



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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February Meeting

on Monday February 22nd
7.30pm

Balmoral Bowls Club
Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

The night will be a Pipers Night, so all are welcome to come along and have a tune.

A Happy New Year to all our members. The Society Committee has met to plan out the year and there are more details about that inside this newsletter.

The Society's website has been refurbished (www.qhps.org) and we urge you to have look at it.

Subscriptions may now be paid online, there are new directions to our meeting venues and there is a dynamically updated calendar which will gradually fill up with further details of Society activities. Our newsletter archive has also been made easier to use so that you can access some of our recent history. Some earlier editions will also go online when problems of conversion have been sorted out.

We look forward to seeing many of you at meetings during the year, especially with your pipes (if you play). Even if you only want to have a couple of tunes, bring the pipes along and take to opportunity to play them in a non-competitive environment on our pipers nights or after the competition has finished on competition nights. All are listened to with attention and respect and you can get constructive feedback on your playing at supper.

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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	2 nd 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	

NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November meeting featured the Jack McCandlish trophy for 6/8 Marches and there were about 50 in attendance in total.

President Tam McGirr opened proceedings and introduced Matt Supranowicz as our judge for the evening. Matt was last year's winner and is also, of course, Jack McCandlish's grandson. Unfortunately Jack himself was not well enough to be with us this year. It was suggested that it might be good to adopt the practice of having one year's winner judge the next year's contest

The Players in the Junior competition and their tunes were:

James Senanayke - *Tug Argan Gap*
 Clancy Wall - *Sweet Maid of Mull*
 Malcolm McKellar - *Tug Argan Gap*
 Kirby Douglas - *Tug Argan Gap*
 Ralieg Kent - *Sweet Maid of Mull*

In the senior contest we had the following competitors and tunes:

Larry Flynn - *General Montgomery*,
Frank Thompson
 Tam McGirr - *The Incorporation*,

Braemar Gathering

Craig Wainwright-Fisher - *Angus MacKinnon*, *Mrs Lily Christie*
 Ross Campbell - *Miss Ishabel T MacDonald*, *Jean Mauchline*
 David Greenhalgh - *Alex Haddow's Welcome to Stronachullin*, *P/S John Barclay*

Matt addressed the meeting and said he had been impressed with the expression given to the tunes by competitors. There had been a few mistakes but generally it was a good standard of competition.

The results were then announced as follows:

Junior	1st	Kirby Douglas
	2nd	Malcolm McKellar
	3rd	Raleigh Kent
Senior	1st	Ross Campbell
	2nd	Tam McGirr
	3rd	David Greenhalgh

The prizes were presented by Sandra Supranowicz,

Jack's daughter.

Following the presentation, Tam McGirr played for us the Shotts and Dykehead medley from the World Championships. He was followed by Larry Flynn, whose tunes included the waltz *Ass in the Graveyard*, jigs *Bruce Gandy's Welcome* and *Paddy's Leather Breeches* and the hornpipe *Crossing the Minch*. Next Kirby played and his tunes included *Loch Maree*, *Duncan Johnstone*, *Seonaidh's Tune*, *Captain Colin Campbell*, *Gin I were a Baron's Heir* and *The Pony Gallop*. Finally we had a selection from Ross starting with four 2/4 Marches: *Lord Panmure*, *Memorial Bells of Inverary*, *MacKay's Farewell to the 74th* and

72nd Highlanders' Farewell to Aberdeen. He finished off with the air *Lachie's Lullaby* (by Donald Macleod) and two 12/8 marches - *Washington Police Pipers in Australia* (by Alistair Hanning) and *Up to the Line* (by Michael Grey and Bruce Gandy)

It only remained to draw the multiple raffles (this being the last meeting of the year we had more than one). Unfortunately I only got the information that Vic MacKay won the first one and Innes Barker the second one but there were another three as well. All then made their way to the sumptuous supper augmented by the goodies brought along by members.

Piobaireachd Group

At the December meeting we had eleven people present and two apologies (Yasu Hamilton and Ian Davidson).

The first to play was Maurie DeHayr with *Hail to My Country*. Peter Burrows had brought along a corrected version of the music to *The Earl of Seaforth* and led a discussion about it. This was followed by Tam McGirr playing *The Unjust Incarceration*., after which we broke for morning tea.

After morning tea, Ross Campbell played *Ewen of the Battles* and then we looked at the set tune for the day *Sir James MacDonald of the Isles Lament*. Ross said that Bineas is Borerraig is not very helpful for this tune. He then played it on the pipe up to the Taorluath variation.

Next Peter Burrows followed up the earlier discussion by playing us *The Earl of Seaforth* (also up to the Taorluath). By this time Mark McKenzie had arrived and he played for us *The Piper's Warning to his Master*

Finally Garry Forno played for us a couple of 6/8s to warm up and then played the ground of *Glengarry's Lament*. An excellent morning of big music had been had by all.

