

Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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May Meeting

**THE PATRON'S TROPHY
SOLO PIPING COMPETITION
SATURDAY, 27 th MAY 2017 Time: 7pm
Wynnum RSL, 174 Tingal Road, Wynnum.**

TEST PIECE - March, Strathspey and Reel (each of 4 parts minimum)

Competitors own choice of tunes

Prizes: Over \$1000 in total prizes (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

Judging panel is Joe Joyce, Jason Palfrey and one other to be confirmed.

Door Admission Adults \$10.00 Children 15 & Under \$5.00
The RSL dining room will be open from 6.00pm – 8.30pm for meals.

Please contact Andrew Roach 0417 287 443 or email
qhps@qhps.org

Entries are encouraged before 25th so a program can be completed.

MC for the Evening is Matthew Rigby



2017 Committee

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(Patron)

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(President)

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(Secretary/Treasurer)

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Plenty of activity over the last month or so with well attended band contests at Redlands and Sunshine Coast and the contest season in Scotland also warming up.

In the next month we have the Queensland Pipe Band Championships at Ipswich on 6 June and the Greenbank band contest on 25 June. No solo contest at Ipswich this time but Ipswich Thistle are looking at putting on a separate solo contest later in the year.

Alex McConnell
Secretary

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April Meeting

Our April meeting was a recital featuring Alasdair Henderson, Pipe Sergeant of the Inverary and District Pipe Band and top level participant in the Scottish solo circuit. About fifty members and guests made their way to the Walrus Bar in the basement of the Regatta Hotel at Toowong.

Unfortunately our President Andrew Roach who had organised the event was confined to his bed and had sent his apology. At short notice Tom McGirr had been pressed into service to compere the recital and he apologised for any lack of preparation. The supporting were the winners of the B, C and D Grade solo championships at the recent Maclean Highland Gathering. Coincidentally they have all received teaching from Andrew Roach, who took out the A Grade gold medal as well.

Unfortunately I didn't get the names of all of the tunes played, so apologies for that.

The first player was Oliver Cordell who plays with the Queensland Police Juvenile Pipe Band. He gave us a good solid performance on a good pipe, playing the 2/4 March and the Air (Leaving Lismore) which he had played at Maclean to win the D Grade Championship.

Next was Abbas Manchadi who plays in the BBC Band and who won the C Grade at Maclean. He played a strong sounding pipe, showing good finger technique and phrasing. He played the 2/4 March The Glengarry Gathering followed by the Strathspey Maggie Cameron, the Reel Thompson's Dirk Jig The Curlew and finally the reel Last Tango in Paris.

Ben Morris, winner of the B Grade in Maclean played next on another strong pipe and showing good finger technique. His tunes included Arthur Bignold of Lochrosque, Maggie Cameron, The Rejected Suitor, another reel, a jig

Now we got to hear Alasdair Henderson. Alasdair was born in Greenock but prefers to be known as from Dunoon. He has played in a number of notable bands including Scottish Power and Cap Caval, as well as Inverary and District. He has an Inverness Gold Medal and many other solo prizes to his name. He was playing a set of David Naill drones and a Henderson chanter. The pipes had a fine "silvery" tone. His tunes in this bracket included a Fred Morrison Air, the 6/8s Bonawe Highlanders and Tug Argan Gap. After a brief talk he played another air and some jigs. Next were the 2/4s Glen Caladh Castle Father John McMillan of Barra

The pipes were holding very well and only now now needed a retune after which he played the Urlar of I Got a Kiss of the King's Hand. He then played a set of strathspeys and reels.

Before we broke for an Interval Tom reminded all of the Patrons Trophy contest next month at Wynnum RSL on Saturday 27 May.

When we reconvened Alasdair set off again. With a couple of retunes along the way he gave us a great set of tunes starting with 3/4 marches and including marches, airs, strathspeys, reels, waltzes and jigs. A few of the tunes names I picked up were Magersfontein, Bloody Fields of Flanders, Leaving Lismore, John Paterson's Mare, Hazel Thompson, Alick C MacGregor.

Calendar

Apr 19 (Wed) - International Guest Recital - Regatta Hotel

May 27 (Sat) - Patron's Trophy - Senior MSR - Wynnim RSL

Jun26 - Pipers Night - Strathspeys and Reels

Jul 24 - Jimmy Durham Trophy - U18 2/4 March

Aug 28 - Piobaireachd night - focus on junior players

Sep 16 (Sat) - International Guest Recital - Regatta Hotel

Oct 28 (Sat) - Julie Appleton-Seymour Contest - Emmanuel College UQ

Nov 27 - Jack McCandlish Trophy - 6/8s

All meetings on Monday nights at BBC Band Room, Moggil Road, Toowong except as specified.

