



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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October Meeting

on Monday 27th at 7.30pm

at

BULIMBA BOWLS CLUB, QUINN STREET BALMORAL

Admission \$5

Annual Meeting followed by

Julie Appleton-Seymour Memorial Piping Contest

(10/07/1940 -16/02/2012)

Prizes: 1st \$500, 2nd \$300 , 3rd \$200

Competition Tunes

Hornpipe – “Julies Hornpipe”

(please contact the Secretary on 07 3397 4512 or qhps@qhps.org if you need a copy of the tune or download it from www.qhps.org/julieshornpipe.pdf)

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

Prize money sponsored by D&B Solutions Pty Ltd (Investor Loans Network)

Julie Appleton-Seymour Trophy – By Allan Morrice

Applications by email to : qhps@qhps.org. Any received after 24 October may not be accepted subject to the total number of applications received

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QUEENSLAND HIGHLAND PIPERS SOCIETY

PIOBHAIREACHD GROUP



**2014 RECITAL DAY SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER
ROCHEDALE STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Priestdale Rd, Rochedale.**

Commencing 9.45am – onwards

**Admission \$5.00 single (players included) - \$10.00 family
BYO cut lunch – Tea & Coffee provided**

Come for one tune or hear them all

Also featuring
Brett Tidswell
from Adelaide,
Piping Principal
of the Australian
Pipe Band
College, who is
attending
sponsored by
the Society of St
Andrew of
Scotland (Qld)

2014 SOCIETY CALENDAR

MONTHLY MEETING Dates

FEBRUARY 24 TH	FEATUED 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	3rd November (Recital)
2nd March	1st June	14th September	2nd December
6h April	6h July	5th October	

SEPTEMBER MEETING

As you can see from this picture our September meeting certainly attracted the numbers - about 70 turned out to hear Stuart Liddell, Callum Beaumont and Kyle Warren and also to watch our Air and Jig competition judged by Stuart.

President Donald Galloway opened the evening and welcomed our visitors. We also had an apology from Beattie

Thornton. He handed over to Andrew Roach who introduced the visitors at greater length. After appropriate applause, we got down to the air and jig competition.

In the junior section the competitors and their tunes were:

Nathan Culshaw: *Not a Swan on the Lake, Kenny Gillies*
 Ben Morris: *Loch of the Birds, Thief of Lochaber*
 Mitchell Durham: *Wild Red Roses, Glasgow Police Pipers*
 Kristian Stanfield-Roche: *El Alamein, Archie Beag*



The senior players and their tunes were:

Tom McGirr: *O Gin I Were a Baron's Heir, Old Wife of the Mill Dust*
 Craig Gervich: *My Home, Paddy's Leather Breeches*
 Lloyd-George Worth: *Leaving Ersikay, ?*
 Lachlan McPhee: *My Home, Troy's Wedding*
 Nick Tomkins: *Leaving Ireland, and Old Wife of the Mill Dust*
 Wayne Kennedy: *?*

Apologies for the tunes we missed - there was rather a lot going on!

With the contest over, we next heard from Kyle Warren

while Stuart considered the result. Kyle announced his tunes as he went. Unfortunately we didn't get all the names but as expected from someone of his ilk there were interesting time signatures like 5/4 and 7/8 and a wide variety of tempos and genres including both traditional and cutting edge but with the emphasis on the latter!

Following Kyle's segment, the prizes were announced and presented. The results were:

Senior

- 1st Tom McGirr
- 2nd Lachlan McPhee
- 3rd Nick Tomkins

Junior

- 1st Kristian Stanfield-Roche
- 2nd Nathan Culshaw
- 3rd Mitchell Durham

The next visitor to play was Callum Beaumont who

gave us an extensive selection including a couple of common time tunes to warm up, then into a wide variety of tunes of different time signatures and tempos including heavy competition tunes in abundance. Suffice it to say it was a masterful demonstration of technique, timing and musicality on a wonderful bagpipe,

Finally we had a shorter selection from Stuart Liddell in a slightly lighter vein but again with fantastic technique and musicality on an excellent pipe.

Donald Galloway arranged the drawing of the raffle and then called for a final round of applause for all the pipers, including the competitors and our visitors. By the time supper was finished we had run a full hour over our usual time and it was 11pm!

Certainly a night of piping to be remembered including two double gold medallists in Stuart and Callum and a piper testing the edges in Kyle.



L to R: Tom McGirr, Lachlan McPhee, Nick Tomkins, Maurie DeHayr, Donald Galloway, Mitchell Durham, Nathan Culshaw, Kristian Stanfield-Roche

Piobaireachd Group

There was a good attendance of ten people at our October Meeting and the first to play was Peter Hurwood with *Donald of Laggan*. He was using his Naill pipes which he had got going as he is about to do some travelling and they are much lighter than the pipes he normally uses. Ross Campbell made some comments on his playing of the tune. Next Bruce McLeod played *Struan Robertson's Salute* and again Ross gave a constructive critique.

Ross was next to play and gave us *Battle of Waternish*.

The set tune was next, *Clan Ranald's Salute*. Ross went through the notes he had provided, emphasising some subtle aspects of the timing of the tune, especially in Variation II and its doubling. He sang it as far as the Leamluath Doubling.

After a break for morning tea, Ross played the tune on the pipe.

The next tune was played by Andrew McCabe with *MacIntosh's Lament*.

He was followed by Fraser Bolton who has started to learn *The Red Speckled Bull*. He had heard Angus McColl play it a couple of times in Scotland and had always been fascinated by it. He emphasised he had only played it a couple of times on the pipe and unfortunately went off early in the tune. We look forward to hearing it in the future. To replace it he played another tune, the name of which appears to have escaped.

