



# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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## Newsletter - November 2013

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### **November Meeting**

on Monday 25th at 7.30pm

at Balmoral Bowls Club

Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

Admission \$5

featuring the

#### **Jack McCandlish Trophy 6/8 March Competition**

Junior: One 4-parted or two 2-parted tunes, Senior Two 4-parted tunes played consecutively. To be eligible for the Junior Contest, players must be graded C or D. All others will play in the senior division.

Prizes: Senior 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30, Junior 1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$30

We will also have the presentation of our Piper of the Year awards (Junior & Senior) based on participation at Society meetings and results of our competitions.

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As this is the last newsletter for 2014, we take the opportunity to wish our readers all the best for the Christmas Season and the New Year.

Our November meeting features the popular Jack McCandlish Trophy 6/8 competition, followed by the Christmas Party. Please bring a plate of goodies to share at the party (no warming facilities available).

The last Society activity for the year will be the Piobaireachd Group meeting on 1 December and the first one for 2014 will be the Piobaireachd Group on 2 February, with the first Monday night meeting on 24 February.

Your committee will shortly be finalising the program for 2014 and as soon as that's done we will put it on the website at qhps.org. It will also be published in the February newsletter, which will come out a little earlier than usual.

*Alex McConnell*

*PS - apologies for any smudges on printed copies of this newsletter - having a bit of trouble with the printer*

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## 2013 SOCIETY CALENDAR

### MONTHLY MEETING Dates

FEBRUARY 25 <sup>TH</sup>	PIPERS' NIGHT	JULY 22 <sup>ND</sup>	JIMMY DURHAM MEMORIAL (2/4 FOR JUNIORS)
MARCH 25 <sup>TH</sup>	FEATURED PIPERS TO BE ADVISED	AUGUST 26 <sup>TH</sup>	PIPERS NIGHT
APRIL 22 <sup>ND</sup>	PIPERS FROM WYNNUM RSL	SEPTEMBER 23 <sup>RD</sup>	(ANNUAL MEETING & AIR/JIG CONTEST)
MAY 27 <sup>TH</sup>	PATRON'S TROPHY (MSR FOR SENIORS)	OCTOBER 28 <sup>TH</sup>	JULIE APPLETON-SEYMOUR MEMORIAL
JUNE 24 <sup>TH</sup>	PIPERS FROM QLD HIGHLANDERS	NOVEMBER 25 <sup>TH</sup>	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 <sup>rd</sup> February	<del>5<sup>th</sup> May</del> CANCELLED	4 <sup>th</sup> August	3 <sup>rd</sup> November (Recital)
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	8 <sup>th</sup> September	1 <sup>st</sup> December
7 <sup>th</sup> April	7 <sup>th</sup> July	6 <sup>th</sup> October	

## OCTOBER MEETING

Our October Meeting featured the Julie Appleton-Seymour contest. Our thanks to Byron Seymour for sponsoring this contest with the very generous total prizemoney of \$1,000. We had about 50 people in attendance.

Donald Galloway opened the meeting with apologies from Andrew Roach and Rob and Isobel MacGregor. There may have been a couple more but the note seems to have been lost. He welcomed Matthew Rigby to the judge's chair. Matthew won this contest last year when it was staged at Whepstead Manor.. Donald also mentioned the upcoming Piobaireachd Group Recital Day.

We had 5 competitors and each of them had to play the tune *Julie's Hornpipe*, composed by Donald Sargeant of New Zealand, and at least 6 parts of jig time (one or more tunes).

The competitors and their jigs were (in order of play)

- Chris McLeish - *Scottish Lighthouse*
- Wayne Kennedy - *Fiddler's Rally*
- Nick Tomkins - *Archie Beag* and *The Curlew*
- Lachlan McPhee - *John Patterson's Mare*
- Ross Campbell - *The Gold Ring*

After due deliberation by the judge, the prizes were awarded as follows. Bryon Seymour presented the trophy.

