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**August Meeting
Monday 26th
Balmoral Bowls Club,
Jean Howie Drive,
Morningside
at 7.45 pm**

This is the **Annual Meeting** where we receive reports and elect officers for the coming year. This is usually a fairly brief and friendly affair, so we still need lots of people to bring their pipes ready to have a tune and occupy us for the rest of the evening.

From the Editor:

Another very successful contest last month, so it seems our Society is still rolling along strongly. We have a chance to further build on this in the year to come, and all can have their say about this at this month's annual meeting.

I apologise if this newsletter is a bit "light on" as I've been struck down by a succession of winter maladies over the past couple of months—however things are now on the up and we should be able to get out a good issue next month, helped by

all the annual meeting material!

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JULY 2002 MEETING

Unfortunately your scribe was unable to be at the July meeting because of illness, so I've assembled the various notes given to me to make a report, with apologies for anything I've left out or got wrong!

A bit over 30 people turned out to hear the Jimmy Durham Memorial Trophy contested by even pipers, our best entry for several years.

This trophy is for a 2/4 march played by an Elementary or Sub-Intermediate graded player who has not won the trophy before.

In addition to the trophy, Bill Durham, Jimmy's brother annually gives a fine set of medals to be given to all the placegetters. We once again thank him for his generosity.

Our judge for the evening was our President Doug Thoresen and the following comments come from his notes.

The Durham Trophy Competition attracted seven young talented competitors who performed with credit showing only minor nervous blemishes in playing but all getting through some solid 2/4 marches each of four parts.

First to play was Christopher McLeish on an instrument of good tone and balance. His tune **Father MacMillan of Barra** was presented with good clarity of fingering and while he nearly lost his way in the last part his determination to play it to conclusion was commendable to say the least.

Vaughan Parker gave us **Duncan MacInnes** in a steady confident style. While his fingering was generally clear the D doublings in the third part suffered some G gracenote mistimings.

Jordon Whicker played a fine well toned instrument presenting solid effort of **Arthur Bignold of Lochrosque**. Unfortunately his performance was marred by chokes

and while he displayed good technique the E doublings from F could have been opened up to improve the clarity.

Ryan Hoffman played **The Edinburgh City Police** on a well toned instrument in a confident style without error.

Lachlan Durham is a grandson of the memorable Jimmy Durham and his performance playing **The 79th's Farewell to Gibraltar** displayed strong fingering with some G gracenote mistiming and shows we have a young piper of promise to carry on the good name.

Michelle Hodder put in a strong fingered performance on an equally strong toned instrument playing **The Abercairney Highlanders**. A couple of chokes marred an otherwise winning effort.

John MacDonald gave us **The Conundrum** on a strong well toned Pipe. Some of his Tachum movements could have been opened up for better clarity and a wee hesitation in the third part kept John out of contention, but only just.

Generally, all competitors provided a most interesting contest and while all may have had some small blemishes the overall impression was most satisfying.

The result of the first four places was

- 1st Ryan Hoffman
- 2nd Michelle Hodder
- 3rd Vaughan Parker
- 4th Lachlan Durham

We also had the pleasure for the evening of the company of the Revd Bruce Spence form Taree and his wife Marjorie who were passing through Brisbane on a motor-ing holiday. Of course Bruce had brought his pipes, an old set which he has not been able to identify as to manufacturer. He played a couple of sets of tunes, including **The Piper's Prayer, P/M Billy Boyle, Shona's Scarf, For Ireland I'll Not Tell**

her Name, Back of the Moon The Mason's Apron and the ground of *The Earl of Seaforth's Salute*.

Ryan Hoffman was then prevailed on to give us a few more tunes, including *Trisha's Air, Jimmy Blue, Cape Breton Fiddler's Welcome to Shetland, Alick C MacGregor, Flora MacKenzie's Favourite* and *Cockerel in the Creel*.

Michelle Hodder played after Ryan and her tunes included *Leaving Port Askaig, Rhu Vaternish, Orange and Blue, the Keel Row, Lark in the Morning* and the ground of *Struan Robertson's Salute*.

