

Island Fling



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I near the end of my term of office as President VISCDs and look over the past three years, I have noticed a number of changes along the way. Firstly, we are a "graying" group albeit an active group. Secondly, going over the records it is noted the same members have been involved many times in many different aspects of our Society. Very few new names appear on the books. I recognize the fact that some members are unable to help because of health and aging problems and others who are on committees for other than VISCDs. This year is no exception. N.B. We are not the only group going through this dilemma. Two of your executive are changing this year and we are still looking for a new President and the Ball Committee will be void of any past members at the close of this year's Workshop/Ball Weekend. Janet and I have asked numerous times for volunteers to come forward for Work Shop Weekend committee and executive members and learn the ropes with little or no success. NEW BLOOD is required if we are to maintain a strong and vibrant society. We are as strong now as we have been in thirty years but I guarantee that will not stay this way, if we cannot get new people into these committees. Changes in the Constitution are being "proposed only" at this time. These will be small changes that may encourage members to participate in more than just the classes and socials. Please give serious thought to the above issues for the sake of your Society. If you can participate please contact Janet Rice or me.

Jim Scott, President

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

VISCDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - April 20, 2006

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

7:00 Refreshments

7:30 AGM followed by Dancing

On March 16th the Executive had their last meeting before the AGM. Several items of importance were discussed and they will be brought forward for discussion at the meeting. We certainly hope that as many members as possible will come out to participate. Traditionally an AGM doesn't stir up a lot of excitement, but your feedback is imperative for making decisions that will affect how VISCDS operates and moves forward in the future.

In preparation we'd like you to consider your thoughts about the following topics:

1) Joint Burns Night with the Branch – The Executive has been approached by Kathryn Knowles proposing consideration of a joint Burns Social as attendance numbers are declining in both groups. A joint social would be possible or an alternating event similar to how the Christmas social is handled. We are interested in your thoughts and ideas.

Background from Kathryn: The Vancouver Island SCD Society and the RSCDS Victoria Branch executives are discussing the possibility of hosting a joint Burns Night Social, similar to what we do with the Joint Christmas Dance (which we have been co-hosting for 15 years now). Each group would take a turn organizing and hosting the event on alternate years (staggered with the Christmas Dance, so as not to overload either group), and the two groups would work together on the dance program each year. There might be a slight variation on the formality of the evening, depending on the groups' focus, but the intent of honouring Robbie Burns and his contributions to Scotland's heritage will be the same.

2) Challenges around raising a Nominating Committee for Executive positions – The Executive has real concerns about our inability to appoint a nominating committee for 2006. As with last year, we have been unable to recruit volunteers to assist the society with this important task as per our obligations in the constitution. Therefore the Executive has had to proceed outside of the formal process to seek members who will let their name stand for election at this year's AGM.

3) No Candidate for President – At the time of writing we are approximately one month away from our AGM and we do not have a candidate for President. If you are interested in this position, or any position on the Executive, please contact any of the current Executive as soon as possible.

4) Consideration on having a Constitutional Review – The Constitution was last reproduced in accordance with all amendments in 2000. Due to the ongoing evolution of the society and some of the parameters outlined in the current by-laws, the Executive would like membership feedback to determine if a revision to the Constitution should be considered.

5) Items of interest to you – Please submit any business and/or proposals for the AGM in writing to Heather Danks (Secretary) no later than April 10, 2006. No new business will be taken from the floor.

The Executive is interested in your ideas and looks forward to your participation on the 20th.

On another note, we wanted to give you a quick update regarding the Fling and the 2005/06 trial of publishing every second month. Discussions were held at the February Executive meeting and the Newsletter Editor recommended returning to the 8 issues per year. If a Constitutional Review is recommended by the membership Part 7 Art. 41 should be reviewed, but in the meantime 8 newsletter issues will be published in 2006/07 and the item is not planned to be brought forward as a separate topic of discussion on April 20th.



2006 VISCDS ST. VALENTINE'S SOCIAL

The weather outside may have been frightful, but inside OBED it was a different matter as over sixty dancers enjoyed the St. Valentine's Social hosted by the Basic Class on February 28th. An excellent mix of reels, jigs and strathspeys, most at the Beginner or Intermediate level, meant that very few were "sitting out" at any given time, and even then it was often just a matter of taking a wee break before leaping up to join the fun again.