1st	Ross Campbell
2nd	Wayne Kennedy
3rd	Chris McLeish

That wasn't to be the end of the piping for the night (since Hornpipes and Jigs don't take long to play). We had some more music from each of the competitors. Some of their tunes were -----

Chris McLeish - *The Space Piper, B.I.A.S., The Fiddler's Rally, Andy Renwick's Ferret.*

Wayne Kennedy - *Samantha's Lullaby, Kilworth Hills, Brigadier General Cheap he of Tioran*

Lachlan McPhee - *Captain C R Lumsden, Dora MacLeod, Mrs MacPherson of Inveran*

Nick Tomkins - *Inveran, Captain Colin Campbell, Sound of Sleat, The Journey, Fiona's Obsession, Bungy Jumper. The Journey and Fionas' Obsession* are own compositions.

Ross Campbell - *Lachlan MacNeill Campbell of Kintarbert's Fancy*

The raffle was drawn by Stan Mellick and won by Elizabeth Galloway, who promptly donated it back for

next month's raffle prize.

Donald Galloway closed the meeting with another reminder about the Jack McCandlish Trophy and the Christmas Party at the November meeting, as well as the Piobaireachd Recital Day.

Lachlan McPhee  
Chris McLeish  
Nick Tomkins  
Wayne Kennedy  
Ross Campbell  
Byron Seymour



## Piobaireachd Recital Day

Our Piobaireachd Recital Day was again a great success. We had about 20 in attendance at the beginning, which built up to about 30 at the peak of proceedings. And probably of more importance, there were some 17 tunes played by some 13 pipers - a feast of the great music. The performers covered a range of ages and levels of technical ability, but all made a great contribution to the appreciation of the Great Music of the bagpipe.

Ross Campbell opened the day at about 9:45 with a short talk and then it was straight into the music. Either Ross or Maurie introduced each piper and their tune throughout the rest of the day.

Bruce McLeod - *Lament for Alasdair Dearg MacDonell of Glengarry* - well done with just a little difficulty in the Crunluath but he improves greatly every time we hear him

Abby Dalziel - *The Company's Lament* - last year at the Recital Day Abby played the ground of this tune on the goose but this time it was an assured performance on the Great Highland Bagpipe - a great step forward in the 12 months.

Ian Yardley - *Struan Robertson's Salute* - Ian had made great strides in the last month in improving his instrument and again is a player making great improvements as a result of attending our group meetings. The drones were a little out at the start but came in a bit and despite a couple of technical difficulties, again a creditable performance.

Maurie De Hayr - *You're Welcome Ewen Lochiel* - as usual with Maurie this was a very musical performance on a very good instrument with the song carrying on through the variations.

Sandy Dalziel - *The Parading of the MacDonalds* - my notes say simply a good pipe and a good performance - Sandy always seems to provide both.

After a break for morning tea the piping resumed:

Ross Campbell - *The Rout of Glenfruin* - again a very good pipe and a very musical performance - Ross is the model of consistency that every piper should aspire to.

Cathy Herzig - *Lament for the Old Sword* - In only her second public performance Cathy again showed her considerable ability. Despite a few moments of forgetfulness in the variations, this was an improvement on her first public performance which wasn't too bad either. Her great technical ability shows the benefit of the early teaching she received from Donald MacKinnon.

Dennis Browning - *Fair Honey* - yet another great musical performance on a very good pipe. Dennis had travelled all the way from Newcastle to be with us for the day and we certainly appreciated his playing.

Lunch followed.



Peter Murray - *Mary's Praise* - Peter is a new member of the group and acquitted himself well on a good pipe.

Tam McGirr - *The Battle of Auldearn #2* - again a good musical performance on an excellent instrument.

Peter Hurwood - *Lord Lovat's Lament* - Peter is another who has been improving steadily. He has mastered the task of controlling the instrument and it held well throughout. There was just a hint of "crushing" the Taorluath and Crunluath movements but is finding his feet with the great music quite well.

Wayne Kennedy - *The Groat* - Wayne is another very capable player. His pipe was just a little out from the beginning but the tune was well executed musically and technically.

To get ourselves prepared for the final leg, afternoon tea was called.

Ross Campbell - *Clanranald's Salute* - again a very nice performance on a nice pipe.

Lachlan McPhee - *Glengarry's Lament* - despite a few missed bits of execution in the Taorluath, he finished strongly in the Crunluath. The pipe just lost a bit of its resonance during the tune. he had spent the morning studying, so it was great to see him still coming to put an a very good perofmance overall.