Finally the raffle was drawn (won by Robert Baker) and all retired for the traditional supper.

NEWS FROM SCOTLAND

- **A new book of Duncan Johnston's tunes** is to be published by his family, after long running disputes on the rights to the tunes. It will cost £10 and be available from The College of Piping
- **Pipe Major Bob Shepherd** was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday honours for services to piping and teaching.
- **A new exam structure for the Institute of Piping** (which has the backing of the College of Piping, The Piping Centre, the Piobaireachd Society and the Army School of Piping) has been ratified. The College and the Centre are the examining bodies and are looking at providing examinations around the world if they can find people they can appoint as accredited examiners. The Institute offers certificates for Level 1 to Level 6, plus a Performers Certificate and two Tutor's Certificates..
- From next month, the **College of Piping is moving to a temporary home** at Stow West College at Maryhill, Glasgow while the old College building is replaced with a new purpose designed one. They expect to be back at Otago Street in May or June next year but in the meantime all activities will continue at the temporary site.

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.

What's On

AUGUST	21,22	Argyllshire Gathering, Oban
	26	Society Meeting—Annual Meeting
	31	Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band Contest. Limestone Park, Lion Street —Contact Liz McGhee 0414 776 361. See separate notice
	31	Cowal Championships—Dunoon
SEPT	4,5 Sep	Northern Meeting, Inverness
	23	Society Meeting
	28 28 Sep	NSW Pipers Society Silver Chalice Piobaireachd—contact Ron Clement 02 9948 1914 Queensland Pipe Band Championships—Pine Rivers Park, Petrie. The event is now being run directly by the Pipe Band Association after the Wynnum Gathering had to be cancelled because of the public liability insurance situation.
OCT	26	Glenfiddich Championship, Blair Castle
	28	Society Meeting
LATER	2 Nov	Bratach Gorm Competition—London

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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PIPE BAND & SOLO PIPING & DRUMMING COMPETITION
SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST
2002

LIMESTONE PARK, LION STREET, IPSWICH

BAND COMPETITION ELEMENTS

GRADE 4 SELECTION OF MARCHES

3-5 MINUTES MUSICAL SELECTION

GRADE 2 MARCH / STRATHSPEY / REEL

5-7 MINUTES MUSICAL SELECTION

****ALL GRADES** / QUICKSTEP**

GRADE 3 MARCH / STRATHSPEY / REEL

4-6 MINUTES MUSICAL SELECTION

GRADE 1 MARCH / STRATHSPEY / REEL

5-7 MINUTES MUSICAL SELECTION

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RSPBA Major Championships for 2003 and 2004
(plan your piping holiday now!)

2003

Scottish - Dumbarton, Scotland - May 17

British - Pitlochry, Scotland - June 21

Worlds - Glasgow Green - August 16

Cowal - Dunoon, Scotland - August 30

European - Alden Biesen, Belgium - September 13

2004

Scottish - Dumbarton, Scotland - May 22

British - Turriff, Scotland - June 12

European - Lisburn, Northern Ireland - July (date TBD)

Worlds - Glasgow Green - August 14

Cowal - Dunoon, Scotland - August 28

Solo Snippets

Greg Wilson has won the Silver Chanter competition at Dunvegan Castle for the third year in a row and also the Clasp at the Portree Games. Jack Lee (of Simon Fraser University) has taken out the Dunvegan Medal, continuing his combination of band and solo successes. More information next month.

CONTEST RESULTS

Roseneath/Clynder Games - 14 July

Piobaireachd:

1st Stuart Shedden
2nd Alan Russell
3rd Donald MacPhee
4th Jenny Hazzard
Judge: Angus J. MacLellan

March

1st Donald MacPhee
2nd Robert Watt, Ulster
3rd Neil Walker
4th Jenny Hazzard.
Judge: William J. Morrison

Strathspey & Reel

1st Donald MacPhee
2nd Robert Watt
3rd Neil Walker
4th Matthew Turnbull, Michigan.
Judge: William J. Morrison

Inveraray Games– 16 July

Piobaireachd

1st: Gordon Walker
2nd Stuart Liddell
3rd Niall Stewart.
Judges: John Wilson, Ian Clowe

March

1st Angus MacColl
2nd Stuart Liddell
3rd Gordon Walker.