Class Rep, Dora Dempster, was the chief organizer and thanks to Dora and her many helpers the evening went like clockwork, while the many goodies spread out on the table in the next room went even faster than that. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way.

As there weren't enough lottery tickets to go round, Master of Ceremonies Gordon Robinson decided on "Spot Prizes" ("This prize goes to the third lady in the second set on the left-hand side of the room") and everyone seemed quite content with this solution.

As a very recent Beginner, I must add that the friendliness and helpfulness of the other dancers (a gentle shove here, a discreetly pointed finger there) convinced me that I must be sure to attend other such delightful evenings.

Audrey Thomas
Basic Class

TARTAN DAY LOCAL ACTIVITIES

The Victoria Joint Scottish Council is sponsoring a Tartan Ball on Saturday, April 1, 2006 at the Edelweiss Club, 108 Niagara Street and the annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan is on April 2, 2006 at Fairfield United Church. (See Local Events for more information).

April 6, 2006. Officially proclaimed Tartan Day by the BC Government. Join the celebration at the Irish Pub on Government Street or at Royal Roads University's cultural diversity celebration 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

VICTORIA BRANCH RSCDS BEGINNERS' DANCE - Saturday, April 8

****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE ****

Has been moved to St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church Hall, 550 Obed Avenue

Doors open at 7:00 pm, dancing starts at 7:30 pm.

Live music by Alex Jappy. Cost \$15 at door. Everyone welcome.

Programme published in Jan/Feb Fling or visit <http://www.rscdsvictoria.org/>

THISTLE BALL UPDATE - May 13, 2006 - CANCELLATION

Regrettably this year's Thistle Ball, that was to be held in Victoria on May 13, has been cancelled. The number of tickets sold to date were insufficient to cover the non-refundable expenses now due. Full ticket refunds will be sent out to all ticket purchasers. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of you who supported us with ticket sales, and we encourage you to support the Thistle Ball in Bellingham on May 12, 2007.



2006 VISCDS Spring Fling

April 29th, 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin In-The-Fields, Obed

Cost: \$8

Hosted by the Lower Intermediate Class

Highland Fair	J8x32	B	Core
Catch the Wind	R8x32	B	Book 45
Saint John River	S4x32	B	Core
Wild Geese	J8x32	B	Core
Miss Johnstone of Ardrrossan	R5x32R	I	Goldring
Cherry Bank Gardens	S 3x32	I	Core
Follow Me Home	J 8x32	I	Core
Monmouth Ramble	S4x32	I	G Charters The Boston Book
Flowers of Edinburgh	R 8x32	B	Core
Clutha	R4x48	I	Core
Culla Bay	4x32S	I	Core
Pelorus Jack	J 8x32	I	Core

Break

Mrs Stewart's Jig	J 8x32	B	Core
Lets Have a Ceilidh	R 4x32	I	Core
Belle of Bon Accord	S 4x32	I	Core
Shiftin Bobbins	R8x32	B	Core

Extras

The Montgomeries Rant	R8x32	I	Core
Fishermans Reel	R5x32	I	Core
Button Boy	R3x32	I	Core

MISS JOHNSTONE OF ARDROSSAN (R5x32) 5C set R Goldring 14 Social Dances

- 1- 8 1s set, cast 1 place, 1s followed by 3s dance up & cast - 1s to 3rd place & 3s to 2nd
- 9-16 1s cross down & dance reflection reels of 3 with 4s+5s on opposite sides, 1s end in 3rd place opposite sides
- 17-24 1s cross up & dance reflection reels of 3 on own sides with 2s+3s, 1s ending in 3rd place own sides
- 25-32 1s set, cast down 1 place, 1s followed by 5s dance up between 4s & cast - 1s to 5th place & 5s to 4th place

MONMOUTH RAMBLE (S4x32) 4C set G Charters Celebrate 50yrs with Boston Branch

- 1- 8 All dance Grand Chain
- 9-16 1s+2s also 3s+4s dance RH across, 1s turn RH 1.1/4 times moving down the set to end RSh to RSh, Man facing 2L & Lady facing 2M
- 17-24 1s dance the Spurtle with 2s & 3s
- 25-32 1s dance the Spurtle with 4s & all set & cross RH



THROONIE NIGHTS

Looking for a wonderful way to continue dancing after classes finish? Come to our Tuesday Night Socials (often referred to as "Throonie Nights")

Tuesday Evenings April 18 – May 30
\$3.00 / evening
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
St. Martin-In-The-Fields Church Hall, 550 Obed
All dancing levels welcome.

