



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Newsletter - March 2011

March Meeting

on Monday March 28
7.30pm
Balmoral Bowls Club

Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

The meeting will feature a

Hornpipe & Jig (seniors) Contest and Air & Jig (juniors)

Junior: One minimum 2 parted Air and One minimum 2 parted Jig: Prizes: 1st \$40, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$15

The Junior Contest is planned to start at 7.30pm. so please arrive in time to be ready to play.

Senior: Minimum 4 parted tunes. Two sets of tunes to be provided of

which the judge will choose one: Prizes 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$20

Enter by Phone (07 3397 4512), email (qhps@qhps.org) or before 7.15pm
on the night. No entry fee

Our meeting for this month features a contest as per the details above. We are probably going to be concentrating mainly on contests at our meetings for this year, so look out for details of what is to come. **Remember we have NO MEETING in April because of Easter and Anzac Day but May sees our annual Patron's Trophy MSR contest for senior players (open & intermediate)**

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2010 SOCIETY CALENDAR

MONTHLY MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 28 TH	PIPERS' NIGHT
MARCH 28 TH	HORNSPIPE AND JIG (SENIOR) / AIR AND JIG (JUNIOR) CONTEST
APRIL	NO MEETING - CLASH WITH ANZAC DAY
MAY 23 RD	PATRON'S TROPHY CONTEST (MSR FOR SENIOR PLAYERS)
JUNE 27 TH	
JULY 25 TH	JIMMY DURHAM MEMORIAL CONTEST (2/4 MARCH FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS)
AUGUST 22 ND	
SEPTEMBER 26 TH	
OCTOBER 24 TH	
NOVEMBER 28 TH	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 th February	1 st May	7 th August	6 th November
6 th March	5 th June	11 th September	4 th December
3 rd April	3 rd July	2 nd October	

FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting looked very bleak at about 7.15p.m. as within an audience of 22 arrivals there was no bagpipe to be found, however the evening was saved with Matthew Supranowicz arriving, Maurie DeHayr going home to get his instrument and the arrival of Ross Campbell whose trip down from Toowoomba is still a difficult journey.

So a late start at 7.35 commenced with apologies from Alex and Desley McConnell, Reg and Glenys O'Malley and Jean McLeod; followed by an announcement that Ian Lyons from Melbourne will be one of the adjudicators at MacLean and will be playing in a recital on the Saturday night after the competitions in the RSL club.

The other major announcement was that given the disaster in Christchurch and surrounds the New Zealand Championships had been cancelled.

Piping wise the evening was commenced by Matthew Supranowicz playing a varied selection of tunes which included *Captain C.R. Lumsden*, *Duncan McGillvray*, *Auld Adam* and *Lord Macpherson of Drumochter* followed by *Susan MacLeod*, *Dora MacLeod*, *Atholl Cummers*, *Lt.Col. D J S Murray*, *MacAllisters Dirk*

and *Alick C. MacGregor*. He then continued his presentation with a *Nameless Slow Air*, a collection of small Scottish Reels, *Campbell's Farewell to Redcastle*, *Greenwood Side* and *The 24th Guards Brigade at Anzio*.

Matthew was followed by Maurie DeHayr who played a selection of tunes which included 3/4s *Lochanside* and *Loch Maree*, 6/8s *Farewell to the Creeks*, *Leaving Port Askaig*, then 2/4 marches *Haughs of Cromdale* and *The 79th's Farewell to Gibraltar*, followed by a selection of 2 part 4/4 marches

Ross Campbell was next to play and he commenced his selection saying he was playing on a 1966 Hardie Chanter with a lower pitch which he has decided to try with his own make reed. Ross' Selection comprised four ¾ marches – *The Land of Trees* (arr Archibald Campbell); *Dream Valley of Glendaruel* (traditional); *Sunset* (J.MacLellan,Dunoon) and *Colin's Cattle* (traditional); Two 6/8's *PM Sam Scott* (P.R.MacLeod) and *Duncan MacLean*. He then followed with a Slow Air and 2 Jigs *The Lairig Ghru* (John Wilson) *The Mull of Kintyre* (A.Duncan) and *Donnie MacGregor* (Donald MacPherson) with 2/4 marches *Cameron*

Quickstep (traditional) and *Margaret M. Duncan* (PM Wm. Ferguson 7th. HLI)

Ross completed his selection with a very musical piobaireachd *Melbank's Salute*.

