



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Newsletter - June 2013

June Meeting

on Monday 24th at 7.30pm
at Balmoral Bowls Club
Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

**This meeting will feature pipers from the
Queensland Highlanders Pipe Band
so come along and hear some excellent playing**

This newsletter contains a notice for next month's competition - the Jimmy Durham Memorial for junior (Grade C & D) players. I am due to have some medical treatment so next month's newsletter may be quite a brief one and it might have been difficult to get this information in. So please take note of it.

Our contest season had its high point with the state Solo and Band Championships recently at Ipswich and it was a most successful day. Despite the threat of rain all day, very little happened and a large solo entry and healthy band entry made the day a good one.

Our late member, Larry Flynn, was remembered by name before the playing of the Lament and Beattie Thornton, who often used to attend our meetings, was honoured with a lifetime achievement award. She started playing when she was nine and is now eighty-nine, she informed the crowd.

The Logan band contest is on 21 July.

In Scotland, things are certainly warming up in every sense as well and we wish all who are travelling there to compete or just to listen safe journey and every success.

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

MAY MEETING

Our May meeting attracted about 25 members to hear our annual Patron's Trophy competition. Donald Galloway opened the evening and announced the passing of Dulcie Bruce (Iain Bruce's mother) and also Larry Flynn. All stood in remembrance as Lachlan McPhee played the lament.

We had apologies from Tom McGirr, Nick Tomkins, Michael Rodger, Ross Campbell, Sandy Dalziel and Reg & Glenys O'Malley.

Our judge for the evening was Matthew Rigby and while pipers were preparing, Donald drew attention to coming events and some recent results, including the British Pipe Band Championships on the weekend. The Society had two participants in the championships - Matt Supranowicz with Shotts & Dykehead (5th) and Andrew Roach with Inverary & District (2nd).

The first competitor was Lachlan McPhee with *John MacDonald of Glencoe*, *Maggie Cameron* and *Lexy McAskill*.

He was followed by Amos Fox with *Lord Alexander Kennedy*, *Susan Macleod* and *Mrs MacPherson of Inveran*.

The last to play was Wayne Kennedy and he gave us *Taking of Beaumont Hamel*, *John Roy Stewart* and *Lachlan MacPhail of Tiree*.

While we waited on the judge's deliberations, Amos Fox played a few tunes including *The Holy Shamrock*, *North American Pipe Band*, *The Rusty Gun* and *The Incubator*. Amos is from NSW and has been playing for eight years. He is now at Griffith University at Nathan studying IT and is playing with the Queensland Highlanders. He was originally taught by Gary Nicholas and later by Alastair McInnes.

Matthew Rigby by now had finished his deliberations and after he had made a few comments on the playing the results were announced by Donald and prizes presented by Patron Maurie DeHayr as follows.

- 1st Lachlan McPhee
- 2nd Wayne Kennedy
- 3rd Amos Fox

Wayne Kennedy then gave us a few more tunes including a *Gaelic Air*, *Hector the Hero*, *Brendan Murphy's Jig* and *Champion Piper*.

Donald thanked the competitors and the judge before Lachlan McPhee finished off the night with a final bracket of tunes including *Water is Wide*, *Haitian Sensation*, *Judge's Dilemma*, *Bungee Jumper*, *Salute to the Qld Cameron Highlanders*, *Rodney Hull QC*, *Mrs Donald MacPherson*, *After Curfew* and *Lexy McAskill*.

The Secretary then announced that this was Donald and Elizabeth Galloway's last meeting before their overseas trip and all wished them well. They arrive back early September.

The raffle was drawn by Marion Clough and won by Elizabeth Galloway, followed by a final round of applause for the competitors and supper.

Piobaireachd Group

The June meeting of the Piobaireachd Group was affected by apologies from Andrew McCabe, Cathy Herzig, Andrew Galloway, Tam McGirr and Bruce McLeod but the rest of the crew soldiered on with some success.

First we heard from Peter Hurwood who played *The Lament for Captain MacDougall*.

The Maurie DeHayr related a article had had read recently about Lang Lang, a famous Chinese concert pianist. Many of the points he made about learning and performance are as true for the bagpipe as the concert piano.

