

Island Fling



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Time is winding down for the start of our 29th Annual Workshop and Ball Weekend. Janet and the different departments of the committee have or just about put the finishing touches on this event. Janet will have more to say inside. A number of other events are coming up in the next few weeks. See this issue. As of this publication we have had no one come forward to act as a nominating committee. Personal requests have failed so far as well. March 10 is the six-week requirement date. If you are in a position work for your society either as the Treasurer or Newsletter Editor please contact one of the Executive. Note to new members. The AGM is coming up and we would like to see you turn out. It is, as well as a short meeting, a chance to meet other classes and enjoy a dance that is all levels and have a few goodies as well.

Dancing in the Park this year starts July 7 for 8 weeks. Mark your calendars.

Jim Scott

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

Executive Meeting

As there was no business to conduct this month that couldn't wait until next month the February Executive meeting was cancelled. Next Meeting March 24.

Annual General Meeting

Third Notice

The Annual General Meeting and Social will be held April 21 at St Martin in The Fields at 7:30 p.m. It is requested that you have any items of New Business into the Society Secretary by April 8 at the latest. Proposals for Life Membership must be in to the Secretary by April 1 in writing with a short explanation as to why the proposal should be considered and signed by the proposer and a seconder. Proposal does not mean acceptance. (see Fling Item January 2004).

Thistle Ball Vancouver

It appears there are 32 dancers from the Victoria area attending the Thistle Ball on May 14. Sheila McCall has proposed ball practice sessions the three Wednesdays prior to the Ball. Stay tuned. Sheila will update us on this proposal.

VISCDS Spring Fling

This year it will again be held at St Martin in The Fields on April 30. This is a dance for all levels and I am hoping to have a surprise for all. Stay tuned.

RSCDS Victoria Beginners Dance

This dance is usually packed with dancers from all clubs in the area. It is a fun evening and having Alex playing is a bonus. April 16 at Cordova Bay United.

Contact Sheila McCall at 721-4078 for further info and dance program.

Sick and Injured

It appears that our S&I list for this month is maintaining the Staus Quo. All previous reported are well and/or on the mend and happily are coming out to classes and socials when able. It must be the music.

VISCDS 29TH ANNUAL WORKSHOP & BALL

TACSound at the Ceilidh, Workshop & Ball Weekend

Marie Disiewicz, who is the volunteer manager of the Recorded Music Division of the Teachers' Association (Canada), which is affiliated with the RSCDS, is coming to Victoria for our Ceilidh, Workshop and Ball Weekend. Marie has told me that she will be bringing "Scottish Country Dance CDs, Dance and Listening CDs, Listening CDs, Ceilidh and SCD CDs, and Videos showing how to do SCD steps, formations and dances". Also, if anyone wants to place an order ahead of time they can do so, and she will have their order waiting for them. The website http://tac-rscds.org/TACcatalogs/TACsound_2004.pdf has a catalogue of items available. Marie can be reached at 604-574-7530, e-mail TACSound@telus.net

Rosemary Balfour, Registrar

RAFFLE TICKETS

Just a reminder that we are on count down now for the Workshop & Ball weekend and the raffle that will be drawn at the ceilidh on Friday night. If you can help out with ticket sales or donations, it would be very much appreciated by our Ball executive. Please give us a call if you need your donation picked up or have tickets to turn in.

Heather and Ian Danks. 477-0346

FOR SALE:

Ladies kilt, size 8; Mackenzie tartan.
Phone: 479-4901

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

Mar 11, 12, 13 '05 BALL WEEKEND

- Apr 2 '05 **TARTAN BALL** Sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council. Dinner and Dance on Saturday April 2 at the Edelweiss Club 108 Niagara St. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. Music by the Denis Jackson Trio. Tickets \$36, after March 24 tickets are \$40. For information please contact: Gerry and Katie Dunn 598-6547, Keith and Irene Feir 65205773, Alan and Joan McRae 727-6776 or Sylvia and David Sinclair 595-6171.
- Apr 2 '05 **TARTAN WEEK MALL DISPLAY** sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council tentatively set for April 2/3, 2005 at Hillside Shopping Centre.
- Apr 6 '05 **TARTAN DAY** Encourage your friends to wear their tartan.
- 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 16 '05 **RSCDS VICTORIA BEGINNERS' DANCE** Cadboro Bay United Church Hall at 7:30 p.m.
- Apr 21 '05 **VISCDS AGM** 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin in the Fields Church Hall followed by dancing.
- Apr 30 '05 **VISCDS SPRING FLING** St. Martin in the Fields Church Hall.
- 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.
- 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 **DANCING IN THE PARK BEGINS**
- Dec 10 '05 **JOINT CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** Cadboro Bay United Church Hall.
- Apr 1 2006 **TARTAN BALL**

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Mar 19 '05 **DELTA SPRING FLING** Hosted by the **Delta Borderers**. Gizeh Temple, 3550 Wayburne, Burnaby. 6:30 p.m., \$45. Tickets: Mairi Maxwell 604-946-2448 or Ruth Jappy at 604-594-6807. Music: Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. Ticket includes a social hour from 6:30 to 7:30 with wine and hors d'oeuvres.
- 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 **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 19 '05** **TUESDAY DANCING** 7:30 – 9:30 at St Martin in the Fields Church Hall. Cost: \$3:00.
- Apr 26 '05** **TUESDAY DANCING** 7:30 – 9:30 at St Martin in the Fields Church Hall. Cost: \$3:00.
- Apr 29 '05** **WORLD DAY OF DANCE**
- 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 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 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 17** **TUESDAY DANCING** 7:30 – 9:30 at St Martin in the Fields Church Hall. Cost: \$3:00.
- 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 24 '05** **TUESDAY DANCING** 7:30 – 9:30 at St Martin in the Fields Church Hall. Cost: \$3:00.
- May 29 '05** **FORT LANGLEY TEA DANCE** Mountain Secondary School, Fort Langley. 2:00 p.m., Music: Ron Krug and Ken Natrass.
- May 31 '05** **TUESDAY DANCING** 7:30 – 9:30 at St Martin in the Fields Church Hall. Cost: \$3:00.
- 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 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.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER, April 1, 2005

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