

Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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July

July Meeting Monday 28th Balmoral Bowls Club, Jean Howie Drive, Morningside at 7.45 pm

The meeting will feature the **Jimmy Durham Memorial Contest** for Elementary and Intermediate players.

The test piece is a 4 part 2/4 played once through. **Prizes:** 1st Perpetual Trophy, Souvenir Medal and \$60, 2nd Souvenir Medal and \$30, 3rd Souvenir Medal and \$20, 4th Souvenir Medal and \$10

From the Editor:

Once again an excellent night of piping last month. This month we have our annual Jimmy Durham Memorial contest for junior players. Once again we have a set of Medals supplied by the well known reedmaker (and Jimmy Durham's brother) Bill Durham. We extend out thanks to Bill for this kind donation. Please encourage as many as possible junior players to enter the contest.

Alex McConnell

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JUNE 2003 MEETING

By the appointed start time, we had about 25 members and supporters in attendance to enjoy our pipers' night. Doug decided to give us a few tunes to kick the evening off. On a fairly quiet pipe he gave us a mixture of old and new including *Tommy Tully's Air, My Love She's But a Lassie Yet, Soldier Joy, Kenmure's Up and Awa, The Wandering Piper, Dr E G MacKinnon, Inverary Castle, The Grey Bob, Pipe Major George Allan and Accordion Jig*

Apologies had been received from Matthew Rigby and Glenys and Reg O'Malley, Matthew Supranowicz and Innes Barker.

By the time Doug finished about 35 people had emerged from the cold outside and Jack McCandlish had a few tunes, showing that his fingers were still pretty agile although he has a bit of trouble blowing the pipes. Doug tuned his pipes as he went. His tunes included *Sweet Maid of Glendaruel, Scotland the Brave, Marie's Wedding* and *Greenwood Side*.

Malcolm Cox had made his first visit to the Society in a long time. Unfortunately his pipe bag had disintegrated in the last couple of days but he played Doug's pipes and showed that he has not been neglecting his playing. The tunes included Cockney Jocks, Killiecrankie, Scots Wa Hae, A Man's a Man, Bonnie Gallowa, The Dark Isle, Orange and Blue, Braes of Mar, O'er the Bows to Balindalloch, Rose among the Heather, High Road to Linton and The Mackintosh's Banner (Ground and two variations).

One of the younger brigade was next Christopher McLeish. He was playing a quiet
but firm sounding pipe which was pretty
consistently blown, perhaps just a little too hard
on occasion. His tunes included the marches
Highland Laddie and Flett from Flotta,
strathspey Lady Carmichael, reel Big Billy in
the Bog (by Bill Sharpe), hornpipe Peter
O'Neill's Birthday (by Ron Fleming), airs Sine
Bhan and Flower of Scotland and the reel
Itchy Fingers. His execution was consistently

good and his expression correct, but a little deliberate in the dance time tunes.

Our next to last player before supper was Eric Tavenner. After a little difficulty getting the pipes tuned (remedied with a bit of assistance from Doug), he played *Robin Adair, Chi Min Tomin* and *Going Home*. The pipes were taking a bit much air, which affected both the sound and the piper's endurance! He had a good strong chanter sound but an even stronger drone sound!

Vaughn Parker was the last piper before supper. On a very strong and resonant pipe, he showed that his improvement is still continuing apace with some pretty heavy tunes including *Hugh Kennedy, MacCrimmon Will Never Return, Alan MacPherson of Mosspark* and *The Thief of Lochaber*. Notable was the strong expression in the 2/4.

After a break for supper Iain Bruce had been persuaded to play. His pipes were resonant and full toned, though not particularly loud. He gave us a long performance, despite being afflicted by the flu. His tunes included the 4/4s The Battle of Waterloo and Jennie's Black E'e, the 6/8s Angus MacKinnon and Alec Haddow's Welcome, the air Fear a Bhata, hornpipe The Ship in the Bottle, Parahandy's Jig and the 2/4s Angus Morrison of **Locheynort** and **Callum Lamont**. He finished up with Lament for the Only Son, a tune he had been taught by Bob Brown, who had particularly emphasised the importance of not extending the Low G linking notes between the phrases.

We then had the draw of the raffle, performed by Maurie deHayr. It was won by Malcolm Cox.

The evening was finished up with Doug and Vaughn and Iain and Christoper playing *Scotland the Brave* and *Marie's Wedding* together.

What's On

J	19	Maryborough Contest – Contact Daphne 07 4122 1143
U L Y	28	Society Meeting – Jimmy Durham Memorial Contest
A U G	1-11	Interceltique Festival of Lorient, Brittany, France
	16	World Pipe Band Championships – Glasgow Green
	24	NSW Combined Scottish Societies Solos. Details available from the QHPS Secretary or contact Mike Stubbings 02 9688 3300
	25	Society Meeting – Annual Meeting
	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	Society Meeting
	27	NSW Pipers Society Silver Chalice Piobaireachd. Contact Ron Clement 02 9948 1914
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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.