VICTORIA DAY PARADE - Monday, May 22, 2006

entry sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council

For the past two or three years, Katie Dunn has looked after the VJSC entry in the Parade. She is unable to do so this year. So, if the Council is to have an entry in the Parade we need someone else to step forward. Unless you are particularly enthusiastic and want to organize something fancy, looking after it really just means being on site at Mayfair parking lot to help all the walking groups and their banners get into order to march down the street. If this is something you can do, please contact Irene Feir (652-5773 or kifeir@shaw.ca). If noone is able to do this, the entry will be cancelled.

FOR SALE

- Ladies ghillies, James Senior, size 5, barely used. \$35.00. Call Sarah at 598-2612 or smkell@telus.net
- Ladies ghillies, size 4. Worn once. \$40.00. Call Janet, 652-0235.
- Long formal kilted skirt with sash, Grant tartan, size 14. Call Agnes, 386-7990
- Black Watch kilt, 32" waist, suitable for 6' tall man. Call for details and price. Don Scott 652-9449.

Getting A Wee Bit Deaf

Man went to his doctor saying that he thought his wife was deaf but did not want to upset her by asking direct, what could he do?

The doctor said, "Go into the room and, if his wife had her back to him, just say something in a normal voice and move forward saying the same thing until she hears".

The man went home and, finding his wife at the kitchen sink with her back to him said, "What's for dinner dear?".

No reply, so he moved forward and repeated, "What's for dinner dear?". Still no reply.

Moves still nearer and again says "What's for dinner dear?". Still no acknowledgement.

He then positions himself just a foot behind her and again says "What's for dinner dear?".

She answers, "For the fourth time, shepherds pie!".

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

Apr 01 '06 TARTAN BALL sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council at the Edelweiss Club, 108 Niagara St. Cocktails 6:00 pm. Dinner 7:00 pm. Live

Music. Cost \$38. For tickets/info, contact Katie at 598-6547 or Irene at 652-5773.

- Apr 02 '06** **KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN** sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council Fairfield United Church, 1303 Fairfield Road at Moss Street. Service starts at 10:00 am. Gather (between 9:30 and 9:45) in the Lower Hall prior to worship, entering the building on Moss Street and turning to the left.
- Apr 06 '06** **TARTAN DAY**
- Apr 06 '06** **TARTAN DAY CELEBRATION** at the Irish Pub on Government Street
- Apr 06'06** **ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY** cultural diversity celebration 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Apr 07 '06** **OLD-TIME DANCE BALL 2006** 5:45 PM to midnight at McMorran's.
- Apr 08 '06** **RSCDS VICTORIA BRANCH ANNUAL BEGINNERS' DANCE**
7:30 p.m. St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed. Music: Alex Jappy.
Cost is \$15 / Students \$10. Contact Sheila McCall 721-4078 or sheilamccall@shaw.ca.
- Apr 14 '06** **OLD-TIME DANCE BALL 2006** sponsored by Old-Time Dance, Victoria 5:45 pm -12:00 pm at McMorran's. Cost: \$42.00 per person. For tickets & information, contact Willie or Hazen at (250)743-5312 or wmb@shaw.ca
- Apr 18 '06** **THROONIE NIGHTS START** and go to May 30, 7:30-9:30 pm, \$3, Obed
- Apr 20 '06** **VISCDS AGM** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed, 7:30 Start
- Apr 29 '06** **VISCDS SPRING FLING** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- May 06 '06** **HIGHLAND GAMES PARADE** sponsored by the Victoria Highland Games Association. Details to follow.
- May 21 '06** **VICTORIA HIGHLAND GAMES** sponsored by the Victoria Highland Games Association. Bullen Park, Esquimalt. ALL DAY. Lots of volunteers / participants are needed. Contact Jim Maxwell at jmaxwell@shaw.ca
- May 22 '06** **VICTORIA DAY PARADE**
- May 26-28'06** **YOUTH WEEKEND WEST 2006** www.youthweekendwest.com
St. Andrew's Kirk Hall, 680 Courtney Street, Victoria, \$98 with accommodation / \$49 without, Instructors: Fred DeMarse, California; Mairi Hand, Idaho; Ruth Jappy, BC, Music: Alex Jappy, Muriel Johnstone, Mary Ross, BC. Online registration available. Contact Frankie Chao: 250-381-4756; tuba_frank@hotmail.com; or smkell@telus.net.
- May 28 '06** **YOUTH WEEKEND WEST TEA DANCE** St. Andrew's Kirk Hall, 3:00 pm \$15 (VISCDS gave \$250 towards event)
- Oct 27-28'06** **VICTORIA BRANCH FALL WORKSHOP** Music: Alex Jappy
Teachers: Ruth Jappy, Bob Anderson.

