

Qld Highland Pipers Society

We regret to announce that the

Invitational Contest that was to be held on Easter Monday

has been

CANCELLED

due to insufficient entries to make it a viable proposition.

Please advise your friends to avoid people turning up and being disappointed.



**Queensland
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Pipers' Society**

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March

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**March Meeting
Monday 25th
Balmoral Bowls Club,
Jean Howie Drive,
Morningside
at 7.45 pm**

The meeting will be a "Pipers Night"

From the Editor:

Our first meeting of the year was a very successful one as you will see from the meeting report and we can only hope it is a portent of things to come.

Unfortunately, our attempt to attract competitors for the Invitational Contest on Easter Monday has not been nearly as successful and as this newsletter is being printed we are deciding whether or not we can proceed with it. There is a notice enclosed with the newsletter which will advise either the details of the event or its cancellation.

One of our sister societies (RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of SA) is running a contest in May with very substantial prize money and travel assistance for visiting pipers. A full notice about this is in this newsletter. They are hoping to make this an annual event of the first Sunday in May. Greg Wilson from NZ is judging and will give a recital, along with Martin Frewen and (perhaps) Brian Switalla on the Saturday, so it should be an excellent weekend in Adelaide

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HOW TO GET TO THE BALMORAL BOWLS CLUB

For those who like to work out their own directions the UBD Reference is Map 160, Reference Q12.

From the Gateway Arterial—turn north at the Lytton Road intersection (just south of the bridge), travel along Route 24 and the Route 23 (Wynnum Road) till you see the Colmslie RSL on your left. Turn in as if going to the RSL but go right through their carpark and continue along Jean Howie Drive for about 350 metres. Turn left into the Bowls Club car park.

From the City—go across the Story Bridge, left into Shafston Avenue, then into Lytton Road and Wynnum Road (Route 23). Go along Wynnum Road until you see the Colmslie RSL on your right. Turn in as if going to the RSL but go right through their carpark and continue along Jean Howie Drive for about 350 metres. Turn left into the Bowls Club car park.

From the west (old Cleveland Road)—Turn into Bennetts Road. Continue along Bennetts Road, across the railway line and a park will appear on your right. Jean Howie Drive goes through the park (the entrance to the drive is near the boundary of the Bulimba Cemetery). Go about 350 metres along the Drive and turn right into the Bowls Club car park.

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FEBRUARY 2002 MEETING

About 35 members and supporters turned up for our first meeting of the year. We also had apologies from Dave Sinclair, Bob Payne, Roy Gunn, Brian Wright and Les Gray.

Doug Thoresen started out the evening with a few light tunes. He then mentioned the passing of Princess Margaret, Stewy Thompson and Hugh McInnes. He reminded us that Princess Margaret was Colonel in Chief of the Royal Highland Fusiliers. The Pipe-Major of the regiment played *The Desperate Battle* at her funeral.

As an aside Doug mentioned that the Governor General played the pipes in the school band so perhaps we should take that into account in our estimation of him.

Doug welcomed all to the Society year and mentioned our solo contest on Easter Monday and the visit tonight of the smallpipe group. He also welcomed Jimmy Macin-

tosh to the meeting and gave a bit of his history. Jimmy, who is visiting family on the Gold Coast from his home in Pittsburgh had been brought along by Iain Bruce.

Matthew Supranowicz was first to play. He had a good firm pipe and launched straight into the heavy 2/4s *Hugh Kennedy* and *Miss Elspeth Campbell*. Next were the similar weight strathspey *Susan Macleod* and reel *Lt Col D.J.S. Murray*. He showed good phrasing and emphasis throughout. After a retune he was into 6/8 time with *Ellenor* and another tune he couldn't remember the name of. Apart from a couple of slips of concentration this was a very competent performance.

