

# Brian Molver, Instructor ~ Bandsman

## BAND AND BAND COMPETITION EXPERIENCE

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LEAD DRUMMER/SIDE DRUMS INSTRUCTOR, **SANTA CLARA SHERIFF'S PIPE BAND** (Gr. V) 2011-present  
Teach weekly, guiding the band with two fellow-Prince Charles Pipe Band Alumni;  
performing in many events on drums and pipes for the Santa Clara, Alameda and San Mateo  
County law enforcement and firefighting communities .

LEAD SIDE, TENOR/BASS DRUMMER, **IRISH PIPERS BAND SAN FRANCISCO** (Gr. IV) 1995-2007  
I performed in many events on drums and on occasion played pipes while leading the  
rebuilding of the band from 6 members to over 30 including 10 side drummers. The band  
won 1st place in the SF Caledonian Club Games, Pleasanton CA 2007

BASS DRUMMER, **PRINCE CHARLES PIPE BAND**, *SAN FRANCISCO* (Gr.IV~Gr.III) 2008-2010  
I participated as an assistant musician in numerous contests in California with the junior  
training band until another bass player was available. I played the side drum for parades  
and concert performances.

DRUM SERGEANT, **BLACK RAVEN PIPE BAND**, *SAN FRANCISCO* (Performance Band) 1981-1982  
Assist in drumming maintenance and skills and technique instruction to the drummers.

DRUMMER, **PRINCE CHARLES JUNIOR PIPE BAND**, *SAN FRANCISCO* Juvenile AND Open Gr.III 1976-1981  
I performed in many solo contests between band contests, placing on the leaderboard  
regularly in the 21 and under category. The PCPB junior band played against the best  
bands in "Grade A" in the mid 70's including Triumph Street, City of Port Moody and City of  
Victoria; which were mostly adult musicians. In 1978 during the contest tour thru  
Scotland, we placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the Worlds Pipe Band Championships in Lanark and 1<sup>st</sup> place at  
the Cowal Gathering in the Open/Junior Pipe Band Championships; accomplishing a goal  
that no other American pipe band had ever gained.

DRUM SGT/MAJOR, **St. PETERS BOY SCOUTS PIPE BAND**, *SAN FRANCISCO* 1971-1976 – Juvenile Band

## CONTEST LOCATIONS

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### United States

*SF Caledonian Club Games, Santa Rosa, CA*  
*SF Caledonian Club Games, Pleasanton, CA*  
*Sacramento Valley Games, Woodland, CA*  
*Pomona Highland Games, CA*  
*Long Beach Highland Games, CA*  
*Livermore Highland Games, CA*  
*Dixon Highland Games, CA*  
*Costa Mesa Highland Games, CA*  
*Campbell Highland Games, CA*  
*Pebble Beach Highland Games, Monterey*  
*Dunsmuir Highland Games, Oakland, CA*  
*Portland Highland Games, OR*  
*Bellingham Highland Games, WA*

### Canada

*Kamloops Highland Games, Kamloops*  
*BC Highland Games, Coquitlam, BC*  
*BC Indoor/Annual Gathering, SFU Burnaby*  
*Canmore Highland Games, Alberta*  
*Red Deer Highland Games, Alberta*  
*Edmonton Highland Games, Alberta*

### Scotland

*Bridge of Allan Games, Stirling*  
*4<sup>th</sup> PLACE World Championships, Lanark*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE Prince's Street Gardens, Edinburgh*  
*4<sup>th</sup> PLACE Shotts Games, Lanarkshire*  
*1<sup>st</sup> PLACE Isle of Rothesay Games, East Kilbride*  
*1<sup>st</sup> PLACE Cowal Championships, Dunoon*

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## FORMAL INSTRUCTION

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Private piping lessons with Ian Whitelaw 2008-present  
The Balmoral School of Highland Piping and Drumming *Sonoma, CA* June, 2008  
Ian Whitelaw Piping School *Torrance, CA*, July 2008  
Private Lessons with Bill Merriman, *South San Francisco, CA*, 2009  
Trevor Atkinson, Jack Sutherland and William Merriman, *San Francisco, CA* 1976-1981  
Alex Duthart, *SF* Seminar on sound achievement and skills workshop, *Corte Madera*, 1977  
Other musical influences: Willie McErlean, Liza McAdam, Jon Reed Sims and Alasdair Gillies

## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

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*San Francisco* Gay Pride Parade Market Street to Duboce Park/Civic Center 1976-1977  
Edinburgh Festival, Prince's Street Gardens, *Edinburgh* Scotland 1978  
Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center - Bankhead Theater *Livermore*, Sept. 2008  
Parades: *San Francisco*, St. Patrick's Day Parade, *Larkspur, Corte Madera*,  
British American Club Tartan Ball & Burns Supper Night events *Redwood City, CA* 1996-2K  
California Peace Officers' Memorial, The State Capitol, *Sacramento*, 1998-present  
San Mateo County Peace Officers' Memorial, *Redwood City, CA* 2001-present  
Nepal Central Police Pipe Band, Guest drummer, concert in *Kathmandu, Nepal*. 1998  
Federal Reserve Bank 12<sup>th</sup> District Headquarters Holiday Dinner, *San Francisco* 1998  
Fallen Four Funerals Oakland Police Officers; Oracle Arena March 27, *Oakland* 2009  
Royal British Legion's Remembrance Day, 59<sup>th</sup> Army Band *San Francisco*. 2010  
Veteran's Day Parade, *South San Francisco*. 2010 and 2013  
Funeral for SFFD Lt.Perez ~ FFP Valerio Saint Mary's Cathedral *San Francisco* June 10, 2011  
Folan Family Weddings, Grace Cathedral, *San Francisco*. 2011  
San Mateo Historical Society Gala for the Lane Family, Fox Theater, *Redwood City* 2012  
Funeral for Santa Cruz Police Sgt. L. Baker and Detective Butler, *San Jose*, 2013  
KCBS News Interview/Piping Recital with Reporter Mike Sugarman, *Santa Clara*, 2013  
Funeral for San Jose Police Officer Michael Johnson; *San Jose*, 2014  
Wedding for Bowels and Leo, Grace Cathedral October 10, *San Francisco* 2015  
Iwo Jima Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient "Woody" Williams *San Francisco* 2016

## AWARDS AND AFFILIATIONS

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1<sup>st</sup> place Band in the SF Caledonian Club Games, *Pleasanton* 2007 Irish Pipers' Band  
Gr.IV 1st Piob, *Monterey, CA* Games, adjudicated by Lorne Cousin, Simon McKerrell 2008  
Gr.IV 1st Piob , SF Caledonian Club Games, *Pleasanton*, adjudicated by Harry McNulty 2008  
Gr.IV Solo Piping Winston Churchill Trophy, Caledonian Club *San Francisco* Games 2008-09  
Gr.IV Solo Piping Aggregate Winner Caledonian Club, *San Francisco* Games 2009  
1<sup>st</sup> place Band, BC Indoor Gathering, *Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Canada* 1977  
4<sup>th</sup> place Band, The World Pipe Band Championships *Glasgow Scotland* 1978 PCPB  
1<sup>st</sup> place, Band, The Cowal Championships *Dunoon Scotland* 1978 PCPB 1978  
San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Piper 1999-Present  
Santa Clara County Sheriff's Pipe Band (Drumming Instructor) 2011-present  
Regular Member, Air Force Association of *Canada* 1986-1994 and 2014-present  
Regular Member, Royal British Legion, *San Francisco* Branch 2014-present  
Associate Member, Legion Scotland, *Edinburgh* Headquarters Branch in 2015-present