Peter Hurwood then came back for a second tune and played *The Company's Lament* followed by Tom McGirr with *Battle of the Bridge of Perth*.

Ross thanked everyone for their attendance and a good day of tunes. he urged everyone to finalise their tunes for the recital at next month's meeting as soon as possible.

Ross has subsequently advised that we have a full card of players and tunes for the recital, including Brett Tidswell coming from Adelaide (sponsored by the Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Qld)), so it should be an excellent day.

What's on.....

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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** and Christmas Party (don't forget your plate of food!)

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

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Jan 4-9 Pipe Bands Australia 2015 Summer School - full details are here:

www.pipebandsqld.org Pipe Bands Queensland will be offering three scholarships to the School - details available soon at the same place.

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

College of Piping Principal moves on

Robert Wallace, who has been the Principal of the College of Piping in Glasgow for 15 years has recently retired from that position.

Robert has always been most accommodating to this Society, often featuring items from our newsletter in the Piping Times magazine and showing hospitality to Queensland pipers visiting Scotland. He has led the College through some difficult times and consolidated an enhanced its work. The piping world owes him a debt of gratitude for his work.

However, he hasn't disappeared from view. He can be found at his new website <http://pipingpress.com/> and its accompanying Facebook page Piping Press, with news and information and items for sale (including Internet lessons)

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
Scottish Program on Global Digital Radio (4EB) each Sunday from 2pm to 3pm.

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

Burnett River Radio (91.5 FM) - Thursdays 7pm to 9.30pm and every second Saturday from 9am to noon for the Sounds of Ireland (and Scotland),

Triple T 103.9 Townsville Community Radio's Scottish Program each Sunday from 3pm to 5pm

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

The Glenfiddich Piping Championship - Saturday 25th October

The championships will be live streamed via the Internet.

Those who have qualified this year because of their success in other major competitions are:

Bruce Gandy, Jack Lee, Stuart Liddell, Willie McCallum, Angus MacColl, Gordon McCready, Roddy MacLeod,
Douglas Murray, Iain Speirs and Niall Stewart

Also covered in the live stream will be the presentation of the Balvenie Medal for services to piping

To watch the live stream, go to

<http://new.livestream.com/thepipingcentre/GPC2014>

from 7pm Brisbane time on 25 October

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CONTEST RESULTS

Springbank Invitational Piping Competition - Campbeltown, Scotland – 20 September

Overall

Stuart Liddell

Piobaireachd

1st Stuart Liddell, *Lament for the Laird of Annapool*
2nd Roddy MacLeod, *Isabel MacKay*
3rd Iain Speirs, *Donald Gruamach's March*
4th Callum Beaumont, *Lament for Ronald MacDonald of Morar*

MSR

1st Angus MacColl, *Craigendarroch, The Argyllshire Gathering, Shepherd's Crook, John Roy Stewart, Mrs. MacPherson of Inveran, Alick C. MacGregor*
2nd Willie McCallum
3rd Roddy MacLeod
4th Callum Beaumont

Hornpipe & Jig

1st Angus MacColl, *Kyle Howie's, Skye*
2nd Gordon Walker
3rd Stuart Liddell
4th Willie McCallum
Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Iain Morrison and John Wilson

Captain John A. MacLellan MBE Memorial Solo Piping Competition - Redford Barracks, Edinburgh – 4 October

Overall

Faye Henderson

A-Grade

Piobaireachd

1st Faye Henderson
2nd Gordon McCready
3rd Peter McCallister
4th Jenny Hazzard
5th Darach Urquhart
Judges: Ronnie McShannon, Andrew Wright

MSR

1st Cameron Drummond
2nd Sarah Muir
3rd Kevin McNulty
4th Peter Hunt
5th Craig Sutherland
Judges: Ian Duncan, Tom Speirs

Open Hornpipe & Jig

1st Craig Sutherland
2nd Cameron Drummond
3rd Steven Gray
4th Sarah Muir
5th Andrew Bova
Judges: Ian Duncan, Ronnie McShannon, Tom Speirs, Andrew Wright

Nicol-Brown Amateur Invitational - Albany, New York – 11 October

Those invited are 10 of North America's most successful amateur solo pipers from the previous competition year

Overall

Liam Hilder

Piobaireachd (Robert Nicol-Robert Brown Chalice)

1st James Dyson, *MacCrimmon's Sweetheart*
2nd Kevin McLean, *The Red Speckled Bull*
3rd Sean Regan, *Lament for Patrick Og MacCrimmon*
4th Liam Hilder, *Hector MacLean's Warning*
5th Tyler Harris, *Too Long in this Condition*
MSR (William Ross Challenge Targe)
1st Liam Hilder, *Abercairney Highlanders, Delvinside, The Sheepwife*
2nd Jack Williamson, *Brigadier General Ronald Cheape of Tiroran, John Roy Stewart, Ca' the Ewes*
3rd Tyler Harris, *The Taking of Beaumont Hamel, The Islay Ball, Bessie McIntyre*
4th Kevin McLean, *John MacDonald of Glencoe, Ewe wi' the Crookit Horn, Loch Carron*
5th Andrew Hahn, *The Clan MacColl, Piper's Bonnet, John Morrison, Assynt House*

6/8 Marches (Donald MacLeod Memorial)

1st Tyler Bridge, *The Bonawe Highlanders, Dundee City Police Pipe Band*
2nd James Dyson, *The Dornoch Highland Gathering, All the Blue Bonnets are Over the Border*
3rd Kaitlin Kimove, *MacLeod of Mull, John Gordon of Drummuie*
4th Liam Hilder, *Fairview Cottage, The Trees of North Uist*
5th Kevin McLean, *The Braemar Gathering, Mrs. Lily Christie*