



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Newsletter - May 2014

May Meeting
on Monday 26th at 7.30pm

at our **NEW VENUE**
BULIMBA BOWLS CLUB, QUINN STREET BALMORAL
Admission \$5

The Meeting will feature the
The Annual Patron's Trophy Competition
for senior players (Grade A and B)

Members and non members welcome to compete or to listen

Test Piece: 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**

Our first meeting in our new venue went very well last month. Hopefully we will also have a good entry for the Patron's Trophy this month. Results are inside for the RU Brown Adelaide solo contest and also for the New Zealand Hastings solo contest. The contest season is starting to warm up in Scotland and in Queensland we have the Ipswich Band and Solos contest coming up in June and Logan in July..

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2014 SOCIETY CALENDAR

MONTHLY MEETING Dates

FEBRUARY 24 TH	FEATURED PIPER-ALASTAIR MCINNES	JULY 28 TH	JIMMY DURHAM MEMORIAL (2/4 FOR JUNIORS)
MARCH 24 TH	FEATURED PIPERS	AUGUST 25 TH	FEATURED PIPERS
APRIL 28 TH	PAIR OF PIPERS CONTEST	SEPTEMBER 22 ND	ANNUAL MEETING + AIR/JIG CONTEST
MAY 26 TH	PATRON'S TROPHY (MSR FOR SENIORS)	OCTOBER 27 TH	JULIE APPLETON-SEYMOUR MEMORIAL
JUNE 23 RD	FEATURED PIPERS	NOVEMBER 24 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

2nd February	4th May	3rd August	3rd November (Recital)
2nd March	1st June	14th September	2nd December
6th April	6th July	5th October	

APRIL MEETING

The April Meeting featured a Pair of Pipers competition and attracted nearly 50 people in all, including 14 competitors to our new venue, the Bulimba Bowls Club

Donald Galloway opened the evening and introduced Sandy Dalziel as our judge.

There was only one entry in the junior section of the contests - Nathan Culshaw and Ben Morris from the BBC band. They played first and their tunes were: *Heights of Dargai*, *McPhedran's Strathspey*, *Charms of Whiskey*, *Kelsey's Wee Reel*, *Water is Wide*, *Glasgow Police Pipers* and *Clumsy Lover*.

Then we started with the senior sections. The competitors and their tunes, in order of play, were:

Jason Palfrey and Brett Johnston - *The Holy Shamrock* (hornpipe), *North American Pipe Band* (jig), *Drumbuie* (air), *Highland Whisky* and *The Rusty Gun* (strathspeys) and *The Incubator* (reel)

Nick Tomkins and Chris McLeish - *Capitan Lumsden* (6/8) *Ramnee Ceilidh* (reel) *Bungee Jumper*, *The Fiddler* (jigs), *Mrs Donald McPherson* (strathspey) and *The Hell Bound Train* suite.

Owen and Rebecca Capon - This was the first time Owen had been able to get to our meeting although he has been a member for years as he lives in Biloela so

Donald welcomed him appropriately - *South Hall* (2/4), *Turf Lodge*, *Brae Riach* (jigs), *Dawning of the Day* (air) *Ewe with the Crookit Horn* (strathspey), *MacKenzie's Reel* and *Tail Toddle* (reel).

Darin Cook and Jim Allan - *Chief's Grey Feather* (reel), *Friar's Britches*, *Little Cascade* (jigs), *Merivale Princess* (air), *Shepherd's Crook*, *Kirsty McCallman's Favourite* (strathspeys), *The Big Picnic*, *Jenny Dang the Weaver* (reels), *Big Picnic* (Waltz), *Bessie McIntyre* (reel)

Lloyd-George Worth and Kristian Stanfield-Roche - *Heights of Dargai* (9/8), *McPhedran's Strathspey*, *Charms of Whiskey* (strathspeys), *Kelsey's Wee Reel*, *Water is Wide* (air), *Glasgow Police Pipers* (jig), *Clumsy Lover* (hornpipe)

Wayne Kennedy and Lachlan McPhee - *Beverley's Wedding* (hornpipe), *Haitian Sensation*, *Fiona's Obsession*, *Bungee Jumper* (jig), *61st Cameron Highlanders*, *Rodney Hull QC*, *Mrs Donald MacPherson* (strathspeys), *After Curfew*, *Lexy McAskill* (reels)

While Sandy considered his decisions, the opportunity was taken to draw the raffle. The drawer was Diana McPhee and the winner was Lachlan McPhee!

