



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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April Meeting

on Monday 27 April
7.30pm

Balmoral Bowls Club
Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

The meeting will be a

Pipers' Night

so all are welcome to come and have a few tunes.

The more who turn up to play, the less the load on each player.

You don't have to be a maestro to play, all are listened to with respect.

Another great Maclean Gathering has come and gone. A large number of band and solos entries ensured it was going to be a great weekend, but the weather was rather threatening. As it turned out the solos on Friday afternoon had to be transferred to the area around the showground buildings but the ground was in use for the bands on Saturday and despite a bit of mud, all went well.

Congratulations againn to the Lower Clarence Scottish Association for their 105th Gathering.

Alex McConnell

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2009 SOCIETY CALENDAR

MONTHLY MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 23 RD	PIPERS' NIGHT
MARCH 23 RD	HORNPIPE & JIG CONTEST FOR SENIORS, 2 PARTED JIG FOR JUNIORS
APRIL 27 TH	PIPERS' NIGHT
MAY	PATRON'S TROPHY CONTEST (MSR FOR SENIOR PLAYERS)
JUNE	PIPERS' NIGHT
JULY	JIMMY DURHAM MEMORIAL CONTEST (2/4 MARCH FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS)
AUGUST	ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER (PAIRS OF PIPERS)
OCTOBER	PIPERS' NIGHT
NOVEMBER	JACK McCANDLISH TROPHY (6/8 MARCHES)

- ◆ After each competition, the floor is 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 early finish/more piping/more social time at the end of the meeting. Junior competitions are to start promptly and finish by 8.30pm.

PIOBAIREACHD GROUP

1 st February	3 rd May	2 nd August	1 st November
8 th March	31 st May	6 th September	6 th December
29 th March	5 th July	4 th October	

MAJOR SOLO CONTEST

10th or 17th October

MARCH MEETING

A medium crowd of about 25 turned up to our March meeting and the Jig & Hornpipe Competition. Matt Supranowicz started the evening off by introducing our judge, Donald Galloway, and recording apologies, including Ross Campbell, Reg and Glenys O'Malley, Yasu Hamilton and David Greenhalgh.

Unfortunately we only had one entrant in the junior competition, John McLellan. John played *Calliope House* for us very capably and we then moved on to the senior competition, where the first competitor was Matt Supranowicz. He was asked to play *Lucy Cassidy* and *Troy's Wedding*. His other set would have been *Tam Bain's Lum* and *Braes of Mellinish*.

The next competitor was Wayne Kennedy. The notes on his tunes are a bit mixed up but the ones he submitted included *Gaelic College*, *Skelpie Heid* and *The Tourist*.

Larry Flynn was asked to play *Crossing the Minch and Braes of Mellinish*. His other submissions were *Sidewinder* and *Paddy's Leather Breeches*.

Finally Tam McGirr played *PM George Allen* and *Old Wife of the Mill Dust*. The ones we missed out on were *Joe McGann's Fiddle* and *Donald Cameron's Powderhorn*.

John McLellan gave us a few tunes while the judge deliberated, including *Green Hills*, *At Long Last* and *Dark Island*. After Donald had finished his considerations the result of the contest was announced as

- 1st Tam McGirr
- 2nd Matt Supranowicz
- 3rd Larry Flynn

Tam McGirr then gave us a few more tunes including a selection of 3/4 marches, the slow air *The Banks of*

Lochiel, hornpipe *Joe McGann's Fiddle and jig Donald Cameron's Powderhorn* and a selection of 2 parted strathspeys and reels.

Larry Flynn played the 3/4s *Balmoral* and *My Land*, the hornpipe *The Sidewinder*, jigs *Paddy's Leather Breeches* and *William's Jig*, 2/4 Marches *Mrs John MacColl* and *Millbank Cottage*, air *Samhradh Samhradh* (means Summer, Summer), reel *The Sheepwife* and *Traditional Reel*.

Finally Wayne Kennedy gave us the 6/8s *Cameron MacFadyen* and *Frank Thompson* and an MSR for

which we didn't get the name of the march, but the strathspey and reel were *Maggie Cameron* and *Broadford Bay*.

The raffle was drawn by Innes Barker and the major prize was won by Sandra Supranowicz. Unfortunately I missed the minor prize recipients.

