

Island Fling



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As the second half of the 2004/5 dance season winds down I would like to thank all those who helped out with the different venues and offered their help to the Ball Committee and Class Reps when it was their turn to host a function. We have nominees for Treasurer and Newsletter Editor but the nominations will stay open until the AGM. Please make an effort to attend and enjoy a little dancing afterwards.

A number of functions geared for all levels are coming up in fast order (see Events page).

This issue will be the last Fling (May/June) until the first week of September which will include class dates and Fall events.

Our First Basic Class and Open House will be Sept 12 at McKenzie School. Mark your calendar.

We have two events in short notice both needing helpers. "Highland Games Booth Informers" and "Marchers/Dancers for the May Day Parade" Contact me ASAP if you find you have the time to give a hand (or leg) to either of these events.

In case we don't meet during the Summer have a happy, safe, and healthy year.

Jim Scott

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Final Notice

The Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society will take place on April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at St Martin in The Fields Church Hall on Obed Avenue.

All members of VISCDs are encouraged to attend. The meeting is usually of short duration followed by a bit of light social dancing geared for all levels plus a few goodies.

Jim Scott

Executive Committee Members

The following members have allowed their name to stand for the following positions on the VISCDs Executive Committee for 2005/2006

James Scott.....President
Bill Greig.....1st Vice & Publicity
Mary Roberts.....2nd Vice & Membership
Heather Danks.....Secretary
Ian Danks..... Social Convener
Jamie Orr.....Treasurer
Sara Hatfield.....Newsletter Editor
Joan Axford.....Teacher Representative

Further nominations with seconders will be open until the AGM

From the Retiring Treasurer

Information about VISCDs's year-end financial statement and investment will be presented at the AGM on April 21, 2005. At that time a new treasurer will be elected and I will step down. I take this opportunity to thank the Society for the opportunity to serve as treasurer and to thank all the people I have worked with over the past three years. My best wishes to you all in the coming 30th year celebration.

Merle Peterson

Don't let your strathspeys get slipshod or your reels rust, come to TUESDAY DANCING, SUMMER DANCING and DANCING IN THE PARK.

TUESDAY DANCING is April 19 to May 31. 7:30 – 9:30 at St Martin in the Fields, Obed. Cost: \$3:00.

SUMMER DANCING begins Friday, June 3 for 10 sessions until August 5. 7:30 p.m. 'til you drop at St. Martin in the Fields, Obed. Cost: \$6. Contact: Bob Anderson.

DANCING IN THE PARK is July 7 to August 25. 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Band Shell, Beacon Hill Park.

From the Editor's Desk

After three years in the position of newsletter editor, this is my last newsletter.

If you thought you heard a cheer, you would be mistaken. To all those people who said "No" they wouldn't take on the role of editor – you don't know what you are missing! The last three years wearing the editor's hat have been very enjoyable. Yes, I did have to have my arm twisted at the beginning, and the pay is rotten, but if I had said "No" too I would have missed the camaraderie of all those stimulating executive meetings. Being involved means getting to know members better and feeling more a part of a friendly group of dancers.

Thank you to everyone who made the editor's job so easy by sending contributions on time and well proofed (well, mostly spelled right). The prompt and enthusiastic reports I receive from teachers, executive and committee members, class representatives, other clubs and dancing contributors have made my job painless.

I would especially like to thank the teachers who sent beautifully formatted dance programs for the socials well in advance of the newsletter deadlines. And, I would like to thank the Ball Committee for their full reporting of the lead-up to and the Ball Weekend news each year.

Class representatives have also added a great deal to the newsletter by their enthusiastic and often funny reporting on the success of socials.

And, thanks to Ian Danks who has now taken on the job of collecting the newsletter from the printer and organizing the mailing and distribution. This has effectively halved the editor's job.

Good luck to the new editor. I hope you enjoy the job as much as I have done.

Christine Rushforth

29th Annual Workshop and Ball Weekend

Another wonderful weekend of Scottish Country Dancing and socializing has come and gone and by all reports and comments was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Barbara Johnston, Maureen Lyon and Jim Adamson brought their years of experience to the Workshops to teach to all levels of dancers. The afternoon offered a variety of choices that were well received and on Sunday the teachers introduced us to some of their favourite dances to finish off the weekend

The Christine Baker Trio: Christine, Fiona Carnie, Siobhan Monaghan, set the mood for lively dancing and kept spirits up even when the feet and legs were beginning to tire. Their music was full of energy, which was passed on to the dancers.

