

# Welcome to your new Lesson Library

A member's guide to everything inside — and how to make it yours. From me, Jori.

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Hello and welcome! You're looking at the biggest upgrade in the history of the Inner Circle: every class I've taught live since 2010, every video lesson, every tune package — reorganized, transcribed, and searchable down to the exact minute I said it. This guide walks you through how the new library is organized, what's new, and how to set it up as your own. It takes about five minutes to read, and the Quick Start on the last page gets you moving in one.

## The Short Version

**One question drives everything:** “What do you want to learn?” Type it in the search and land on the exact moment in the exact class where I teach it.

**Everything is organized now** — topics, courses, guides, tune packages, playlists — instead of one long blog feed. (The classic newest-first feed still exists — see What's New.)

**It's yours:** the site remembers where you stopped in every video, keeps your saved lessons, tracks your course progress, and lets you set your name, photo, and color scheme.

**Nothing was lost:** every old page, post, and bookmark redirects to its new home automatically.

## New in this version

- ► **Resume chip** on every video — pick up exactly where you stopped, even on your phone.
- **Playlists** — build your own, reorder it, and ↗ Share a link a friend or bandmate can open.
- **“Save this”** — bookmark the exact sentence in a transcript, not just the page.
- **Skills map** — the whole piping journey in six stages, with your progress lit up on it.
- **Printable course packs** — a one-page checklist of the lessons, for every course.
- **“Submit your video”** — upload straight into the next Member Videos class.
- **Live class pages** — one page per class for Zoom, your time zone, and the replay.

## GETTING AROUND

### How the new library is organized

The old Studio site was a blog: newest post on top, everything older buried below. The new library is built like a great music school with many rooms — and one front desk that knows where everything is.

#### Home

The front door: search, quick ways in (start a course, learn a tune, fix one thing), what's coming up live, and the newest classes. Members get a personal welcome back.

## Search — the superpower

Press the / key anywhere or click the search button — it now loads instantly on first use, so pages open faster everywhere. Every page AND every minute of every class replay is indexed. Search “drone tuning”, “birl”, “reed too hard” — results show pages first, then the exact moments inside the videos, each with a timestamp that jumps you straight there. Note names work too — search “low G” or “D throw” and it finds them. Use quotes for an exact phrase, tick the checkboxes to search only guides, courses, lessons, tunes, or video moments — and if you type a question, the library answers it with my own words from a class, sources linked.

## Library & Topics

Every lesson and class replay, browsable by the ten topics pipers actually think in — from Beginners & Foundations to Competing & Performing. The Library page also shows the latest posts on top. A handful of the most recent classes stay off the list until their transcript is ready — a “Show N classes still being transcribed” button at the bottom of any list reveals them early if you don't want to wait.

## Tunes

The complete tune packages: for each tune, the recording on full pipes, my note-by-note recorded lesson, the sheet music, and a bonus sheet — plus the tune browser (by type, level, or A–Z), a request-a-tune box with voting, and now every class moment about this tune: the exact spots across all my classes where I talk about or play it, lined up with timestamps.

## Guides

Deep dives that pull together everything I've taught on one subject — the birl, drone tuning, steady blowing, dot-cut rhythm and 59 more. Each guide plays its class moments right on the page, back to back, like it's edited together for you.

## Courses

Ordered paths — 47 of them, including the 31-part Bagpipe Essentials Masterclass and my original Learn the Pipes video series. Course cards show your progress (“4 of 6 done”), and every lesson inside knows its place (“Lesson 2 of 5 — next →”). The new Skills Map (Courses → skills-map) lays out the whole piping journey in six stages, every course as a node — your progress lights the nodes you've reached, and a “Start here” ribbon marks the next one for you. And every course page now has a “Printable course pack (PDF)” — a one-page checklist of its lessons to print and check off.

## Playlists & Exercises

Every series in one place (Practice Chanter Sessions, Member Videos, What Makes This Tune Great...), plus a single Exercises page with the whole Power Series and every workout. You can build your own, too: name a playlist from the Dashboard or the “+ Add to playlist” button on any lesson, drag to reorder it, and click “➦ Share” to copy a link — a friend or bandmate can open it even if they're not a member, and any member can save someone else's shared playlist as their own.

## What's New

The newest classes and site upgrades — including the classic blog-style feed: everything, newest first, just like the old site.

## Everything A–Z

One giant, scannable table of contents for the whole library. When you'd rather scan than search, this is your page.

