



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Newsletter - May 2007

May Meeting

on Monday 28 May

7.15pm for 7.30pm

The meeting will feature our annual Patron's Trophy Competition for senior players (Intermediate & Open).

The test piece is a March, Strathspey and Reel each of at least 4 parts. Competitors are to submit two sets of which one will be chosen for them to play.

Prizes: 1st: Patron's Trophy and \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30

Enter by Phone (07 3397 4512), email (qhps@optusnet.com.au) or before 7.15pm on the night . No entry fee

It's been a good month for piping in our part of the world, with visits from Robert Watt and Roddy MacLeod and the Celtic Celebration Committee Australasian final (with both the "Australian" winners coming from Brisbane).

Slightly further afield our sister organisation in South Australia, the R U Brown Piobaireachd Society, ran its annual competition, again with success for Queensland pipers.

This month sees the Kingaroy competition and then our annual Patron's Trophy contest for senior players. In July the Sunshine Coast Band will be running a Band contest at Yandina and in August the Ipswich contest will be on once again, so activity in Queensland has definitely picked up this year.

The challenge for us all is to support these events and thereby encourage those who promote them to continue to do so. Hopefully, this will also lead to new events being planned in future years.

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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.

APRIL MEETING

About 45 people turned out for our April meeting which featured a pair of pipers contest.

We had one entry in the Junior section - Angus Wheeler with James Doran and two in the Senior section, Vaughn Parker with Chris McLeish and Matthew Supranowicz with John Mulhearn.

Our judges for the night were Robert Watt, fresh from his recital at the Wellers Hill Bowls Club two nights before (see separate report in this newsletter) and Stuart Sampson, director of British Army Pipe Music, who was in town visiting Roddy MacDonald.

Angus and James played the following selection: *The Wellington Police Pipers, The MacFarlanes, The Haunting, Miss Isabelle T MacDonald* and *A Glengarry State of Mind*.

Vaughn Parker and Chris McLeish played *Balmoral Highlanders, Boghall Live, P/M Sandy Campbell, Annie Grant, Jose Ramon of Guatemala*.

Matthew Supranowicz and John Mulhearn had as their selection *Ian Morrison Jnr (Back, Lewis), The Seagull, Glasgow City Police Pipers, Piping Society Breakdown, Hecla, Out of Bed and Up South*.

After the contest Angus and James gave us a few more tunes including *Green Hills of Tyrol, When the Battle is O'er, Scotland the Brave, Marie's Wedding, Waltzing Matilda* and *Black Bear, Star of Countydown* and *Whiskey in the Jar*.

The results were then announced as follows. Society Patron Maurie DeHayr presented the prizes.

Junior: 1st Angus Wheeler and James Doran

Senior: 1st Vaughn Parker and Chris McLeish

2nd Matthew Supranowicz and John Mulhearn

Next Robert Watt played us a selection of tunes. He started with the 6/8 *Farewell to the Creeks, and his other tunes included* the jig *John Paterson's Mare*,

2/4s *John MacDonald's Farewell to South Uist* and *Mrs John MacColl*, strathspeys *The Piper's Bonnet* and *The Shepherds Crook* and reels *Miss Proud* and *Sandy Cameron*.

After drawing the raffle we adjourned a bit early for supper to give members the maximum chance to socialise and talk to our guests.

Piobaireachd Group

With many of our "regulars" away at the RU Brown contest in Adelaide, we were down to a "hard core" of five for our May meeting.

After a good warm up and a nice selection of light music, Roy Gunn played *Rory Macleod's Lament* for us. Bob Payne read the story of the tune.

Maurie DeHayr was next to play with *The Sound of the Waves Against the Castle of Duntroon*. Bob Payne read the story. There was some discussion about whether an a' Mach is warranted - Maurie didn't play it. There was also discussion about the weight to be given to the low As in the first variation.

Next, Bob Payne read the story about *Lord Lovat's Lament* prior to Iain Bruce playing it.