Dennis Browning - *The MacKays' Banner* - my notes say the pipe was beautiful throughout and that was accompanied by excellent music.

Tam McGirr - *Lament for the Only Son* - again well played on a good pipe.

Ross Campbell - Lachlan MacNeill Campbell of Kintarbert's Fancy - a fine finish to a great day

After farewells and thanks from both Ross and Maurie (and a reminder to turn up for the last meeting of the year on 1 December), we wound up at a bit before 4pm, a little before the scheduled time.



Maurie DeHayr, Peter Hurwood, Ross Campbell, Dennis Browning, Abby Dalziel, Cathy Herzig, Ian Yardley, Sandy Dalziel, Peter Murray, Wayne Kennedy, Bruce McLeod

### RADIO PROGRAMS

**College of Piping Radio:** You can tune in on the Internet on <http://www.collegeofpiping.org/media/cop-radio/>

**4EB - FM 98.1** – Thursday afternoons 2.15—4.30 pm

**Radio 99.7 FM (Redcliffe)** – Sundays 12noon to 3pm

**Burnett River Radio (91.5 FM)** - Thursdays 7pm to 9pm

# What's on.....

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**25 Society Meeting - Jack McCandlish Trophy (6/8 Marches) and Christmas party**

30 Redcliffe Pipe Band St Andrew's Day Ceilidh - 7pm at Bramble Bay Bowls Club Woody Point - \$20 a head - Book with Bowls Club or Highland House or 0467 066 665 - celebrating 60 years since the band's foundation.

30 Toowoomba Caledonian Society St Andrew's Day Ceilidh - Drayton Hall - 7.00pm. Contact 07 4630 1272

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**1 Society Piobaireachd Group - Rochedale High School - 10am**

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Jan 6-10 APBA National Summer School, Scots College, Sydney - full details at <http://www.pipebands.asn.au/school.asp>. Enrolments nominally closed 31 October but late applications still being accepted.

Jan 18 Brisbane Clans Pipes and Drums Burns Supper and Dance - Gaythorne RSL at 7pm. \$35 a head. 3 course meal, coffee/shortbread. Prepaid Bookings essential - ring Kate Wyse 07 3369 2232

Jan 25 Ipswich Thistle Burns Night. Contact 0414 776 361 or [secretary@ipswichthistle.com](mailto:secretary@ipswichthistle.com)

Jan 25 Qld Irish Association Burns Night. Details <http://www.queenslandirish.com/events/robert-burns-night-2014/>

Feb Toowoomba Caledonian Society and Pipe Band Robbie Burns Dinner Drayton Hall - 7.00pm. Contact 07 4630 1272

**Feb 2 First Society Piobaireachd Group Meeting at Rochedale High School at 10am**

**Feb 24 First Society Meeting of 2014 at Balmoral Bowls Club at 7.30pm**

Mar 7-8 NZ Pipe Band Championships, Tauranga. Contact [lynkev@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lynkev@xtra.co.nz) Phone: +64 7 579 1689 Mobile: +64 21 411420

30 Mar BBC Band and Solo Contest - more details to come

Apr 12-13 Australian Pipe Band Championships - Ballarat - details at <http://www.pipebands.asn.au/calendar.asp>

May 17 Sunshine Coast Band Contest - Yandina

June 7 Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band and Solo Contest

**Following on the successful Scotland Homecoming year in 2009, there is to be another one in 2014**

**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** - 1st Tuesday of the month at Old Museum, Gregory Tce, Brisbane.

Contact Malcolm McLaren for meeting details - mrmclaren@bigpond.com or 3820 2902

**The NSW Pipers' Society** usually meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at Unit 2/10

Hampstead Road, Homebush West, 2140. Contact Adam Wishart – 0409 158 237 or adamwishart@live.com.au

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

**Canberra Pipers Society** - contact Sean Hodgman 02 6282 2795

**West Australian Piper's Society** - contact 08 9448 7446

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

**World Pipe Band Championships 2014.....** The RSPBA has announced that the Championships will again be a two day event in 2014, but instead of the Saturday-Sunday format used this year, next year will be Friday-Saturday, with the only event held on the Friday being the Grade 1 Qualifying. This follows a survey that found widespread dissatisfaction with the 2013 format on the part of bands and bandspeople.