The results were then announced, with patron Maurie

DeHayr presenting the prizes:

Junior

1st Nathan Culshaw and Ben Morris

Senior

1st Darin Cook and Jim Allan
2nd Jason Palfrey and Brett Johnston
3rd Lloyd-George Worth and Kristian Stanfield-Roche

Finally, before we adjourned for supper, Sandy Dalziel took the opportunity to try out some of his tunes for the Adelaide competition coming up the following weekend and we heard - 6/8s *Dornoch Highland Gathering & Dovecote Park*, MSR *Stirlingshire Militia*, *Dornie Ferry* and *Rejected Suitor* and Hornpipe and Jig *Jack Adrift* and *Kenny Gillies of Portolong, Skye*.

All in all a great night of piping in a very congenial club.

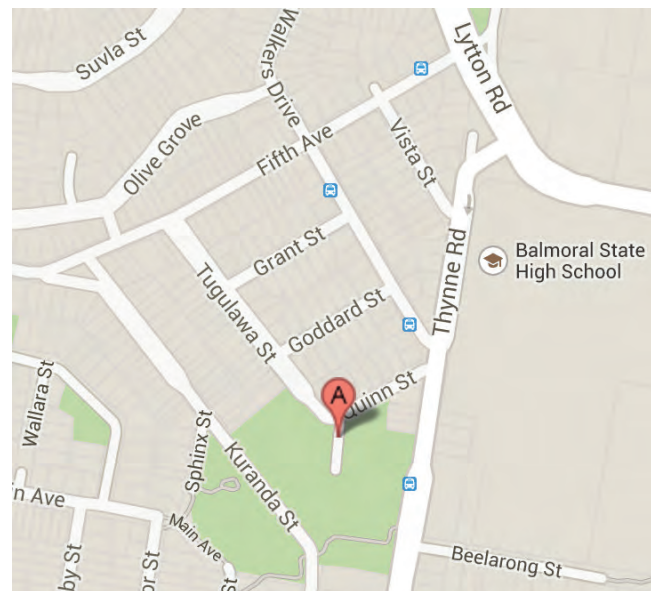


Nathan Culshaw, Ben Morris, Kristian Stanfield-Roche, Lloyd-George Worth, Jason Palfrey, Brett Johnston, Darin Cook, Jim Allan

Our New Venue

is the Bulimba Bowls Club in the suburb of Balmoral (some continuity since our previous one was the Balmoral Bowls Club in the suburb of Morningside!)

To get there, turn off Wynnum Road or Lytton Road into Thynne Road and then after some distance into Quinn Street. The club car park entrance is in Quinn Street and there is disabled access to the building. If you absolutely have to play pipes outside, please stay on the Thynne Road side of the club building and away from Quinn Street, so as to minimise noise disruption.



Piobaireachd Group

The May Piobaireachd Group had a good attendance of 8 despite the absence of a number of members at the Adelaide competition. We had apologies from Ross Campbell, Peter Hurwood and Sandy and Abby Dalziel. Maurie opened the meeting and welcomed Alan Gill who was visiting from Armidale.

Our first player was David Marriner and he gave us *Sir James MacDonald's Welcome to the Isles*. He was congratulated for his third place in the Restricted Piobaireachd at Maclean.

He was followed by Bruce McLeod playing *Lament for Alasdair Dearg MacDonnell of Glengarry* and then *Kinlochmoidart No 1*

Maurie then played for us a recording of Bob Brown playing *Lament for Donald of Laggan* in New Zealand in 1971, followed by a later tape of the same tune played by Jimmy MacIntosh. There was some discussion about the subtle differences in the two renditions and then we broke for morning tea.

After morning tea we had a similar exercise, with *The Old Woman's Lullaby* played first by Bob Brown and then by Robert Wallace, the latter in the "Cameron" style. More discussion followed.

Alan Gill then played the early part of *The Wee Spree*.

Then it was Dave Marriner's turn again and he began to play *Struan Robertson's Salute* but only got as far as the 1st variation and stopped because the G was out. Instead he played *Flame of Wrath*.

Finally Maurie DeHayr played *Salute to Donald*, an old tune of his that he has just "revived". By then it was about 1pm so the meeting concluded

We had a couple of inaccuracies in last month's Piobaireachd Group report:

The Red Speckled Bull and The Vaunting were actually both composed by Ronald MacDonald of Morar, rather than being similar to each other.

Robin Sutherland did not get tuition from Bob Brown.

In the final paragraph, a better description would be: Instead of a prominent C, Bob Brown played a long cadential E with an attractive run-down through C and B to low A in the opening phrase of His Father's Lament for Donald MacKenzie. This, Brown got from his wife's uncle, Alex Abercrombie, who was taught by both Ronald MacKenzie and Colin Cameron (Braham), and it is perfectly acceptable to adopt this 'Abercrombie run-down' in other tunes with a similar entry, such as MacLeod of Colbeck, My Dearest on Earth Give me Your Kiss, Melbank's Salute and The Munros' Salute.

