



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Newsletter - September 2014

September Meeting

on Monday 29th at 7.30pm

(NOTE CHANGE: ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR 22nd)

at

BULIMBA BOWLS CLUB, QUINN STREET BALMORAL

Admission \$10 (this meeting only)

(competitors free)

We have decided to delay the September Meeting by one week
and defer the Annual Meeting to October to enable us to have

**Performances by visiting pipers Stuart Liddell and Kyle Warren
and an Air and Jig Competition judged by Stuart**

Depending on entries, there will be a Junior and Senior section for the contest, with both tunes in the Junior division being of 2 parts minimum and in the Senior division two parts of Air and four parts of Jig (minimum in each case).

Prizemoney will be: Junior \$40, \$20, \$15; Senior \$50, \$25, \$20

Senior players to submit two sets, of which the Judge will choose one

**Enter by email to qhps@qhps.org or 07 3397 4512 by 25
September. Entries may need to be restricted to allow enough
time for the visitors' performances**

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Alex McConnell

2014 SOCIETY CALENDAR

MONTHLY MEETING Dates

FEBRUARY 24 TH FETAURED PIPER-ALASTAIR MCINNES	JULY 28 TH JIMMY DURHAM MEMORIAL (2/4 FOR JUNIORS)
MARCH 24 TH FEATURED PIPERS	AUGUST 25 TH FEATURED PIPERS
APRIL 28 TH PAIR OF PIPERS CONTEST	SEPTEMBER 29 TH RECITAL+ AIR/JIG CONTEST
MAY 26 TH PATRON'S TROPHY (MSR FOR SENIORS)	OCTOBER 27 TH ANNUAL MEETING & JULIE APPLETON-SEYMOUR MEMORIAL
JUNE 23 RD FEATURED PIPERS	NOVEMBER 24 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

2nd February	4th May	3rd August	3 rd November (Recital)
2nd March	1st June	14 th September	2nd December
6 ^h April	6 ^h July	5 th October	

AUGUST MEETING

Our August meeting was a very "quiet" one - only 12 people ere present with some overseas. We had apologies from Maurie DeHayr, Margaret Paterson, Joan O'Neill, Ross Campbell and Andrew Roach.

Our featured piper for the night was Lachlan McPhee, who had just returned from playing with the New Zealand Police Pipe Band in the World Pipe Band Championships.

President Donald Galloway conducted an interview with Lachlan about his experiences surrounding his trip.

Some of the points to emerge from the interview were:

Lachlan had only been accepted by the NZ Police in April and his first practice with them (and the only one in New Zealand) was in mid-May. All the rest of the task of familiarising himself with the tunes had been done remotely. He had to learn two MSRs, two Medleys and eight street sets. As well as himself, the band had some guest players from the Auckland Pipe Band and Callum MacSween from Brisbane was playing in their drum corps.

The band assembled in Scotland two weeks prior to the Worlds, just before the North Berwick contest. They practised about four hours a day on pipes and one to two hours on practice chanters. The pipe corps split up

into groups of four for practice.

On the day of the Grade 1 qualifying they did a sound check for half an hour in the morning at their accommodation and then some more preparation at a Masonic Lodge near the ground before going to Glasgow Green for about twenty minutes more playing before competing. They had chosen their sets for the qualifying on the Tuesday prior. After all 22 bands had played in two heats, a march past was held and it was announced which bands had qualified (but not their relative positions). Unfortunately NZ Police did not make it on this occasion. They had placed 6th at North Berwick and 3rd in Perth prior to the Worlds so they were quite satisfied with their achievements. It was the first time they had attended the Worlds since 2008. Applause concluded the interview.

Lachlan then played the sets he had learned for the competition and some of the street sets. His tunes were:

- *Castle Dangerous, Shoals of Herring, Highland Brigade at Magersfontein, J.K. Cairns.*

- *The Young MacGregor, Caledonian Society of London, Brown Haired Maid.*

- *Lochanside, Radar Racketeer, Donald Cameron's Powder Horn, Journey to Skye, Rodney Hull QC, A.A.*

Cameron, Niall from Glencoe, Jim Tweedies Sea-legs.

- Maxamillion, Patti, Zeeto the Bubbleman

- Brigadier Ronald Cheape of Tioran, Susan MacLeod, John MacKechnie

- Five Miles to Howth, Dora MacLeod, The Gravel Walk, Heat from the Furnace, Asleep at the Wheel, Nothing too Major, The Dirty Lough, Queen of the Rushes.

As there were no other pipers to play, the raffle was drawn by Stan Mellick and won by Diana McPhee

So despite the small numbers, it was a good night of piping for those who attended. Donald closed the meeting and we continued over supper.



