

Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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JUNE MEETING

Monday 24th June

Walrus Club, Regatta Hotel, Toowong

Patron's Trophy MSR competition

March, Strathspey and Reel of own choice

Open to all pipers

Please call 3397 4512 to enter **or** register on our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/QldHPS/ **or**

email to qhps@qhps.org

This month we have the Patron's Trophy which has been opened to all players for this year. Please get your entry in (as above) so we can work out a draw in advance. The original plan to have it on a different night at a different venue did not come to pass.

After the Queensland Pipe Band Championships this coming weekend at Ipswich (see details on page 3), our focus will shift to what is happening in Scotland. Both the solo and band contests are coming thick and fast from now on. Some interesting early results in both areas can be seen in the results inside.

Alex McConnell, Secretary



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May Gathering

Our May meeting focused on 3/4 Marches with each player being asked to play at least two tunes, with eight pipers up for the challenge in front of a modest audience, with total attendance being about twenty people.

Our pipers and their tunes were, in order:

Jim Cordell - *Dream Valley of Glendaruel, J K Cairns, Balmoral*
 Oliver Cordell - *Pipe Major Angus MacDonald, Balmoral*
 Aidan Scott - *Dark Lowers the Night, MacGregor of Rora*
 Fearghas Russell - *Dream Valley of Glendaruel, 13th Frederick Street*
 Bruce Campbell - *Castle Dangerous, My Land*
 Nick Tomkins - *Loch Maree*
 Ben Cordell - *Green Hills of Tyrol, When the Battle's O'er*
 Andrew Roach - *Magersfontein, Lochanside, Kilworth Hills*

While the judge (your scribe) deliberated, Aidan Scott played a Hornpipe and Jig for us. Andrew Roach excluded himself from the places.

The placings were as follows:

1st Jim Cordell
 2nd Feaghas Russell
 3rd Aidan Scott

In general, all the instruments were good and most blown well, with just a few quite small irregularities. Execution was also good, as it should be in this idiom which does not make big demands on the fingers. There were a few little slips where pipers forgot a note or two.

The biggest variation was in capturing the flow of a 3/4 March. The benefits of marching to the tune, especially for less experienced players, are particularly marked in this type of tune - it greatly helps the "song" and the rhythm to come together.

Andrew Roach wrapped up the night by reminding all of the Patron's Trophy next month which will be open to all grades and will only require one set of tunes to be nominated.

Calendar

Jun 24 - Paton's Trophy - MSR

Jul 22 - Jigs - 10 parts of jigs (senior) or 6 parts (junior)

Aug 26 - Piobaireachd Night - full or part tunes - all welcome

Sep 23 - Jimmy Durham Memorial - junior 2/4 March

Oct 26 (Sat) - Julie Appleton-Seymour - Hornpipes and Jigs - Emmanuel College UQ

Nov 25 - Jack McCandlish Memorial - 6/8s - Juniors (4 parts) and Seniors (8 parts)

All meetings on Monday nights at Walrus Club, Regatta Hotel, Toowong except as specified.

Piobaireachd Group

July 7

Aug 4

Sep 8

Oct 6

Nov 3 - Recital - Rochedale SHS

Dec 1

All meetings on Sunday at 10am at Ipswich Pipe Band Hall except as specified

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**The Gathering, Sunday 23 June
at Ipswich Turf Club**

- Celtic music and culture and performance
- Queensland Pipe Band Championships
- Highland dancing competition
- Celtic music
- Medieval re-enactment
- Sample Haggis
- Learn how to play bagpipes
- Participate in the strong man games

Tickets \$10 online till 16 June and then \$15
Under 4 and concession card holders free
www.gatheringfestival.com.au

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

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

23 Jun	The Gathering - Queensland Pipe Band Championships - Ipswich Turf Club
20 Jul	Tartan Day - King George Square, Brisbane - 9am to 4pm
17 – 18 Aug	Scots in the Bush - Boondoomba Homestead
21 Sep	Brisbane Boys College Solos
4 Apr 2020	Australian Pipe Band Championships - Princes Park Maryborough Victoria

Subscriptions

People can pay their subscription (\$30 individual, \$50 family, \$20 student) via the website (qhps.org) or by cheque to the postal address (see front page) The bank account details are as follows: BSB 034 037 Account: 274 406. Please put your name in the information field.

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 0417 097 687 or email shepap@bigpond.com

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

CONTEST RESULTS

New South Wales Pipers Society Silver Chalice - Croydon NSW - 25 May

Silver Chalice Piobaireachd

- 1st Robert Gibb, *Too Long in this Condition*
 2nd Jason Craig, *The Lament for Patrick Og MacCrimmon*
 3rd Adam Wishart, *The Blind Piper's Obstinacy*
 Judge: Alasdair McInnes

The Ron Clement March Strathspey and Reel

- 1st Robert Gibb
 2nd Bede Patterson
 3rd Dennis Browning
 Judge: Mr D Welsh

Atholl Gathering - Blair Atholl – 26 May

Overall

Sarah Muir

Premier, A-Grade

Piobaireachd

- 1st Sarah Muir
 2nd Sandy Cameron
 3rd Steven Leask
 4th Darach Urquhart
 5th Angus D. MacColl

MSR (open)

