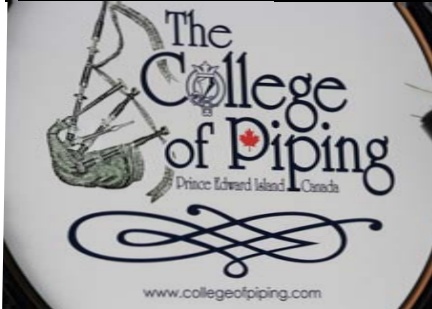


the Celtic Connection

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Our newsletter is published every month. It is available in hardcopy and on our website:
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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.

Allanna Dalziel has been awarded the first annual College of Piping Post Secondary Scholarship. She was selected from a group of applicants by a committee made up of instructors, staff, board members and volunteers. The scholarship will be presented to her at her graduation from Bluefield High School on June 23, 2014 by Executive Director Karen Hatcher at her graduation ceremony that will take place at UPEI. Allanna will be attending UPEI next year and will be in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

Allanna is currently a competitive Highland Dancer and has been competing at the highest levels, Premier and Championship, for a number of years. Apart from competitive Highland, Allanna is also one of our strongest dancers in the Senior Dance Company which is strictly focused on performance, and she is a member of our team for Highland Storm 2014. She is an accomplished Step and Tap Dancer and has been performing since she was little. Allanna is interested in doing her Associates exam in 2015 under the British Association of Teachers' of Dancing, which means she will be able to teach.

*Congratulations
Allanna*



Other Stars!

Mikaila Murray will be performing in Jesus Christ Superstar at the Harbourfront Theatre May 8, 9 & 10, 2014

Emma Doucette – new vocalist for Highland Storm 2014 – will be performing in Grease in Charlottetown Rural's Production at the Confederation Centre May 8, 9 & 10, 2014.



A reminder to band parents to sign up for concessions at the Highland Gathering. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the main entrance. Sign up early to get your preferred time slot!

Grocery Bagging

The pipe bands will be bagging groceries at the Summerside SuperStore on **May 10th**. Please come out to show your support and drop a donation in the bucket.



Solo Competitors

Band members wishing to play in solo competition should have their ACPBA membership number by now. If you still need to get yours, there is still time. You can find the registration form at:
www.acpba.ca

Entry forms for various competitions are now available. Check with your instructor for more details.

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.

Yard Sale

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!



Run To Scotland Run



On **June 1st**, the College of Piping Pipe Bands are holding a "Run to Scotland" running race. It will be comprised of a **5km and a 10km race**. The 5km race will take place on the Confederation Trail and is walker friendly. The 10km will take place on the streets and trails of Summerside. Registration will open soon so watch the blog for more information as it becomes available. Come and support a great cause and enjoy a great race while you're at it!

Ford's Drive One for UR School/Community

June 7th our pipe bands are participating in Ford's Drive One for UR School/Community. It is a fundraiser hosted by Alex D MacDonald Ford Dealership and for every Ford car test driven, the Pipe Bands earn twenty dollars. **They need 300 people to test drive these cars for an earning potential of \$6000 dollars!** Each household can count for one test drive. Watch the blog for more information as it becomes available!



It looked as though summer was on its way PEI, but it seems to have detoured!

Nonetheless, it is never too early to think about registering for Summer School!

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. Some weeks are starting to get busy, so don't wait to register!

Come out and Help in OUR Backyard!!



The snow has FINALLY melted in the back field, so we are hoping that we will be able to make our way out there soon to clean up what Mother Nature has left behind after this long winter! If this is something that you are interested in, we are hoping to get out there by early to mid-May. If you would like to come out and help to clean up our backyard, we would love to have you join us!! It will be a fun day and it's a great way to get out and get some fresh air and revive your spirit after all the snow we had! Please contact Sue either via email or phone, so that when a date for the clean up has been set, she can let you know!!





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.

Entertainment line up

If you haven't already heard, we have a great entertainment line up for the Highland Gathering! Here is the information...make plans to join us!

