



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Newsletter - March 2013

March Meeting

on Monday 25th at 7.30pm

at Balmoral Bowls Club

Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

This meeting will be the first of our "Featured Pipers" nights for the year.

This doesn't mean that people not on the featured list can't play, but we ask you to register at the door and we'll slot you into the program for the night. Might be a good chance to give contest tunes for Maclean a run.

Things are starting to warm up on the piping scene in this part of the world as the weather (hopefully) cools down a bit. Sunday 24th sees the BBC competition and the following weekend is Easter and, of course, Maclean. This will be followed in May by Sunshine Coast and in June by Ipswich, with Logan in July.

Meanwhile a few of the interesting winter indoor solo contests have been going on in the northern hemisphere and some results are reported in our results section.

Maclean is certainly the longest established and most comprehensive contest (band and solo) in our part of the world, as well as being a great meeting place for both old and new friends. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Unfortunately I've had to prepare this newsletter in a bit of a rush so apologies if it's a bit "light on".

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Secretary

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2013 SOCIETY CALENDAR

MONTHLY MEETING Dates

FEBRUARY 25 TH	PIPERS' NIGHT	JULY 22 ND	JIMMY DURHAM MEMORIAL (2/4 FOR JUNIORS)
MARCH 25 TH	FEATURED PIPERS TO BE ADVISED	AUGUST 26 TH	FEATURED PIPERS TO BE ADVISED
APRIL 22 ND	PIPERS FROM WYNNUM RSL	SEPTEMBER 23 RD	(ANNUAL MEETING & AIR/JIG CONTEST)
MAY 27 ^H	PATRON'S TROPHY (MSR FOR SENIORS)	OCTOBER 28 TH	FEATURED PIPERS TO BE ADVISED
JUNE 24 TH	PIPERS FROM QLD HIGHLANDERS	NOVEMBER 25 TH	JACK McCANDLISH TROPHY (6/8s)

After each competition, the floor is open for all. Please advise as you arrive that you intend to play so we can schedule performances.

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 rd February	5 th May	4 th August	3 rd November (Recital)
3 rd March	2 nd June	8 th September	1 st December
7 ^h April	7 ^h July	6 th October	

FEBRUARY MEETING

Our first meeting for 2013 was a fairly quiet one, with only about 20 in attendance. The heavy rain no doubt affected the resolve of some and in Andrew Roach's case it meant he could not get down from Warwick but sent his apologies.

Donald Galloway got the meeting underway and the first piper to play was Lachlan McPhee, who we watched improving greatly throughout last year and he gave us a good selection of music, including the MSR *John MacColl's March to Kilbowie Cottage*, *Lady Louden* and *Alick C MacGregor, Captain Lumsden*, the piobaireachd *Glengarry's Lament, Dawning of the Day, At Long Last, Barefoot through Brisbane* and *Ye Jacobites by Name*.

Meggie Doran had not played at the Society for quite a while and gave us the MSR *Kantara to El Arish*, *Susan MacLeod* and *Man from Glengarry*. She is now being taught by Rob MacGregor and her playing and instrument were excellent, although she lost a bit of balance in the reel.

Maurie DeHayr had not brought his pipes but Meggie kindly loaned him the ones she was playing and he gave us a set of 4/4s, followed by the 2/4 *Australian Ladies*, the 6/8s *Farewell to the Creeks* and *Leaving Post Askaig* and then some little strathspeys and reels including *Dalnahassaig, Aspen Bank, Molly Connell*

and *Louden's Bonny Woods and Braes*.

Finally Lachlan played for us again, giving us part of a piobaireachd which I'm afraid I've misplaced the name of.

Donald Galloway mentioned the upcoming piobaireachd group meeting and also other coming events as listed in the newsletter and then asked Maurie to speak about his recent New Zealand trip, which had included a visit to the gathering at Turikina, a small town north of Wellington. It has been holding an annual Highland games since 1864 and still is run as a very traditional highland games event. The results are in our results section in this newsletter.

By now it was time to draw the raffle and it was both drawn and won by Jean McLeod!

Donald thanked everyone for their attendance and so to supper.

Piobaireachd Group

With the threat of more inclement weather the prospects of holding our regular meeting on Sunday, 3rd March looked grim but fortunately the elements subsided and we were blessed with an attendance of fifteen including three from O'er the Border.

After some opening greetings and thoughts for further interest within the group, apologies were given on behalf of Sandy Dalziel and boys from Warwick, Tam McGirr, Alistair McInnes, Cathy Herzig and Garry Forno.

Ross Campbell commenced the morning playing *Black Donald's March* followed by some discussion regarding Black Donald himself.

Bruce MacLeod then played *The Company's Lament* to be followed by Andrew McCabe whose chosen tune was *Melbanks Salute*.

Lachlan McPhee followed Andrew, playing *Glengarry's Lament* after which Ross took us through the tune for the month; *McIntosh's Banner*.

After morning tea Ross played *McIntosh's Banner*.

