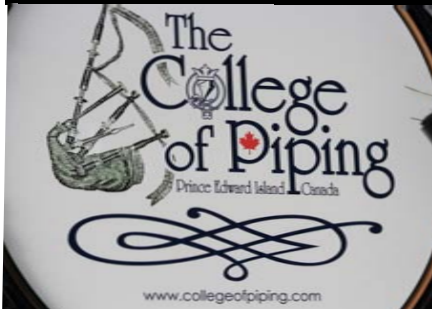


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The **College website** is a wonderful source of information on the College of Piping and its activities. You will find up to date information on the blog, access to our Facebook page and Twitter account, pictures of events at The College and at events we have attended. Class offerings, staff biographies, College history, competition results, photos and much more can be found on the site. **Take a look and find out more about us.**

Hey!
WELCOME
We're *very* **GLAD**
you're here!

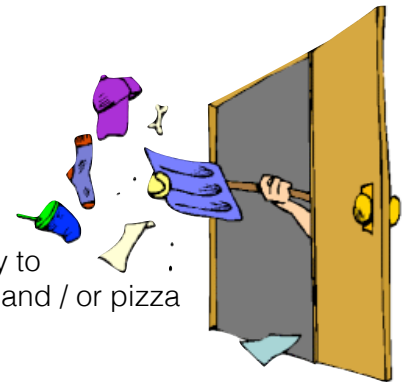
You may have noticed a new smile behind the registration counter at the College these past few weeks. Please join us in welcoming Sue McGiveron to the College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada! Sue joins the College team as our Special Events Coordinator. Please do not hesitate in introducing yourself to Sue and help to make her feel at home at the College! Welcome, Sue!

Highland Storm Rehearsals

Highland Storm rehearsals for Highland Dancers will be starting on Saturday, March 29th. Please chat to Kearsney if you have not yet received information on this.

Highland Volunteers

Kearsney is looking for dancers and / or moms to help her reorganize the dance closet. If you are able to spare a few hours, please get in touch with Kearsney to make a date. She is offering chocolates and / or pizza in return.



Piobaireachd Challenge

Calling all piobaireachd (pronounced pee-brock) enthusiasts! I know you're out there... somewhere! Circle the dates of **April 26th and 27th** on your calendar. The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts is proud to announce that we will be hosting and running the 2014 Atlantic Canada Piobaireachd Challenge. We have the privilege of Jack Taylor judging this prestigious event. After a full day of judging, Jack will host a workshop the next day from 10am until 3pm. Don't miss out! You don't have to compete in the challenge to attend the workshop. Everyone is welcome! Sign up now!



Pipe Band Fundraising Concert

7:00 pm Saturday, May 3, New London



The College's three pipe bands will be performing in a fundraising concert at the New London Community Complex on **Saturday May 3**. The concert will also feature performances from North Shore talent, — including Bridgette Blanchard, Jenna Marie Gallant, Morgan Hill, Jason Campbell, and Karen Slater will perform a short skit — she brought the house down last time! There will also be a silent auction and a cake auction. Tickets are only \$10. Don't miss it! Have a great evening and support your local pipe bands!

Instructors for 2013/2014 year

James MacHattie –
Director of Education

Kylie MacHattie – Bagpiping
Chris Coleman – Drumming
Sam Ramsay – Drumming

Dance

Kearsney Smith – Highland
Chelsey Sanderson–Step(Lead)
Mikaila Murray-Step (Instructor)
Emily Roberts -Step (Instructor)

Skype Lessons

Skype lessons are being offered in piping and drumming. Please contact our director of Education, James MacHattie, for more information on how you can learn to pipe or drum from the comforts of your own home.

Contact

If you have any questions, concerns or words of praise, please contact Karen Hatcher, Executive Director or James MacHattie, Director of Education .They can be reached at 436-5377 or e-mailed at karen.hatcher@collegeofpiping.com or james.machattie@collegeofpiping.com

Competitions and Photos

Please check the College of Piping website for the most up-to-date results from the summer competitions. These can be found at: <http://www.collegeofpiping.com/competitionresults.php>. You can also find the most up-to-date photos from all of our various competitions, fundraisers and events. These can be found at: <http://www.collegeofpiping.com/photogalleries.php>

Gift Shop

Looking for a specific clan product, a tie, scarf, mug, coaster, book or blanket? If we don't have it in stock we can order it for you! We also have a good selection of College of Piping hoodies (youth and adult), sweatshirts, t-shirts (adult and children's), comfy pajama and sweat pants. This time of year there is the best time to shop as there are fewer crowds. Come in, take your time and see what is available. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm.



National Volunteer Week (April 6th-12th)

The second week of April marks National Volunteer Week and the College of Piping is very lucky to have some pretty extraordinary people who volunteer their time here. From taking personal holiday time to help prep the grounds for the Highland Gathering and Highland Storm, to volunteering in the gift shop in the evening during the winter months, to greeting, ticket taking, assisting and serving in the concession stand during Highland Storm, to building the Highland Storm set, to putting the amphitheatre roof on...the list could go on for miles. We are truly blessed with the best volunteers in the world. A huge thank you for all that you do because we wouldn't be able to do what we do without you! Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AND WE OFFER PERKS!!

