



**August Meeting  
Monday 25th  
Balmoral Bowls Club,  
Jean Howie Drive,  
Morningside  
at 7.45 pm**

**Queensland  
Highland  
Pipers'  
Society**

The meeting will start with the Annual Meeting, followed by a Pipers' Night. For those who are apprehensive about Annual Meetings, be assured that the Society has pretty painless ones, so come along, hear the reports and then enjoy the piping!

**From the Editor:**

The Jimmy Durham trophy contest at the July meeting was one of the most contested for several years, with a total of eight competitors. There was an excellent standard of playing, which bodes well for the future of piping.

The newsletter this month features lots of results from the contest season in Scotland, as well as a report on a new association, somewhat parallel to our own, which has been formed in Victoria. Perhaps the model they have developed could be of some use in Queensland at some time in the future.

There is also an early notice that we will once again be "sharing" our October meeting with the Celtic Celebration Committee to conduct the Queensland final for the Macallan contest in Lorient in 2004.

*Alex McConnell*

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## JULY 2003 MEETING

Around 40 competitors, members and supporters turned up for the annual Jimmy Durham Memorial contest at our July meeting.

After the usual informative chat from Doug Thoresen (including our apologies for the night – Maurie DeHayr and Alan and Jane Hancox), we settled down for the competition.

Roddy MacDonald had agreed to be our judge for the evening and we had a good lineup of eight competitors.

We heard a variety of instruments and tunes and the solid applause after each competitor was most encouraging.

After the competitors had all played we broke for supper while the judge made his decisions. When we resumed, the results were announced by Roddy. He also gave a brief explanation of the reasons for his decisions and congratulated all the players on an excellent competition.

The placings were:

- |                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Christopher MacLeish |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Jordan Whicker       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Vaughn Parker        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Michelle Hodder      |

The other competitors were Luke Mann, Joseph Donaldson, Angus Connor and Eric Tavanner.

The winners were presented with the impressive medals once again kindly donated by Jimmy's brother, Bill Durham, as well as

their prize cheques.

Unfortunately we did not have the perpetual trophy to present to Christopher but this will be arranged at a later date.

Christopher McLeish then played us a few more tunes including *Highland Laddie*, *Flett from Flotta*, *Lady Carmichael*, *Big Billy in the Bog* and *Peter O'Neill's Birthday*.

Going in order of the contest prize winners, Jordan was the next to entertain us, with a varied list of tunes including *The Banks of Lochiel*, *The Carnival Reel*, *The Radar Racqueteer*, *New Year in Noosa*, *Spill the Beer* and *Rakish Paddy*.

Vaughn was next. Unfortunately he suffered a couple of times from the dreaded pipers block and eventually decided that discretion was the better part of valour and left the boards.

Finally Michelle played us a selection including *For Ireland I'll Not Tell Her Name*, *Lark in the Morning*, *Jig in the Middle*, *Jig O'Slurs*, *Man from Skye* and *The Pumpkin's Fancy*.

Our judge, Roddy MacDonald, had also agreed to play (without much arm-twisting from Doug!) and showed us more of his fine capabilities. His tunes included *Abercrombie Place*, *Stephen Cooper*, *Edinburgh City Police Pipe Band*, *Highland Harry*, *Flight of the Eaglets* and *The King Danced at Dover*.

So ended an excellent evening of piping

## Celtic Celebration Committee - Queensland Selection Competition

The competition for Open standard pipers, to find out who will be Queensland's representatives at next year's Australasian Piping Final (and hopefully win a trip to Lorient), will be held at the Balmoral Bowls Club on Monday, 27th October 2003 in conjunction with the QHPS October meeting. The meeting will start at 7.15 pm (early!) and the competition at about 7.30 pm.

The competition will comprise two elements (the same as last year):

- . March, Strathspey and Reel, and
- . Air and Jig.

There is no entry fee for the competition, but an admission fee of \$2 to the QHPS will be charged to all except competitors .

Entry forms are being circulated to as many known interested players as possible, but can also be obtained from Alan Hancox by phoning 3396 9091 or via email to [janeandalan@optusnet.com.au](mailto:janeandalan@optusnet.com.au).

