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November

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November Meeting Monday 25th Balmoral Bowls Club, Jean Howie Drive, Morningside at 7.15 pm

The night will feature a **Medley Competition** for **Open and Intermediate** Pipers. Medleys are to be from 5 to 7 minutes and the prizes will be: **1st: \$200, 2nd: \$70, 3rd: \$50**, with another \$30 going to the best of the "losing" Intermediate players. Open to members and non-members: enter on the night.

From the Editor:

Another very successful night last month with the Celtic Celebration Committee contest taking centre stage. We had over 100 people in attendance. This month promises to be another good one with a **sponsored contest** with good prizemoney for **Intermediate and Open players** (see details above). This is also our Christmas break-up, so all are asked to bring a little extra so we can have an extra special supper.

Following that we have the **Ceilidh** on **Saturday 30th** at the **Balmoral Bowls Club**. We have had good interest both from the Club and the Scottish Community so this should be a most enjoyable event as well. More information inside the newsletter.

Of course, following these two events we go into our

"Summer hibernation", so the next newsletter will be in February prior to our first meeting of the year on 24 February, so we wish you and yours all the best for the festive season.

Alex McConnell

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OCTOBER 2002 MEETING

Over 100 people turned up for our "joint venture" with the Celtic Celebration Committee in holding their Queensland final for the year.

Doug Thoresen introduced the evening and announced the results of the Glenfiddich championships (see results later in the newsletter and explained the format of tonight's meeting. He then handed over to Alan Hancox to start off the evening's competition.

Alan explained that the original 10 competitors for tonight had reduced to 6 (due to illness, etc) He said that the end result of this process (after the Australian final) is that three pipers will be chosen to go to the Lorient festival in Brittany next year. He also introduced Joe Joyce as our judge for the evening.

The first event for the evening was the March Strathspey and Reel and the first competitor was Adam Britten.

It took a little while for the crowd noise to settle down but this didn't appear to upset the competitor! His tunes were *Dr E G MacKinnon*, *Shepherd's Crook* and *The Rookery*.

Jason Palfrey was next and his tunes were *Edinburgh City Police Pipers*, *Cameronian rant* and *The Sheepwife*.

Cory Dale played *Mrs John McColl*, *Susan Macleod* and *Willie Cumming's Rant*.

Mark McKenzie gave us *Jeannie Caruthers*, *Cameronian Rant* and *Mrs MacPherson of Inveran*.

Matthew Supranowicz played *Elsbeth Campbell*, *Susan Macleod* and *Brown Haired Maiden*.

Finally Matthew Rigby managed to find tunes no one had played before and gave us

Hugh *Alexander Lowe of Tiree*, *Lady Louden* and *The Grey Bob*.

We then broke with our usual tradition and had supper in the middle of the meeting as an intermission before the competitors came back to play in the Air and Jig element.

After about 20 minutes we resumed with Doug Thoresen mentioning the competition we were to have at the November meeting (and thanking Reg O'Malley for his part in finding some sponsorship for it). He also invited those present who were not Society members to take a membership form and join.

The tunes played in the Air and Jig were Adam Britten. *Princess Bridge* and *Donella Beaton*

Jason Palfrey: *Town of Westlawn*, *Drops of Brandy*, *Give us a Minute*, *Nightmare on Ringhaddy Avenue*

Cory Dale: *Shoshanna's Lullaby*, *Donald Maclean*

Mark McKenzie: *For Ireland I'll Not Tell Her Name*, *Lark in the Morning*

Matthew Supranowicz: *She Walked Through The Fair*, *Braes of Melinish*

Matthew Rigby: *MacCrimmon Will Never Return*, *Brae Riach*.

Of course, from all this only three competitors could get a place and Kathleen O'Malley from the Celtic Celebration Committee presented their certificates to:

- 1st: Matthew Rigby
- 2nd: Jason Palfrey
- 3rd: Adam Britten

After a presentation to Joe for his judging efforts and the drawing of the raffles we were finished for the night (with a few having a second bite of supper!)

What's On

N O V	25	Society Meeting
	30	QHPS Ceilidh at Balmoral Bowls Club—see separate notice below
	30	Brisbane Clans Pipes and Drums St Andrew's Day cruise on the river. 12.30 to 3.30. \$22. Bookings essential. Ring Kate Wyse 3369 2232 or Mavis Williams 3849 8271
	30	Ipswich Thistle St Andrew's Night Ceilidh. Contact Liz 0414 776 361
D E C	1	QIA Pipe Band and Brisbane Excelsior Brass Band at the Irish Club at 2 pm. \$18 at the door or \$15 if booked by 28 November. Children under 12 free
	7&8	Daylesford (Vic) Highland Gathering. Full Bands, Min Bands and Solos
	31	Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band Hogmanay. Contact Liz 0414 776 361
2 0 0 3	1 Jan	Nambour New Years Day Gathering. Petrie Park, Nambour from 10 am to 4 pm. Free Admission. Contact Fred Logan 07 5441 4238
	2 Jan	
	18 Jan	Wynnum Manly Scottish Cultural Events Committee Solo Contest. Kitchener Park, Wynnum. Contact Vic (3369 0072) or Brian (3396 9025)
	24 Feb	First Society Meeting of 2003

The NSW Pipers' Society meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6 Holterman Street, Crows Nest. Contact Ron Clement – 02 9948 1914

The WA Pipers' Society meets on the 3rd Saturday at the Autumn Centre, Inglewood. Contact John McMurchie – 08 9401 9587

If you need more details about any of the above events and a contact is not mentioned, ring the Society Secretary (3397 4512 after hours) and we will see what we can dig up for you.

