

# Bruce Hitching's, MBE BEM Piper's Workshop

Saturday, April 30, 2022 SJPD POA 1151 N 4<sup>th</sup> St. San Jose, CA 95112



## Come for world class instruction from Bruce Hitchings.

Bruce is a world class piper who has competed in the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, won a silver medal for Piobaireachd at Oban, served as the Senior Pipe Major of the British Army and as the Chief Instructor at the Army School of Piping in Scotland.

Format of Instruction is presentational: explaining, demonstrating, and interacting in class with question and answer sessions. Individual playing not required.

The Workshop will include basic playing topics and competition piping, the lower grades. Subjects will include pipe setup, appropriate tunes, tempo's, prep for the day, what to expect in judging and what judges are looking for. Time will be set aside to play tunes for Bruce and discuss the critique.

Private lessons are available on Thursday, the 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Pipers of all abilities are invited. Pipers of all levels will benefit by attending this Annual Workshop.

The **Workshop** is \$80, fee includes lunch. The workshop begins promptly 9:30am and ends approximately at 4:30pm.

There will be Dinner after the workshop at a local establishment. Pipers will be playing, laughing, and story telling. Bring your practice chanter, pipes and join the fun.

Things may change due to COVID, so direct any questions to **Wes Weber** at [wesweberjr@gmail.com](mailto:wesweberjr@gmail.com) or call **408-506-4960** or 669-221-1017.

Email your registration to [wesweberjr@gmail.com](mailto:wesweberjr@gmail.com) or text to 669-221-1017. You can pay via PayPal, send payment to [wesweberjr@gmail.com](mailto:wesweberjr@gmail.com). Remember to send the money to a friend when prompted. Payment by check will be acceptable on the day, make checks payable to **Wes Weber**. Walk-ins are welcome.

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### **Bruce's accomplishments.**

Bruce started his piping career in New Zealand at the age of nine. He played with the City of Wellington Pipe Band who were the New Zealand Grade 1 champions.

After competing at the World Pipe Band Championships in 1975, Bruce stayed in Scotland to compete solo around the Highland Games circuit. He enlisted in the Queens Own Highlanders.

in 1978 under the guidance of P/M Iain Morrison (Lewis), he won a silver medal for Piobaireachd at Oban in 1979. The late Captain Andrew Pitkeathly (Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders) tutored Bruce in Piobaireachd for many years. Bruce has had tuition from other highly rated pipers such as Donald MacLeod among others.

Bruce became Pipe Major of the Q.O.H. in 1986 and served in this position for 5 years. After one year as P/M of the Scottish Division's Piping School, Bruce was appointed Senior Pipe Major of the British Army and Chief Instructor at the Army School of Piping, Edinburgh Castle.

Since leaving regular service in the Army, Bruce was commissioned into the Territorial Army with responsibility for piping in the TA and Cadet Forces. He founded a successful reed-making and bagpipe supply business. Bruce travels world wide providing instruction and running various piping schools and workshops. He teaches at the College of Piping Summer School in Carlsbad CA and runs the Jim Thompson US School of Piping and Drumming in Flagstaff AZ.

COVID-19 Requirements.

Masks will be required (maybe). Vaccinations are highly recommended. Recent rules are masks will be required inside for non-vaccinated people. Seating will be distanced.

\*\*\*\* Check rules for Santa Clara County prior to coming as the rules are constantly changing. \*\*\*\*

These requirements are mandated/recommended by the County of Santa Clara and the CDC.