Entries close on 21 September 2003.

Society members are asked to bring a plate for to help cater for the enlarged supper

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# What's On

A U G	25	<b>Society Meeting – Annual Meeting</b>
	30	Cowal Championships – Dunoon
	30	Queensland Pipe Band Championships – see separate notice in this newsletter
S E P T	5-7	Lockyer Valley Celtic Pipe Band retreat for regional pipers and drummers. Camp Duckadang at Linville. Contact Lorraine Hing 07 5465 6251 or mobile 0438 646 251
	13	European Pipe Band Championships – Alden Biesen, Belgium
	22	<b>Society Meeting</b>
	27	NSW Pipers Society Silver Chalice Piobaireachd. Contact Ron Clement 02 9948 1914
O C T	12	NSW PBA Solos – Birrong Public School
	27	<b>Society Meeting – Celtic Celebration Committee contest – see separate notice</b>
N O V	1&2	Britfest Solo Piping and Band Contests – Blacktown Showground, Sydney. Contact Barry Gray PO Box 629 Blacktown NSW 2148
	24	<b>Final Society Meeting for the year</b>
L A T E R	6 Dec	Victorian Pipe Band Championships, Daylesford. Enquiries Margaret Johnstone 03 9889 8666
	1 Jan	Fred Logan New Year's Day Scottish Gathering: 10 am to 4 pm, Petrie Park Nambour. More details in next newsletter.
	21 Mar	Australian Pipe Band Championships – Geelong (Queen's Park). Note <b>this is not the Easter Weekend</b> . More details later.

The **NSW Pipers' Society** meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6 Holterman Street, Crows Nest. Contact Ron Clement – 02 9948 1914.

The **WA Pipers' Society** meets on the 3rd Saturday at the Autumn Centre, Inglewood. Contact John McMurchie – 08 9401 9587

If you need more details about any of the above events and a contact is not mentioned, ring the Society Secretary (3397 4512 after hours) and we will see what we can dig up for you.

<b>Scottish Radio Programs</b>	<b>SBS Radio</b> – Brisbane FM 93.3 – Thursday nights 10-11 pm <b>4EB</b> - FM 98.1 – Thursday afternoons 2.15—4.30 pm <b>2RDJ</b> - FM 88.1 - Wednesday morning 6 am - 9 am
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## CONTEST RESULTS

### Inverness Highland Games , Saturday, 19 July March, Strathspey & Reel

#### **Piobaireachd**

1st Brendon Eade

2nd Colin MacLellan

3rd Euan MacCrimmon

4th Niall Stewart

Judges: Finlay MacRae, Angus MacPhee,

1st Niall Stewart

2nd Brendon Eade

3rd Leslie Hutt

3rd Euan MacCrimmon

Judges: Finlay MacRae; Angus MacPhee; Andrew Venters, Ronald MacLean

**Roseneath and Clynder Highland Games ,  
20 July****Piobaireachd**

1st Colin MacLellan  
2nd Jonathon Greenlees  
3rd Jenny Hazzard  
4th Robert Watt  
Judge: James Young

**Competing Pipers Association B & C Grade****Piobaireachd**

1st Finlay Johnston  
2nd Alistair Dunn  
3rd Margaret Houlihan  
4th Darrach Urquhart  
5th Douglas Campbell  
Judges: William Morrison, John Wilson

**Inverary Games, 22 July****Piobaireachd**

1st Angus MacColl  
2nd Colin MacLellan  
3rd Donald MacKay  
4th Gordon Walker  
Judges: Ronald Lawrie, John D. Burgess, John Wilson

**March**

1st Chris Armstrong  
2nd Allan Russell  
3rd Angus MacColl  
4th Gordon McCready  
Judges: Iain MacFadyen, John Wilson, Allan Forbes

**Strathspey & Reel**

1st Robert Watt  
2nd Angus MacColl  
3rd Chris Armstrong  
4th Gordon Walker

**Competing Pipers Association Piobaireachd  
for B & C Grade Pipers**

1st Margaret Houlihan  
2nd Gordon McCready  
3rd Anne Spalding  
4th James Thompson  
5th equal Finlay Johnston, Calum Beaumont  
Judges: Tom Speirs, George Lumsden, Allan Forbes