Our venues this year of the Esquimalt Legion Hall, the Esquimalt United Church and St. Paul's Anglican Church gave us lots of room for the Ceilidh and the workshops. The interference of some sound from a downstairs function at the Legion Hall has been discussed and we have been assured that this will not occur in the future. The Ward Room and the CPO's mess once again provided a wonderful ambiance for the Formal Banquet and Ball and a friendly Social and Brunch.

Many thanks to members, who helped out in several areas, decorating, flower arranging, raffle prize donations ticket selling and lending helping hands. Thank you to Gael Forster, Kathryn Taylor, Jim and Anne Scott and Una Lennam for hosting our guests.

Next year is our 30th Annual Workshop and Ball Weekend. It will be held on March 24th, 25th and 26th 2006. Muriel Johnstone and Keith Smith have been engaged to provide the music as they did for the 25th Anniversary Weekend. The Teachers' Committee is working on selections of guest teachers and we look forward to having some very talented instructors.

Briefings at the Ball

This year was the first year that we have had briefings at the Ball. They were done by some of our teachers and by the visiting teachers and were very well received by the dancers. Opinions were asked for on our Evaluation sheets and out of 43 replies to that specific question, 36 said Yes, 4 no, 1 either way and 2 not sure. The Workshop and Ball Committee and the Teachers' Committee will review this topic. It will also come up for discussion at the Annual General Meeting on April 21. If you wish to comment on this topic and cannot attend the meeting, please contact Jim Scott (fairfieldscotts@shaw.ca 370-2359) or Janet Rice (gjrice@shaw.ca 655-0235).

2006 Workshop and Ball Committee

The following people have volunteered to stay on the committee for the 30th Anniversary celebration:

Janet & Graham Rice, Rosemary Balfour, Mike Hanna, Anne Scott, Thelma Bell, Una Lennam, Heather and Ian Danks, Heather Hermanson with Jim Scott as Executive representative.

Some of these members have served on the committee several times and wish to continue for the 30th Anniversary. **More volunteers are welcome and needed.** This is a good opportunity to see how the committee puts this event together and get experience to perhaps continue as several of the committee will retire after the forthcoming year. New members bring new ideas, which are very welcome. Contact any member of the Committee if you have any questions.

Janet Rice, Coordinator

Note:

Experienced Social Class on Monday evenings will be going back to a 7:30 p.m. start if we haven't already. *Jim Scott*

A big thank you! To everyone who assisted during the Workshop /Ball Weekend with catering set-up and take down at the Legion Friday and Saturday afternoons, thank you! To Mike and Mary Hanna (who were likened to 'energizer bunnies'); Heather Hermanson and Jim Scott, who assisted with set-up for the Banquet, thank you! Many hands make light work, and to those too numerous to mention, who helped remove table decorations following dinner in preparation for the Ball, thank you! And, last but definitely not least, to Sally McAuley, who once again made the beautiful flower arrangements for the Banquet tables that were in place again on Sunday morning at the Brunch, thank you! A number of thank you's, but the assistance of these members made my weekend flow much smoother and my work load much lighter!
Anne Scott, Catering Chair

I asked Jim Scott about the origin of the Kirkin o' the tartan and this set me off doing a little exploring on the Internet. Here's what I found...

THE ORIGIN OF THE KIRKIN O' THE TARTAN

A Homily by the Very Reverend Peter Eaton Dean of Saint John's Cathedral Denver, Colorado
April 25, 2004

On 16 April 1746, the forces of the Duke of Cumberland defeated the forces of Bonnie Prince Charlie at the Battle of Culloden Moor. So ended a long and bitter struggle for power in Britain between the House of Stuart and the House of Hanover. There would never be a Stuart King James III of England. But there would be a Hanoverian King George III, and we all know what happened then.

And in the wake of the Battle of Culloden, Parliament passed a couple of acts in 1746 and 1747, chiefly aimed at punishing and humiliating the Scots of the Highlands for backing the cause of Charles Stuart. In part, the Act of 1747 reads as follows:

"And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the first day of August, one thousand seven hundred and forty seven, no man or boy, within that part of Great Briton called Scotland, other than shall be employed as officers and soldiers in his Majesty's forces, shall on any pretence whatsoever, wear or put on the clothes commonly called Highland Clothes (that is to say) the plaid, philibeg, or little kilt, trowse,

RAFFLE

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all our wonderful members and friends who bought raffle tickets and donated all the fantastic prizes. It is the people like you who make this job worthwhile and renew our faith in the generosity of spirit! The raffle raised approximately \$1000 which went a long way to off-setting some of the costs involved in running the Workshop and Ball Weekend.