If you hadn't already heard, the **Highland Gathering** is taking place on **June 27, 28 and 29th**, quite literally, in our own backyard! It will be the best weekend of music this Island will have on offer in 2014, and you can be a part of it all! It provides a great opportunity to see the best pipers, drummers and dancers in Atlantic Canada. **Highland**



Storm will preview on **Friday, June 27th at 7:30pm**. Friday evening's entertainment in the beer tent will be **The Ellis Family Band**. On Saturday, also in the beer tent, **Kevin Arthur and the Jacktar Band and Rawlins Cross** will provide another amazing evening of music and fun!

The festivities in June will be here before you know it and we will be looking for volunteers to fill morning, afternoon and evening shifts throughout the weekend. **By signing up early, you will have your choice of** times, activities and venues! If you fill a minimum 4 hour shift, you will receive a weekend pass to the Gathering and tickets to Highland Storm and you will receive a stylish 2014 College of Piping volunteer shirt! We will provide an informative training session in early June to let you know what you will be doing over the weekend.

Are you someone who prefers to work outside clearing brush, moving benches, putting the roof on the Amphitheatre? When winter has finished with us (we hope sometime soon), we will be looking for volunteers to get the field ready for The Highland Gathering. There is a task for everyone! We welcome one and all, the more hands the better. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the clean up, set up, or on the Gathering weekend, please contact Sue, who is in the office Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Sue can also be reached via email at sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com.



HAVE YOU NOTICED?



_The College is getting a bit of a facelift - and it is 100% externally funded! We are so lucky to be able to have some much-needed renovations done to improve office and teaching spaces and waiting areas for students and parents. A big thank you needs to go out to Lex Pate for donating a pile of extra time to come in and be involved in the renovations. While these are going on, though, we do apologize for any disruptions, odd noises or a little extra dust here or there!



Gold Rush 50/50 Draw

Don't forget to put your toonie in for the 50/50 Draw!

You could be the lucky winner. The draw will be made each Thursday evening at the College of Piping in Summerside. If the number drawn on the draw day is a number for a person who did not sign in for that week's draw, that portion of the money is added to the following week's draw. This will increase the amount of winnings until a number is drawn that belongs to someone who has signed in. If you haven't signed up yet, come to The College or any of the participating locations, fill out a number slip and add your name to the book. Then all you have to do is put your toonie in each week and wait to be the winner!

Participating locations

- Samuels Coffee House, Summerside
- College of Piping, Summerside
- Kensington Food Basket, Kensington
- Gallants Clover Farm, Rustico
- Gass's Store, New Haven
- Race Trac Gas, Stanley Bridge
- Summerside Shell Station
- Wilson Gas, Summerside
- Reids Corner Esso, Summerside
- Granville Street Esso, Summerside
- Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, Summerside
- Griffins Smoke Shop, Sobeyes, Summerside
- Lights Smoke Shop, Summerside
- Summerside Butcher Shop
- Water Street Bakery, Summerside
- Dunn's Variety
- Credit Union Place, Summerside

Pass this message on to your friends and family and get them to enter our weekly draw and support the College of Piping Pipe Bands.



There is a rumour that summer is making its way to PEI. We aren't sure when it may arrive, but have you thought about our Summer School yet?? We offer classes in Highland Dance, Step Dance, Piping and Drumming. Tuition fee for Pipers and Drummers is \$450.00, however, current College of Piping Students pay only \$225.00.

If you are interested in taking Highland or Step Dance, please contact Sue for pricing. We welcome students of all levels and we tailor each session based on your level of experience and any goals you may have. Further information is available through Sue at 436-5377 and on our website at www.collegeofpiping.com. Early registration is recommended as class sizes are limited.

Introducing *Highland* STORM 2014 CAST

Pipers

James MacHattie
Kylie MacHattie
Nick vanOuwkerk
Sarah Simpson
Calum Brydon
Stewart Rogers

Drummers

Chris Coleman
Sam Ramsay
Logan Doyle
Nigel Waite
John Donald MacLean

Step Dancers

Jordan Chowen
Rebecca Dawson
Shanae Rogers
Sherra Rogers
Mikaila Murray

Highland Dancers

Kearsney Smith	Lacey Fischer
Laura Johnston	Hayley Porter
Siobhan Doyle	Alysha Trenholm
Allana Dalziel (& Step)	Shelby Dalziel (& Step)

Artistic Director – Ryan MacNeil

Vocalist – Emma Doucette

Fiddle – Trevor Profit

Keyboards/Uilleann Pipes – Ryan MacNeil

Guitar – Alex Casey

Step Dance Choreographer – Chelsey Sanderson

Stage Manager – Meghan Bowen

Sound Tech – Devin Paynter

Lighting Tech – Lindsay Rogers

Back Stage – Matthew Downey

Heather Moyse Homecoming

Earlier in the month our pipe bands had the honour and privilege to play at the homecoming of Olympic athlete and two time gold medallist in the two man bobsleigh, Heather Moyse. It was an evening of celebration as Heather returned to Summerside with her gold medal from the Sochi Olympics. Please check out our photo gallery page on our website for photos from the event (<http://www.collegeofpiping.com/photogalleries.php?id=5315d504e3545>).
Congratulations, Heather!




