



**September Meeting
Monday 22nd
Balmoral Bowls Club,
Jean Howie Drive,
Morningside
at 7.45 pm**

**Queensland
Highland
Pipers'
Society**

The meeting will be a Pipers' Night, so bring your pipes and have a tune.

From the Editor:

Our annual meeting has come and gone with the usual amount of disturbance (almost none!) so it's back to the piping with a good chance for anyone to show their abilities this month. The minutes and other papers from the annual meeting are reproduced in this newsletter.

Next month at our meeting (which we will be sharing with the Celtic Celebration Committee as we did last year) we will have the Queensland final for the Macallan trophy to be held at the Lorient festival next year and our final meeting for the year in November is also shaping up to be a fine competition night as it was last year.

The main part of the contest season in Scotland is over with the end of the pipe band season approaching and the Northern Meeting just finished in the solo world. As a result there are a lot of results inside. Our own Queensland Pipe Band Championships are also in the results lists.

Alex McConnell

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AUGUST 2003 MEETING

Our August Meeting attracted a dedicated core of 25 to 30 members and guests – after all it was the Annual Meeting! The business part of the meeting started at about 7:50 pm and finished by 8:20 pm and from then we were into the piping. The Annual Meeting minutes and reports are reproduced separately in this newsletter.

President Doug Thoresen was the first to play on a nice mellow sounding pipe. His tunes included two airs, *Duncan McInnes* and *Wadi Akirit*, the 6/8 *El Alamein* and the jigs *Lt McGuire* and *Paddy O'Rafferty*.

He was followed by Luke Mann, who has improved considerably in his playing recently under the tutelage of John Wilson. His pipe was full toned, steady and well blown and he showed good depth of technique and good expression. The few little slips did not detract from what was a most enjoyable performance. His tunes included *Scheihallion*, *Captain Norman Orr-Ewing*, *Colin's Cattle*, *King George V's Army*, *79th's Farewell to Gibraltar*, *Captain Horne* and *High Road to Linton*.

Your scribe next volunteered to have a tune, playing Doug's pipes. A bit of an ambitious selection of tunes tested the fingers at times

but things were going a bit better by the last tune. The tunes included *Loch Rannoch*, *Mrs Lily Christie*, *Dr Ross*, *Rab's Wedding*, *Orange and Blue* and *Train Journey North*.

We broke for supper and much talk but were eventually induced to sit down again to hear Luke play another selection including *Canadian Scots*, *Leaving Lismore*, *Scotland the Brave*, *Marie's Wedding* and *Auld Lang Syne*.

Our final piper for the evening was Iain Bruce. His chanter had a slight crow on high A and the pipes were as usual very resonant. He played his usual interesting set of tunes, including *Lewis Turrell's 3/4*, *Far o'er Struy*, the 6/8's *Braemar Gathering* and *MacLeod of Mull*, hornpipe *Donald MacLeod* and the jig *The Foxhunter*. He finished up with a MacCrimmon piobaireachd, *Salute on the Birth of Rory Mor Macleod*. Iain drew attention to the effective way the top hand notes on the chanter are used in this tune to express rejoicing. He also noted that the tune doesn't have a Crunluath variation

A fine finish to a night of piping only slightly intruded on by the necessary business of the annual meeting.

An Afternoon With Ronnie Christie

The popular Scottish singer and musician, Ronnie Christie, will be giving a concert entitled

'An Afternoon With Ronnie Christie'

at the Kedron Wavell Services Club on Sunday, 5th October 2003 starting at 2.00 pm.

Tickets are \$10 each.

Please come along and support this event, which is a fundraiser for the Celtic Celebration Committee (Qld). There will be opportunities for dancing.

Bookings can be made at the Club on 3350 0999.

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.

