

Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

www.qhps.org

November 2015

QHPS

NOVEMBER MEETING
on Thursday 26th at 7.00pm
at

BULIMBA BOWLS CLUB, QUINN STREET BALMORAL
Admission \$10

Jack McCandlish Trophy - 6/8 March Competition

Junior: One 4-parted or two 2-parted tunes, Senior: Two 4-parted
tunes played consecutively.

To be eligible for the Junior Contest, players must be graded C or
D. All others will play in the senior division.

Prizes: Senior 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30, Junior 1st \$80, 2nd
\$40, 3rd \$30

We will also have the presentation of our Piper of the Year awards
(Junior & Senior) based on participation at Society meetings and
results of our competitions.

This month bring our final meeting for 2015. This year, we have
tried having our meetings on the fourth Thursday each month, but
have since decided to move it back to the fourth Monday due to
low attendance numbers at this year's meetings. Thank you to all
of the competitors, performers and attendees at this year's
meetings. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
and hope to see you all again next year.



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.

People can pay their subscription via the website of by a direct debit. The account details are as follows:

Account: 274 406
BSB: 034 037

Contact

Q.H.P.S. Inc
PO Box 1252
COORPAROO DC 4151

Editor: L McPhee
Email: qhps@qhps.org

October Meeting

A good crowd enjoyed an entertaining night of piping from 10 invited competitors from all over Australia. We were fortunate to have Athol Chalmers (Canberra) & Iain Lyons (Melbourne) to adjudicate the evening. The venue was first class with the staff of Emmanuel College looking after patrons with a good bar and supper was enjoyed by all.

More importantly, the major sponsor for the evening was really impressed with the night, and has confirmed his support for next year's event already. The Fear A Tighe was our own Patron Maurie De hayr, and again dazzled with stories alike. The intermission before supper also saw the dancers from the Thistle Studio entertain with a 10 step New Zealand Hornpipe.

The piping order and their tunes were as follows:

Lachlan McPhee – Tommy Tully's Air, Allan MacPherson of Mossparck & the Seagull

Nick Tomkins – Leaving Ireland & Old Wife of the Mill Dust

Ben Morris – Pontzfield, Sparky Cherry & Donald Maclean

Chris McLeish – Cumha A'Chuilein, Paddy be Easy & Pascais De Coana

Wayne Kennedy – Samantha's Lullaby & The Fiddlers Rally

Andrew Roach – Hector the Hero & The Masons Apron (Jig time)

Jim Allan – Farewell to the Lads, The Warrior & Allan Macpherson of Mossparck

Mark McKenzie – Sands of Kuwait & Old Wife of the Milldust

Chris Cloete – John Ball & one of his own compositions (couldn't read his writing!)

Laura McMillan – A fond Kiss & the Fiddlers Rally

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

After a short deliberation, the judges awarded the following prizes:

1. Laura McMillan
2. Andrew Roach
3. Jim Allan

Planning is now underway for next years event, hoping to make it bigger and better than this year!

NOTE FROM IAN DAVIDSON RE: PIOBAIREACHD DAY 2015

Open letter to players and audience at the Piobaireachd Recital

I should like to place on record my thanks to the players and audience alike for the help I received at the recital in overcoming my obvious infirmity as the result of my stroke.

What a grand bunch of people you are!

For me, it all went to making November 1 such a special occasion—in fact my 86th birthday.

Yours sincerely,
Iain Davidson.



Performers at this year's Piobaireachd Day



Laura McMillan at the Julie Appleton-Seymour Contest

2015 QHPS Piobaireachd Day

We in Queensland are indebted to Malcolm McRae, Iain Bruce and Roy Gunn for having initiated a piobaireachd special interest group within the QHPS back in 2005. Since they retired from regular active involvement in April 2009, Ross Campbell, originally from Melbourne but now living in Toowoomba, has carried on as the musical advisor, supported by the driving force of Maurie De Hayr.

On the 1st of November, the group held its fifth annual piobaireachd recital in Brisbane. This has become a popular event, as it enables lovers of the music to participate in a full day's program of piobaireachd without the tensions that come with an actual competition. In this land where pipers more often than not live too far from one another for regular get-togethers, such an event allows each to hear what the other players are doing, and most importantly, it provides an opportunity for them to play before an appreciative audience, which is very different from having a tune in the privacy of your lounge room at home!

