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# Maclean Macleod Memorial Piping Championships

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# Trophies

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**The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia Silver Quaich**  
Professional Piobaireachd Competition

**The St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore Challenge Charger**  
Professional March, Strathspey and Reel Competition

**The Donald MacPherson Silver Quaich**  
Amateur Piobaireachd Competition

**The Seumas MacNeill Silver Quaich**  
Amateur March, Strathspey and Reel Competition

## Adjudicators

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### AMATEUR COMPETITIONS

**Skip Cleavinger**    Bowling Green, Kentucky  
**Ken McKeveny**    Raleigh, North Carolina

### PROFESSIONAL COMPETITIONS

**Paula Glendinning**    Ashton, Maryland  
**Joyce McIntosh**    Anderson, South Carolina  
**Jack Taylor**    Aboyne, Scotland  
**Bob Worrall**    Burlington, Ontario



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# About the Music

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For those people not too familiar with bagpipe music—a word or two of explanation. In a broad sense, there are two main forms of pipe music, called in Gaelic *ceòl mòr* and *ceòl beag*, literally translated as big music and little music.

*Ceòl mòr*, or *piobaireachd*, is the classical form of pipe music and is a highly sophisticated kind of early post-medieval art music with its own tonal system, its own intricate metrical forms and its own characteristically heroic style. It is a type of art form unique to Scotland and completely uninfluenced by the European music of the last three or four hundred years. There are over 300 compositions, most of which were written between the 16th and 18th centuries—a time which saw the flowering of the Highland culture in Scotland.

The best-known composers of *ceòl mòr* were the MacCrimmons of Skye who were the hereditary pipers for some 300 years in unbroken succession to the Clan MacLeod. There were also the MacArthurs (pipers to Clan Donald), the Rankins (pipers to the Macleans of Duart), the MacKays (pipers to

the MacKenzies of Gairloch) and other hereditary pipers, many of whom studied with the MacCrimmons at their College of Piping at Boreraig.

By contrast to the classical music there is the light form of pipe music—*ceòl beag*—which is comprised of marches, strathspeys, reels, jigs and hornpipes. This is a fitting test for the finest of pipers and demands not only a finely tuned instrument but the utmost concentration of memory.



# Amateur Competitors

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<b>John Bertino</b>	Arlington, Virginia
<b>Olivia Corcoran</b>	Gaithersburg, Maryland
<b>Karl Fetter</b>	Athens, Georgia
<b>David Flaherty</b>	Erie, Pennsylvania
<b>Logan Gorsuch</b>	Rolling Hills, California
<b>Liam Horne</b>	Bristol, Virginia
<b>John Hughes</b>	Fairfax, Virginia
<b>Alexandra Knox</b>	Woodbine, Maryland
<b>Elizabeth Knox</b>	Woodbine, Maryland
<b>Steven Knox</b>	Woodbine, Maryland
<b>Abigail Long</b>	Houston, Texas
<b>Hazen Metro</b>	Williamstown, Vermont
<b>Jennifer Piccione</b>	Bronx, New York

# Professional Competitors

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<b>Tony Adkins</b>	Cary, North Carolina
<b>Gillian Blaney</b>	Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia
<b>John Bottomley</b>	Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
<b>Thomas Cangelosi</b>	Falls Church, Virginia
<b>Andrew Carlisle</b>	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
<b>Andrew Donlon</b>	Washington, District of Columbia
<b>Bobby Durning</b>	Houston, Texas
<b>Bruce Gandy</b>	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
<b>Nick Hudson</b>	Houston, Texas
<b>Teddy Krogh</b>	Anchorage, Alaska
<b>Dan Lyden</b>	Timonium, Maryland
<b>Cameron Macdougall</b>	South Orange, New Jersey
<b>Ben McClamrock</b>	Washington, District of Columbia
<b>Derek Midgley</b>	Tinton Falls, New Jersey
<b>Alex Pavlovic</b>	Houston, Texas
<b>William Shropshire</b>	Durham, North Carolina
<b>Mary Wallace</b>	Richmond, Virginia
<b>Andrew Zhao</b>	Sugarland, Texas

# Amateur Piobaireachd

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## *The Donald MacPherson Silver Quaich*

The USPF amateur competitions are restricted to Grade 1 competitors. Each contestant must submit four Piobaireachd selections of their own choice and one is selected by the judges. The competitors are listed in the order of play followed by the tune they will be playing.