Next to play was Ryan Hofmann on a strong pipe and again into the 2/4 marches to start. His playing was more deliberate than Matthew's playing and the expression suffered a bit from this. Most of his execution was very good marking him as a

promising player for the future. After a re-tune he was into some jigs, again fairly deliberately played. After a quick wipe of the brow he was off again, this time into the some kitchen music, some of which were perhaps played a little too quickly. His tunes included *Lady Louden*, *Flora MacKenzie's Favour*, *Lindsay's Jig*, *The Whistling Postman*, *Clancy's Jig*, *Johnny the Tree Lopper*, *Calliope House*, *Cape Breton Fiddlers* and *The Dakabin Run-away*.

Next to play were our guests on smallpipes, Malcolm McLaren and Kyle. Malcolm, who makes smallpipes, mentioned their regular group meeting which is on the first Tuesday of the month in the QPBA rooms. Malcolm has identified 28 sets of smallpipes in Brisbane. The playing started with Kyle playing some tunes by Hamish Moore on a set of pipes in D, rigged up with a microphone and speaker to help us all hear properly.

Malcolm played next on a pipe in D. Later he changed to a pipe in A, which he explained is an octave lower than Highland Pipes and much mellower in tone than the pipe in D.

Finally Malcolm played a set of border pipes he copied from a set sent to him by wee Donald Maclean. These were actually illegally exported from Scotland as they are classed as antiquities. He played a range of tunes of a pastoral type.

All in all this was an interesting insight into another branch of the piping art.

Doug mentioned the sponsors we have for the Easter contest. He then introduced Brian Hornig of the *Raising the Standard* magazine. Brian spoke about his contacts with other Celtic groups in connection with spreading information via *Raising The Standard*. He advised the Wynnum Highland Gathering was going ahead this year again and suggested the Society have a stall there with various sets of pipes and use it as a recruiting drive. This suggestion was well received. The date is 28 September.

Our next player was Phillip Cowan. Again a strong pipe and accompanied by Doug Thoresen on a strong electric guitar! They played a few "busking tunes", *Scotland the Brave*, *Marie's Wedding*, *Barren Rocks of Aden*, *Highland Laddie* and *Brown Haired Maiden*. Then Phillip went on to play some more tunes on his own. He gave us quite a long and varied selection including *She Walked Through the Fair*, *The 6/8 Machine*, *Captain Colin Campbell*, *The Big Flit*, *Crusaders*, *Wings*, *The Rustic Bridge*, *Ass in the Graveyard*, *MacArthur Road*, *Areile's Big Day*, *The Walrus*, *Itchy Fingers* and *Clumsy Lover*.

Second last to play was Matthew Rigby on his usual full toned instrument, ranging over a wide sweep of music, all very capable played. The tunes included *Ellenor*, *Chief Steward Duncan McGillivray*, *Edinburgh City Police Pipe Band*, *74th Highlanders*, *David Ross*, *The High Level* and *Tam Bain's Lum*.

Jimmy MacIntosh then had a few words. He commented that Australia is getting more like the US, although it didn't sound as though that was a criticism as he has made his home in the US! He urged younger pipes cut back the speed of their playing to gain expression and to remember that all music is in phrases and that this must be brought out in their playing.

Iain Bruce was our last player. On a bagpipe noticeably a bit lower in pitch than the others we had heard, but very tuneful, he started with some 3/4's - *Lewis Turrell's 3/4* and *The Dream Valley of Glendaruel*. After a quick re-tune we heard the 6/8s *The Princess Royal* and *John MacKenzie's Farewell to Strathglass*. He finished off with the Piobaireachd *I am Proud to Play a Pipe*.

The time of 10 pm having now well passed, Doug brought the proceedings to a close after the raffle was drawn (won by Glenys O'Malley and drawn by Leon Bingham).