- 1st Angus D. MacColl
 2nd Sarah Muir
 3rd Steven Gray
 4th Craig Sutherland
 5th Ben Duncan

Hornpipe & Jig (open)

- 1st Sarah Muir
 2nd Angus D. MacColl
 3rd Steven Gray
 4th Steven Leask
 5th Ben Duncan

B-Grade

Piobaireachd

- 1st Ben Duncan
 2nd Finlay Cameron
 3rd John Dew
 4th Callum Brown
 5th Calum Wynd

C-Grade

Piobaireachd

- 1st Gwenal Dage
 2nd Andrew Hutton

- 3rd Brodie Watson-Massey
 4th Tim Ness
 5th Endra Morrice

Helensburgh Games - 1 June

Piobaireachd

- 1st Angus McColl Jnr, *Battle of the Pass of Crieiff*
 2nd Gordon McCready, *Big Spree*
 3rd Calum Brown, *King's Taxes*
 4th Ross Miller

March

- 1st Angus McColl
 2nd Calum Brown
 3rd Ross Miller
 4th Callum Wynd

S/R

- 1st Angus McColl
 2nd Calum Brown
 3rd Callum Wynd
 4th Gordon McCready
 Judges for all events: A Johnston, N Mulvie.

Donald Macdonald Quaich - Armadale, Skye – 7 June

Winner

- Glenn Brown, *The Lament for the Old Sword*
 Judge: Colin MacLellan
 Other competitors: Finlay Johnston, Callum Beaumont, Stuart Liddell, Peter McCallister and Iain Speirs.

United Kingdom Pipe Band Championship - Lurgan, Northern Ireland – 15 June

Grade 1 (medley)

- 1st St. Laurence O'Toole
 2nd Field Marshal Montgomery
 3rd Inveraray & District
 4th ScottishPower
 5th Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate
 6th Police Scotland Fife
 Judges: Harry Stevenson, Tom Brown (piping); Ciaran Mordaunt (drumming); Jim Baxter (ensemble)

Grade 2 (MSR)

- 1st Closkelt
 2nd Ravara
 3rd Manorcunningham
 4th MacKenzie Caledonian
 5th Royal Burgh of Annan
 6th Buchan Peterson
 Judges: Jim Semple, Mark Faloon (piping); Sandy Russell (drumming); Gordon Lawrie (ensemble)

Grade 3A

1st St. Mary's Derrytrasna
 2nd St Joseph's
 3rd Battlehill
 4th The Highlanders (4 Scots)
 5th Matt Boyd Memorial
 6th Concord (ens.pref.)
 Judges: Bill Garrett, Maurice Rhodes (piping); Mark Wilson (drumming); John Moles (ensemble)

Grade 3B

1st McNeillstown
 2nd Tullylagan
 3rd Major Sinclair Memorial
 4th Milngavie
 5th Oban High School
 6th Ayr Society
 Judges: Colin Moffett, Ross Walker (piping); Sandy Steele (drumming); Jennifer Hutcheon (ensemble)

Juvenile

1st Dollar Academy
 2nd George Watson's College
 3rd George Heriot's School
 4th Preston Lodge High School
 5th Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
 Judges: Harry Stevenson, Thomas Brown (piping); Ciaran Mordaunt (drumming); Jim Baxter (ensemble)

Grade 4A

1st Augharan
 2nd Cullybackey
 3rd Glenrothes & District
 4th Arklow
 5th Gransha
 6th Cloughfin
 Judges: Bill Garrett, Maurice Rhodes (piping); Mark Wilson (drumming); John Moles (ensemble)

Grade 4B

1st Carlow
 2nd Strathendrick
 3rd Broughshane & District
 4th Mountjoy
 5th Syerla & District
 6th Camelon & District
 Judges: George Wilson, Donald MacPhee (piping); Gordon Parkes (drumming); Alan Ronaldson (ensemble)

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

Novice Juvenile A

1st Dollar Academy
 2nd West Lothian Schools
 3rd Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
 4th George Watson's College
 5th Stirling & District Schools
 6th George Heriot's School
 Judges: George Wilson, Donald MacPhee (piping); Gordon Parkes (drumming); Alan Ronaldson (ensemble)

Novice Juvenile B

1st Lochgelly High School
 2nd Preston Lodge High School
 3rd Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
 Judges: George Wilson, Donald MacPhee (piping); Gordon Parkes (drumming); Alan Ronaldson (ensemble)

Aberdeen Games - 16 June**Piobaireachd**

1st Gordon McCready, *The Big Spree*
 2nd George Taylor, *Lament for the Departure of King James*
 3rd Allan Russell, *Earl of Seaforth's Salute*
 4th Ben Duncan, *MacDougall's Gathering*
 5th Gordon Barclay, nd Allan Russell
 3rd Gordon McCready
 4th John MacDonald
 5th Greig Canning

Strathspey and Reel

1st Ben Duncan
 2nd Gordon McCready
 3rd John MacDonald
 4th George Taylor
 5th Allan Russell

Jig

1st Ben Duncan
 2nd Gordon McCready
 3rd George Taylor
 4th John MacDonald
 5th Neil Clark
 Judges: A Maclean, D Watson (ceol beag), J Hamilton, S Samson (ceol mor).