



# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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## Newsletter - February 2011

### February Meeting

on Monday February 28  
7.30pm  
Balmoral Bowls Club

Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

### The meeting will be a Pipers' Night

Welcome to the Society's year for 2011!

Last year finished on a strong note with the November meeting and 2011 has started out with a successful meeting of the Piobaireachd Group. On page 2 we have listed the meeting dates but note that there will be **no meeting in April** as it clashes with Anzac Day.

Also, the Piobaireachd group is discussing its meeting strategy for the year so these dates may change. You can always check the calendar at the website - [www.qhps.org](http://www.qhps.org) - for the current meeting schedule. The pattern of contests at meetings is also still a work in progress, apart from our "traditional" contests.

On a more sober note, our thoughts go out to any of our members or their friends or family who have been affected by the recent natural disasters

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# 2010 SOCIETY CALENDAR

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 28 <sup>TH</sup>	PIPERS' NIGHT
MARCH 28 <sup>TH</sup>	
APRIL	NO MEETING - CLASH WITH ANZAC DAY
MAY 23 <sup>RD</sup>	PATRON'S TROPHY CONTEST (MSR FOR SENIOR PLAYERS)
JUNE 27 <sup>TH</sup>	
JULY 25 <sup>TH</sup>	JIMMY DURHAM MEMORIAL CONTEST (2/4 MARCH FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS)
AUGUST 22 <sup>ND</sup>	
SEPTEMBER 26 <sup>TH</sup>	
OCTOBER 24 <sup>TH</sup>	
NOVEMBER 28 <sup>TH</sup>	JACK McCANDLISH TROPHY (6/8 MARCHES)

- ◆ After each competition, the floor is open for all as at a Pipers' Night.
- ◆ The aim is to start meetings at 7.30pm (7.15pm for a 7.30pm start) to allow an early finish/more piping/more social time at the end of the meeting. Junior competitions are to start promptly and finish by 8.30pm.

## PIOBAIREACHD GROUP

6 <sup>th</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> May	7 <sup>th</sup> August	6 <sup>th</sup> November
6 <sup>th</sup> March	5 <sup>th</sup> June	11 <sup>th</sup> September	4 <sup>th</sup> December
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	

## NOVEMBER MEETING

*Thanks to Matt Supranowicz and Maurie DeHayr for these comments (with a bit of editor's licence!)*

Our final meeting for the year dedicated to "The Jack McCandlish Trophy Competition" has been popular with supporters and pipers since its inception and with around 50 in the audience, 8 pipers in the junior section and a further 10 players in the senior division this year's was one of the larger, more successful meetings we've had in recent memory. Ross Campbell's comments re the standard of playing were also very encouraging. In particular, Thanks particularly to Sandy Dalziel and Robert Gibb for not only bringing a bus load of kids down from Warwick but for also getting up there and competing themselves. Also thanks to Ross Campbell for adjudicating and providing his comments.

After a difficult few months of low attendance at Pipers' Society meetings, let's hope we can move forward now from here with a positive focus and emphasis on our enjoying our piping in a social setting.

Matt

The competition is for 6/8 marches – 4 parts by junior

players (either 1 tune of 4 parts or 2 -2parted tunes) and 2 tunes of 4 parts minimum from senior players.

Ross Campbell as the winner of the 2009 competition was called on to adjudicate the event.

The Junior players in order of play were

1. Tamar Stanfield Roche – Tug Argan Gap
2. Malcolm MacKellar – Tug Argan Gap
3. James Sananayke - Hundred Pipers/ Bonnie Dundee
4. Kristian Stanfield Roche – The Sweet Maid of Mull
5. Lloyd- George Worth – The Sweet Maid of Mull
6. Charles Cunningham – Hundred Pipers/Bonnie Dundee
7. Kirby Douglas – Kirkhill
8. Riley Douglas - Miss Ishabel T. MacDonald

