



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Newsletter - March 2010

March Meeting

on Monday March 22nd
7.30pm

Balmoral Bowls Club
Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

The meeting will feature a

Hornpipe & Jig Contest (Jig only for Juniors)

Junior: One minimum 2 parted Jig: Prizes: 1st \$40, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$15

The Junior Contest is planned to start at 7.30pm. so please arrive in time to be ready to play.

Senior: Minimum 4 parted tunes. Two sets of tunes to be provided of
which the judge will choose one: Prizes 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$20

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

We had quite a successful turnout of pipers and listeners at our first meeting of the year and now this month we have our first competition - the Hornpipe and Jig. Of course, there will also be room after the contest for others to play as well.

The Australian Pipe Band Championships at Caloundra are only a few weeks away on Easter Saturday and the week before that the Maclean contest, so the contest season is getting into stride.

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2010 SOCIETY CALENDAR

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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

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| 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 | |

FEBRUARY MEETING

Our first meeting for the year attracted about 30 players and spectators for a Pipers Night. Before the meeting even started Sandy Dalziel gave the assembling multitude a few tunes, mostly airs.

In the absence of president Tam McGirr, your scribe was the "announcer" and welcomed all to the first meeting for 2010 as well as delivering apologies from May MacLean and Vic McKay.

Harry MacKenzie had brought along a young pupil of his, Chloe White. Chloe is 11 years old and played the air *My Home* and the 2/4 march *Mrs Delicia Chisholm*. Despite a little nervousness, she did an excellent job, showing good clean fingering and correct expression of the tunes. Her first solo competition will be at Maclean on the weekend before Easter, so this was a good chance to get experience in playing to an audience.

Next your scribe had a few tunes, including the 4/4s *Wha Hae the 42nd* and *Scotland the Brave* and the airs *Waters of Kylesku* and *Not a Swan on the Lake*. He was followed by Matt Supranowicz with a selection including *The Battle of Waterloo*, *Flett from Flotta*, *Wee Highland Laddie*, *Mrs Lily Christie*, *MacLeod of*

Mull, *Tam Bain's Lum*, *Clumsy Lover* (arrangement), *Samantha's Lullaby* and a set of jigs.

Ross Campbell was our next player and his selection included *The Braemar Gathering*, *P/M Sam Scott*, *Salute to Lord Louis Mountbatten*, *An Old Irish Air*, *The Roving Journeyman*, *P J Shaw*, *Old Toasty*, *The Boys of Bluehill*, *Champion of the Seas*, *Paddy McGinty's Goat*, *Jimmy Young*, *Tulloch Castle*, and *Broadford Bay*.

Next Harry MacKenzie was persuaded to have a couple of tunes and gave us *Road to the Isles* and *Meeting of the Waters*.

Finally Sandy Dalziel came back to finish the evening off and his selection included *Fraser's Lullaby*, *Duncan Johnstone*, *the Curlew*, *Battle of the Somme* and *Hills of Dargai*.

The raffle was duly drawn and was won by Lance Carey before all headed for supper following a good introduction to the year.

Piobaireachd Group

The March meeting of the Piobaireachd group attracted five members. We had apologies from Tam McGirr and Ian Davidson

Ross Campbell was first to play with *The McNab's Salute*. This was followed by a discussion on drone reeds which somehow also changed into a discussion of when and a Mach should be played in a Piobaireachd!

Maurie De Hayr then played *Rory MacLoude's Lament*.

We then had morning tea before studying the set tune, *The Bicker*, for which Ross had provided the music, notes and a CD. At the end of discussion about the tune, Ross played *The Bicker* on the pipe.

Finally Ross had another couple of tunes: *Clan Chattan's Gathering* and *Battle of Auldearn No 2*.

