



**October Meeting
Monday 25th
Balmoral Bowls Club,
Jean Howie Drive,
Morningside
at 7.15 pm (note the
early start)**

Queensland
Highland
Pipers'
Society

The meeting will feature the Queensland Selection Competition conducted by the Celtic Celebration Committee to pick finalists to go into the National final next May to qualify for the Interceltique Festival in Brittany.

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From the Editor:

Inside is a report on our "experimental" Ceilidh night last month which went off very well.

At this month's meeting we have our "joint venture" with the Celtic Celebration Committee (see above and Page) – please note that the starting time for this meeting only is 7.15pm to enable us to get through the program.

Elementary and Sub-Intermediate players please note the solo contest at Laidley on 7 November (see advertisement on page 3)

Also inside are the Results from the Redlands Solos and Queensland Pipe Band Championships.

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SEPTEMBER 2004 MEETING

Our September Meeting and "Ceilidh Night" was well attended, with about 60 members and visitors lining up to enjoy the warm spring evening. Peter Burrows, who we haven't seen for a long time, was there; as were Ron Fleming, Ron Scott and Jack McCandlish.

Apologies were received from Reg and Glenys O'Malley, Robert Baker, Dave Sinclair and Rosie McLelland.

The evening was kicked off with Rob Grogan on pipes and Doug Thoresen on banjo with some good traditional tunes. Doug then welcomed everyone and mentioned the sad demise of Frank McKinnon a couple of weeks ago in New Zealand.

Our first performers for the evening were the Wynnum RSL Pipe Band in their "alter ego" as a ceilidh band Jocks in Kilts. Brian Horning introduced the performance with an explanation of what they were going to play. The first tune was a variation on "A Man's a Man" with bongo drums and many harmonies. Their selections included The Jig of Slurs, Blackthorn Stick and a bit of Mozart.

Next to play were Malcolm McLaren and Joan O'Neill on smallpipes. Malcolm continued on his own and then with David Jacobs on a variety of instruments of different pitches.

Matthew Supranowicz was next with a few tunes on the low whistle, which was a quiet and interesting change of pace.

Two dancers from the Thistle Highland Dancing studio followed with a choreographed piece, introduced by Margaret Paterson. This was capped off with Craig Johnston dancing with his brother Brent piping. Craig was Australian Champion this year and was ranked 10th at the Cowal

Gathering. He danced the Sean Truibhas. Then came another choreographed piece called "Highland Gypsies".

For another change of pace Jim Johnstone chipped in with a recitation of "Have some Madiera, my dear", done with great flair.

Doug Thoresen then conducted a select group from the audience in "The Pirates Dance" before calling for supper.

We resumed after supper to Jocks in Kilts playing an Irish selection (Wearing of the Green, The Minstrel Boy) accompanied by Doug Thoresen on Banjo. This was followed by For Ireland I'll Not Tell Her Name, first on the pipes alone by Andrew Vaschina and then with the band with the drummers putting a calypso beat to it. Other tunes included The Ass in the Graveyard and the Galician Jig. As they went on Doug Thoresen increased his accompaniment on the acoustic guitar. Their last tunes were The Lion Sleeps Tonight and Swinging Safari.

We then had a complete change of pace with Hugh Maclean singing in Gaelic (which as he explained, is his first language). He included both Gaelic songs and some mouth music (essentially pipe tunes sung).

Iain Bruce was next on the Highland Pipe (a bit of an exception for this evening!). After a few tunes to warm up we heard a Piobaireachd at the end.

The Thistle Highland Dancers were back next, dancing a Strathspey and Highland Reel with Brent on pipes. He then played us a slow air and some quicker tunes before the dancers came back for the traditional broadsword.

After the raffle was drawn, we had Auld Lang Syne with the pipes and everyone singing.

All in all a most entertaining evening with something for nearly every taste – the essence of what a ceilidh should be. Thanks to Doug Thoresen who suggested the format – it's certainly something we can copy and extend in the future.

Society Program for 2004

Oct 25	Celtic Celebration Committee Contest	Nov 22	Open Medley Contest
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PIPE BAND COLLEGE SOLOS

The College will be holding a **Solo Contest for Elementary and Sub-Intermediate** pipers and drummers on **Sunday 7 November at the Laidley Recreation Reserve Grounds** starting at **9.00am**. This is part of the Mulgowie Gift Foot Race Celebrations.

Phone or Email your entries to the APBA Queensland Secretary (07 3257 4527 or secretary@pipebandsqld.org)

by Sunday 30 October. Prizes will be in the form of Certificates. This contest is designed to give players experience in the contest environment.