What's On

M A R	23	Maclean Highland Gathering - See separate notice
	24	Ringwood Highland Gathering (Victoria)
	25	Society Meeting
	30,31	Australian & South Pacific Pipe Band Championships - Cleveland Showgrounds. Contact Glenys O'Malley 07 3822 6563
A P R	1	QHPS Senior Championship - Griffith University - See separate Notice
	6	Bundanoon 25th Highland Gathering - NSW Southern Highlands. Contact 02 4883 6033
	6	Declaration of Arbroath Anniversary - Upper Entertainment Area, Queen Street Mall from 12 noon to 2.00 pm. Organised by the Clans Congress. Contact Iris 07 3633 0028
	20	Murrumba Celtic Pipes and Drums Ceilidh. Strathpine Community Centre, Mecklin Street. Contact Di: 07 5496 4867
	22	Society Meeting
	27,28	Celtic Celebration Australasian Solo Piping Final - QIA, Elizabeth St, Brisbane. Kitchen piping at Saturday and the main contest at 1 pm on Sunday. \$10 for both days. Contact Kath 07 3358 5588 or 07 3396 0820 (A/H)
M A Y	5	RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of SA Competition - see separate notice
	11	Kingaroy Contest. Contact Cam McDonald 07 4162 1541
	18	Scottish Pipe Band Championships - Dumbarton
	25	Brisbane Clans Pipes & Drums Highland Debutante Ball - Riverside Ballroom 7 pm to midnight. Contact Mavis Williams 3849 8271 or Kate Wyse 3369 2232
	27	Society Meeting
J U N E	22	European Pipe Band Championships - Belfast
	22	Bannockburn Dinner (at the Irish Club, Brisbane) Sponsored by Clan Campbell and Clan MacDonald. Contact Trevor 07 3359 6662
	24	Society Meeting
	30	Tartan Day Celebrations - 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, Cultural Forecourt, South Bank. Contact 07 3359 8195

The NSW Pipers' Society meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6 Holterman Street, Crows Nest. Contact Ron Clement – 02 9948 1914

The WA Pipers' Society meets on the 3rd Saturday at the Autumn Centre, Inglewood. Contact John McMurchie – 08 9401 9587

If you need more details about any of the above events and a contact is not mentioned, ring the Society Secretary (3397 4512 after hours) and we will see what we can dig up for you.

Scottish Radio Programs

SBS Radio – Brisbane FM 93.3 – Thursday nights 10-11 pm

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CONTEST RESULTS

Uist & Barra Solo Contest - Glasgow - 2 March

Piobaireachd

- 1st Stuart Shedden, "Lady Margaret Mac-Donald's Salute"
- 2nd Brian Donaldson, Fife, "The Bells of Perth"
- 3rd Niall Matheson, Inverness, "Battle Auldearn No. 2"
- 4th Willie McCallum, "Lament for the Earl of Antrim"
- 5th Stuart Liddell, Inveraray, "Nameless - Hiharin Odin Hiharin Dro"

Judges: John Wilson, Gavin Stoddart

March, Strathspey & Reel

- 1st Willie McCallum Captain Campbell of Drumavoisk, Ewe wi' the Crookit Horn, Man from Glengarry
- 2nd Graeme Roy, Inverness, Inveran, Dora MacLeod, DJS Murray
- 3rd Donald MacPhee, Alexandria, 91st Highlanders at Modder River, Delvinside, Kalabakan
- 4th Brian Donaldson, Alfred E. Milne, Caledonian Society of London, The Sheepwife
- 5th Iain Speirs, Edinburgh, "Royal Scottish Pipers Society," "Arniston Castle," "Loch Carron"

Judges: Barry Donaldson, Iain MacLellan

New Zealand Pipe Band Championships Napier, 9 March

Grade 1

- 1st Celtic Inn Manawatu

- 2nd Daewoo Auckland & Districts
- 3rd New Zealand Police
- 4th Canterbury Caledonian Society
- 5th City of Wellington
- 6th Temuka

Grade 2

- 1st Clayton RSL
- 2nd City of Invercargill Caledonian
- 3rd City of Auckland
- 4th Champions of Otago
- 5th Hamilton Caledonian Society
- 6th Christchurch Metropolitan

Grade 3

- 1st Hawthorn City
- 2nd Celtic Inn Manawatu
- 3rd St Andrew's College
- 4th Southern City
- 5th John McGlashan College
- 6th City of Tauranga

Grade 4

- 1st Taupo & Districts
- 2nd City of Nelson
- 3rd Scotch College Adelaide
- 4th McAlpines North Canterbury
- 5th City of Rotorua
- 6th Canterbury Caledonian