Finally Matt thanked the players and the judge and invited all to partake of supper.

Piobaireachd Group

The April meeting of the Piobaireachd group was actually held on 29 March! We had seven in attendance, with apologies from Maurie DeHayr, Yasu Hamilton, Iain Bruce and Roy Gunn and perhaps another couple that I missed noting.

First to play was Peter Burrows with *Lament for Mary MacLeod*. He was followed by Ross Campbell playing *I Got a Kiss of the King's Hand* - it was the first time he had played this since moving to Queensland. Bineas is Borerraig has a difference in the first phrase of this tune and there is a missing bit on the first variation in Angus MacKay's book.. The Angus Mackay version can be played if the judge is notified but the corrected version is now usual. Malcolm MacRae recounted an occasion when Donald MacKinnon had played the Angus MacKay version in a contest that he (Malcolm) was judging.

Tam McGirr was next with *Corrienessan's Salute*.

Malcolm McRae took us though the set tune for the day, which was *Tulloch Ard*. He gave a review of the authorities for the tune including Angus MacKay and Peter Reid's MS. Although the tune is straightforward at first glance, it can be difficult to put together successfully.. As written the doubling of Variation 2 does not follow the Ground and there appears to be no musical reason for this. Malcolm does follow the Ground.

After morning tea, we heard the tune from Malcolm on the pipe.

Finally Ross Campbell played the *Park Piobaireachd No 2* (Malcolm claimed it as a McRae tune!)

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What's on.....

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R** 27 **Society Meeting - Pipers' Night**
30-3/5 Glen Innes Standing Stones Celtic Festival - Contact 02 6730 2400
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- 1-3 South West Coast Piper Drummer Workshops, Warrnambool. For more details
M phone (03) 5565 1374 or visit www.wadpadi.org.au
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Y** 3 **Society Piobaireachd Group**
9-10 R.U. Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia, Gold, Silver & Bronze Medal
Competition & Recital, Scotch College, Adelaide - Contact 08 8581 1627
16 Sunshine Coast Band Contest (no solos) - Yandina Football Club - Contact 07 5442
8632
29-31 Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival (NSW mid north coast) Contact 02 6553 2582
31 **Society Piobaireachd Group**
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- 6 Queensland Pipe Band Championships - Ipswich - Contact 0414 776 361
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N** 7 Queensland Solo Piping and Drumming Championships - Ipswich 0414 776 361.
Details elsewhere in this newsletter.
27 PBA Band and Solo Contest - Carrara - Gold Coast (Bands & Solos) - Contact 07
3257 4527
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- 4 Aberdeen (NSW) Highland Gathering - Contact 02 6543 8457
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5 Tartan Day Celebration - Australian Scottish Community (Qld) - South Bank Cultural
Forecourt, Brisbane. 9am-4.30pm - Contact 07 3359 8195(a/h)
18 Scots PGC Highland Gathering (Bands & Solos) - Warwick - Contact 07 3257 4527

**VISIT THE COMING EVENTS PAGE AT www.pipebandsqld.org FOR MORE DETAILS
ON THE ABOVE, INCLUDING WEB LINKS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES**

The Smallpipers Group - Contact Malcolm McLaren for meeting details -
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The NSW Pipers' Society meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Contact Ron Clement
- 02 9948 1914.

Canberra Pipers Society: contact Sean Hodgman ph 6282 2795 or email u4114272@anu.edu.au
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RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia: Contact Sue Kempster 08 8264 3329
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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@qhps.org) 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

Contest Results

Duncan Johnstone Memorial Solo Piping Competition - National Piping Centre, Glasgow – 21 March - for pipers graded "B" and "C" by the Competing Pipers Association