The College's Pipe Bands will be once again holding a Yard Sale on Saturday June 7th. If you are doing a purge while



spring cleaning, or have a box in the basement you haven't opened since you bought your house, please set items aside that you think could sell and help the bands meet their fundraising goals! We cannot start accepting donations until the snow goes, but please keep us in mind – and come to the sale in June for new hidden treasures!

Scent Free



The College of Piping has a **scent free policy** in its Summerside building. There are many people coming and going and some of them have scent allergies. These allergies can range from getting a headache to going into anaphylactic shock requiring hospitalization. Please be respectful and give them a safe place to study, perform and enjoy our programs.

Handicapped Parking

Only vehicles with handicapped parking stickers should be parking in the handicapped parking designated areas. Thank you very much for your co-operation.



Gift Giving Ideas for Birthdays, holidays or just-because!



A number for the 50/50 Draw



Summer School Gift Certificate



Tickets for the Gathering



Tickets for Highland Storm



A Celtic gift from the Gift Shop

Newsletter

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SCOTLAND RAFFLE

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket, sold a ticket, volunteered and supported our College of Piping pipe band members with their "Trip for two to Scotland" raffle. The fundraiser and the St. Patrick's Day draw were huge successes and the pipe bands are very grateful with the support that was shown from the City of Summerside, the province and College supporters from all over the world! Thank you! Please see below for the complete list of winners!

- Grand Prize Winner of the trip for two to Scotland: Rhonda Clark (ticket number 0717)
- Dinner for two at the Prince George and a night at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront (\$235.00 value): Nick Maros (ticket number 0123)
- A night at the Four Points Halifax (\$175.00 value): Janice Baglole (ticket number 1591)
- A Le Bistro Gift Certificate and a night at the Lord Nelson Hotel (\$225.00 value): Gregg MacLean (ticket number 0259)
- Rodd Royalty Hotel (room only) (\$150.00): John Hugh Gillis (ticket number 1690)
- A night at the Inns of Great George and Sim's for Dinner (\$100.00) (total value of \$250.00): Elaine Galt (ticket number 1131)
- Two nights at the Holman Grand Hotel and \$100.00 for dinner at Redwater Rustic Grille (\$400.00 value): Carly Foster (ticket number 1648)
- Stanley Bridge Resort (\$150.00 value): Peter Stavert (ticket number 0633)
- One night at the Delta Charlottetown and dinner for two at Water's Edge (\$225.00 value): Wilma MacIsaac (ticket number 0410)
- Dinner for two at Brothers 2 (\$50.00 value): Heather Goodwin (ticket number 0450)
- Dinner for two at the Preserve Company (\$100.00 value): Mona McClintick (ticket number 1842)
- Dinner for two at Greco (\$25.00 value): Linda Lyon-Wallis (ticket number 1418)
- Dinner for two at Five Eleven West (\$75.00 value): Joel Ives (ticket number 0659)
- Dinner for two at the Feast Dinner Theatre (\$75.00 value): Karen/Alex Munro (ticket number 1209)
- Dooly's gift certificate (\$50.00 value): Tom Hall (ticket number 1161)
- College of Piping Gift Shop (\$50.00 value): Andy Paynter (ticket number 1378)
- Highland Storm (tickets for 2) (\$66.00 value): Terry Shea (ticket number 0195)
- Highland Storm (tickets for 2) (\$66.00 value): Mary Johnston (ticket number 1598)
- Summerside Highland Gathering for 4 (\$80.00 value): Russell Noonan (ticket number 1614)
- Summerside Highland Gathering for 4 (\$80.00 value): Cathy MacIsaac (ticket number 0427)
- Summerside Golf Course—Green fees for 2 (\$110.00 value): Air Tech Communications (ticket number 1079)
- Summerside Golf Course—Green fees for 4 plus 2 power carts (\$275.00 value): Ruth Ashcroft (ticket number 0535)
- Red Sands Golf Course—Green fees for 2 plus cart (\$64.00 value): Gayle Muller (ticket number 1304)
- Harbourfront Theatre—Ballet Jorgen—Romeo and Juliet (\$64.00 value): Joe MacDonald (ticket number 1189)
- Credit Union Place—6 all access family passes and 6 bowling passes (\$180.00 value): Karen/Alex Munro (ticket number 1210)
- Andersons Creek or Green Gable Golf Course—Green fees for 2 (\$228.00 value): Kevin Pelley (ticket number 0737)

Thank You!