OTHER PIPING SOCIETIES

The Smallpipers Group - 1st Tuesday of the month at Milton. 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 or Craig Masson
08 8261 1119

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07 3396 9025

What's on.....

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- 26 Society Meeting - Patron's Trophy**
31 British Pipe Band Championships, Bathgate

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- 1 Society Piobaireachd Group**
7 Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band and Solo Contest - Queensland Solo Championships.
www.ipswichthistle.com Katrina Stead 0414 776 361
14 UK Pipe Band Championships - Belfast
22 Kirking of the Tartan - St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Spring Hill, Brisbane -
9.30am Contact 0411 495 985
23 Society Meeting - Featured Pipers
28 European Pipe Band Championships - Forres

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- 5 International Tartan Day, King George Square, Brisbane. Contact 07 3359 8195
5 Aberdeen (NSW) Highland Games. Contact Carol 02 9389 1440
6 Society Piobaireachd Group
20 Scotland in the Park - Band Contest, Highland Dancing - Logan Gardens - Contact
07 3200 9536
26 Scottish Pipe Band Championships - Dumbarton
28 Society Meeting - Jimmy Durham Memorial Contest

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- 3 Society Piobaireachd Group**
15,16 World Pipe Band Championships - Glasgow Green
24 Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Solo Contest
25 Society Meeting
27,28 Argyllshire Gathering, Oban

Sep 4,5 Northern Meeting, Inverness

Oct 25 Glenfiddich Championship - Blair Castle

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 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 <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

CONTEST RESULTS

Maclean Highland Gathering - 18.19 April

Solos

These are the remaining results we did not have available to publish last month

Open Piobaireachd

- 1st Sandy Dalziel
- 2nd Tam McGirr
- 3rd Mark McKenzie

Open March/Strathspey/Reel

- 1st Andrew Roach
- 2nd Fraser Bolton
- 3rd Lachlan McPhee

Open Hornpipe/Jig

- 1st Andrew Roach
- 2nd Lachlan McPhee
- 3rd Murdo MacLeod

Open Air

- 1st Mark McKenzie
- 2nd Andrew Roach
- 3rd Dennis Browning

Gold Medal Open Piper

- 1st Andrew Roach
- 2nd Mark McKenzie
- 3rd Sandy Dalziel

Elementary March Heat 1

- 1st Abby Daziel
- 2nd Zali Rogers
- 3rd Jordon Simmers

Elementary March Heat 2

- 1st Mitchell Durham
- 2nd Aodhan Trusselle
- 3rd Jeffery Mears

Elementary March Final

- 1st Mitchell Durham
- 2nd Jordon Simmers
- 3rd Jeffery Mears

Elementary Air Heat 1

- 1st Callum Pert
- 2nd Jordon Simmers
- 3rd Jasper Pflaum

Elementary Air Heat 2

- 1st Abby Daziel
- 2nd Mitchell Durham
- 3rd Zali Rogers

Elementary Air Final

- 1st Mitchell Durham
- 2nd Abby Daziel
- 3rd Callum Pert

Champion Elementary Piper

- Mitchell Durham

Learner Chanter

- 1st Annelise Ryan
- 2nd Aidan Scott
- 3rd Louise Hattenfels

Hastings Highland Games, New Zealand – 25 April

Piobaireachd

Gold Clasp

- 1st Greg Wilson
- 2nd Brendon Eade
- 3rd Stuart Easton
- 4th Marion Horsburgh

Gold Medal

- 1st Tracey Williams, *The Desperate Battle*
- 2nd Daniel Milosavijevic
- 3rd Willie Rowe
- 4th Liam Kernaghan

Silver Medal

- 1st Andrew Edwards
- 2nd Donella May
- 3rd Lewis Gibson
- 4th Anna Smart

Under-21 NZ Championship

- 1st Hamish Dick
- 2nd Anna Smart
- 3rd Nicola Thomson
- 4th Cameron Richardson

A-Grade

MSR

- 1st Liam Kernaghan
- 2nd Brendon Eade
- 3rd Stuart Easton
- 4th Jamie Hawke

2/4 March

- 1st Liam Kernaghan
- 2nd Brendon Eade
- 3rd Greg Wilson
- 4th Marion Horsburgh

2 x 2/4 Marches

- 1st Greg Wilson
- 2nd Brendon Eade
- 3rd Stuart Easton
- 4th Jamie Hawke

Strathspey & Reel

- 1st Greg Wilson
- 2nd Liam Kernaghan
- 3rd Stuart Easton
- 4th Jamie Hawke

6/8 March

- 1st Brendon Eade
- 2nd Stuart Easton
- 3rd George Mason
- 4th Liam Kernaghan

Hornpipe & Jig

- 1st Brendon Eade
- 2nd Greg Wilson
- 3rd Jamie Hawke
- 4th Willie Rowe

Overall

- Greg Wilson
- Judges: Brian Switalla and Iain Hines (piobaireachd),
Stewart McKenzie (light music)