Events:

- Piping:** Elementary Air (2 Parts)
 Elementary 2/4 March (4 parts)
 Sub-Inter. Air (2 Parts)
 Sub-Inter MSR (4 parts 2/4 March, 2 parts S'spey, 2 parts Reel)
- Drumming:** Elementary Snare (4 parts 2/4 or 6/8)
 Elementary Tenor (4 parts 2/4 or 6/8)
 Elementary Bass (4 parts 2/4 or 6/8)
 Sub-Inter. Snare (4 parts 2/4 March, 2 parts S'spey, 2 parts Reel)
 Sub-Inter. Tenor (4 parts 2/4 March, 2 parts S'spey, 2 parts Reel)
 Sub-Inter. Bass (4 parts 2/4 March, 2 parts S'spey, 2 parts Reel)

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What's On

O C T	25	Society Meeting – Celtic Celebration Committee Contest
	31	Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Band Contest – Castle Hill, Sydney – Contact Mike Stubbings 02 9688 3300
N O V	6	Scottish Piping Society of London Competition
	6,7	Britfest Solo (6 th) and Band (7 th) contest, Blacktown, NSW.
	7	Pipe Band College Solo Contest (Elementary and Sub-Intermediate) at Laidley – in conjunction with Lockyer Valley Celtic Pipe Band and the Mulungowie Gift – see notice later in this newsletter
	14	Barefoot Bowls & Ceilidh – Brisbane Clans Pipes and Drums – Wellers Hill Bowls Club – for details and bookings ring Kate Wyse 3369 2232
	22	Society Meeting – Open Medley contest
	26	Redlands Sporting Club Pipe Band Concert - Palms Auditorium - Redlands Sporting Club, Wellington Point. Including entertainment from Tulca Mor Celtic Band. Contact Jan 3207 5820
J A N	28	St Andrew's Day Bash and Bowl – Mt Gravatt Bowls Club – 10 am to 5 pm – Pipe Bands, Barefoot Bowls (\$5), Celtic Band. Contact Jeff or Rita (3349 2367) or brian (3396 9025). Presented by Wynnum RSL Pipe Band.
	1	10 th Fred Logan New Year's Day Scottish Gathering – Petrie Park, Nambour. Contact 5441 4238
	22	Burns Supper - Brisbane Clans Pipes & Drums – Wellers Hill Bowls Club – Contact Kate Wyse 3369 2232
F E B	23	Burns Supper – Ipswich Thistle Band Hall
	3-8	Edinburgh Tattoo in Australia – Aussie Stadium, Moore Park, Sydney. Tickets from Ticketek – 131 931 or find them on the web at www.ticketek.com.au . You can look up the tattoo website at www.edinburghtattooinaustralia.com.au . Click on “Newsletters” to read their regular releases.
M A R	28	First Society Meeting for 2005
	11-13	New Zealand Pipe Band Championships - Invercargill
	19	Burns Night - Kedron Wavell RSL - Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Qld)
	25,26	Maclean Highland Gathering and Band and Solo Contest
	28	Society Meeting

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 - Tuesday morning 9 am - 10 am
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Events. If we don't know about your event (social, musical, fundraising or whatever) we can't publicise it in the Newsletter. So tell us and get free publicity.

Contributions. We always welcome contributions to the newsletter – post or email your article to the Secretary or ring to discuss what you want to put in and we will be glad to help.

Pipers Needed We often get calls for solo pipers for weddings funerals, parties, etc. If you would like to be on the list we refer these people to, please give us your name, contact details (preferably

phone or mobile), the times you are available and, if you wish, the fee you usually charge. We will put you directly in touch with the person who wants to hire the piper and you work out final details with them. People available for New Years Eve or Anzac Day are particularly needed.

CONTEST RESULTS

Gaelic Mod - Perth, Scotland – 9 October

Piobaireachd

- 1st Angus MacColl, *The Battle of the Pass of Crieff*
 2nd Gordon Walker
 3rd Willie McCallum
 4th Euan MacCrimmon
 Judges: Iain MacFadyen, John McDougall, Willie Connell

March, Strathspey & Reel

- 1st Willie McCallum, *Abercairney Highlanders*,
Susan MacLeod, The Man From Glengarry
 2nd Angus MacColl
 3rd Gordon Walker
 4th Donald MacKay
 Judges: John Burgess, Ronnie Lawrie

Hornpipe & Jig

- 1st Willie McCallum, *Lucy Cassidy, Donella Beaton*
 2nd Angus MacColl
 3rd Gordon Walker
 Judges: Jimmy Young, Willie Connell, Walter Drysdale

Redlands Solos and Queensland Pipe Band Championships – Cleveland Showgrounds 16-17 October

BANDS

Grade 4

- 1st Queensland Highlanders No 2
 2nd Queensland Police Juvenile
 3rd Ipswich Thistle
 Best Pipe Corps: Queensland Highlanders No 2
 (Selection of Marches preference)
 Best Drum Corps: Queensland Highlanders No 2
 Eddie Santaguiliana Memorial Trophy (Best performed Grade 4 Band not winning a place):
 Gold Coast Tweed

