

Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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July Meeting

Jimmy Durham Memorial 2/4 March Contest

Monday 24 July

7.00pm

Brisbane Boys College Band Roon, Moggill Road, Toowong

Admission: \$10 non members, \$5 members

The contest is for junior players and the test piece is a 2/4 March of 4 or more parts of the competitor's choice played once through

The contest is only open to those who have not previously won the event and who are graded C or D

Prizes: 1st; The Jimmy Durham Trophy plus \$100, 2nd: \$60, 3rd: \$40, 4th \$20, 5th: \$15. Entries to qhps@qhps.org or 07 3397 4512 or before 7.00pm on the night. No entry fee but competitor must pay for admission.



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Some sad news this month. Val Dodd, mother of well known Queensland piper Geoff Smith and widow of piper Alan Dodd has passed away just as this newsletter is being prepared. Val was very involved with the Society in earlier days and was Secretary from 1981 to 1984 and Treasurer from 1982 to 1984. Our thoughts are extended to her family and friends. A private funeral will be held.

There is one more band contest to be held this year in our neck of the woods - at Scots PGC Warwick on Saturday 2 September, preceded by a recital at the college on Friday night 1 September and followed by a ceilidh on Saturday night. It should be a great weekend. Following that we have solo contests coming up at BBC on 16 September (Queensland Solo Championships) and Ipswich on 4 November.

The band season in Scotland is coming to its peak with the Worlds on 11-12 August and the solo season in Scotland is now in full swing as attested by our increasing number of solo results in this newsletter.

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June Meeting

Our June meeting was billed as a pipers' night focusing on strathspeys and reels and that was pretty much how it turned out. A smaller attendance than recently with about twenty people present but partly explained by school holidays.

With Andrew Roach away playing with Inverary and District in Scotland your scribe took on the job of organising the evening with Vaughn Parker lining up the players.

First to play was Anton Tomei from the BBC band who played for us first the MSR *Donald Maclean's Farewell to Oban, Caledonian Canal* and *Alick C MacGregor* followed by a selection including *Farewell to Nigg, Glasgow City Police Pipers, The Mists of Time, Aspen Bank* and *Mason's Apron*.

He was followed by another eight players. The players and their tunes were as follows (tune lists not complete - apologies for that):

Fearghas Russell: *The Clan McColl, Captain Colin Campbell, Willie Cummings Rant*

Henry Hulbert: *Maggie Cameron, Dr MacPhail's Reel*

Tom Hulbert: *Castle Dangerous, Islay Ball, Thompson's Dirk, Lily Christie*

Laurie Nicol: *Susan Macleod, Alick C MacGregor, Lady Loudon, John Morrison of Assynt House*

Charlie Elliott: *My Home, Dornie Ferry, Alick C MacGregor*

Andrew Hall: *Keel Row, Orange and Blue, Devil in the Kitchen, Susan Macleod*, various reels

Wayne Kennedy: *Hector the Hero, Ewe wi' the Crookit Horn, John Morrison of Assynt House*, and various others

Andrew Taylor: an air and a couple of 6/8 marches (one was *PM Donald Maclean of Lewis*) followed by *Dorrator Bridge* and some reels, hornpipes and jigs.

The meeting concluded with some discussion about the playing of strathspeys and reels. Once again a great night of piping with generally good instruments and playing - the overall standard was very encouraging with younger players showing great promise and more "mature" ones good confidence and music.

Calendar

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 Rochedale High School

Jul 2

Aug 6

Sep 10

Oct 1

Nov 5(Recital day)

Dec 3

Meetings normally in the
Performing Arts Building

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

Aug 11-12	Worlds Pipe Band Championships	Glasgow
Aug 23-24	Argyllshire Gathering	Oban
Aug 31 - Sep 1	Northern Meeting	Inverness
Sep 1	Scots PGC Recital	Warwick - www.pipebandsqld.org
Sep 2	Scots PGC Band and Solo Contest	Warwick - www.pipebandsqld.org
Sep 16	BBC (Solos)	Toowong - www.pipebandsqld.org
Nov 4	Ipswich Solos	Limestone Theatre Ipswich - www.pipebandsqld.org

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QHPS Piobaireachd Group

Rochedale State High School, Priestdale Road

Wow, what a way to commence our meeting with all standing in a group and rubbing their hands and fingers as we shuffled to find a starter for the morning, I think Ross Campbell would have been warmer than us he being in Melbourne at the time.

Finally Bruce MacLeod stepped to the fore and after tuning his pipes he gave a good performance with ***The Lament for Donald of Laggan*** to be followed by David Marriner who chose ***Struan Robertson's Salute*** for his tune.

The Lament for Mary Macleod was selected by Pete Murray for his tune and especially brought out the expression of sadness inherent in this tune.

Jim Cordell, a piper with the BBC Old Collegians band had come to the meeting so naturally he gave a short set of tunes as we set ourselves for morning tea after which we assembled for the tune of the day.

Ross had sent the necessary CD and paperwork so off we went discussing the tune ***The Marquis of Argyll's Salute*** and settled back to listen to it played on a tape by Jimmy MacIntosh.

After some discussion of the set tune David Marriner presented a well played ***Salute to Donald*** to be followed by Pete Murray who chose ***A Flame of Wrath for Patrick Caogach***,

The session was concluded by Jim Cordell playing another set of tunes.

