



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Newsletter - April 2010

April Meeting

on Monday April 26th

7.30pm

Balmoral Bowls Club

Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

The meeting will be a **Pipers Night**,

so all are encouraged to come long and have a tune.

Since our last meeting, both the Maclean Gathering and the Australian Pipe Band Championships in Caloundra have both been held. Both events were successful by all accounts and we have the contest results in this newsletter.

Congratulations to all the participants and especially to those who won prizes.

Next month will see the pipe band contest at Yandina on the Sunshine Coast and the next major solo competitions will be on Sunday 13 June at the Ipswich Gathering, following the bands on the 12th at the same venue.

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2010 SOCIETY CALENDAR

MONTHLY MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 22 ND	PIPERS' NIGHT
MARCH 22 ND	HORNSPIPE & JIG CONTEST FOR SENIORS, 2 PARTED JIG FOR JUNIORS
APRIL 26 TH	PIPERS' NIGHT
MAY 24 TH	PATRON'S TROPHY CONTEST (MSR FOR SENIOR PLAYERS)
JUNE 28 TH	SLOW AIR AND JIG CONTEST
JULY 26 TH	JIMMY DURHAM MEMORIAL CONTEST (2/4 MARCH FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS)
AUGUST 23 RD	ANNUAL MEETING AND PIPERS NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 27 TH	PAIRS OF PIPERS CONTEST
OCTOBER 25 TH	PIPERS' NIGHT
NOVEMBER 22 ND	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

7 th February	2nd May	8 th August	7 th November
7 th March	6 th June	5 th September	5 th December
11 th April	4 th July	3 rd October	

MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting with Jig and Hornpipe contest only attracted about 20 people (although 4 of them were competitors), probably due to the preparations being made for the Maclean contest and for the Australian Pipe Band Championships. We had apologies from Tom McGirr and Matt Supranowicz by my notes, although I think there were some others as well. Maurie DeHayr did the announcing while your scribe arranged the competitors.

Maurie introduced Robin Livingstone to be our judge for the evening.

There was only one competitor in the Junior section, Raleigh Kent. His tune was *Cutting Bracken* (the junior contest only requires a jig and not a hornpipe)

Larry Flynn had drawn to play first in the senior section and he was asked to play *The Sidewinder* and *The Whiskey Train*. The other set he had submitted was *Duncan Johnstone* and *Donella Beaton*.

Michael Rodger was next to play and his tunes were *Gordon MacRae's Favourite* and *Alan MacPherson of Mossbank* with the non selected set being *The Rainbow* and *The Curlew*.

Finally Ross Campbell played *Tam Bain's Lum* and *Troy's Wedding*, having also submitted *Jimmy Blue* and *The Duck*.

While we waited for the results, Raleigh Kent played us a selection of tunes including *Kilworth Hills*, *MacNeills of Ugadale*, *Meeting of the Waters* and *The Old Rustic Bridge*.

Robin then reviewed the performances saying how it was noticeable how some of the players had a "light" touch and others a "heavier" one. he also said that this type of music needs to be technically correct, musical and also "danceable".

The results were as follows:

Junior

1st Raleigh Kent

Senior

1st Ross Campbell
2nd Larry Flynn
3rd Michael Rodger

Next we had a selection of tunes from Michael Rodger and they included *The Old Rustic Bridge*, *Wings*, *Cap*

Caval, Susan MacLeod, In and Out of the Harbour and All Tied Up.

Larry played next with his tunes including *Lucy Cassidy, Crossing the Minch, The Missing Chanter* (an own composition), *The Sheepwife, Donella Beaton*, and some Irish jigs and reels.

Our last player was Ross Campbell with **The Boats at Dunkirk, The Land of Trees, Blink Bonny** and the

ground of the piobaireachd *Battle of Waternish*.

Maurie thanked Robin once again for judging and also welcomed Marion Clow who was visiting from Scotland and then got her to draw the raffle, which was duly won by Joan O'Neill.