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

S E P T	22	Society Meeting
	27	Ormiston House "Music Beneath the Stars". 5.00 pm. Bookings essential – 3207 8118
	27	NSW Pipers Society Silver Chalice Piobaireachd. Contact Ron Clement 02 9948 1914
O C T	5	An Afternoon with Ronnie Christie – see separate notice – Kedron Wavell Services Club
	12	NSW PBA Solos – Birrong Public School
	18	Scottish Clans Congress Halloween Ceilidh – QIA Rooms. \$36 a head (including 2 course dinner) 7.00 to midnight. Contact Dell Patten (3300 0131) or Jim Johnstone (3805 1378)
	25	Victorian Pipers Association – Whitehorse Inn, Hawthorne, Melbourne. Victorian Macallan Qualifier and VPA Quaich invitational
	27	Society Meeting – Celtic Celebration Committee contest – see separate notice
N O V	1&2	Britfest Solo Piping and Band Contests – Blacktown Showground, Sydney. Contact Barry Gray PO Box 629 Blacktown NSW 2148
	8	Qld Police Juvenile Band Concert – Wynnum Manly Leagues Club – see separate notice
	22	Brisbane Clans Pipes & Drums - "Go Highland" on "The Island" to celebrate St Andrew's Day. \$22. Departs 12.30 pm from Queens Wharf. Contact Kate 3369 2232 or Mavis 3849 8271
	24	Final Society Meeting for the year
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 this is not the Easter Weekend . 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

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

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

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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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2003

The past year has been pro-active in various ways, apart from the regular competition nights and the Patrons Trophy and the Jimmy Durham Memorial, we have assisted in providing support for the Celtic Competition which saw our Queensland participants, Adam Britten and Jason Palfrey competing in the International event at LORIENT in Brittany. Fred Morrison who visited our shores earlier in the year was the winner of this prestigious event, while Adam and Jason were mentioned in the top ten and we extend our congratulations to them for their efforts in such world class company.

Our Budget has been met and we continue to build on our financial security in spite of growing overheads.

We have invited participation from Bands and have been successful in gaining individual representation for which we are thankful. In extending our thanks we can probably mention members of the Queensland Highlanders, St. Andrews, Queensland Irish, Wynnum RSL, Redcliffe and Queensland Police, as well as the visitors who called in and added to the evenings' Piping.

The solo members, have turned in some very good music for us with a considerable variety to the enjoyment of all. I should mention the Piping of Pipe Major Roddy MacDonald, Mark MacKenzie, Mathew Rigby, Iain Bruce, Roy Gunn and indeed the many Pipers whose performances, judgment, and influence have not gone unnoticed.

We must remember our apologies for our members who by way of health or travel at night have been unable to make the evenings and those that come to mind in this way are Rosie MacLellan, David Sinclair, Ron Fleming.

We thank the support of our Dancer Fraternity who quite often attend our evenings in the interest and love of Piping. After all we do try to be mutually supporting whenever possible.

I spoke earlier this year of the proposal of a Pipers Trust, and we are still gathering information to the point of Incorporation Etc.

Another possibility, that we may consider is the interest in assisting a solo competing Pipers Association such as has emerged successfully in Victoria but still with APBA affiliation. This along with the suggestion of a Major Gold Medal event may stimulate further interest in Queensland.

Finally I would extend my thanks to you the members and visitors for your continued support and the hopes that our future will remain one of progress, strength and stability in the interest of our culture. To Jim Johnson for his efforts in promoting Scottish affairs in the medium of the weekly radio programme 4EB a special thank you for his interest.

Doug Thoresen

HOW TO GET TO THE BALMORAL BOWLS CLUB

For those who like to work out their own directions the UBD Reference is Map 160, 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.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE QUEENSLAND HIGHLAND PIPERS SOCIETY HELD ON 25 AUGUST 2003 AT BALMORAL BOWLS CLUB.

Opening: Doug Thoresen declared the meeting open at 7:50 pm

Apologies: Brian Wright, Jane Hancox, Alan Hancox, Rosie McLelland, Dave Sinclair, Ron Fleming, M Supranowicz, M Paterson, I Barker.

