

Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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March 2015

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HORNPIPE & JIG COMPETITION

Thursday 26th March, starting at 7.00pm
Bulimba Bowls Club
Quinn Street, Balmoral

Admission for non-members \$10, members \$5
Entry for competitors \$5 per person

Our second meeting of the year brings the Hornpipe & Jig contest for junior and senior players. Junior players are required to submit a hornpipe and jig of minimum four parts each, as are senior players. The competition will start around 7.15, and entries will be taken on the night. After a successful turnout at the February meeting, we are looking to even better it this month!

NOTE: The BBC and Maclean competitions are coming up on the 29th of March and 3-4 April respectively. You can find information on the BBC competition on page 6, and information for Maclean at www.macleanhighlandgathering.com.au. For solo and band draw at BBC, go to <http://www.pipebandsqld.org> and follow the link.



News

The annual subscription for members has been lowered from \$35 to \$30. Those who are yet to renew their membership can do so at the next meeting. If you are unaware of whether your membership is current or not, you can contact Alex directly at qhps@qhps.org.

We are looking to make the newsletter predominantly email sent. Please send your email if you haven't done so already so we can send the newsletter by email.

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A promotional banner for the Highland Gathering BBC Pipe Band Competition. On the left, a man in a traditional Scottish kilt and sporrans is playing a drum. The text in the center reads: 'HIGHLAND GATHERING BBC PIPE BAND COMPETITION' in large, bold, green letters. Below this, in a black box, it says 'SUNDAY 29 MARCH 2015 · 12.30PM - 5.00PM' and 'BRISBANE BOYS' COLLEGE MISKIN OVAL'. A red diagonal banner on the right says 'FREE ENTRY'. At the bottom, a green bar contains the text 'PIPE BANDS | DRUM MAJORS | DANCERS | SCOTTISH STALLS | FOOD OUTLETS'.

February Meeting

More than 50 members and competitors were present at our first ever quartet competition in February. Apologies were received from Margaret Paterson, Mary Gillies and Joan O'Neil.

Our judges for the night were Tom McGirr, Sandy Dalziel and Hazel Osbourne.

The bands, in order of appearance were:

Qld Highlanders: Darin Cook, Yasu Hamilton, Jason Palfrey and Amos Fox.

MSR - Lord Alexander Kennedy, Tulloch Castle, John Morrison of Assynt House

Medley - R5, Kevin Stewart, The Banks of Allan, Hail to my Country, Highland Whisky, The Rusty Gun, The Incubator

BBC: Vaughn Parker, Nathan Culshaw, Ben Morris and Tom Hulbert

MSR - Glenfinnan Highland Gathering, Caledonian Canal, Fiona MacLeod

Medley - Jimmy Blue, Kenny Gillies, The Water is Wide, Molly Connell, Kelsey's Wee Reel, Cape Breton Fiddler's Welcome to Shetland

BBC OCA: Andrew Taylor, Jim MacDonnell, Lachie Munro, Jim Cordell

MSR: 79's Farewell to Gibraltar, Dorrator Bridge, Lexi McAskill

Medley: Hamilton's Nutsack, Unknown Air, Drops of Brandy, The Bees Wedding, The Smith's a Gallant Fireman, The Brolum

St. Andrew's: Wayne Kennedy, Nick Tomkins, Chris McLeish, Lachlan McPhee

MSR: Hugh Kennedy, Maggie Cameron, Loch Carron

Medley: Beverley's Wedding, Boys of the Lough, Tending the Steer, The Girl from Dungannon, Seoneidh's Tune, Caledonian Society of London, Sleepy Maggie, MacLeod's Reel

As our judges deliberated, Ben Morris and Lachlan McPhee played the following selections of tunes:

Ben Morris: Colin's Cattle, The Young MacGregor

Calendar

February 26

Quartet Contest

March 26

Hornpipe/Jig Contest

April 23

Featured Pipers (Maclean)

May 28

Patron's Trophy (Senior MSR)

June 20 (Saturday)

50th Anniversary

July 23

Jimmy Durham Memorial (Junior 2/4 March)

August 27

Pair of Pipers Contest

September 24

Recital with Scottish pipers

October 22

Julie Appleton-Seymour Memorial Contest

November 26

Jack McCandlish Trophy (6/8's)

Piobaireachd Group

February 1

March 1

April 12 **

May 3

June 13 **

July 5

August 2

September 13

October 4

November 1 (Recital or contest)

December 6

** To be confirmed

Lachlan McPhee: Lochanside, John MacColl's March to Kilbowie Cottage, Susan MacLeod, Willie Murray's Reel

Tam McGirr then talked on behalf of all the judges, with positive feedback for all bands.

