

# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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# Newsletter - June 2007

**June Meeting** 

on Monday 25 June

7.15pm for 7.30pm

The meeting will be a Piper's Night

All are welcome to play.

If you intend to play, it would be good if you could drop the Secretary an email (qhps @optusnet.com.au) or phone call (07 3397 4512) so that we can plan the evening. However, if you have a last minute inspiration we can certainly fit you in.

Our May meeting went off very well with a strong entry in the Patron's Trophy contest. We also saw a reasonable solo entry in the competitions at Kingaroy, so hopefully the solo scene is reviving a little in our part of the world.

Although the Sunshine Coast contest at Yandina in July does not have a solo contest, it is good to see a new contest on the scene and it should be a good day out with, hopefully, a good entry of Bands.

The next major solo contest is at Ipswich in late August and full details are in this newsletter.

Of course, the "season" in the northern hemisphere is now getting underway and we publish results of some of the early contests. Malcolm McRae, Roy Gunn and Iain Bruce are all venturing to Scotland this summer and we wish them safe travelling and much piping enjoyment.

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# SOCIETY CALENDAR FOR 2007

January	13,14	Summer School
·	29	Pipers' Night
February	26	Hornpipe & Jig (junior + senior)
March	26	Pipers' Night
April	23	Pairs of Pipers (junior + senior)
May	28	Patron's Trophy (MSR for seniors, should submit 2)
June	25	Pipers' Night
July	23	Jimmy Durham Memorial (2/4 March for juniors)
August	27	Annual Meeting + Slow Air & Jig (junior + senior)
September	24	Pipers' Night
October	22	Celtic Celebration Competition (MSR, H/J for seniors)
November	26	McCandlish Trophy – 6/8 March Competition (junior + senior)
December:		No meeting

- ♦ For senior competitions, competitors to submit two of each tune type and play one.
- ♦ After each competition, the floor will be open for all as at a Pipers' Night.
- ♦ The aim is to start meetings at 7.30pm (7.15pm for a 7.30pm start) to allow an earlier finish/more piping/more social time at the end of the meeting. Junior competitions are to start promptly and finish by 8.30pm.
- ♦ In addition we are looking at having two special meetings on a weekend (possibly in June or July and August) to enable our more remote members to attend and to have a more leisurely session of piping perhaps over a morning and afternoon or afternoon and evening.
- ♦ A number of other suggestions are also being looked at by the committee, so it should be a busy year for the Society.

# MAY MEETING

A good crowd of about 47 (including 7 competitors) turned out for our annual Patron's Trophy competition at the May meeting.

President Reg O'Malley started the evening off and introduced the two judges – Maurie DeHayr (our current Patron) and Iain Bruce (the first winner of the trophy). That first competiton was in 1983, so this was the 25th time the contest has been run.

The first to play was Tom McGirr. His tunes were *The Pap of Glencoe*, *Caledonian Canal* and *The Little Cascade*.

The following competitors and their tunes were:

Matthew Supranowicz: **Donald MacLellan of Rothesay**, **Susan Macleod** and **The Sheepwife**.

Jordan Whicker: *Major Manson of Clachantrushal*, *Caledonian Society of London* and *The Sheepwife*.

James Nelson: Crags of Stirling, Maggie Cameron and

# Smith of Chilliechassie

Christopher McLeish: *The Conundrum, Susan Macleod* and *MacAllister's Dirk* 

Vaughn Parker: South Hall, Shepherd's Crook and Traditional

John Mulhearn: The *Clan MacColl, Piper's Bonnet* and *Willie Cummings Rant*.

While the judges deliberated, James Doran played a few tunes, including the 6/8 *Miss Isabelle T MacDonald*, *The Flowers of the Forest, The Haunting* and the 2/4 *Willie Gray's Farewell to the Glasgow Police*. He had a good sounding pipe and it was generally well sustained. He announced his tune types before playing them.

Matthew Supranowicz then played a few tunes including *Jean Mauchline*, *Muckin' of Geodie's Byre*, *The Steamboat* and a set of jigs.

Finally Tom McGirr had a few tunes.