Iain then played *Catherine's Lament*, our set tune for the day.

After a break for morning tea, Roy played *The Prince's Salute*. Bob Payne read the story. There was a discussion about the cadences in this tune.

Finally Iain Bruce played *The Pretty Dirk*.

Despite the low attendance, all present agreed that it had been a most interesting meeting.

Recitals galore

About 70 people came to the recital organised by the Society at Wellers Hill Bowls Club on 21 April, featuring Robert Watt.

John Mulhearn was the first to play on a very nice pipe, with excellent control and good music. John is a past winner of the MacGregor Memorial at the Argyllshire Gathering, 2nd in the Dunvegan Medal at Skye Games and former Scottish Junior Champion. We will be sorry to see him depart back to Scotland in a few months at the end of his 12 months working holiday. He is currently playing with the Police Pipe Band.

After a short break we heard Robert Watt with a varied selection of music. He played a slightly lighter pipe than John but with good resonance and he made the whole process look very easy.

After a longer interval John played another selection and was followed by Robert giving us a short sample of his abilities on the small pipes and then the border pipes.

To finish off, Robert gave us another longer selection on the Highland Pipe.

An excellent evening of piping

The Celtic Celebration Committee took advantage of the presence of Roddy Macleod to have a recital at the Irish Club following the running of their Australasian Final competition

Roddy gave a fine set of tunes on an excellent bagpipe. His playing seemed effortless but lacked nothing in terms of precision or musicality. Coming as it did after ten other pipers trying their hardest in the competition which Roddy helped to judge, it capped off an excellent day for any enthusiast.

What's on.....

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- M** 26 Kingaroy Band and Solo Contest. See details later in newsletter
- A** 27 St Mary's Indoor Contest - Sydney
- Y** 28 **Society Meeting** - see Calendar for details
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- 2 Multicultural Festival, Leslie Patrick Park, Arana Hills. 1pm to 8pm
- 3 Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 10am to 1pm**
- 8-11 Celtic Thunder Festival - Coffs Harbour. Contact (02) 6651 3399.
www.celticthunder.com.au
- J** 16 Battlefield Band - Logan Diggers Club at 7.30pm. \$35/\$25. Bookings 07 3208 8122
- U** - more details later in the newsletter.
- N** 23 Bannockburn Dinner - QIA Rooms. Contact Trevor Campbell 07 3359 6662. \$65 a head - 4 course meal. Bun Ber E Caltic band, Irish & Celtic Dancers, Guest speaker.
- 23 British Pipe Band Championships - Ballymena, NI
- 25 Society Meeting** - see Calendar for details
- 30 "Scotland the Brave" - QPAC 2pm & 8pm. Bookings qtix 136 246
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- 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
- J** 7 Aberdeen Highland Games - Hunter Valley, NSW. Contact (02)6541 5758.
- U** www.aberdeenhighlandgames.com
- L** 21 Sunshine Coast Pipe Band Contest - Yandina Soccer Ground - more details to follow
- 23 **Society Meeting** - see Calendar for details
- 28 European Pipe Band Championships - Inverness
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- 5 Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 10am to 1pm**
- 11 World Pipe Band Championships - Glasgow
- 18 Qld Irish Association Debutante Ball. \$49. Bookings Mavis 3849 8271 or Rowena 3848 9588
- A** 22,23 Argyllshire Gathering - Oban
- U** 25 Queensland Pipe Band Championships - Limestone Park, Ipswich. More details to
- G** come. Contact 0414 776 361
- 24,25 Cowal Gathering - Dunoon
- 26 Combined Scottish Societies (NSW) Solos - Ryde
- 27 **Society Meeting** - see Calendar for details
- 30,31 Northern Meeting, Aviemore
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- S** 2 **Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 10am to 1pm**
- E**
- P** 22 **Society Meeting** - see Calendar for details
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	7	Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 10am to 1pm
O C T	13,14	Eddie Santguiliana Memorial Highland Gathering - Cleveland. Solos (Saturday) and Bands (Sunday)
	20	Woollongong Highland Games - NSW
	22	Society Meeting - see Calendar for details
	4	Piobaireachd Group – Rochedale High School – 10am to 1pm
N O V	4	Combined Scottish Societies (NSW) Band Contest - Castle Hill Showground
	27	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 jamesforsyth@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