Heather and Ian Danks

shoulder belts, or any part whatsoever of what peculiarly belongs to the highland garb; and that no tartan, or partly-coloured plaid or stuff shall be used for great coats, or for upper coats; and if any such person shall presume, after the said first day of August, to wear or put on the aforesaid garments or any part of them, every such person so offending, being convicted thereof by the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses before any court of justiciary, or any one or more justices of the peace for the shire or stewartry, or judge ordinary of the place where such offence shall be committed, shall suffer imprisonment, without bail, during the space of six months, and no longer; and being convicted for a second offence before a court of justiciary or at the circuits, shall be liable to be transported to any of his Majesty's plantations beyond the seas, there to remain for a space of seven years."

But the Scots, ever resourceful, were not to be so easily defeated, and they found ingenious ways to continue to incorporate their tartans into their clothing, even to the extent of sewing up the middle of their kilts to make them into a kind of short trousers. They would continue to carry their tartans with them, sometimes secretly, and

they would even bring them to church, where the clergy would bless them and the clans that they represented.

And in case you are wondering, the act that proscribed highland dress was repealed almost 40 years later, in 1782. Which is fortunate, as it allows members of the present British Royal Family, which is, of course, of German origin, to wear again the garb of a people who nearly changed the course of history. And had the result of the Battle of Culloden gone the other way, there would be others in Buckingham Palace today.

It was the great Scots Presbyterian minister, Dr Peter Marshall, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, and

Chaplain to the United States Senate, in the 1930s and 1940s, who first created the celebration we now know as the Kirkin of the Tartan.

Begun in his Presbyterian church in Washington, very soon the celebration had such prominence that it was moved to the National Cathedral in 1954, where it has been held each year. And from the National Cathedral the celebration has spread throughout the country, to large cathedrals like ours, and to small parishes in the countryside. Wherever there are people of Scottish heritage, the Saint Andrew's Society is soon to follow, and wherever there is a Saint Andrew's Society, there will soon be a church where there is an annual Kirkin of the Tartan.

2005 Spring Fling SOCIAL

**April 30, 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin in the Fields, Obed Ave.
Celebrating Jim and Anne Scott's 45th Wedding Anniversary**

Cost: \$10

PROGRAM

Roaring Jelly	8 X 32 Jig	Core
The Sailor	8 X 32 Hornpipe	Core
*Northern Lights	3 X 32 Strathspey	Core
Clutha	4 X 48 Reel	Core
*MacLeod's Fancy	4 X 32 Jig	Core
Monymusk	8 X 32 Strathspey	Core
Reel of the Royal Scots	8 X 32 Reel	Core
*Jubilee Jig	8 X 32 Jig	Core
Garry Strathspey	4 X 32 StrathspeyCosh	22 SCD
Pines of Pitlochry	8 X 48 Jig	Core
Second Honeymoon	8 X 32 Reel	Douglas Schneider
St. John River	4 X 32 Strathspey	Core
Mairie's Wedding	8 X 40 Reel	Cosh 22 SCD

BREAK

Mrs Stewart's Jig	8 X 32 Jig	Core
Robertson's Rant	1 X 80 Strathspey	Core
Haste to the Wedding	8 X 32 Jig	Core
Miss Gibson's Strathspey	8 X 32 Strathspey	Core
Maxwell's Rant	8 X 32 Reel	Core