B-Grade

Piobaireachd – Barbara Gillies Trophy

1st Ashleigh Bell, *The Lament for Captain MacDougall*

2nd John Mulhearn, *Tulloch Ard*

3rd David Wilton, *The Piper's Warning to His Master*

4th Faye Henderson, *The Lament for the Children*

5th Iain Marshall, *The MacKays' Banner*

Judges: Colin MacLellan, Iain Speirs

MSR – 1745 Association Trophy

1st Alasdair Henderson

2nd John Mulhearn

3rd Faye Henderson

4th James MacPhee, Glasgow

5th Derek Midgley, Maryland

Judges: Willie McCallum, Angus J. MacLellan

C-Grade

Piobaireachd

1st Craig Muirhead

2nd Peter McAlister

3rd Jonathan Graham

4th Greig Wilson

5th Andrew Travers

Judges: Tom Speirs, James Murray

MSR

1st Ashleigh Bell

2nd Gary Carruthurs

3rd Andrew Travers

4th Greig Wilson

5th Jean Morrison

Judges: Brian Donaldson, Willie Morrison

Jig – Keepers of the Quaich Trophy

1st Alasdair Henderson

2nd Derek Midgley

3rd Gordon Bruce

4th Gary Carruthurs

5th Jonathan Graham

Judges: Willie McCallum, Willie Morrison

Donald MacLeod Memorial Invitational Solo Piping Competition- Stornoway, Scotland – 3 April

Overall

Alan Bevan

Piobaireachd

1st Gordon Walker

2nd Alan Bevan

3rd Jack Lee, Surrey

4th Iain Speirs

MSR

- 1st Willie McCallum
- 2nd Niall Stewart,
- 3rd Alan Bevan
- 4th Angus MacColl

Hornpipe & Jig

- 1st Willie McCallum
 - 2nd Chris Armstrong
 - 3rd Gordon Walker
 - 4th Angus MacColl
- Judges: John MacDougall, Iain MacFadyen and Andrew Wright.

Hastings (NZ) Highland Games Piobaireachd Competitions - 11 April**Gold Clasp Former Winners**

- 1st Brendon Eade, *The Unjust Incarceration*
- 2nd Iain Robertson
- 3rd George Mason
- 4th Nigel Foster

Gold Medal

- 1st Ian Lyons, *The MacKays' Banner*
- 2nd Gary Stewart
- 3rd Scott Kennedy
- 4th Kevin Sinclair
- Silver Medal
- 1st William Rowe
- 2nd Terry Genet
- 3rd Andrew Broadbent
- 4th Simon Fraser

Maclean Highland Gathering - 10,11 April 2009**SOLOS****Open Piobaireachd (J.K. McKinnon Memorial)**

- 1st Alastair McInnes
- 2nd Yasuchiyo Hamilton
- 3rd Tam McGirr

Open MSR (Norman Finlayson MacSwan Trophy)

- 1st Matthew Supranowicz
- 2nd Mark McKenzie
- 3rd Ross Campbell

Open Hornpipe/Jig (Ruby Davis - Nee McLeay Trophy)

- 1st Ross Campbell
- 2nd Mark McKenzie
- 3rd Tam McGirr

Open Air (Ewen McInnes Memorial)

- 1st Ross Campbell
- 2nd Alastair McInnes
- 3rd Tam McGirr

Champion Open Piper (James McSwan Memorial)

Ross Campbell

Restricted Piobaireachd (Dr. H.W.Charlton Memorial)

- 1st James Doran
- 2nd Kirby Douglas
- 3rd Nick Tomkins

Donald MacSwan Memorial (tune Mrs McSwan)

- 1st Alastair McInnes
- 2nd Fraser Bolton
- 3rd Yasuchiyo Hamilton

Lachlan McCabe Memorial (18 Years and under - Ground of a Piobaireachd – 6/8 March & Jig)

Yasuchiyo Hamilton

Intermediate MSR (Charlie McKinnon Memorial)

- 1st Yasuchiyo Hamilton
- 2nd Wayne Kennedy
- 3rd Bruce Grice

Intermediate Hornpipe – Jig (John & Maggie Wallace Memorial)

- 1st Yasuchiyo Hamilton
- 2nd Wayne Kennedy
- 3rd Bruce Grice

Maclean Champion Intermediate Piper (Alastair MacSween Memorial)

Yasuchiyo Hamilton

Sub-Intermediate MSR (Alex & Mary Wallace Memorial)

- 1st James Doran
- 2nd Benjamin Hunt
- 3rd Michael Paton

Sub-Intermediate Jig (Lady Patron Mary McPherson Trophy)

- 1st Michael Paton
- 2nd Jamie Hunt
- 3rd James Doran

Maclean Champion Sub-Intermediate Piper (Mary Catherine MacKenzie-MacPherson Memorial)

James Doran

Elementary March 2/4 (Patron Jim Thompson Memorial)

