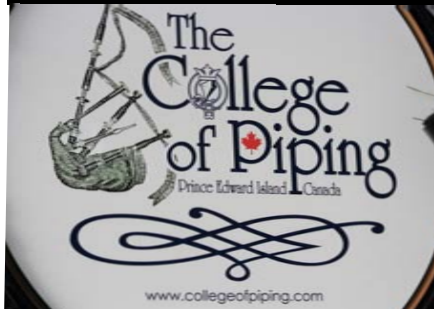


# the Celtic Connection

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.

## BBQ season is coming!

Yes, it is true. Help support The College of Piping Pipe Bands simply by stocking your freezer. With help from The Summerside Butcher Shop, the bands will be taking meat orders until May 28th. Don't miss out on the great deals on steaks, burgers, chicken and more! Orders can be placed through a band member, or at the front desk of The College. Call (902) 436-5377 for more information.



## The College of Piping Brave of Heart Run – in support of the Highland Dancers



The College of Piping – Brave of Heart Run is coming up on **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5pm**. Registration at 4pm and the cost is \$15. This is a fundraising run in support of our Highland dancers as they raise money to travel to London, Ontario to compete in the

Scot Dance Canada Championship Series in July.

There will be draws for door prizes, prizes for the winners in each distance as well as unique awards for all who finish the race. We are looking for volunteers to help with course marshalling, water stations, etc. For further information about the run, or to volunteer, please contact Sue McGiveron at 902-436-5377 or via email at [sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com)

We hope to see lots of people participating, so spread the word and keep an eye on our FaceBook page for updates as we get closer to race day!

## Spring Clean-Up and Amphitheatre Set Up – Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am

Good news! The snow has melted enough to see the stage and the tops of the centre rows of seating! This is big news, if you remember the picture from the March newsletter.

So, we are starting to plan for the annual spring clean-up and set up of the Highland Storm set. We are hoping that some of you will want to come out and get some fresh air while we get the grounds ready for all that summer has to offer! We have decided that **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am** will be the perfect day to get everything done (with an alternate date of May 23<sup>rd</sup>), so keep your eyes peeled on our FaceBook page, the blog and your inbox if you have given Sue your email address to be kept up on Volunteer opportunities. If you haven't volunteered before, we would love to have you join us, so contact Sue McGiveron at 902-436-5377 or [sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com) Thanks in advance!

## 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.

## Highland Storm

Planning is well in the works for this summer's all new production of Highland Storm! Our production features a cast of thirty, this high-energy show runs in July and August.

With artistic and music direction provided by Ryan MacNeil, a world-renowned keyboarder, piper, bodhran player, tin whistler and member of the Barra MacNeil's, this is the must-see show on PEI!

Highland  
**STORM**  
*Directed by Ryan MacNeil*

**ON  
SALE  
NOW**

Tickets are on sale now through Box Office PEI [www.boxofficepei.com](http://www.boxofficepei.com) or via the Box Office 902-436-5377. Groups of 10 or more receive a 20% discount, so bring all your friends to see this amazing show that features the best in Island talent!

We are also looking for volunteers for Highland Storm! We need ticket takers, people to hand out prepaid tickets, people to hand out programs, and to work in concessions! If you'd like to volunteer for Highland Storm, once you have finished the task you have volunteered for, you can stay and watch the performance! If you are interested in volunteering for any aspect of Highland Storm, please contact Sue McGiveron at 902-436-5377 or [sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com) We appreciate your help!

## From the Highland Dancers

The Highland Dancers will be participating in many events trying to raise the funds needed for their trip to London, Ontario for the ScotDance Canada Championship Series events.

Keep your eyes open for them on the following dates:

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – BBQ at Sobeys, Summerside**

**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Grocery Bagging at Superstore, Summerside**

**Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – BBQ at Sobeys, Summerside**

Make sure you pop by and support our dancers by purchasing something from the grill or putting your extra change in the buckets when they are grocery bagging!

## Yard Sale in Support of our Highland Dancers

The College's Highland Dancers will be holding a Yard Sale on **Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00am** in the amphitheater. 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 dancers meet their fundraising goals. **The dancers will be accepting items after May 10<sup>th</sup> and only during the College business hours (9am– 5pm).** They are not accepting any baby items (cribs, car seats, baby gates and toys) or electronics (computer monitors, televisions, laptops and printers). Come to the sale in search of new treasures!





## 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**, Sobeys, 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.

## FundScrip Update – next order May 22<sup>nd</sup>

(by 10am, please)

**Mother's and Father's Days** are coming up soon. have you thought about a gift card for Mom or Dad for their present?

May promotions (May 1 - 27th) are:

**SpaFinder** (check online for various locations) - 13% (regular 10%)

**La Vie en Rose** - 11% (regular 8%)

If you go off island for golfing supplies - **Golf Town** 7% (regular 3%)

For those of you who already purchase your gift cards online, you can access these specials when you log in and we thank you for your ongoing support!