Scottish Radio Programs **SBS Radio** – Brisbane FM 93.3 – Thursday nights 10-11 pm
4EB - FM 98.1 – Thursday afternoons 2.15—4 pm
2RDJ - FM 88.1 - Wednesday morning 6 am - 9 am

QHPS St Andrew's Day Ceilidh

At the Balmoral Bowls Club

Saturday 30 November

6.30 pm—11.30 pm

**Music from John Colville of "Scotch Broth",
Piping, Highland Dancers, Set Dances,
Smorgasbord Supper, Raffles,
Lucky Door Prize, Bar service.**

Entry \$20 (\$10 for children under 14)

**Bookings essential: Ring 07 3397 4512 or
email alexmccconnell@optushome.com.au**

NEWS

Competing Pipers Association looks outwards

The CPA at its annual meeting on 20 October added some non-Scottish members to its organizational committee. They are Michael Grey from Ontario and Greg Wilson from New Zealand. They join Michael Gray from The Highlanders, James Macgregor, Anne Spalding and Iain Spiers. Colin MacLellan was re-elected for another 3 year term as President, Brian Donaldson to Vice-President for a similar term and Jenny Hazzard as Treasurer.

Death of William M. Macdonald of Inverness

William was one of the last surviving pupils of John MacDonald, Inverness, and extremely highly regarded as a competitor and composer, being one of only 11 pipers to win both Highland Society of London Gold Medals in the same year (1955). He published a collection of original compositions and judged frequently at major competitions, as well as passing along his knowledge to many young pipers in the Inverness area. He was a Cameron Highlander and was a POW in Germany in WW II. As well as a piper he was noted as a shinty player.

CONTEST RESULTS

Glenfiddich Solo Piping Championships: Blair Atholl, 26 October 26

Piobaireachd

- 1st Roddy MacLeod, *Lament for the Viscount of Dundee*
 2nd Bruce Gandy, Halifax, Nova Scotia, *The Battle of the Pass of Crieff*
 3rd Greg Wilson, New Zealand, *MacLeod of Colbeck's Salute*
 4th Willie McCallum, *In Praise of Morag*
 5th Alasdair Gillies, Pittsburgh, *The Finger Lock*
 Judges: John MacDougall, Iain MacFadyen, Jack Taylor.

March, Strathspey & Reel (twice over)

- 1st Alasdair Gillies, *Mrs. John MacColl, Delvinside, Lt. Col. DJS Murray*
 2nd Willie McCallum, *Abercairney Highlanders, Dora Macleod, John MacKechnie's Big Reel*
 3rd Roddy MacLeod, *Leaving Glenurquhart, Lady MacKenzie of Gairloch, The Sheep-wife*
 4th Angus MacColl, *Argyllshire Gathering, Shepherd's Crook, Alick C. MacGregor*
 5th Bruce Gandy, *Leaving Lunga, Susan MacLeod, Thomson's Dirk*
 Judges: John D. Burgess, Donald MacPherson,

Gavin Stoddart

Overall Winner: Roddy Macleod

Other competitors: Mike Cusack, Angus MacDonald, Iain Speirs, and Gordon Walker

Bratach Gorm Contest—London— 2 November

To play in the Bratach Gorm a piper must have won a Highland Society Gold Medal, the Open Piobaireachd at London, or the Dunvegan Medal at Skye.

Bratach Gorm

- 1st Willie McCallum, *My King Has Landed in Moidart*
 2nd Bruce Gandy, *Lord Lovat's Lament*
 3rd Gordon Walker, *Lament for MacSwan of Roaig"*
 4th Rab Wallace, *The Earl of Seaforth's Salute*
 Judges: I. MacFadyen, M. McRae

Open Piobaireachd (Gillies Cup)

- 1st Roddy MacLeod
 2nd Bruce Gandy
 3rd Murray Henderson
 4th Donald MacPhee
 5th Colin MacLellan
 Judge: G. Stoddart

Former Winners MSR

1st Gordon Walker
2nd Roddy MacLeod
3rd Willie McCallum
Judges: I. MacFadyen, M. McRae

Hornpipe & Jig

1st Roddy MacLeod
2nd Willie McCallum
3rd Chris Armstrong, Bathgate, Scotland
Judges: I. MacFadyen, M. McRae

HOW TO GET TO THE BALMORAL BOWLS CLUB

For those who like to work out their own directions the UBD Reference is Map 160, Reference Q12.

From the Gateway Arterial—turn north at the Lytton Road intersection (just south of the bridge), travel along Route 24 and the Route 23 (Wynnum Road) till you see the Colmslie RSL on your left. Turn in as if going to the RSL but go right through their carpark and continue along Jean Howie Drive for about 350 metres. Turn left into the Bowls Club car park.

From the City—go across the Story Bridge, left into Shafston Avenue, then into Lytton Road and Wynnum Road (Route 23). Go along Wynnum Road until you see the Colmslie RSL on your right. Turn in as if going to the RSL but go right through their carpark and continue along Jean Howie Drive for about 350 metres. Turn left into the Bowls Club car park.

From the west (old Cleveland Road)—Turn into Bennetts Road. Continue along Bennetts Road, across the railway line and a park will appear on your right. Jean Howie Drive goes through the park (the entrance to the drive is near the boundary of the Bulimba Cemetery). Go about 350 metres along the Drive and turn right into the Bowls Club car park.

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A New Tune

It's been a while since we published a tune. This one (see next page) is supplied by Society stalwart Dave Sinclair and it is named for one of our local Queensland Clan Identities, Graeme MacDonald. The tune is composed by J Francis MacDonald of Cape Breton Canada and is originally for the fiddle, but has been transcribed for pipes by P/M James McConnell of Sydney.

Grahaime MacDonald of Clan Donald March
Buderim Qld.

J Francis MacDonald
Cape Breton.

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