During the day, we heard Bruce McLeod play the Lament for Alasdair Dearg MacDonnell of Glengarry; Andrew Roach, the president of our QHPS play Lament for Andrew MacNeill of Colonsay (a more modern composition); Abby Dalziel from Warwick played Struan Robertson's Salute; Maurie De Hayr, John Garve MacLeod of Raasay's Lament; David Marriner (ex NZ), Lament for Mary MacLeod; Cathy Herzig, Lament for the Old Sword; Jeffrey Mears all the way from Townsville (a pupil of Ian Young, Sandy's Dad), Lament for Donald of Laggan; Sandy Dalziel from Warwick, Corrienessan's Salute; Pete Murray from the Sunshine Coast, A Flame of Wrath for Squinting Patrick; Ian Yardley, Lament for Red Hector of the Battles; Iain Bruce from the Gold Coast, The Bicker and Mary's Praise; Meg Drinen who has come to Queensland recently from NSW and taught by Sam Young (whom we all know well), Lament for the Viscount of Dundee; Peter Hurwood, The Pride of Barra (PS bk 11) and finally, Ross Campbell, The MacLeod's Short Tune, Lament for MacSwan of Roaig and The Vaunting.

So, you can see that we had great variety during the day. We also heard some lovely instruments and very good performances and from my own observations, those who are regular attenders of our monthly meetings have all shown definite improvement for their efforts. To single out for special mention, I have to say that I was most impressed by Meg Drinen's Viscount of Dundee and also by Abby Dalziel's Struan Robertson's Salute.

I would like to thank those who supported our recital and especially those who travelled such a long way. We would welcome any new enthusiasts to our monthly meetings - you need only contact Maurie De Hayr for the details.

Ross Campbell

Coming Events:

Note that Society Meetings will revert to Monday Nights in 2016 (4th Monday of the month) apart from special events. Piobaireachd Group will normally be on the first Sunday of the month (not January) but with a few exceptions to fit in with other events. Watch for the variations through the year.

November:

Thursday 26th - 7pm – 10pm Society Meeting at Bulimba Bowls Club – Jack McCandlish Trophy Contest (6/8s)

December:

Sunday 5th - 10am – 1pm Society Piobaireachd Group at Rochedale High School

January:

Friday 22nd - Society of St Andrew Burns Supper at United Service Club, Wickham Terrace. - \$85 - Contact Alex McConnell 07 3397 4512

Saturday 23rd - Brisbane Clans Pipes and Drums Burns Supper and Dance– Gaythorne RSL – Contact Kate Wyse 07 3369 2232

Saturday 23rd - Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band Burns Night– Band Hall, Lion and Moffat Streets, Ipswich. Contact Katrina 0414 776 361

February:

Sunday 7th - 10am – 1pm First Society Piobaireachd Group for 2016 at Rochedale High School

Monday 22nd - 7pm – 10pm Society Meeting at Bulimba Bowls Club – 50 years to the day since the formal constitution of the Society

Contests for 2016(so far):

Sunday 20th March – Brisbane Boys College– Bands and Solos

Friday and Saturday 25th and 26th March – Maclean Highland Gathering–Bands and Solos

Saturday 14th May – Sunshine Coast Band Contest at Yandina

Saturday 4th June – Ipswich Gathering of the Clans– Bands and Solos

Sunday 10th July – Clans Congress Scotland in the Park– Greenbank – Bands

Saturday 3rd September – Scots PGC Warwick– Mini Bands and Solos

Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd October – Australian Pipe Band Championships – Knox Grammar School, Sydney

Other Events for 2016
Sunday 26th June Kirking of the Tartan– St Paul's Church, St Paul's Terrace
Saturday 16th July Tartan Day– King George Square, Brisbane
More information on these events on the Calendars at www.qhps.org and www.pipebandsqld.org or by email to qhps@qhps.org

RADIO PROGRAMS

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),

Triple T 103.9 Townsville Community Radio's Scottish Program each Sunday from 3pm to 5pm

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

RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia: www.rubrown.org.au or Craig Masson 08 8261 1119

“Raising the Standard”

The Scottish & Celtic Magazine of Queensland

Be fully informed and up-to-date on what is happening in the Scottish and Celtic Community, here and overseas. Progressive Calendars of Events for Pipe Bands; Highland Dancing; Scottish Country Dancing; Irish Dancing and Clans Congress are featured in each edition of

“Raising the Standard”

Annual Subscription - \$30 (including postage)

Write to: ALBA Publications, PO Box 8024, Wynnum North, Qld 4178

07 3396 9025