Strathspey & Reel

1st Gordon Walker
2nd Angus MacColl
3rd Niall Stewart.

Luss Games– 17 July

March

1st Donald MacPhee
2nd Niall Stewart
3rd Neil Walker
4th Jenny Hazzard.
Judges: Major Gavin Stoddart, P-M James
Banks

Strathspey & Reel

1st Donald MacPhee

2nd Niall Stewart
3rd Neil Walker
4th Gordon MacLean
Judges: Major Gavin Stoddart, P-M James
Banks

Tobermory Games– 18 July

Piobaireachd

1st Colin MacLellan
2nd Matthew Turnbull
3rd Angus MacColl
4th John Angus Smith
5th Jenny Hazzard.
Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Ronald Lawrie

March

1st Angus MacColl
2nd Arthur Gillies
3rd Matthew Turnbull
4th John Mulhearn
5th Colin MacLellan
Judges: Dr. Leslie Craig, Ronald Clark

Strathspey & Reel

1st Angus MacColl
2nd Jenny Hazzard
3rd Arthur Gillies
4th John Mulhearn
5th Colin MacLellan.
Judges: Dr. Leslie Craig, Ronald Clark

Taynuilt Games– 20 July

Piobaireachd

1st Angus MacColl
2nd Innes Smith
3rd Colin MacLellan
Judges: Dr. Leslie Craig, Ronald Clark

March

1st Angus MacColl
2nd Donald MacPhee
3rd Innes Smith.
Judges: Jim Henderson, Robert Stewart

Strathspey & Reel

1st Angus MacColl
2nd Donald MacPhee
3rd Niall Stewart.
Judges: Jim Henderson, Robert Stewart

Airth Games- 21July**Piobaireachd**

1st Colin MacLellan
 2nd Stuart Shedden
 3rd Neil Walker.
 Judge: Ronald Clark

March, Strathspey & Reel

1st Chris Armstrong
 2nd Douglas Murray
 3rd Neil Walker.
 Judge: David Hutton

Hornpipe & Jig

1st Chris Armstrong
 2nd Douglas Murray
 3rd Donald MacLeod.
 Judge: David Hutton

**British Pipe Band Championships-
Ayr-27 July****Grade 1**

1st Field Marshal Montgomery
 2nd Shotts & Dykehead
 3rd ScottishPower
 4th Strathclyde Police
 5th St Laurence O'Toole
 6th Dysart & Dundonald
 Drumming: Shotts
 Judges: I. MacLellan, G. Summors (piping); A. Dowling (drumming); D. Clark (ensemble)

Grade 2

1st Ballycoan
 2nd Bleary
 3rd Clan MacGregor
 4th Polkemmet
 5th Upper Crossgare
 6th Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary
 Drumming: Clan MacGregor
 Judges: G. Shepherd, A. Wright (piping); C. Mourdant (drumming); T. Dear (ensemble)

**North American Championships—
Maxville, Ontario - 3 August****Bands****Grade 1**

1st Simon Fraser University
 2nd Toronto Police
 3rd City of Washington
 4th Peel Regional Police
 5th 78th Highlanders (Halifax)

Grade 2

1st Windsor Police
 2nd Niagara Police
 3rd Fredericton Society of St. Andrew
 4th North Coast

Professional Solo Piping**Piobaireachd**

1st Ian K. MacDonald
 2nd Andrew Rogers
 3rd Bruce Gandy
 Judge: Jim McGillivray

March

1st Bruce Gandy
 2nd Ian K. MacDonald
 3rd Andrew Hayes
 Judge: Reay Mackay

Strathspey & Reel

1st Bruce Gandy
 2nd Michael Grey
 3rd Robert Crabtree
 Judge: Willie Connell

Jig

1st Bruce Gandy
 2nd James McHattie
 3rd Matthew Turnbull
 Judge: Willie Connell

Perth Games - 11 August**Open Piobaireachd**

1st Niall Mathieson
 2nd Adam Holdaway, Boston
 3rd Jori Chisholm, Seattle
 4th Martin Frewen, New Zealand
 Judges: Donald Macpherson, Joe Henderson

