

The Clay Piper

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WELCOME!



Here we are near the end of 2017. WOW! What an eventful and furious year this has been!! To my fellow band members, band supporters, and Board of Directors: thank you so very much for allowing me to serve as President of our Board of Directors. Each and every one of you, band members and supporters, has contributed so very much of your time, talent, and financial resources. I am sure that there were times that you had to set aside your business and personal commitments in support of our band. Without a doubt I could write a quarter-page on each and every band member and supporter highlighting your personal efforts and dedication.

Thanks to all Board members for their support this year, and a special thank you to Pipe Major Will Wheeler and Drum Sergeant Evan Brown, Bob Simpson, our newsletter publish-

er, our secretary Jane, and a very special high-five to Art Tenney, our band business manager, who has been instrumental in finding the funds necessary to keep us piping and drumming.

During 2017 we performed for 37 different events over a three-county area (Clay, St. Johns, and Duval) and traveled to St. Simons Island, Georgia for a Kirkin. Six members went to North Carolina to attend the piping and drumming academy! We also hosted a table at the Clay County Agricultural Fair for ten full days.

I believe our single biggest achievement for the year has been making the decision to change our band's tartan from St. Patrick's to the Scottish National Tartan. This will be a very large expenditure of your band's funds. Thanks to all band members that offered their input and final approval. It is hard to believe that another year of Celtic music is coming to an end.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Slàinte.

PAST EVENTS

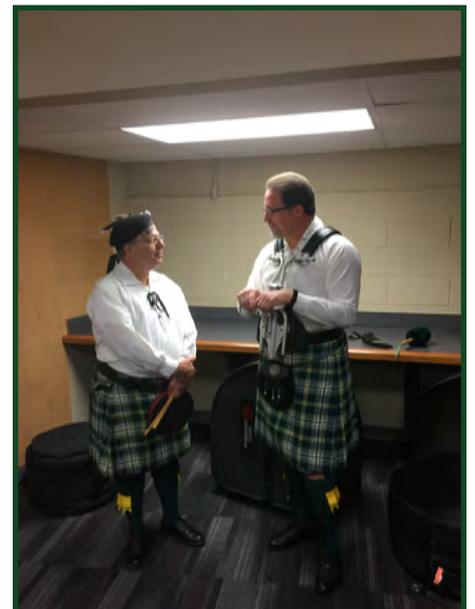


After a summer break our performing members assembled at the Allegro assisted living center to entertain and welcome back those evacuated for hurricane Irma. The residents have been a great support

to First Coast Highlanders and we thank you.



September 30th FCHs performed at one of our annual events at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Stadium, leading in the faculty of the University of Phoenix. The Graduating students always appreciate the charged-up music of the bagpipes and drums.



Darryl Labranche receiving last minute instructions from Drum Sergeant Evan Brown prior to the University of Phoenix performance. Thanks Darryl for assisting with the Bass Drum.

SCOTTISH TIDD-BITS

SCOTTISH GAMES EVENTS

Scottish Games events, you may have noticed several of the athletes performing their talents. One of those events is the “**Weight over the bar,**” also known as **Weight for height**. The athletes attempt to toss 56-pound weight with an attached handle over a horizontal bar using only one hand. Each athlete is allowed three attempts at each height. Successful clearance of the height allows the athlete to advance into the next round at a greater height. The competition is determined by the highest successful toss with fewest misses being used to break tie scores. Oh by the way February 24th 2018 is the NE FL: Scottish Highland Games <https://www.neflgames.com/>



WHAT'S YOUR CLAN?

Campbell ~ Art Tenney, FCH's Band manager claims the clan Campbell as his family Scottish Clan, and has been gracious enough to put together the following information. In addition to Art, Hamish Calder is of Clan Campbell and Steve Romeo and Robert Arthurs also claim Campbell ancestry.

Clan Campbell

Gaelic Name: Caimbeul

Motto: Ne Obliviscaris
(Do not forget)

Badge: Bog Myrtle

Lands: Argyll

Origin of Name: Gaelic, Caimbeul from 'Cam' (wry) and 'Beul' (mouth)

Pipe Music: The Campbells Are Coming

Clan Chief: His Grace the Duke of Argyll, the 13th Duke

The name Campbell

Officially the first time the name Campbell was used was in Lochawe in 1445 in the titling of Lord Campbell. Sir Sir Caillein



Mor Campbell's grandfather Dugald on Lochawe was first given the nickname “Cam Beul” as he supposedly used to speak out of one side of his mouth. ‘Cam beul’ means curved mouth in the Gaelic. Duncan was so dearly loved by his family that they continued with his nickname as their own family. It is an interesting ‘coincidence’ that the Earl of Orkney who died in 1020 was also called ‘Einar Wry-Mouth’. One explanation could be the medical explanation of Torticollis, in Latin ‘Tori’ means ‘twisted’ and ‘Collis’ means ‘neck’, or ‘wry neck’. This condition causes the head to tilt to one side and the chin and mouth to be turned the other producing a ‘Cam beul’ or curved mouth.

