



# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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## Newsletter - November 2012

### November Meeting

on Monday 26th at 7.30pm

at Balmoral Bowls Club

Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

#### Jack McCandlish Trophy 6/8 March Competition

Junior Contest test piece: One 4-parted or two 2-parted tunes

Senior contest test piece: Two 4-parted tunes played consecutively

To be eligible for the Junior Contest, players must be graded C or D. All others will play in the senior division.

The Junior Contest is planned to start at 7.30pm, so please arrive in time to be ready to play. Enter by Phone (07 3397 4512), email (qhps@qhps.org), before 7.15pm on the night (junior) or 7.45pm (senior), No entry fee

Prizes: Senior 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30

Junior 1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$30

Our judge for the contest will be Ross Campbell, last year's winner

**We will also have the presentation of our Piper of the Year awards (Junior & Senior) based on participation at Society meetings and results of our competitions.**

**Margaret Paterson has kindly sponsored the prizes.**

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The Jack McCandlish Trophy 6/8 contest (details above) and our usual Christmas Party will almost finish off the year for the Society, apart from the Piobaireachd Group meeting in December. Don't forget to bring along some of your favourite food to share at the Christmas Party.

The committee is in the process of working out the program for next year. The meeting dates are on Page 2 of this newsletter but watch the webostee for full details which will be posted as soon as available.

Our next newsletter will not go out until the new year so we wish all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

*Alex McConnell*  
Secretary

## 2013 SOCIETY CALENDAR

### MONTHLY MEETING Dates

FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>MARCH 2<sup>TH</sup>APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

After each competition, the floor is open for all.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> February3<sup>rd</sup> March7<sup>h</sup> April5<sup>th</sup> May2<sup>nd</sup> June7<sup>h</sup> July4<sup>th</sup> August8<sup>th</sup> September6<sup>th</sup> October3<sup>rd</sup> November (Recital)1<sup>st</sup> December

## OCTOBER MEETING

Our October meeting featured a "mini-recital" with a number of invited players giving us a somewhat longer than usual sample of their repertoire than we normally have on a Piper's Night.

About 20 were in attendance and we had apologies from Tom McGirr and Malcolm Cox.

Our first player was Lloyd-George Worth and he started out with the 6/8s *Queen Elizabeth's March* and *Major May's Welcome* followed by an MSR - *Laird of Luss*, *Sandy MacPherson* and *Duntroon*. Then a change of pace to the air *Leaving Eriskay* and back up in tempo with the jig *Rory MacLeod*. Next he played the ground of the piobaireachd *The Glen is Mine*. To finish off he gave us the 9/8s *Battle of the Somme* and *Heights of Dargai* and the 3/4s *Bloody Fields of Flanders* and *Dream Valley of Glendaruel*.

He was followed by Sandy Dalziel who also had a well organised selection, starting with the 9/8s *1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Entry into Crater* and *Archie McKinley* and then the MSR *Stirlingshire Militia*, *Dornie Ferry* and *Alick Cameron, Champion Piper*. Then we heard the air *Sheila's Lullaby* followed by the reels *P/M Callum Campbell's Caprice* and *Queen of the Rushes*. A couple of 6/8s, *Dornoch Highland Gathering* and *Dovecote Park*, were next before he played some strathspeys and reels - *Balmoral Castle*, *Stirling Castle*, *Kate Dalrymple*, *Reel of Tulloch* and *Barney's Balmoral*. He finished up with the hornpipe *Jim Tweedie's Se Legs* and *The Fiddlers Rally*.

Lachlan McPhee was next with the 6/8 Marches *Murdo MacKenzie of Torridon* and *P/M Donald McLean of Lewis*, *Air Top Deck in Perth*, *Jigs Rory MacLeod*, *The Seagull* and *Glasgow City Police Pipers*, 2/4 Marches *Duncan MacColl* and *John MacColl's March to Kilbowie Cottage* and the ground of the Piobaireachd *Too Long in this Condition*

Andrew Roach was next on, but first he got Lachlan And Lloyd George out the front to discuss the positive effects of the recent workshop at BBC on their playing. He also gave us a bit of an account of how the workshop had gone. He then played a selection of tunes including the 6/8s *Tug Argan Gap* and *Kenneth J MacLeod*, the MSR *David E Ross, Tulloch Castle* (McCallum setting) and *Smith of Chilliechassie*, a *Breton Air*, the reel *Touching Cloth*, *Jimmy Blue*, *Isla's Charms*, *Dunraven Farm* and *Glasgow City Police Pipers*.