Finally, before dismissing us all to supper, he mentioned the upcoming events at Maclean, Caloundra, Yandina and Ipswich.

Piobaireachd Group

Only five hardy souls turned out for our April meeting. Unfortunately there was a clash with an Ipswich Tattoo practice.

Ross Campbell started proceedings (with a new reed!) and gave us *Lord Lovats Lament*. The reed was sounding nicely by the end. Undaunted, he started up again and after a retune and a few little tunes we heard *Lament for the Children*.

Maurie DeHayr was also present with pipes. He had recently removed the drone enhancers from his pipes and was still getting them going again. After a bit of time tuning and a few little tunes he played *The Sound of the Waves against the Castle of Duntroon*.

Morning tea followed and then we went through the set tune, *Clan MacNabs Salute*. Ross had again provided a set of notes and a CD on the tune.

Australian Pipe Band Championships

On Easter Saturday, 47 bands from Australia and New Zealand assembled at the AFL ground at Caloundra. This was the largest entry for some time and the Highland Dancing Championships which were conducted in the adjacent Indoor Sports Stadium also had a much larger entry than expected. The last time both these championships were held at the same time at the same venue was over a decade ago and it seems that having them together definitely benefits both events.

The ground was a sea of colour and Bands took advantage of their tents situated against the edge of the ground at the opposite end of the field to the contest circles to create a "band village" atmosphere. Many old acquaintances were renewed and new ones made amongst the visiting band people. The socialising continued into the evening with the after party in the marquee in the centre of the field - and even longer for the stayers invading the local night spots!

Despite the large number of Bands and a very tight program, everything ran almost completely to time, thanks to the co-operation of bands, judges and officials. The main disappointment was the failure of the PA system at the end when announcing the results. Large numbers of the public attended and were favourably impressed by the pipe band spectacle presented. A number of members of this Society were involved in the organisation of the event and of course in the competing bands.

The weather was exactly as ordered - warm with a few passing clouds - allowing the bands the best possible conditions for getting that extra edge to their "sound".

Noosa Piping and Drumming Workshop

From Friday, 01 October 2010

To Sunday, 03 October 2010

World class international pipers and drummers; Jori Chisholm, James Laughlin, Richard Hawke, Tyler Fry

Cost: Under \$200 for early birds

Concert: Saturday 2 October at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Hall, Noosa

More Details: www.noosapipeline.com or Ring Ian on 07 5455 5633 or Mike on 0419 899 290

What's on.....

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P 26 Society Meeting - Pipers Night

R 29-2/5 Glen Innes Celtic Festival - www.australiancelticfestival.com

1-3 R U Brown Piobaireachd Society of SA Recital, Contest and Seminar - www.rubrown.org.au

2 Piobaireachd Group cancelled because of RU Brown contest

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2 Rockhampton Pipe Band Mini Gathering - pm@rockhamptonpipeband.com

7-9 Southwest Piper Drummer Workshops, Warrnambool - www.pipebandsvic.com

15 Sunshine Coast Band Contest, Yandina - www.pipebandsqld.org

24 Society Meeting - Patron's Trophy Contest

6 Piobaireachd Group

12 Ipswich Gathering of the Clans Band Contests - www.pipebandsqld.org

13 Ipswich Gathering of the Clans Solo Contests - www.pipebandsqld.org

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26 Ceilidh In Cooroy, Cooroy Memorial Hall, 7.30 to 11.00pm, all pipers and drummers welcome to participate, ring Ian or Mike on 54555633 or 0419899290.

28 Society Meeting - Slow Air and Jig Contest

3 Aberdeen (NSW) Highland Games - contact 02 6545 8141

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4 Tartan Day, Cultural Forecourt, Southbank. Contact Margaret Campbell 07 3359 8195

17-18 Scots PGC College Warwick Highland Gathering - www.pipebandsqld.org

31 Eddie Santaguiliana Memorial Highland Gathering, Birkdale - Solos

1/8 Eddie Santaguiliana Memorial Highland Gathering, Birkdale - Bands

24-26/9 Canberra College of Piping and Drumming Workshops

1-3/10 Noosa Piping and Drumming Workshop. Ring Ian or Mike on 54555633 or 0419899290 or see www.noosapipeband.com for details.