Maurie DeHayr made some comments about the origin of the contest and mentioned that Iain Bruce was the first winner. Iain then spoke about the first Patron's Trophy contest which was held in the Kindegarten Hall at Paddington, where the Society used to meet at the time. He congratulated all the pipers and mentioned the effect of competitive pressure on standard of playing. He particularly mentioned the need to bring out the unique idiom of each tune type. The upbeat needs to show in the March and the tune does not need to be played fast. There is also a need to bring out the lift in

the Strathspey and have a "good going" Reel. In general, the Reels had been better played than the Strathspeys but there were many unbalanced linking notes

The results were then announced by Maurie:

1st John Mulhearn

2nd Matthew Supranowicz

3rd Vaughn Parker

The raffle was drawn by John Mulhearn and won by Tom McGirr and we adjourned for supper.

# Piobaireachd Group

We had eleven at our June meeting, with an apology from Matthew Supranowicz.

Malcolm McRae was the first to play. After a good warmup of the pipe he played *Glengarry's March*. Bob Payne read the story of the tune. Malcolm related that Bob Brown had used the phrase "Please open the door" to illustrate the timing of the ground.

Next to play was Vaughn Parker who had just arrived. After a warm up and some light music, his tune was *Catherine's Lament*. Bob Payne related the story of the tune.

The next piper was Iain Bruce and he played *The Piper's Warning to His Master*. Bob read the story.

We next heard the story of the set tune for the day, *Lament for Captain MacDougall* before singing it through, and then we broke for morning tea. There was also some discussion on how to organise the meetings when Malcolm, Roy and Iain are all away a bit later in the year.

After morning tea Malcolm played the tune on the pipe.

The next piper to play was Maurie DeHayr. His tune was *Lament for the Only Son*. Unfortunately, his bag was slipping and he abandoned the tune during the Crunluath.

Our final player was Roy Gunn whose pipe wasgoing very well and whose tune was *The Wee Spree*.

# The July Meeting of the Society will be

The Jimmy Durham Memorial Trophy for junior pipers (Elementary and Sub-Intermediate)

The test piece is a 2/4 March, own choice, of at least 4 parts

Full details in next month's newsletter

22 Society Meeting - see Calendar for details

# What's on.....

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J U N	23	Bannockburn Dinner - QIA Rooms. Contact Trevor Campbell 07 3359 6662. \$65 a head - 4 course meal. Bun Ber E Celtic Band, Irish & Celtic Dancers, Guest speaker				
	23	British Pipe Band Championships - Ballymena, NI				
	24	Kirking the Tartan - St Patrick's Church, Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley at 9am				
	25	Society Meeting - see Calendar for details				
	30	"Scotland the Brave" - QPAC 2pm & 8pm. Bookings qtix 136 246				
J U L	1	Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 10am to 1pm				
	1	Tartan Day, South Bank Forecourt, Brisbane - 9 am to 4pm. Pipe Bands, Dancers, Entertainment, Stalls. Contact 07 3395 8195. www.aussie-scots.org.au				
	7	Aberdeen Highland Games - Hunter Valley, NSW. Contact (02)6541 5758. www.aberdeenhighlandgames.com				
	7,8	Canberra Recital and Workshop at Burns Club. Richard Hawke, Stewart Easton and Andrew Roach. Contact Sean Hodgman 02 6282 2795 or Athol Chalmers 0407 244 129				
	21	Sunshine Coast Pipe Band Contest - Yandina Soccer Ground				
	23	Society Meeting - see Calendar for details				
	28	European Pipe Band Championships - Inverness				
	5	Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 10am to 1pm				
	11	World Pipe Band Championships - Glasgow				
	18	Qld Irish Association Debutatnte Ball. \$49. Bookings Mavis 3849 8271 or Rowena 3848 9588				
Α	22,23	Argyllshire Gathering - Oban www.obangames.com				
U G	25	Queensland Pipe Band & Solo Championships - Limestone Park, Ipswich. See details later in the newsletter				
	24,25	Cowal Gathering - Dunoon www.cowalgathering.co.uk				
	26	Combined Scottish Societies (NSW) Solos - Ryde				
	27	Society Meeting - see Calendar for details				
	30,31	Northern Meeting, Aviemore piping.northern-meeting.org				
S E P	2	Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 10am to 1pm				
	23	Manly Warringah Band Contest, Manly Oval, Sydney				
	24	Society Meeting - see Calendar for details				
O C T	7	Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 10am to 1pm				
	13,14	Eddie Santaguiliana Memorial Gathering and South Queensland Pipe Band Championships - Redlands Multi Sports Club, Randall Road, Birkdale. Solos (Saturday) and Bands (Sunday). More details soon				
	20	Woollongong Highland Games - NSW				