The results were announced, as follows:

1st: St. Andrew's

We then broke for an early supper.

QHPS Piobaireachd Group

March Piobaireachd Group

We had an attendance of 7 at our March meeting, with apologies from Peter Hurwood and Andrew McCabe. Ross Campbell played the Nlack Wedder's White Tail. He said he has put a set of Ezeedrone reeds into his pipes again and this led to some discussion of currently available reed types and their strengths/weaknesses.

The set tune was Corrienessan's Salute, for which as usual Ross had prepared some notes and a CD. After some discussion, we sang through the tune and then Ross played it.

After a break for morning tea, Dave Marriner was next to play with Lament for Mary MacLeod.

Bruce MacLeod then played MacFarlane's Gathering. Though he got a little lost in the variations, Ross commented that Bruce was getting the run of the tune quite well.

Ross then played again and gave us Lachlan MacNeill Campbell of Kintarbet's Fancy.

Before we concluded, Maurie reminded us that the next meeting is on 12 April, as Easter Day is the first Sunday in April and most will still be on the way back from Maclean. He also reminded all to make sure their PBA registrations were current for competitions and/or judging.

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. Listen any time on demand by going to
<http://www.4eb.org.au/ondemand> and choose the Scottish Program
Scottish Program on Global Digital Radio (4EB) each Sunday from 2pm to 3pm.

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

Burnett River Radio (91.5 FM) - Thursdays 7pm to 9.30pm and every second Saturday from
9am to noon for the Sounds of Ireland (and Scotland),

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

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CONTEST RESULTS

New Zealand Pipe Band Championships - 13/14 March 2015

Grade 1

1st Canterbury Caledonian
2nd Auckland & District
3rd Manawatu Scottish
4th New Zealand Police

Grade 2

1st St Andrew's College
2nd Nothland Caledonian
3rd Temuka
4th City of Dunedin Pipe Band
5th Canterbury Caledonian (Gr2)
6th South Canterbury

Grade 3

1st Celtic
2nd Wellington Red Hackle
3rd Manawatu Scottish No. 2
4th City of Hastings
5th City of Nelson
6th Auckland Police

Grade 4a

1st Haileybury College
2nd Canterbury Caledonian (Gr4)
3rd Scots College
4th Hamilton Caledonian Society
5th Scottish Society of New Zealand
6th City of Tauranga
7th Gold Coast Tweed

Grade 4b

1st Manawatu Scottish No.3
2nd St Andrews College
3rd City of Rotarua
4th Papakura
5th City of Invercargill No.3
6th South Canterbury Development

Victorian Pipe Band Championships - 1 March 2015

Grade 1

1st Moorabin

Grade 2

1st City of Whitehorse
2nd Hawthorn City

Grade 3

1st Scotch College Melbourne
2nd Victoria Scottish
3rd Melbourne No.1
4th Warrnambool & District

Grade 4

1st Haileybury College
2nd Scots School Albury
3rd Golden City Bendigo

Juvenile

1st Scotch College Melbourne
2nd Haileybury College
3rd Scots School Albury

HIGHLAND GATHERING

BBC PIPE BAND COMPETITION

SUNDAY
29 MARCH
9.00am

FREE
ENTRY



WHAT TO EXPECT

- Pipe Bands and Massed Pipe Bands
- Drum Majors
- Scottish Stalls and Scottish Clans
- Food Outlets

LOCATION

- Brisbane Boys' College
- Miskin Oval
- Toowong (Brisbane) QLD 4066
- Entrance off Moggill Road



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