



The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association

The Music Board

Member Details – Iain Simpson

Branch: Lothian & Borders

Band: Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia and George Watson's College

Discipline: Piper

About me:

Born in 1960, I was originally taught to play the bagpipe by my father Willie at Kinneil Colliery (now Bo'ness) Pipe Band at the age of 8. I remained with Bo'ness until 1986 when I joined the Grade 1 band Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia and still play with them. I enjoy the challenge of being part of a highly successful Grade 1 band always challenging for major honours. I first became interested in teaching in 1992 when I accepted the role of Pipe Major of Boghall's Juvenile Band. I led this successful band until 1997.

In 2000 I became Master in Charge of Piping at George Watson's College. At present there are over 200 pupils being taught either Piping or Drumming at the school. There are currently three bands of varying standard - Junior, Novice Juvenile and Juvenile all competing successfully in RSPBA competitions.

I hold the RSPBA Advanced Piping Certificate and also facilitate Structured Learning Courses (now PDQB) for the Lothian & Borders Branch of the RSPBA. I am also an elected member of the Music Board, a fully qualified RSPBA Adjudicator and Examiner.

I have one son Jonathon who played with George Watson's College Juveniles and now also plays with Boghall Grade 1 Band alongside me.

I enjoy a couple of other hobbies...Piping and Piping!

Music Board Activities:

Branch Representative

Member of Standards Group