

A Breath Of Life - A Breath Of Scotland



A MACCRIMMON PIPER.

The Nicol-Brown Chalice and William Ross Challenge

*Piping competitions honoring the memory of
Robert Nicol, Robert Brown and William Ross*

To Benefit The American Lung Association of New York State

October 6, 1990

Chancellor's Hall, Albany, New York

THE ADJUDICATOR - JIM MCGILLIVRAY

Jim began piping in 1966 at the age of 11 under a Legion piper named John McIntyre.

He received his most extensive instruction during the 1970s from Ed Neigh and the late John MacFadyen, and, most recently from Andrew Wright.

A consistent professional prizewinner, his long list of premier awards includes the North American Championship, the Canadian Championship, the Cambridge Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal and three Clasps, the Gold Medal and Clasp at Inverness, and the M/S/R at the Glenfiddich Championship at Blair Castle.

In 1981 he led the Guelph Pipe Band to the North American Pipe Band Championship at Maxville, and he is currently a member of the 78th Fraser Highlanders Pipe Band.

An experienced teacher, judge and recitalist, he is in regular demand at workshops and Highland Games across the continent.

In Memoriam - Hamilton Workman Sr. 1933-1990

Hamilton MacIntyre Workman, a native of Greenock, Scotland was taught pipes at an early age by his father Alex. He entered the Boys' Brigade in 1948 and was later assigned to the First Battalion Highland Light Infantry. At 19 he was selected to the Pipe Major's Course at Edinburgh Castle under Willie Ross. After completing the course he became the youngest Pipe Major in the British Army and was later selected to be piper to the late Earl Mountbatton.

After leaving the HLI, he worked as pipe maker and continued to study piping under William MacLean and Iain MacPherson.

Hamilton and his family immigrated to the U.S. in 1964 and later settled in Wellesley, Mass.

He became Pipe Major of Clan Sutherland Pipe Band and took it to the top of Grade 3 in North America and Scotland.

After leaving the band he returned to pipe making, judging and teaching. He was on the EUSPBA judges panel and was one of the organization's past presidents.

Hammie was a devoted piping instructor with students on both sides of the Atlantic. His untimely death due to a heart attack leaves the piping world with a great void. His playing, teaching and friendship will be sorely missed.

A scholarship fund has been set up in Hamilton Workman's name. Donations and inquiries should be made to Sandy Jones, 1351 Vagabond Lane, Mount Pleasant, S.C. 29464. Checks should be made out to Hamilton Workman Scholarship Fund.