Scottish Radio	SBS Radio – Brisbane FM 93.3 – Thursday nights 10-11 pm
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CONTEST RESULTS

British Pipe Band Championship, Pitlochry, 21 June

Grade 1 (Medley) 15 bands

1st Strathclyde Police

2nd House of Edgar - Shotts & Dykehead

3rd Field Marshal Montgomery

4th Boghall & Bathgate

5th St. Laurence O'Toole

6th Vale of Atholl

Drumming: Shotts

Grade 2 (MSR) 18 bands

1st Bleary

2nd Clan Gregor

3rd Buchan

4th Chivas Regal

5th 52nd Lowland Regiment

6th Polkemmet

Drumming: Clan Gregor

Judges: Iain Mathieson, Iain MacLellan (piping);

Jim Baxter (drumming); Denver Cardwell

(ensemble)

Grade 3A (medley)

1st Lochgelly High School

2nd Lanarkshire

3rd West Midlands Police

4th Woodgrange

5th Johnstone

6th Bowhill

Drumming: Lochgelly High School

Grade 3B (medley)

1st Quinn Memorial

2nd Troon Blackrock

3rd Dunoon Argyll

4th Oban

5th Bready

6th Beauly Firth and the Glens

Drumming: Quinn Memorial

Juvenile (MSR)

1st Dunoon Grammar School

2nd George Watson's College

3rd Stewarts Melville College

4th Craigmount High School

Drumming: George Watson's

Grade 4A

1st Bo'ness RBL

2nd Williamwood

3rd Mountfield

4th Nairn

5th Wallacestone & District

6th Annsborough

Drumming: Linlithgow & District

Grade 4B

1st Kilsyth Thistle

2nd Kirkeudbright & District

3rd Oldmeldrum RBL

4th Duns RBL

5th Newmains & District

6th Methil & District

Drumming: Kirkcudbright & District

Novice Juvenile

1st Kintyre Schools

2nd Bucksburn

3rd 1st Troon BB

4th George Watson's College

5th Strathallan School

6th Boghall & Bathgate

Drumming: George Watson's

<u>Canadian Pipe Band Championship, Fort</u> <u>Erie, Ontario – 21 June</u>

Grade 1 (Medley - four bands)

1st 78th Highlanders (Halifax)

2nd Peel Police

3rd Toronto Police

4th City of Washington

Drumming: 78th Highlanders (Halifax)

Judges: Tom Anderson, Sandy Keith (piping);

Willie Connell (ensemble); Jim Agnew

(drumming)

All-Ireland Pipe Band Championships, Newcastle, Ireland – 5 July.

Grade 1

1st Field Marshal Montgomery (MSR preference)

2nd St. Laurence O'Toole

3rd Ravara

Drumming: St. Laurence O'Toole (MSR

preference)

Best Bass & Tenor Section: St. Laurence O'Toole

2nd Eddie Santagiuliana Memorial Highland Gathering, Cleveland Showgrounds, 28 and 29 June

BANDS

Grade 1 & 2 Combined

1st: Queensland Highlanders No. 1

2nd: St Andrew's Pipe Band

Grade 3

1st: Queensland Irish Association 2nd: Bellinger River District

Grade 4

1st: Queensland Highlanders No. 2

2nd: Ipswich Thistle 3rd: Gold Coast Tweed

Judges: Donald Galloway (Piping), Robin Livingstone (Piping), Yvonne Coustley (Drumming)