Dave Marriner hadn't played a tune for us previously but on this occasion he gave us the one he is currently working on – *Struan Robertson's Salute*.

Before we broke for morning tea, Maurie gave us an account of the recent R U Brown contest in Adelaide at which he was one of the judges and after morning tea he played *Catherine's Lament* for us.

There was talk of tunes for beginners - a set tune for 2014 is *McLeod of Raasay's Salute* and Maurie played the ground and variation.

The last tune was *MacIntosh's Lament*, again from Maurie.

Just before we finished for the day Maurie took the opportunity to present Hazel Osborne with her newly minted judge's certificate from the APBA - it had been held up because of administrative details but she is now a fully certified judge. Those present congratulated her.

Our next meeting is on Sunday 7 July at the usual place and time.

FOR SALE

One set of SS/6 Shepard Bagpipes, excellent pipes – Sticks only, comes with Shepard blackwood chanter.

To sell all as one lot – complete \$2,500.00

Phone: 0447 788 540 Lachlan McPhee or loxter1996@gmail.com

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

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

What's on.....

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- 22 Clan Campbell Bannockburn Dinner - Irish Club - Contact 07 3359 9052 - Bookings Essential
- 23 Clans Congress Kirking of the Tartan - St Paul's Church, St Paul's Terrace, Brisbane - 9.30am. Contact 07 3359 9052
- 24 Society Meeting - Featured Pipers from Qld Highlanders**
- 29 European Pipe Band Championships - Forres

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- 6 Tartan Day, King George Square, Brisbane - 9am to 4pm - Contact 07 3359 8195 or <http://www.aussie-scots.org/>
- 6 Ceilidh in Cooroy -\$30 adults and \$10 children. Contact Mike 0419 899 290 or Rob 07 5442 6252
- 6 Aberdeen Highland Games - NSW - www.aberdeenhighlandgames.com
- 7 Society Piobaireachd Group**
- 21 Clans Congress Band Contest - Logan Garden, Logan City www.pipebandsqld.org
- 22 Society Meeting - Jimmy Durham Memorial Contest (2/4 for Grade C & D)**
- 27 Scottish Pipe Band Championships - Dumbarton

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- 4 Society Piobaireachd Group**
- 16-18 Scots in the Bush - Mundubbera. Contact 07 4168 0168 or 07 4168 0159 www.boondoomahomestead.org.au
- 17-18 Worlds Pipe Band Championships - Glasgow
- 21-22 Argyllshire Highland Games - Oban
- 26 Society Meeting - Featured Pipers**
- 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

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RADIO PROGRAMS

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

Radio 99.7 FM (Redcliffe) – Sundays 12noon to 3pm

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

July Meeting

on Monday 22nd at 7.30pm

at Balmoral Bowls Club

Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

The meeting will feature

The Jimmy Durham Memorial Trophy

for junior players (Elementary & Sub-Intermediate - D and C in new terminology)

The test piece is a 2/4 March of 4 or more parts of the competitor's choice played once through.

Prizes: 1st: The Jimmy Durham trophy plus Medal plus \$100.

2nd: Medal plus \$60 4th: Medal plus \$20

3rd: Medal plus \$40 5th: \$15

Entries to qhps@qhps.org or 07 3397 4512 or before 7.15pm on the night.

CONTEST RESULTS

British Pipe Band Championships - Bathgate - 25 May

Grade 1 (MSR, 15 competed)

- 1st Field Marshal Montgomery
- 2nd Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
- 3rd Inveraray & District
- 4th St. Laurence O'Toole
- 5th Scottish Power
- 6th Shotts & Dykehead Caledonia

Judges: Colin Moffett, George Wilson (piping); Greg Dinsdale (drumming); Peter Snaddon (ensemble)

Grade 2 (medley, 13 competed)

- 1st Buchan Peterson
 - 2nd Lomond & Clyde
 - 3rd Glasgow Skye
 - 4th Manor Cunningham
 - 5th University of Bedford
 - 6th Bleary & District
- Drumming: Lomond & Clyde

Judges: Gordon Lawrie, Ronnie McShannon (piping); Sandy Steele (drumming); Jennifer Hutcheon (ensemble)