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

*The
June Meeting of the Society
will be*

A Pipers Night

All are welcome to play

South Burnett Caledonian Pipe Band Inc

**Band and Solo Contest
Saturday 26 May 2007
Kingaroy Cricket and Sports Club,
Youngman Street, Kingaroy
Solos from 9 am
Bands from 1pm**

Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band stages another successful Tattoo

The Band have produced another of their fine displays of music and dance, encompassing a variety of cultures but with a heavy emphasis on the Scottish and Irish varieties. This year they had an excellent visiting act in the shape of the US Navy fleet band along with a marching team, singers and Highland and Irish Dancers, not to mention themselves and other Pipe Bands.

The effort to produce this show is considerable and is, of course designed to promote themselves and the city of Ipswich, but it has a great spinoff in providing a form of entertainment that would otherwise not be available in our part of the world.

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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.

Contest Results

Culloden Ceol Mor invitational solo piping competition - Drumossie - 14 April

held with the National Trust for Scotland to commemorate the anniversary of Battle of Culloden near Inverness

1st Angus MacColl - *MacDonald of Kinlochmoidart's Lament No.1*

Other competitors: Willie McCallum, Euan MacCrimmon, Dr. Angus MacDonald

Highlands & Island Piping Competitions - Oban - 4-5 May

Piobaireachd

1st Willie McCallum, *Lament for McSwan of Roaig*

2nd Murray Henderson, *Nameless - Hiharin Dro O Dro*

3rd James Murray, Fife, *Lord Lovat's Lament*

4th Stuart Shedden, *The Old Men of the Shells*

Judges: Iain MacFadyen, John Wilson, Neil Mulvie

MSR

1st Willie McCallum, *Capt. Campbell of Drum A Voisk, Dora MacLeod, John McKechnie's Big Reel*

2nd Gordon Walker

3rd Peter Hunt

4th Finlay Johnstone

Judges: Iain MacFadyen, John Wilson

Hornpipe & Jig

1st Gordon Walker

2nd James Murray

3rd Willie McCallum

4th Ewan Deuar

Judges: Iain MacFadyen, John Wilson

Dr. Dan Reid Memorial Invitational Recital/Competition - San Francisco - 5 May

Masters Piobaireachd

1st Jack Lee, *Lachlan MacNeill Campbell of Kintarbet's Fancy*

2nd Andrew Hayes, *MacCrimmon's Sweetheart*

3rd Angus MacColl, *Beloved Scotland*

MSR

1st Stuart Liddell

2. Jack Lee

3rd Angus MacColl

Jig & Hornpipe

1st Jack Lee

2nd Angus MacColl

3rd Andrew Hayes

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Angus MacColl, *MacLeod of Raasay's Salute*

