

Island Fling



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Another summer is almost over and we (VISCDs) are going into our 30th year as an Association. I have been a member for only seven years and can see an increase in interest in SCD in the general population. As we (the majority) of VISCDs dancers get on in years it is important that the younger members take up the positions that are available within the Association. In the next few months we will be looking for a new President and Membership (2nd vice).

Janet Rice will be asking some of you to come onboard as (apprentices) for the various duties and positions on the Ball Committee. This will be an important event to mark our 30th. Most of the present members have been on different committees over the years and it is time for new blood to take over. Please take a moment and see if you can help us out in any of the above. Without you we cannot survive.

At the end of last season Liz Gray retired as a teacher and Gordon Robinson will take the Basic Class and Bob Anderson the Advanced Technique.

I wish you all a happy, healthy 2005/06 dancing season.

Jim Scott, President

YOUR 2005-2006 VISCDs MEMBERSHIP FORM IS MAILED WITH THIS ISSUE

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

Dancing in the Park

Again we had a successful co-sponsored event with VISCDS and Victoria Branch sharing the duties at the Cameron Bandshell. There was an average of 5-6 sets each evening and lots of families attended with children. Thank you to those who came out to dance and those who came as spectators.

Summer Dancing

Bob Anderson's Summer Dancing programme at Obed Hall was well attended even on holiday weekends with no less than 5 sets on any evening. The dance programmes were mixed at all levels as were the dancers. We had Walter Balfour and Gordon Robinson do a couple of gigs so Alice and Bob could sneak away for a weekend in the interior.

On-line news

For those dancers who have internet and have not been receiving the APB's I put every so often if you wish to participate please e-mail at fairfieldscotts@shaw.ca.

Newsletter Delivery

Your newsletter will be delivered to the class in which you register. If you are in a class your Fling will not be mailed to you except under the circumstances mentioned last year. Your class rep will hold onto it for two classes after initial delivery and then will mail it. If you are not going to be in town call your rep and let him/her know.

Moving Up

Reminder to those in the basic class and other classes - Your teacher will assess whether you are ready to move up to the next level or could use a little more time at the level you are at now.

Monday Experienced Social Class

This class begins September 19th at Obed at 1930hrs (Note the time change). Members of that class are urged to attend the Open House to give a little guidance. No change to other classes.

Congratulations

To Michelle Campbell for recently passing her Preliminary Certificate teaching exam. Wonderful news!

Dear VISCDS Dancers..Former member of VISCDS and long time dancer Don Abbot passed away during the summer after a courageous battle following a devastating stroke last year. Celebration of remembrance will be held in early September..Announcement to follow..See Times Colonist obits.
Our thoughts and best wishes go out to Marie and the family.

VISCDS OPEN HOUSE

Don't forget to join us for a fun filled evening on September 12, 2005
7:30 p.m. McKenzie Elementary School, 4005 Raymond St N.

There is no charge for this evening and everyone is welcome. Bring an interested friend or couple and encourage them to try out Scottish Country Dancing! (This is also the first night for the basic class and there will be a few goodies at the end.)

CLASSES BEGIN WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

All Teachers are certified by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. Classes begin with an Open House on September 12th at McKenzie School and continue with 12 sessions in 2005 and 12 sessions in 2006.

BASIC CLASS

Mondays 7:30 - 9:30 PM McKenzie Elementary School (large gym) - 4005 Raymond St N

Teacher: Gordon Robinson

In the basic class you will learn the five basic steps of Scottish Country Dancing and the various formations that make up the dances. You will become familiar with the concept of sets, progressions, technique and teamwork and you will experience the joy of moving to the lively music in a relaxed social setting. By the end of the year you will be able to dance many basic dances with some degree of confidence.

The Basic class for new dancers is free until October 3rd as a trial offer.