Piobaireachd Group at Rosedale High School

May 7

Jun 4

Jul 2

Aug 6

Sep 10

Oct 1

Nov 5(Recital day)

Dec 3

Meetings normally in the Performing Arts Building

Before the last bracket Alasdair thanked Tom and the Society for the invitation to play the recital.

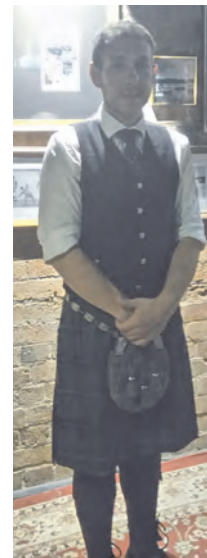
After Alasdair had finished Patron Maurie DeHayr thanked all the recitalists. In respect of Alasdair he commented he had obviously been born with a gift but had also applied himself greatly.



Alasdair, Oliver, Abbas and Ben



Alasdair in action



Alasdair Henderson

QHPS Piobaireachd Group

Rochedale State High School, Priestdale Road

The May meeting of the Piobaireachd was held as programmed with a couple of our regulars absent due mainly to the Competition the day before at Redlands and the Celtic celebrations at Glen Innes,



Our day commenced with a short discussion on the piping at Maclean over the Easter after which Ross Campbell tuned his pipe and player **“The Park Piobaireachd No 2”** to be followed by David Mariner playing firstly **“Melbank’s Salute”** and after a short talk about the tune he played **“The Lament for Mary MacLeod.”**

After a morning tea Maurie DeHayr played **“Colin MacRae of Inverinate’s Lament’**

He played the setting from Wm Ross’Collection (1885). This tune being included in the new addition to the Piobaireachd Society’s collection (book 16)

It was now time for Ross to deliver the set tune **“The Cave of Gold”** said to have been a Donald Mor MacCrimmon composition (1610) which he had prepared with his usual full discussion on its construction and history.

The meeting was then concluded with Ross playing the **“The Cave of Gold”** and giving some comments on the make up of the tune after he had finished.

Our next meeting to be 4th June with Lord Lovat’s Lament being the set tune..

CONTEST RESULTS

Maclean Highland Gathering - 14, 15 April

SOLO PIPING

A Grade

Piobaireachd

- 1st Robert Gibb
- 2nd David Marriner
- 3rd Mark McKenzie

March/Strathspey/Reel

- 1st Andrew Roach
- 2nd Jason Craig
- 3rd Robert Gibb

Hornpipe/Jig

- 1st Andrew Roach
- 2nd Jason Craig
- 3rd Mark McKenzie

Air

- 1st Jason Craig
- 2nd Andrew Roach
- 3rd Mark McKenzie

Maclean Champion Open Piper

- Gold Medal: Andrew Roach
- Silver Medal: Jason Craig
- Bronze Medal: Robert Gibb

Special Events

Restricted Piobairechd

- 1st Jordan Simmers
- 2nd Owen Capon
- 3rd Jim Stuart

“Mrs MacSwan”

- 1st Jason Craig
- 2nd David Greenhalgh
- 3rd Dennis Browning

Special Age Restricted (Lachlan McCabe Memorial)

