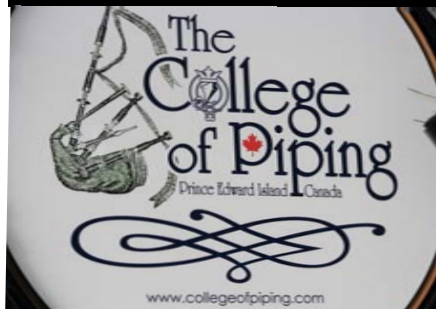


the Celtic Connection

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

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.**

Overview

The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada Chase the Ace Fundraiser is a weekly event with the goal of raising funds for the primary purpose of operating The College of Piping with a percentage allocated to specific band and dance programming.

Ticket Sale and Draw Location

The Oval at Red Shores
55 Greenwood Drive,
Summerside, PE,
C1N 6E4
(902)436-5551

Schedule

Ticket sales and draws will be held each Friday evening beginning on Friday, January 9, 2015. Tickets will go on sale at 5:00 pm. Tickets will be sold until 6:45 pm. Draws will take place at 7:00 pm. If draw falls on a holiday, the draw may be cancelled for that week and resume the following Friday.

House Rules

1. Tickets sales and draws will be held each Friday at The Oval at Red Shores. Ticket sales will be from 5:00pm to 6:45 PM. Draws will be held at 7:00pm.
2. Numbered tickets will be sold at the following prices: 5 tickets for \$5.
3. 50% of all ticket sales will go to The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada.
4. Each Friday, one winning ticket will be drawn at random from that night's ticket sales. The holder of the winning ticket will win 20% of the nights ticket sales and a chance to draw for the current round's Chase the Ace Jackpot.
5. Each week the Chase the Ace Jackpot is made up of 30% of the night's ticket sales plus all previous amounts in the Chase the Ace Jackpot.
6. For each round (defined as each deck of cards that still contains the Ace of Spades) of The College of Piping Chase the Ace Fundraiser, a new standard deck of 52 cards will be used to determine the winner of the current round's Chase the Ace Jackpot, upon issue of a new license.
7. Each Friday, the holder of the winning ticket will have the chance to select a single card from the current round's deck of cards. The current round's deck of cards will be spread out on a table. The holder of the winning ticket will select a single card by pointing to the card to be turned over. This card will be turned over by a board member of The College of Piping. If the card selected is the Ace of Spades, the holder of the winning ticket wins the current round's

Instructors for 2014/2015 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)

Skype Lessons

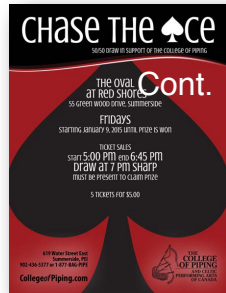
Skype lessons are being offered in piping and drumming. Please contact our director of Education, James MacHattie, for more information on how you can learn to pipe or drum from the comforts of your own home.

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>



selected is not the Ace of Spades, that card is removed from the deck, torn in two, the round continues, and Chase the Ace Jackpot carries over until the next Friday's draw. The round will continue until the Ace of Spades is selected and the Chase the Ace Jackpot is awarded.

8. The holder of the winning ticket must be in attendance to claim the prize when the ticket is drawn and all winnings are paid to the holder of

the ticket in attendance by The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada.

9. The College of Piping Board of Directors, as defined in The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada's Bylaws, and the current Management team, comprised of Executive Director and Director of Education, are not permitted to purchase tickets.

10. Any winner who is paid a prize, will automatically be deemed to grant to The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada an irrevocable right to publish, through all types of media broadcasting, including the internet, for the purposes of promoting the win, their full name (as well as user name or nick name), hometown and photograph without any claim for broadcasting, printing or other rights. Any winner who is paid a prize also gives The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada the right to publish any additional information that they voluntarily provide. The winner shall have no claim against The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada for invasion of privacy or any other ground(s) by reason of the publication or broadcasting of their Name, hometown or photograph or information voluntarily provided by the winner.

11. The ace will be shown in the deck of cards each week before the cards are placed on the table for the draw to take place.