1. **Karl Fetter**—*Lord Lovat's Lament*
2. **Alexandra Knox**—*Melbank's Salute*
3. **Hazen Metro**—*The Unjust Incarceration (P.S. 4-line version)*
4. **Liam Horne**—*In Praise of Morag*
5. **David Flaherty**—*The Rout of Glenfruin*
6. **Elizabeth Knox**—*The Old Men of the Shells*
7. **Abby Long**—*The MacDougalls' Gathering*
8. **Olivia Corcoran**—*Tulloch Ard*
9. **John Bertino**—*Lament for the Viscount of Dundee*
10. **John Hughes**—*The Big Spree*
11. **Steven Knox**—*The King's Taxes*
12. **Jennifer Piccione**—*Beloved Scotland*
13. **Logan Gorsuch**—*Nameless (Hiharin dro o dro)*

# Professional Piobaireachd

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## *The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia Silver Quaich*

Each contestant must submit six Piobaireachd selections of their own choice and one is selected by the judges.

1. **Mary Wallace**—*Earl of Seaforth's Salute*
2. **Ben McClamrock**—*Lament for Airds (Campbell Canntaireachd)*
3. **Derek Midgley**—*The MacDonalds Are Simple*
4. **John Bottomley**—*The Park Piobaireachd No. 2*
5. **Andrew Zhao**—*The Phantom Piper of Corrieyairack*
6. **Dan Lyden**—*Lament for the Castle of Dunyveg*
7. **Alex Pavlovic**—*Farewell to the Queen's Ferry*
8. **Thomas Cangelosi**—*Lament for Patrick Og MacCrimmon*
9. **Bobby Durning**—*Lament for the Iolaire*
10. **Bruce Gandy**—*Lament for MacLeod of Colbeck*
11. **William Shropshire**—*The Big Spree*
12. **Nick Hudson**—*Port Urlar*
13. **Tony Adkins**—*Lament for Captain MacDougall*
14. **Andrew Carlisle**—*Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay*
15. **Cameron Macdougall**—*Ronald MacDonald of Morar's Lament*
16. **Gillian Blaney**—*Lament for the Castle of Dunyveg*
17. **Teddy Krogh**—*I Got a Kiss of the King's Hand*
18. **Andrew Donlon** —*Lady MacDonald's Lament*

# Amateur March, Strathspey & Reel

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## *The Seumas MacNeill Silver Quaich*

*Each contestant submits four marches, four strathspeys, and four reels. The judges' selection is played once through as a continuous set.*

- 1. Abby Long**
  - The Braes of Brecklet*
  - Catlodge*
  - Fiona MacLeod*
- 2. Logan Gorsuch**
  - The Pap of Glencoe*
  - Blair Drummond*
  - John Morrison, Assynt House*
- 3. David Flaherty**
  - John MacColl's March to Kilbowie Cottage*
  - Lady Mackenzie of Gairloch*
  - Fiona MacLeod*
- 4. Liam Horne**
  - Dugald MacColl's Farewell to France*
  - Lady Louden*
  - Dolina MacKay*
- 5. Elizabeth Knox**
  - Major Manson at Clachantrushal*
  - Susan MacLeod*
  - Alick C. MacGregor*
- 6. Olivia Corcoran**
  - Donald MacColl*
  - Dora MacLeod*
  - Alick Cameron, Champion Piper*
- 7. Hazen Metro**
  - The Knightswood Ceilidh*
  - Stac Polly*
  - John Garroway*
- 8. Alexandra Knox**
  - Bonnie Ann*
  - John Roy Stewart*
  - Mrs. MacPherson of Inveran*
- 9. John Hughes**
  - Donald MacLean's Farewell to Oban*
  - The Piper's Bonnet*
  - Sandy Cameron*
- 10. Jennifer Piccione**
  - The Clan MacColl*
  - Cabar Feidh*
  - Dr. MacPhail's Reel*
- 11. Karl Fetter**
  - South Hall*
  - Inveraray Castle*
  - Cecily Ross*
- 12. Steven Knox**
  - Jimmy Young*
  - The Devil in the Kitchen*
  - Colonel MacLeod*
- 13. John Bertino**
  - Hugh Kennedy*
  - Maggie Cameron*
  - Sandy Cameron*

