



2017 ARGYLLSHIRE GATHERING PIPING RESULTS

The winner of the Highland Society of London's Gold Medal at the 2017 Argyllshire Gathering was Craig Sutherland, Crieff, playing *Lord Lovat's Lament*. He received his award from the Duke of Argyll.

Craig (shown in the centre of the photograph below, with MacGregor Memorial winner Lewis Russell to his immediate left) was quoted as follows in the *Piping Times*: "Everything went really well right from the start. The pipes were good and I was comfortable playing the tune. Things went exactly as I wanted them to go. I've spent a lot of time on my piobaireachd in the last couple of weeks and was rewarded. My target was to achieve the Gold Medal prize-list over the next couple of years so this supersedes all expectation. It feels absolutely tremendous, though it has not quite hit me yet. I could not have done it without Ronnie Clark, my tutor. He's been great."



The winner of the MacGregor Memorial Piobaireachd was Lewis Russell, Livingston. This award, also given by the Highland Society of London, is open to competitors under 22 years of age on the day of competition who have not previously won first prize in this event. Championed for many years by the late Angus Nicol, the judges for the award this year included Neill Mulvie (a Member of the Highland Society of London, and Piping representative on the Society's Committee of Management).

