

The Competition League for Amateur Solo Piping

supported by **The National Piping Centre, Glasgow**

Closing Date for Entries is Friday, 18 August 2023

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Grade 1

Prizes – The National Piping Centre vouchers to the value indicated

Number	Event	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1	6/8 March	£10.00	£5.00	£5.00
2	Piobaireachd	£25.00	£15.00	£10.00
3	2/4 March	£15.00	£10.00	£5.00
4	Strathspey & Reel	£15.00	£10.00	£5.00
5	Jig	£10.00	£5.00	£5.00

Number	Contest and Performance Requirements	Entry Fee
1	Submit 1 tune - Min - 4 Parts Play submitted tune	Free
2	Submit 3 tunes of own choice Play 1 tune selected by Judges	£7.50
3	Submit 2 tunes - Both: Min – 4 Parts Play 1 tune selected by Judges	£7.50
4	Submit 2 of each - Both: Min - 4 Parts Play tunes selected by Judges	£7.50
5	Submit 1 tune - Min - 4 Parts Play submitted tune	£7.50

Grade 2

Prizes – The National Piping Centre vouchers to the value indicated

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1	6/8 March	£10.00	£5.00	£5.00
2	Piobaireachd	£25.00	£15.00	£10.00
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3	Submit 2 tunes - Both: Min - 4 Parts	Play 1 tune selected by Judges	£7.50
4	Submit 1 of each - Both: Min – 4 Parts	Play submitted tunes	£7.50
5	Submit 1 tune – Min - 4 Parts	Play submitted tune	£7.50

Grade 3

Prizes – The National Piping Centre vouchers to the value indicated

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1	6/8 March	£10.00	£5.00	£5.00
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2	Submit 1 tune of own choice	Play submitted tune	£7.50
3	Submit 1 tune - Min - 4 Parts	Play submitted tune	£7.50
4	Submit 1 of each - Both: Min - 4 Parts	Play submitted tunes	£7.50
5	Submit 1 tune - Min – 4 Parts	Play submitted tune.	£ 7.50

Overall Champions Prizes

In addition to the voucher prizes listed above, the most successful competitors in the Grade 1, 2 and 3 contests respectively will be awarded overall championship prizes comprising a National Piping Centre Adult Seasonal Piping Gathering place worth £275 and £240 for in person and online tuition respectively.

Overall Champion League Tables

Light Music Contests

No points are awarded in respect of the 6/8 march contests. For the other contests, points are calculated as follows:

Example: 10 competitors compete

1st place receives 10 point - calculated by adding the number of competitors the prize winner beats (9) plus 1 = 10 and same method for the rest of the prize list.

2nd: 9 points 3rd: 8 points 4th: 7 points 5th: 6 points 6th: 5 points and so on with last placed receiving 0 points.

Piobaireachd Contest Points

If fewer competitors enter the Piobaireachd contest than the light music events, the competitor placed first in the former will be awarded the same number of points as the competitor who is placed first in most popular light music event, i.e.

Example: If 9 competitors enter, say, the 2/4 March contest and only 5 enter the Piobaireachd contest, the competitors in the latter will receive points as follows:

1st: 9 points 2nd: 8 points 3rd: 7 points 4th: 6 points 5th: 0 points

Tie

In the event of a tie, the Piobaireachd event takes preference.

Contest Arrangements

As indicated above the above contests are open only to 'full members' of the CLASP.

The CLASP has a membership fee pricing structure. It is based upon in which period an individual becomes a member and the amounts payable are as follows:

1 November and 31 March	£40.00
1 April and 30 June	£30.00
1 July and to 31 October	£20.00

For any potential competitor in the above contests, who is not currently a CLASP member, the membership fee for the remainder of the current year will be £20.00. Application for membership should be undertaken prior to the contest through the CLASP website www.theclasp.co.uk . Any enquiries as to membership should be addressed to Margaret Dunn at the National Piping Centre mdunn@thepipingcentre.co.uk .

Owing to time considerations, the overall number of 'solo piping performance slots' available is fairly finite. In the event of over-subscription for any of the contests, every effort will be made to accommodate all entries. If that is not possible, acceptance of entries will be decided on the basis of date received.

If there are insufficient entries to produce meaningful competition in any of the contests, then the Chatsworth Country Fair reserve the right to (a) cancel that contest, (b) reduce the number of prizes available for that contest and / or (c) hold one or more additional contests for competitors who have already submitted entries for that or other contests. The results of any such contests may not necessarily count towards CLASP League table prizes and the overall CLASP winner.

Competitors will be notified as soon as possible after the Closing Date via www.rspbaldon.bravesites.com and www.theclasp.co.uk of any changes to the contest arrangements. Any entry fees paid in respect of a contest that is cancelled will be refunded.

Entry to The Chatsworth Estate

Competitors

Competitors will be provided with a wristband permitting entry to the Estate on Saturday. There is no additional charge for this.

Spouses, Partners, Parents etc

'Saturday' wristbands for the spouses, partners and children etc of competitors may be purchased from the Competition Secretary at the reduced price of £13.50 each (a discount of £16.50 on the 'on the day gate price'). 'Sunday' wristbands may also be purchased for £13.50 each. Children aged 15 years and under enter free.

The numbers of wristbands for competitors, spouses, partners etc required should be specified in the Contest Entry Form.

Vehicles

A car pass (displayed on windscreen) is required for entry into the Estate and there will be no charge for this. A vehicle pass allows entry for the vehicle only – not the occupants who each must have a valid wristband.

Entry to the Pipe Band Coach and Car Park will not be permitted after 9.00 am.

Further Information

Chatsworth Country Fair is held over 3 days, and always on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday following the August Bank Holiday. This year it is being held between 1 and 3 September 2023.

Held in the park of Chatsworth House, home to the Dukes of Devonshire, the 2023 event will be the Fortieth Country Fair. It has become one of the largest events of its type in England, and is an essential part of the Derbyshire and Midlands calendar. Given good weather, crowds of up to 90,000 people are expected over the three days.

The focus of the Show is the Grand Ring on the "big flat", with numerous trade stands and crafts. Around the park are many showground attractions, often with a country theme.

I look forward to seeing you at Chatsworth.

Walter MacGregor

Competition Organiser

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