The Senior players in order of play were

1. Sandy Dalziel – Dr. Ross's 50th. Welcome to the Argyllshire Gathering /John D. Burgess

2. Larry Flynn – Leaving Port Askaig / Jean Mauchline
3. Wayne Kennedy – Kirkwell Bay / John MacColl's Farewell to the Scottish Horse
4. Steve Anderson – Dovecote Park / Kenneth MacLeod
5. Michael Rodger – Frank Thomson / Angus Mackinnon
6. Robert Gibb – The Braemar Gathering / P.M. Sam Scott
7. Matthew Supranowicz- Captain C.R. Lumsden / Lord MacPherson of Drumochter
8. Ian Godson – P. M. Bill Boyle / Leaving Port Askaig
9. Cory Dale – Duncan Mc Gillivray, Chief Steward Ballochyle
10. Karl Ashman – Rab's Wedding / MacLeod of Mull

Those in attendance were decidedly appreciative of a great display of music on well set up instruments from all players the final results being

#### Juniors

1. Kirby Douglas
2. Malcolm MacKellar
3. Lloyd-George Worth

#### Seniors

1. Matthew Supranowicz
2. Cory Dale
3. Robert Gibb

All winners received their trophy and prizes from Jack's Daughter Sandra Supranowicz

This being our Christmas night all retired to a goodly supper after witnessing the drawing of the raffle won on this occasion by Cory Dale.

## Piobaireachd Group

### NOVEMBER

Unfortunately the Piobaireachd Group suffered from a poor attendance at the final meeting for 2010 though we welcomed two visitors, Mr and Mrs Bruce McLeod, who enjoyed the music provided during the meeting which commenced with Ross Campbell playing *Craigellachie* (The Grants' Gartering) after a very enjoyable set of tunes during his warm up. Ross was followed by Gary Forno who played *Glengarry's Lament*. Next to play was Maurie De Hayr whose tune was *The MacGregors Salute*.

Following some discussion on these tunes and morning tea Ross Campbell completed the morning's music with two fine tunes *Mrs. Smith's Salute* and *The Lament for Mary MacLeod* after which a presentation of Christmas Goodies was made to Ross for his dedication and work performed for our meetings.

### FEBRUARY

The Piobaireachd group commenced their 2011 sessions with a well attended meeting on Sunday, 6th. February at the Rochedale State High School Performance Theatre – being a very good venue for piping.

The morning commenced with Ross Campbell talking of pitch and intervals and stating he was playing a 1966 Hardie chanter and using one of his own reeds; he then played *Ewan of the Battles* which he followed with a favourite tune of his, *Lord Lovat's Lament*

Ross was followed by Sandy Dalziel who gave us *The Battle of Auldearn No 2* and the *Earl Of Seaforth's Salute* (part). Sandy was followed by Andrew McCabe playing *Black Donald's March*.

Tam McGirr (whose trip to north Qld was cancelled by the cyclone) was our next player giving us *The Lament for the Old Sword* on completion of which he stated that he had played it as Jim Murray advised him last year in Scotland.

Peter Hurwood then played *Sir James MacDonald of the Isles Lament*

After morning tea we discussed some ideas for improving the group's influence and activities - frequency of meetings; attracting young players who should be invited; travel for some players; possibility of competition and venues – these thoughts were taken away to be digested and further discussed at future meetings.

The final player for the morning was Robert Gibb playing *The Lament for the Only Son*

The Next meeting to be held in the Rochedale high School on Sunday 6th. March (10 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