Donald Galloway completed the evening playing a short selection of 4/4s – *Loch Ruan, Rose of Allendale, Wings* and *The Rowan Tree* followed by the

6/8 march *The 10th. H.L.I Crossing the Rhine*.

After the drawing of the raffle (won AGAIN by Joan O'Neill - a fitting celebration of a special birthday a few days previously) an enjoyable supper and cordial chatter completed what turned out to be a very enjoyable evening.

Piobaireachd Group

The meeting scheduled for the 6th. of March was well attended, with a welcome back to Peter Burrows (recovering from knee surgery but not playing as yet) and apologies from Gary Forno and Peter Hurwood.

Maurie Dehayr commenced the proceedings with *Colin MacRae of Inverenats Lament* after which some discussion took place to be followed by Ross Campbell playing *The Old Men of the Shells'*

Andrew McCabe was next to play his tunes being the Ground of *The Lament for Donald of Laggan* followed by the full tune *The Desperate Battle*. We then listened to *The Glen is Mine* played by Andrew Richards.

It was now time for the set tune *I got a Kiss of the King's Hand* presented as usual by Ross Campbell with the history and flow of the tune well received.

So off to morning tea after which Ross played *I got a Kiss of the King's Hand*

Next to play was Tam McGirr whose tune for this meeting was *The Company's Lament*

The morning concluded with Ross in good fettle playing *The Massacre of Glencoe*

Please note :- next meeting Monday 3rd. April

“Raising the Standard”

The Scottish & Celtic Magazine of Queensland

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The NSW Pipers' Society meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Contact Ron Clement
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OR Jamie Forsyth 0419 631 999 or email jamesforsyth@hotmail.com

RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia: Contact Sue Kempster 08 8264 3329
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The WA Pipers' Society meets on the 3rd Saturday at the Autumn Centre, Inglewood. Contact
Mrs Alma Dender – 08 9448 7446

What's on.....

M A R	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
	27 Victorian Pipe Band Championships, Haileybury College, Keysborough
28 Society Meeting	
A P R	2 Bundanoon Highland Gathering (NSW Southern Highlands)
	3 Society Piobaireachd Group
	10 Ringwood Highland Gathering, Jubilee Park, Ringwood (Vic)
	22,23 Maclean Highland Gathering - www.macleanhIGHLANDGATHERING.com.au or 02 66452887 entries close 25 March (ABOUT NOW)
	28-1/5 Australian Celtic Festival, Glen Innes
29-1/5 South West Coast Piper Drummer workshop Warrnambool, VIC	
1 Society Piobaireachd Group	
M A Y	7-9 RU Brown Solos Adelaide - 08 8261 1119 or www.rubrown.org.au
	14 Wynnum RSL Pipe Band Ceilidh
	21 Sunshine Coast Band Contest - Yandina - 075442 8632 or br.allen@bigpond.com
	23 Society Meeting - Patron's Trophy - MSR for senior players
5 Society Piobaireachd Group	
J U N	11 Queensland Pipe Band and Solo Championships - Ipswich. Contact 0414 776 361 or www.ipswichthistle.com
	28 Society Meeting

VISIT THE COMING EVENTS PAGE AT 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) 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

RADIO PROGRAMS

College of Piping Radio: You can tune in on the Internet on www.college-of-piping.co.uk/html/radio.htm

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

Radio 997 FM (Redcliffe) – Sundays 12noon to 3pm

Burnett River Radio (91.5 FM) - Thursdays 7pm to 9pm

CONTEST RESULTS

Berwick (Vic) Band Contest - 12 February

Grade 2

- 1st Moorabin City
- 2nd Hawthorn City
- 3rd University of Ballarat No1
- Drum Corps: Moorabin City

Grade 3

- 1st Williamstown RSL
- 2nd Scotch College Pipes and Drums
- 3rd Watsonia RSL
- Drum Corps: Scotch College Pipes and Drums