Piobaireachd Group

Unfortunately the August meeting had to be cancelled due to absences and illnesses. The next meeting is on October 5 and the Recital Day is rapidly approaching on 2 November, so members are urged to begin polishing up their tunes.

At our October Meeting - Monday 27th

Julie Appleton-Seymour Memorial Piping Contest

Competition Tunes

Hornpipe – “Julie's Hornpipe”

(please contact the Secretary on 07 3397 4512 or Qhps@qhps.org if you need a copy of the tune)

Jig – Piper's choice - 6 parts or more required

Entries may be restricted. \$1000 total prize money

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What's on.....

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29 Society Meeting - Recital & Annual Meeting and Air/Jig contest

30-1/10 Qld Youth Piping and Drumming School for under 19s. Piping instructors Stuart Liddell, Kyle Warren and Callum Beaumont. Contact Andrew Roach 0417 287 443 or bigmansmate@bigpond.com

4 Knox Grammar Mini Band Contest,, Woodville Avenue, Wahroonga NSW. Contact Ainsley Hart ainsley@innercitycycles.com.au

5 Society Piobaireachd Group

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11 ACT Pipe Band Championships, Kambah Oval. Contact Athol Chalmers atholfc@gmail.com

12 ACT Solo Piping and Drumming Championships, Australian War Memorial. Contact graham@durantlaw.info

19 Illawarra Scottish Fair Band Contest, Dapto, NSW. Contact robertson.c.a@bigpond.com

25 Glenfiddich Championship - Blair Castle

27 Society Meeting - Annual Meeting & Julie Appleton-Seymour Memorial Contest

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2 NSW Pipe Band Championships, Picken Oval, Croydon Park, NSW. Contact Angus Roberts amrobbo79@gmail.com

3 Society Piobaireachd Group

24 Society Meeting - Jack McCandlish Memorial Contest

29 Redcliffe Scottish Pipe Band St Andrew's Day Ceilidh - Bramble Bay Bowls Club. Contact redcliffescottish@hotmail.com

Jan 4-9 Pipe Bands Australia 2015 Summer School - details of pre-registration are here: http://www.pipebandsqld.org/0/images/pdfs/PBA_SummerSchool_2015.pdf

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 <http://www.collegeofpiping.org/media/cop-radio/>
4EB - FM 98.1 – Thursday afternoons 2.15—4.30 pm. Listen any time on demand by going to <http://www.4eb.org.au/ondemand> and choose the Scottish Program

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

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

OTHER PIPING SOCIETIES

The Smallpipers Group - 1st Tuesday of the month at Milton. Contact Malcolm McLaren for meeting details - mrmclaren@bigpond.com or 3820 2902

The NSW Pipers' Society usually meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at Unit 2/10 Hampstead Road, Homebush West, 2140. Contact Adam Wishart – 0409 158 237 or adamwishart@live.com.au

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

Canberra Pipers Society - contact Sean Hodgman 02 6282 2795

West Australian Piper's Society - contact 08 9448 7446

RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia: www.rubrown.org.au or Craig Masson 08 8261 1119

CONTEST RESULTS

Masters Piping Competition - 12 August

This event is held at the Piping Centre and is open to pipers who qualify for the top events at Oban and Inverness.

Piobaireachd

1st S Liddell, *A Son's Salute to His Parents*
 2nd F Johnston, *Lament for the Union*
 3rd J Lee, *War or Peace (Gesto)*
 4th G Brown, *MacNeill of Barra's March*
 Judges: A Wright, J Taylor, W Morrison

MSR

1st S Liddell
 2nd R MacLeod
 3rd W McCallum
 4th G McCready
 Judges: J Wilson, R Worrall, W Cowan

Crieff Games - 17 August**MSR**

1st G McCready
 2nd M Kessler
 3rd W Rowe
 4th N Hudson
 5th J Dew
 Judges: A Wright, A Frater.

Piobaireachd

1st C Sutherland, *Lament for Patrick Og*
 2nd W Rowe(NZ), *Kintarbert's Fancy*
 3rd G McCready, *Lady Margaret MacDonald's Salute*
 4th F Maitland
 5th A Kummerlow
 Judges: G Clark, D Watson.