**Arisaig Games, Wednesday, 23 July****Piobaireachd**

1st Fred Morrison  
2nd Colin MacLellan  
3rd Fiona MacKay  
4th John Don MacKenzie

**March**

1st Colin MacLellan  
2nd Fred Morrison  
3rd Steven Watterson  
4th John Don MacKenzie

**Strathspey & Reel**

1st Fred Morrison  
2nd Steven Watterson  
3rd Colin MacLellan  
4th Fiona MacKay

**Jig**

1st Fred Morrison  
2nd Fiona MacKay  
3rd Colin MacLellan  
4th Steven Watterson  
Judges : Ronald Lawrie, Joe Henderson

**Tobermory Games. 24 July****Piobaireachd**

1st Colin MacLellan  
2nd Angus MacColl  
3rd Fred Morrison  
Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Ronald Lawrie

**March**

1st Fred Morrison  
2nd Finlay Johnston  
3rd Angus MacColl

**Strathspey & Reel**

1st Angus MacColl  
2nd Finlay Johnston  
3rd Fred Morrison  
Judges: Ian Duncan, Ronald Cark

**Taynuilt Games, 26 July****Piobaireachd**

1st Colin MacLellan  
2nd Fred Morrison  
3rd Robert Watt  
4th Angus MacColl  
Judges: Ronald Clark; Dr. Leslie Craig

**March**

1st Angus MacColl  
2nd Robert Watt  
3rd Fred Morrison  
4th Clive McFarland

**Strathspey & Reel**

1st Robert Watt  
2nd Angus MacColl  
3rd Clive McFarland  
4th Ryan McFarland

**Jig**

1st Angus MacColl  
 2nd Robert Watt  
 3rd Fred Morrison  
 4th Ryan McFarland  
 Judges: Iain MacLellan, Robert Stewart

**Lochearnhead Games, 27 July****Piobaireachd**

1st Chris Armstrong, Bathgate  
 2nd Robert Wallace  
 3rd Gordon Walker  
 4th Roderick Weir

**March**

1st Gordon Walker  
 2nd Chris Armstrong  
 3rd Steven Waterston  
 4th Peter Hunt

**Strathspey & Reel**

1st Gordon Walker  
 2nd Chris Armstrong  
 3rd Roderick Weir  
 4th Steven Waterston

**South Uist Games, 23 July****Piobaireachd**

1st John Angus Smith *Battle of the Pass of Crieff*  
 2nd Jenny Hazzard  
 3rd Robert Watt  
 4th James MacPhee  
 5th Duncan Grant  
 Judges: James Young, Walter Drysdale

**March**

1st John Angus Smith  
 Judges: James Young, Walter Drysdale

**Strathspey & Reel**

1st Robert Watt  
 Judges: James Young, Walter Drysdale

**Jig**

1st Donald MacLeod, Edinburgh  
 Judge: Neill Mulvie

**Benbecula - Young Piper of the Year, 24 July****Piobaireachd**

1st Robert Watt, *Battle of Auldearn*  
 2nd Jenny Hazzard  
 3rd James MacPhee  
 4th Ryan McFarland

**March**

1st Robert Watt  
 2nd Donald MacLeod  
 3rd James MacPhee  
 4th B McKenzie

**Strathspey & Reel**

1st Robert Watt  
 2nd James MacPhee  
 3rd Jenny Hazzard  
 4th Donald MacLeod

**Hornpipe & Jig**

1st Robert Watt  
 2nd Donald MacLeod  
 3rd Colin Gordon  
 4th Darach Urquhart  
 Judges: James Young, Walter Drysdale.

**North Uist Games, 25 July****Piobaireachd**

1st John Angus Smith, *Lament for Ronald MacDonald of Morar*  
 2nd Jenny Hazzard  
 3rd Duncan Grant  
 4th James MacPhee

**March**

1st Robert Watt  
 2nd John Angus Smith  
 3rd James MacPhee  
 4th Jenny Hazzard

**Strathspey & Reel**

1st Robert Watt  
 2nd B. McKenzie  
 3rd John Angus Smith  
 4th James MacPhee

**Jig**

1st Robert Watt  
 2nd Colin Gordon  
 3rd Jenny Hazzard  
 4th Ryan McFarland  
 Judges: Iain Morrison, Eddie Clark.

