



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Newsletter - June 2014

June Meeting
on Monday 23rd at 7.30pm

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

The Meeting will be a Featured Pipers Night
Members and non members welcome to play or to listen

As we approach the middle of the year, we see that the competition season in Scotland is getting into gear with two of the major Pipe band Championships now complete and some solid solo events happening. Check out the results from Strathmore games for some familiar names. We have also had the major solo contest at Ipswich in the last month and a good standard of play was evident. Also in the accompanying band contest, the Grade 4 standard was particularly pleasing. The Wellington Pipers Club have also run their major annual contest and the results are in these pages.

We still need more pipers to turn up to our meetings intending to play. Even if there is a competition or featured pipers, there is always time for others to have a tune and the adage that "many hands make light work" certainly applies. We would be delighted to have to ask pipers to shorten their selections so all the others can have a go!

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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	

MAY MEETING

Our May meeting featured the annual Patron's Trophy competition comprising a March Strathspey and Reel for senior players. About 25 were in attendance and Donald Galloway opened the meeting, introducing the Patron, Maurie DeHayr as our judge for the evening.

We had three competitors - in order of play they were as follows. Each player had submitted two sets of tunes and those shown are the ones chosen by the judge.

Lachlan McPhee - *John MacDonald of Glencoe, Maggie Cameron, Alick C MacGregor*

Nick Tomkins - *Inveran, Lady MacKenzie of Gairloch, Major Manson*

Tam McGirr - *Abercairney Highlanders, Maggie Cameron, The Little Cascade*

Bruce McLeod played *Loch Rannoch* and *The Dark Island* while the judge deliberated

The results were:

- 1st T McGirr
- 2nd L McPhee
- 3rd N Tomkins

Maurie made some comments about the playing in general. He said that care needed to be taken not to rush into the following part in the marches.

Strathspeys needed some touching up in places and the reels had been great. All the pipes were good and overall the contest had been very enjoyable.

Donald called for a round of applause for the competitors and the judge.

Nick Tomkins then played a selection of tunes including *Flight of the Eaglets, Brigadier General Ronald Cheape, Dora MacLeod, Mrs MacPherson of Inveran, Train Journey North* and *The Old Wife of the Mill Dust*.

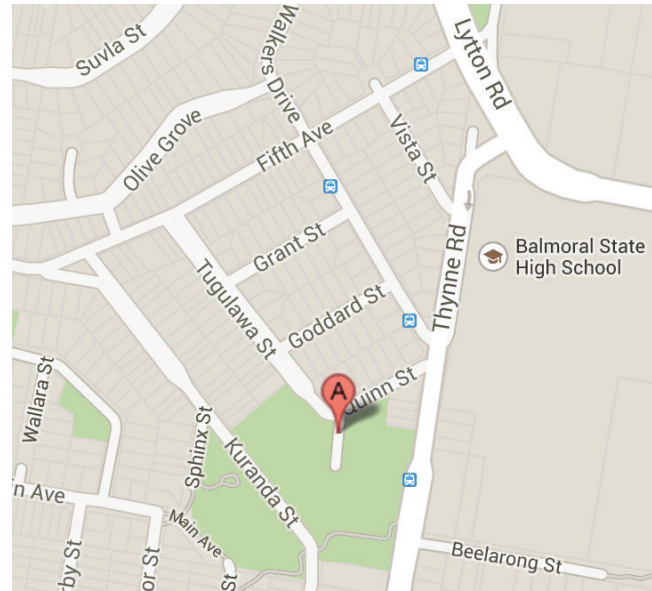
He was followed by Tom McGirr and Lachlan McPhee but unfortunately we don't have lists of their tunes.

By now it was time to draw the raffle and conclude the meeting but before adjourning for supper there was another round of applause for the players. Donald also announced that we would be at the new venue for at least the next three months and next month was a featured pipers night. He also announced that the sponsorship had been confirmed for the Jean Appleton-Seymour contest at our October meeting.

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

At the June meeting we had an attendance of eight people. There were apologies from Lachlan McPhee and Tom McGirr.

Ross Campbell was first to play - he started with *The Red Speckled Bull* which was the tune he had in the Adelaide competition but unfortunately he went off just into the thumb variation. Then he played *Mackintosh's Banner*

The set tune for the day was *The Munro's Salute*. Ross distributed copies and then played it. Following that we all sang it through.

Morning tea followed and then Peter Hurwood played *Lament for Donald of Laggan* for the first time on pipes. He had learnt the tune since returning from the Adelaide competition

Ian Yardley played *Kinlochmoidart No 1* again. He is improving steadily but unfortunately missed Variation 1 and stopped part way through taorluath after playing a wrong note.

Bruce McLeod was next with *The Company's Lament* and showed major improvement in technique.

Maurie then played the *Lament for Rev Dr Norman MacLeod* by Willie Ross as edited by Roderick Cannon and published in *The Voice* in Winter 2003.

The morning finished with Ross giving Ian Yardley some assistance with his tune.