Contest Results

Berwick (VIC) Highland Gathering - 13

February

GRADE 2

- 1st Moorabin City
- 2nd Hawthorn City
- 3rd University of Ballarat No 1
- Drum Corps: University of Ballarat No 1

GRADE 3

- 1st Watsonia RSL
- 2nd City of Melbourne
- 3rd Scotch College P & D
- Drum Corps: Watsonia RSL

GRADE 4

- 1st Williamstown RSL
- 2nd University of Ballarat No. 2
- 3rd Presbyterian Ladies College
- Drum Corps: University of Ballarat No. 2

JUVENILE

- 1st Haileybury P & D
- 2nd Scotch College P & D
- 3rd Presbyterian Ladies College
- Drum Corps: Scotch College P & D

JUDGES

- Piping: Tim McLeod, Nat Russell OAM
- Drumming: Brett Staley, Stephen Matthews
- Ensemble: Bill Russell, Bruce Neal OAM

Masterton (NZ) Pipe Band Contest - 20

February

Grade 1

Overall

1st Manawatu

MSR

- 1st Manawatu
- 2nd New Zealand Police
- Judges: D. Welsh, Philip Mair (piping); I. Mansfield (ensemble); C. Irvine (drumming)

Medley

- 1st Manawatu
- 2nd New Zealand Police
- Judges: I. Fergusson, R. Loan (piping); D. Pierce (ensemble); W. Hobbs (drumming)

Street March

- 1st New Zealand Police
- 2nd Manawatu

Metro Cup Invitational Solo Piping

Competition - Newark, New Jersey - 20

February

Piobaireachd

- 1st Brian Donaldson
- 2nd Stuart Liddell
- 3rd Willie McCallum
- 4th Bruce Gandy
- 5th Chris Armstrong

Medley

- 1st Gordon Walker
- 2nd Stuart Liddell
- 3rd Willie McCallum
- 4th Chris Armstrong
- 5th Bruce Gandy
- Other competitors: Callum Beaumont, Duncan Bell,

John Bottomley, Glenn Brown, Jori Chisholm,
Alastair Dunn, Alasdair Gillies, Brian Meagher,
Robert Minnear and Alen Tully.

P-M George M. Bell Amateur

Piobaireachd

1st Bobby Durning
2nd Brendan Culver
3rd Liz Cherry

MSR

1st Bobby Durning
2nd Liz Cherry
3rd Elliott Smith
Both professional events were judged by Jack
Taylor, John Wassman and Bob Worrall. Glenn
Brown judged the amateur piobaireachd and Terry
Tully the amateur MSR.

Ballarat Royal South Street Gathering - 21 February

GRADE 2

1st Moorabin City
2nd Hawthorn City
3rd University of Ballarat No 1
Drum Corps: University of Ballarat No 1

GRADE 3

1st Watsonia RSL
2nd Scotch College P & D
3rd Golden City (Bendigo)
Drum Corps: Watsonia RSL

GRADE 4

1st Williamstown RSL
2nd University of Ballarat No. 2
3rd Frankston RSL
Drum Corps: Frankston RSL

JUVENILE

Haileybury P & D
Scotch College P & D
Presbyterian Ladies College
Drum Corps: Haileybury P & D and Scotch College
P & D tied

JUDGES

Piping: Brian Niven, Ross Bates, Ian Lyons
Drumming: Tom Troup, Bruce Neal OAM

New Zealand Pipe Band Championship - Masterton 13 March

Grade 1

Overall

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

4th New Zealand Police

Medley

1st Auckland & District
2nd Manawatu Scottish
3rd Canterbury Caledonian
4th New Zealand Police
Judges: Brian Switalla, G. Bilsland (piping); Bob
Worrall (ensemble); W. Hobbs (drumming)

MSR

1st Auckland & District
2nd Manawatu Scottish
3rd Canterbury Caledonian
4th New Zealand Police
Judges: N. Foster, Philip Mair (piping); C. Stevens
(ensemble); Gordon Parkes (drumming)

Grade 2

1st City of Invercargill No 1
2nd Temuka
3rd St. Andrews College A
4th City of Auckland