Next to play was Peter Hurwood whose chosen tune was *The Lament for Captain McDougall* and the morning's proceedings were completed by Lachlan Mc Phee who played the ground of *Too Long in this Condition*.

Our next meeting will be held on 7th April.

Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band Inc.
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8 June 2013
Saturday

What's on.....

- M** 24 BBC Band Contest - Toowong at 1pm - Contact Steve Stanley 0400 953 126
A sstanley@bbc.qld.edu.au
R **25 Society Meeting**
 29-30 Maclean Highland Gathering - www.macleanhighlandgathering.com.au
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- 6 Bundanoon Highland Gathering, NSW Souther Highlands. Contact 02 4883 7471
7 Society Piobaireachd Group
 13 NSW Pipers Society Silver Chalice Piobaireachd and Ron Clemenet OAM MSR Competition. Enquiries to qhps@qhps.org or adamwishartt@live.com.au. Details also available at our meeting.
- A** 13 Pan-Cletic Awards Dinner - Irish Club at 7pm - \$55 a head plus cash bar.
P Bookings by 28 March to 3353 2332 or 3849 8271
R 14 Ringwood (Vic) Highland Gathering www.pipebandsvic.com
22 Society Meeting - Featured Pipers from Wynnum RSL Band
 26-28 South West Coast Piper Drummer Workshops, Warrnambool (Vic) www.wadpadi.org.au
 28 Ormiston House Highland Celtic Celebration. Contact 3286 1425 or 0457 675 137
 2-5 Australian Celtic Festival, Glen Innes. www.australiancelticfestival.com
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- 5 Society Piobaireachd Group**
M 5 RU Brown Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal, Adelaide www.rubrown.org.au
A 18 Sunshine Coast Band Contest - Yandina
Y 25 British Pipe Band Championships - Bathgate
27 Society Meeting - Patron's Trophy - MSR for senior players
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- Jun 8 Qld Pipe Band and Solo Championships - Limestone Park, Ipswich
www.pipebandsqld.org
 Jun 29 European Pipe Band Championships - Forres
 Jul 6 Tartan Day, King George Square, Brisbane
 Jul 21 Clans Congress Band Contest - Logan www.pipebandsqld.org
 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 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

OTHER PIPING SOCIETIES

The Smallpipers Group - Contact Malcolm McLaren for meeting details -
mrmclaren@bigpond.com

The NSW Pipers' Society usually meets on the 1st Thursday of each month. Contact Adam Wishart – 0409 158 237 or adamwishart@live.com.au

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

RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia: www.rubrown.org.au

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

SNIPPETS

Tote Bags for Sale - There are still bags left over from the 2010 Australian Pipe Band Championships at Caloundra. We will have some available for purchase at our meetings (\$2 each)

Bands Competing**at BBC 24 March**

Brisbane Boys' College No. 1
Brisbane Boys' College No. 2
BBC Old Collegians Pipe Band
City of Brisbane Pipe Band
Gold Coast Tweed Pipes and Drums
Maclean Pipe Band
Qld Police Juvenile Pipes & Drums
Scots PGC College (Warwick)
St Andrew's
Sunshine Coast Pipes and Drums
Toowoomba Caledonian Pipe Band
Wynnum RSL Pipe Band No. 2

Full details at
<http://www.pipebandsqld.org/cms/images/pdfs/bbcdraw2013.pdf>

and at Maclean 30 March

Armidale Pipe Band
Brisbane Boys' College Pipe Band
BBC Old Collegians Pipe Band
City of Blacktown Pipe Band # 2
City of Brisbane Pipe Band
Gold Coast Tweed Pipes & Drums
Grafton District Services Club Pipe Band
Inverell Pipe Band
Lismore City Pipe Band
Maclean & District Pipe Band
Noosa Pipe Band
NSW Highlanders Pipe Band
QLD Highlanders
QLD Irish Association Pipe Band
QLD Police Juvenile Pipes & Drums
St. Andrew's Pipe Band
Sunshine Coast Caledonian Pipes & Drums
Tamworth & District Highland Society Pipe Band
University of QLD Pipe Band
Wynnum RSL No. 2 Pipe Band

Full details at
<http://macleanhighlandgathering.com.au>

CONTEST RESULTS

Metro Cup Solo Piping Competition - Newark, New Jersey – 16 February

Overall

Angus MacColl

Professional

Piobaireachd

- 1st Bruce Gandy, *The Big Spree*
- 2nd Angus MacColl, *The Battle of the Pass of Crieff*
- 3rd Roddy MacLeod, *The Old Men of the Shells*
- 4th Glenn Brown, *Lament for Patrick Og MacCrimmon*
- 5th Willie McCallum, *Lament for MacSwan of Roaig*

Medley

- 1st Angus MacColl
- 2nd Gordon Walker
- 3rd Chris Armstrong
- 4th Willie McCallum
- 5th Alastair Dunn

Amateur

Overall

Kirk Brunson

Piobaireachd

- 1st Kirk Brunson
- 2nd Callum Harper
- 3rd Andrew Donlon
- 4th Dan Pisowloski
- 5th Sean Regan

MSR

- 1st Kirk Brunson
 - 2nd Andrew Dolon
 - 3rd James Beaton
 - 4th Dan Pisowloski
 - 5th John McGrath
- Judges: Donald Lindsay, Jim McGillivray and Mike Rogers.

