

PPBSO PRESENTS LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

The PPBSO honoured two of its longest serving and most respected members on Saturday July 30, 2011, in front of the assembled massed bands of the North American Pipe Band Championships at the Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville.



P/M Reay MacKay (retired), 48th Highlanders of Canada and P/M Ed Neigh (retired), Guelph Pipe Band were recognized for over four decades of dedicated service to the PPBSO and presented with the PPBSO's most prestigious award, PPBSO certificates of Life Membership.

With both Reay and Ed participating once again as senior adjudicators at the Glengarry Highland Games, and with the help of their family and friends, the presentation of these awards was kept as a complete secret from the recipients adding to their surprise and delight and that of the assembled bandmen.

For the presentations, Michael Grey, a former student of Reay MacKay, paid tribute to his former teacher and briefly reviewed his eventful piping career and pipe band achievements. Bob Worrall, a long-time friend and associate of Ed Neigh, spoke of Ed's piping prizes and his many successes with the Guelph Pipe Band.

The accompanying photograph captures the moment just after the awards were presented. A more definitive biography of each award recipient is being compiled and will be included when available.

Charlie MacDonald,
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