Friday night:

7:30 – 9:30 Highland Storm Preview - Amphitheatre
9:30 – 12:30 Ellis Family Band - Beer Tent

Saturday night - Beer Tent

4:30 – 7:00 Celtic Idol
7:30 – 9:30 Kevin Arthur and the Jack Tar Band
10:00 – 12:00 Rawlins Cross

Highland Gathering and Highland Storm Volunteer Orientation

The orientation evening will be held on **Monday, June 2nd at 6pm** in the Main Hall. It will be a great opportunity to say hi to some friendly faces



that you may not have seen for a while and also to get a run down on what you have volunteered to do over the

Highland Gathering weekend and for Highland Storm performance nights. For those of you volunteering for the Gathering you will be able to get your 2014 t-shirts as well! We look forward to seeing you!



Newsletters

We realize some of you are getting multiple copies of our e-newsletter and we appreciate your patience as we work on condensing multiple mailing lists onto one or two main lists. This is a large project and it is partially completed! Please bear with us as we make this transition!

From the Gift Shop

Mother's Day is just around the corner and we have some wonderful items that would make lovely Mother's Day gifts. Soon we will be getting more stock in, including our very popular jewelry items, so, if we don't have exactly what you would like, or would like to let your Mom pick out something herself, we offer gift certificates in any denomination! A number on the Goldrush 50/50, prepaid for a number of draws would also make a wonderful Mother's Day gift!



Inventory Blowout!! As we try to make room for new items, we are offering discounts on some of our clan items!

Clan bookmarks are on sale for \$1.65 each, a savings of over \$2.00!

Clan mugs are on sale for 25% off...there is a limited selection and it is while our current supplies last! We have the following names: Bruce, Chisholm, Douglas, Elliot, Forbes, Graham, Grant, Gunn, Hamilton, Keith, Kerr, MacDuff, MacGillivray, MacInnes, MacIntyre, MacLaren, MacMillan, MacPhail, Maxwell, Scott, Munro, Shaw, Thompson, Totten, Urquhart, and Black Watch.

20% off selected DVDs and CDs! We are offering the 2010 World Championships and the 2011 World Championship DVDs and CDs on for 20% off, as well as a selection of music CDs. While supplies last, come in for a visit to see what has been marked down to make way for new items!

Did you know, we also have a **CLEARANCE CORNER** in the gift shop!! We'd love to have you come in and see what has been marked down up to 75% off!

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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From the Director of Highland Storm, Ryan MacNeil



It's hard to believe this coming season of "Highland Storm" will be my third year of directing the show. It has been a rewarding experience to say the least. It offers me a creative outlet to work with the best talent that Prince Edward Island has to offer. I am honored to be involved.

Our cast this year has many positive first time additions in all of our disciplines and some of our seasoned veterans will also be returning to the show. I truly believe that Highland Storm not only offers a musical performance experience for our cast, but also provides memories that last a lifetime. For many, this is their first employment experience. How many people have a summer job that they are passionate about at an early age...or any age for that matter!

Our creative team have sat down this fall and brought the question to the table once again, "How will we top last year's show?" Let's just say, this one takes the cake! The Highland Storm brand of Celtic music and dance broadens the horizons while keeping the traditions that have kept the culture in existence. To quote the late Godfather of Celtic Music, John Allan Cameron, "We play the hits from the last 300 years!" Whether it's dance choreography to reels and jigs of old and new or a Celtic version of The Beatles song, there is some thing for everyone in this year show. It is a show that is not to be missed! Bring friends and family and celebrate what 25 years of The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts has to offer.

Piobaireachd Challenge

A huge thank you to everyone who came and competed, supported, sponsored and volunteered at the 2014 Atlantic Canada Piobaireachd Challenge this past weekend. The competition was held at The College in the main hall and was very well attended. The contest has grown since last year with twenty competitors. We were extremely honoured and privileged to have Dr. Jack Taylor, President of the Piobaireachd Society in Scotland, as our judge and workshop facilitator. A huge thank you to the contest's sponsors. Without your support the contest wouldn't have been able to take place. The associations and businesses that generously contributed to our competition were: The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada, The Atlantic Canada Pipe Band Association, MacIsaac Kiltmakers, MacLeod Highland Outfitters, L&M Highland Outfitters and John Walsh Bagpipes. Thank You!



College of Piping Website

Don't forget to check out our website for the latest results and photos from our events and competitions. Our students are just as busy in the winter months as they are in the summer and we update our website frequently!