The Scots School Band Contest - 10 March

Grade 1

- 1st. City of Blacktown No1
- 2nd. St Marys Band Club

Grade 1 (2nd Set)

- 1st. City of Blacktown No 1
- 2nd. St Marys Band Club

Grade 2

- City of Bankstown R & SL CC

Grade 3

- 1st. Northern Suburbs
- 2nd. Scots PGC Warwick No1
- 3rd. St George Sutherland

Grade 4

- 1st. Northern Suburbs
- 2nd. Canberra Burns Club No 2
- 3rd. City of Blacktown No 2
- 4th. Scots PGC Warwick No1
- 5th. St George Sutherland
- 6th. Scots College
- 7th. The Scots School Bathurst

8th. Ingleburn RSL & Campbelltown

Scottish Pipers' Association (SPA) competition - Glasgow - 16 March**Piobaireachd**

- 1st Colin Maclellan, Lament for the Viscount of Dundee
- 2nd Willie McCallum
- 3rd Jenny Hazzard, Edinburgh
- 4th Euan MacCrimmon, Inverness
- Judges: John Wilson, Jimmy Young

Former Winners MSR

- 1st Willie McCallum, Major Manson at Clachantrushal, Dora MacLeod, John MacKechnie's Big Reel
- 2nd Chris Armstrong, Bathgate
- 3rd Peter Hunt, Glasgow
- Judges: Jimmy Banks, Willie Morrison

Bagpipe Maker Jimmy Tweedie Dies

James Tweedie was a turner with both MacPherson and Sinclair in Edinburgh in the 1950s and helped to develop the Sinclair chanter.. He ran his own pipe making business, Inveran House, in the 1970s and passed it on to Craig Scott, one of his apprentices, when he retired in the 1980s. Another one of his former apprentices, Brian Donaldson, has now also entered the business. Jimmy was well known for his meticulous standards in pipe making.

RSPBA Fails to Implement its Millennium Report

High hopes of a brave new direction for Pipe Bands in Scotland were unrealised when the RSPBA Annual Meeting failed to implement the reforms it had already agreed to in principle. The result is even more curious given that 59 Bands voted in favour, 22 against and 30 abstained. As a two thirds majority was required, the motion was defeated. It appears to be as hard to alter the direction of the RSPBA as to change the Australian Constitution!

Australian Pipe Band Championships 30 and 31 March 2002

Venue: Cleveland Showgrounds, corner Long & Smith Streets, Cleveland

Admission Prices: Adult (per day): \$5.00. Children under 10 Free

Saturday: Grade 1 & 3 MSR and Grade 2 & 4 Medley

Evening Ceilidh

Sunday: Grade 1 & 3 Medley and Grade 2 & 4 MSR / Selection of Marches

Souvenirs:	Polo Shirts	\$35.00
	Caps	\$15.00
	Stubbie Coolers (Wet Suit)	\$ 8.00
	Stubbie Coolers - Aluminium	\$17.50
	Commemorative Glasses	\$17.50

All enquiries regarding purchase/sale of souvenirs can be addressed to Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band Queensland Tele : 041 477 6361

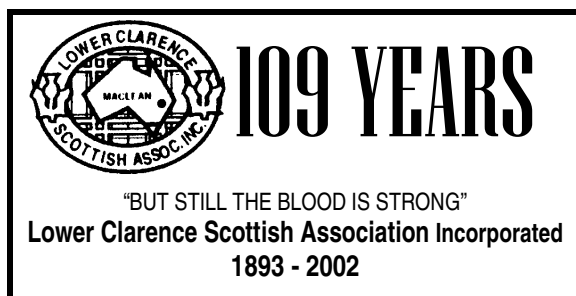
98TH MAC- LEAN HIGH- LAND GATHERING

**Saturday Only
MARCH 23RD 2002**

- ☞ Maclean Showground
- ☞ Day Night Contest
- ☞ 10am Start (NSW Summer Time)