- HEAT 1: 1 Michael Murray, 2 Caitlin McInnes, 3 Tom Schultz
- HEAT 2: 1 Sam Hemer, 2 Ned Skehan, 3 Alice Nivila
- HEAT 3: 1 Kirby Douglas, 2 Nick Tomkins, 3 Lachlan Micati
- FINAL
- 1st Michael Murray
 - 2nd Caitlin McInnes
 - 3rd Kirby Douglas

Elementary Slow Air (Maud Douglas Memorial)

HEAT 1: 1 Andrew Dow, 2 Sam Hemer, 3 Michael Murray

HEAT 2: 1 Callum Macleod, 2 Caitlin McInnes, 3 Benjamin Silvester, Cameron Allen

HEAT 3: 1 Rylie Douglas, 2 Hamish Isle, 3 Talia Pettigrew

FINAL

1st Rylie Douglas

2nd Caitlin McInnes

3rd Michael Murray

2009 Maclean Champion Elementary Piper (Fred Douglas Memorial)

Michael Murray

Chanter Learner (Peter Mathieson Memorial)

1st Jake McHugh

2nd Amber Cattermole

BANDS

Grade 1

1st Queensland Highlanders No 1

Grade 2

1st St Andrews

Grade 3

1st Wynnum Services Club

2nd City of Brisbane

3rd Hawkesbury City

Drum Corps: Ipswich Thistle

Dress: Ipswich Thistle

Ensemble: Hawkesbury City

Grade 4

1st Gold Coast Tweed

2nd Bellinger River

3rd Scots PGC College Warwick

4th Hawkesbury City

5th Tamworth

Drum Corps: Gold Coast Tweed

Dress: Gold Coast Tweed

Drum Majors

1st John Grace

Sunshine Coast Pipe Band Contest

on Saturday, 16th May 2009 from 10 a.m.

at the Nambour Yandina United Football Club

North Street, Yandina

(10 minutes north of Nambour)

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THE PIOBAIREACHD SOCIETY SET TUNES FOR 2010

The Piobaireachd Society recommends the following arrangements for competitions in 2010:

A. SENIOR COMPETITIONS

The following pairs of tunes are recommended:

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| 1. | The Sister's Lament
Nameless (Angus Mackay's MS) | and | PS 4 p109, K p41
PS 4 p111, K p42 |
| 2. | The Battle of Glenshiel
A Glase | and | PS 4 p124
PS 11 p320 |
| 3. | Duncan MacRae of Kintail's Lament
Nameless (Colin Campbell's Canntaireachd MS) | and | PS 4 p121, K p40
PS 4 p124, K p43 |
| 4. | The Old Woman's Lullaby
The Aged Warrior's Sorrow | and | PS 4 p113, K p39
PS 12 p360 |
| 5. | Lament for Red Hector of the Battles
The Middling Spree | and | PS 4 p111, K p42
PS 11 p322 |
| 6. | The Park Piobaireachd No. 1
The Pretty Dirk | and | PS 4 p113, K p46
PS 11 p318 |
| 7. | Nameless Lament (MacArthur MS)
Lament for the Bishop of Argyll | and | PS 13 p420 or 421 but not p423
PS 15 p509 |
| 8. | Salute on the Birth of Rory Mor MacLeod
Left Hand | and | PS 4 p121, K p38
PS 14 p489 |

Competitors will submit four pairs from the above list, one of which they will be required to play. Tunes may be played in any order. Prizes will be awarded for performance over the two tunes.

Settings of these tunes different from those specified will be acceptable provided that the judges are advised in advance and provided with the music for the alternative setting(s) submitted. However, versions of these tunes with conventional taorluath and crunluath movements will not be acceptable. For the purpose of these competitions, only the first line of the urlar need be repeated at the end of each tune and this will be regarded as part of the performance.

Altogether different tunes known by the same or similar names will not be accepted as alternatives.

B. GOLD MEDAL COMPETITIONS

Competitors will submit eight tunes of their own choice, one of which they will be required to play.

C. SILVER MEDAL COMPETITIONS

Competitors will submit six tunes of their own choice, one of which they will be required to play.

This announcement is made by the Piobaireachd Society to ensure earliest publication. It is without prejudice to any arrangements made by either the Argyllshire Gathering or the Northern Meeting.

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