Bruce Macleod finished up the evening with the air *The Dark Island* and the 2/4 *Skye Gathering*.

The raffle was drawn by Margaret Paterson and won by Vic Supranowicz, after which Donald Galloway called for a round of applause for all the pipers and we proceeded to supper.

## Piobaireachd Group

The Piobaireachd Group held a successful Piobaireachd Day at Rochedale on 4th November. 17 pipers played to an appreciative audience, from 10 a.m. 'til 5 p.m.

Ross Campbell, the convener of the Group's monthly meetings, had organized the programme so that a mix of abilities would be heard as the day progressed. The players and their tunes were:-

Abby Dalziel, (daughter of Sandy Dalziel who is the piping master at Scots College in Warwick) -- ground and first variation of *The Company's Lament* on the Goose.

Ross Campbell - *The MacFarlanes' Gathering* and the *Battle of Bealach nam Brog*.

Peter Hurwood, - *Catherine's Lament*.

Sandy Dalziel - *MacLeod of Raasay's Salute*.

Bruce MacLeod - *Struan Robertson's Salute*.

Roy Gunn - *Lament for MacSwan of Roaig* and *The Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay*.

Maurie De Hayr, (who is the Society Patron) - *Colin MacRae of Inverinate's Lament*

Malcolm McRae - *The Earl of Seaforth's Salute* and *Lord Lovat's Lament*.

Andrew Richards - *Tulloch Ard*

Tom McGirr - *MacCrimmon's Sweetheart*

Lloyd-George Worth (a pupil at the Scots College) - *The Glen is Mine*

Iain Bruce - *The Prince's Salute* and the *Battle of Auldearn No. 2*

Andrew McCabe - *The Little Spree*

Ian Godson - *A Flame of Wrath*

Kristian Stanfield Roche (Scots College) - *Clan Campbell's Gathering*

Lachlan McPhee (a student at the Brisbane Boys' College) - *Too Long in this Condition*.

Ross Campbell thanked everyone for attending and promised a similar gathering next year.

The playing standard was variable, as was to be expected, given the range of ages, experience and abilities. Some excellent tunes from the more experienced players, on well-tuned pipes, were interspersed with less accomplished performances from those new to the art. While it is heartening that a number of younger players show interest and promise, the Society's efforts to foster solo piping are obviously hampered by the demands made of pipers by pipe bands, by the distractions of an Antipodean lifestyle, and by the country-wide lack of sufficient solo competitions to provide an incentive to practise and, in the case of piobaireachd, to learn new tunes or, indeed, to take it up at all. In the absence of the competition and recital opportunities which motivate pipers in Scotland and some other countries, the monthly meetings of the Group provide an opportunity to pipers of all levels to pursue the playing and study of The Big Music.

*Iain Bruce and Malcolm McRae*



Some of our participants: Ross Campbell, Malcolm McRae, Roy Gunn, Tam McGirr, Ian Godson, Lloyd-George Worth, Lachlan McPhee (back), Abby Dalziel (front), Kristian Stanfield-Roche, Bruce MacLeod, Maurie DeHayr, Andrew McCabe, Sandy Dalziel, Iain Bruce

# What's on.....

<b>N O V</b>	<b>26 Society Meeting - Jack McCandlish Trophy</b>
<b>D E C</b>	1 Redcliffe Pipe Band St Andrew's Day Ceilidh - 7pm - \$20 - Bramble Bay Bowls Club - Contact 0467 066 665 or email redcliffescottish@hotmail.com 1 Charistchurch (NZ) Victoria Square Day - kim.robertson@paradise.net.nz 1 Daylesford (Vic) Highland Gatheirng - 03 5348 1800 <b>2 Society Piobaireachd Group</b> 8 Palmerston North (NZ) Square Day - www.manawatuscottishsociety.com
<b>J A N</b>	6-11 APBA Summer School, Melbourne 19 Brisbane Clans Pipes and Drums Burns Night - Contact 07 3369 2232 26 Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band Burns Supper - Book before 24 January: 0414 776 361 - \$30 for non members - Band Hall, Limestone Park
<b>F E B</b>	3 Society Piobaireachd Group 25 First Society Meeting of 2013
	Mar 2-3 NZ Ppe Band Championships May 25 British Pipe Band Championships - Bathgate Jun 29 European Pipe Band Championships - Forres Jul 27 Scottish Pipe Band Championships - Dumbarton Aug 17-18 Worlds Pipe Band Championships - Glasgow Aug 21-22 Argyllshire Highland Games - Oban Aug 31 Cowal Pipe Band Championships - Dunoon Sep 5-6 Northern Meeting, Inverness