# What's on.....

<b>F E B</b>	27 NSW Southern Highlands Solo and Band Contest
	<b>28 Society Meeting</b>
<b>M A R</b>	4,5 NZ Pipe Band Championships - Timaru
	<b>6 Society Piobaireachd Group</b>
	20 Geelong Highland Gathering, Geelong Showgrounds (Vic)
	26 NSW Pipers Society Silver Chalice Piobaireachd Contest (to be confirmed)
	27 The Scots School Bathurst Pipe Band Contest
<b>A P R</b>	27 Victorian Pipe Band Championships, Haileybury College, Keysborough
	<b>28 Society Meeting</b>
	2 Bundanoon Highland Gathering (NSW Southern Highlands)
	<b>3 Society Piobaireachd Group</b>
<b>M A Y</b>	10 Ringwood Highland Gathering, Jubilee Park, Ringwood (Vic)
	22,23 Maclean Highland Gathering - <a href="http://www.macleanhighlandgathering.com.au">www.macleanhighlandgathering.com.au</a> or 02 66452887
	28-1/5 Australian Celtic Festival, Glen Innes
<b>M A Y</b>	<b>1 Society Piobaireachd Group</b>
	7-9 RU Brown Solos Adelaide - 08 8261 1119 or <a href="http://www.rubrown.org.au">www.rubrown.org.au</a>
	21 Sunshine Coast Band Contest - Yandina - 075442 8632 or <a href="mailto:br.allen@bigpond.com">br.allen@bigpond.com</a>
	<b>23 Society Meeting - Patron's Trophy - MSR for senior players</b>

**VISIT THE COMING EVENTS PAGE AT [www.pipebandsqld.org](http://www.pipebandsqld.org) FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE, INCLUDING WEB LINKS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES**

For more details about above events where a contact isn't mentioned, ring or email the Secretary (07 3397 4512 or [qhps@qhps.org](mailto:qhps@qhps.org)) and we'll see what we can dig up for you. If we don't know about your event (social, musical, or whatever) we can't publicise it. So tell us and get free publicity

**The Smallpipers Group** - Contact Malcolm McLaren for meeting details - [mrmclaren@bigpond.com](mailto:mrmclaren@bigpond.com)

**The NSW Pipers' Society** meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Contact Ron Clement – 02 9948 1914.

**Canberra Pipers Society:** contact Sean Hodgman ph 6282 2795 or email [u4114272@anu.edu.au](mailto:u4114272@anu.edu.au)  
OR Jamie Forsyth 0419 631 999 or email [jamesrforsyth@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesrforsyth@hotmail.com)

**RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia:** Contact Sue Kempster 08 8264 3329  
[skempster@adam.com.au](mailto:skempster@adam.com.au)

**The WA Pipers' Society** meets on the 3rd Saturday at the Autumn Centre, Inglewood. Contact Mrs Alma Dender – 08 9448 7446

**RADIO PROGRAMS**

**College of Piping Radio:** You can tune in on the Internet on [www.college-of-piping.co.uk/html/radio.htm](http://www.college-of-piping.co.uk/html/radio.htm)

**4EB - FM 98.1** – Thursday afternoons 2.15—4.30 pm

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## *CONTEST RESULTS*

### **Palmerston North Square Day - 5 December**

#### **Grade 1**

##### **Medley**

1st Auckland & District

2nd Canterbury Caledonian

3rd Manawatu Scottish

4th New Zealand Police

Judges: Brian Niven, Iain Blakely (piping); Reid Maxwell (ensemble); Wayne Hobbs (drumming)

##### **MSR**

1st Auckland & District

2nd Manawatu Scottish

3rd Canterbury Caledonian

4th New Zealand Police

Judges: Bain McGregor, Phil Mair (piping); Craig Meinsmith (ensemble); Scott Birrell (drumming)

#### **Grade 2**

##### **Medley**

1st Manawatu Scottish #2

2nd Hamilton Caledonian

Judges: Brian Niven, Iain Blakely (piping); Reid Maxwell (ensemble); Wayne Hobbs (drumming)

##### **MSR**

1st Manawatu Scottish #2

2nd Hamilton Caledonian

Judges: Bain McGregor, Phil Mair (piping); Craig Meinsmith (ensemble); Scott Birrell (drumming)

#### **Grade 3**

#### **Medley**

1st Horowhenua

2nd City of Hastings

3rd Auckland Police

4th City of Wellington

Judges: Brian Niven, Iain Blakely (piping); Reid Maxwell (ensemble); Wayne Hobbs (drumming)