SOLOS

Open Piobaireachd

1st: Mark McKenzie 2nd: Matthew Supranowicz

3rd: Frances Crown Judge: Iain Bruce

Open MSR

1st: Roddy MacDonald 2nd: Jason Palfrey 3rd: Mark McKenzie

Judges: Iain Bruce, Gordon Ferguson

Open Hornpipe and Jig

1st: Roddy MacDonald 2nd: Jason Palfrey

3rd: Matthew Supranowicz

Judges: Iain Bruce, Gordon Ferguson

Champion Open Piper

Roddy MacDonald

Intermediate MSR

1st: Cory Dale

2nd: Matthew Supranowicz

3rd: Brent Johnston

Judge: Gordon Ferguson

Intermediate Hornpipe/Jig

1st: Cory Dale

2nd: Matthew Supranowicz 3rd: Stephen Cussen Judge: Gordon Ferguson

Champion Intermediate Piper

Cory Dale

Sub-Intermediate MSR

1st: Angus Connor 2nd:Michelle Hodder 3rd: Karl Beier Judge: Iain Bruce

Sub-Intermediate Jig

1st: Vaughn Parker 2nd: Ryan Hofmann 3rd: Angus Connor Judge: Iain Bruce

Champion Sub-Intermediate Piper

Angus Connor

Elementary March Final

1st: Vaughn Parker 2nd: Ellie McCauley 3rd: Katrina Stead Judge: Iain Bruce

Elementary Air Final

1st: Vaughn Parker 2nd: Ellie McCauley 3rd: Katrina Stead Judge: Iain Bruce

Champion Elementary Piper

Vaughn Parker

Support our meeting hosts at the Balmoral Bowls Club by turning up for their

Barefoot Bowls

3rd Sunday of the month at 9.30 / 10 am \$7 includes Social Membership, Sausage Sizzle, Green fees and Bowls Hire Ring 3395 6033 to make your booking

Ipswich 2003



Gathering of the Clans

Queensland Pipe Band Championships & Queensland Solo Piping & Drumming Championships Proudly hosted by

Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band Inc. 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.

They are offering again the Roddy MacSween Memorial special piping event (open to all grades). The tune to be played is "Roddy MacSween" composed by Tom Watson (music available from the QHPS secretary)

Roddy MacSween was the Patron of the Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band for many, many years and devoted over 40 years to the Pipe Band Movement in Queensland until his death on 19th April 1999. Roddy was awarded Life Membership of the Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band & the Queensland Pipe Band Association for his outstanding services to both these organisations. They include this special event as a tribute to Roddy.

They are seeking support from all solo Pipers & drummers, as they'd like to see a record number of entries into the Queensland Solo Piping & Drumming Championships and are also very hopeful that they will receive a record number of entries into the Roddy MacSween Memorial in its 4th year and are especially looking forward to hearing those performances. The Prize for the event is an inscribed Skean Dhu.

The closing date for all entries is Friday 1st August 2003, with definitely no late entries being accepted. A solo entry form is in this newsletterand forms are also available on the band's website www.ipswichthistle.org.au. If an entry is submitted by email (secretary@ipswichthistle.org.au), the fees must be received by 1st August.

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 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 please to Secretary Liz McGhee 0414 776 361 or direct correspondence to P.O. Box 689, Booval, 4304

SOLO PIPING - CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMENCES 8.00AM SHARP

LEARNER CHANTER (MARCH) ***

EVENT 1 * **RESTRICTED** * TO LEARNERS WHO HAVE BEEN LEARNING FOR NOT MORE THAN 12 MONTHS AND NOT PLAYING THE PIPES. COMPETITOR MAY READ FROM A SCORE AND PLAY ON A PRACTICE CHANTER A MARCH OF 2 PARTS PLAYED ONCE THROUGH, ANY TIME SIGNATURE.

ELEMENTARY PIPIN G ***

EVENT 2 2/4 MARCH - TUNE OF 4 PARTS MINIMUM

EVENT 3 SLOW AIR- 2 PARTS PLAYED ONCE THROUGH

SUB - INTERMEDIATE PIPING ***

EVENT 4 2/4 MARCH / STRATHSPEY / REEL - MARCH OF 4 PARTS INTO STRATHSPEY / REEL OF 2 PARTS EACH

EVENT 5 JIG - TUNE OF 2 PARTS MINIMUM

INTERMEDIATE PIPING ***

EVENT 6 2/4 MARCH / STRATHSPEY / REEL - EACH OF 4 PARTS MINIMUM

EVENT 7 HORNPIPE / JIG - TUNES EACH OF 4 PARTS MINIMUM

OPEN PIPING ***

EVENT 8 2/4 MARCH / STRATHSPEY / REEL - EACH OF 4 PARTS MINIMUM

EVENT 9 HORNPIPE / JIG - TUNES EACH OF 4 PARTS MINIMUM

RESTRICTED / OPEN PIOBAIREACHD ***

EVENT 10 RESTRICTED PIOBAIREACHD (CHOICE)

EVENT 11 OPEN PIOBAIREACHD - (OWN CHOICE)

***** ALL GRADES *****

EVENT 12 * SPECIAL PIPING EVENT / RODDY MACSWEEN MEMORIAL * SCORE TO BE PLAYED IS "RODDY MACSWEEN"

SLOW AIR - 2 PARTS PLAYED TWICE EACH PART

ENTRY FEE \$5.00 EACH EVENT ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST 2003 DEFINITELY NO LATE ENTRIES

PLEASE NOTE: SOLOIST'S TO COMPETE "OWN GRADE ONLY".