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

For more details about above events where a contact isn't mentioned, ring or email the Secretary (07 3397 4512 or qhps@qhps.org) and we'll see what we can dig up for you. If we don't know about your event (social, musical, or whatever) we can't publicise it. So tell us and get free publicity

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

Contest Results

Duncan Johnstone Memorial - National Piping Centre, Glasgow - 20 March

This competition is for pipers graded B and C by the Competing Pipers Association

B Grade

Piobaireachd

1st Alastair Henderson

2nd Greig Canning

3rd Mike Fitzhenry

4th Douglas Gardiner

5th Struan Thorpe

Judges: Willie Morrison, Donald MacPhee

MSR

1st Craig Muirhead

2nd Struan Thorpe

3rd Keith Bowes

4th Gordon Bruce

5th Derek Midgely

Judges: Iain MacLellan, Walter Cowan

C Grade

Piobaireachd

1st Graham Drummond

2nd David Shedden

3rd Gary Carruthers

4th Greig Wilson

5th Gareth Gardner

Judges: Patricia Henderson, Iain Speirs

MSR

1st Andrew Travers

2nd Ross Forrest

3rd Graham Drummond

4th Duncan Beattie

5th Douglas Gardiner

Judges: Brian Donaldson, Bruce Hitchings

Grades B & C Combined Jig

1st Craig Muirhead

2nd Keith Bowes

3rd Fiona Manson

4th Emmett Conway

5th Gordon Bruce

Judges: Iain MacLellan, Brian Donaldson, Walter Cowan

Scots School Bathurst Band Contest - 21 March

Grade 1

1st City of Blacktown

Grade 2

1st LCC Southern Cross No 1

2nd Canberra Burns Club No 1

Grade 3

1st LCC Southern Cross No 1

2nd Scots College Sydney No 1

3rd City of Blacktown No 2

Grade 4

1st Canberra Burns Club No 2

2nd LCC Southern Cross No 2

3rd Hawkesbury

Juvenile

1st Scots College Sydney No 1

2nd Hawkesbury

3rd Scots School Bathurst

Judges: John Mackenzie, Scott Nicolson (piping);

Michael Stubbings, Allan Chatto (drumming); Sam

Young, Brett Tidswell (ensemble)

106th Maclean Highland Gathering - 27 March

SOLOS

Chanter Learner

1st Heather McKenzie (NZ)