Cameron Gillies Piobaireachd

1st Glenn Brown, *Ronald MacDonald of Morar's Lament*

2nd Jori Chisholm, *The Blue Ribbon*

3rd Matt Panteleoni, *Scarce of Fishing*

MSR

1st Glenn Brown

2nd Jori Chisholm

3rd Matt Panteleoni

6/8 March

1st Jori Chisholm, *Lillie Long Wade's Welcome*

2nd Glenn Brown, *The Maids of Kintail*

3rd Matt Panteleoni, *Kenneth J. MacLeod*

Judges: Bill Livingstone, Angus J. MacLellan

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

Partial results - full details next month

Open Ceol Beag

1st Marion Horsburgh - NZ

2nd Ian Lyons - Vic

3rd Robert Watt - NI

Open Piobaireachd - R. U. Brown Gold Medal

1st Marion Horsburgh

2nd Brian Switalla - NZ

3rd Robert Watt - NI

Silver Medal Piobaireachd

1st Yasuchiyo Hamilton

2nd Vaughn Parker

3rd Jordan Whicker

Intermediate Ceol Beag

3rd Vaughn Parker

Sub Intermediate Ceol Beag

1st Yasuchiyo Hamilton

Malahide International Festival of Piping & Drumming - Malahide, NI - 13 May

Grade 1

1st St. Laurence O'Toole

2nd Field Marshal Montgomery
 3rd ScottishPower
 Drumming: St. Laurence O'Toole

Grade 2

1st Cullybackey
 2nd Ravara
 3rd Seven Towers
 Drumming: Ravara

**Danish Pipe Band Championships - Aarhus,
 Denmark – 17 May**

Grade 4 Overall

1st Heather Pipes & Drums
 2nd Aarhus Pipes & Drums
 3rd Dungillie Pipe Band
 Drumming: Aarhus; Mid-section: Aarhus

March

1st Heather Pipes & Drums
 2nd Aarhus Pipes & Drums
 3rd Copenhagen Caledonia Pipeband
 4th Dungillie Pipe Band
 5th Alanya Byg Holbæk Pipe Band
 Drumming: Aarhus; Mid-section: Aarhus

Medley

1st Aarhus Pipes & Drums
 2nd Heather Pipes & Drums
 3rd Dungillie Pipe Band
 Drumming: Aarhus; Mid-section: Aarhus

**Scottish Pipe Band Championships -
 Dumbarton, 19 May**

Grade 1 (MSR)

1st Strathclyde Police
 2nd House of Edgar-Shotts & Dykehead
 3rd Field Marshal Montgomery
 4th St. Laurence O'Toole
 5th Vale of Atholl (ensemble preference)
 6th Boghall & Bathgate
 Drumming: Strathclyde; Bass Section: Vale of
 Atholl

Grade 2 (medley)

1st Seven Towers (NI)
 2nd Torphichen & Bathgate
 3rd Cullybackey
 4th Lomond & Clyde
 5th Ravara
 6th Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary
 Drumming: Torphichen

Grade 3A

1st Johnstone
 2nd Pitlochry & Blair Atholl
 3rd Williamwood

4th Royal Burgh of Anbnan
 5h New Ross & District
 6th University of Strathclyde
 Drumming: New Ross & District

Grade 3B

1st Drumlough
 2nd Raffrey
 3rd Brechin City
 4th Lanark & District
 5th Methil & District
 6th Manchester County Fire
 Drumming: Raffrey

**Australasian Final for the Festival
 interceltique de Lorient - Irish Club,
 Brisbane - 19 May**

Junior Competition

1st Yasuchiyo Hamilton
 2nd Angus Wheeler
 3rd James Nelson

**Australasian Final (first 3 competitors win a trip
 to Lorient to compete at the festival this coming
 August)**

1st Stuart Easton (NZ)
 2nd Matthew Supranowicz (Qld)
 3rd Vaughn Parker (Qld)

Section placings**Scottish**

1st Stuart Easton
 2nd Iain Robertson (NZ)
 3rd Cory Dale (Qld)
 4th Vaughn Parker
 5th Matthew Supranowicz

Breton

1st Stuart Easton
 2nd Matthew Supranowicz
 3rd Vaughn Parker
 4th Iain Robertson
 5th Cory Dale

Irish

1st Matthew Supranowicz
 2nd Stuart Easton
 3rd Vaughn Parker
 4th Cory Dale
 5th Iain Robertson
 Other competitors: Hamish Cotton (WA), Jamie
 Forsyth (NSW), Ainsley Hart (NSW), Katherine
 Belcher (VIC), Sean Hodgman (ACT)
 Judges: Roddy Macleod, Malcolm McRae, Sandy
 Campbell