**Aboyne Games, 2 August****Piobaireachd**

1st Donald MacPhee, *Battle of Auldearn #1*  
 2nd Craig Sked, South Africa  
 3rd Andrew Hall  
 4th Colin MacLellan  
 5th Jenny Hazzard  
 Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Malcolm McRae, Norman Matheson

**March**

- 1st Alan Russell
- 2nd Jenny Hazzard
- 3rd Donald MacPhee
- 4th James Stewart

**Strathspey & Reel**

- 1st Alan Russell
- 2nd Jenny Hazzard
- 3rd Simon McKerrell
- 4th James Stewart

**Hornpipe & Jig**

- 1st Alan Russell
- 2nd Simon McKerrell
- 3rd Andrew Hall
- 4th Clive McFarland

**North American Championships, Maxville,  
Ontario, 1-2 August****Bands****Grade 1 Aggregate**

- 1st 78th Highlanders (Halifax)
  - 2nd 78th Fraser Highlanders
  - 3rd Toronto Police
  - 4th Peel Regional Police
  - 5th City of Washington
- Drumming: Toronto Police

**Grade 1 MSR**

- 1st 78th Highlanders (Halifax)
  - 2nd 78th Fraser Highlanders
  - 3rd Toronto Police
  - 4th City of Washington
  - 5th Peel Regional Police
- Judges: Gail Brown, Jim McGillivray (piping); Ed Neigh (ensemble); Bert Barr (drumming)

**Grade 1 Medley**

- 1st 78th Highlanders (Halifax)
  - 2nd 78th Fraser Highlanders
  - 3rd Peel Regional Police
  - 4th Toronto Police
  - 5th City of Washington
- Drumming: 78th Highlanders (Halifax)
- Judges: Andrew Berthoff, Geoff Neigh (piping); Willie Connell (ensemble); Larry Willis (drumming)

**Grade 2 Aggregate**

- 1st Windsor Police
- 2nd North Coast
- 3rd Niagara Police
- 4th St. Andrew's Society of Fredericton
- 5th Maple Ridge
- 6th Oran Mor

Drumming: Tulach Ard

**Grade 2 MSR**

- 1st St. Andrew's Society of Fredericton
- 2nd Niagara Police
- 3rd North Coast

**Grade 2 Medley**

- 1st Windsor Police
- 2nd Oran Mor
- 3rd Maple Ridge

**Professional Solo Piping****Piobaireachd**

- 1st Glenn Brown, *Battle of Auldearn #2*
  - 2nd Michael Grey
  - 3rd Bruce Gandy
  - 4th Andrew Hayes
  - 5th Colin Clansey
- Judge: Iain Macey

**March**

- 1st Andrew Rogers
  - 2nd Andrew Berthoff
  - 3rd Ian K. MacDonald
  - 4th Bruce Gandy
  - 5th Colin Clansey
- Judge: Jim McGillivray

**Strathspey & Reel**

- 1st Bruce Gandy
  - 2nd Ian K. MacDonald
  - 3rd Andrew Rogers
  - 4th Glenn Brown
  - 5th Colin Clansey
- Judge: Willie Connell

**Jig**

- 1st Ian K. MacDonald
  - 2nd Bruce Gandy
  - 3rd Andrew Hayes
  - 4th Andrew Rogers
  - 5th Robert Crabtree
- Judge: Ed Neigh

**Gold Medal**

- 1st Andrew Hayes *The Blue Ribbon*
  - 2nd Roderick MacLean
  - 3rd Rob Crabtree
- Judge: Willie Connell

**Bar for former winners of the Gold Medal**

- 1st Iain Macey
  - 2nd Andrew Hayes
  - 3rd James MacHattie
- Judge: Willie Connell