# Professional March, Strathspey & Reel

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## *The St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore Challenge Charger*

*Each contestant submits six marches, six strathspeys, and six reels. The judges' selection is played as a continuous set, with each tune played twice through.*

- 1. William Shropshire**
  - The 74ths Farewell to Edinburgh*
  - MacBeth's Strathspey*
  - The Cockerel in the Creel*
- 2. Mary Wallace**
  - Alan Dodd's Farewell to Scotland*
  - Lady MacKenzie of Gairloch*
  - Broadford Bay*
- 3. Andrew Donlon**
  - The Abercainey Highlanders*
  - Arniston Castle*
  - Miss Proud*
- 4. Andrew Zhao**
  - Inveran*
  - Inveraray Castle*
  - Peter MacFarquhar*
- 5. Tony Adkins**
  - David Ross*
  - Catlodge*
  - John Morrison, Assynt House*
- 6. Thomas Cangelosi**
  - Morag Ramsay*
  - P/M Hector MacLean*
  - John Garroway*
- 7. Bruce Gandy**
  - P/M Karen MacLean*
  - The Islay Ball*
  - Stornoway Castle*
- 8. Teddy Krogh**
  - Stornoway Highland Gathering*
  - Loch Loskin*
  - John MacKechnie*
- 9. Ben McClamrock**
  - Angus MacKinnon of Eigg*
  - Sabhal Mor Ostaig*
  - Peter MacKinnon of Skeabost*
- 10. John Bottomley**
  - South Hall*
  - Maggie Cameron*
  - Lochiel's Away to France*
- 11. Bobby Durning**
  - Captain Campbell of Drum-a-Voisk*
  - Tulloch Castle*
  - Rejected Suitor*
- 12. Alex Pavlovic**
  - Verna Leith's Wedding March*
  - Johnny Ross, Craigard*
  - Murdo MacGillivray of Eoligaray*
- 13. Gillian Blaney**
  - Dugald MacColl's Farewell to France*
  - The Shepherd's Crook*
  - Willie Murray*
- 14. Andrew Carlisle**
  - Mrs. John MacColl*
  - John Roy Stewart*
  - The Grey Bob*
- 15. Nick Hudson**
  - Invergordon's Welcome to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II*
  - The Piper's Bonnet*
  - The Sheepwife*
- 16. Cameron Macdougall**
  - Leaving Glenurquhart*
  - Neil Sutherland of Lairg*
  - Sandy Cameron*
- 17. Dan Lyden**
  - The Duke of Roxburgh's Farewell to the Blackmount Forest*
  - Mrs. Morag Banks*
  - Scotsville Reel*
- 18. Derek Midgley**
  - Major Manson at Clachantrushal*
  - Mrs. Donald MacPherson*
  - Neil Angus MacDonald*

# Overall Champions

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## *The USPF Professional Championship*

The overall winner receives the USPF Professional Championship Silver Buckle for permanent retention, as well as up to \$1,200 for round-trip airfare from the east coast to Glasgow, Edinburgh, or London, UK, to compete at eligible senior competitions. The overall winner is also the North American qualifier to compete at the MacCrimmon competition at the Festival Interceltique de Lorient.

## *The USPF Amateur Championship*

The overall winner receives the USPF Amateur Championship Silver Buckle for permanent retention and a \$1,000 allowance for approved expenses related to travel to a major competition or for piping tuition.

## *Scoring System*

Championship points will be awarded on the basis of:

### PLACE POINTS

1st	5
2nd	4
3rd	3
4th	2
5th	1

In the event of a tie, preference will be given to the piobaireachd result.

# Former USPF Winners

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## *Professional Piobaireachd*

1987 Ed Krintz	2000 Michael Cusack	2013 Andrew Carlisle
1988 Amy Garson	2001 Michael Cusack	2014 Victor Frank
1989 Michael Cusack	2002 Wm. Livingstone	2015 Bruce Gandy
1990 Scot Walker	2003 Michael Cusack	2016 Andrew Carlisle
1991 James McGillivray	2004 Wm. McCallum	2017 Nick Hudson
1992 Michael Cusack	2005 Bruce Gandy	2018 Derek Midgley
1993 Wm. Livingstone	2006 Alasdair Gillies	2019 Andrew Carlisle
1994 Michael Cusack	2007 Alasdair Gillies	2020 Derek Midgley
1995 Seumas Coyne	2008 Bruce Gandy	2022 Derek Midgley
1996 Colin MacLellan	2009 Bruce Gandy	2023 Derek Midgley
1997 Michael Cusack	2010 Bruce Gandy	2024 Nick Hudson
1998 Alasdair Gillies	2011 Alex Gandy	2025 Bruce Gandy
1999 Alasdair Gillies	2012 James Bell	