PLEASE ALSO NOTE: EVENTS OFFERED WILL BE DETERMINED BY ENTRIES RECEIVED & AT PROMOTER'S DISCRETION. <u>ALL COMPETITOR'S MUST WEAR HIGHLAND DRESS. ALL COMPETITOR'S MUST BE REGISTERED WITH A STATE BRANCH OF THE A.P.B.A.</u> SOLO PIPING CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH A.P.B.A. RULES

IPSWICH 2003 GATHERING OF THE CLANS QUEENSLAND PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

QUEENSLAND SOLO PIPING & DRUMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

ATHLETICS OVAL, LIMESTONE PARK. LION STREET. IPSWICHI

SATURDAY 30 AUGUST 2003

*** SOLO PIPING / DRUMMING *** *** ENTRY FORM ***

NAME	TELEPHONE	
ADDRESS		
BAND		
EVENT NOEVENT	REG NO	FEE \$5
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PIPERS ONLY: Will you be acc	companying Solo drummer/s ? YES /	<u>NO</u>
IF YES SOLO DRUMMER/S NA	ME/S:	

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST 2003 DEFINITELY NO LATE ENTRIES

CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: IPSWICH THISTLE PIPE BAND INC.

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PLEASE INCLUDE A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR DRAW RETURN SOLOISTS MAY ONLY SUBMIT "OWN GRADE" ENTRIES

NEWS

Draws for the World Pipe Band Championships

Grade 1 Qualifying Round. Each band plays one MSR out of two submitted. Six go through to the final round against Bands that have pre-qualified

9:00 a.m. Glasgow Skye Association (Scotland)

9:08 Western Australia Police (Australia)

9:16 Alberta Caledonia (Canada)

9:24 Bucksburn & District (Scotland)

9:32 Los Angeles Scottish (USA)

9:40 Manawatu Scottish Society (New Zealand)

9:48 City of Washington (USA)

9:56 Lothian & Borders Police (Scotland)

10:04 Grampian Police (Scotland)

10:12 Toronto Police (Canada)

10:20 Peel Regional Police (Canada)

10:28 St Laurence O'Toole (Ireland)

10:36 Dysart & Dundonald (Scotland)

10:44 Ravara (Northern Ireland)

10:52 MacTarnahan's Prince Charles (USA)

11:00 David Urquhart Travel (Scotland)

11:08 Ballycoan (Northern Ireland)

Judges: Nat Russell, David Clark (piping); W. Dunlop (drumming); C. Mordaunt (ensemble)

Grade 1 Pre-Qualified Bands. Overseas Bands can pre-qualify by winning a prize in the previous Worlds Championships. RSPBA member bands can prequalify through points gained in the fist two major championships of the current season.

Boghall & Bathgate

Field Marshal Montgomery (Northern Ireland)

House of Edgar-Shotts & Dykehead

Scottish Power

78th Fraser Highlanders (Canada)

Simon Fraser University (Canada)

Strathclyde Police

Vale of Atholl

Grade 2

9:00 a.m. Ballinderry Bridge (Northern Ireland)

9:08 Monkstown Mossley (Northern Ireland)

9:16 Royal Burgh of Stirling

9:24 Windsor Police (Canada)

9:32 52nd Lowland Regiment

9:40 Cullybackey (Northern Ireland)

9:48 Denny & Dunnipace

9:56 City of St Andrews

10:04 Polkemmet

10:12 St. Finbar's (Ireland)

10:20 1st Battalion the Highlanders

10:28 Niagara Regional Police (Canada)

10:36 Chivas Regal

10:44 Upper Crossgare (Northern Ireland)

10:52 Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary

11:00 Saffron United (USA)

11:08 Heather Pipes & Drums of Copenhagen (Denmark)

- 11:16 North Coast (USA)
- 11:48 Dumbarton & District
- 11:56 ASCO Buchan
- 12:04 Clan Gregor Society (England)
- 12:12 Vale of Atholl
- 12:20 Lord Edward's Own Narraghmore (Ireland)
- 12:28 Bleary & District (Northern Ireland)
- 12:36 University of Luton (England)
- 12:44 City of Dunedin (USA)
- 12:52 Boghall & Bathgate (Scotland)
- 13:00 Drambuie Kirkliston (Scotland)
- 13:08 Killeen (Northern Ireland)
- 13:16 City of Edinburgh (Scotland)
- 13:24 Howard Memorial (Northern Ireland)
- 13:32 City of Auckland (New Zealand)
- 13:40 Houghton Le Spring (England)

Judges: John Wilson, Ed Neigh (piping); L. Geddis (drumming); Bob Shepherd (ensemble)

Other Grades Numbers

3A	30
3B	31
4A	37
4B	43
Juvenile	5
Novice Juvenile	22

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.

<u>From the City</u>—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.

<u>From the west (old Cleveland Road</u>—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.