Contest Results

November 13, 2009 – R.U. Brown Piobaireachd Society Silver Chanter competition - Blair Atholl, South Australia - 13 November

- 1st Brett Tidswell, *The MacDougalls' Gathering*
 - 2nd Peter Hewlett, *Lament for the Children*
 - 3rd Kaz Takehara, *The Desperate Battle*
 - 4th James Smith, *Lament for Donald of Laggan*
- Judges: Lawrie Adam, David Patterson

Manawatu Square Day Competition - Palmerston North, NZ - 12 December

Grade 1

Overall

- 1st Manawatu Scottish
- 2nd Canterbury Caledonian

- 3rd Auckland & Districts
- 4th New Zealand Police
- 5th City of Blacktown
- Drumming: New Zealand Police

MSR

- 1st Manawatu Scottish
- 2nd Auckland & Districts
- 3rd Canterbury Caledonian
- Drumming: New Zealand Police
- Judges: Alistair Hanning, Brendon Eade (piping); Sam Young (ensemble); R. Levy (drumming)

Medley

- 1st Canterbury Caledonian
- 2nd Manawatu Scottish
- 3rd Auckland & Districts

Drumming: New Zealand Police
Judges: N. Foster, D. Pierce (piping); G. Bilsland (ensemble); Reid Maxwell (drumming)

Grade 3

1st Hamilton Caledonian
2nd Horowhenua
3rd Manawatu Development
Drumming: Hamilton Caledonian

Grade 4

1st The Pipe Band Club
2nd City of Tauranga
3rd Paraparaumu & District
Drumming: The Pipe Band Club

Midwest Highland Arts Fund Winter Storm competitions - Kansas City, Missouri – 15 January

Solo Piping**Piobaireachd**

1st Andrew Lee, *The Big Spree*
2nd Alex Gandy, *Lament for MacSwan of Roaig*
3rd Andrew Carlisle, NI, *Park Piobaireachd No. 2*
Judges Michael Cusack, Angus MacColl, Andrew Wright

Silver Medal

1st Brian McKenzie, *Lament for Mary MacLeod*
2nd Will Nichols, *MacDonald of Kinlochmoidart's Lament No. 1*
3rd Elizabeth Sheridan, *MacNeil of Barra's March*
Judges John Cairns, Alasdair Gillies, Colin MacLellan

Light Music**Gold Medal**

1st Jamie Troy
2nd Andrew Hayes
3rd Alastair Lee
Judges John Cairns, Alasdair Gillies, Colin MacLellan

Gordon Duncan Memorial invitational solo piping competition - National Piping Centre, Glasgow - 17 January

Overall

1st Willie McCallum
2nd Stuart Liddell
3rd Sylvan Hamon

MSR

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2nd Stuart Liddell
3rd Sylvan Hamon
Judges: Ronnie McShannon, Ian Duncan

Breton

1st Xavier Boderiou
2nd Alexis Meunier
3rd Willie McCallum
Judges: Herve Le Floc'h'd, Erwin Ropars

Irish

1st Stuart Liddell
2nd Alen Tully
3rd Willie McCallum
Judges: David Caldwell, L. Brown

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

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 jamesforsyth@hotmail.com

What's on.....

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E	21 Ballarat (VIC) Royal South Street Contest - www.pipebandsvic.com
B	22 Society Meeting - Pipers Night
M	7 Piobaireachd Group
A	12-13 NZ Pipe Band Championships, Masterton - nzpipebands.org.nz
R	22 Society Meeting - Hornpipe and Jig Contest
	27 Maclean Highland Gathering - www.macleanhIGHLANDGATHERING.com.au
	3 Australian Pipe Band Championships - Caloundra - www.tartanspectacular.com
A	11 Piobaireachd Group
P	11 Ringwood (VIC) Highland Gathering - www.pipebandsvic.com
R	17/18 Ipswich International Tattoo Bookings 07 3810 6100
	17 Bundanoon Highland Gathering NSW Southern Highlands
	26 Society Meeting - Pipers Night
	29-2/5 Glen Innes Celtic Festival - www.australiancelticfestival.com
	1-2 R U Brown Piobaireachd Society of SA Recital and Contest - www.rubrown.org.au
M	2 Piobaireachd Group
A	7-9 Southwest Piper Drummer Workshops, Warrnambool - www.pipebandsvic.com
Y	15 Sunshine Coast Band Contest, Yandina - www.pipebandsqld.org
	24 Society Meeting - Patron's Trophy Contest
J	6 Piobaireachd Group
U	12-13 Ipswich Gathering of the Clans Band and Solo Contests - www.pipebandsqld.org
N	28 Society Meeting - Slow Air and Jig Contest
	17-18/7 Scots PGC College Warwick Highland Gathering - www.pipebandsqld.org
	31/7 Eddie Santaguiliana Memorial Highland Gathering - Solos
	1/8 Eddie Santaguiliana Memorial Highland Gathering - Bands

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 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

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

From the Committee

Your committee had had its first meeting for the year and we have made a few changes which we hope will improve the operation of the Society. You will see them being implemented over the course of the year and some ask for a response from members. The decisions include:

- Because contest nights were generally better attended by pipers than Pipers Nights, we have changed one of the Pipers Nights (June) to an Air and Jig contest. Remember that after the contest on a contest night, there is almost always time left for "own choice" tunes, so never feel that bringing along your pipes would be a waste of time, even if you're not competing that night.
- Ask for some able bodied volunteers who could arrive at about 7.00-7.15pm to help with setting up the tables and chairs for the monthly meetings - responses welcomed! We will also ask each night for some volunteers to restore the room to it's pre meeting state.
- Piobaireachd group email list is to be reviewed and notices are to go out earlier (presently they go out in the week before the Piobaireachd meeting) We will also be asking people to confirm their attendance OR non attendance so we can avoid having to cancel a meeting at the last minute as we had to in February this year. We will also be issuing a flyer to publicise the value of attendance at Piobaireachd Group meetings.
- On Pipers Nights, the committee will take it in turns to try to recruit a number of players who don't "normally" play at pipers nights so that we get a grater spread of players performing.
- Start planing now to have a major solo contest (full day) in September or early October, after the Pipe Band contest season is finished.

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