

# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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April 2015

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Recital - Stuart Easton  
Thursday 23rd April, starting at 7.00pm  
Bulimba Bowls Club  
Quinn Street, Balmoral

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

For our April meeting, we welcome Stuart Easton from New Zealand to play for us. Stuart began piping at the age of 13 under the tuition of his father Murray, then later by Greg Wilson and Stewart McKenzie. As a soloist he has won virtually every major prize in New Zealand & Australia including the Silver Chanter & Former Winners Clasp, the Commun Na Piobaireachd (NZ) & Maclean Gold Medals, the New Zealand Solo Piping Championships; the Australasian Invitational Piping final in Brisbane & Overall Senior Piping at the RU Brown contest in Adelaide. Stuart has also won the New Zealand invitational Claymore and Targe competition on many occasions.

He is a regular competitor in Scotland currently competing in the Silver Medals at Oban and Inverness. Stuart has also represented New Zealand in Lorient, France on six occasions and having won the Piobaireachd in 2010 & second overall in the MacCrimmon trophy in 2014.

Stuart is the Pipe Sergeant of the seven times NZ Champion Manawatu Scottish Pipe Band. He is actively teaching, performing recitals and running piping workshops throughout New Zealand.

The next meeting will be the Patron's Trophy. Information for the meeting can be found at the bottom of page 3.



## News

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## March Meeting

Our March meeting was rather sparsely attended, with only 22 people, but 8 of them were competitors in the Air/Jig and Hornpipe/Jig competition.

President Donald Galloway opened the night and introduced Andrew Roach and Gordon Ferguson as our judges. We had apologies from Margaret Paterson, Mary Gillies and Joan O'Neill.

The junior competition had only attracted two entries, Tom and Henry Hulbert. Their tunes were:

Tom - Tommy Tully's Air and Alan MacPherson of Mossparc

Henry - Leaving Lismore and Kerry Gillies of Portnalong, Isle of Skye

In the senior contest we had a strong entry of six competitors. In playing order they were:

Nick Tomkins - Train Journey North and Old Wife of the Mill Dust

Christopher McLeish - Pipe Major George Allan and Donald MacLellan's Tuning Phrase

Joe Joyce - Crossing the Minch and Alan MacPherson of Mossparc

Malcolm Cox - Donald MacKinnon and Barbara's Jig

Tam McGirr - Train Journey North and Rakes of Kildare

Lachlan McPhee - Duncan Johnstone and Troy's Wedding

Joe Joyce played a selection while the judges considered their decision and then Andrew Roach also played a selection before the announcement of the results.

The results were:

### **Air and Jig**

1st Tom Hulbert

### **Hornpipe and Jig**

1st Tam McGirr

2nd Joe Joyce

3rd Christopher McLeish

Andrew Roach spoke about the junior contest and emphasised that competitors should not launch straight into their tune but rather take their time to play something to settle themselves and the bagpipe.

Gordon Ferguson spoke about the senior competition and said that there was a tendency to launch into the Hornpipe too fast. It needs to be

## Calendar

### **February 26**

Quartet Contest

### **March 26**

Hornpipe/Jig Contest

### **April 23**

Recital - Stuart Easton

### **May 23**

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

played at a tempo which emphasises the step up in speed with the jig. He also mentioned that there is no need for a big band sound for the pipe when competing in solos.

Andrew Roach spoke about Stuart Easton's visit to our next meeting in April and urged all to come along and bring lots of friends.

Maurie DeHayr announced that the April Piobaireachd Group meeting will be on 12 April because of Maclean being on the first Sunday. He also urged all solo players and judges to make sure their PBA registrations were up to date.

Donald Galloway concluded the evening by mentioning the upcoming contests at BBC and Maclean and also that our May Meeting with the Patron's Trophy competition will be at the Wynnum RSL on a Saturday and people should watch for details.

## QHPS Piobaireachd Group

### April Meeting

Our April meeting attracted seven attendees. Apologies were received from Andrew McCabe and Meg Drinan.

There was some discussion about the recent Maclean gathering.

The first to play was Peter Hurwood with Lament for Donald of Laggan. Ross gave him some advice on how to improve it and also methods for remembering tunes.

Ian Yardley was next with the ground and first variation of The MacFarlane's Gathering. Again some discussion about means of improvement.

Next was Ross Campbell, playing a recently acquired Naill chanter. His tune was The King's Taxes.

Ross next went through the set tunes -Red Hector of the Battles and the longer tune Hector Roy MacLean's Lament. He distributed a very comprehensive handout showing a variety of sources. We listened to a recording of Bob Brown playing the longer tune.

Next was morning tea followed by David Marriner playing Lament for Mary MacLeod.

The meeting finished with Ross playing Scarce of Fishing. He finished a little

Maurie advised all that there would be no meeting in May due to the RU Brown contest in Adelaide and other bookings at the Rochedale school.

### IMPORTANT:

The annual Patron's Trophy will be held on Saturday 23rd May 2015 at the Wynnum RSL, 174 Tingal Road, Wynnum. This competition is for all 'A' and 'B' grade pipers, and the test piece will be a march, strathspey and reel (each of four parts minimum). Competitors are to submit two sets of tunes of which the Judge(s) will select one. More information regarding the times for entries, prizes, etc. will be posted on our facebook page in the coming weeks.