- N 4 Piobaireachd Group Rochedale High School 10am to 1pm
  - 4 Combined Scottish Societies (NSW) Band Contest Castle Hill Showground
  - 26 Society Meeting see Calendar for details
- **The Smallpipers Group** Contact Malcolm McLaren for meeting details mrmclaren@bigpond.com
- **The NSW Pipers' Society** meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at Baptist Church, Willoughby Road, Crows Nest. Contact Ron Clement 02 9948 1914.
- **The NSW Solo Pipers Club** meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Blacktown Pipe Band Hall, Blacktown Showground, Richmond Road, Blacktown. Contact 0412 602 983 or at www.blacktownpipeband.com. Each meeting is a competition based on age rather than grade
- Canberra Pipers Society: contact Sean Hodgman ph 6282 2795 or email u4114272@anu.edu.au OR Jamie Forsyth 0419 631 999 or email jamesrforsyth@hotmail.com
- RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia: Contact Sue Kempster 08 8264 3329 skempster@adam.com.au
- **The WA Pipers' Society** meets on the 3rd Saturday at the Autumn Centre, Inglewood. Contact Mrs Alma Dender 08 9448 7446

# RADIO PROGRAMS

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**College of Piping Radio:** You can tune in on the Internet on www.college-of-piping.co.uk/html/radio.htm

**4EB - FM 98.1** – Thursday afternoons 2.15—4.30 pm

Radio 997 FM (Redcliffe) - Sundays 12noon to 3pm

Burnett River Radio (91.5 FM) - Thursdays 7pm to 9pm

For more details about any of the above events where a contact is not mentioned, ring or email the Society Secretary (07 3397 4512 or qhps@optushome.com.au) and we will see what we can dig up for you. 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

# LEGENDARY AND HISTORICAL NOTES ON CEOL MOR "INTRODUCE YOUR TUNE"

A handy, small reference book giving the stories on most of the tunes listed and indexed similar to the Piobaireachd Society Collection. A must for every serious player of the great music to carry in the pipe case and a superb teaching aid.

Compiled by Roy Gunn. \$20 plus airmail postage and handling \$1.

Contact Roy Gunn, 31 Mariner Quays, 3 Lee Road, Runaway Bay, Qld, 4216.

Phone 07 5529 2852

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Gillanders: Approx 40 years old
Ready to play
\$1,200 - \$1,500 or near offer
Contact Dolly 07 3865 5614

# Contest Results

# RU Brown Piobaireachd Society (South Australia) Solo Contest - 6 May - Adelaide -Full Results

# **Piobaireachd**

# **Gold Medal**

1st Marion Horsburgh - NZ 2nd Ian Lyons - Vic 3rd Robert Watt- NI

#### Silver Medal

1st Yasuchiyo Hamilton 2nd Vaughn Parker 3rd Jordan Whicker

# **Bronze Medal**

1st Kyle Moir 2nd Kaz Takehara 3rd Tim Styles

### **Novice**

1st Kyle Moir 2nd Sue Kempster

# **Ceol Beag**

# **Open**

1st Marion Horsburgh 2nd Brian Switalla - NZ 3rd Robert Watt - NI

# **Intermediate**

1st Jonathan Quay 2nd David McDonald 3rd Vaughn Parker

# **Sub Intermediate**

1st Yasuchiyo Hamilton 2nd Kyle Moir 3rd Nicola Sharp

# **Elementary**

1st Tim Styles 2nd Luke Albrecht 3rd Mel Inglis

# South Burnett Caledonian Solo and Band Contest - Kingarov 26/5/07

# **BANDS**

### Grade 1

1st Qld Highlanders No 1

#### Grade 3

1st Qld Highlanders No 2

#### Grade 4

1st Sunshine Coast 2nd Police Juvenile 3rd Clan Stuart

Pipe Corps: Gratton Anderson Memorial:

