

Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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May 2015

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Annual Patron's Trophy Contest
Saturday 23rd May, commencing at 7.00pm
Wynnum RSL
174 Tingal Rd, Wynnum

Admission for adults \$10, children 15 years and under \$5

Test Piece - March, Strathspey and Reel (4 parts minimum)
Competitors are to submit two sets of tunes, one of which will be
selected by the judges to perform.

Prizes: 1st - \$750, 2nd - \$300, 3rd - \$200

Entry fee for competitors: \$20

Entries close Friday 15th May

May brings our annual Patron's Trophy contest, which for the first
time will be held at the Wynnum RSL on a Saturday night!

Congratulations on Queensland pipers Meg Drinan, Yasu
Hamilton, Abby Dalziel and Lachlan McPhee for heading down to
Adelaide to compete at the R U Brown Annual Contest.



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.

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April Meeting

Our April meeting featuring prominent New Zealand piper Stuart Easton attracted about 40 people, which was a little disappointing, but we did have a number of apologies - Donald and Elizabeth Galloway (on a driving holiday to South Australia and back), Ross Campbell, Bruce McLeod, St Andrew's Pipe Band (at a rehearsal for an Anzac Day event).

Andrew Roach opened the evening and announced the apologies, followed by a brief outline of Stuart Easton's recent New Zealand solo championship win. He then introduced Ben Morris to start the evening off. Ben played Lochanside, Donald Maclean of Lewis and The Young MacGregor.

Andrew commented on Ben's playing and then introduced Stuart. He mentioned some of the teachers Stuart had had and gave a story of his first trip to Scotland mentored by one Andrew Roach. He also mentioned some of his overseas competition successes, including Lorient.

Stuart started with the 6/8s P/M John Barkley and Alexander McKenzie Clarke, followed by the air Hector the Hero and the jig The Gold Ring and Mason's Apron Jig & Hornpipe.

Next we heard some of the more "competition" music in the MSR PM A J McWilliams, Catlodge and Dr McPhails Reel and the Piobaireachd Lament for Captain MacDougall. To finish his first session we had the Hornpipes PM George Alan and Crossing the Minch and the Jigs John Patterson's Mare and Braes of Mellinish.

All this was played on a very nice pipe with rock steady drones. His playing was very musical and remained so in the faster music which proves a bit of a challenge for many.

After a short interval we heard from Ben Morris again with Castle Dangerous, Maggie Cameron and The Rejected Suitor and Lillian Livingstone.

Before Stuart's second stint, Andrew Roach announced details of the Patron's Trophy next month and the Anniversary Celebrations in June both of which will be held on Saturday nights rather than Thursday nights.

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

Andrew gave us a bit more information about Stuart, and about the bagpipe he was playing, which was a set of full silver Nails with a "synthetic setup".

Stuart's tunes this time started with the 4/4 marches The Dawning of the day & Flett from Flotta. This was followed by the Strathspey & Reels Islay Ball, Susan McLeod, Smith of Chillie Chassie and Ca' the Ewes.

Then we had a bit of a mood change with the air Travels through Brittany followed by the reels Murdo took the Stoup, Ceridwen and Martin's Nusa Lembongan Wedding, Sleeping Maggie and O'Dwyers Reel. Next a couple of 2/4 marches - The Lonach Gathering and Dr E.G McKinnon.

His final bracket was the hornpipe Miss Megan Harrington and The High Drive Hornpipe & Reel. Andrew Roach then drew the evening to close with thanks again to Ben and Stuart and invites us all to supper.

QHPS Piobaireachd Group

There was no Piobaireachd Group meeting in May due to a number of the members heading to Adelaide to play in the R U Brown contest. The next meeting will be on Sunday the 13th of June.

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 -RU Brown Piobaireachd Society Solo Clasp Competition, RU Brown Piobaireachd Society Recital and RU Brown Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal Solo Contest Blackfriars Priory College, Prospect Road, Prospect, South Australia
www.rubrown.org.au
 16 - Sunshine Coast Band and Mini Band Contest Yandina - Contact :
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 - 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/>

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

RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia: www.rubrown.org.au or Craig Masson 08
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CONTEST RESULTS

R U Brown Constest Adelaide - 2/3 May 2015 B Grade MSR

Gold Medal Clasp

1st Greg Wilson
2nd Brett Tidswell
3rd Jason Craig

Gold Medal

1st Fiona Manson
2nd Jim Murray
3rd Simon Gibson
4th Yasu Hamilton
5th Adam Britten

Silver Medal

1st Shannon Ritchie
2nd Meg Drinan
3rd Gabrielle Doecke

Bronze Medal

1st Gabrielle Doecke
2nd Ian Thorne
3rd Christopher Chong

Novice Piobaireachd

1st Roger Sinclair
2nd Geoff Smith
3rd Ian Thorne

A Grade MSR

1st Jim Murray
2nd Greg Wilson
3rd Craig Sked

A Grade HP/J

1st Greg Wilson
2nd Jim Murray
3rd Craig Sked

1st Simon Gibson
2nd Craig McInnes
3rd Robert Wilkinson

B Grade HP/J

1st Shannon Ritchie
2nd Joshua Chandler
3rd Anna Doecke

C Grade

1st Christopher Chong
2nd Mel Inglis
3rd Jeffery Mears

D Grade

1st Jeffery Mears
2nd Stuart Bevan
3rd Geoff Smith