



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Newsletter - February 2009

February Meeting

on Monday 23 February
7.30pm

Balmoral Bowls Club
Jean Howie Drive, Morningside
The meeting will be a Pipers' Night

A Happy New Year to all our members and friends. Your committee has met and begun to plan out what should be another successful year for the Society. An outline of the proposed program is on Page 2 of the Newsletter, but another important decision was to **increase the entry fee at our monthly meetings**. It has been suggested for some time that, rather than increasing Annual Subscriptions, we should put up the meeting fee. **Your committee has decided to include raffle tickets in the fee and that the increased fee will be \$5** - you can of course purchase additional raffle tickets on top of that. the decision as taken in the light of the cost of hiring the club and other expenses that are meeting-related and puts the normal meeting on the same basis as the Piobaireachd Group, which is also self-funding.

As you will see, we have only specified the exact date for the February Meeting - the committee is still considering the possibility of moving the meeting to an alternative night of the week (and/or week of the month) and your opinions will be important in that consideration, so please feel free to contact us with your views. Tuesday night is the night with fewest Band Practices in Brisbane but the Balmoral Bowls Club is not available on that night - it is only available Monday and Thursday nights.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on the 23rd.

Alex McConnell

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2009 SOCIETY CALENDAR

MONTHLY MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 23 RD	PIPERS' NIGHT
MARCH	HORNPIPE & JIG CONTEST FOR SENIORS, 2 PARTED JIG FOR JUNIORS
APRIL	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

1st February
8th March
29th March

3rd May
31st May
5th July

2nd August
6th September
4th October

1st November
6th December

MAJOR SOLO CONTEST

10th or 17th October

NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November Meeting was, as usual, well attended. There were about 50 in total, including 14 competitors for the Jack McCandlish trophy, 7 in the senior division and 7 in the junior.

Our judge for the contest was Tam McGirr and the competitors and their tunes were:

Junior:

John McLelland - 10th HLI Crossing the Rhine
Jacob Bigby - Sweet Maid of Mull
James Doran - Mrs Lily Christie
James Gallacher - 10th HLI Crossing the Rhine
Kirby Douglas- Tug Argan Gap
Malcolm McKeller - Steam Boat and Piobaireachd of Donald Dhu
Rylie Douglas - Sweet Maid of Mull

Senior:

Malcolm Cox - MacNeills of Ugadale & Rab's

Wedding

Kieran Wan - Donald MacLean of Lewis & Dundee City Pipe Band

Larry Flynn - Monte Catarelto & Ellen Orr

Ross Campbell - Caverhill & Braemar Gathering

Iain Bruce - John MacKenzie's farewell to Strathglass & Captain Charles Hepburn

Karl Ashman - Rab's Wedding and Mrs Lily Christie

Matthew Supranowicz - Auld Adam & Lord MacPherson of Drumochter

It was good to see Malcolm Cox back after a long absence from competition. Kieran Wan was visiting from Hong Kong for some tuition from Malcolm McRae - Malcolm had previously given him lessons in Glasgow. Karl Ashman had driven all the way from Oakey where he was doing a course - if he'd been at his usual home in Townsville he wouldn't have been any chance of making it but a drive from Oakey is a pretty

good effort!

The results of the contest were:

Senior 1st Matthew Supranowicz
2nd Larry Flynn
3rd Ross Campbell

Junior 1st James Doran
2nd Kirby Douglas
3rd Jacob Bigby

After the presentations, it was time for our traditional Christmas Supper, augmented by the "goodies" brought along by members. An excellent conclusion to another successful year at the Society.

Piobaireachd Group

DECEMBER

Unfortunately the notes of the December meeting seem to have disappeared, so I can't report the tunes that were played apart from the set tune which was *The Blue Ribbon*. We arrived for the meeting to discover that the Performing Arts Centre which we normally use at Rochedale High School was full of Irish Dancers! After a bit of a scout around, a shaded area was discovered next to a building adjacent to the sports area, so we set up there. Some enterprising souls went off and "borrowed" some chairs from the PAC and others brought rugs and portable chairs. As it turned out, it was quite a successful meeting, despite the lack of our normal morning tea.