Sunshine Coast

Drum Corps: Bruce Hall Memorial: Sunshine

Coast

Best Dressed: Clan Stuart

### **Grade 4 Mini Bands**

1st Qld Police Juvenile 2nd Sunshine Coast 3rd Clan Stuart

Pipe Corps: Sunshine Coast Drum Corps: Qld Police Juvenile

# **SOLOS**

# **Learner Chanter**

1st Meggie Doran 2nd Charene Clark 3rd Suanne Shumann

# **Elementary March**

1st James Doran 2nd Helen Lister 3rd Kyle Myers 4th Bill Johnson 5th Jeff Mears

# **Elementary Slow Air**

1st James Doran 2nd Connor MacDonald 3rd Helen Lister 4th Brandon Rieck 5th Jeff Mears

# **Elementary Jig**

1st James Doran 2nd Brandon Rieck 3rd Bill Johnson 4th Helen Lister 5th Jeff Mears

# **Sub-Intermediate MSR**

1st Yasu Hamilton 2nd Angus Wheeler Sub-Intermediate Slow Air 1st Yasu Hamilton 2nd Angus Wheeler

### Intermediate MSR

1st Yasu Hamilton

2nd Christopher McLeish 3rd Owen Capon

# Intermediate Hornpipe/Jig

1st Yasuchiyo Hamilton 2nd Christopher McLeish 3rd Jordan Whicker

# **Open MSR**

1st Matthew Supranowicz 2nd Tom McGirr 3rd Jordan Whicker

# Open Hornpipe/Jig

1st Matthew Supranowicz 2nd Tom McGirr 3rd Jordan Whicker

# **Blair Atholl Games - 27 May**

# **Open Piobaireachd**

1st Gordon McCready 2nd Allan Johnston 3rd Glenn Brown 4th Jonathon Greenlees 5th Willie McIntyre 6th Robert Barnes

Judges: Walter Drysdale, Norman Mathieson

# **Open MSR**

1st Gordon McCready
2nd Michael Fitzhenry
3rd Margaret Dunn
4th Rory Grossart
5th Glenn Brown
6th James Murray
Judges: John MacDougall, Duncan MacDermid

# **Open Hornpipe & Jig**

1st Michael Fitzhenry 2nd James Murray 3rd Ryan Canning 4th Robert Barnes 5th Margaret Dunn 6th Roddy Weir

Judges: James Fraser, Sandy Spence

# **CPA Piobaireachd**

1st Craig Sked 2nd Scott McKillop 3rd Steven Watterston 4th Michael Elder 5th Alex Gandy

Judges: Tom Speirs, Bruce Hitchings

# <u>Pomona Highland Games - Pomona,</u> <u>California – 26-27 May</u>

# **Open Solo Piping**

# **Piobaireachd**

1st Alan Bevan 2nd Andrew Douglas 3rd Ken Sutherland

### **MSR**

1st James Beaumont 2nd Andrew Bonar 3rd Andrew Douglas

# Hornpipe & Jig

1st Alan Bevan 2nd Andrew Douglas 3rd Ken Sutherland

# **Pipe Bands**

# Grade 1 (Medley)

1st SFU 2nd Alberta Caledonia 3rd LA Scots

# Grade 1 (MSR)

1st SFU

2nd Alberta Caledonia

3rd LA Scots

Band Judges: Sandy Keith (piping), Campbell Naismith (ensemble), John Fisher (drumming)

# <u>Markinch Highland Games - Markinch,</u> <u>Scotland – 3 June</u>

# Piobaireachd

1st Gordon McReady 2nd Douglas Campbell 3rd Douglas Murray 4th Alan Johnston 5th Fiona Manson, NZ 6th Craig Sked Judges: Walter Drysdale, Jimmy Banks

# **MSR**

1st Gordon McReady
2nd Douglas Murray
3rd James Murray
4th Jonathan Greenlees
5th Allan Russell
6th Alan Johnston
Judges: Ian Duncan, Roderick Barron

