



# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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## Newsletter - September 2010

### September Meeting

on Monday September 27  
7.30pm  
Balmoral Bowls Club

Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

The meeting will feature  
a **Pair of Pipers Competition**  
Junior and Senior divisions.

Junior Contest test piece: 3-5 minutes of music including at least 4 of 2/4 or 6/8 March time (rest own choice)

Senior contest test piece: 5-7 minutes of music including at least one 4 part 2/4 March (rest own choice)

To be eligible for the Junior Contest, both players must be graded Sub-Intermediate or below. If either or both players are Intermediate or above they will play in the senior division.

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

Enter by Phone (07 3397 4512), email (qhps@qhps.org), before 7.15pm on the night

(junior) or 7.45pm (senior), No entry fee

Prizes: Senior 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30

Junior 1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$30

I'm pleased to announce that I have now "escaped" from hospital. I am unlikely to be at the September meeting but should be well enough to attend by October.

Many thanks to all those who sent good wishes. I am steadily recovering but I'm afraid it's going to be a pretty long process. Thanks also Desley and Maurie for keeping a newsletter going while I have been in hospital.

This newsletter is still not quite "full bottle" as I'm still a bit limited in the length of time I can work at a computer but again by next month we should be back to normal.

*Alex McConnell*

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## 2010 SOCIETY CALENDAR

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 22 <sup>ND</sup>	PIPERS' NIGHT
MARCH 22 <sup>ND</sup>	HORNSPIPE & JIG CONTEST FOR SENIORS, 2 PARTED JIG FOR JUNIORS
APRIL 26 <sup>TH</sup>	PIPERS' NIGHT
MAY 24 <sup>TH</sup>	PATRON'S TROPHY CONTEST (MSR FOR SENIOR PLAYERS)
JUNE 28 <sup>TH</sup>	SLOW AIR AND JIG CONTEST
JULY 26 <sup>TH</sup>	JIMMY DURHAM MEMORIAL CONTEST (2/4 MARCH FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS)
AUGUST 23 <sup>RD</sup>	PIPERS NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 27 <sup>TH</sup>	PAIRS OF PIPERS CONTEST
OCTOBER 25 <sup>TH</sup>	PIPERS' NIGHT
NOVEMBER 22 <sup>ND</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup> February	<del>2<sup>nd</sup> May</del>	8 <sup>th</sup> August	7 <sup>th</sup> November
7 <sup>th</sup> March	6 <sup>th</sup> June	5 <sup>th</sup> September	5 <sup>th</sup> December
11 <sup>th</sup> April	4 <sup>th</sup> July	10 <sup>th</sup> October	

## AUGUST MEETING

OR

### "Where have all the Pipers gone"

Steady rain, several apologies due to illness and the notice that the Annual Meeting of the Society had to be postponed no doubt affected the attendance at our August Meeting.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Phil Knight, a long time "long distance" member of the Society who lived in northern NSW, Denise MacSween, wife of Donald MacSween and Jack McKinnon, also a long time member who had been unable to attend for some years because of age and illness.

Among those who attended (10) no one had brought a set of pipes but we continued for a short time with a short report of the "Worlds" from Tam McGirr and a generous "Happy Birthday" sung to Peter Burrows for the next day (24th )

Quite a disaster for a Society that for 44 years has seen the promotion and careers of young players steadily guided and developed by the exposure to the music of established pipers, both local and at times from interstate and overseas.

Hopefully, we can sustain such an night and move forward with belief that the image and usefulness of the Society will be maintained.

### NOTE:

**SUBJECT TO AN OK FROM THE SCHOOL, THE OCTOBER PIOBAIREACHD GROUP HAS BEEN DELAYED A WEEK FROM ITS NORMAL DATE TO AVOID A CLASH WITH THE NOOSA WORKSHOP**

## Piobaireachd Group

### THE PIOBAIREACHD GROUP

The October meeting was restricted both from being held on "Fathers' Day" (several apologies) and the heavy rain falling between the Downs and Brisbane.

Ross Campbell stated that he had some difficulty with the weather coming down from Toowoomba but we carried on with the meeting nevertheless.

The meeting featured only two players Ross and Iain Bruce who both gave us an interesting and informative mornings session .

Iain's tunes being - Lachlan MacNeill Campbell of Kintarbert's Fancy and Mary's Praise whilst Ross playing a new chanter gave us The Vaunting, Corrienessan's Salute and The Red Speckled Bull

Footnote:- Ross later reported that on arriving home he had received a message from Sandy Dalziel that he and his companions had to turn back as they couldn't get through from Warwick.

# What's on.....

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24-26 Canberra College of Piping and Drumming Workshops  
**27 Society Meeting - Pair of Pipers Contest**

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1-3 Noosa Piping and Drumming Workshop. Ring Ian or Mike on 54555633 or 0419899290 or see [www.noosapipeband.com](http://www.noosapipeband.com) for details.  
**10 Piobairieachd Group (subject to confirmation - note changed date)**  
 16 Illawarra Band Contest - Vikings Oval, Woollongong  
**25 Society Meeting - Pipers Night**

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**7 Piobaireachd Group**  
 7 Combined Scottish Societies Band Contest - Castle Hill (Sydney)  
**22 Society Meeting - Jack McCandlish Trophy (6/8s)**

**VISIT THE COMING EVENTS PAGE AT [www.pipebandsqld.org](http://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 jamesforsyth@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

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**4EB - FM 98.1** – Thursday afternoons 2.15—4.30 pm

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