**Piobaireachd Society set tunes for 2014** for the Argyllshire Gathering and the Northern Meeting.....

**SENIOR COMPETITIONS**

Donald Gruamach's March PS 2, K  
The Red Speckled Bull PS 4, K  
Lament for the Union PS 6, K  
Nameless 'Cherede Darievea' PS 8, K  
The Laird of Anapool's Lament PS 9  
The Red Hand in the MacDonalds' Arms PS 10  
Abercairney's Salute PS 11  
The Battle of Waterloo PS 11  
Competitors to submit four of the above tunes, one of which they will be required to play.

**GOLD MEDAL COMPETITIONS**

The Big Spree PS 1  
The Battle of the Pass of Crieff PS 1, K  
Lady Margaret MacDonald's Salute PS 3, K  
Lament for the Departure of King James PS 3, K  
Patrick Og MacCrimmon's Lament PS 3, K  
Lament for the Only Son PS 6, K  
His Father's Lament for Donald MacKenzie PS 9  
MacNeill of Barra's March PS 10  
Competitors will submit four of the above tunes, one of which they will be required to play.

**SILVER MEDAL COMPETITIONS****Group 1 'Fosgailte' Tunes**

The Groat PS 1, K  
MacCrimmon's Sweetheart PS 7, K  
The Little Spree PS 7, K

**Group 2 'Breabach' Tunes**

Lament for Captain MacDougall PS 6, K  
MacDonald of Kinlochmoidart's Lament No 1 PS 6, K  
Corrienessan's Salute PS 8, K

**Group 3 'A mach' Tunes**

The Battle of Auldearn No 2 PS 2, K

Black Donald's March PS 3, K

MacLeod of Raasay's Salute PS 8, K

Competitors will submit four of the above tunes, at least one from each Group, one of which they will be required to play. Tunes in Group 3 require crunluaths a mach.

PS = Piobaireachd Society Collection K = Kilberry Book of Ceol Mor

## CONTEST RESULTS

### Glenfiddich Invitational Solo Piping Championship - Blair Castle - 26 October

#### Overall

- 1st Iain Speirs
- 2nd Stuart Liddell
- 3rd Willie McCallum

#### Piobaireachd

- 1st Iain Speirs, *Lament for Colin Roy MacKenzie*
  - 2nd Stuart Liddell, *In Praise of Morag*
  - 3rd Willie McCallum, *MacNeill of Barra's March*
  - 4th Bruce Gandy, *Mary's Praise*
  - 5th Callum Beaumont, *Lament for the Earl of Antrim*
- Judges: Malcolm McRae, Ronnie McShannon, Jack Taylor

#### MSR

- 1st Jack Lee, *Dugald MacColl's Farewell to France, Atholl Cummers, Mrs. MacPherson of Inveran*
  - 2nd Iain Speirs, *The Duke of Roxburgh's Farewell to the Blackmount Forest, Lady Loudon, Bessie McIntyre*
  - 3rd Bruce Gandy, *Leaving Lunga, Tulloch Castle, John Garroway*
  - 4th Willie McCallum, *Captain Campbell of Drumavoisk, Dora MacLeod, Roddy MacDonald's Fancy*
  - 5th Stuart Liddell, *Abercairney Highlanders, Susan MacLeod, The Cockerel in the Creel*
- Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Jim McGillivray, William Morrison  
Other Competitors: Alan Bevan,

Cameron Drummond, Alastair Dunn, Angus MacColl.

The competition was streamed live on the Internet and your scribe was one of the avid viewers. The quality was very good with only a few outages. John Wilson as Fear an Tigh was most informative and entertaining.

The **Balvenie Medal**, presented for contributions to piping, went to **Ian McKerral** for his work in the Campbelltown, Scotland, area in resurrecting piping and drumming since 2000.