##### **MSR**

1st Horowhenua

2nd City of Hastings

3rd City of Wellington

4th Auckland Police

Judges: Bain McGregor, Phil Mair (piping); Craig Meinsmith (ensemble); Scott Birrell (drumming)

#### **Grade 4**

##### **Medley**

1st Scots College

2nd Red Hackle

3rd Paraparaumu & District

4th City of Tauranga

Judges: Brian Niven, Iain Blakely (piping); Reid Maxwell (ensemble); Wayne Hobbs (drumming)

##### **MSR**

1st Red Hackle

2nd Scots College

3rd Paraparaumu & District

4th City of Tauranga

Judges: Bain McGregor, Phil Mair (piping); Craig Meinsmith (ensemble); Scott Birrell (drumming)



**Juvenile**

1st Manawatu Scottish #3  
 2nd Scots College  
 3rd Lindisfarne College  
 Judges: Iain Robertson (piping), Raymond Malcolm (drumming)

**Gordon Duncan Memorial Solo Piping  
 Competition - National Piping Centre, Glasgow  
 – 20 January**

**Overall**

1st Alexis Meunier  
 2nd Robert Watt, Northern Ireland  
 3rd Sylvain Hamon, Brittany

**Scottish**

1st Alistair Henderson  
 Judges: Ian Duncan and Brian Donaldson

**Breton**

1st Alexis Meunier  
 Judges: Herve Le Floch and Patrick Mollard

**Irish**

1st Robert Watt  
 Judges: William Garrett and Lenny Brown

Other competitors: Chris Armstrong, Xavier Boderiou, Andrea Boyd, Ryan Canning, Cameron Drummond

**Irish Piobaireachd Society's 14th Annual  
 Competition - Gorey, Co. Wexford - 29 January**

**Former Winners**

1st Alastair Dunn  
 2nd Peter Donnan  
 3rd Andrea Cooney

**Open Piobaireachd**

1st Andrew Wilson  
 2nd Alistair Murray  
 3rd Con Houlihan

**Intermediate**

1st Ronan Madden  
 2nd Andy Cooney  
 3rd Mark Griffin

**Beginners**

1st Ger Neville  
 2nd Bobby Curtin  
 Judge: Tom Speirs - 27 competitors from North and South of Ireland and Scotland.

### BITS AND PIECES

***Registration as a solo player*** - If you are not in a Band but wish to register as a solo player with the PBA, you can get the necessary form from the [www.pipebandsqld.org](http://www.pipebandsqld.org) website. It is under the Services menu - click on "Membership Forms". All enquiries should go to the APBA National Registrar. Her email is [registrar@pipebands.asn.au](mailto:registrar@pipebands.asn.au), phone 08 9594 0629 and fax 08 9594 0345.

***Old movies or photographs of Maclean Highland Gathering*** - Robert Baker is on the lookout for these. If you have any you can share with him, call him on 02 6645 2502 or email at [sales\\_tartanfish@netspace.net.au](mailto:sales_tartanfish@netspace.net.au).

***Next Australian Pipe Band Championships*** - The Championships will be held at Easter 2012 at Eureka Stadium, Ballarat, Victoria, organised by the University of Ballarat Pipe Band. You can follow progress at [www.australianpipebandchampionships.com.au](http://www.australianpipebandchampionships.com.au)

***Tartan Day 2011*** - Tartan Day this year will be on Sunday 3 July. Watch here for news: [www.aussie-scots.org.au](http://www.aussie-scots.org.au)

***Emmanuel Piping Scholarships at UQ*** - Emmanuel College is offering a limited number of scholarships that support student who want to pursue piping with their undergraduate degree. They can be either residents or non-residents of the college and the program involves an exchange semester at the University of Glasgow and the National Piping Centre. For more information: [www.emmanuel.uq.edu.au](http://www.emmanuel.uq.edu.au)