- Winner: Henry Hulbert

B Grade

March/Strathspey/Reel

- 1st Alister Smith
- 2nd Sam Creed
- 3rd Ben Morris

Hornpipe/Jig

- 1st Ben Morris
- 2nd Mitchell Durham
- 3rd Sam Creed

Maclean Champion Intermediate Piper

- Winner: Ben Morris

C Grade

March/Strathspey/Reel

- 1st Abbas Manchadi
- 2nd Henry Hulbert
- 3rd Matthew Rutley

Jig

- 1st Laurence Nicol
- 2nd Tom Hulbert
- 3rd Aaron Gray

Maclean Champion Sub-Intermediate Piper

- Winner: Abbas Manchadi

D Grade

March Heat No.1

- 1st Angus Brien
- 2nd Bradley Bloom
- 3rd Catherine Herzig

March Heat No. 2

- 1st Aidan Scott
- 2nd Pat Roach
- 3rd Oliver Cordell

March Final

- 1st Aidan Scott
- 2nd Oliver Cordell
- 3rd Pat Roach

Air Heat No.1

- 1st Angus Brien
- 2nd Chris Donaldson
- 3rd Oliver Cordell

Air Heat No. 2

- 1st Flynn Donaldson
- 2nd Catherine Herzig
- 3rd Daniel Breward

Air Final

- 1st Daniel Breward
- 2nd Oliver Cordell
- 3rd Flynn Donaldson

Maclean Champion Elementary Piper

- Winner: Oliver Cordell

Learner Chanter

- 1st Riley Donaldson
- 2nd Jayden McArthur
- 3rd Luke Moloney

Veterans 55 years and Over

- 1st Owen Capon
- 2nd Jim Stuart
- 3rd Bruce Fraser

Bands

Juvenile

- 1st Brisbane Boys College
- 2nd Scots PGC No.1
- 3rd Qld Police

Grade 4 Marches

- 1st QLD Police Juvenile
- 2nd Grafton

Grade 4

- 1st Brisbane Boys College
- 2nd BBC Old Collegians
- 3rd Maclean & District
- 4th Murrumba
- Ensemble: Brisbane Boys College No. 1
- Drum Corps: BBC Old Collegians
- Best Dressed: Brisbane Boys College No. 1

Grade 3

- 1st Emmanuel College Highlanders
- 2nd Greater Springfield
- 3rd Wynnum RSL
- Best Dressed: Greater Springfield
- Ensemble: Emmanuel College Highlanders

Grade 2

- 1st The Pipe Band Club
- 2nd St Andrews
- Best Dressed: The Pipe Band Club

Street March

- 1st Armidale
- 2nd Brisbane Boys College
- 3rd Grafton

Drum Majors

- Open: Dominic Anderson Strudwick
- Juvenile: Izaak Dove

Highlands and Islands contest - Oban High School - 28 April

Prof/A Grade

Ceol Mor

- 1st Darach Urquhart, *Earl of Ross's March*
- 2nd Angus J MacColl, *End of the High Bridge*
- 3rd Jamie Forrester, *MacDougall's Gathering*
- 4th Craig Sutherland, *Nameless Cherede Darievea*
- 5th Peter McCalister, *King's Taxes*
- Judges: I MacFadyen, R Wallace

MSR

- 1st Craig Sutherland
- 2nd Angus J MacColl
- 3rd Gordon Bruce
- 4th Jamie Forrester
- 5th Sarah Muir
- Judges: J Wilson, A Wright

B Grade

Ceol Mor

- 1st Sarah Muir
- 2nd Ben Duncan
- 3rd Steven Leask
- 4th Jamie Elder
- 5th Ross Cowan
- Judges: R MacShannon, T Speirs

MSR

- 1st Jonathan Simpson, *Col. Maclean of Ardgour, Dora MacLeod, Grey Bob*
- 2nd Greig Canning, *Leaving Glenurquhart, Cabar Feidh, Broadford Bay*
- 3rd Edward Gaul, *Colin Thomson, Cal. Soc. of London, Sandy Cameron*
- 4th Peter McCalister, *Mrs J MacColl, Lady Loudon, Dolina MacKay*
- 5th Andy Wilson, *Kantara to El Arish, Shepherd's Crook, Smith of Chillechassie*
- Judges: I MacFadyen, R Wallace

Ards & North Down Championships - Bangor, Northern Ireland - 13 May

Grade 1

- 1st Field Marshal Montgomery
- 2nd Vale of Atholl
- 3rd Police Service of Northern Ireland
- 4th Bleary & District
- Drumming: Police Service of Northern Ireland

Grade 2 (two competed)

- 1st Manorcunningham
- 2nd Closkelt

Redland Sporting Club Band Contest- Wellington Point - 6 May

Juvenile

- 1st BBC No 1
- 2nd Scots PGC
- 3rd Qld Police Juvenile
- Best Dressed: Qld Police Juvenile
- Best Drum Corps: Qld Police Juvenile

Grade 4 Mini Bands

- 1st Murrumba
- 2nd Ipswich Thistle
- 3rd Scots PGC

Grade 4

- 1st Brisbane Boys College No 1
- 2nd BBC Old Collegians
- 3rd Scots PGC College
- Best Drum Corps: Brisbane Boys College No 1
- Best Dressed: Ipswich Thistle