**R.U. Brown Piobaireachd Society of South
Australia annual competitions - Adelaide - 3,4
May**

Piobaireachd**Clasp**

- 1st Callum Beaumont
- 2nd Marion Horsburgh
- 3rd Brett Tidswell

Gold Medal

- 1st Jason Craig
- 2nd Fiona Mason
- 3rd Jonathon Quay
- 4th Elizabeth Drury
- 5th Sandy Dalziel

Silver Medal

- 1st Katherine Belcher
- 2nd Laura McMillan
- 3rd Michael Rodger
- 4th Jeremiah Doecke
- 5th Craig McKenzie

Bronze Medal

- 1st Anna Doecke
- 2nd Amelia Chandra
- 3rd Gabrielle Doecke
- 4th Adam Earl
- 5th Peter Hurwood

Merv Hall Medal

- 1st Abby Dalziel
- 2nd Roger Sinclair
- 3rd Peter Frethey
- 4th Andrew Thomson
- 5th Sharon Jameson

A-Grade**MSR**

- 1st Andrew Fuller
- 2nd Fiona Manson
- 3rd Alastair McInnes
- 4th Scott Wallace
- 5th Laura McMillan

Hornpipe & Jig

- 1st Jason Craig
- 2nd Craig Sked
- 3rd Laura McMillan
- 4th Scott Wallace
- 5th Marion Horsburgh

B-Grade**MSR**

- 1st Jeremiah Doecke
- 2nd Jonathon McIntyre
- 3rd Martin MacBeth
- 4th Cameron Ely
- 5th Michaela Doecke

Hornpipe & Jig

- 1st Jeremiah Doecke
- 2nd Martin MacBeth
- 3rd Andrew Stainthorpe
- 4th Cameron Elyh
- 5th Nick Tomkins

C-Grade

- 1st Jeremiah Doecke
- 2nd Gabrielle Doecke
- 3rd Michaela Doecke
- 4th Anna Doecke
- 5th Amelia Chandra

D-Grade

- 1st Andrew Thomson
- 2nd Melanie Inglis
- 3rd Roger Sinclair
- 4th David Graham
- 5th Dylan Flecker
- Judges: Malcolm McRae, James Murray and Jim Smith.

Highlands & Islands Piping - Oban - 3 May**P/A Piobaireachd**

- 1st Finlay Johnston, *MacNeill of Barra's March*
- 2nd Gordon McCready, *Earl of Seaforth's Salute*
- 3rd Allan Russell, *Suibhal Seumas*

4th Peter McCalister, *Laird of Coll's Barge*
 5th Faye Henderson, *Nameless, cherede darievea*
 Judges: I MacFadyen, R Wallace

Grade B Piobaireachd

1st Matt Fraser
 2nd Edward Gaul
 3rd Steven Leask
 4th Gordon Barclay
 5th Neil Walker
 Judges: A Wright, N Mulvie

Grade C Piobaireachd

1st Duncan Beattie
 2nd Rhuaridh Edwards
 3rd Finlay Clark
 4th Gary Carruthers
 5th Calum MacLean

March, Strathspey and Reel – Grade A & P

1st William Geddes
 2nd Finlay Johnston
 3rd Peter Hunt
 4th Gordon McCready
 5th Jenny Hazzard
 Judges: T Speirs, S Samson

Grade B MSR

1st Callum Moffat
 2nd Steven Gray
 3rd Andrew Wilson
 4th Steven Leask
 5th Angus J MacColl
 Judges: B Donaldson, C MacLellan

Queensland Pipe Band Championships - 17 May **- Yandina**

Grade 4 Mini Bands

1st BBC No 1 (MSR Preference)
 2nd BBC Old Collegians
 3rd NSW Highlanders
 Best Drum Corps NSW Highlanders (MSR Preference)

Juvenile

1st BBC No 1
 2nd BBC No 2

Grade 4

1st BBC Old Collegians
 2nd Gold Coast Tweed
 3rd Brisbane Boys College No 1
 4th Towomba Caledonian
 5th Noosa & District
 Best Drum Corps Gold Coast Tweed

Grade 3

1st University of Qld at Emmanuel College
 Best Drum Corps University of Qld at Emmanuel College

Grade 2

1st St Andrews
 Best Drum Corps St Andrews

Grade 1

1st Queensland Highlanders
 Best Drum Corps Queensland Highlanders

Drum Majors Solo

1st Dominic Andersen-Strudwick
 2nd Nicholas Winkley
 3rd Vic Playford

BEST DRESS OVERALL

Brisbane Boys College No 1