Argyllshire Gathering, Oban - 27,28 August**Gold Medal**

1st Douglas Murray, *MacNeill of Barra's March*
 2nd Ian K MacDonald, *Lament for the Only Son*
 3rd Andrea Boyd, *The Big Spree*
 4th Glenn Brown, *Lament for the Departure of King James*
 5th Andrew Hayes, *The Big Spree*

Silver Medal

1st Decker Forrest, *MacLeod of Raasay's Salute*
 2nd Angus J MacColl, *MacLeod of Raasay's Salute*
 3rd Sean McKeown, *Kinlochmoidart No. 1*
 4th Stuart Easton, *The Groat*
 5th Sandy Cameron, *The Battle of Auldearn No.2*

Senior Piobaireachd

1st Bruce Gandy, *Lament for the Laird of Annapool*
 2nd Stuart Liddell, *Lament for the Laird of Annapool*
 3rd Angus MacColl, *Donald Gruamach's March*
 4th Faye Henderson, *The Red Speckled Bull*

5th Willie McCallum, *Abercairney's Salute*
Judges: Malcolm McRae, Colin MacLellan, Andrew Wright

Former Winners MSR

1st Stuart Liddell
2nd Willie McCallum
3rd Gordon McCready
4th Angus MacColl
5th Gordon Walker
Judges: John MacDougall, Walter Cowan, Barry Donaldson

MacGregor Memorial

1st Cameron MacDougall, *The Battle of Auldearn #2*
2nd Scott Barrie, *Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay*
3rd Ursa Beckford, *The Unjust Incarceration*
Judges: Ronnie MacShannon, Bob Worrall, Iain Duncan, Stuart Shedden

'A' March

1st Craig Sutherland
2nd Alasdair Henderson
3rd Alistair Dunn
4th Alex Gandy
5th Andrew Hayes
6th Bill Geddes
Judges: Iain MacLellan, Robert Wallace and Bob Worrall

'A' Strathspey & Reel

1st Craig Sutherland
2nd Alastair Lee
3rd Alasdair Henderson
4th Andrew Hayes
5th Iain Speirs
6th Jamie Forrester
Judges: Ian Duncan, Willie Morrison and John Wilson

Premier and 'A' Jig

1st Fred Morrison
2nd Alasdair Henderson
3rd Steven Gray
4th Alex Gandy
5th Gordon McCready
Judges: Andrew Frater, Bruce Hitchings and Malcolm McRae

'B' March

1st John Lee
2nd Andrew Lee
3rd Greig Canning
4th Steven Gray
5th Decker Forrest
Judges: Walter Cowan, Iain MacFadyen and Patrick Molard

'B' Strathspey & Reel

1st Eric Ouellette

2nd Colin Campbell
3rd Angus J. MacColl
4th Ben Duncan
5th Connor Sinclair
Judges: Barry Donaldson, Colin MacLellan and Ronnie MacShannon

Strathardle Games - 31 August

Open March

1st John Dew
2nd Bruce Erskine
3rd Kevin Douglas

Open Strathspey & Reel

1st Bruce Erskine
2nd John Dew
3rd Kevin Douglas

Open Hornpipe & Jig

1st John Dew
2nd Bruce Erskine
Winner of the Tayside Grain Cup for most points:
John Dew

Junior March

1st John Dew
2nd Callum Douglas
3rd Roger Lye

Junior Strathspey & Reel

1st John Dew
2nd Callum Douglas
3rd Roger Lye

Junior Hornpipe & Jig

1st Callum Douglas
2nd John Dew
3rd Luke Kennedy
Winner of the Robert Wallace Shield for most points:
John Dew

Invergordon Highland Gathering - 1 September

Piobaireachd

1st Duncan MacGillvray
2nd Martin Kessler
3rd Andrew MacGillvray

March

1st Duncan MacGillvray
2nd Michael MacGillvray
3rd Martin Kessler

Strathspey & Reel

1st Michael MacGillvray
2nd Duncan MacGillvray
3rd Martin Kessler

Local March

1st Cameron MacDougall

2nd Connor Kellett
3rd Scott Murray
4th Gregory MacGillvray

Local Strathspey & Reel

1st Cameron MacDougall
2nd Connor Kellett
3rd Scott Murray
4th Gregory MacGillvray

Piobaireachd Jnr

1st Cameron MacDougall
2nd Connor Kellett
3rd Gregory MacGillvray

March Jnr

1st Connor Kellett
2nd Cameron MacDougall
3rd Scott Murray
4th Gregory MacGillvray

Strathspey & Reel Jnr

1st Cameron MacDougall
2nd Connor Kellett
3rd Scott Murray
4th John Maclaren

Birnam Games - 2 September**Piobaireachd**

1st Andrea Boyd, *Lady Margaret MacDonald's Salute*
2nd Stuart Easton, *Lament for Captain MacDougall*
3rd Graham Mulholland, *Lament for the Only Son*
4th Ursa Beckford, *Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay*
Judges: Ronnie Clark and Gordon Clark

March

1st Andrea Boyd
2nd Matt Pantaleoni
3rd Andrew Hayes
4th Ursa Beckford
5th Jason Craig

Strathspey and Reel

1st Andrea Boyd
2nd Andrew Hayes
3rd Logan Tannock
4th Adam Michie
5th Matt Pantaleoni

Jigs

1st Adam Michie
2nd Andrea Boyd
3rd Lackie Dick
4th James MacHattie
5th Andrew Hayes
Light music judges: Neil Mulvie and Duncan MacDiarmid