LOWER INTERMEDIATE CLASS

Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:30 PM St. Martin In-The-Fields Church Hall - 550 Obed Avenue

Teachers: Una Lennam & Rob & Sue Langridge

For those who have attended a basic class and are familiar with basic formations and dances. This class will continue to work on all basic steps and formations as well as introduce new formations and appropriate level dances.

UPPER INTERMEDIATE CLASS

Thursdays 7:30 - 9:30 PM St. Martin In-The-Fields Church Hall - 550 Obed Avenue

Teacher: Monica Roots

For those who have been dancing for a number of years and who wish to improve all aspects of technique. This class is designed to provide dancers with the opportunity to experience a broader range of formations and movements.

ADVANCED TECHNIQUE CLASS

Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:30 PM McKenzie Elementary School (small gym) - 4005 Raymond St N

Teacher: Bob Anderson

For experienced and upper intermediate level dancers who wish to maintain and improve their dancing skills. Emphasis will be placed on continued improvement of all aspects of technique. This class will provide an opportunity to "tidy up" old formations as well as to introduce more complex formations and transitions. Dancers in this class must express a desire for continued improvement for all aspects of the dance and should have danced at an upper intermediate level for at least two years.

EXPERIENCED SOCIAL

Mondays 7:30 - 9:30 PM St. Martin In-The-Fields Church Hall - 550 Obed Avenue

Teacher: Bob Anderson

For those truly experienced dancers who do not wish to choose the intensity of an advanced technique class but wish to dance more challenging dances and formations. Dancers in this class should have a good knowledge of all common formations and steps and be able to dance those dances with common formations with just a brief walk-through.

LOW IMPACT CLASS

Mondays 1:00 - 3:00 PM St. Martin In-The-Fields Church Hall - 550 Obed Avenue

Teacher: Bob Anderson

A daytime class for Scottish Country Dancers with mobility problems of difficulty performing steps. Some technique will be taught but emphasis will be on formations and phrasing of popular dances.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please note that all fees for 2005-2006 have not changed from last year. Membership dues and class fees are due by NOVEMBER 1st. Please remember to check off on the form in which class you wish to pick up the FLING. If you prefer to get the FLING off the web yourself, the website is www.viscdis.ca. The newsletter is NOT emailed to you; you must take it off the web yourself.

Mary Roberts

NEWSLETTER CHANGE

At the last AGM it was casually mentioned that there may be a change to the number of editions of the "Fling" notwithstanding constitution Part 7 art. 41. During the summer your directors have been crunching numbers and looking at cost cutting due to the increase costs of halls, bands, capital equipment and many of the other intangibles incurred in running a society. Another reason for this trial run is content. Some months there is very little 'new news', so often the current Fling is all but a repeat of the previous one. The dances for socials during the intervening time will be in the Fling and our regular "out of town" contributors will be notified of the change. Therefore the Fling will be issued the last week of every second month for a total of five issues in 2005/2006. This trial run will be in effect until the 2006 AGM at which time the situation will be discussed and, if required, a resolution to change that article in the constitution will be put forth.

Jim Scott

30th ANNUAL VISCDIS WORKSHOP AND BALL WEEKEND

Before the summer began the Workshop and Ball Committee, in conjunction with the Teachers' Committee, chose the teachers and musicians for the 2006 event. We will be celebrating this milestone Anniversary Weekend with Muriel Johnston and Keith Smith who made our 25th Anniversary so special. Our teachers will be David Queen from Scotland, Gary Thomas from California and the ever popular Mary Murray from Vancouver. With a cast like this the weekend will be something to really look forward to.

The venues for the Ceilidh and Workshops will be the same as last year with the promise of no sound interference from downstairs. They will be held at the Esquimalt Legion, the Esquimalt United Church and St. Paul's church halls. These are conveniently located with a short walk between each hall. The Banquet and Ball and the Brunch will be held at the same wonderful facilities as the past few years.

The committee will be the same as last year, but we are asking for anyone who is interested to join the group and work with a committee member. This will be the last year for most of the committee, who have worked together for the last three Workshop and Ball Weekends. We will meet again in October and we welcome any suggestions and certainly any new volunteers. Please contact me at 655-0235 or gjrice@shaw.ca.

