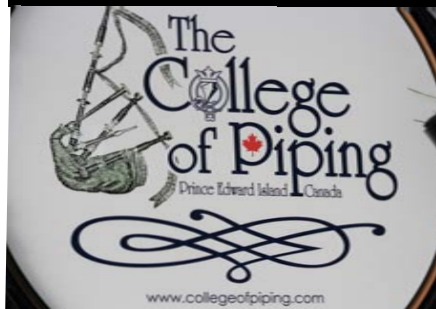


# the Celtic Connection

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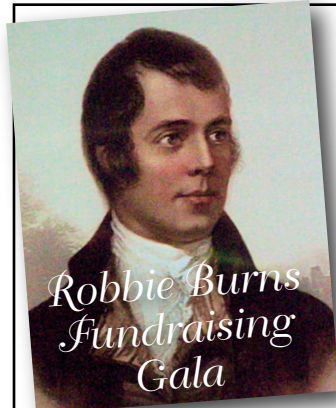
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The **College website** is a wonderful source of information on the College of Piping and its activities. You will find up to date information on the blog, access to our Facebook page and Twitter account, pictures of events at The College and at events 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.**



## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada at our second annual Robert Burns Gala! It was a fantastic evening full of music, laughter, good food (including yummy island made haggis) and fabulous entertainment. It saw the début of our College of Piping Dance Company, our third College of Piping Pipe Band (Grade 4) and our newest instructor, the extremely talented Brittany Banks, who performed twice during the evening's festivities! Photos are now up in the College's photo gallery on the website. Robert Burns would have been proud and flattered to have been celebrated in such a festive and elegant way! Thank you!

Fantastic College supporter (along with his lovely wife, Anna) and member of the College of Piping Grade 4 Pipe Band, **Dean MacDonald**, has taken the time to create another incredible College of Piping YouTube video. He lovingly put this together as a thank you to all who made the pipe bands' goals and accomplishments possible. It is definitely worth a look – maybe even two looks! Go to YouTube COP 2102 Summerside. A big thank you to Dean for all the time and skill he put into making the video and for all he (and Anna!) do for The College.



## Fine Dining



On **March 9th at 6:00pm**, the dancers will be hosting an evening of fine dining. It will take place in the hospitality room of the Atlantic Superstore at 6pm. **Chef Calvin Burt of Shipwright's Cafe** will oversee the meal. The menu is going to be absolutely delicious! It consists of: chicken cordon bleu, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, spring vegetable medley and dessert. I'm salivating while typing! **Tickets are \$25.00** and can be purchased from any of our Highland dancers, Highland dance parents or from the College. There is **limited seating** so get your tickets now! Anyone who has eaten at Shipwright's will know that this is a meal not to be missed! Help support our dancers so that they can reach their goal of competing at the Canadian Championships! **Watch for the date and time announcement**



**Congratulations** to volunteer extraordinaire, **Lindsay Rogers**. Lindsay was presented with the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal on February 8<sup>th</sup>. He was nominated for this medal by the Prince Edward Island Police Association with the support from The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada for his commitment and volunteerism to the College. To say we are proud of your honour would be an understatement! Well done!

## Instructors for 2012/2013 year

James MacHattie –  
Director of Education

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

### Dance

Kearsney Smith – Highland  
Brittany Banks–Step(Lead)  
Rebecca Dawson – Step  
Shanae Rogers – Step

## Skype Lessons

Skype lessons are being offered in piping. Contact James or Jane for more information on how you can learn to Pipe from the comfort of your own home.

## Contact

If you have any questions, concerns or words of praise, please contact James MacHattie, Director of Education or Jane Magee, Registrar. They can be reached at 436-5377 or e-mailed at [james.machattie@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:james.machattie@collegeofpiping.com) or [jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com)



## Snow, wind, ice, sleet, freezing rain, storms

In case of bad weather make sure you check The College of Piping blog at [www.collegeofpiping.com](http://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.**

# Homecoming 2013

## The College of Piping Homecoming

On **September 1, 2014** The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada will be celebrating its **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** So much has been accomplished in this quarter of a century. Starting with a two bedroom bungalow The College has grown to the facility that you see today. More importantly thousands of students have learned to pipe, drum and dance. Some have joined the bands and competed nationally and internationally. Some of our dancers have danced on world stages. And some of them dance in their living rooms. That's one of the great things about The College; we can help you attain your dreams whether they are personal or professional.

Speaking of the thousands who have come through our doors, we are creating a database of present and former students, instructors, volunteers and participants. If you know of **anyone who has had any connection to The College**, please let us know. We want to keep everyone up to date with the plans for the anniversary festivities. Call Jane at 436-5377 or email her at [jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com) and she will make sure everyone is included. Everyone is welcome at The College, whether you are past student, a visitor, a current student or a Celtic enthusiast. There is always an open door policy at The College.

## Gift Shop

The gift shop at The College is open year round. If you need piping, drumming and dancing supplies: ghillies, College hoodies, dance, pipe band and local artist CD's - this is the place to come. We special order and have gift items for the person who has everything. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm.