FEBRUARY

A group of about ten gathered for our first meeting of 2009. The first piper to have a tune was Roy Gunn and after a bit of light music to settle the pipe down he played *The Old Men of the Shells*, with the story read by Ian Davidson. Malcolm commented that everyone plays this setting, not the alternative one. He also mentioned that he (Malcolm) plays a D gracenote rather than a G on the Cs in the ground, the only authority for this being oral tradition.

Ross Campbell was next and his tune was *Catherine's Lament* - with the story again read by Ian.

Malcolm commented that the variations in this tune don't pick up all the notes from the ground - so are a bit shorter than they might otherwise be. Ross played it as in Macarthur MS (older than Angus MacKay).

Tam McGirr was next with *Clan McNab's Salute* (Ian reading the story again). We then heard from Garry Forno who played *Glengarry's Lament*. Despite some difficulty with his Crunluath he did quite well.

By now it was time to sing through the set tune for the day, *The Battle of Auldearn No 2*. The tune is played in single bar phrases and is quite easy to play. Malcolm commented that the urlar and first variation are quite mournful.

Morning tea was next and afterwards Malcolm played the set tune on the pipe. Ian Davidson then read the story of the tune.

Our final piper for the day was Iain Bruce with *The Macrae's March* (which brought approval from Malcolm!). Tam McGirr read the story of the tune.

Incorporation of the Society

The application for Incorporation has now been lodged and we are expecting notice of approval in the near future.

What's on.....

F E B	22	Ballarat (Victoria) Royal South Street Society Contest - Lake Wendouree
	23	Society Meeting - Pipers' Night
	28	Pipe Band Workshop - QPBA House, Old Museum - Contact 07 3257 4527
M A R	1	Ormiston House Highland Celtic Day - Contact 07 3824 1285
	6-7	New Zealand Pipe Band Championships, Christchurch
	8	Victorian Pipe Band Championships, Geelong Highland Gathering - Queens Park, Geelong - contact 0407 040 206
	8	Society Piobaireachd Group
	14	Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band Centennial Dinner - Civic Hall, Ipswich. Contact 0414 776 361
	29	Society Piobaireachd Group
	29	Scots School Bathurst Highland Gathering
A P R	4	Bundanoon Highland Gathering (NSW Southern Highlands) - Contact 1300 657 559
	5	Ringwood (Victoria) Highland Gathering - Jubilee Park
	10-11	Macleay Highland Gathering - Contact 02 6645 2887
	18-19	Ipswich International Tattoo - Bookings 07 3810 6100 - Information 0414 776 361.
	30-3/5	Glen Innes Standing Stones Celtic Festival - Contact 02 6730 2400
M A Y	1-3	South West Coast Piper Drummer Workshops, Warrnambool. For more details phone (03) 5565 1374 or visit www.wadpadi.org.au
	3	Society Piobaireachd Group
	8-9	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
J U N	6	Queensland Pipe Band Championships - Ipswich - Contact 0414 776 361
	7	Queensland Solo Piping and Drumming Championships - Ipswich 0414 776 361
	27	PBA Band and Solo Contest - Carrara - Gold Coast (Bands & Solos) - Contact 07 3257 4527
J U L	4	Aberdeen (NSW) Highland Gathering - Contact 02 6543 8457
	5	Society Piobaireachd Group
	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 -
mrmclaren@bigpond.com

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
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

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

WORKSHOP AT SCOTS PGC WARWICK

The new year dawned with an initiative of Scots PGC in putting on a 3 day workshop for Pipers and Drummers from 7-9 January. The school provided the facilities (the excellent Band Room and other adjacent rooms), the Pipe Band Association promised financial support and our Society provided administrative support.

Although many of the 30 or so participants were naturally from the Scots PGC Band, others came from Tamworth, the Sunshine Coast, the Redlands and the Warwick Thistle Band (apologies if I've missed any).