Janet Rice	Coordinator
Rosemary Balfour	Registrar
Heather Hermanson	Ball Chair
Graham Rice	Ceilidh Chair
Anne Scott	Catering
Mike and Mary Hanna	Ball Booklet and Goodie Bags
Una Lennam	Teacher Rep
Thelma Bell	Workshop Chair
Alice Anderson	Decorating
Jim Scott	Executive Rep

Janet Rice
Coordinator

COME AND ENJOY THE PARTY!

Please come to our party. We are having a celebration of 25 years of dancing this September.

When: 7:30 p.m., September 24, 2005

Where: St. Martin In-The-Fields Church Hall, 550 Obed Avenue

Music: Live and lively with Mary Ross

Cost: Nothing, but if you bring goodies, that would be nice

Program

Shiftin' Bobbins	Reel
Montgomery's Rant	Reel
Belle of Bon Accord	Strathspey
White Heather Jig	Jig
Maxwell's Rant	Reel
Sugar Candie	Strathspey
Irish Rover	Reel
Peat Fire Flame	Reel
Moray Rant	Strathspey

Break

Flowers of Edinburgh	Reel
Reel of the Royal Scots	Reel
Glasgow Highlanders	Strathspey
Bratach Bana	Reel
Blooms of Bon Accord	Reel
McDonald of the Isles	Strathspey
Mairi's Wedding	Reel

See you there! Maureen and Jamie Orr

RSCDS Victoria Branch Open House

Everyone is welcome to come to our Open House at Margaret Jenkins School (entrance off Chandler Street) at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, September 14th, 2005. No partner, or special shoes needed, just the desire to try an evening of easy Scottish Country Dancing. For more info contact Sheila McCall at 721-4078, or visit our website at "www.rscdsvictoria.org". We hope to see you there!

Kathryn Taylor

SECOND ANNUAL CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Come and enjoy a social time, and have the opportunity to acquire some new dancing garb during our October Scottish Country Dance Clothing Exchange. Bring yourself, a small plate of nibbles, and any dancing clothes you wish to exchange on Saturday, October 8th, from 2 to 4 p.m. at 1776 Triest Crescent. Hope to see you there!! Questions? Call Kathryn Taylor at 598-3490.

2005 Harvest SOCIAL

October 22, 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin In-The-Fields, Obed

Cost: \$8

PROGRAM

Good Hearted Glasgow	32J3	B	C (Core book)
Butterscotch and Honey	32S4	B	C
The White Cockade*	32R3	B	C
Mrs. Stewart's Jig	32J3	I	C
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	32S3	I	C
Button Boy	32R3	I	C
Jennifer's Jig	32J3	I	C
The Saltire Strathspey	32S4	A	Book 45
The Reel of the Royal Scots	32R3	B	C
The Laird of Milton's Daughter	32J3	I	C
Autumn in Appin**	32S4	A	C
Bonavista	40R4	A	All Around the Circle

Break

Macleod's Fancy **	32J4	A	C
Mrs. Hamilton of Wishaw	32S3	I	Book 23
Polharrow Burn**	32R5	A	C
Farewell to Auchterarder	128J4	A	C

Extras

The Belle of Bon Accord	32S4	I	C
Maxwell's Rant	32R3	I	C

* briefing only ** no briefing

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

- Sept 12 '05 **VISCDS CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK**
- Sept 12 '05 **VISCDS OPEN HOUSE** at the Beginner's class. 7:30 p.m. at McKenzie School. 4005 Raymond St N.
- Sept 14 '05 **RSCDS Victoria Branch Open House** 7:30 p.m., Margaret Jenkins School
- Sept 19 '05 **VISCDS EXPERIENCED SOCIAL CLASSES BEGIN**
- Sept 24 '05 **DANCE EVENING** hosted by Maureen and Jamie Orr. 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin In-The-Fields Church Hall, 550 Obed. Music with Mary Ross. No Cost but goodies greatly appreciated for the break.
- Oct 22 '05 **VISCDS HARVEST SOCIAL** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- Nov 18-19'05 **RSCDS VICTORIA BRANCH WORKSHOP** Cadboro Bay United Church Hall and Frank Hobbs School. Teachers: Fran Caruth (Vancouver) and Rosemary

