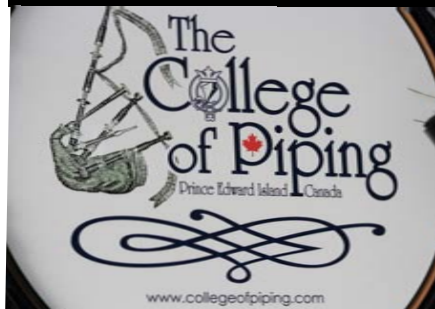


# the Celtic Connection

FOR STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS



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Our newsletter is published every month. It is available in hardcopy and on our website: [www.collegeofpiping.com](http://www.collegeofpiping.com)

The College website is a fantastic 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.

## Congratulations

are in order to Kearsney and Ryan...now Mr. and Mrs. MacNeil! Ryan and Kearsney got married in Kearsney's home country of South Africa on Friday, March 27, 2015. We are so happy that you found each other and we all wish you the very best as you start your married life together!



## Highland Storm set up

## and spring cleanup

As the weather warms and the snow starts to melt (we hope), thoughts start drifting to summer and all the fun activities and performances that go on around the College. We are starting to plan for our annual clean up and the set-up of the Highland Storm stage and set. There will be less to do in the back field, but that doesn't mean we won't need as many volunteers. The more the merrier and the faster everything gets done. We had some new faces join us last year to help and some younger ones learning what volunteering is all about! We hope to see lots of people out again...it's always nice after a long winter to see our friends and get acquainted with new volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!

We are aiming for early May to start work on the amphitheatre, but it will depend upon how quickly the snow melts. Keep your eyes out for further information in the May newsletter and if you are interested in volunteering for this or any activity, please email [sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com) or call Sue at 902-436-5377.



**Do you have any piping, drumming, or dancing items that your child has grown out of, but that are still in wearable condition?** There are a number of people who are new to The College and may need items that you child may have grown out of.

The idea of having a bit of a buy/sell/trade at the recital on June 14<sup>th</sup> has been mentioned. If anyone is interested in participating, please let Sue know [sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com) so that we can try to make this a reality. You would be responsible for selling your own items, but we'd be happy to have a table or two up in the main hall to help the items that you don't need any longer get into the hands of those who would appreciate them!

## Instructors for 2014/2015 year

James MacHattie –  
Director of Education

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

Kearsney MacNeil – Highland  
Chelsey Sanderson–Step(Lead)  
Mikaila Murray-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](mailto:karen.hatcher@collegeofpiping.com) or [james.machattie@collegeofpiping.com](mailto: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>

## 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.

We will be looking for volunteers for the entire run of **Highland Storm** (it runs from June 29<sup>th</sup> through to August 20<sup>th</sup> on certain days), as well as for the **Step Dancing Competition on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**.

If you are interested in volunteering, we will need people to take tickets, hand out programs, work at the prepaid ticket table, work in concessions, to name a few opportunities!

Please contact [sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com) or call Sue at 902-436-5377 to discuss your availability and interests.



The College of Piping is now part of **Aeroplan's Charitable Pooling Program**, which focuses on supporting organizations and individuals who want to improve the lives of people in their local communities. The charitable pooling option is meant to extend that philosophy to a local level, where charitable community efforts are aimed at enriching and improving community life. Our Aeroplan account is #787 694 595 and we hope that you will consider donating some of your Aeroplan points to The College of Piping! We are thrilled to be a part of such a recognized program. Please share this information with your friends and family...ever point helps! Here is a link to our profile and once you get onto our page, there is a donate now button. <https://beyondmiles.aeroplan.com/eng/charities?search=The+College+of+Piping+and+Celtic+Performing+Arts&category=>

## Support your local Highland Dancers and Pipe Bands!

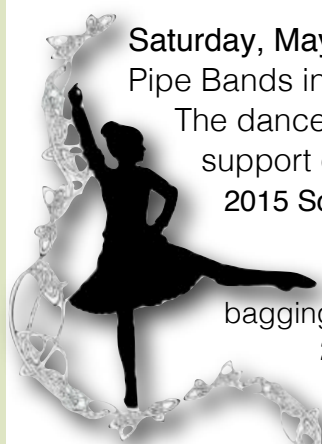
Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, will see our Highland dancers and Pipe Bands in full force at Sobeys in Summerside.

The dancers will be holding a barbecue in support of their trip to the

**2015 ScotDance Canada Championship Series**  
in London, Ontario.

Band members will be inside grocery bagging in support of their trip to the **2015 North American** in Maxville, Ontario.

Come out and support two fantastic trips!







## 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
- **Wilson Gas**, Summerside
- **Reids Corner Esso**, Summerside
- **Granville Street Esso**, Summerside
- **Griffins Smoke Shop**, Sobeyes, Summerside
- **Lights Smoke Shop**, Summerside
- **Summerside Butcher Shop**
- **Water Street Bakery**, Summerside
- **Slemon Park Variety**
- **Credit Union Place**, Summerside
- **Needs Convenience**, Water St. 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.

## 2015 Atlantic Canada Piobaireachd Challenge and workshop

Calling all piobaireachd (pronounced pee-brock) enthusiasts! I know you're out there... Circle the dates of **April 25th and 26th** on your calendar. The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada is proud to announce that we will be hosting and running the **2015 Atlantic Canada Piobaireachd Challenge and workshop**.



We have the privilege of Roddy MacLeod MBE, Principal of the National Piping Centre in Scotland, judging this prestigious event. After a full day of judging, Roddy will host a workshop the next day. Don't miss out! If you want to enter the contest, it's not too late! **The deadline to enter is not until April 17th.**

To find a copy of the entry form, please follow this link: [www.collegeofpiping.com/piobaireachdchallenge.php](http://www.collegeofpiping.com/piobaireachdchallenge.php). Please remember that you do not have to have competed to attend the workshop. Everyone is welcome! Sign up now!



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## Spring Gaelic Immersion Weekend

**APRIL 10-12** *Gàidhlig as t-Earrach*

*The weekend offers instruction in the Gàidhlig Aig Baile (GAB) style of teaching, which allows students to be fully immersed, even at a most beginner level. We encourage learning for all ages and have special classes dedicated for youth, so parents, be sure to bring your children along as well!*

*Spent a day or the whole weekend in beautiful St. Ann's while learning the Gaelic language in an exciting, useful, and enthralling way! Learning meets community, meets music and dance, meets storytelling, and equals fun!*

**YOUTH** *Eamag Dhòmhnulach* [Emily MacDonald]

**BEGINNER** *Cailean Dòmhnulach* [Colin MacDonald]

**INTERMEDIATE** *Màiri Sìne Niclaomuinn* [Mary Jane Lamond]

**ADVANCED** *Goiridh Dòmhnulach* [Jeff MacDonald]

For more information and to register, visit [www.gaeliccollege.edu](http://www.gaeliccollege.edu) or call us at 902-295-3411