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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Anne and I would like to wish all Scottish Country Dancers a Happy, Healthy, Safe 2005.

Another year has come and gone and I am convinced they go by faster each year as you get older. Our Society had a very good year with participation in nearly every "Scottish" event locally, as well as our ambassadors popping off to far distant lands such as Langley, Delta, Bellingham, Halifax, Fort Worden, Calgary and other exotic places where SCD'ers hang out. We lost a few of our members due to age and illness etc. but gained a keen new group who will be the core of our Society in years to come. VISCDs will participate in this year's May Day Parade as well as the Highland Games in Esquimalt. We have also the privilege of serving tea and show casing the Demonstration Team at the Rabbie Burns event held by the VJSC on Jan 30. Please come out and support those who are participating in the upcoming events and maybe if you have a little time you may want to give a hand.

I am looking forward to another wonderful year of dancing with our dedicated teachers leading the way. Any suggestions, comments, complaints please get them into Heather Danks by mid month for the next executive meeting.

James Scott, President

BALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM WITH THIS ISSUE

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

Executive Committee

Your executive met at Obed Hall on December 9 with seven members present.

Copies of the Constitution

No requests were made so no more will be printed until we are down to a couple of copies. Any Basic class members wishing a copy please contact Marilyn Goldfinch.

Lapel Microphones

The lapel mics bought in Oct are on a trial basis and if found not suitable for classes can be sold back at the same price we bought them for after the March Workshop/Ball Weekend.

Burn's Memorial Jan 30

This is a multi organizational event. RSCDS Victoria will do the Heather Laying Ceremony at the Burns Memorial in Beacon Hill Park at 2:00 p.m. followed by the Gaelic Choir and VISCDS Demonstration Team at St Andrew's Kirk at 2:30 p.m. during which time Jim/Anne Scott, Mary Roberts and Margaret Gray will serve the tea and goodies. A small donation will be in order. Please show your support for the Victoria Joint Scottish Council and enjoy a pleasant afternoon with friends.

General Discussions

It was suggested that the Newsletter Editor position be split with one person doing the editing and a second person responsible to pick up and deliver to classes etc. Ian Danks is going to do it on a trial basis.

Treasurer's Report

The Society is taking advantage of the opportunity to join a group liability insurance policy under the aegis of the Canadian Scottish Country Dance Association (CSDA). The CSDA was newly formed in 2002 and acts as an umbrella organization for a growing number of SCD societies. At present the number is 27 and by early in the New Year may be 29 Scottish country dance societies. This group affords the benefit of a greater number of members that translates to less cost per person within each society for the insurance. For VISCDS this is a considerable saving on an annual basis (from approximately \$7/person to \$2/person) and will result in a saving of approximately \$768 for the balance of the insurance for our present year (June 2004 to June 2005). The new policy was paid for on December 14, 2004 for the calendar

year January 1- December 31, 2005, and I am waiting for the policy confirmation before seeking a 6-month refund from our 2004 insurer. A great way to start the New Year. A big thank you to Jack Scrimgeour of CSDA for putting this all together.

Best wishes to you all for 2005.

Merle Peterson

Class Representatives

Your class reps have given permission for their phone numbers to be put in the newsletter. Any questions in reference to classes to be directed to them.

Advanced Technique

Thelma Bell 652-5122

Social

Heather Hermanson 595-5868

Low Impact

Stella Rennie 477-1562

Lower Intermediate

Bette McArthur 385-8077

Upper Intermediate

Riki Sato 383-0817

Basic

Marilyn Goldfinch 477-7093

Nominating Committee

As per our Constitution Part 5, Para 5, sect 2. a Nominating Committee of two members are required 6 weeks prior to the AGM (May 21). This committee will canvas and explain the duties of the Directors who have fulfilled their obligations and are now stepping down.

The Committee should preferably consist of members with a few years in our Society who know the aims and mandate of the Society. The President has the position descriptions and the out going members will gladly assist with any questions.

If you are interested in this most important job or even taking one of the positions contact Jim by the end of January

Next Executive meeting is on January 27, 2005.

Sara Had a Seniors' Moment

If you have 17 steps going to the basement it is better if you count all 17 rather than forget there are still some to go. Sara Hatfield one of our keenest and most supportive of our Society fell in mid December and now has breaks on both sides of her left ankle and will be unable to dance for a while. Sara I know will be extremely disappointed at not being able to start in January. Good luck Sara we are all rooting for you. Hope to see you on the floor ASAP.

Jim S. for all of us

Andrew, the husband of our Newsletter Editor Christine, suffered a heart attack on New Year's Day and was rushed to the Jubilee Hospital. He is home now and is excused dancing for a while. Christine, other than a terrible fright, is doing well. On behalf of all of SCD'ers I wish them both well and hope to see them back on the floor ASAP.