Atholl & Breadalbane Highland Gathering - Blair Atholl - 26 May

P & A Piobaireachd

- 1st C Drummond, *The Unjust Incarceration*
 - 2nd David Wilton, *Park Piobaireachd No 2*
 - 3rd Gordon McCready, *Lament for Captain MacDougall*
 - 4th Jenny Hazzard
 - 5th Jonathan Greenlees
 - 6th Finlay Clarke
- Judges: T Speirs, S Shedden

MSR

- 1st Cameron Drummond
- 2nd Gordon McCready

3rd Craig Wilson
 4th David Wilton
 5th Craig Muirhead
 6th Connor Sinclair

B-Grade Piobaireachd

1st George Stewart
 2nd Angus MacColl Jr.
 3rd Ashley McMichael
 4th Tracey Williams
 5th Andrew MacPhee
 Judges : C MacLellan, A Wright, W Wotherspoon, R Clark

C-Grade Piobaireachd

1st Matt Fraser
 2nd Caitlin MacDonald
 3rd Lachie Dick
 4th Jamie Elder
 5th Edward Gaul

Open Hornpipe & Jig

1st Cameron Drummond
 2nd Gordon McCready
 3rd David Wilton
 4th Craig Muirhead
 5th Craig Wilson
 6th Craig Sutherland

Markinch Highland Game - Markinch – 2 June**Overall**

Greig Canning

Piobaireachd

1st Michael Elder
 2nd Greig Canning
 3rd George Stewart
 4th Robert Gray
 Judges: Jimmy Banks, Andrew Wright

MSR

1st George Stewart
 2nd Greig Canning
 3rd Matt Wilson
 4th Ross Miller
 Judges: Roderick Barron, Iain Duncan

New Zealand Open/A Grade Solo Championships - Dunedin 1-2 June**Overall**

Stuart Easton

Piobaireachd

1st Stuart Easton
 2nd Tom Glover
 3rd Jamie Hawke
 Judges: Marion Horsburgh, Malcolm McRae

March

1st Alasdair Mackenzie
 2nd Martin Frewen
 3rd Liam Kernaghan
 4th Fiona Manson
 Judge: Iain Hines

Strathspey & Reel

1st Stuart Easton
 2nd Liam Kernaghan
 3rd Martin Frewen
 4th William Rowe
 Judge: Marion Horsburgh

Hornpipe & Jig

1st Stuart Easton
 2nd Martin Frewen
 3rd Liam Kernaghan
 4th Alasdair Mackenzie
 Judge: Malcolm McRae

Otago Pipers Club Qualifying MSR

1st Callum Gilchrist
 2nd Cole McKinnon
 3rd Scott Marshall
 Judge: Iain Hines

Otago Pipers Club Former Winners MMSSRR

1st Alasdair Mackenzie
 2nd Stuart Easton
 3rd Liam Kernaghan
 Judges: Iain Hines, Marion Horsburgh, Malcolm McRae

A-Grade 6/8 March

1st Martin Frewen
 2nd Stuart Easton
 3rd Jamie Hawke
 4th Fiona Manson
 Judges: Peter McLean

Queensland Championships - Ipswich - 8 June**BANDS****Juvenile**

1st Brisbane Boys College No 1
 2nd Scots PGC
 3rd Brisbane Boys College No 2
 Drum Corps: Brisbane Boys College No 1
 Pipe Corps: Brisbane Boys College No 1

Grade 4

1st University of Qld Emmanuel College
 2nd Gold Coast Tweed
 3rd Maclean & District
 4th Qld Police Juvenile
 5th Toowoomba Caledonian
 Drum Corps: Gold Coast Tweed