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

- Apr 10 '05** **KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN** - sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council. Meet, wearing your tartan, in the Kirk Hall (on Courtney, just off Douglas) about 10:30 a.m. and we will be piped around the corner to the Church service which starts at 11:00. If you would like to stay after the service for lunch, please call Irene 652-5773 or kifeir@shaw.ca by April 3.
- Apr 15 '05** **VICTORIA GAELIC CHOIR ANNUAL CONCERT** sponsored by the Victoria Gaelic Choir. 7:30 pm. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Douglas at Broughton) The concert will feature two performers from the Isle of Skye, Anne Martin and Ingrid Henderson. Proceeds from the concert will assist the choir in representing Victoria and Canada at the Royal National Mod in Stornoway, Scotland in October 2005. Cost: \$15.00. For tickets/information contact 384-8847, 479-9132 or 592-5508 or any choir member webpage <http://members.shaw.ca/ceol>
- Apr 16 '05** **RSCDS VICTORIA BEGINNERS' DANCE** Cadboro Bay United Church Hall at 7:30 p.m.
- Apr 19 '05** **TUESDAY DANCING** 7:30 – 9:30 at St Martin in the Fields Church Hall. Cost: \$3:00.
- Apr 21 '05** **VISCDS AGM** 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin in the Fields Church Hall followed by dancing.
- Apr 26 '05** **TUESDAY DANCING** 7:30 – 9:30 at St Martin in the Fields Church Hall. Cost: \$3:00.
- Apr 30 '05** **VISCDS SPRING FLING** 7:30 p.m. St. Martin in the Fields Church Hall. Cost: \$10
- May 3 '05** **TUESDAY DANCING** 7:30 – 9:30 at St Martin in the Fields Church Hall. Cost: \$3:00.
- May 10 '05** **TUESDAY DANCING** 7:30 – 9:30 at St Martin in the Fields Church Hall. Cost: \$3:00.
- May 17** **TUESDAY DANCING** 7:30 – 9:30 at St Martin in the Fields Church Hall. Cost: \$3:00.
- May 22 '05** **HIGHLAND GAMES** - sponsored by the Victoria Highland Games Association. All day in Bullen Park in Esquimalt. Entertainment includes competitions for Pipe Bands, Highland Dance, Scottish Heavy and Athletic events, and individual Piping and Drumming; Massed bands at opening and closing ceremonies; Scottish Country Dancing, Gaelic Choir, Fraser Highlanders musket and cannon display, Clan displays, Scottish and Celtic vendors. There are also free mini-heavy events and athletics for kids, free opportunity for all family members to try out highland dancing, piping, drumming, and heavy events. Pancake Breakfast, Scottish Foods, Tea Room, Beer Garden, Children's Play Zone. Cost: adults \$6.00, senior/youth \$4.00, children under 12 free. For more information check the web page www.victoriahighlandgames.com
- May 23 '05** **VICTORIA DAY PARADE** entry sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council. Plan to put on your walking shoes and join in to make a noticeable Scottish presence.
- May 24 '05** **TUESDAY DANCING** 7:30 – 9:30 at St Martin in the Fields Church Hall. Cost: \$3:00.
- May 31 '05** **TUESDAY DANCING** 7:30 – 9:30 at St Martin in the Fields Church Hall. Cost: \$3:00.
- June 3 – Aug 5** **SUMMER DANCING** every Friday for 10 sessions, 7:30 p.m. onwards at St. Martin in the Fields, Obed. Cost:\$6. For information contact Bob Anderson.
- July 2 '05** **SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA** sponsored by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society. Doors at 7:00 p.m. show at 7:30 p.m. University Auditorium, University of Victoria. Cost: \$45.00 inclusive, available at the UVIC Ticket Centre. For information call (250) 721-8480 or check online www.auditorium.uvic.ca
- July 7 '05 – Aug 5** **DANCING IN THE PARK** 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Band Shell Beacon Hill Park
- Sept 12 '05** **VISCDS OPEN HOUSE** 7:30 p.m. at Mackenzie School.
- Dec 10 '05** **JOINT CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** Cadboro Bay United Church Hall.