**Following on the successful Scotland Homecoming year in 2009, there is to be another one in 2014 - worth remembering if you're planning a trip in the next few years.**

**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

## OTHER PIPING SOCIETIES

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

**The NSW Pipers' Society** usually meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Contact Adam Wishart – 0409 158 237 or [awishart@plc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:awishart@plc.nsw.edu.au)

**Victorian Pipers Association:** <http://www.vicpipers.org/>

**RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia:** [www.rubrown.org.au](http://www.rubrown.org.au)



**LOCAL CONTEST DATES FOR 2013**

Some of these dates are still provisional. Solo contests at Maclean and Ipswich - others Bands only

24 March	Brisbane Boys College, Toowong
29-30 March	Maclean Highland Gathering
18 May	Sunshine Coast, Yandina
8 June	Ipswich
21 July	Clans Congress, Logan City

**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)

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1. Bring along a cheque or cash to a meeting
2. Post a cheque or money order to PO Box 1252 COORPAROO DC QLD 4151
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4. Click on the button on the website ([www.qhps.org](http://www.qhps.org)) to pay by Paypal or Credit Card

# CONTEST RESULTS

## New Zealand Solo Piping Championship - Highland Piping Society of Canterbury's Silver Chanter - St Andrews College, Christchurch - 20-21 October

### Overall

Jamie Hawke  
Judges Silver Chanter, Clasp and A-Grade  
events: Niall Stewart and Greg Wilson

### Silver Chanter MSR

1st Graeme Bryce  
2nd Alasdair MacKenzie  
3rd Richard Cox  
4th Harry Hawke

### Clasp MMSSRR (for former winners of Silver Chanter)

1st Martin Frewen  
2nd Stewart McKenzie  
3rd equal Graeme Bryce & Stuart Easton

### A Grade

### Piobaireachd (New Zealand Open Championship)

1st Jason Craig  
2nd Jamie Hawke  
3rd Jonathon Quay  
4th Martin Frewen

### March (New Zealand Open Championship, South Island Championship)

1st Craig Sked  
2nd Alasdair MacKenzie  
3rd Liam Kernaghan  
4th Stuart Easton

### Strathspey & Reel (New Zealand Open Championship)

1st Jamie Hawke  
2nd Graeme Bryce  
3rd Liam Kernaghan  
4th Stuart Easton

### Hornpipe & Jig (New Zealand Open Championship)

1st Martin Frewen  
2nd Jamie Hawke  
3rd Alasdair MacKenzie  
4th Craig Sked

### 6/8 March

1st Craig Sked  
2nd Stuart Easton  
3rd Harry Hawke  
4th Jamie Hawke

### B Grade

### Piobaireachd

1st Angus Hawke  
2nd James Wansink  
3rd Katie Lawton  
4th Blair Hodson

### March

1st Ben Murray  
2nd Angus Hawke  
3rd Cameron McKean  
4th Blair Hodson

### Strathspey & Reel

1st Ben Murray  
2nd Mysie McTaggart  
3rd Blair Hodson  
4th Reuben McDonnell

### Hornpipe & Jig

1st Kirby Douglas  
2nd Piers Dover  
3rd James Wansink  
4th Simon McLean

### 6/8 March

1st Ben Murray  
2nd Simon McLean  
3rd Piers Dover  
4th Simon Fraser

## Glenfiddich Championship - Blair Castle - 27 October

### Overall

Iain Speirs wins 2012

### Balvenie Medal for services to piping

Jackie Pincet of Brittany

### Piobaireachd

1st Jack Lee, *Ronald MacDonald of Morar's Lament*  
2nd Iain Speirs, *MacLeod of Colbeck's Lament*  
3rd Willie McCallum, *The Earl of Ross's March*  
4th Stuart Liddell, *Lament for the Children*  
5th Callum Beaumont, *The Unjust Incarceration*  
Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Jim McGillivray, Willie  
Morrison