Summer travel season is coming, will you be shuttling your students around to various competitions? Now is the time to start purchasing gas cards for all your trips and summer adventures!



**FundScrip**  
powered by Fundstream Inc.

**Our next FundScrip order will be going in on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> by 10am.**

**Please pick up your order form from the office at The College of Piping!**

If you would like to support us online, visit [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com) click on support your group and enter the invitation code EXBKJ2. It will prompt you to register and you can have gift cards mailed directly to you! We just ask that you don't use credit cards to purchase, as we lose 2% off each purchase.

If you order online, you will be able to get cards in time for Mother's Day!

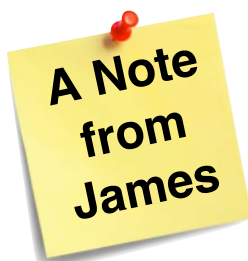
If you have any questions about FundScrip and how much it can help us to continue doing what we do, please contact Sue McGiveron - [sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com) or 902-436-5377

We hope that you will support us in this simple fundraiser!

We have set a goal of raising \$3500 through FundScrip and we have raised \$123 since January! **We need your help!**

## Step Dance Competition Update

Although The College of Piping won't be hosting a step dancing competition this year, that doesn't mean that you won't have the opportunity to compete in Summerside. During Lobster Festival, there will be a step dance competition, so keep practicing your choreography and wow an appreciative Lobster Festival audience! For further information on this competition, keep an eye on the Lobster Festival's website: <http://summersidelobsterfest.com>



A note to piping and drumming students: James is strongly encouraging you all to give serious consideration to the opportunity provided by the partnership between the College and the National Piping Centre from Glasgow. He used to drive across Saskatchewan, Alberta, into Montana and across to Idaho to get this sort of opportunity to learn. You might just need to brave the Blue

Shank Road or even Granville Street to get this same kind of chance! It really is here in your backyard. It is a school that runs the week of July 5-10, with multiple lessons per day from different instructors, and evening activities. You just need to be available that week, and register through the Piping Centre: <http://www.thepipingcentre.co.uk/bagpipe-drumming-schools/> You'd learn lots and have piles of fun!

## Lobster Festival, SummeRide and other Community Events!

**Summerside Lobster Festival** – July 20-25<sup>th</sup> - Green's Shore – Summerside

**Parade Day / Acadian Day** – July 20

**Youth Talent Contest & Featuring Meaghan Blanchard** – July 21

**Celtic Day / Step-dancing Competition** – July 22

**Mi'kmaq Cultural Day** – July 23

**Culinary Day and Lobster dinner** featuring Jimmy Flynn - July 24

**DiverseCity Festival** – July 25

**Beach Volleyball Tournament** – July 24, 25, 26

**SummeRide Bike Rally** – July 24, 25, 26

[www.summersidelobsterfest.com](http://www.summersidelobsterfest.com)  
Twitter: peilobsterfest

Website will be updated soon.  
Stay Tuned

## GSCC Scholarship

The deadline for the Wendell J. Gallant Memorial Scholarship is little more than a month away.

This \$500 scholarship is awarded each year to a high school graduate in the Summerside area who is on their way to post-secondary education and who has a parent employed by a GSCC member company. Eligibility criteria and application forms are available at [www.summersidechamber.com](http://www.summersidechamber.com) by clicking on "member services", then "member benefits". Applications must be received at the Chamber offices at 263 Heather Moysse Drive no later than noon on May 28.



Starting to think about summer, but you aren't sure what to do with your time?? Sign up for one of the week long summer school sessions offered through most of July and August here at The College! Regular piping and drumming summer programs run from the week of **July 20<sup>th</sup>** (the week of the 13<sup>th</sup> is already full!) through

the week of **August 17<sup>th</sup>**, and regular dancing programs run the week of **July 20<sup>th</sup>** through the week of **August 24<sup>th</sup>**. The week of **July 13<sup>th</sup>** is Introduction to Dance Week, for those who do not have dance experience but would like to give it a try! All the details are available here: <http://www.collegeofpiping.com/summer.php>.

## June 6<sup>th</sup> Concert

On Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, come to The College of Piping for a night of dance and Celtic music. The concert will feature performances from our Highland Dancers, 3 of our Pipe Bands and other Island musicians. All proceeds from the concert will directly support our Dancers and Pipe Bands as they travel to the Canadian and North American Championships this summer. The performance starts at 7:00pm in our covered Mary Ellen Burns Amphitheatre. Doors will open at 6:30pm for general seating. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from members of the Pipe Band or Highland Dancers. Tickets will also be available that The College of Piping Box Office and Box Office PEI. We hope to see you there!

## Pipe Band Grocery Bagging at Sobeys

On May 16<sup>th</sup> please come and support our pipe bands as they bag groceries at Sobeys in Summerside. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards their trip to the North American Championships in Maxville, Ontario this August. Thank you for your continued support!



## Aeroplan Beyond Miles Charitable Pooling Program



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=>