Mar 23.24.25 '06 VISCDS BALL WEEKEND

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OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Apr 9 '05** **GLENEAGLES SPRING DANCE** 8:00 p.m. at the Highlands United Church Hall, 3255 Edgemont Boulevard, North Vancouver. Cost:\$10.
- Apr 16 '05** **CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP AND DANCE** Highalnds United Church Hall, 3255 Edgemont Boulevard, North Vancouver. Workshop 10:30 a.m., dance 2:00 p.m. Cost: children \$14, adults \$15.
- Apr 16 '05** **NANOOSE SPRING SOCIAL** 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephens Church Hall, corner of Village Way and Memorial Ave., Qualicum Beach. Dancing will be followed by a light supper. Cost is \$5.00 per person.
- Apr 23 '05** **CHANGE OF DATE -- SALT SPRING SPRING WORKSHOP** at Fulford Hall on Salt Spring. Intermediate workshop 9:30 – 12:00, lunch 12:00 – 1:00, Basic workshop: 1:00 – 3:30. Cost: \$20 per workshop or both workshops \$35. Lunch is included. Teacher Ruth Jappy, music Alex Jappy. Contact: Lynn Bischoff, 150 Beddis Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2J2 or anchorpoint@telus.net tel: 250-538-0110, toll free 1-800-648-2560.
- Apr 29 '05** **WORLD DAY OF DANCE** This year the World Day of Dance is being coordinated between the RSCDS headquarters and the Conseil Internationale de la Danse, a UNESCO-sponsored international dance group. The official day is Friday, April 29, but many groups will chose Saturday, April 30 as the main day. The Dance Centre on Granville St. will provide a central Vancouver location at the Downtown Library. Contact Ray Eagle for details of activities at 604-922-8507 or r.eagle@netrover.com
- May 1 '05** **WHITE ROCK TEA DANCE** Star of the Sea Hall, 15262 Pacific Ave, White Rock. 2:00 p.m., Cost: \$12. Music: Alex Jappy. Information: Cheryl Jorgensen 604-535-8949.
- May 14 '05** **THISTLE BALL** At Squamish Nation Recreation Centre Capilano Road, North Vancouver. Dancing to the music of Marian Anderson and her band from Scotland. Ticket prices: \$45 per person \$10 discount for RSCDS members \$10 discount for full-time students Tickets are available from Paul Lowe at 604-536-7660.
- May 15 '05** **THE DAVID MC.PHAIL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** A fun day that anyone can take part in. There are no serious prizes and you don't have to be a good golfer to participate and we guarantee you will have a great day! Contact: Gordon Harper. gordon@harper.ca
- May 20/22 '05** **YOUTH WEEKEND WEST 2005** at UBC. Scottish Country Dancing workshop is open to youthful youth as young as 15 years. The tea dance on Sunday will be open to all ages. New website is www.youthweekendwest.com Cost:\$100.
- May 29 '05** **FORT LANGLEY TEA DANCE** Mountain Secondary School, Fort Langley. 2:00 p.m., Music: Ron Krug and Ken Natrass.
- June 2-15** **SCOTTISH DANCING IN THE OUTER HEBRIDES**
- June 3-5** **MONTREAL WEEKEND**
- June 15-19** **SCOTTISH DANCE MASTERS' CONFERENCE** Sonoma State University. Rohnert Park, CA (for teachers and musicians)
- July 3-8 '05** **CELTIFEST 2005** summer school of dancing and music, Tigh Na Mara Resort, Parksville. Please check the web page for detail www.celticperformingarts.com
- July 9-16 '05** **SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE WEEK 2005 IN PRAGUE** with Ron Wallace & Dunsmuir dancers. Bring together pleasant travelling with dancing! Come to live your holiday in the heart of Europe, in the unique Prague and at the same time dance with Mr. Ron Wallace and Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers. For further information about the program and prices, please see our web site at www.dvorana.cz <http://www.dvorana.cz> . You may register on the web site, by e-mail, mail, fax or phone. We look forward to meeting you in

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- July 18-Aug 14 RSCDS SUMMER SCHOOL, ST. ANDREWS** deadline for applications
March 1, 2005. For details see www.rscds.org
- July 31-Aug 7 2005 AGM AND TAC SUMMER SCHOOL** Shawnigan Lake School, Shawnigan
Lake. Teachers: David Hall, Brussels; Elaine Brunken, Laurel Maryland; Mary Murray,
Vancouver. Musicians: Muriel Johnstone, Houston; Keith Smith, Cambridge England;
Alex Jappy, Delta; Ron Krug, Winnipeg. Muriel Johnstone and Keith Smith will play for
the Saturday night ball. Applicants are strongly advised to send their registration forms in
by April 1, 2005. For copies of the brochure or the registration form, please contact Anita
Mathur, Summer School Deputy Director, at 382-8808 or dmanita@telus.net.
- Sept 16-18 '05 FORT WORDEN 2005** Teachers: John Middleton from Ontario, Margaret
Zadworny from Winnipeg, Marian Stroh from Reno. Musicians: Muriel Johnstone, Ralph
Gordon, Calum MacKinnon and Elke Baker.
- Sept 13-28 '05 BONNIE SCOTLAND TOUR** from the Celtic Treasure Chest, 5639 Dunbar
St., Vancouver. 604-261-3688. Travel package tour to Glasgow, Loch Lomond,
Edinburgh, Robert Burns Country, Braveheart Country and Trossochs. \$2,849 Canadian
per person.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER, August 10, 2005
Send your submissions to the new editor please