According to legend the first ancestor of the Campbells appears in the eleventh or twelfth Century Smevie or Mervvn, son of Arthur, who became known as ‘the Wildman of the Woods’. A name given probably to acknowledge him as a great hunter. Some say he was the son of the Legendary Arthur. There is no evidence to back

this story up. The name Campbell did not come till several generations later. The origin of the Campbells like most Scots, are a blend of races. The Campbells are historically a powerful family, during the 16th to 18th Centuries they were one of the leading families in Argyll and Perthshire. For over 450 years from 1457 onwards, the Chiefs of Clan Campbell have played important roles within the government of Scotland. Many Campbells share the Gaelic/Scots blood of the Dalriadic O'Duibne people who were based in Lochawe in the 13th century. The descent of the Campbell family is also said to come from the Britonic Celts of Strathclyde, this is sometimes called the “Romano British”. The Britonic Celts are from the northwestern part of the early “Kingdom of Strathclyde”.



To the northeast of Scotland lies Aberdeenshire and the county of Argyll, the county is where the Campbell family came to have a seat of power. Argyll covers an immense area at around 100 miles in length and slightly less in width, including inhabited islands and over 1000 miles of coastline.

DID YOU KNOW?

Saint Andrew has been recognized as Scotland's patron saint since as early as 1320 at the signing of the



Declaration of Arbroath, believing that having an apostle of Jesus (a heavy-weight Saint) as patron of the country would help with independence on the religious front. However, there is a legend that sees Saint Andrew being made the patron saint in 832 AD, at the battle of Athelstaneford between the Scots and the Angles. It is said that not long before the battle the king of the Scots prayed for help from Saint Andrew and vowed, after seeing white clouds form an X-shape in the blue sky, that if his army were victorious he would proclaim Andrew the country's patron saint. The Scots won the battle against their southern enemy, putting it down to the blessing from Saint Andrew, and in turn adopted the white cross on the blue background as their flag and Saint Andrew as their patron saint.

UNIFORM FUND RAISER

When First Coast Highlanders reorganized, April 15, 2016, we decided to change our uniform to best fit our name. We changed our shirts and hats. Now we are going to change our kilt to a Scottish tartan. New kilts will be made of the "Scotland's National" Tartan pattern.

We are requesting financial help to purchase these kilts and complete our new look. Every year we complete over 30 performances. Of those, over 70% are pro bono for other non-profits, local schools, and military events.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable corporation and if you so desire to make a kind donation, they are tax deductible. If you wish to write a check, please mail it to the First Coast Highlanders at 9703 NW 219th Street * Starke, FL * 32091. Donating today is easy through our web site: www.firstcoasthighlanders.com just click on any of the DONATE buttons located on every page.

Any help you can give is greatly appreciated.
Thank You.



MISSION STATEMENT

The First Coast Highlanders is a Highland Bagpipe and Drum Band based in Clay County, Florida.

We are a performance and entertainment band, a teaching organization, and a cultural group. We are a community based band and promote Celtic culture through music. We are committed to playing the finest in traditional Scottish and Irish music for both private and public audiences.

Our goal is to encourage and support the Celtic culture in our community by providing instruction to anyone interested in learning the great highland bagpipe or highland drums. Lessons are provided free of charge to anyone that is willing to commit the time and self-discipline to learn.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Veterans Appreciation Day

Sunday, Nov. 5 – 10:00AM

St Giles Presbyterian Church, Orange Park

Veteran's Day Memorial Services

Saturday, Nov. 11 – 11:00AM

Magnolia Cemetery, Orange Park

Kirkin of the Tartan

Sunday, Nov. 19 – 9:00AM

1st Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville



Ron Parker Memorial

Friday, Jan. 12, 2018 – 10:00AM

Saint Augustine Beach

Kirkin of the Tartan

Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018 – 8:45 and 10:30AM

Saint Simons Island Presbyterian Church, GA



NE FL Scottish Highland Games & Festival

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018 – 9AM – 10PM

Clay Co Fairgrounds, Green Cove Springs

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Please complete the coupon below and mail with your check to the **First Coast Highlanders, 9703 NW 219th Street, Starke, FL 32091.**

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