lament*

2nd James MacHattie, *The Old Men of the Shells*

Grade 1

- 1st Sarah Simpson, *Fair Honey*
 2nd James Dyson, *All the Men Paid Rent but Rory*
 3rd Brandon Gardner, *The Parading of the MacDonalds*

Grade 2

- 1st Ian Best, *All the Men Paid Rent but Rory*

Grade 3

- 1st Graeme Murray, *Melbank's Salute*
 2nd Mike Farnworth, *Grain in Hides, Corn in Sacks*
 3rd Bill Duncan, *Lady Anapool's Lament*

Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival - Oban - 4 May

Overall

Gordon McCready

Ceol Mor

- 1st David Wilton, *Park Piobaireachd No2*
 2nd Gordon McCready, *Battle of Waternish*
 3rd Allan Russell, *Nameless, hiharin odin, hiharin dro*
 4th Glenn Brown, *Lament for the Earl of Antrim*
 5th Cameron Drummond, *Lament for Patrick Og MacCrimmon*

Ceol Beag

- 1st Gordon McCready, *Lonach Gathering, Maggie Cameron, John Garroay*
 2nd Glenn Brown, *John MacFadyen of Melfort, P/M Hector MacLean, Roddy MacDonald's Fancy*
 3rd Cameron Drummond, *Marchioness of Tullibardine, Piper's Bonnet, Little Cascade*
 4th Alistair Henderson, *Inveran, Cal. Soc. of London, Broadford Bay*
 5th Colin Campbell, *MacLean of Pennycross, Ewe Wi' the Crookit Horn, Thomson's Dirk*
 Judges: R Wallace, A Wright

R.U. Brown Piobaireachd Society Solo Piping Competitions - Black Friars Priory School - Adelaide - 4,5 May

Clasp

- 1st Callum Beaumont
 2nd Brett Tidswell
 3rd Ross Campbell
 Judges: Willie McCallum, James Murray

Gold Medal

1st Jamie Hawke
 2nd Jonathan Quay
 3rd Jason Craig
 4th George Mason
 5th Tom Glover
 Judges: Willie McCallum, James Murray

Silver Medal

1st Simon Gibson
 2nd Jeremiah Doecke
 3rd Michaela Doecke
 4th Shannon Ritchie
 5th Michael Rodger
 Judge: Malcolm McRae

Bronze Medal

1st Michaela Doecke
 2nd Simon Gibson
 3rd Gabrielle Doecke
 4th Amelia Chandra
 5th Peter Hurwood
 Judge: Sam Young

Novice

1st Ollie Von Doussa
 2nd Gabrielle Doecke
 3rd Heather Pennell
 4th Anna Doecke
 5th Peter Frethey
 Judge: Maurie DeHayr

Open - MSR

1st Callum Beaumont
 2nd Ian Lyons
 3rd Jamie Hawke
 4th Scott Wallace
 5th Conor McCallion
 Judges: Athol Chalmers, Tam McGirr

Hornpipe & Jig

1st Callum Beaumont
 2nd Jamie Hawke
 3rd Andrew Fuller
 4th Ian Lyons
 5th Conor McCallion
 Judges: Nat Russell
 David Paterson

Intermediate - MSR

1st Gabrielle Doecke
 2nd Jeremiah Doecke
 3rd Scott Turner
 4th Craig McKenzie
 5th Michaela Doecke
 Judge: Ian Lyons

Hornpipe & Jig

1st Michaela Doecke

2nd Graham Durant-Law
 3rd Michael Rodger
 4th Gabrielle Doecke
 5th Jeremiah Doecke
 Judge: Sam Young

Sub-Intermediate

1st Jeremiah Doecke
 2nd Amelia Chandra
 3rd Michaela Doecke
 4th Scott Turner
 5th Peter Hurwood
 Judge: Maurie DeHayr

Elementary

1st Heather Pennell
 2nd Ollie Von Doussa
 3rd William James Petro
 4th James Dey
 5th Oscar Petro
 Judge: David Paterson

Sunshine Coast Band Contest - Yandina - 18**May****Grade 4 Mini Bands**

1st BBC Old Collegians
 2nd Maclean & District
 3rd Brisbane Boys College No 1
 4th Qld Police Juvenile
 5th UQ at Emmanuel College
 Drum Corps: Qld Police Juvenile

Juvenile

1st Brisbane Boys College No 1
 2nd Brisbane Boys College No 2

Grade 4

1st Gold Coast Tweed
 2nd Maclean & District
 3rd UQ at Emmanuel College
 4th BBC Old Collegians
 5th Brisbane Boys College No 1
 Drum Corps: Gold Coast Tweed

Grade 3

1st UQ at Emmanuel College
 2nd Brisbane Boys College No 1
 Drum Corps: UQ at Emmanuel College

Open Grade

1st Qld Highlanders No 1
 2nd St Andrew's
 Drum Corps: St Andrew's

Dress (Overall): Qld Highlanders No 1