Last Annual Meeting Minutes: Moved Alex McConnell, seconded Matthew Rigby that the minutes as published in the September 2002 Newsletter be taken as read and confirmed. *Carried*

President's Report: Doug Thoresen presented his annual report, a copy of which is printed in the September 2003 newsletter. The report was received with acclamation. Moved Glenys O'Malley, seconded Reg O'Malley that the report be received. *Carried*.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by the Treasurer, Alex McConnell, along with a report from the Auditor. Moved Alex McConnell, seconded Jim Johnston that the Treasurer's report be adopted. *Carried*

Elections:

Doug Thoresen announced that we had just sufficient nominations for all positions and called for any additional nominations. There were no further nominations so the following were duly elected.

Patron: Maurie DeHayr nominated by Alex McConnell, seconded by Doug Thoresen.

President: Doug Thoresen nominated by Alex McConnell, seconded by Robert Baker.

Vice Presidents: Bob Payne nominated by Alex McConnell and seconded by Doug Thoresen. Matthew Rigby nominated by Alex McConnell, seconded by Robert Baker. As Bob was not present at the meeting, his election is subject to his consent.

Moved Maurie DeHayr, seconded Jack McCandlish that the positions of Secretary and Treasurer be combined. *Carried*

Secretary: Alex McConnell nominated by Doug Thoresen, seconded Robert Baker

Treasurer: Alex McConnell was nominated by Doug Thoresen, seconded Maurie DeHayr

Auditor: Robert Hood nominated by Matthew Rogby, seconded by Joan O'Neill. No further nominations. *Carried*

Quorum: Moved Alex McConnell, seconded Reg O'Malley that the quorum stay at 10 for general meetings and 3 for committee meetings. *Carried*.

Subscription for 2003/2004: Moved Alex McConnell, seconded Joan O'Neill that the subscription for 2003/2004 be \$25 *Carried*.

Affiliation with APBA: Moved Maurie DeHayr, seconded Glenys O'Malley that we maintain affiliation as a Limited Affiliation Society and that Alex McConnell and Reg O'Malley remain as delegates. *Carried*.

General Business:

1. The President mentioned that there had been a suggestion that the Society might institute a Gold Medal season trophy. This met with general approval and will be further considered by the committee.
2. Glenys O'Malley moved a vote of thanks to the office bearers and also wished them well for the coming year. Carried with acclamation.

Close: 8.20pm

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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.

QUEENSLAND HIGHLAND PIPERS' SOCIETY

Statement of Income and Expenditure for year Ended 30/6/2003INCOME

CEILIDH	898.00	
DONATIONS	375.00	
DOOR TAKINGS	768.00	
INTEREST	0.27	
LEVY	20.00	
RAFFLE RECEIPTS	416.90	
SUBSCRIPTIONS	<u>2145.00</u>	<u>4623.17</u>

EXPENSES

BANK CHARGES		19.70	
CEILIDH EXPENSES		642.25	
DEPRECIATION		511.00	
POSTAGE		731.82	
PRINTING		647.20	
PRIZE MONEY:			
J Durham Trophy	120.00		
Hornpipe & Jig	40.00		
Open Medley	350.00		
Patron's Trophy	<u>155.00</u>	665.00	
RAFFLES		230.91	
RENT		500.00	
STATIONERY		58.74	
SUBSCRIPTIONS APBA		60.00	
SUPPERS		<u>18.93</u>	<u>4085.55</u>
SURPLUS			<u>537.62</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30/6/2003

	Last year	This Year
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
Cash	227.00	100.00
Cheque Account	<u>1858.17</u>	<u>2914.41</u>
TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	<u>2085.17</u>	<u>3014.41</u>
Other Assets		
Sharp Copier	1936.99	1436.99
Typewriter	<u>110.00</u>	<u>99.00</u>
TOTAL Other Assets	<u>2046.99</u>	<u>1535.99</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>4132.16</u>	<u>4550.40</u>
<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>		
Liabilities		
Unpresented Cheques	199.38	80.00
EQUITY		
Members' Funds	<u>3932.78</u>	<u>4470.40</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>4132.16</u>	<u>4550.40</u>

NOTES:

- The year has been a successful one with stable subscription income. Income from meetings was also steady.