**Former Winners MSR**

- 1st Andrew Hayes

2nd Robert Crabtree  
3rd James MacHattie  
Judge: Jake Watson

### **Open MSR**

1st Lionel Tupman  
Judge: Jake Watson

### **Killin Games, 30 July**

#### **Piobaireachd**

1st Gordon McCready  
2nd Donald Mackay  
3rd Anne Spalding  
4th Neil Smith

#### **March**

1st Gordon McCready  
2nd Donald Mackay  
3rd Neil Smith  
4th Anne Spalding

#### **Strathspey & Reel**

1st Gordon McCready  
2nd Donald Mackay  
3rd Neil Smith  
4th Willie McIntyre

#### **Jig**

1st Gordon McCready  
2nd Donald Mackay  
3rd Neil Smith  
4th Anne Spalding  
Judges: Donald Macpherson, Walter Drysdale

### **Mallaig and Morar Games, 4 August**

#### **Piobaireachd**

1st Colin MacLellan  
2nd Chris Armstrong  
3rd Craig Sked, South Africa  
4th Brendon Eade

#### **March**

1st Chris Armstrong  
2nd Colin MacLellan  
3rd Brendon Eade  
4th Simon McKerrall

#### **Strathspey & Reel**

1st Chris Armstrong  
2nd Lyric Todkill, USA  
3rd Colin MacLellan  
4th Jenny Hazzard

#### **Jig**

1st Chris Armstrong  
2nd James Stewart, Peterborough  
3rd Brendon Eade

4th (equal) Duncan Grant, Simon McKerrall  
Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Ronald Lawrie.

### **Skye Gathering, Portree, Isle of Skye – 5-6 August**

#### **Dunvegan Medal**

1st Stuart Shedden  
2nd Bruce Gandy  
3rd John Angus Smith  
4th Brendan Eade  
5th Finlay Johnston  
Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Iain Morrison, Malcolm McRae

#### **Colonel Jock Clasp**

1st Gordon Walker  
2nd Willie McCallum  
3rd Dr. Angus MacDonald  
4th (equal) Iain Speirs, Edinburgh, Euan MacCrimmon, Edinburgh  
Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Iain Morrison, Malcolm McRae

#### **2/4 March (Kemble Star)**

1st Bruce Gandy  
2nd Willie McCallum  
3rd Niall Stewart  
4th Dr. Angus MacDonald  
5th Gordon Walker  
Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Iain Morrison, Malcolm McRae

#### **Strathspey & Reel (Peter MacFarquhar Star)**

1st Chris Armstrong  
2nd Willie McCallum  
3rd Innis Smith  
4th Gordon Walker  
5th Bruce Gandy  
Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Iain Morrison, Malcolm McRae

#### **6/8 Marches (Alan Torrance Associates Cup)**

1st Gordon Walker  
2nd Bruce Gandy  
3rd Robert Wallace  
4th Roderick Weir  
5th Jenny Hazzard  
Judges: Walter Drysdale, Joe Henderson

#### **Jig (Macbeath Parr Associates Cup)**

1st Gordon Walker  
2nd Bruce Gandy  
3rd Chris Armstrong  
4th Simon McKerrall  
5th P-M Michael Gray  
Judges: Walter Drysdale



**Silver Chanter, Dunvegan, Isle of Skye, 6****August 6,**

Winner: Iain Speirs *I Got A Kiss of the King's Hand.*

Also played: Bruce Gandy, Dr. Angus MacDonald,  
Willie McCallum, and Gordon Walker

**Atholl & Breadalbane Gathering, Aberfeldy,  
9 August****Piobaireachd**

1st Robert Wallace  
2nd Colin MacLellan  
3rd Innes Smith  
4th Jenny Hazzard  
Judge: Ronald Clark

**March**

1st Allan Russell  
2nd John Angus Smith  
3rd Iain MacDonald, Regina, Canada  
4th Robert Wallace

**Strathspey & Reel**

1st Colin MacLellan  
2nd Robert Wallace  
3rd John Angus Smith  
4th Allan Russell

**Slow Air & Jig**

1st John Angus Smith  
2nd Colin MacLellan  
3rd Allan Russell  
4th Robert Wallace  
Judge: Duncan McDiarmid.