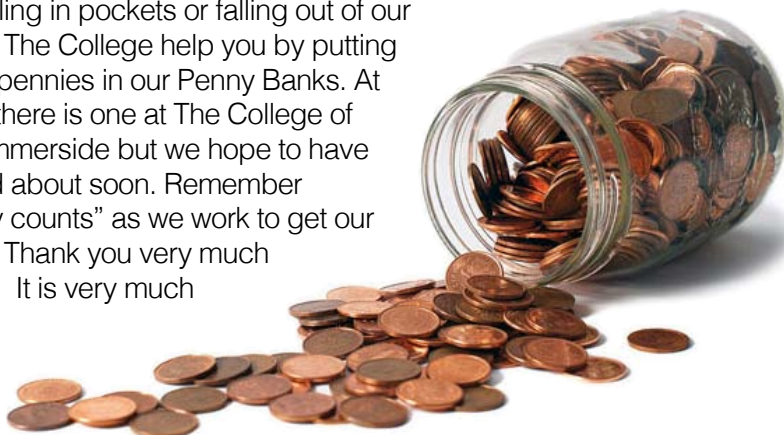
## ACPBA memberships for Pipers and Drummers

### A reminder for all competitive Highland dancers, pipers and drummers

For all Highland dancers who wish to compete this year, the registration forms are available from the Highland dancing bulletin board upstairs (right outside of the Highland dance studio). Pipers and drummers who wish to compete in solos for 2013 must become members of the Atlantic Canada Pipe Band Association. Individual memberships were due before January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have failed to become a member before that date, the membership price increases. Please check the ACPBA website to check the amount. To do so, go to [acpba.ca](http://acpba.ca) and click on membership

## Penny Banks

The College is offering to take pennies off of your hands! After February 4th, cash transactions will have to be rounded to the nearest 5¢ increment but electronic transactions will still be calculated down to the individual cent. Finance Minister Flaherty announced in his March 2012 budget that the penny would be phased out, saving taxpayers an estimated \$11-million annually. It costs roughly 1.6¢ to make each penny. We all have pennies sitting on dressers or in drawers, jingling in pockets or falling out of our wallets. Help The College help you by putting your excess pennies in our Penny Banks. At the moment there is one at The College of Piping in Summerside but we hope to have more out and about soon. Remember "every penny counts" as we work to get our deficit down. Thank you very much for your help. It is very much appreciated!







## 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**

- 1) Shell Service Station  
-Water St. E
- 2) Wilson's Service Station on  
-Water St E.
- 3) Reid's Corner Esso  
-Summerside
- 4) Granville St. Esso
- 5) Samuels Coffee
- 6) Medicine Shop Pharmacy
- 7) Kensington Food Basket
- 8) Gass's Store – New Haven
- 9) Gallant's Store – Rustico
- 10) Race Trac Gas – Stanley  
Bridge
- 11) Griffins Smoke Shop –  
Sobey's Summerside
- 12) Lights Smoke Shop – by  
Subway on Granville St.,  
Summerside
- 13) Summerside Butcher Shop –  
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.

**As a non-profit organization, we are always looking for new and creative ways to raise the funds that will enable us to continue to provide educational programs, encourage students to learn and grow in their disciplines, and offer continued growth in the Celtic Performing Arts.**



We have had to postpone the February 15<sup>th</sup> Ceilidh. **The next Ceilidh will be held on March 1st at 7:00 pm.** These ceilidhs were created to provide a venue for every single student of The College to get a chance to perform and show off what they've learned in their classes, either as individuals or in groups. **Even if you only just started in September, you can still perform!** If you would like to perform, please contact Kearsney at [kearsney.smith@collegeofpiping.com](mailto:kearsney.smith@collegeofpiping.com). The dates for the remainder of this season's ceilidhs are

March 1  May 10

If you would like to come to the ceilidh arrive at The College of Piping by 7 pm. The cost of admission is \$5.00 per person. Come out, have fun, meet everybody, and be wildly entertained! Everyone is welcome!

### Piping, Drumming and Dancing Courses at The College of Piping

A reminder that there are several extra courses offered in all disciplines in the new year. Check your Educational Handbook or call Jane for more information on these classes.

<b>Piping</b>	
Piping for Highland Dancing	Jan. 7 – March 11
Stage Performance Track	April 1 – May 20
Teaching Skills Workshop	Feb. 4 – Feb. 25
Composition Workshop	April 8 to April 29
<b>Drumming</b>	
Stage Performance Track	April 1 – May 20
Teaching Skills Workshop	Feb. 4 – Feb. 25
<b>Highland Dance</b>	
Choreography Group	Jan. 7 - June 10
Fitness Class	Jan. 7 to June 10
Teaching Skills Workshop	Feb. 4 to Feb. 25
<b>Step Dance</b>	
Choreography Group	Jan. 7 to June 10
Fitness Class	Jan. 7 to June 10
Teaching Skills Workshop	Feb. 4 to Feb. 25

### Keep Informed

You can find out what is going on at The College of Piping in many ways. Kylie updates the blog at least once a week (and remember to look there for storm cancellations), facebook and twitter has up to the minute information, our sign out front tells you what is coming up, we try to keep you in the loop with e-mails, and now there is the column in the Journal Pioneer. Of course you can always call The College 436-5377 or send us an e-mail if you have any questions.  
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### 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 of these folk and give

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