Instructors Ross Campbell, Tam McGirr and Steve Clark also gave generously of their time and talents and provided a stimulating and challenging program for those attending.

Building on this success it would be good if we can look at repeating the workshop next year but on a larger scale. If the school could supply accommodation this would greatly assist in helping the event to expand over time.

Sandy Dalziel from Scots PGC is to be congratulated on having the vision for this workshop and enlisting the help of others to make it happen.

Contest Results

The Silver Tassie - Australasian Young Piper of the Year 2008 - Sutton Forest, NSW - 19/10/08

Under 12: Slow Air

- 1st Jacob Bigby
- 2nd Rylie Douglas
- 3rd Alice Niuala

Under 15: 2/4 March

- 1st Kirby Douglas
- 2nd Nicola Sharp
- 3rd Lachlan Micati

Under 18: Strathspey & Reel

- 1st Oliver Rigg
- 2nd Christopher McLeish
- 3rd Benjamin Hunt

Under 21: March Strathspey & Reel

- 1st Aaron O'Neill
- 2nd Craig Potts
- 3rd Jamie Hunt

Under 26: Jig

- 1st Sean Hodgman
- 2nd Phillip Ragno
- 3rd Jessie Hutchison

Open: Medley

- 1st Tam McGirr (Bill Green OAM Memorial Trophy)
- 2nd Christopher McLeish
- 3rd Phillip Ragno

Silver Tassie Final

- 1st Aaron O'Neill
- 2nd Christopher McLeish
- 3rd Sean Hodgman

Fran and Ron Poulton Encouragement Award

Fergus Barry-Corderoy

Fran and Ron Poulton Supporters Awards

Nanette Sharp - Warrnambool VIC
Mariejan Bigby, Sandy Dalziel and supporting families -
Warwick QLD

Palmerston North (NZ) Square Day Band Contest - 13 December

Grade 1

- 1st Manawatu Scottish No 1
- 2nd Canterbury Caledonian Society

3rd Auckland & Districts

4th NZ Police

5th Hamilton Caledonian No 1

Grade 2

1st St Andrew's Colege

Grade 3

1st Manawatu Development Band

2nd Hamilton Caledonian No 2

3rd City of Hastings

Grade 4

1st Scotch College Melbourne

2nd Scots College

3rd Paraparaumu & Districts

Gordon Duncan Memorial Invitational Solo Piping Competition - Glasgow – 25 January

Overall

Alexis Meunier

Scottish section:

1st Alexis Meunier

2nd Willie McCallum

3rd Chris Armstrong

Judges: Ian Duncan, Iain MacLellan

Breton section

1st Alexis Meunier

2nd Sylvain Hamon

3rd Xavier Boderiou

Judges: Herve Le Floch; Jean Yves Magre

Irish section

1st Alexis Meunier

2nd Sylvain Hamon

3rd Willie McCallum

Judges: Harry Stevenson, Kenny Stewart

Turakina (NZ) Highland Games - 31 January

BANDS

Grade 1

1st Manawatu Scottish No 1

Grade 3

1st P & D Horowhenua

2nd City of Hastings

3rd Manawatu Scottish No 2

Grade 4

1st Scots College

2nd Red Hackle
3rd Paraparaumu & District

SOLOS

North Island Championship Open Strathspey & Reel

1st Stuart Easton
2nd Murray Mansfield
3rd Marion Horsburgh

Wellington Centre Championship, A. Piobaireachd & The Rt. Hon Sir I McKay Silver Trophy

1st Stuart Easton
2nd Cary Stewart
3rd Nicholas Code

A Grade Jig & Hornpipe

1st Stuart Easton
2nd Iain Robertson
3rd Nicholas Code

A Grade 2/4 March

1st Stuart Easton

2nd Iain Robertson
3rd Marion Horsburgh

2009 Breton Bagad Championships - first half - Brest, Brittany - 7 February

The second half of the championship will be held in Lorient on August 1st during the Festival Interceltique.