A J McConnell

Treasurer

CONTEST RESULTS

Todd Bar Recital Contest - Strathclyde

University, 14 August

1st Angus MacColl

Others competing _ Chris Armstrong, Bruce Gandy, and Stuart Liddell

The test was a 25-30 minute recital including a March, Strathspey and Reel and the ground of a Piobaireachd.

World Pipe Band Championships (16 August)

- more results

Grade 1 Final

The RSPBA has reversed 5th and 6th place. Boghall is now 5th and 78th Fraser Highlanders 6th. Apparently the original placing was based on an MSR preference, when a Piping preference should have been used

Grade 1 Qualifier

Apart from the bands which got through to the final this is the listing of those that didn't...

- 7th Western Australia Police
- 8th Alberta Caledonia
- 9th Ravara
- 10th Lothian & Borders Police
- 11th Peel Regional Police
- 12th LA Scots
- 13th MacTarnahan's Prince Charles
- 14th City of Washington
- 15 Glasgow Skye Association
- 16th Bucksburn & District
- 17th Grampian Police

Crieff Highland Games. 17 August

Piobaireachd

- 1st Colin MacLellan
 - 2nd Jeremy Freeman
 - 3rd Martin Kessler, Germany
 - 4th Anne Spalding
 - 5th Simon MacKerrall
- Judges: Ian Duncan, Gordon Clark

March, Strathspey & Reel

- 1st Gordon McLean
 - 2nd Colin Clancy, Canada
 - 3rd Simon Marshall
 - 4th Louise Hay
 - 5th Alison Dunsire, USA
- Judges: Eddie Clark, David Hutton

Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Solos,

24th August

Open Piobaireachd

- 1st G Anderson
- 2nd J Craig
- 3rd B Gray

Restricted Piobaireachd

- 1st M Poole
- 2nd S Hodgman
- 3rd A Hart

Open March

- 1st B Gray
- 2nd G Anderson
- 3rd A Iverson

Open Strathspey & Reel

- 1st A Harvey
- 2nd G Anderson
- 3rd A Hart

Open Hornpipe & Jig

- 1st B Gray
- 2nd A Hart
- 3rd G Anderson

Open Air

- 1st G Anderson
- 2nd A Harvey
- 3rd J Craig

Veterans March

- 1st B Spence
- 2nd A McKinnon
- 3rd R Clement

Intermediate March

- 1st A Sneddon
- 2nd M Poole
- 3rd S Hodgman

Intermediate Strathspey & Reel

- 1st M Poole
- 2nd A Sneddon
- 3rd S Hodgman

Intermediate Hornpipe & Jig

- 1st A Sneddon
- 2nd S Hodgman
- 3rd M Poole

Argyllshire Gathering, Oban, 27-28 August, 2003**Gold Medal**

1st Bruce Gandy *The Battle of the Pass of Crieff*
 2nd Stuart Shedden
 3rd Robert Watt
 4th Richard Hawke, NZ
 5th Alan Bevan, British Columbia
 Judges: Ronnie Lawrie, John Wilson, John McDougall

Senior Piobaireachd

1st Mike Cusack, *Spaidearachd Bharrach*
 2nd Rab Wallace
 3rd Niall Matheson
 4th Angus MacColl
 Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Jimmy Young, Malcolm McRae