Pipe Corps: University of Qld Emmanuel College

Grade 2

1st St Andrew's

Grade 1

1st Queensland Highlanders

Best Dressed Overall

St Andrews

March Off Overall

St Andrew's

Drum Major

1st Dominic Andersen-Strudwick

2nd Nicholas Winkley

3rd Steve Rodden

SOLOS

Learner Chanter

1st Abbey Morrice

2nd Georgie Hackett

3rd Feargas Russell

D Grade March

1st Ben Mooney

2nd Ben Morris

3rd Bruce Fraser

D Grade Slow Air

1st Bradley Scott

2nd Ben Morris

3rd Bruce Fraser

C Grade MSR

1st Edward Scott

2nd James Senanayake

3rd Tamar Stanfield-Roche

C Grade Jig

1st Tamar Stanfield-Roche

2nd James Senanayake

3rd Edward Scott

B Grade MSR

1st Michael Rodger

2nd Lloyd George Worth

3rd Lachlan McPhee

B Grade Hornpipe/Jig

1st Michael Rodger

2nd Bob Hopper

3rd Lloyd George Worth

A Grade MSR

1st Christian Cloete

2nd Mark McKenzie

3rd Fraser Bolton

A Grade Hornpipe/Jig

1st Wayne Kennedy

2nd Jason Palfrey

3rd Fraser Bolton

Piobaireachd 'A'

1st Christian Cloete

2nd Mark McKenzie

3rd Fraser Bolton

Piobaireachd 'B'

1st Michael Rodger

2nd Malcolm McKellar

3rd Lachlan McPhee

Roddy MacSween Memorial

1st Alistair Wallace

Veterans Event (OVER 35'S)

1st Bruce Fraser

Cupar Highland Games - Cupar - 8 June

Piobaireachd

1st Greig Canning

2nd Jamie Forrester

3rd Eddie Gaul

Judges: Jack Taylor, Andrew Wright

March

1st Alan Russell

2nd Greig Wilson

3rd Steven Gray

Strathspey & Reel

1st Steven Gray

2nd Alan Russell

3rd Jamie Forrester

Jig

1st Alan Russell

2nd Steven Gray

3rd Greig Canning

Judges for all light music: Jimmy Banks, Ian Duncan

Capt. John A. MacLellan Medal - Royal Scots Club, Abercromby Place, Edinburgh - 8 June

Iain Speirs, *A Welcome for Patrick Struan*

Also competing

Faye Henderson, *The Phantom Piper of Corrieyairick*

Stuart Liddell, *Salute to the Queen's Own*

Highlanders

Gordon Walker, *Am Bratach Gorm*

Judge: John Wilson

The invitational dinner/recital showcases four of

MacLellan's piobaireachd compositions. The event is

organized by the Capt. John A. MacLellan Memorial

Trust.

Strathmore Games - 9 June

Piobaireachd

1st Jamie Forrester

2nd Allan Russell
3rd Alan Clark
4th Edward Gaul
5th Greig Canning
Judges: Duncan Watson, Gordon Clark

March

1st Greig Wilson
2nd Allan Russell
3rd Colin Campbell
4th Alan Clark
5th Greig Canning

Strathspey & Reel

1. Greig Wilson
2. Allan Russell
3. Colin Campbell
4. Alan Clark
5. Glenn Ross

Judges: Jim Hamilton, Robert Barnes

Overall

Allan Russell

**Cobourg Highland Games - Ontario, Canada –
15 June****Bands****Grade 1 (MSR, five competed)**

1st Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
2nd Toronto Police
3rd Peel Regional Police
4th 78th Fraser Highlanders
5th Ottawa Police

Judges: Peter Sinclair, John Elliott (piping); Jim McGillivray (ensemble); Michael Hunter (drumming)

Professional Solo Piping**Piobaireachd**

1st Glen Walpole
2nd Ian K. MacDonald
3rd Andrew Hayes
4th Sean McKeown
5th Allan Clark
6th Andrew Berthoff
Judge: Jim McGillivray

March

1st Andrew Hayes
2nd Andrea Boyd
3rd Andrew Berthoff
4th Ian K. MacDonald
5th Glen Walpole
6th Alan Clark
Judge: Peter Aumonier

Strathspey & Reel

1st Sean McKeown
2nd Ian K. MacDonald
3rd Glen Walpole
4th Andrea Boyd
5th Andrew Hayes
6th Andrew Berthoff
Judge: John Elliott

Jig

1st Ian K. MacDonald
2nd Jonathan Bellia
3rd Andrew Hayes
4th Doug MacRae
5th Ed Bush
6th Alan Clark
Judge: Peter Aumonier

Overall

Ian K. MacDonald