Jim

HOLIDAY DANCING FUN

Christmas Dance.

The joint Christmas Social was hosted this year by the RSCDS Victoria Branch and what a wonderful job they did, with great food and an excellent dance program. There was approximately twelve or thirteen sets skipping the light fantastic to the live music of Mary Ross and Keith Malcolm which made the dancing that much more enjoyable. Our Basic Class was well represented with at least twelve dancers who all seemed to have a great time.

Ian Danks

Social Convener

New Years Eve Dance

Thank you to Edith Chapman and her team for once again putting on a fun evening for seven sets of dancers. There was a good mixed group with approx 16 members of VISCDs attending as well as some out of towners. The program was varied and the munchies included hot entrees, salads and lots of sweets. It should be noted that Mike Hanna will not be invited back next year as he was caught sneaking under the dessert table trying to "taste test" the chocolates before the "official" dessert break time. The rest of us behaved ourselves as would be expected of VISCDs members.

Jim Scott

"A Perfectly Beautiful Place"

Michael Elcock, dancer and author recounts his memories of travels from Belfast to Malta, Hawaii to Prague and Paris. Look for his book in local book stores. *Oolichan Books, \$22.95.*

Mary Murray Now an Examiner

Mary Murray has been appointed as an RSCDS examiner. This honour is richly deserved as Mary has a world-wide reputation for the excellence of her teaching. She is often invited to teach at major international workshops and she is also a regular member of staff at the St. Andrew's Summer School. In addition, Mary has trained teacher candidates for the Vancouver Branch for many years. Mary will join four other North American examiners: Frances Gray of Toronto; Mary Brandon of Los Angeles; Elinor Vandegrift of Seattle; and Geoffrey Selling of Philadelphia. Congratulations Mary.

VISCDs 29TH ANNUAL WORKSHOP & BALL March 11,12,13, 2005

Once again we are offering a wonderful weekend of dancing with a variety of classes and social events. With new venues for the Ceilidh and Workshops we are able to give the choice of full or partial packages. Priority for Ball tickets will be given to Full Package participants until January 28 as we are limited to 150 guests (128 dancers) at the Wardroom for the Banquet and Ball. Partial registrations will be numbered as received. All other venues will have ample room to accommodate all dancers.

Our teachers this year are: Barbara Johnston from Edmonton, Maureen Lyon from White Rock and Jim Adamson from Calgary. Our musicians are Christine Baker from Edmonton, Fiona Carnie from Calgary and Siobhan Monaghan from Victoria.

Once again we will offer a variety of options in the afternoon. There will be Old Time Dancing, a class on Formations and Linkages, and a presentation by Dr. Bob Mabee (chiropractor) and Kevin Brechin an Athletic Therapist on

injury prevention and care. The afternoon classes will be open to all levels of dancers.

Ball Walk-Through

There will also be a Ball Walk-Through that will be open only to out-of-town dancers.

Ball Practices

Practices for local dancers will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church Hall, 550 Obed Ave. at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights, February 16, 23 and March 2. There will be a \$2.00 nightly fee. All Ball registrants are welcome. A schedule for the dances will be in the next newsletter.

Rosemary Balfour will be including brochures and registration forms with this newsletter. Brochures and registration forms can also be printed from our web site www.viscnds.ca Rosemary can be contacted at rpalfour@shaw.ca.

This year we are pleased to be able to offer the following categories:

Complete Pkg.	\$130.00
Banquet & Ball only	\$ 65.00
Banquet only (non dancer)	\$ 40.00
Ceilidh only	\$ 15.00
Workshops only	\$ 40.00
	(a.m. p.m. and lunch)
Lunch only	\$ 10.00
Afternoon Class only	\$ 12.00
Ball Walk through	N/C
	(out-of-town Ball registrants only)
Brunch and Social	\$25.00

BILLETS

We need accommodation for two of our visiting teachers, Jim Adamson and Barbara Johnston. If you would like to host either or both of these guests please contact me at 655-0235 or gjrice@shaw.ca and I would be happy to answer any questions.
Janet Rice, Coordinator

Ceilidh Program Friday, March 11, 2005

Esquimalt Legion Hall, 622 Admirals Rd.