2nd Harrison Hughes

3rd Zali Rogers

Elementary Air Heat 1

1st Peter Hurwood

2nd Meggie Doran

3rd Brent Sullivan

Elementary Air Heat 2

1st Sam Hemer

2nd Malcolm MacKellar
3rd Amos Fox

Elementary Air Final

1st Sam Hamer
2nd Amos Fox
3rd Peter Hurwood

Elementary March Heat 1

1st Meggie Doran
2nd Rylie Douglas
3rd Amos Cox

Elementary March Heat 2

1st Malcolm MacKellar
2nd Peter Hurwood
3rd Joel Dennis

Elementary March Final

1st Amos Fox
2nd Meggie Doran
3rd Malcolm MacKellar

Champion Elementary Piper

Amos Fox

Sub Intermediate March/Strathspey/Reel

1st Kirby Douglas
2nd Nick Tomkins
3rd Adrian Gersbach

Sub Intermediate Jig

1st James Doran
2nd Caitlin McInnes
3rd Scott Rhodes

Champion Sub-Intermediate Piper

Kirby Douglas

Intermediate March/Strathspey/Reel

1st Jamie Hunt
2nd Benjamin Hunt
3rd Michael Rodger

Intermediate Hornpipe/Jig

1st Michael Rodger
2nd Benjamin Hunt
3rd Jamie Hunt

Champion Intermediate Piper

Jamie Hunt

Open Piobaireachd

1st Mark McKenzie
2nd Ross Campbell
3rd Alastair McInnes

Open March/Strathspey/Reel

1st Matthew Supranowicz
2nd Mark McKenzie
3rd Alastair McInnes

Open Hornpipe/Jig

1st Alastair McInnes
2nd Mark McKenzie
3rd Andrew Roach

Open Air

1st Larry Flynn
2nd Ross Campbell
3rd Alastair McInnes

Champion Gold Medal Open Piper

Mark McKenzie

Restricted Piobairechd

1st Caitlin McInnes
2nd Kirby Douglas
3rd John McIntyre

Event 6 "Mrs MacSwan" (Donald MacSwan Memorial)

1st Murdo MacLeod
2nd Larry Flynn
3rd Dennis Browning

Special Age Restricted (Lachlan McCabe Memorial)

Malcolm MacKellar

Scholarships Winners

Piping: Cameron Seymour
Drumming: Matthew Gersbach
Dancing: Tammie Sullivan

BANDS**Grade 1**

1st Qld Highlanders No.1
Dress: Qld Highlanders No.1

Grade 2

St. Andrews (Points Only)

Grade 3

1st Wynnum RSL
2nd City of Brisbane No.1
3rd Maclean
Best Dressed: City of Brisbane No.1
Ensemble: Wynnum RSL

Grade 4

1st Queensland Irish
2nd Gold Coast Tweed
3rd Bellinger River
4th Queensland Highlanders No. 2
5th BBC Old Collegians
Best Dressed: 1st Gold Coast Tweed
Best Drum Corps: Gold Coast Tweed.

Best Presented Pipe Band on Parade – Street March

1st McAlpines North Canterbury New Zealand
2nd Queensland Irish
3rd Coffs Harbour

Drum Major Solo Contest

Winner: Simon Kubala (Qld Irish)

Australian Pipe Band Championships - Caloundra - 3 April 2010

Grade 1

- 1st The Pipeband Club Australia
- 2nd Australia Highlanders
- 3rd Qld Highlanders No 1
- Best Drum Corps: The Pipeband Club Australia
- Best Mid Section - Australia Highlanders
- Best Dressed: Australia Highlanders

Grade 2

- 1st Hawthorn City
- 2nd City of Adelaide
- 3rd Moorabbin
- Best Drum Corps: University of Ballarat No 1
- Best Mid Section - University of Ballarat No 1
- Best Dressed: University of Ballarat No 1

Grade 3

- 1st Manawatu Development Band
- 2nd LCC Southern Cross No 1
- 3rd Wynnum Services Club
- Best Drum Corps: Manawatu Development Band
- Best Mid Section: LCC Southern Cross No 1
- Best Dressed: LCC Southern Cross No 1

Grade 4

- 1st LCC Southern Cross
- 2nd Gold Coast Tweed
- 3rd Canberra Burns Club No 2
- Best Drum Corps: University of Ballarat No 2
- Best Mid Section: University of Ballarat no 2
- Best Dressed: North Qld Scots

Juvenile

- 1st Scotch College Mebourne
- 2nd Scots College No 1 Sydney
- 3rd Scots School Bathurst
- Best Drum Corps: Scotch College Mebourne
- Best Dressed: Scots PGC College Warwick

D/Majors Solo

- 1st Dominic Andersen-Strudwick
- 2nd Simon Kubala
- 3rd John Grace

Hastings (NZ) Highland Games – 2-3 April

Gold Clasp

- (former winners of Gold Medal)
- 1st Greg Wilson, *Scarce of Fishing*
- 2nd Brian Switalla, *His Father's Lament for Donald McKenzie*
- 3rd Stuart Easton, *Clan Chattan's Gathering*
- 4th Iain Robertson, *Rory MacLeod's Lament*

Gold Medal

- 1st Scott Kennedy, *Nameless*
- 2nd Liam Kernaghan, *The Bicker*
- 3rd Tom Glover, *The Park Piobaireachd*
- 4th Gary Stewart