### MSR (twice over)

1st Willie McCallum, *Captain Campbell of Drum a  
Voisk, Dora MacLeod, John MacKechnie's Big Reel*  
2nd Iain Speirs, *The Duchess of Edinburgh, The Top  
of Craigvenow, The Grey Bob*  
3rd Stuart Liddell, *Abercairney Highlanders, John*

*Roy Stewart, The Smith of Chilliehassie*  
 4th Finlay Johnston, *Arthur Bignold of Lochrosque,*  
*Susan MacLeod, The Rejected Suitor*  
 5th Gordon Walker, *Hugh Kennedy BSc, Tulloch*  
*Castle, Dr McPhail's Reel*  
 Judges: Ian Duncan, Iain MacLellan, Iain Morrison  
 Also competing but not in the prizes were Murray  
 Henderson; Euan MacCrimmon, and Roddy  
 MacLeod. Murray Henderson announced that it  
 would be his final competition.

### **Scottish Piping Society of London competitions - Kensington Conference Centre – 10 November**

#### **Overall**

Willie McCallum

#### **Piobaireachd events**

#### **Bratach Gorm (for HSL Gold Medallists and winners of the Gillies Cup)**

1st Iain Speirs  
 2nd Willie McCallum  
 3rd Roddy MacLeod  
 4th Faye Henderson  
 5th Gordon Walker

#### **William Gillies Memorial Challenge Cup (A-Grade)**

1st Douglas Murray  
 2nd Iain Speirs  
 3rd Willie McCallum  
 4th Bruce Gandy  
 5th Gordon Walker

#### **R.G. Lawrie Rams Horn Snuff Mull (A-Grade, but not in the Gillies Cup)**

1st Innes Smith  
 2nd William Geddes  
 3rd Fiona Manson  
 4th David Wilton  
 5th Jonathan Greenlees, Northern Ireland

#### **John Roe Plate (B-Grade)**

1st Jamie Forrester, London  
 2nd Sarah Muir  
 3rd Andrew Hall  
 4th Darach Urquhart  
 5th Peter Hunt

#### **National Piping Centre Piobaireachd Trophy (C- Grade)**

1st Steven Leask  
 2nd James Gore  
 3rd Ashley McMichael  
 4th Roger Huth  
 5th Anna Kummerlow

#### **MSR events**

#### **London Medallion and John MacFadyen Quaich (for**

#### **Silver Star competitors and Robertson Bowl winners)**

1st Gordon McCready  
 2nd Gordon Walker  
 3rd Roddy MacLeod  
 4th Willie McCallum  
 5th Niall Matheson

#### **J.B. Robertson Silver Rose Bowl (as above, but March only)**

1st Gordon McCready  
 2nd Niall Mathieson  
 3rd Margaret Dunn  
 4th Bruce Gandy  
 5th Roddy MacLeod

#### **Strachan Memorial Trophy (A-Grade)**

1st Derek Midgley  
 2nd Innes Smith  
 3rd William Geddes  
 4th Euan MacCrimmon  
 5th Jamie Forrester

#### **London Scottish Hodden Grey (B-Grade)**

1st David Wilton  
 2nd Steven Leask  
 3rd David Shedden  
 4th Graham Drummond  
 5th Ben Duncan

#### **C-Grade**

1st Sid Moore  
 2nd Steven Gray  
 3rd Andrew Gray  
 4th Stuart McCallum  
 5th Ross Hume

#### **Hornpipe & Jig events**

#### **Mary Flora Beaton Cup (Premier and A-Grade)**

1st Willie McCallum  
 2nd Callum Beaumont  
 3rd Gordon Walker

#### **Donald Forbes Medal (Strachan Cup competitors)**

1st Euan MacCrimmon  
 2nd David Wilton  
 3rd Xavier Boderiou

#### **Hugh MacMillan Trophy (B-Grade)**

1st Ben Duncan  
 2nd Steven Leask  
 3rd Andrew Wilson

#### **C-Grade**

1st Steven Gray  
 2nd Mael Sicard Cras  
 3rd Stuart McCallum