Our Next meeting is set for **SUNDAY 6th AUGUST.**



CONTEST RESULTS

Wellington Pipers Club Brown Cup and Everest Piobaireachd competition - Royal New Zealand Police College, Wellington - 17 June

Everest Piobaireachd (13 competed)

1st Greg Wilson, *Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay*

2nd Stuart Easton, *Hail to My Country*

3rd George Mason, *Lament for the Children*

4th Iain Robertson, *The Earl of Seaforth's Salute*

Judges: Alistair Hanning, John Hanning

Brown Cup (own choice MSRHP&J, 15 competed)

1st Stuart Easton

2nd Greg Wilson

3rd Iain Robertson

4th Neil Marriot

Judges: Emmett Conway, Stewart McKenzie

European Pipe Band Championships - Forres - 24 June

Grade 1 (MSR, 13 competed)

1st Inveraray & District (1,2,1,2)

2nd Field Marshal Montgomery (2,1,5,1)

3rd ScottishPower (3,3,6,4)

4th St. Laurence O'Toole (8,7,3,3)

5th Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate (5,4,9,5)

6th Shotts & Dykehead Caledonia (4,6,8,7)

Judges: Terry Lee, Bob Worrall (piping); Willie Black (drumming); Gordon Craig (ensemble)

Grade 2 (medley, 13 competed)

1st Glasgow Skye Association (3,1,1,1)

2nd Lomond & Clyde (1,2,2,2)

3rd MacKenzie Caledonian (2,3,6,4)

4th City of Discovery (5,4,4,5)

5th Balagan (Denmark) (6,7,3,7)

6th Grampian Police Scotland (4,5,9,8)

Judges: Jim Semple, Peter Hunt (piping); Ciaran Mordaunt (drumming); Joe Noble (ensemble)

Grade 3A

1st Wallacestone & District

2nd City of Inverness

3rd Vale of Atholl

4th 4th 2622 (Highland) Squadron

5th Royal Burgh of Stirling

6th Coalburn IOR

Drumming: Royal Burgh of Stirling

Scotland in the Park Band Contest- Greenbank Recreation Reserve - 25 June 2017

Grade 2

1st St Andrew's

Drum Corps St Andrew's

Grade 3

1st Wynnum RSL

2nd Murrumba

Drum Corps Wynnum RSL

Grade 4

1st Murrumba Pipes and Drums

2nd Ipswich Thistle

3rd Toowoomba Caledonian

Drum Corps Ipswich Thistle

Drum Majors

Senior

1st Dominic Andersen-Strudwick

2nd Izaak Dove

3rd Hamish Naylor

Junior

1st Izaak Dove

2nd Hamish Naylor

All-Ireland Pipe band Championships - Lurgan, Northern Ireland - 1 July

Grade 1 (four competed)

Medley

1st Field Marshal Montgomery

2nd St. Laurence O'Toole

3rd Police Service of Northern Ireland

4th Ravara

Judges: Tony Sloane, William Garrett (piping); Gordon Craig (drumming); Ciaran Mordaunt (ensemble)

MSR

1st Field Marshal Montgomery

2nd St. Laurence O'Toole

3rd Police Service of Northern Ireland

4th Ravara

Judges: Tom Brown, Dixie Ingram (piping); Gordon Parkes (drumming); Peter Snaddon (ensemble)

Grade 2 (MSR, five competed)

1st Manorcunningham

2nd Closkelt

3rd Annsborough

4th Thiepval Memorial

5th Colmcille

Judges: Tom Brown, Dixie Ingram (piping); Gordon Parkes (drumming); Peter Snaddon (ensemble)

Luss Highland Games - 1 July**Overall**

Ben Duncan

Piobaireachd

1st Ben Duncan, *MacDougall's Gathering*
 2nd Craig Martin
 3rd Mael Sicard Cras, *Lament for the Iolaire*
 Judges: Tom Speirs, Neil Mulvie

March

1st Ben Duncan
 2nd Daniel McDermott
 3rd Alan Russell
 Judges: Ronnie McShannon, Jim Henderson

Strathspey and Reel

1st Ben Duncan
 2nd Craig Martin
 3rd Daniel McDermott
 Judges: Ronnie McShannon, Jim Henderson

Antigonish Highland Games - Nova Scotia - 8, 9 July**Open Professional Piping****March**

1st Andrea Boyd
 2nd Alex Gandy
 3rd Bruce Gandy
 Judge: Ken Eller

Strathspey/Reel

1st Alex Gandy
 2nd Bruce Gandy
 3rd Andrea Boyd
 Judge: Rene Cusson

Jig

1st Alex Gandy
 2nd James MacHattie
 3rd Bruce Gandy
 Judge: Ken Eller

Piobaireachd

1st Bruce Gandy

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

2nd Alex Gandy
 3rd James MacHattie
 Judge, Bob Worrall

Tomintoul Highland Games - 15 July**Overall**

Ben Duncan

Piobaireachd

1st Ben Duncan, *Lament for MacSwan of Roaig*
 2nd Gordon McCready, *MacDougall's Gathering*
 3rd Andrew Hall
 4th James Dyson
 Judges: Norman Matheson, Duncan Watson

March

1st Gordon McCready
 2nd Ben Duncan
 3rd Alan Russel
 4th Andrew Hall
 Judges: Ian Duncan, James Hamilton

Strathspey & Reel

1st Ben Duncan
 2nd Gordon McCready
 3rd Calum Brown
 4th Andrew Hall
 Judges: Ian Duncan, James Hamilton

Hornpipe & Jig

1st Ben Duncan
 2nd Gordon McCready
 3rd Alan Clark
 4th Kate Kimove
 Judges: Ian Duncan, James Hamilton

Balloch Highland Games - 15 July**Senior Piobaireachd**

1 Ashley McMichael, *Corrienessan's Salute*
 2 Brian Lamond, *Lament for the Only Son*
 3 Jonathan Greenlees, *Park Piobaireachd No.2*
 4 Kris Coyle, *MacFarlane's Gathering*
 Judges: Tom Speirs, Roddy Livingstone

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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