Registration 7:00 pm, dancing 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

See You Again	J 4x32	Dottie Carr, Let's All Dance
The Northern Lights	S 3x32	TAC Silver Anniversary (CORE)
Clutha	R 4x48	RSCDS Book 31 (CORE)
	Ceilidh Items	
Progressive Gay Gordons		
Victoria Plums	S 4x32	Drewry, New Dances 2004 (CORE)
Let's Have a Ceilidh	R 4x32	Campbell, Glasgow Assembly
	Ceilidh Items	
The Reel of the 51 st Division	R 8x32	RSCDS Book 13 (CORE)
The Robertson Rant	S 1x80	RSCDS Book 39 (CORE)
MacLeod's Fancy	J 4x32	RSCDS Book 33 (CORE)
	Extras:	
Bratach Bana	R 8x32	Drewry, Bon Accord (CORE)
Roaring Jelly	J 8x32	Glendarroch S. Dance Sheets (CORE)

Light Refreshments, Raffle

ANNUAL BALL WEEKEND RAFFLE

We hope you have all had a great holiday season and are anxious to get the feet going again! It is that time of year when we get started on our Ball weekend raffle that is drawn at the Friday night ceilidh and we will be dropping off envelopes, with all the information, to the class reps at their classes in January. This envelope will contain raffle tickets and a sign up sheet for donated prizes. Everyone has been very generous with prizes in the past and we hope this year will be no exception. Please think of something that you could donate and remember we could not run the raffle without YOUR support and the monies raised go towards off-setting some of the costs involved in running this great weekend. *Heather and Ian Danks*

VANCOUVER ISLAND SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY St. VALENTINE'S DANCE & SOCIAL

7:30 p.m. February 19, 2005

St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church Hall, 550 Obed Ave.

Good Hearted Glasgow	8x32J	B
The Dei'l Amang the Tailors	8x32R	B
Sugar Candie	8x32S	I
Peat Fire Flame ♥♥	8x40R	A
The Immigrant Lass	4x32J	I
Miss Gibson's Strathspey	8x32S	A
Jessie's Hornpipe ♥	8x32R	B
Joe MacDiarmid's Jig	4x32J	B
Robertson's Rant ♥♥	80Bar S	A
Montgomerie's Rant	8x32R	A
The Northern Lights	3x32S	I
Blooms of Bon Accord ♥	4x32R	I



INTERMISSION



Shiftin' Bobbins	8x32R	I
Summer on the Clyde	4x32S	B
The Clansman ♥♥	8x32R	A
Farewell to Auchterarder	128J Sq Set	A

All dances are in the Core Book

♥ Briefing Only

♥♥ No walk through or talk through

Hosted by Liz Gray & the Basic & Advanced Technique Classes

AFTER CLASSES FINISH COME TUESDAY DANCING

7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Obed

Cost: \$3.00

Dates: April 19
April 26
May 3
May 10
May 17
May 24
May 31

VISCDs BURN'S SOCIAL

January 22 2005, 7:30 p.m. St Martin in the Fields

Joe MacDiarmid's Jig	32J4	B	Core Book
Lea Rig	32S2	B	C
The Button Boy	32R3	I	C
Follow Me Home	32J3	I	C
Moray Rant	48S3	I	C
White Cockade	32R3	B	C
Haste to the Wedding	32J2	B	C
*Gang the Same Gate	32S3	I	C
Duke of Perth	32R3	I	C
The Nunspeet Frolic	32J3	I	Grand Chain and Allapous
*The Haggis Hunter	64S64R	I	C
Maxwell's Rant	32R2	I	C
MacLeod's Fancy	32J4	A	C
BREAK			
The Blue Mess Jacket	32S4	A	C
Early in the Morning	32R5	I	C
*The Dancing Master	96J4	A	C
Neidpath Castle	32S3	I	C
The Argyll Square	96J4		Book 43

C= Core Book * briefing only ** no briefing or walk- through

SALT SPRING ISLAND WORKSHOP

Come to Salt Spring Island for a wonderful workshop. This spring workshop is being held on April 16, 2005 at the Fulford Hall on Salt Spring.

The times are as follows:

Intermediate workshop 9:30 – 12:00

Lunch 12:00 – 1:00

Basic workshop 1:00 – 3:30

The cost is \$20.00 per workshop, or stay for both workshops for \$35.00. Lunch is included.

The Teacher and The Musician

Ruth grew up with music (especially accordion) and dance in her home in Ireland so it is no wonder that she married Alex Jappy, a well-known SCD accordionist. She received her full certificate in 1979.

Alex started to play the organ at a very early age and then took up the accordion while in his teens. He played for Scottish Country Dancing in Aberdeen, while becoming a tradesman.

Alex and Ruth have played and taught at workshops in Canada, the US, and Australia. They have also been involved in Old Time Dancing for many years.

Music & Dance/Dance & Music - These two ingredients cannot be separated and together they become a universal language which bridges many boundaries.