New Zealand & South Pacific Pipe Band Championship - Timaru, New Zealand – 2-3 March

Grade 1

Overall

- 1st Canterbury Caledonian
- 2nd Manawatu Scottish
- 3rd New Zealand Police
- 4th Auckland & District

Medley

- 1st Canterbury Caledonian
 - 2nd Manawatu Scottish
 - 3rd New Zealand Police
 - 4th Auckland & District
- Judges: Ken Eller, D. Burrows (piping); Joe Noble (ensemble); S. Eeles (drumming)

MSR

- 1st Canterbury Caledonian
 - 2nd New Zealand Police
 - 3rd Manawatu Scottish
 - 4th Auckland & District
- Judges: Brian Switalla, Barry Brougham (piping); Philip Mair (ensemble); Paul Turner (drumming)

Grade 2 Overall

- 1st City of Invercargill
- 2nd St. Andrew's College

Grade 3

- 1st South Canterbury
- 2nd Canterbury Caledonian Royal Stewart
- 3rd Whangarei & County
- 4th City of Hastings
- 5th The Celtic

Grade 4A

- 1st Te Kuiti & District
- 2nd Red Hackle
- 3rd City of Invercargill
- 4th Canterbury Caledonian Balmorals
- 5th Maitua Kilties

Grade 4B

- 1st City of Sails
- 2nd Balclutha
- 3rd St. Andrew's College
- 4th Manawatu Scottish
- 5th Kapiti Coast

21st Archie Kenneth Quaich for amateur piobaireachd players - Edinburgh - 2 March

- 1 Andrew Park, London, *Lament for Mary MacLeod*
 - 2 John Frater, Darlington, *The Black Wedder's White Tail*
 - 3 Susy Klinger, Germany, *The Groat*
 - 4 Kirsteen MacDonald, London, *The Company's Lament*
- Judges: Bill Wotherspoon, Stuart Samson

**Uist and Barra Professional Piping contest -
College of Piping Glasgow - 9 March**

Ceol Mor

- 1 Gordon Walker, *Lament for the Children*
 - 2 Jonathan Greenlees, *Lament for the Earl of Antrim*
 - 3 Iain Speirs, *The Prince's Salute*
 - 4 Finlay Johnston, *Battle of Auldearn No 1*
 - 5 David Wilton, *Old Men of the Shells*
- Judges: S Shedden, W Morrison, R Wallace

MSR

- 1 P/M Gordon Walker
- 2 Callum Beaumont
- 3 Finlay Johnston
- 4 Iain Speirs
- 5 William Geddes

Hornpipe & Jig

- 1 P/M Gordon Walker
 - 2 Callum Beaumont
 - 3 William Geddes
 - 4 Iain Speirs
 - 5 Euan MacCrimmon
- Ceol Beag judges: B Donaldson, W Morrison, S Shedden

**Duncan Johnstone B&C Grade Contest - Piping
Centre, Glasgow - 9 March**

B Piobaireachd

- 1 Steven Gray
- 2 Darach Urquhart
- 3 Donald MacLeod
- 4 George Stewart
- 5 Robert Gibb

C Piobaireachd

- 1 Matt Fraser
- 2 Kris Coyle
- 3 Chris Gray
- 4 Hayley MacInnes
- 5 Ross Hume

B MSR

- 1 Sarah Muir

- 2 Alex Scougall
- 3 Graham Drummond
- 4 Kris Coyle
- 5 Steven Leask

C MSR

- 1 Stuart MacCallum
- 2 Andrew Gray
- 3 Mael Sicard-Cras
- 4 Ross Hume
- 5 Glenn Ross

B&C Jig

- 1 Bradley Parker
- 2 Connor Sinclair
- 3 Graham Drummond
- 4 George Stewart
- 5 Kris Coyle

**Scottish Schools PB Championship - Broughton
School, Edinburgh - 10 March**

- 1 George Watson's College Juv
- 2 Dollar Academy Juv
- 3 George Heriot's School Juv

Novice Juvenile

- 1 George Watson's College N/J
- 2 Erskine Stewart Melville Schools
- 3 Dollar Academy N/J

Junior

- 1 Merchiston Castle School
- 2 George Watson's College Junior
- 3 The High School of Glasgow

Debut

- 1 Sgoil Lionaleit Benbecula
- 2 Queen Victoria School
- 3 George Watson's College Training

Quartet Piping

- 1 Beath High School A
- 2 St Agatha's Primary School B
- 3 Beath High School B

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