Silver Medal

- 1st Angus Hawke, *Fair Honey*
- 2nd Ben Murray, *Lament for the Rowan Tree*
- 3rd Simon Fraser, *Fair Honey*
- 4th George Stick, *Corrienessan's Salute*

NZ Championship A Grade

March

- 1st Brian Switalla
- 2nd Greg Wilson
- 3rd Stuart Easton
- 4th Jamie Hawke

Strathspey & Reel

- 1st Brian Switalla
- 2nd Greg Wilson
- 3rd Brendon Eade
- 4th Stuart Easton

Hornpipe & Jig

- 1st Greg Wilson
- 2nd Brian Switalla
- 3rd Jamie Hawke
- 4th Stuart Easton

Open Piobaireachd

- 1st Greg Wilson
- 2nd Marion Horsburgh
- 3rd Brian Switalla
- 4th Stuart Easton

Under 21 NZ Championship

6/8 March

- 1st Liam Kernaghan
- 2nd Angus Hawke
- 3rd Harry Hawke
- 4th Bradley Guy

Strathspey & Reel

- 1st Richard Cox
- 2nd Liam Kernaghan
- 3rd Harry Hawke
- 4th William Rowe

Donald MacLeod Invitational Memorial Solo Piping Competition - Stornoway – 9 April

Overall

- Gordon Walker

Piobaireachd

- 1st Gordon Walker, *Lament for the Rowan Tree*
- 2nd Roddy MacLeod, *Lament for the Iolair*
- 3rd Angus MacColl, *Lament for John Morrison of*

*Assynt House*4th Willie McCallum, *MacMurich's Salute***MSR**

1st Gordon Walker

2nd Stuart Liddell

3rd Angus MacColl

4th Alan Bevan

Hornpipe & Jig

1st Stuart Liddell

2nd Willie McCallum

3rd Angus MacColl

4th Roddy MacLeod

Judges: John Wilson, Iain MacFadyen and John MacDougall

Ringwood Highland Gathering - 11 April**Grade 1**

1st Australia Highlanders

Best Drum Corps Australia Highlanders

Best Dressed Australia Highlanders

Best Drill Australia Highlanders

Grade 2

1st Moorabbin City

2nd University of Ballarat No 1

3rd Warrnambool No 1

Best Drum Corps University of Ballarat No 1

Best Dressed Moorabbin City

Best Drill University of Ballarat No 1

Grade 3

1st Melbourne No 1

Best Drum Corps Melbourne No 1

Best Dressed Melbourne No 1

Best Drill Melbourne No 1

Grade 4

1st Williamstown RSL

2nd University of Ballarat No 2

3rd Frankston RSL

Best Drum Corps University of Ballarat No 1

Best Dressed Williamstown RSL

Best Drill Williamstown RSL

Juvenile

1st Haileybury P&D

2nd Pres.Ladies College

Best Drum Corps Haileybury P&D

Best Dressed Haileybury P&D

Best Drill

Judges

Piping: B. Niven, N.Rusell

Drumming: B. Russell,C. McSween

Dress & Drill: G. Belliss, I. Morison

Contest Supervisor: B McLeod

**Scottish Pipers' Association Competition -
Glasgow – 17 April****Piobaireachd**1st Faye Henderson, *Lament for Captain
MacDougall*2nd Finlay Johnston, *The Battle of Auldearn*

3rd Douglas Murray, Isabel MacKay

4th William Geddes, *The Battle of Auldearn*

Judges: Colin MacLellan, Iain MacFadyen

March

1st Douglas Murray

2nd John Mulhearn

3rd Finlay Johnston

4th Jenny Hazzard

Strathspey & Reel

1st John Mulhearn

2nd Finlay Johnston

3rd Douglas Murray

4th Gordon Bruce

Former Winners MSR

1st Finlay Johnstone

2nd Allan Russell

3rd Douglas Murray

Light Music Judges: John Wilson and Iain MacLellan

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