Grade 4

- 1st University of Ballarat No 2
- 2nd Rats of Tobruk
- 3rd Frankston RSL
- Drum Corps; University of Ballarat No 2

Juvenile

- 1st Scotch College Pipes and Drums
- 2nd Haileybury College
- Drum Corps: Scotch College

Metro Cup Solo Piping Competition - Newark, New Jersey - 19 February

Overall

- Bruce Gandy

Piobaireachd

- 1st Stuart Liddell, *Lament for the Children*
- 2nd Gordon Walker, *MacDonald of Kinlochmoidart #1*
- 3rd Alex Gandy, *The Menzies' Salute*
- 4th Bruce Gandy, *I Got a Kiss of the King's Hand*
- 5th Glenn Brown, *Lament for the Earl of Antrim*

Medley

- 1st Bruce Gandy
- 2nd Willie McCallum
- 3rd Glenn Brown
- 4th Alen Tully
- 5th Gordon Walker
- Other competitors: Andrea Boyd, Brian Donaldson, Alastair Dunn, Margaret Dunn, Andrew Hayes, Brian Meagher, James Murray, and John Patrick.
- Judges: John Cairns, Colin MacLellan and Jim Stack.

University of Ballarat Band Contest - 27 February

Grade 2

- 1st Moorabin City

- 2nd Hawthorn City
- 3rd University of Ballarat No1
- Drum Corps: Moorabin City

Grade 3

- 1st Williamstown RSL
- 2nd Scotch College Pipes and Drums
- 3rd City of Melbourne
- Drum Corps: Scotch College Pipes and Drums

Grade 4

- 1st University of Ballarat No 2
- 2nd Rats of Tobruk
- 3rd Daylesford and District
- Drum Corps; University of Ballarat No 2

Juvenile

- 1st Scotch College Pipes and Drums
- 2nd Haileybury College
- Drum Corps: Haileybury College Pipes and Drums

NSW Southern Highlands Band Contest - 27 February

Grade 2

- 1st LCC Southern Cross No 1

Grade 3

- 1st Scots College No 1
- 2nd Hawkesbury Nepean Valley Pipe Band

Grade 4

- 1st Canberra Burns Club No 2
- 2nd Sydney Thistle
- 3rd Hawkesbury Nepean Valley Pipe Band "A"
- 4th Scots College No 2
- 5th Goulburn Soldiers Club

Archie Kenneth Quaich for amateur players - Royal Scottish Pipers' Society rooms, Edinburgh - 5 March

- 1st Tom Peterkin, *Macleod of Raasay's Salute*
- 2nd John Frater, *The King's Taxes*
- 3rd Alan Forbes, *MacLeod of Colbeck's Lament*
- 4th James Kenny, *Lament for the Viscount of Dundee.*
- Judges: R Clarke and R MacShannon.

Uist and Barra Solo Contest - College of Piping, Glasgow - 12 March

Piobaireachd

- 1st Iain Speirs, *End of the Great Bridge*
- 2nd Douglas Murray, *Lord Lovat's Lament*

3rd Angus MacColl, *MacLeod of Raasay's Salute*
4th Niall Stewart, *Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay*
5th William Geddes, *Earl of Seaforth's Salute*

March Strathspey & Reel

1st Niall Stewart
2nd Douglas Murray
3rd Angus MacColl
4th P/M Gordon Walker
5th James Murray.

Jigs

1st Niall Stewart
2nd James Murray

3rd Angus MacColl
4th P/M Gordon Walker
5th Douglas Murray
Other piobaireachd competitors: James Murray, *Old Men of the Shells*, Finlay Johnston, *Lament for the Dead*, Gordon Walker, *Lament for the Children*, Cameron Drummond, *Lament for the Earl of Antrim*, Glenn Brown, *Lament for Patrick Og* and John Patrick, *Lament for Mary MacLeod*
Judges : Stuart Shedden, Dugald MacNeill (Piobaireachd), Willie Morrison and Barry Donaldson (light music)

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Tartan Day 2011 - Tartan Day this year will be on Sunday 3 July. Watch here for news: www.aussie-scots.org.au