March

1st Niall Matheson
 2nd Chris Armstrong
 3rd Neil Walker
 4th Simon Marshall
 5th Jori Chisholm

Strathspey & Reel

1st Niall Mathieson
 2nd Chris Armstrong
 3rd Simon Marshall
 4th Neil Walker
 5th Brendon Eade

Jig

1st Neil Walker

2nd Naill Mathieson
 3rd Innes Smith
 4th Simon Marshall
 5th Chris Armstrong

World Pipe Band Championships-Glasgow Green-10 August

NOTE: The Secretary has copies of the Master Sheets for the higher grades but they are too bulky for the newsletter. They will be available at the meeting or can be posted out on request

Grade 1 - Final Round

1st Field Marshal Montgomery (NI)
 2nd Simon Fraser University (Can)
 3rd Shotts & Dykehead
 4th 78th Fraser Highlanders (Can)
 5th Scottish Power
 6th Strathclyde Police
 7th St Laurence O'Toole (Eire)
 8th Boghall & Bathgate
 9th Dysart & Dundonald
 10th David Urquhart Travel
 11th Los Angeles Scots (USA)
 12th Toronto Police (Canada)
 13th Ravara (Northern Ireland)
 14th Peel Regional Police (Canada)
 15th Lothian & Borders Police
 Overall Drumming: Shotts & Dykehead. Overall Best Bass Section: Shotts & Dykehead
 Drumming MSR: Boghall & Bathgate; Drumming Medley: Field Marshal

Grade 1 - Qualifying Round (first 6 went into final above)

1st Toronto Police (Canada)
 2nd Ravara
 3rd Peel Regional Police (Canada)
 4th Los Angeles Scots (USA)
 5th Lothian & Borders Police
 6th David Urquhart Travel
 7th Alberta Caledonia (Canada)
 8th Grampian Police
 9th City of Washington (USA)
 10th Bucksburn & District
 11th Glasgow Skye Association
 12th City of Wellington (New Zealand)

Grade 2

1st Ballycoan (Northern Ireland)
 2nd Robert Malcolm Memorial (Canada)
 3rd Upper Crossgare (Northern Ireland)
 4th Bleary & District (Northern Ireland)
 5th Windsor Police (Canada)
 6th Bagad Cap Caval (France)

Drumming: Upper Crossgare

Grade 3A

1st McNaughton's Vale of Atholl (ensemble preference)
 2nd Lord Edward's Own
 3rd Killadeas (Northern Ireland)
 4th Royal Burgh of Stirling
 5th Syerla (Northern Ireland)
 6th Tullintrain
 Drumming: Vale of Atholl

Grade 3B

1st Inverkeithing
 2nd Black Raven
 3rd Ballydonnaghy Caledonia
 4th West Midlands Police (England)
 5th Finvoy (Northern Ireland)
 6th Cottown
 Drumming: Ballydonnaghy

Juvenile

1st George Watson's College
 2nd Lochgelly High School
 3rd Dumbarton and District
 4th Paisley
 5th Dunoon Grammar School
 Drumming: George Watson's

Grade 4A

1st Killen (ensemble preference)
 2nd Altnaveigh
 3rd Quinn Memorial
 4th Gortaclare
 5th Annsborough
 6th Arbroath RBL
 Drumming: Mountfield

Grade 4B

1st William Wood
 2nd Aarhus (Denmark)
 3rd Corpus Christi
 4th Duns RBL
 5th Tweeddale
 6th Gransha
 Drumming: Gransha

Novice Juvenile

1st Edmonton Juvenile (Canada)
 2nd Craigmount High School
 3rd Lochgelly High School
 4th 47th Culter BB
 5th Bucksburn
 6th Kintyre Schools
 Drumming: Lochgelly