## *Professional March, Strathspey & Reel*

1987 John MacKenzie	2000 Alasdair Gillies	2013 Bruce Gandy
1988 Michael Cusack	2001 Alasdair Gillies	2014 Alex Gandy
1989 Michael Cusack	2002 Michael Cusack	2015 Andrew Carlisle
1990 Michael Cusack	2003 Michael Cusack	2016 Bruce Gandy
1991 James McGillivray	2004 Roddy MacLeod	2017 Andrew Carlisle
1992 Michael Cusack	2005 Michael Rogers	2018 Andrew Carlisle
1993 Wm. Livingstone	2006 Bruce Gandy	2019 Andrew Carlisle
1994 Scot Walker	2007 James Bell	2020 Bruce Gandy
1995 Seumas Coyne	2008 Bruce Gandy	2022 Nick Hudson
1996 Michael Cusack	2009 Bruce Gandy	2023 Nick Hudson
1997 Michael Cusack	2010 Roddy MacLeod	2024 Cameron Macdougall
1998 Alasdair Gillies	2011 Alex Gandy	2025 Nick Hudson
1999 Alasdair Gillies	2012 Alex Gandy	

# Former USPF Winners (cont.)

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## *Professional Champions*

1987 Michael Cusack	2000 Michael Cusack	2013 Bruce Gandy
1988 Amy Garson	2001 Michael Cusack	2014 Alex Gandy
1989 Michael Cusack	2002 Michael Cusack	2015 Andrew Carlisle
1990 Michael Cusack	2003 Michael Cusack	2016 Andrew Carlisle
1991 James McGillivray	2004 Wm. McCallum	2017 Andrew Carlisle
1992 Michael Cusack	2005 Bruce Gandy	2018 Andrew Carlisle
1993 Wm. Livingstone	2006 Ann Gray	2019 Andrew Carlisle
1994 Michael Cusack	2007 Alasdair Gillies	2020 Bruce Gandy
1995 Seumas Coyne	2008 Bruce Gandy	2022 Derek Midgley
1996 Michael Cusack	2009 Bruce Gandy	2023 Bruce Gandy
1997 Michael Cusack	2010 Bruce Gandy	2024 Nick Hudson
1998 Alasdair Gillies	2011 Alex Gandy	2025 Bruce Gandy
1999 Alasdair Gillies	2012 James Bell	

## *Amateur Piobaireachd*

1993 Ken McKeveny	2007 Matt McRae	2021 Not held
1994 Paula Glendinning	2008 Liz Cherry	2022 Not held
1995 Scott McLeod	2009 Avens Ridgeway	2023 Thomas Cangelosi
1996 Victoria McGuinness	2010 Andrew Bova	2024 Gillian Blaney
1997 Ian Ferrick	2011 Ursa Beckford	2025 Abigail Long
1998 Sarah Ford	2012 Kirk Brunson	
1999 Brian May	2013 Campbell Webster	
2000 Patrick Regan	2014 Stanton Man	
2001 Matt Pantaleoni	2015 Sean Regan	
2002 Jeremy Freeman	2016 Maeghan Bielski	
2003 Trudianne Melvin	2017 Ben Montross	
2004 Eric Ouellette	2018 Kevin Darmadi	
2005 Amber Blair	2019 Kevin Darmadi	
2006 Ben McClamrock	2020 Stuart Marshall	

# Former USPF Winners (cont.)

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## *Amateur March, Strathspey & Reel*

1993 Jeremy Freeman	2007 Dan Lyden	2021 Not held
1994 John Chalmers	2008 Patrick Downing	2022 Not held
1995 Paula Glendinning	2009 Anthony Masterson	2023 Jean-Sébastien Gamache
1996 Ian Ferrick	2010 Bobby Durning	2024 Ian Minnear
1997 Joss Fisher	2011 Nick Hudson	2025 Ian Minnear
1998 E. J. Jones	2012 Kirk Brunson	
1999 Heather Scott	2013 Campbell Webster	
2000 Tristan L. Wilson	2014 Campbell Webster	
2001 Tristan L. Wilson	2015 Stanton Man	
2002 Justin Gonzalez	2016 Maeghan Bielski	
2003 Lyric Todkill	2017 Nels Yehnert	
2004 Andrew Lewis	2018 Filemon Tan	
2005 Amber Blair	2019 Tyler Destremps	
2006 Andrew Walker	2020 Ross Davidson	