**North Berwick Highland Games, 9 August 9****Grade 1**

1st Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia  
2nd Western Australia Police (Australia)  
3rd Strathclyde Police  
4th Los Angeles Scots (USA)  
Drumming: Boghall

**Grade 2**

1st 1st Battalion The Highlanders  
2nd Drambuie Kirkliston  
3rd Polkemmet  
4th Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia  
Drumming: 1st Battalion The Highlanders

**Grade 3**

1st Prince Charles (USA)  
2nd City of Newcastle (England)  
3rd Milgavie  
4th Lanarkshire  
Drumming: Lanarkshire

**Juvenile**

1st Sir James MacDonald (USA)  
2nd George Watson's College  
3rd Craigmount High School  
4th George Watson's N/J  
Drumming: George Watson's College

**Perth Highland Games, 10 August****BANDS****Grade 1**

1st Strathclyde Police  
2nd David Urquhart Travel  
3rd Western Australia Police  
4th Vale of Atholl

**Grade 2**

1st Dumbarton & District  
2 Prince Charles (USA) (playing up from Grade 3)  
3rd 1st Battalion Scots Guards  
4th City of Dunedin (USA)

**Grade 3**

1st Fort Collins (USA)  
2nd Prince Charles (USA)  
3rd Strathclyde Fire Brigade  
4th Sir James Macdonald (USA)

**Solo Piping****Open Piobaireachd**

1st John Angus Smith  
2nd Niall Mathieson  
3rd Innes Smith  
4th Douglas Murray  
5th Fiona Manson, New Zealand  
Judges: Donald Macpherson, Joe Henderson

**CPA Piobaireachd**

1st Darrach Urquhart  
2nd Fiona MacKay  
3rd Anne Spalding  
4th Callum Beaumont  
5th Gordon McCready  
Judges: Gavin Stoddart, James Banks

**March**

1st Niall Mathieson  
2nd P/M Michael Gray  
3rd John Angus Smith  
4th Gordon MacLean, Stirling  
5th Gordon McCready

**Strathspey & Reel**

1st Niall Mathieson  
2nd Douglas Murray  
3rd Simon Marshall  
4th Gordon McCready

5th Gordon McLean

### Jig

1st Douglas Murray  
2nd Gordon McCready  
3rd Niall Mathieson  
4th Brian MacKenzie  
5th John Angus Smith

Judges: Walter Cowan, Walter Drysdale.

### 4<sup>th</sup> annual Kintyre Piping Society Springbank Invitational, Campbelltown, 9 August

#### Piobaireachd

1st Angus MacColl, *The MacFarlanes' Gathering*  
2nd Roddy MacLeod  
3rd Willie McCallum  
4th Iain Speirs

#### March, Strathspey & Reel

1st Roddy MacLeod  
2nd Angus MacColl  
3rd Willie McCallum  
4th Gordon Walker

#### Hornpipe & Jig

1st Roddy MacLeod  
2nd Willie McCallum  
3rd Angus MacColl  
4th Iain Speirs

#### Overall Champion

Angus MacColl  
Judges: John Burgess, Norman Gillies, John McDougall.

### World Pipe Band Championships, Glasgow Green, 16 August

#### Grade 1

1st House of Edgar-Shotts & Dykehead  
2nd Field Marshal Montgomery (MSR preference)  
3rd Simon Fraser University  
4th Strathclyde Police  
5th 78th Fraser Highlanders (MSR preference)  
6th Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia  
Drumming: HOE-Shotts (MSR preference); 2nd SFU

Medley judges: Piping: Iain Roddick, J. Campbell ;  
Drumming: W. Goodall ; Ensemble: Allan Ronaldson

MSR judges: Piping: Dixie Ingram, George Shepherd ; Drumming: Jim Hutton ; Ensemble: Jim Baxter

Shotts placed first in the Medley event while FMM won the MSR.