Grade 3

- 1st Maclean & District
 Best Pipe Corps: Maclean & District
 Best Drum Corps: Maclean & District
 Best Drill: Maclean & District

Best Dress: Maclean & District

Grade 2

- 1st St Andrew's
 Best Pipe Corps: St Andrew's
 Best Drum Corps: St Andrew's

Grade 1

- 1st Queensland Highlanders No 1
 Best Pipe Corps: Queensland Highlanders No 1
 Best Drum Corps: Queensland Highlanders No 1

SOLOS

Learner Chanter

- 1st Talia Pettigrew
 2nd Brannon Crickmore
 3rd Sean Stead

Elementary March Heat 1

- 1st Adrian Gersbach
 2nd Natasha Downs
 3rd Nicholas Omdahl

Elementary March Heat 2

- 1st Angus Wheeler
 2nd Jordan Gooch
 3rd Alex Upham

Elementary March Final

- 1st Jordan Gooch
 2nd Adrian Gersbach
 3rd Natasha Downs

Elementary Air Heat 1

- 1st Jordan Gooch
 2nd Angus Wheeler
 3rd Alex Upham

Elementary Air Heat 2

- 1st Adrian Gersbach
 2nd Benjamin Wheadon
 3rd Ben Scholl

Elementary Air Final

- 1st Adrian Gersbach
 2nd Ben Scholl
 3rd Jordan Gooch

Champion Elementary Piper

Adrian Gersbach

Sub Intermediate MSR

- 1st Ellie McCauley
- 2nd Vaughn Parker
- 3rd Katrina Stead

Sub Intermediate Jig

- 1st Christopher McLeish
- 2nd Vaughn Parker
- 3rd Max Yeo

Champion Sub-Intermediate Piper

Vaughn Parker

Intermediate MSR

- 1st Fraser Bolton
- 2nd Hazel Osborne
- 3rd Jordan Whicker

Intermediate Hornpipe And Jig

- 1st Fraser Bolton
- 2nd Max Yeo
- 3rd Jordan Whicker

Champion Intermediate Piper

Fraser Bolton

Open MSR

- 1st Alistair McInnes
- 2nd Matthew Supranowicz
- 3rd Robert Pearce

Open Hornpipe And Jig

- 1st Alistair McInnes
- 2nd Michael Redmond
- 3rd Matthew Supranowicz

Champion Open Piper

Alistair McInnes

Open Piobaireachd

- 1st Alistair McInnes
- 2nd Matthew Supranowicz
- 3rd Robert Pearce

NEWS

New Strathclyde Police Pipe-Major. James Wark, who has led the Band to some improved fortunes of late has to retire from the Police this year, and his replacement will be Donald Mackay. Donald was with The Highlanders for 11 years, before joining the Police Band three years ago.

Malcolm McRae moving back to Australia. Malcolm is retiring at the end of October and will be taking up residence at the Gold Coast (although he still hopes to judge at some of the UK competitions). Malcolm is one of the most distinguished pipers Australia has produced. He studied Piobaireachd with Bob Brown and Bob Nicol at Balmoral and won many piping prizes, including the Gold Medal at Oban. He has served extensively as a judge and also as both President and Music Secretary of the Piobaireachd Society.

CELTIC CELEBRATION COMMITTEE (QLD)

Queensland Selection Competition

Draw for the Contest

- 7.45 pm Jason Palfrey
 - 7.55 pm Corey Dale
 - 8.05 pm Darin Cook
 - 8.15 pm Michael Redmond
 - 8.25 pm Matthew Supranowicz
 - 8.35 pm Bruce Grice
- The Judge will be Tom McGirr

The competition consists of a 5 – 7 minute musical selection, which must include the time signatures of 2/4 march, strathspey, reel, air, hornpipe, jig – in any order.

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 Morningside 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.

Subscriptions for 2004/2005 are now due.

The Annual Meeting decided to keep the annual figure at \$25.00

If you haven't paid yet (a few eager souls have got in early), can you please either post your subscription to the Society PO Box

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or pay it at the October meeting. Please use the form at the foot of the page to make sure we allocate the payment correctly.

If you are unsure if you owe still back year subscriptions, contact the Secretary.

Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

Subscription 2004/2005

\$25.00

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PS: MORE CONTEST RESULTS

City of Wollongong Highland Games and Pipe Band Contest 16th October 2004

Grade 4

- 1st City of Bankstown No 2
- 2nd Manly Warringah
- 3rd NSW Irish

Grade 3

- 1st United Mineworkers
- 2nd City of Blacktown No 2
- 3rd Illawarra

Grade 2

- 1st United Mineworkers
- 2nd City Of Blacktown No 2