❖ Special Features

- ❖ The Last Pipe Band Contest all grades before the big Australian and South Pacific Championships in Brisbane
- ❖ Scottish Concert
- ❖ Guest Piper
- ❖ Pipe Band Entertainment
- ❖ Highland Dancing Choreographed Contest



**Drum Major Solo Contest Heats
Highland Sports**

12.30pm Official Opening

1.00pm Band Contest. All Grades. Last chance before the Australian & South Pacific Pipe Band Championship in Brisbane

Night Special One Hour Concert During Dinner Break

**Band Entertainment Contest
Highland Dancing Choreographed Contests**

Drum Major Solo Contest Final

Chief Colin Gregor Memorial

Highland Sports Finals

Massed Pipe Band Display

Closing Lights Out Lone Piper

❖ NB: NSW SUMMER TIME

Scottish Concert

Saturday Night- March 23rd, 2002

Maclean Showground

Time: During Dinner Break

- * One Hour Package Show
- * Guest Piper
- * Musical Entertainment
- * Guest Vocalist

**HIGHLAND GATHERING & CONCERT
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ADMISSION	* Adults	\$10.00
	* Pensioners	\$8.00
	* School Students	\$5.00

Venue & Events

FRIDAY NIGHT MARCH 22ND 2002

CWA Hall	- Open Piping Piobaireachd
R.S.L Hall	- Open March/Strathspey/Reel
	- Open Hornpipe
Civic Hall	- Restricted Piobaireachd

SATURDAY MARCH 23RD 2002

Shopping Centre 8.30 am Street March Bands on Parade Contests

- Chief Colin Gregor Memorial Street March Comp
- Hugh Donald Anderson Band Sign Competition

Showground

**10.00 am Solo Piping/Drumming Competition
Highland Dancing Competition**

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SOLO PIPING COMPETITION

Sunday 5 May 2002- 11:00 am start
Scotch College – Curruth Road, Torrens Park

Piobaireachd

Open: - R.U. Brown Gold Medal

Each competitor to submit 3 tunes of own choice
All tunes must have a crunluath variation
Prize Monies: \$1000; \$400; \$200

Intermediate: - R.U Brown Silver Medal

Each competitor must submit 1 tune of own choice.
Tune must have a crunluath variation.
Prize monies: \$300; \$150; \$50

Novice: - Mervyn Hall Bronze Medal

Ground and First variation to be played.
Prize Monies: \$100; \$50; \$20

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Open: - Hamish MacKenzie Perpetual Trophy

March, Strathspey & Reel (minimum of 4 parts each)
Hornpipe into Jig (minimum of 4 parts each)
Prize Monies: \$400; \$200; \$100

Intermediate: - Ewen Masson Perpetual Trophy

2 x 2/4 Marches (minimum of 4 parts each)
Prize Monies: \$200; \$80; \$40

Sub Intermediate: - Jim Smith Perpetual Trophy

2 x 6/8 Marches (minimum of 4 parts each)
Prize monies: \$100; \$40; \$20

Elementary: - Mervyn Hall Perpetual Trophy

2 x Marches: (2/4; 3/4 or 4/4; 2 parts each)
Prize Monies: \$50; \$20; \$10

Closing date for entries; - Wednesday 1 May 2002. Entry fee - \$5:00 per event

All competitors must wear highland dress, including a Glengarry or Balmoral.

All tunes must be played in their entirety per published music.

Competitors to play per their respective Pipe Band Association grading.

For prize monies to be paid: 3 players for first; 4 players for second; 5 players for third.

For further details, please contact the Secretary- Moira Smith or President - Craig Masson

Travelling Expenses for Gold Medal and Silver Medal competitors:

Victoria - \$200; N.S.W. - \$250; Qld., W.A., Tas., - \$300; New Zealand - \$500

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ENTRY FORM SOLO PIPING COMPETITION Sunday 5 May 2002

Name:

Grading:

Pipe Band Assoc'n:

Events Entered:

Entry Fee – total:

Date:

- Note:**
- * Competitors can not play below their respective Association grading level.
 - * Competitors may submit multiple entries to play above their respective Association grading.