1st Cap Caval
2nd Auray
3rd Quimper
4th Brie

Cap Caval won the Breton Championships in 2008, as well as Grade 2 at the World Pipe Band Championships. The band was upgraded to Grade 1 by the RSPBA following the 2008 season.



Society Vice-President Tam McGirr and President Matthew Supranowicz obviously enjoying the day at the Ipswich contest last August (photograph courtesy of Jim Johnson from 4EB)

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105TH MACLEAN HIGHLAND GATHERING EASTER WEEKEND

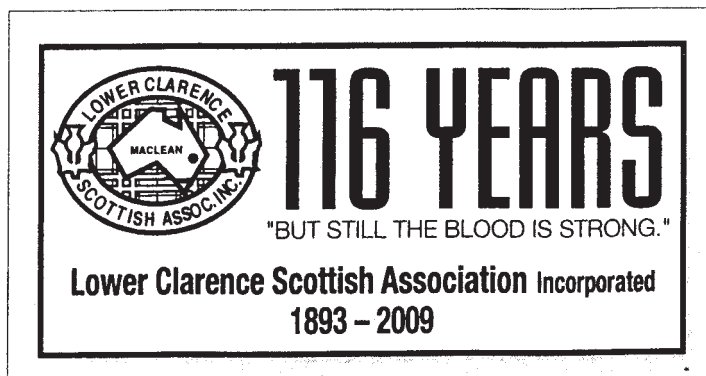
APRIL 10th – 11th 2009

*Friday Afternoon & Saturday
Maclean Showground*



HIGHLIGHTS

- Solo Events
- Pipe Bands on Parade
- Official Opening
- Ceilidh in the Park
- Bands - Dancing - Sports
- Massed Band Display



ADMISSION

* Adults	\$12.00
* Pensioners	\$10.00
* School Students	\$5.00

Venue & Events

EASTER FRIDAY APRIL 10th

Afternoon	Elementary Piping & Drumming
Maclean	Chanter Learner
Showground	Drum Learner
Night	
CWA Hall	Open Piping Piobaireachd
Civic Hall	Open Piping March/Strathspey/Reel
	Hornpipe/Jig
McLachlan Park	Scottish Ceilidh in the park
7.30pm	

EASTER SATURDAY APRIL 11th

Shopping Centre	8.30 am Street March Bands
Showground	9.00am Highland Dancing Competition
	10.00am Open Solo Piping
	10.00am Band Contest
	Drum Major Solo Contest
	Highland Sports
	Official Opening
	Scottish Stalls - Food Stalls
	Publican Booth
4.30pm	Massed Band Display

EASTER SATURDAY NIGHT APRIL 10th ENTERTAINMENT

- > Maclean Services Club - 02 6645 2945
 - > Maclean & District Bowling Club - 02 6645 3711
 - > Maclean Hotel (top Pub) - 02 6645 2412
 - > Argyle Hotel (Middle Pub) - 02 6645 2015
 - > Clarence Hotel (Bottom Pub) - 02 6645 2088
- Dine - Relax and enjoy good social entertainment at these venues after the Highland Gathering

SOLO PIPING

MACLEAN GOLD MEDAL PIPING CONTEST

James MacSwan Gold Medal (Solid 9 ct gold)
Sponsored by the James MacSwan Estate.
Points 5-3-1 events 1 to 4.

Event No. 1 OPEN PIOBAIREACHD (J.K. McKinnon Memorial) Competitors to nominate 3 tunes to the Judge. Sponsored by the Family of the late Mrs May Blanch 1st \$250, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50. Entry fee \$5.

Event No. 2 OPEN MARCH/STRATHSPEY/REEL

Competitors to nominate 3 sets of tunes to the Judge each of (4) parts minimum. Sponsored by Norman Finlayson MacSwan. 1st \$150, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30. Entry fee \$5.

Event No. 3 OPEN HORNPIPE/JIG Competitors to nominate 3 sets of tunes to the Judge each of (4) parts minimum.

Sponsored by Ruby Davis (Nee McLeay) 1st \$150, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30. Entry fee \$5.

