

Resume Barry Donaldson



I was a police officer by profession retiring in 2006 and a founder member of the Strathclyde Police Pipe Band, which was formed in 1975.

I have won the World Pipe Band Championships on 11 occasions.

Promotion within the Police precluded further involvement with this band however, I thereafter Pipe Majored a number of bands including, Strathclyde Fire Brigade, North Lanarkshire and The City of Edinburgh.

All these bands were successful in winning various championships in grades 4, 3 & 2.

On retirement from the police, I returned to grade 1 and performed with Shotts and Dykehead PB.

From the late 70s through to the early 90s I successfully competed and won many of the top solo piping competitions and assigned Premier Grade by the Competing Pipers Association.

In 1995 I was invited onto the Solo Piping Judge's Association and appointed, senior adjudicator.

In addition, I am a pipe band adjudicator with the RSPBA.

At various stages throughout my piping career, I created several successful teaching initiatives for youngsters.

This culminated in the creation of both the North Lanarkshire Schools and City of Edinburgh Schools pipe bands.

After retirement, I was appointed as the Senior Piping Instructor at the College of Piping in Glasgow.

I continue to teach both locally and internationally.