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Apr 01 '06** **GLENEAGLES SPRING DANCE** at St. Catherine's Anglican Church, 1858 Ridgewood Drive, North Vancouver, 8:00 p.m. \$10

- Apr 08 '06** **NANOOSE SPRING GALA** at the Qualicum Beach Community Centre, Memorial Ave. Cost \$25. Doors open 6:00 pm. Light buffet dinner + dancing. Music: Mary Ross. Contact: Ann Kullman akullman@shaw.ca or 250 752-9104.
- Apr 22 '06** **SACRAMENTO (CA) 25th Anniversary Chocolate & Champagne Ball and Workshops** at St Francis School, 1112 26th St. Classes 9:30-10:45, 11:00-12:15, & 1:45-3:00. Ball Review 3:30-4:45 Ball 7:30-midnight. Sponsored by RSCDS - Sacramento Branch. Teachers are Elaine Brunken & Janet Walker. Music by Thistle Glen. Snacks throughout day. US\$15-\$55 depending on package. Contact Sandra Kesler 530-295-4989 dancweav@pacbell.net.
[\[www.rscds-sacramento.org\]](http://www.rscds-sacramento.org)
- Apr 29 '06** **NANAIMO WORKSHOP AND TEA DANCE** Dover Bay School, Nanaimo 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Live music for the classes and for the Tea Dance. Teachers: Rebecca Blackhall-Peters and Ruth Jappy. Music: Alex Jappy. Contact Marguerite Bell (250) 756-9836.
- Apr 29, '06** **LOS ANGELES 40TH ANNIVERSARY BALL** Ports O'Call Restaurant, Berth 76, San Pedro. Music by The Music Makars. Dancers - \$45 / Non-dancers - \$40. Dinner included. Order tickets by April 15, 2006. www.rscds-LosAngeles.org
- Apr 30 '06** **WHITE ROCK SPRING TEA** at Star of the Sea Hall, 15262 Pacific Ave., Mary Ross (Victoria) Accordion & Celia Collin (White Rock) fiddle. 2:00 p.m.
- May 06 '06** **PEARL HOLMBERG WORKSHOP DANCE** informal Saturday evening dance open to all visiting and local dancers. 8:00 p.m. Tickets available at the door. Music by Elke Baker (fiddle) and Liz Donaldson (keyboard). Scottish Cultural Centre, 8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver. Part of May 5-7 Pearl Holmberg Workshop for Teachers and Musicians.
- May 12-14'06** **WINNIPEG WEEKEND WORKSHOP** at Mennonite University, Shaftsbury Ave. Fri: dance; Sat: classes 9am-3.30pm, Dinner & Ball & Ceilidh; Sun: class 10am-noon. Sponsored by Winnipeg Branch RSCDS. Teachers are Mary Murray (Vancouver) and Liz Goossen (Winnipeg). Music by Ron Krug and Ken Natrass for class & Scotch Measure for Ball. Cost \$140. Contact Jean Highmoor 204-832-8117 jeanhigh@mts.net.
- Jul 16 -** **RSCDS SUMMER SCHOOL** St Andrews, Scotland, 4 one-week sessions
- Aug 13 '06** Application forms must be returned by March 1, 2006.
- Aug 4-13'06** **2006 AGM AND TAC SUMMER SCHOOL** at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario.
- Sep 8-10'06** **FT. WORDEN 2006 RSCDS** Seattle Branch's Annual Weekend Workshop Applications available in April from website <http://www.rscds-seattle.org>. Teachers: Ron Wallace (Rohnert Park, CA) Gary Thomas (Rohnert Park, CA) Elaine Brunken (Laurel, MD) Mary Murray (Vancouver, BC, Canada)

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER, April 27, 2006

Send your submissions to the newsletter editor

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