# <u>Queen's Birthday Solo Piping Competition -</u> <u>Dunedin, New Zealand - 5 June</u>

# Open

# Aurora Energy Premier MM/SS/RR

1st Stuart Easton 2nd Greg Wilson 3rd Richard Hawke

# Aurora Energy Qualifying MM/SS/RR

1st Logan Greer 2nd Liam Kernighan 3rd Matt Fraser

#### **Piobaireachd**

1st Stuart Easton

# Strathspey & Reel

1st Stuart Easton 2nd Greg Wilson 3rd Richard Hawke A-Grade

### 2/4 March

1st Richard Hawke 2nd Jamie Hawke 3rd Greg Wilson

# 6/8 March

1st Greg Wilson 2nd Richard Hawke 3rd Stuart Easton

# Hornpipe & Jig

1st Greg Wilson 2nd Richard Hawke 3rd Jamie Hawke

# <u>Clan Donald Quaich Invitational</u> <u>Piobaireachd Competition - Armadale, Skye</u> - 9 June

# Winner

James Murray - *The Groat*Other competitors: Niall Matheson - *The MacLeans' March*, Colin MacLellan - *Cillie Chriosd*, Robert Watt - *Too Long In This Condition*.

Judge: Iain MacFadyen.

This year's event was the 25th anniversary for the contest, and all four invitees were previous winners of the trophy, a traditional Celtic quaich. Competitors must play a tune in a Donald MacDonald setting.

# **Strathmore Highland Games - 10 June**

# **Piobaireachd**

1st Douglas Campbell 2nd Allan Russell 3rd P-M Michael Gray 4th Glenn Ross 5th Colin Jameson

#### March

1st Alan Russell 2nd P-M Michael Gray 3rd Douglas Campbell 4th Tracey Williams 5th Ian Marshall

# **Strathspey & Reel**

1st Alan Russell 2nd P-M Michael Gray 3rd Douglas Campbell 4th Ian Marshall 5th Tracey Williams

Judges: George Mitchellson, Roddy Barron.

# <u>Mid-Ulster Pipe Band Championships -</u> Cookstown, Co.Tyrone – 10 June

# Grade 1 (MSR)

1st St.Laurence O'Toole
2nd Ballycoan
3rd Bleary & District
4th Ballinderry Bridge
Piping: St.Laurence O'Toole
Drumming: St.Laurence O'Toole

Bass & Tenor Section: St.Laurence O'Toole

### **Grade 2**

1st Cullybackey 2nd Ravara 3rd Seven Towers 4th Kileen

Drumming: Cullybackey

# <u>County Down Pipe Band Championships -</u> <u>Banbridge, Northern Ireland – 16 June</u>

#### Grade 1

# Overall

1st Field Marshal Montgomery 2nd St. Laurence O'Toole 3rd Ballycoan 4th Ballinderry Bridge Drumming: St. Laurence O'Toole

Drumming: St. Laurence O'Toole Bass Section: St. Laurence O'Toole

# **MSR**

1st Field Marshal Montgomery 2nd St. Laurence O'Toole 3rd Ballycoan 4th Ballinderry Bridge Drumming: St. Laurence O'Toole

# Medley

1st. Field Marshal Montgomery (ensemble preference)
2nd St. Laurence O'Toole
3rd Ballycoan
4th Ballinderry Bridge
Drumming: St. Laurence O'Toole

# "IPSWICH GATHERING OF THE CLANS" 2007 Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band







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# SOLO PIPING - CHAMPIONSHIPS

# 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 PIPING**

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 MINIMUM

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 (OWN CHOICE)

EVENT 11 OPEN PIOBAIREACHD – (OWN CHOICE)

# \*\*\*\*\* ALL GRADES \*\*\*\*\*

YOU CAN ONLY ENTER THIS EVENT IF YOU'VE NEVER WON IT IN PREVIOUS YEARS EVENT 12 SPECIAL PIPING EVENT / RODDY MACSWEEN MEMORIAL SCORE TO BE PLAYED IS "RODDY MACSWEEN" SLOW AIR – 2 PARTS PLAYED TWICE EACH PART

The winner will be invited to play the lament "Roddy MacSween" at the massed bands and presentation of prizes, which will take place on the conclusion of the Pipe Band Championships.

# ENTRY FEE \$6.00 EACH EVENT ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 2007 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. All competitors must wear highland dress. All solo competitors must be registered with a state branch of the PBA. Solo championships held in accordance with PBA rules.

# 2007 QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

PIPE BAND, SOLO PIPING & DRUMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
LITTLE ATHLETICS OVAL – LIMESTONE PARK
LION ST - IPSWICH
SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 2007

# **SOLO ENTRY FORM**

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# **ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 2007**

# **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

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY REFUNDS BE GIVEN ONCE MONIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR EITHER SOLO OR BAND ENTRIES.