## Coming Events:

- April      **23 7:00pm - QHPS Meeting at Bulimba Bowls Club – Stuart Easton in Concert**
- May        2 & 3 - Glen Innes Celtic Festival Glen Innes, Northern NSW  
<http://www.australiancelticfestival.com>  
 2 & 3 -R U Brown Piobaireachd Society Solo Clasp Competition, R U Brown Piobaireachd Society Recital and R U Brown Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal Solo Contest Blackfriars Priory College, Prospect Road, Prospect, South Australia  
[www.rubrown.org.au](http://www.rubrown.org.au)  
 16 - Sunshine Coast Band and Mini Band Contest Yandina - Contact :  
[secretary@pipebandsqld.org](mailto:secretary@pipebandsqld.org)  
 28-31 - Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival  
 Wingham, NSW <http://www.manninghistorical.org>  
**23 (Saturday) 7:00pm - QHPS Meeting at Wynnum RSL – Patron's Trophy Contest**
- June        6 - Queensland Pipe Band and Solo Championships Bill Patterson Oval , Limestone Park , Ipswich - Contact [www.ipswichthistle.com](http://www.ipswichthistle.com) - 0414 776 361  
**14 – 10:00am - Piobaireachd Group at Rochedale State High School**  
**20 (Saturday) - QHPS 50th Anniversary Celebration**
- July        **5 - 10:00am - Piobaireachd Group at Rochedale State High School**  
 11 - Tartan Day, King George Square  
 19 - Scotland in the Park Band Contest – Greenbank Recreation Reserve  
**23 7:00pm - QHPS Meeting at Bulimba Bowls Club**

## RADIO PROGRAMS

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

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<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](mailto: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](mailto: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 08  
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# CONTEST RESULTS

## **Maclean Highland Gathering - 3/4 March 2015**

### **Solos**

#### **Open Piobaireachd**

1st Dennis Browning  
2nd Meg Drinan  
3rd Lachlan McPhee

#### **Open March, Strathspey and Reel**

1st Andrew Roach  
2nd Joe Joyce  
3rd Tam McGirr

#### **Open Hornpipe and Jig**

1st Joe Joyce  
2nd Tam McGirr  
3rd Nick Tomkins

#### **Open Air**

1st Andrew Roach  
2nd Mark MacKenzie  
3rd Tam McGirr

**Gold Medal Winner** - Andrew Roach

**Silver Medal Winner** - Dennis Browning

**Bronze Medal Winner** - Tam McGirr

#### **Restricted Piobaireachd**

1st Dave Marriner  
2nd Jeffery Mears  
3rd Abby Dalziel

#### **Mrs MacSwan**

1st Dennis Browning  
2nd Jordan Simmers  
3rd Alister Smith

**Lachlan McCabe Memorial** - Abby Dalziel

#### **Intermediate March, Strathspey and Reel**

1st Andrew Taylor  
2nd Meg Drinan  
3rd Jamie Hunt

#### **Intermediate Hornpipe and Jig**

1st Edward Scott  
2nd Meg Drinan  
3rd Jamie Hunt

**Champion Intermediate Piper** - Meg Drinan

#### **Sub-Intermediate March, Strathspey and Reel**

1st Micah Monro  
2nd Mitchell Durham  
3rd Charles Elliot

#### **Sub-Intermediate Jig**

1st Kristian Stanfield-Roche  
2nd Jeffery Mears  
3rd Ailse Barnett

**Champion Sub-Intermediate Piper** - Micah Monro

#### **Elementary March Heat 1**

1st Ben Morris  
2nd Rebecca Capon  
3rd Annalise Ryan

#### **Elementary March Heat 2**

1st Jordan Simmers  
2nd Callum Pert  
3rd Henry Hulbert

#### **Elementary March Final**

1st Ben Morris  
2nd Jordan Simmers  
3rd Callum Pert

# CONTEST RESULTS

## Elementary Air Heat 1

1st Abby Dalziel  
2nd Ben Morris  
3rd Annalise Ryan

## Elementary Air Heat 2

1st Henry Hulbert  
2nd Callum Pert  
3rd Tom Hulbert

## Elementary Air Final

1st Abby Dalziel  
2nd Tom Hulbert  
3rd Callum Pert

## Champion Elementary Piper - Ben Morris

## Learner Chanter

1st Elly McSwan  
2nd Oliver Cordell  
3rd Jack McCudden

## Bands

### Grade 2

1st St. Andrew's  
2nd Pipe Band Club

### Grade 3

1st Maclean  
2nd Murrumba

### Grade 4

1st Brisbane Boys' College  
2nd BBC Old Collegians  
3rd QLD Irish  
4th Gold Coast Tweed

## Donald MacLeod Memorial Competition - Stornoway

### Piobaireachd

1st Willie McCallum  
2nd Iain Speirs  
3rd Finlay Johnston  
4th Glenn Brown

### MSR

1st Willie McCallum  
2nd Iain Speirs  
3rd Gordon McCready  
4th Callum Beaumont

### HP/J

1st Gordon McCready  
2nd Glenn Brown  
3rd Callum Beaumont  
4th Iain Speirs