### R U Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia Silver Chanter - 2 November

#### Open

- 1st Brett Tidswell, *MacDougall's Gathering*
- 2nd Tam McGirr, *Battle of Auldearn no 2*
- 3rd Barry Gray, *The Glen is Mine*

#### B grade

- 1st Anna Doecke
- 2nd Jeremiah Doecke
- 3rd Michaella Doecke

#### C grade

- Adam Earle

#### D grade

- David Robertson
- Judge: Jim Murray (who also gave a short recital)  
This trophy is in memory of Lachlan McCabe, a name well known in Queensland and former member of our Society

### London Competitions - 2 November

#### Overall

- Iain Speirs

#### Piobaireachd

#### **Bratach Gorm (for Premier Grade players)**

- 1st Roddy MacLeod
  - 2nd Callum Beaumont
  - 3rd Bruce Gandy
  - 4th Iain Speirs
  - 5th Finlay Johnstone
- Judges: Colin MacLellan, Malcolm McRae, Jack Taylor

#### **Gilles Cup (For Premier and A-Grade players)**

- 1st Iain Speirs
  - 2nd Willie McCallum
  - 3rd Glenn Brown
  - 4th Faye Henderson
  - 5th Finlay Johnstone
- Judges: Alan Forbes, John Wilson, Bill Wotherspoon

#### **R.G. Lawrie Snuff (A-Grade)**

- 1st Derek Midgley
  - 2nd Jamie Forrester
  - 3rd Peter McCalister
  - 4th Innes Smith
  - 5th Jenny Hazzard
- Judges: Ronnie McShannon, Tom Speirs

#### **John Roe Plate (B-Grade)**

- 1st Darrach Urquhart
  - 2nd Connor Sinclair
  - 3rd Andrew Wilson
  - 4th Greig Canning
  - 5th Edward McIlwain
- Judges: Bruce Hitchings, Patricia Henderson



**National Piping Centre Trophy (C-Grade)**

1st Emmett Conway  
 2nd Ross Hume  
 3rd Andrew Gray  
 4th Edward Gaul  
 5th Calum Watson

Judges: Neill Mulvie, Stuart Shedden

**London Medallion MSR (Premier Grade)**

1st Gordon Walker  
 2nd Alastair Dunn  
 3rd Willie McCallum  
 4th Finlay Johnston  
 5th Bruce Gandy

Judges: Ronald Clark, Walter Cowan, Iain McLellan

**J.B. Robertson Rose Bowl 2/4 March (Premier Grade)**

1st Iain Speirs  
 2nd Alastair Dunn  
 3rd Roddy MacLeod  
 4th Willie McCallum  
 5th Cameron Drummond

Judges: Ronald Clark, Walter Cowan, Iain McLellan

**Strachan Cup MSR (A-Grade)**

1st Alasdair Henderson  
 2nd Jamie Forrester  
 3rd Ben McClamrock  
 4th Craig Muirhead  
 5th Jenny Hazzard

Judges: Ronnie McShannon, Tom Speirs

**London Scottish Hodden Grey MSR (B-Grade)**

1st Steven Gray  
 2nd Michael Elder  
 3rd Callum Moffat  
 4th Sarah Muir  
 5th Connor Sinclair

Judges: Jimmy Banks, Dixie Ingram, Roderick Livingstone

**Mary Flora Beaton Cup Hornpipe & Jig (Premier-Grade)**

1st Gordon Walker  
 2nd Finlay Johnston  
 3rd Cameron Drummond

Judges: Ronald Clark, Walter Cowan, Iain McLellan

**Donald Forbes Medal Hornpipe & Jig (A-Grade)**

1st Gavin Ferguson  
 2nd David Wilton  
 3rd Craig Muirhead

Judges: Jimmy Banks, Dixie Ingram, Roderick Livingstone

**Hugh MacMillan Trophy Hornpipe & Jig (B-Grade)**

1st Michael Elder  
 2nd Connor Sinclair  
 3rd Dan Lyden

Judges: Barry Donaldson, H. Jameson

**Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Band Contest - 3 November****Grade 2**

1st The Pipeband Club

**Grade 3**

1st Sydney Thistle Highland  
 2nd St Mary's District Band Club  
 3rd Scots College No 1  
 4th NSW Police

**Grade 4**

1st Sydney Thistle Highland  
 2nd Bellinger River  
 3rd Knox Grammar School No 1  
 4th NSW Police  
 5th Manly Warringah

**Juvenile**

1st Knox Grammar School No 1  
 2nd Scots College No 1  
 3rd Scots College No 2  
 4th Hawkesbury Nepean Juvenile

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