#### **Bands which advanced from the qualifying round (MSR).**

Note none of these appeared in the final prize list  
Ballycoan  
David Urquhart Travel  
Dysart & Dundonald  
Manawatu Scottish  
St. Laurence O'Toole  
Toronto Police  
Judges: Piping: Nat Russell (Australia), David Clark ; Drumming: W. Dunlop ; Ensemble: C. Mordaunt

#### Grade 2

1st Clan Gregor (ensemble preference)  
2nd Bleary  
3rd Windsor Police (Canada)  
4th ASCO Buchan  
5th Ballinderry Bridge  
6th Niagara Police (Canada)  
Drumming: Clan Gregor  
Judges: Piping: Ed Neigh (Canada), John Wilson ;  
Drumming: J. Geddis ; Ensemble: Bob Shepherd

#### Grade 3A

1st Killadeas (Ulster)  
2nd Syerla (Ulster)  
3rd Lanarkshire  
4th Lochgelly High School  
5th Finvoy (Ulster)  
6th Holbaek (Denmark)  
Drumming: Killadeas  
Judges: Piping: Bob Worrall (Canada), Denver Cardwell ; Drumming: Iain Mathieson ;  
Ensemble: John Kennedy

#### Grade 3B

1st Prince Charles (USA)  
2nd Bready (Ulster)  
3rd Quinn Memorial (Ulster)  
4th Black Raven (Ulster)  
5th Fort Collins (USA)  
6th Altnaveigh Memorial  
Drumming: Prince Charles  
Judges: Piping: Matt McConnell, Harry McNulty ;  
Drumming: Joe Noble ; Ensemble: Wilson Young

#### Juvenile

1st Robert Malcolm Memorial (Canada)  
2nd George Watson's College  
3rd Sir James MacDonald (USA)  
4th Dunoon Grammar School  
5th Craigmount High School  
Drumming: Robert Malcolm  
Judges: as for Grade 1 qualifier

**Grade 4A**

1st Williamwood  
2nd 7 Towers (Ulster)  
3rd Marlacoo (Ulster)  
4th Auchintober  
5th Bo'ness Royal British Legion  
6th Saint Patrick's Bandon (Eire)  
Drumming: Castlerock  
Judges: Piping: Malcolm MacKenzie , Iain Wood ;  
Drumming: Alistair Dowling ; Ensemble: J.  
MacInnes

**Grade 4B**

1st Old Meldrum Royal British Legion  
2nd Queen Elizabeth  
3rd Kilsyth  
4th 8 Wing (Canada)  
5th Newmains  
6th Cullybackey (Ulster)  
Drumming: 8 Wing  
Judges: Piping: Harry Stevenson , Trevor Dear ;  
Drumming: Gordon Reid ; Ensemble: Alistair  
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# Ipswich 2003



## Gathering of the Clans

### Queensland Pipe Band Championships & Queensland Solo Piping & Drumming Championships

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## Saturday 30th August 2003

### Limestone Park, Lion Street, Ipswich

The Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band are hosting the Ipswich 2003 Gathering of the Clans Queensland Pipe Band Championships & Queensland Solo Piping & Drumming Championships, on Saturday 30th August 2003, Limestone Park, off Lion Street, Ipswich.

### Free Admission

Bring the family along and join with us for a relaxing afternoon. Bring a rug or a chair, bring an umbrella for shade and witness the spectacle of tartans on parade and listen to the bagpipes and drums as the bands compete for the title of 2003 Queensland Champions. The Queensland Solo Piping & Drumming Championships will be conducted in the morning from 8.00am with the Queensland Pipe Band Championships commencing just prior to lunchtime. Plenty of Stalls on site with Scottish fare, food and refreshments, Scottish Craft, Souvenirs and a variety of other items for sale.

- Please join us, we welcome your support \*
- **Enquiries to Secretary Liz McGhee 0414 776 361**

## NEWS

### **New Pipers Association in Victoria**

A new association has been formed to promote solo piping in Victoria, called, appropriately, the Victorian Pipers Association Inc. Its focus so far appears to be on competitions, including the regulation of solo competition in the state. The following information comes from its website which is at [www.vicpipers.org](http://www.vicpipers.org). I had a little trouble accessing this but after a Google search I found that <http://members.optusnet.com.au/bjniven/admin.html> seemed to work better

#### ***How and Why the VPA started.***

The general feeling from pipers around the State, particularly those actively competing, is that solo competitions require a more adequate system of scheduling, rewards, grading and overall logistical efficiency. It has thus become apparent, that a new system must be created to better accommodate the piping fraternity. The propose therefore was to form an independent, non-profit organization that is a centre point for administrating solo piping events in Victoria.