- Coupe (Burnaby). Music for Saturday dance is Mary Ross. Workshop applications are available. Contact: Howard Benten (250) 595-4220
- Nov 26 '05 VISCDS ST. ANDREW'S SOCIAL** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- Dec 10 '05 JOINT CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** Cadboro Bay United Church Hall, 2625 Arbutus
- Jan 09 '06 VISCDS CLASSES RESTART**
- Jan 21 '06 VISCDS BURNS SOCIAL** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- Jan 28 '06 BURNS DINNER AND DANCE** sponsored by the Sons of Scotland and the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society at the Edelweiss Club
- Feb 18 '06 VISCDS VALENTINES SOCIAL** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- Mar 23-25'06 VISCDS WORKSHOP AND BALL WEEKEND** (info in Fling and on website)
- Apr 1 '06 TARTAN BALL** sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council at the Edelweiss Club
- Apr 20 '06 VISCDS AGM**
- Apr 29 '06 VISCDS SPRING FLING** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- May 13 '06 Thistle Ball** at Saanich Commonwealth Place. Music: The Music Makars
Doors open at 6:30 pm - Dinner at 7:00 pm. Buffet dinner includes a complimentary glass of wine. There will be a no host bar. Tickets go on sale October 15, 2005. Prices to be determined
- May 26 '06 OLD-TIME DANCE BALL** sponsored by Victoria Old-Time Dance at McMorran's
- May 26-28'06 YOURTH WEEKEND WEST 2006**

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Sept 16-18'05 FORT WORDEN 2005 (Seattle Branch)** Teachers: John Middleton from Ontario, Margaret Zadworny from Winnipeg, Marian Stroh from Reno.
Musicians: Muriel Johnstone, Ralph Gordon, Calum MacKinnon and Elke Baker.
Contact Ross Morrison (425)746-6388. For more information, please see: www.rscds-seattle.org.
- 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.
- Sept 24 '05 VANCOUVER ASSEMBLY**, Scottish Cultural Centre, 8886 Hudson Street, 8:00 p.m. Music by Scuttlebut. Cost is \$15 (\$10 for those in costume). For more information please see www.rscdsvancouver.org.
- Oct 1 '05 SALT SPRING WORKSHOP** at Fulford Hall, Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, Teacher: Rebeca Blackhall-Peters. Intermediate workshop 9:45 - 12:15 p.m., Lunch 12:15 - 1:00 p.m., Basic workshop 1:00-3:00 p.m. Cost \$20 for one workshop / \$35 for both workshops. Lunch included.
Registration and cheque must be received by Sept 23, 2005
Mail registration to: Richard Bennett, 150 Charlesworth Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2J8, rbennett@sd64.bc.ca (contact Richard for registration form)

- Oct 8-9 '05 HALIFAX TEACHERS' WORKSHOP** Teacher: Linda Gaul (Pitlochry, Scotland). Contact Lydia Hedge (902)827-2033 or see website www.accesswave.ca/~lydiahedge/Oct2005.htm
- Nov 4-5 '05 BELLINGHAM WORKSHOP AND BALL** Teachers: Ruth Jappy (Delta), Elinor Vandegrift (Seattle), Rebeca Blackhall-Peters (Langley), and Duncan MacKenzie (Vancouver). Music for Ceilidh: Up in the Air and Music for Ball: Fiddlesticks and Ivory.
- Nov 4-6 '05 RSCDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AGM**, Perth, Scotland www.rscds.org

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER, October 15, 2005

Send your submissions to the new editor please

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