12. If the winner does not come forward within fifteen minutes from the time the ticket is called that winning ticket becomes void and cannot be claimed later. A second draw is then made looking for a winner.

13. No proceeds from ticket sales will go to The Oval at Red Shores.

January FundScrip order



Now that Christmas is over, you must have used all of your gift cards for groceries and gas! We are thrilled with the response and just remember, although the percentages may not seem to add up to much individually, they add up over all of the purchases made by the group! If everyone bought a \$100 grocery gift card and a \$50 gas card every month, we could raise a lot of money to support the College in a short period of time! The nice thing is, you are not purchasing anything you don't need, you are purchasing something you can use and have helped the College without making a donation yourself!

If you don't live near the College of Piping, but live in Canada, you can still help us out by becoming a supporter online and having your gift cards shipped directly to your home! It is very simple and convenient! Simply log on to www.fundscrip.com and click on Support Your Group. Complete the information in this section and then type EXBKJ2 in the invitation code box. You will be sent a confirmation email, click on the link in that email to complete your registration. Now, login and purchase some gift cards! Super simple and you have supported the College of Piping!

We just ask that you don't use credit cards to pay for your order, we lose 2% of the earnings, but you can use debit online (with most major banks – 85 cent charge to us) or online bill payment or set up Electronic Funds Transfer! So quick and simple...and your gift cards arrive in your mailbox in approximately 7 days!



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
- Dunn's 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.

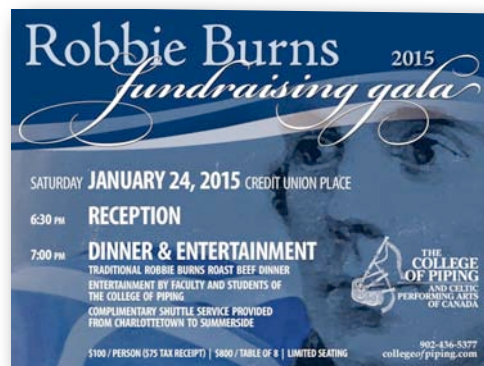


The next group order will go in Friday, January 16th, so please have your orders in by 10am. The gift cards take a week to arrive (barring any delays due to weather), so the turnaround time is very quick.

Robbie Burns Fundraising Gala

The fourth annual Robbie Burns Fundraising Gala will take place at Credit Union Place starting at 6:30 pm featuring a Scottish Ceilidh with students and faculty performing traditional and contemporary choreographies. Come enjoy the music of Robbie Burns along with piping, drumming, fiddling and dancing. A three course roast beef dinner, with haggis, will be served. Tickets are \$100.00 per person with a \$75.00 tax receipt being issued. Tables will be set for 8 and will be eloquently decorated by Prestige Flower Shop. A complimentary shuttle, is offered from Charlottetown to Summerside (& return) for the event.

This is a very popular event and it is nearly sold out! Contact Sue at 902-436-5377 or sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com about tickets!



Tuition Payments

Just a reminder to anyone who still has tuition payments outstanding to contact me to arrange payment! I can be reached at 902-436-5377 or sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com Thanks in advance!

Highland Storm



Tickets are on sale now for this year's all new production of Highland Storm! New songs, new choreography will be a part of this high energy production. To book your tickets, drop by the office or call 1-902-436-5377.

For further information on show dates and prices, visit our website at

www.collegeofpiping.com


If you have questions, feel free to contact Sue at sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com

CLEF Memberships

Memberships are now available for CLEF - the Celtic Learning and Education Foundation. Members will receive special pricing on events and more! This is also an easy way to support the work of the foundation. For more information, visit the CLEF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/clefpei, email clefpei@gmail.com or call Sheila at 902-838-3334.



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



Gift certificate from the gift store



Tickets for Highland Storm



A Celtic gift from the Gift Shop

The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada Post-Secondary Scholarship

Purpose

The purpose of The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada Post Secondary Scholarship is to financially support the post-secondary learning endeavors of a graduating high school student who is registered at The College of Piping & Celtic Performing Arts of Canada. Awarding of this scholarship shall help to preserve the unique traditions and skills associated with performing the historic Scottish arts and to provide funding for continued study and development. One \$1,000.00 non-renewable scholarship is available to a graduate of any of the 11 high schools on Prince Edward Island.

Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be a registered student of The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada
- Applicants must have proof of acceptance at a recognized Canadian university or college
- Consideration will be given to extra-curricular involvement, leadership roles and education plans
- Consideration will be given for community volunteerism
- Short essay stating your educational plans and why you should be considered for The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada Scholarship
- Demonstrate a commitment to learning and show excellence, or the potential for excellence, in their chosen College of Piping discipline

Application Requirements

Applicants must send the following, in addition to a submission letter:

- A letter of recommendation from their current instructor (should outline the applicant's skill level, frequency of instruction, progress made thus far, commitment, demonstrated proficiency, and anticipated development)

All awarded monies will be sent directly from The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada to the applicant's accepted university or college. No payments will be made directly to the applicant.

Completed applications should be delivered by April 1, 2015 to:

Karen Hatcher

Executive Director

The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada

Suggested requirements of submission letter:

- Name, address, phone number and email address
- Instructor's name
- Short essay (no more than 500 words) in which the applicant introduces themselves to the committee (their background in their College of Piping discipline, personal accomplishments, future goals, extra-curricular involvement, volunteerism, etc.) and identifies how the funding will benefit.

Snow, Wind, Ice, Sleet, Freezing Rain – Winter Weather

In case of bad weather please make sure that you check the College of Piping blog at www.collegeofpiping.com or listen to the radio to see if we are closed. The blog will always have up to date information. We do not always follow the school closings!



Important College Dates

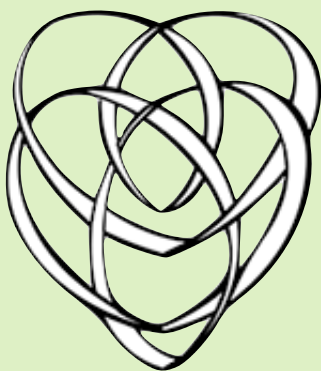
March break is the 16th-20th, and there are no classes, band practices or dance company rehearsals at The College.

The last day of classes is June 12th, and the

Year End Recital is June 14th at The College.

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.



Newsletter

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Band Travel Fundraiser

The College of Piping Pipe Bands

“Win a \$2,500 Travel Voucher” fundraiser.

The major prize for this event will be a travel voucher in the amount of \$2,500. In addition to this Grand Prize there will be 10 additional prizes drawn at an event that will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada. The draw event starts at 7 pm.

Terms, Conditions and Information

Lottery License #13000. All prizes to be accepted as awarded. 1,500 tickets to be printed. Winner of the Super Grand Prize must provide own travel insurance.

All proceeds in support of The College of Piping Pipe Bands and Trip to the North American Championships to be held in Maxville, Ontario on August 1, 2015.

Draw event to start at 7pm, Saturday, March 7, 2015 at The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada, 619 Water Street East, Summerside, PEI. First come, first entry to event – limited capacity. Do not have to be in attendance to win.

Super Grand Prize:

\$2,500 Travel Voucher.

Mini Vacations:

- Westin Nova Scotian Hotel/RCR Hospitality
- Four Points by Sheraton Halifax
- Delta Charlottetown/Water's Edge Resto Grill
- Slemon Park Hotel + Anson's

Dinners–

- Brother's 2 Feast Dinner Theatre
- Preserve Company
- Five Eleven West

Other Great Prizes –

- The College of Piping Gift Shop
- 2 x Highland Storm Tickets for two



Highland Dance Raffle Winner

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Christmas Getaway ticket. All tickets purchased were in support of The College of Piping Highland Dancers Trip to the 2015 ScotDance Canada Championship Series in London, Ontario. Congratulations to Tammy Gallant who was the lucky winner!

Thank You!

What a show! Thank you to all of the performers, parents, family members, friends, etc. that came out to the Christmas Recital. It was fantastic to see our students perform what they have been practicing so diligently this past fall. It was great to see those who have never performed before getting up in front of a crowd and putting on quite a show! Well done to everyone!