

Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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September 2015

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Pipers' Night
Thursday 24th September, starting at 7.00pm
Bulimba Bowls Club, Quinn St, Balmoral

Admission \$10

This month we have a pipers' night. We will have four local recitalists to entertain the audience, after which the floor will be open to anyone wanting to have a tune. This will be followed by supper. The next meeting will be the annual Julie Appleton-Seymour Memorial Hornpipe and Jig contest, and will be held at Emmanuel College, University of Queensland on Saturday, October 24.



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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August Meeting

Our August meeting featuring a Pair of Pipers competition was unfortunately rather poorly attended by about 13 people, with only one pair of pipers turning up, Nick Tomkins and Ben Morris. We had an apology from Andrew Roach who had work commitments.

Donald Galloway opened the evening. He mentioned the successful trip of St Andrew's to the Worlds where they made it to the Grade 2 finals and had some successful runs in earlier contests. He also mentioned that former QHPS President Matt Supranowicz had played with the World Grade 1 Champions Shotts and Dykehead and Society Vice-President Andrew Roach played with second placed Inverary and District.

The we heard from Nick and Ben, who played the St Andrew's medley together. The playing was very tight for the most part with pipes sounding well together with just a slight waver in the drones from time to time. There was an occasional bit of top hand discrepancy, probably due to blowing variations.

Next Ben Morris played a selection of tunes including Lochanside, The Young MacGregor, P/M Donald MacLean of Lewis, Maggie Cameron, The Rejected Suitor, Come by the Hills, Molly Connell, Kelsey's Wee Reel, Ramnee Ceilidh and Castle Dangerous.

Nick had also brought along his new solo pipes which are 1920s german silver mounted MacRaes with a Naill chanter. They featured a strong drone sound.

He gave us a selection including Massacre of Glencoe, Highland Laddie, Piper's Cave, Arthur Bignold of Lochrosque, MacKenzie Highlanders, MacLeod of Mull, Duncan McGillivray Chief Steward, Ladies' Hornpipe, Uphold the Right, Rodney Hull QC, Mrs Donald MacPherson, Alick C MacGregor, Mrs MacPherson of Inveran, Lament for Freeman's Whistle, The Sleeping Tune, Jams MacLellan's Favourite, The Famous Baravan, Bungy Jumper, Fiona's Obsession, The Fiddler and Old Wife of the Mill Dust. Quite a selection!

Finally the first prize was presented to our players and Donald concluded the meeting with reminders about our coming meetings,

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

especially the Appleton-Seymour contest in October.

QHPS Piobaireachd Group

The Piobaireachd Group meeting for September had an attendance of nine people with apologies from Ross Campbell, Meg Drinan and Andrew McCabe.

Maurie DeHayr reminded everyone about the recital day in November and other coming events. Our first player was David Marriner with Salute to Richard Parkes by Donald McPhee, composed in 2012.

Bruce McLeod was next with The Company's Lament, followed by Peter Hurwood with Struan Robertson's Salute. Ian Yardley then played the ground and first couple of variations of Kinlochmoidart No 1.

After morning tea, we heard Kathy Herzig also playing Kinlochmoidart No 1 - ground and first variation.

Taber Vank, a visitor from Germany who is holidaying in Australia then gave us a few tunes of light music - an air and some 6/8 Marches.

Dave Marriner was then back with another tune - Lament for Mary MacLeod followed by Peter Hurwood with Catherine's Lament.

Maurie wrapped up the meeting with another reminder about the recital day and a couple of stories. There was also some discussion about our next meeting falling on the Sunday in the October long weekend. Maurie will canvass opinion about likely attendance of members.

Coming Events:

September

Thursday 24 07:00pm - 10:00pm
Society Meeting at Bulimba Bowls Club

October

Saturday 3 – Sunday 4
Mackay Highland Fling. Workshops on Saturday, Public event on Sunday. Contact Deborah Orr
0408877806

Sunday 4 10:00am - 01:00pm
Piobaireachd Group at Rochedale State High School

Thursday 24 07:00pm - 10:00pm
Society Meeting at Emmanuel College, University of Queensland - Julie Appleton-Seymour
Contest – Note – Venue change and Saturday Night

Saturday 24
Glenfiddich Piping Championship – Blair Castle, Scotland

November

Sunday 1 9:00am - 3:00pm
Piobaireachd Group Recital at Rochedale State High School

Thursday 26 07:00pm - 10:00pm
Society Meeting at Bulimba Bowls Club – Jack McCandlish Trophy Contest (6/8s)

More information on these events on the Calendars at www.qhps.org and www.pipebandsqld.org
or by email to qhps@qhps.org

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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 Aiton Sheppard 08 9301 0926

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