NEWS

Jeannie Campbell awarded MBE - Many who have visited the College of Piping in Glasgow will have met Jeannie. She has worked extensively with the College and when we visited in 2006 gave us a conducted tour of the College Museum and later recognised us as we went around the contests. She is a recognised authority on bagpipe manufacturers (and has written a book on the subject) and has been a regular reporter on competitions for the Piping Times. We extend our congratulations to her for this well earned honour.

Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association turns 90 - The VHPBA is the oldest pipe band association in the world, predating the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association by seven years. They are celebrating this year with a dinner and unveiling their own tartan. Our congratulations to the VHPBA.

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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What's on.....

J U N	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
J U L	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
A U G	28	Society Meeting - Jimmy Durham Memorial Contest
	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

Dunfermline Highland Games – 24 May

Grade 1

1st Shotts & Dykehead Caledonia
 2nd ScottishPower
 Drumming: Shotts & Dykehead
 Judges: Jim Campbell, Malcolm MacKenzie (piping);
 Peter Snaddon (ensemble); John McInnes
 (drumming)

Atholl Gathering - Blair Atholl – 25 May

Overall

Gordon McCready

Piobaireachd

A-Grade

1st Peter McCallister, *Lament for Patrick Og MacCrimmon*
 2nd Jenny Hazzard, *Glengarry's March*
 3rd Allan Russell, *Lament for the Only Son*
 4th Gordon McCready, *The Battle of Waternish*
 5th Michael Elder, *The Groat*
 6th William Geddes, *Earl of Seaforth's Salute*
 Judges: Murray Henderson, Bill Wotherspoon

B-Grade

1st Gordon Barclay, *Black Donald's March*
 2nd George Stewart, *Too Long in This Condition*
 3rd Keith Bowes, *Lament for MacDonald of Kinlochmoidart No. 1*
 4th Sandy Cameron, *The Blind Piper's Obstinacy*
 5th Neil Clark, *Corrienessan's Salute*
 Judges: Colin MacLellan, Andrew Wright

Open Light Music

MSR

1st Gordon McCready
 2nd Scott Barrie
 3rd William Geddes
 4th Angus J MacColl
 5th Peter Hunt
 6th Craig Muirhead

Hornpipe & Jig

1st Craig Muirhead
 2nd Jenny Hazzard
 3rd Gordon McCready
 4th Steven Leask
 5th William Geddes
 6th Allan Russell
 Light music judges: James Banks, Patricia
 Henderson, John MacDougall, Robert Wallace

British Pipe Band Championship - Bathgate – 31 May

Grade 1 (medley)

1st Field Marshal Montgomery
 2nd Boghall & Bathgate
 3rd St. Laurence O'Toole
 4th ScottishPower
 5th Inveraray & District
 6th Greater Glasgow Police
 Drumming: St. Laurence O'Toole
 Judges: James Wark, Ronnie McShannon (piping);
 David Brown (drumming); Jim Baxter (ensemble)

Grade 2 (MSR)

1st Torphichen & Bathgate
 2nd Buchan
 3rd Bleary & District
 4th Lomond & Clyde
 5th Glasgow Skye
 6th Mackenzie Caledonia
 Drumming: Buchan
 Judges: James Campbell, William Garrett (piping);
 Sandy Steele (drumming); Trevor Dear (ensemble)

Markinch Highland Games – 1 June

Piobaireachd

1st William Geddes
 2nd Greig Canning
 3rd Craig Muirhead
 4th George Stewart
 Judges: Andrew Frater, Andrew Wright

MSR

1st William Geddes
 2nd George Stewart
 3rd Greig Wilson
 4th Greig Canning
 Judges: Roderick Barron, Ian Duncan

Donald MacDonald Quaich - Skye – 6 June

Winner

Roddy MacLeod, *The Piper's Warning to His Master*

Other competitors

Stuart Liddell, *The Lament for the Old Sword*
 Angus MacColl, *Lady MacDonald's Lament*
 Willie McCallum, *The White Flag*
 Iain Speirs, *The Groat*
 Judge: Colin MacLellan

Gathering of the Clans Pipe Band Contest and Old Solo CHampionships - Ipswich - 7 June

SOLOS

Learner Chanter – 2/4 March

- 1st Paul Culshaw
- 2nd Aidan Scott
- 3rd Luke McGahan

D Grade – 2/4 March

- 1st Mitchell Durham
- 2nd Ben Morris
- 3rd Aodhan Trusselle

D Grade - Slow Air

- 1st Abby Dalziel
- 2nd Mitchell Durham
- 3rd Tyson Rech

C Grade - MSR

- 1st Bradley Scott
- 2nd Chloe Whyte
- 3rd James Senanayake

C Grade - Jig

- 1st Kristian Stanfield-Roche
- 2nd Bradley Scott
- 3rd Micah Monro

B Grade - M/S/R

- 1st Rylie Douglas
- 2nd Owen Capon
- 3rd Lloyd George Worth

B Grade - Hornpipe/Jig

- 1st Nick Tomkins
- 2nd Charles Gregory
- 3rd Owen Capon

A Grade – MSR

- 1st Alistair Mcinnes
- 2nd Christian Cloete
- 3rd Yasuchiyo Hamilton

A Grade - - Hp/Jig

- 1st Christian Cloete
- 2nd Alistair Mcinnes
- 3rd Lachlan McPhee

Piobaireachd 'A' (OPEN)