To attend the Salt Spring Workshop, please complete this registration form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Attending AM Workshop: _____ PM Workshop _____ Both Workshops _____

Registration and cheque (made out to Salt Spring Scottish Country Dance Club) must be received by April 5, 2005.

Mail registration to: Lynn Bischoff, 150 Beddis Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2J2.

Email: anchorpoint@telus.net

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

- Jan 10 '05** VISCDS CLASSES RESTART. Classes end week of April 11.
- Jan 10 '05** RSCDS OPEN HOUSE 7:30 p.m. at Monterey School auditorium. Everyone invited.
- Jan 22 '05** VISCDS BURNS SOCIAL See program in this issue.
- Jan 22 '05** BURNS DINNER AND BALL sponsored by the Sons of Scotland and the St. Andrew's & Caledonian Society. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Edelweiss Club, 108 Niagara Street (James Bay). Traditional Burns night, dinner, entertainment and dancing. Music by Spencer Looyesen, dress is Highland or semi-formal. Cost: \$40.00 per person. For information/tickets contact Bob Brown at 478-0746 or roberthbrown@shaw.ca, Alex Reid at 370-9226 or alex.reid@shaw.ca, or Tim Hale at (250) 715-0559 or cairnpark@shaw.ca.
- Jan 29 '05** RSCDS BURNS POT LUCK DINNER AND DANCE Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at St Martin in the Fields Church Hall.
- Jan 30** BURNS MEMORIAL sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council. Statue ceremony, Tea and Concert. Heather Laying Ceremony 2:00 p.m. at the Burns Statue in Beacon Hill Park. This is a short memorial ceremony with bagpipes and Burns poetry reading. No charge. Burns Memorial Tea and Concert 2:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Kirk Hall on Courtney St, just off Douglas. The afternoon entertainment consists of traditional Scottish music/dance etc. followed by refreshments. Admission by donation. For information contact Irene at 652-5773 or kifeir@shaw.ca
- Feb 19 '05** VISCDS VALENTINES SOCIAL program this issue.
- Mar 11, 12, 13 '05** BALL WEEKEND
- Apr 2 '05** TARTAN BALL Saturday at the Edelweiss Club. Details later.
- 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
- Apr 30 '05** VISCDS SPRING FLING
- May 22 '05** HIGHLAND GAMES - sponsored by the Victoria Highland Games Association. All day in Bullen Park in Esquimalt.

- 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

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Feb 5 '05** **LOVE TO DANCE WORKSHOP** Scottish Cultural Centre, 8886 Hudson St., Vancouver. Teachers: Coordinator Fran Caruth; Fiona Miller, Lethbridge; Irene Paterson, Mukilteo Washington; Ruth Jappy, Delta. Musicians: Mary Ross and Alex Jappy. Please register by Jan 25. For more information contact Fran Caruth at 604-224-6838 or caruth@telus.net Registrar: Carole Berger # 6 – 2037 West 16th Avenue Vancouver BC V6J 2M6. the workshop is followed by **THE BEGINNERS' BALL**, 8:00 p.m. at the Scottish Cultural Centre. For workshop registrants the cost is \$10, for others it is \$20.
- Feb 18-20 '05** **ALOHA WINTER WORKSHOP 2005 HONOLULU, HAWAII.** The Complete Event Package is \$125.00 US and consists of classes, ceilidh and social, Ball and Banquet. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Heather Danks 477-0346.
- Feb 18/20 '05** **EDMONTON CALEDONIAN COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY** 35th Annual Workshop and Ball. Teachers: Elinor Vandegrift, Kenmore, WA; Ruth Taylor, Brockville, ON; Ron Wallace, Santa Rosa, CA. Music: Christine Baker Trio. Registration deadline: February 10, 2005. Contact: Paula Priest or Norma Stobart – 780-425-8020 or www.geocities.com/eccds/
- Feb 24 Mar 1 '05** **RSCDS WINTER SCHOOL, Pitlochry Scotland**
- Mar 4-6 '05** **WINNIPEG WORKSHOP**
- Mar 19 '05** **DELTA SPRING FLING** Hosted by the **Delta Borderers**. Gizeh Temple, 3550 Wayburne, Burnaby. 6:30 p.m., \$45. Music: Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. Ticket includes a social hour from 6:30 to 7:30 with wine and hors d'oeuvres.
- May** **NANAIMO SCD WORKSHOP HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF VENUES.**
- 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 21/23 '05** **YOUTH WEEKEND WEST 2005** at UBC. Scottish Country Dancers from 18-30ish are invited to attend. The tea dance on Sunday will be open to all ages.
- 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.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER, Feb. 1, 2005

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