## *Amateur Champions*

1993 Ken McKeveny	2007 Ben McClamrock	2021 Not held
1994 Paula Glendinning	2008 Andrew Tice	2022 Not held
1995 Michael Rogers	2009 Patrick Downing	2023 Thomas Cangelosi
1996 Victoria McGuinness	2010 Nick Hudson	2024 Kathleen Brown
1997 Ian Ferrick	2011 Palmer Shonk	2025 Abigail Long
1998 Sarah Ford	2012 Kirk Brunson	
1999 Brian May	2013 Campbell Webster	
2000 Patrick Regan	2014 Campbell Webster	
2001 Matt Pantaleoni	2015 Sean Regan	
2002 Matt Pantaleoni	2016 Maeghan Bielski	
2003 Lyric Todkill	2017 Ben Montross	
2004 Eric Ouellette	2018 Kevin Darmadi	
2005 Amber Blair	2019 Kevin Darmadi	
2006 Dan Lyden	2020 Sandy Adams	

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*Haste Ye Back!*

Plan to attend the next United States Piping Foundation Championships in June 2027!

# Murdoch Maclean Macleod

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Macleod Macleod was born in Ullapool, Scotland and served in the British Royal Air Force as a navigator during World War II. After the war, he worked on the west coast of Scotland as a forester. Then in 1956, Mac and his wife, Meg, and their daughter, Catriona, immigrated to the United States, where daughters, Deirdre and Rowena, were born. Maclean ran a business as a tree surgeon for 30 years.



OCT. 18, 1923 - SEPT. 21, 2013

Aside from trees, his passion was piping. As a boy, Mac received instruction from P/M Donald Ross and P/M Willie Ross. He played with the Ullapool & District Pipe Band and the Air Training Corps band in Inverness before joining the RAF. He also played with the RAF Regiment Parachute Squadron Pipe Band in Singapore near the end of the War. In the U.S., he joined the Gordon Heights Pipe Band in Wilmington, Delaware under the direction of P/M Robert Gilchrist. In 1959, he convened a committee to develop the Delaware Highland Gathering, later known as the Colonial Highland Gathering, which he presided over as Director and Convenor for 50 years.

Mac was involved in the EUSPBA from its origins, serving as Vice President from 1970 to 1974, and President from 1975 to 1979. In these early years, the EUSPBA was incorporated, established branches, added solo competitions to its purview along with bands, wrote a rulebook, and worked with the Games to implement competition sanctioning. In 2010, Mac was awarded life membership and inducted into the EUSPBA Circle of Honor in recognition of his service and commitment to the organization.

Always seeking to encourage young pipers, in 1976, Maclean established the MacCrimmon Quach competition for Amateur Grade 1 pipers, under the auspices of the Clan MacLeod Society USA. A MacCrimmon Quach competition is now held in each of the 13 Clan MacLeod Society regions of the U.S.

Maclean founded the United States Piping Foundation in 1986, “to promote musical excellence among traditional

performers on the Scottish Great Highland Bagpipe,” through a combination of competitions and scholarships. Today, USPF competitions provide a platform for Professional and Grade 1 Amateur pipers to be heard in a first-class musical setting by top-flight judges, with prizes aimed at encouraging the development of excellence.

During one of his annual pilgrimages to the Glenfiddich Piping Championship in Scotland in 1995, Mac was awarded the Balvenie Medal for Services to Piping, adding his name to an exclusive list of piping legends. Throughout his life, he was constantly looking to the future, and looking for ways to raise the standards in piping and drumming in the U.S. Much of what is taken for granted today in the organization of competitive piping and drumming in the Eastern U.S. can be traced to the foundations built by Maclean Macleod and his contemporaries.

Mac was the subject of an interview in the EUSPBA *VOICE* in 1998, available online at <https://bit.ly/2LeZ72G>. We hope his many friends will continue to share other memories of his humor and character.

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