Grade 3

1st Manawatu Scottish Development
2nd Hamilton Caledonian No 2
3rd City of Hastings
4th Canterbury Caledonian Royal Stewart
5th Horowhenua
6th Auckland Police
7th City of Wellington No 2
8th Christchurch Metropolitan

Grade 4

1st South Canterbury Highland
2nd City of Invercargill
3rd Celtic Pipe Band
4th Scots College
5th City of Tauranga
6th City of Nelson
Drumming: South Canterbury Highland

Uist & Barra solo piping competition - Glasgow - 13 March

Piobaireachd

1st Gordon Walker, *Lament for the Children*
2nd Glenn Brown, *The King's Taxes*
3rd William Geddes, *The Old Men of the Shells*
4th Finlay Johnston, *Beloved Scotland*
5th Niall Stewart, *Lachlan MacNeill Campbell of
Kintarbert's Fancy*
Judges: George Lumsden, Iain MacFadyen, Willie
Morrison

MSR

1st Angus MacColl
2nd Gordon Walker

3rd Iain Speirs
 4th Gavin Walker
 5th Allan Russell
 Judges: Barry Donaldson, Iain MacFadyen, Willie Morrison

Jig

1st Angus MacColl
 2nd Chris Armstrong
 3rd Gordon Walker
 4th Finlay Johnston
 5th Gavin Walker
 Judges: Barry Donaldson, Iain MacFadyen, Willie Morrison

**Victorian Pipe Band Championships -
 Haileybury College - 14 March**

GRADE 1

1st Australia Highlanders
 Drum Corps: Australia Highlanders

GRADE 2

1st Hawthorn City
 2nd Moorabin City
 3rd University of Ballarat No. 1
 Drum Corps: Hawthorn City

GRADE 3

1st Watsonia RSL
 2nd Scotch College Pipes & Drums
 3rd Golden City (Bendigo)
 Drum Corps: Watsonia RSL

GRADE 4

1st Williamstown RSL
 2nd University of Ballarat No. 2
 3rd Frankston RSL
 Drum Corps: University of Ballarat No. 2

JUVENILE

1st Haileybury Pipes & Drums
 2nd Scotch College Pipes & Drums
 3rd Presbyterian Ladies College
 Drum Corps: Haileybury & Scotch College tied

JUDGES

Piping: Tim McLeod, Brian Niven, Craig Masson & Sam Young
 Drumming: Greg Bassani, Brett Staley
 Ensemble: Brett Tidswell
 Dress & Drill: Carol Hart & Geoff Bellis

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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
 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

What's on.....

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- M**
A 22 **Society Meeting - Hornpipe and Jig Contest**
R 27 Maclean Highland Gathering - www.macleanhIGHLANDgathering.com.au
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- 3 Australian Pipe Band Championships - Caloundra - www.tartanspectacular.com
11 Piobaireachd Group
- A** 11 Ringwood (VIC) Highland Gathering - www.pipebandsvic.com
P 17/18 Ipswich International Tattoo Bookings 07 3810 6100
R 17 Bundanoon Highland Gathering NSW Southern Highlands
26 Society Meeting - Pipers Night
29-2/5 Glen Innes Celtic Festival - www.australiantartanfestival.com
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- 1-3 R U Brown Piobaireachd Society of SA Recital, Contest and Seminar - www.rubrown.org.au
- M**
A 2 **Piobaireachd Group**
Y 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
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- 6 Piobaireachd Group**
- J** 12-13 Ipswich Gathering of the Clans Band and Solo Contests - www.pipebandsqld.org
U 26 Ceilidh In Cooroy, Cooroy Memorial Hall, 7.30 to 11.00pm, all pipers and drummers
N welcome to participate, ring Ian or Mike on 54555633 or 0419899290.
28 Society Meeting - Slow Air and Jig Contest
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- 4/7 Tartan Day, Cultural Forecourt, Southbank. Contact Margaret Campbell 07 3359 8195
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
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

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