Silver Medal

1st Ross Cowan
 2nd Margaret Houlihan
 3rd Louise Hay
 4th Jonathan Greenlees
 5th Glenn Brown, Canada
 Judges: Donald MacPherson, Walter Drysdale, Jimmy Banks

Former Winners MSR

1st Gordon Walker
 2nd Willie McCallum
 3rd Chris Armstrong
 4th Angus MacColl
 Judges: Barry Donaldson, John Allan, Gavin Stoddart

A Grade March

1st Douglas Murray
 2nd Neil Walker
 3rd Niall Stewart
 4th Niall Matheson
 5th Gavin Walker
 Judges: Walter, Drysdale, Malcolm McRae, John Wilson

A Grade Strathspey & Reel

1st Margaret Houlihan
 2nd Alan Bevan, British Columbia
 3rd Neil Walker
 4th Iain Speirs
 5th Richard Hawke, NZ
 Judges: Ronnie Lawrie, Gavin Stoddart, Andrew Wright

Jig

1st Alan Bevan
 2nd Gordon McReady
 3rd Niall Stewart

4th Brendon Eade

Judges: Jimmy Banks, John MacDougall

B Grade March

1st Alistair Dunn
 2nd Andrew Carlisle
 3rd Brian McKenzie
 4th Hamish Munroe
 5th Andrew Hall, England
 Judges: John Allan, Roger Huth, Jimmy Young

B Grade Strathspey & Reel

1st Niel Smith
 2nd Glenn Brown
 3rd Fiona MacKay
 4th Lisa Morrison, Glasgow
 5th Darach Urquhart
 Judges: Barry Donaldson, Iain MacFadyen, Donald MacPherson

Queensland Pipe Band Championships, Ipswich, 30 August**Grade 1**

1st Queensland Highlanders

Grade 2

1st St Andrews

Grade 3

1st Queensland Police Juvenile
 2nd Queensland Irish Association
 3rd Bellinger River District

Grade 4

1st Queensland Highlanders No 2
 2nd Ipswich Thistle
 3rd Gold Coast Tweed
 4th Clan Stuart

Unfortunately we haven't been able to track down the detailed list of solo results prior to our deadline, so we'll include them next month

Cowal Championships, Dunoon, 30 August**BANDS****Grade 1**

1st House of Edgar-Shotts & Dykehead
 2nd Field Marshal Montgomery
 3rd Strathclyde Police
 4th Boghall & Bathgate
 5th St. Laurence O'Toole
 6th Scottish Power
 Drumming: Strathclyde Police
 Judges: Piping: Iain Wood, David McConnell;
 Ensemble: Bob Shepherd; Drumming: G. Craig

Grade 2

1st Clan Gregor
 2nd Cullybackey
 3rd Bleary
 4th Dumbarton & District
 5th ASCO Buchan
 6th Denny & Dunnipace
 Drumming: Clan Gregor
 Judges: Piping: Dixie Ingram, Gorge Shepherd;
 Ensemble: Malcolm MacKenzie; Drumming: H.
 Russell

Grade 3A

1st West Midlands Police (England)
 2nd Lanarkshire
 3rd North Belfast WMC
 4th City of Amsterdam
 5th Antwerp & District
 6th Strathclyde Fire Brigade
 7th Lochgelly High School
 Drumming: North Belfast WMC

Grade 3B

1st Oban
 2nd Turriff & District
 3rd Dunoon Argyll
 4th Holymount
 5th Inverness
 6th Arbroath RBL
 Drumming: Dunoon Argyll

Juvenile

1st George Watson's College(Ensemble preference)
 2nd Robert Malcolm Memorial
 3rd Dunoon Grammar Schools
 4th Craigmount High School
 5th Paisley
 Drumming: George Watson's

Grade 4A

1st Bo'ness
 2nd Williamwood
 3rd Linlithgow
 4th 71st Engineers
 5th Castlerock
 6th Nairn
 7th Tweedvale
 Drumming: Bo'ness