### THE PLAYER

## Watching a class

Every class replay opens with a real preview frame and plays right on the page. A few things worth knowing:

- ✓ **Chapters:** every class has a clickable “In this class” list — jump to any section. Timestamps in the transcript and search results do the same.
- ✓ ► **Resume chip:** start any video and it remembers where you stopped, on that device — come back and the poster shows “Resume from 12:34” so you can pick right up. “Continue where you left off” also sits on the Home page and your Dashboard.
- ✓ **CC:** the CC button overlays the transcript as subtitles.
- ✓ **Speed, Listen mode, fill:** 1×–2× playback, and on your phone, Listen mode keeps the audio going with your hands full — the screen can lock and lock-screen controls still play, pause, and skip. A floating PiP button lets the video keep playing over other apps while you check a text or open your tuner. (Classes are hosted on Dropbox, so this works the same way Dropbox video does.) A Fill button handles older recordings with black bars.
- ✓ **Keep scrolling:** the video follows you in a mini player while you read the transcript or takeaways.
- ✓ **Practice sheet:** one click prints any lesson as a clean, branded one-pager — the Short Version, key takeaways, and chapters.

### YOUR MEMBER TOOLS

## Make it yours

The first time you visit as a member, a 30-second setup asks your name, an optional photo, your color scheme, and what you'd like to share. Everything can be changed later on **Your Profile**.

- ✓ **Dashboard:** your home base — pick up where you left off, your current course with exactly one next lesson (answer three quick questions and I hand you the right course), your playlists, your saved snippets, what's coming up live, the member files, and a “Submit your video” card that uploads straight into my Dropbox for the next Member Videos class (that same button is also on the Member Videos class pages).
- ✓ **Save for later / Mark as watched / Like:** on every lesson — your saves and completed lessons live on your Dashboard, and lessons mark themselves complete when you watch past 90%. Want less than the whole lesson? Highlight any sentence in a transcript or lesson and choose “Save this” (right next to “Ask a question”) — saved snippets live on your Dashboard too, each with a jump-to-the-moment link.
- ✓ **Your Profile:** display name, photo (shows in a little circle by your comments), an About-me bio, privacy switches for what other members can see, your spot on the member map (opt-in, city-level only), and the color schemes — Caledonian Blue, Highland Heather, Machair Green, Islay Peat, North Sea Teal. The button switches light, dark, and colors.
- ✓ **Points:** contribute and earn points! Comments and likes from other members earn points; levels climb from there.
- ✓ **Gift a lesson:** share up to four lessons a month with friends — they get that one page free, no strings.

## COMMUNITY &amp; LIVE

## The living part of the library

- ✓ **Comments** on every lesson — and when I reply, you'll see it marked. Click any member's name to see their page.
- ✓ **Q&A:** ask anything, get real answers. My favorite trick: highlight any sentence on any page — or any moment in a video — and click the ? that appears; your question carries the exact quote and timestamp with it. The “Save this” button sits right beside it, for when you just want to keep the moment rather than ask about it.
- ✓ **Introduce yourself** in the pinned thread on the Community page — tell us your piping story.
- ✓ **Live classes:** the page for the upcoming class is your front door for it — Join on Zoom right from there, the class time already converted to your own time zone, a way to ask a question before class starts, and a note on what to have ready. The schedule itself shows in Seattle time by default — click “Show in my time zone” to convert, and subscribe to the class calendar so every session lands in your own calendar too. The replay appears on that same page within a day or two, and lands in the library fully searchable once it does.
- ✓ **Member files:** every sheet and handout I share, organized by class, newest first — linked from the Welcome page and your Dashboard.

## IF YOU KNEW THE OLD SITE

## Where did everything go?

Everything came along. Every old post is here with its full content — now with chapters, transcripts, and search. Your old bookmarks and any links in old emails redirect automatically to the new pages. The blog-style stream you're used to lives on the **What's New** page (“Everything, newest first”). And your login is the same one you've always had.

## QUICK START

## Your first five minutes

1. **Log in** — the Log In button, same account as always. Every page unlocks.
2. **Do the 30-second setup** when it appears — name, photo if you like, pick your color.
3. **Search for the thing you've been stuck on** — “crossing noises”, “reed too hard”, anything. Click a moment, watch it answer you.
4. **Open your Dashboard** and answer the three Start-your-journey questions — you'll get one clear next lesson.
5. **Say hello** in the Introduce-yourself thread on Community. I read every one.

**Testing the site early?** Thank you — you're one of the first pipers inside. Please poke at everything: search odd things, play videos, build a playlist, save a snippet, try it on your phone. Every page now has a “Report a problem” link in the footer — click it and it emails me with the page name already filled in, so I know exactly where you were. A screenshot still helps. You can also send it straight to me: [jori@bagpipelessons.com](mailto:jori@bagpipelessons.com).

I built this library so that everything I've ever taught can keep teaching — and so your next answer is never more than a search away. See you in the live class.

*Happy Piping!*

— *Jori Chisholm, Founder, [BagpipeLessons.com](https://BagpipeLessons.com)*