Northern Meeting - Inverness - 4,5 September**Highland Society of London Gold Medal**

1st Douglas Murray, *His Father's Lament for Donald MacKenzie*
2nd William Geddes, *Lady Margaret MacDonald's Salute*
3rd Finlay Johnston, *MacNeill of Barra's March*
4th Peter McCalister, *Lady Margaret MacDonald's Salute*
5th Alastair Lee, *His Father's Lament for Donald MacKenzie*
Judges: Jack Taylor, Iain Morrison and Stuart Samson

Silver Star Former Winners' MSR

1st Niall Stewart
2nd Willie McCallum
3rd Stuart Liddell
4th Jack Lee
5th Gordon Walker
Judges: Ian McLellan, Malcolm McRae and John Wilson

Silver Medal

1st Angus J MacColl, *Corrienessan's Salute*
2nd Colin Campbell, *Corrienessan's Salute*
3rd Michael Fitzhenry, *Lament for MacDonald of Kinlochmoidart No 1*
4th Alex Gandy, *Lament for Captain MacDougall*
5th Connor Sinclair, *Lament for Captain MacDougall*
Judges: Ronald MacShannon, Colin MacLellan and Ian Duncan

A Grade March Strathspey and Reel

1st Alex Gandy
2nd Finlay Johnston
3rd Sean McKeown
4th Alasdair Henderson
5th Jenny Hazzard
Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Bill Livingstone and Andrew Frater

Clasp

1st Iain Speirs, *Donald Gruamach's March*
2nd Stuart Liddell
3rd Jack Lee, *The Red Speckled Bull*
4th Bruce Gandy, *Lament for the Union*
5th Callum Beaumont,
Judges ~ Iain MacFadyen, Bill Livingstone and John MacDougall

A Hornpipe and Jig

1st Alasdair Henderson
2nd Colin Campbell
3rd Stuart Liddell
4th Greg Wilson
5th Alex Gandy
Judges ~ Iain Morrison, John Wilson and Ian Duncan

B March, Strathspey and Reel

1st Ashley McMichael
 2nd Steven Gray
 3rd Ben Duncan
 4th George Stewart
 5th Connor Sinclair
 Judges ~ Ronald MacShannon, Ian McLellan and Stuart Samson

B Hornpipe and Jig

1st George Stewart
 2nd Ashley McMichael
 3rd Matt Pantaleoni
 4th Steven Gray
 5th Sarah Muir
 Judges ~ Colin MacLellan, Malcolm McRae and Jack Taylor

Champion Piper of the Northern Meeting

Stuart Liddell (Northern Meeting Quaich)

Blairgowrie Games - 7 September**A-Grade****Piobaireachd**

1st Martin Kessler
 2nd Jenny Hazzard
 3rd Craig Sutherland
 4th Jonathon Greenlees

B-Grade**Piobaireachd**

1st Mael Sicard Cras
 2nd Caitlan MacDonald
 3rd Callum Watson
 4th George Stewart
 5th Nick Hudson

Open**March**

1st George Stewart
 2nd Scott Barrie
 3rd Craig Sutherland
 4th Nick Hudson

Strathspey & Reel

1st George Stewart
 2nd Craig Sutherland
 3rd Calum Watson
 4th Jenny Hazzard

C-Grade**Piobaireachd**

1st Scott Barrie
 2nd Duncan Beattie
 3rd Andrew Bova
 4th John Cameron

March

1st Jonathan Lamberton
 2nd Rebecca Tierney
 3rd Andrew Lavender
 4th John Cameron

Strathspey & Reel

1st Jonathon Lamberton
 2nd Andrew Bova
 3rd John Cameron
 4th Andrew Lavender
 Judges: Jimmy Banks, Ian Duncan, Colin MacLellan, Iain Speirs, Tom Speirs, Jack Taylor and Bill Wotherspoon.

Pitlochry, 13 September**March**

1st Logan Tannock
 2nd Craig Sutherland
 3rd Allan Russell

Strathspey and Reel

1st Graham Mulholland
 2nd Craig Sutherland
 3rd Dan Nevans

Jig

1st Craig Sutherland
 2nd Andrew Bova
 3rd Allan Russell

Pipe Bands**Grade 1**

1st Vale of Atholl
 2nd MacKenzie Caledonian

Grade 2

1st MacKenzie Caledonian
 2nd City of Edinburgh Pipes and Drums

Grade 3

1st City of Brechin
 2nd Vale of Atholl
 3rd Peter Vardy Glenrothes and District 2010.

Grade 4

1st Coalburn I.O.R. (B)
 2nd Perth and District
 3rd Carnoustie and District

Novice

1st Kelty and Blairadam
 2nd Mackenzie Caledonian Juvenile
 3rd West Fife Schools