Grade 4B

1st Kilsyth Thistle
 2nd Stow
 3rd Oldmeldrum RBL
 4th Newmains
 5th Dunns RBL
 6th Nottinghamshire Police
 Drumming: Newmains

Novice Juvenile

1st Kintyre Schools
 2nd Glasgow Schools
 3rd Bucksburn
 4th Inverclyde
 5th George Watson's College
 6th 47th Culter Boys Brigade
 Drumming: George Watson's

SOLOS**Grade A Piobaireachd**

1st Chris Armstrong
 2nd Robert Watt
 3rd Donald MacPhee

A Grade March

1st Gordon Walker
 2nd Chris Armstrong
 3rd Gordon MacLean

A Grade Strathspey & Reel

1st Gordon Walker
 2nd Douglas Murray
 3rd Alan J.M. MacDonald

B Grade Piobaireachd

1st Neil Smith
 2nd Andrea Boyd
 3rd Callum Beaumont

B Grade March

1st Hamish Munro
 2nd Douglas Campbell
 3rd William Geddes

B Grade Strathspey & Reel

1st William Geddes
 2nd Matt Turnbull
 3rd Andrea Boyd

Blairgowrie Highland Games, 7 September**Open Piobaireachd (5 competitors)**

1st Simon Marshall
 2nd Ed Neigh, Wellesley, Ontario
 3rd Andrew Rogers, New Brunswick
 4th Allan Russell, Kelty
 Judge: Walter Drysdale

CPA B&C Grade Piobaireachd (24 competitors)

1st James Beaumont
 2nd Stewart MacKenzie, NZ
 3rd Glenn Brown, Ontario
 4th Douglas Campbell
 5th Simon McKerral
 Judges: Gavin Stoddart, Stuart Samson

March (27 competitors)

1st Simon McKerrall
 2nd Gordon MacLean
 3rd Stewart MacKenzie
 4th Andrew Rodgers
 Judges: Eddie Clark, Sandy Spence

Strathspey & Reel (27 competitors)

1st Simon McKerrall
 2nd Brian McKenzie
 3rd Glenn Brown
 4th James Stewart
 Judges: Eddie Clark, Sandy Spence

Braemar Highland Games, 6 September**Piobaireachd - Braemar Gold Medal**

1st Martin Kessler, Germany
 2nd Alexis Meunier, France
 3rd Richard Hawke, NZ
 4th Roddy MacLeod
 5th Neill Matheson
 6th Innes Smith
 Judges: Norman Matheson, Donald MacPherson,
 Joe Henderson

Ed: A very international result!

March

1st Gordon Walker
 2nd Roddy MacLeod
 3rd Niall Matheson
 4th James MacHattie
 5th P/M Michael Gray
 6th John Angus Smith
 Judges: Jack Taylor, Walter Drysdale, John Stewart

Strathspey & Reel

1st Gordon Walker
 2nd Niall Matheson
 3rd Roddy MacLeod
 4th Richard Hawke
 5th Roderick Weir
 6th P/M Michael Gray
 Judges: Jack Taylor, Walter Drysdale, John Stewart

Northern Meeting, Inverness, Scotland, 10-11 September

Murray Henderson, Alasdair Gillies, and Chris Armstrong have qualified for the Glenfiddich in late October by virtue of their victories below.

Gold Medal

1st Chris Armstrong, "The McIntyres' Salute"
 2nd Brian Donaldson
 3rd Andrew Hayes, Ottawa
 4th Jori Chisholm, Seattle
 5th Richard Hawke, New Zealand

Judges: John Burgess, Iain MacFadyen, John Wilson

Clasp (for previous winners of a Highland Society of London Gold Medal at either Inverness or Oban).

