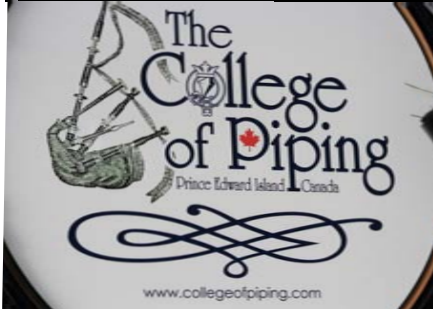


the Celtic Connection

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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 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.

Message from the Executive Director

It is hard to believe that we are now well into the fall and the leaves are changing. Time continues to pass so quickly. I certainly attribute that to how busy everyone is at The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada – whether it is during the teaching year, planning our annual events, competing or performing throughout the summer.

This past summer saw our most successful Highland Storm performances yet. Under the direction of Ryan MacNeil and created in conjunction and consultation with our team of full time instructors (James, Chris, Kearsney and Kylie), audiences were wowed each and every night. Our team of performers raised the bar and clearly demonstrated *Excellence* in each show.

Our pipe bands had a very successful and whirlwind trip as they traveled to Glasgow, Scotland to compete in the World Pipe Bands Championships in August. Both bands qualified and made it into their respective finals. The grade four band placed fifteenth out of fifty eight bands and the grade three band placed ninth out of twenty eight bands. Each band member came home with a ton of memories and stories of their experiences.

As we start our planning for next summer, we are going to be making some changes to our events. Although the Summerside Highland Gathering has been an annual event, starting in 1991 and continuing into 2014, with a short hiatus in 2009 and 2010, which saw pipe bands and dancers come from across Canada and the US, it is now time to create our competitions and events in a different format. In 2015, we will not be hosting and producing the Highland Gathering – as a 3 day event. We are currently working on forging a new partnership with The National Piping Centre in Glasgow, Scotland and exploring hosting one of their international schools. This partnership would open doors for workshops and instruction for pipers, drummers and pipe bands and from that point, we could facilitate formats that would support adjudication and performances that would be accessible to the general public and supporters. We are also looking at exploring and broadening the scope of a Highland Dance competition to encompass workshops and offer greater value and opportunities to local and traveling dancers. Both of these opportunities would still support our local community as instructors, judges, and competitors would be traveling to join our own students and competitors to participate in these events.

Please stay tuned to upcoming newsletters, blogs, Journal Pioneer columns, our website or our Facebook page on new events, new opportunities and upcoming performances.

Karen Hatcher
Executive Director

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>

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.

VOTE FOR US!



Aviva Insurance believes that to truly make a difference, insurance companies and brokers must understand the

little things that matter most to our customers. That's why we stand behind brokers as the best choice to help Canadians protect their homes, cars and businesses. Brokers are involved in and champion local causes in their community, and the Aviva Community Fund competition is simply another way to harness this support and help the communities where we live and work.

Aviva is once again offering \$1 million to encourage Canadians to lead, empower and support community initiatives across the country. They have already provided over \$4.5 million in funding to 91 charities and community groups including youth programs, animal shelters, public schools, camps and centres for those affected by disabilities or illness.

In the competition's first five years, Canadians overwhelmingly answered the call proposing over 7,500 ideas and casting more than twelve million votes in support of causes from every province and territory.

The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada has submitted an "idea" for the Aviva Competition. We are hoping to access some funds to upgrade our aging amphitheatre by having a new roof made, new walls and more comfortable cushions on the benches. By changing our existing venue through the purchase of upgraded materials and equipment, we will be able to create an environment that is safer and more modern, thus helping to enhance the experience for both our performers and visitors.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!! This competition is won by votes and we need each and every one of you to assist us in the voting process. Please go on line and cast your vote.



Please reach out to all of your friends and family and colleagues and ask them to support our project by way of a vote. Our idea name is The College of Piping Inspiring Excellence Venue. Go to www.avivacommunityfund.org to cast your vote (last time it was checked we're on page 9).

You can only cast one vote per day for us, but you can vote every day!

Exact location is:

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf19453>

Put it in your phone calendar to remind you!

It's important to vote soon and continuously to get to the next round. See <https://www.avivacommunityfund.org/about/timeline> to understand how it works. **Let's Do This!**

New Fundraising initiative

The College of Piping is undertaking a new fundraising initiative, so keep your eyes on your in box in the coming weeks. You don't have to live on PEI or in the local area to support us either! It's a very simple program that doesn't require much effort on your part, so we hope you will help us raise some money for the College!



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
- **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.

From the Director of Education

Breaking news! The College now has a grade 2 pipe band for the first time! The grade 3 group is ready for the challenge of a new grade level. Exciting times are ahead!

Photograph and Video Recording Consent: as you know, the College keeps its website and social media content current. That often includes photos and videos of staff and students. Instructors will be asking students and families to sign a waiver and release form so we have your permission (or not!) to use the images for electronic or print materials.

Classes are already into full swing! It has been great to meet some new faces, get caught up with returning students, and meet with parents. The bands and dance groups are getting going, so we're on track for a great year. **Welcome back!**



Update

September has been a great month with lots of tourists coming in to visit the College of Piping and watch the Highland Storm DVD in our main hall. It has been wonderful to welcome many people from different parts of Canada and the USA. We have received some beautiful new Heathergems as well as a new shipment of College of Piping T-shirts, so we now have shirts in all sizes again!

I know it's early to think about Christmas presents, but pop in early to get your student their favourite College of Piping gear!

Thank You!

We just wanted to pass along a big thanks to all of our volunteers! We can never thank you enough for all you do to help us with our fundraisers, with Highland Storm and the Highland Gathering, as well as our clean up in the field, putting up our set and amphitheatre dome, the list goes on and on. We appreciated your involvement with the College of Piping!



Congratulations!

to all our Atlantic Canada Pipe Band Association Champion Supreme Winners! The College was well represented on the Atlantic circuit this year.

Well done to: the Grade 4 and 3 bands (and Gr 3 Dress and Department), James MacHattie (Professional Piping), Devin Paynter (Gr 1 Drumming a Sr Am HJ), Austin Trenholm (Gr 4 Drumming), Mairi Brydon (Drum Pad), Sarah Simpson (Gr 1 Piobaireachd), Peter Allen (Gr 2 Piping), Trevor Profitt (Gr 3 Piobaireachd), and Danielle Chiarotto (Gr 5 Piping and Piobaireachd).

Congratulations to everyone on a great season!



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

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