Grade 3

- 1st Scots PGC College
- 2nd Murrumba

Best Drum Corps: Scots PGC College

Grade 2

1st St Andrew's

Senior Drum Major

1st Aidan Ryan

Junior Drum Major

1st Aidan Ryan

**William Livingstone Sr. Memorial
Invitational Solo Piping Competition -
Hamilton, Ontario – 13 May**

Overall

1st Sean McKeown

Piobaireachd

1st Ian K. MacDonald, *Lament for Patrick Og MacCrimmon*

2nd Sean McKeown, *Lord Lovat's Lament*

3rd Nick Hudson, *Beloved Scotland*

MSRHP&J

1st Callum Harper, *Colonel MacLean of Ardgour, P-M Hector MacLean, Kildonan, Jack Adrift, Skylark's Ascension*

2nd Sean McKeown, *MacLean of Pennycross, The Islay Ball, Sandy Cameron, The Moving Cloud, The Thief of Lochaber*

3rd Nick Hudson, *Invergordon's Welcome to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, The Piper's Bonnet, Sandy Cameron, Jack Adrift, John MacDonald's Exercise*

Other competitors: Andrea Boyd, Andrew Carlisle, Ben McClamrock, Derek Midgley and Glen Walpole
Judges: Peter Aumonier, Bob Worrall and John Wilson.

Gourock Pipe Band Contest - 14 May

Grade 1

1st Inveraray & District (ens.pref.)

2nd ScottishPower

3rd Johnstone

4th Glasgow Skye Association (Gr2)

Drumming: ScottishPower

Judges: Bob Shaw, Jim Wark (piping); Jim Baxter (drumming); Joe Noble (ensemble)

**Sunshine Coast Band Contest - Yandina -
20 May**

Grade 2

1st St Andrews

Best Pipe Corps: St Andrews

Best Drum Corps: St Andrews

Grade 3

1st Emmanuel College Highlanders

2nd Murrumba

Best Pipe Corps: Emmanuel College Highlanders
Best Drum Corps: Emmanuel College Highlanders

Grade 4

1st BBC Old Collegians

2nd Murrumba

3rd Ipswich Thistle

Best Pipe Corps: Murrumba

Best Drum Corps: BBC Old Collegians

Best Dress (Overall) St Andrews

Juvenile

1st Brisbane Boys College No 2

2nd Qld Police Juvenile

Best Pipe Corps: Brisbane Boys College No 2

Best Drum Corps: Qld Police Juvenile

Grade 4 Mini Bands

1st BBC Old Collegians

2nd Ipswich Thistle

3rd Murrumba

Best Pipe Corps: BBC Old Collegians

Best Drum Corps: BBC Old Collegians

Open Drum Majors

1st Dominic Andersen-Strudwick

2nd Izaak Dove

3rd Hamish Naylor

**British Pipe Band Championships - Paisley,
Scotland – 20 May**

Grade 1 (MSR)

1st Inveraray & District

2nd Field Marshal Montgomery

3rd Shotts & Dykehead Caledonia

4th St. Laurence O'Toole

5th Police Scotland Fife

6th ScottishPower

7th Peoples Ford - Boghall and Bathgate

8th Dowco Triumph Street

9th Vale of Atholl

10th Johnstone

11th Police Service of Northern Ireland

12th Simon Fraser University

Drumming: St. Laurence O'Toole

Judges: Colin Moffett, John Connor (piping); Sandy Russell (drumming); Cameron Edgar (ensemble)

Grade 2 (Medley)

1st Lomond & Clyde

2nd Glasgow Skye Association

3rd MacKenzie Caledonian

4th Balagan (Denmark)

5th Closkelt

6th Bucksburn & District

Drumming: Manorcunningham (Ireland)

Judges: Jim Wark, Harry Stevenson (piping); Stuart Coils (drumming); Paul Turner (ensemble)

What's On (apart from the Society Program on page 2)

Jun 6	Ipswich Contest (Bands)	Bill Paterson Oval, Limestone Park, Ipswich - www.pipebandsqld.org
Jun 25	Scotland in the Park Band Contest	Greenbank Recreation Reserve
Jul 15	Tartan Day	King George Square, Brisbane - www.aussie-scots.org.au 07 3359 8195
Sep 2	Scots PGC Contest (Bands & Solos)	Scots PGC Warwick - www.pipebandsqld.org
Aug 11-12	Worlds Pipe Band Championships	Glasgow
Aug 23-24	Argyllshire Gathering	Oban
Aug 31 - Sep 1	Northern Meeting	Inverness
Sep 16	BBC (Solos)	Toowong - www.pipebandsqld.org

For latest details at any time go to www.pipebandsqld.org and click on Coming Events or call the QHPS Secretary on 07 3397 4512

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

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