1st Murray Henderson, *Spaidearachd Bharrach Ed: This tune, which was the same as played by Mike Cusack in winning the Senior Piobaireachd at Oban is one of those set this year from the recently published MacArthur Manuscript. The ground is played in full between the variations. The translation of the name of this tune is "Pride of Barra"*

2nd Jack Lee
 3rd Mike Cusack
 4th Roddy MacLeod
 Judges: Walter Drysdale, Jack Taylor, Andrew Wright

Silver Medal

1st Brendon Eade *You're Welcome, Ewen Lochiel*
 2nd Neil Stewart
 3rd Gregor Speirs
 4th Margaret Houlihan
 5th James MacPhee
 Judges: Ronnie Lawrie, John MacDougall, Iain Morrison

Silver Star Former Winners MSR

1st Alasdair Gillies
 2nd Mike Cusack
 3rd Alan Bevan, British Columbia
 4th Jack Lee
 Judges: Donald MacPherson, Gavin Stoddart, George Lumsden

A Grade March, Strathspey & Reel

1st Douglas Murray
 2nd Gavin Walker
 3rd Andrew Mathieson
 4th Robert Watt
 Judges: John Burgess, Barry Donaldson, John Wilson

B Grade March

1st Simon McKerrall
 2nd James MacPhee
 3rd Gregor Speirs
 4th Roderick Weir, Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
 Judges: Ronnie Lawrie, Alan Forbes, Walter Drysdale

B Grade Strathspey & Reel

1st Glenn Brown, Ontario
 2nd Neil Smith
 3rd Ryan Lessels, England
 4th James MacPhee
 Judges: Barry Donaldson, Jack Taylor, James

Burnett

A Grade Hornpipe & Jig

1st Alan Bevan

2nd Chris Armstrong

3rd Angus MacColl

4th Niall Stewart

Judges: Donald MacPherson, Hugh MacCallum,
Andrew Wright

Faye Henderson of Kirriemuir won the Under 15 March competition. She is only 11 years old but she may have an advantage in her parents, Murray and Patricia.

European Pipe Championships, Alden Biesen, Belgium, 13 September, Scots College (NSW) Band Contest, 14 September

Field Marshal Montgomery have won the **Champion of Champions** title (most aggregate points across the five RSPBA majors) a result of their second place (and beating Shotts into 3rd) It appears the experiment of holding the championships in Belgium was not entirely successful, with only 73 bands in total including only eight Grade 1 and eight Grade 2 bands.

Grade 1

1st Boghall & Bathgate

2nd Field Marshal Montgomery

3rd House of Edgar-Shotts & Dykehead

4th Strathclyde Police

5th St. Laurence O'Toole

6th Scottish Power

Judges: Piping: Harry McNulty, Malcolm MacKenzie; Drumming: Alistair Dowling;

Ensemble: Joe Noble

Grade 2

1st Clan Gregor

2nd Bleary

3rd Dumbarton & District

4th Boghall & Bathgate

5th University of Luton

6th Drambuie Kirkliston

Grade 2

1st St Marys Band Club

2nd City of Blacktown No 2

Grade 3

1st City of Blacktown No 2

2nd Sydney Thistle

3rd Sydney University Regt

4th St George Sutherland

5th Manly Waringah

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APBA Qld Branch Changes: The Pipe Band Association has had its Annual Meeting. The officers for the next year are: Chairman – Donald MacSween, Vice Chairmen – Maurie DeHayr and David Booth, Secretary – Alex McConnell, Treasurer – Ian Power, Registrar – Glenys O'Malley. There is a new website at www.pipebandsqld.org and the Secretary may be contacted by email at secretary@pipebandsqld.org. The fax number has changed to 07 3257 2127 and the PO Box is now PO Box 1328, COORPAROO DC, 4151.

Society Website:

We are looking at establishing a website for the Society. It may be possible to have this hosted as a subsidiary to the new Pipe Band Association website, perhaps progressing to a fully independent site later. If you point your Internet browser at www.pipebandsqld.org/qhps in the next couple of weeks you may see the start of this.