- 1st Alistair Mcinnes
- 2nd Ross Campbell
- 3rd Yasuchiyo Hamilton

Piobaireachd 'B'

- 1st David Marriner
- 2nd Nick Tomkins
- 3rd Owen Capon

Roddy MacSween Memorial

- 1st Yasuchiyo Hamilton
- 2nd Lloyd George Worth

3rd Darryl Thompson, Mitchell Durham

Veterans Event (over 35'S)

- 1st Bruce Fraser
- 2nd Randall Parker

A Grade Aggregate

Alistair Mcinnes

D Grade Aggregate

Mitchell Durham

BANDS

Juvenile

- 1st BBC No 1
- 2nd Scots PGC (piping preference)
- 3rd BBC No 2

Grade 4

- 1st Qld Police Juvenile
- 2nd Gold Coast Tweed
- 3rd BBC No 1
- 4th Toowoomba Caledonian
- 5th Maclean & District
- Best Pipe Corps: Qld Police Juvenile
- Best Drum Corps: Gold Coast Tweed

Grade 3

- 1st Wynnum RSL
- 2nd University of Qld
- Best Pipe Corps: Wynnum RSL
- Best Drum Corps: University of Qld

Open Grade

- 1st Qld Highlanders
- 2nd St Andrews
- Best Pipe Corps: Qld Highlanders
- Best Drum Corps: Qld Highlanders

Drum Major

Stephen Rodden

Junior Drum Major

Aiden Ryan

Strathmore (Glamis Castle) Games - 9 June

Piobaireachd

- 1st Robert Gibb, *MacLeod of Raasay*
- 2nd Greig Wilson, *MacLeod of Raasay*
- 3rd Allan Russell, *Lament for the Only Son*
- 4th Gordon Barclay, *Black Donald's March*
- 5th Matthew Supranowicz, *The Groat*
- Judges: Gordon Clark, Duncan Watson

Senior light music

Marches

- 1st Greg Wilson
- 2nd Allan Russell
- 3rd Robert Gibb
- 4th Adam Michie

S&R

1st Allan Russell
 2nd Greg Wilson
 3rd Adam Michie
 4th Robert Gibb
 5th Ben Nevans
 Judges: R Barnes, J Hamilton

**UK Pipe Band Championships - Stormont,
 Northern Ireland – 14 June**

Grade 1 (MSR)

1st Field Marshal Montgomery
 2nd ScottishPower
 3rd St. Laurence O'Toole
 4th Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
 5th Inveraray & District
 6th Shotts & Dkyehead Caledonia
 Drumming: Field Marshal Montgomery
 Judges: John McCarlie, John Moles (piping); Sandy Russell (drumming); Tony Sloan (ensemble)

Grade 2 (medley)

1st Bleary & District
 2nd Lomond & Clyde
 3rd Torphichen & Bathgate
 4th Buchan Peterson
 5th Manor Cunningham
 6th Glasgow Skye
 Drumming: Lomond & Clyde
 Judges: Cameron Edgar, Ian Wood (piping); Gordon Craig (drumming); Ciaran Mordaunt (ensemble)

**Wellington Pipers Club Brown Cup and Everest
 piobaireachd - Wellington – 14 June**

Everest Piobaireachd

1st Tracey Williams, *Lament for Patrick Og MacCrimmon*
 2nd Marion Horsburgh, *Scarce of Fishing*
 3rd Andrew Edwards, *Lament for Donald Duaghal Mackay*

Brown Cup (MSRAJH)

1st Marion Horsburgh
 2nd Ross Horsburgh
 3rd Tracey Williams
 John Hanning and Nigel Foster judged both events

Cupar Highland Games - 14 June

Open**Piobaireachd**

1st Michael Elder
 2nd Allan Russell
 3rd Robert Gibb
 4th Jamie Forrester
 5th Craig Martin
 6th Grieg Wilson
 Judges: Robert Barnes, Andrew Wright

March

1st Allan Russell
 2nd Grieg Wilson
 3rd Michael Elder
 4th Craig Martin
 5th Robert Gibb
 6th Jamie Forrester
 Judge: Iain MacLellan

Strathspey & Reel

1st Allan Russell
 2nd Craig Martin
 3rd Michael Elder
 4th Greig Wilson
 5th Robert Gibb
 6th Jamie Forrester
 Judge: Iain MacLellan

Jig

1st Allan Russell
 2nd Michael Elder
 3rd Greig Wilson
 4th Robert Gibb
 5th Jamie Forrester
 Judge: Iain MacLellan