Our aim is to "promote and develop the playing of the Great Highland Bagpipe at solo level to the highest possible standard."

#### ***Through the Victorian Pipers Association (VPA), we aim to implement several changes to solo piping in Victoria.***

1. Solo piping competitions in Victoria would be offered by the VPA. This does not preclude solo piping competitions from being held outside of the VPA's concerns although such events would not accrue championship (aggregate) points.
2. The administration and minimum requirements of solo competitions would be laid out in a clear and concise document to guide promoters. This allows players, judges and the audience to look forward to a well-run competition.
3. A provisional contest schedule/season would be constructed consisting of several events during the year. At least 6 contests would be held between April and October. The purpose of a season, is giving members convenient notice regarding dates and venues. These would be posted at the commencement of each year. The VPA would also promote other organizations running more competitions and/or events external of the VPA. The proposed competition guide would perhaps make such events more achievable.
4. One competition, during the middle of the 'season' would be the VPA Victorian solo piping championships. It would attract more prizes and a title in addition to regular aggregate points (including Silver and Gold medals).
5. The number of competition elements per grade would be increased. This would allow players to compete more than once in a day as well as aid players in working towards a higher level of performance.
6. Grading would be applied on a performance base. Annual re-evaluation and continuous monitoring would be the responsibility of the VPA committee of which, competing pipers would have the majority vote. An internationally recognized grading system would be adopted.
7. Prize money or prizes, would be introduced for all competitions as set out in the VPA's competition guide.
8. At the conclusion of the competition season the aggregate winner of each grade would be awarded 'piper of the year'. In addition, an invitation event based on the 'championship points' accumulated during the contest season would be conducted with increased prize money.
9. The VPA would also endeavor to hold recitals and workshops that would be run during the year, boasting the abilities of both international and local players.

Like many pipers across Victoria, founding members of the VPA enjoy Bagpipe music especially performed well. The VPA endeavors to foster new talent, expose youth to the worlds best pipers and create a positive environment for Bagpipe music to be enjoyed. By these implementing these initiatives, our local pipers can aspire to new heights.

So far they have held competitions in May, June and July and their program for the rest of the year is as follows:

August	<b>VPA Gold and Silver Medal &amp; Victorian Solo Piping Championships</b> Terang 24th August Terang Civic Centre, High Street Terang Directions Cash Prizes along with Trophies and Medals
September	Contest to be confirmed
October	<b>Victorian Macallan Qualifier - 12th October</b> Open grade competition for all pipers wishing to represent Victoria in the Interceltique Australasian Final contested in Brisbane 2004. Winners will playoff to represent Australasia at the McCallum Competition, Lorient France. <b>VPA Quaich - 25th October</b> 6 Leading Players in each Grade will be eligible to compete for the VPA Quaich (for that grade) Venue: TBA The presentation of 'Piper of the Year' will also be awarded at this event for the player accumulating the most aggregate points over the VPA competition season.

## HOW TO GET TO THE BALMORAL BOWLS CLUB

For those who like to work out their own directions the UBD Reference is

Map 160, Reference Q12.

From the Gateway Arterial—turn north at the Lytton Road intersection (just south of the bridge), travel along Route 24 and the Route 23 (Wynnum Road) till you see the Morningside RSL on your left. Turn in as if going to the RSL but go right through their carpark and continue along Jean Howie Drive for about 350 metres. Turn left into the Bowls Club car park.

From the City—go across the Story Bridge, left into Shafston Avenue, then into Lytton Road and Wynnum Road (Route 23). Go along Wynnum Road until you see the Colmslie RSL on your right. Turn in as if going to the RSL but go right through their carpark and continue along Jean Howie Drive for about 350 metres. Turn left into the Bowls Club car park.

From the west (old Cleveland Road)—Turn into Bennetts Road. Continue along Bennetts Road, across the railway line and a park will appear on your right. Jean Howie Drive goes through the park (the entrance to the drive is near the boundary of the Bulimba Cemetery). Go about 350 metres along the Drive and turn right into the Bowls Club car park.