Event No. 4 OPEN AIR (Ewen McInnes Memorial) Saturday Contest. Sponsored by Charlie McInnes & family. 1st \$150, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30. Entry fee \$5.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Event No. 5 RESTRICTED PIOBAIREACHD (Dr. H.W. Charlton Memorial) Sponsored by David & Bill Charlton. 1st Sgian Dubh and Certificate plus cash \$25, 2nd \$15 and Certificate, 3rd \$10 and Certificate. Entry fee \$2.

Event No. 6 DONALD MACSWAN MEMORIAL (Open to all grades) Tune "Mrs MacSwan" - correct music on request stamp address envelope to the Secretary. 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15. Entry fee \$2.

Event No. 7 Lachlan McCabe Memorial (18 years & under) Tunes to be played consecutively not more than 15 min. Ground of a Piobaireachd, 4 Parted 6/8 March, Jig. 1st Special Engraved Sgian Dubh. Entry fee \$2.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION PIPER

Alastair MacSween Memorial Trophy plus \$30.

Event No. 8 MARCH/STRATHSPEY/REEL (Charlie McKinnon Memorial Trophy) Sponsored by the McKinnon Family Tunes each of (4) parts minimum. 1st Trophy & \$20, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10. Entry fee \$2.

Event No. 9 HORNPIPE/JIG (John & Maggie Wallace Memorial Trophy) Sponsored by the Wallace Family. Tunes each of (4) parts minimum. 1st Trophy & \$20, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10. Entry fee \$2.

SUB-INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION PIPER

Mary Catherine MacKenzie MacPherson Memorial Trophy & \$25. Sponsored by the Estate of Mary MacPherson.

Event No. 10 MARCH/STRATHSPEY/REEL (Alex & Mary Wallace Memorial Trophy) Sponsored by Anne and Warren Standen and family. Tunes March of (4) parts into Strathspey/Reel each two (2) parts minimum. 1st Trophy & \$30, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10. Entry fee \$2.

Event No. 11 JIG (Sponsored by Patron Mary McPherson and Family) Tune 2 parts minimum. 1st Trophy & \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5. Entry fee \$2.

ELEMENTARY CHAMPION PIPER

(Fred Douglas Memorial Trophy) Plus \$20.

Sponsored by the Douglas family.

Event No. 12 MARCH 2/4 (Jim Thompson Patron Memorial Trophies) Sponsored by the Thompson family. Tunes (4) parts minimum. 1st Trophy & \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5. Entry fee \$2.

Event No. 13 SLOW AIR (Maud Douglas Memorial Trophy) Sponsored by the Douglas family. 1st Trophy & \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5.

DYLAN PAUL O'HALLORAN ENCOURAGEMENT

AWARDS Elementary Piping. Heats Medals 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Entry fee \$2.

Event No. 14 CHANTER LEARNER (Peter Mathieson Memorial Trophies) Sponsored by Jillian Ryan, Jennifer Anderson & families. Tunes 2/4 March (2) parts minimum to be played on the practice chanter. Trophies 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Entry is Free. Chanter events are restricted to learners under 12 months and definitely not playing the pipes.

105th MACLEAN HIGHLAND GATHERING ENTRY FORM 2009

Entries close last mail Friday 13th March 2009

SURNAME.....

FIRST NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

.....P/CODE.....

PHONE.....

EMAIL.....

PIPING - DRUMMING - DANCING

BAND OR STUDIO.....

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REGISTRATION #.....

DATE OF BIRTH EVENT # 7 OR DANCING ONLY

D.O.B.....

Competitors to compete in their registered grade only

Event#.....Section.....\$.....

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Event Jessie Massie Memorial Trophy.....\$.....

Event Rosie McLelland Memorial Trophy.....\$.....

Event Beryl Bell Memorial Trophy.....\$.....

Event D/M Solo "Colin Gregor Memorial".....\$.....

Event Bands Grades 1/2/3/4.....\$.....

Administration Fee.....\$ 3. 00

TOTAL \$.....

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