

Island Fling



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Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Everyone - First off I would like to thank all the teacher reps, Ball Committee members and volunteers of all stripes who made our last year so successful. Not to be forgotten were the good efforts of our previous President, Jim Scott, and his wife Anne. A big thank you to both of them. As our dancing season winds down and we go off to other summer activities, there are some events where we could use some assistance: that being May 21, Highland Games at Bullen Park in Esquimalt, and May 22, the Victoria Day Parade. I would ask you to give these two events some consideration and would appreciate your involvement by calling Jim Scott at 370-2359.

In this issue you will find information regarding updating our Constitution. As stated at the AGM it will be considered the first reading, the second reading will be in the Fall FLING, culminating with the third and final reading and vote at the Harvest Social in October. These are not major changes, however they are felt to be necessary to encourage membership involvement in executive and Ball coordinating positions. Having mentioned the Ball, I would again ask members to give serious consideration to taking up a Ball coordinating position by emailing me at grampco@shaw.ca or contacting Lesley Brennand at 391-6984.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a good, safe summer and hope to see you at Bob Anderson's summer dancing starting in early June, and just possibly at DANCING IN THE PARK starting Thursday July 6th.

Bill Greig, President

September 11, 2006 VISCDs OPEN HOUSE - 7:30 PM, McKenzie Elementary, 4005 Raymond St N

MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

Dear dancers, the new guard is in and I ask that you give them the same wonderful support that you always gave me. It was an exciting term while I was at the helm and made easy by having a great group of forward looking dancers on the executive.

A number of new and exciting functions and positive changes will be taking place over the next few months and at the start of the 2006-2007 dance season. For the last time (from me) I would ask that you look into the future of our SCD'ing - if you have changes in mind, or you would like to have a say in running the society, please step up and offer your services for a couple of years when approached by a director. VISCDs needs new keen dancers in positions of trust very soon and you are the future.

Thank you for letting me serve you for the past three years.

Jim Scott, President

HELP NEEDED

Highland Games May 21st at Bullen Park Esquimalt. We've had good response to cover the booth so far but still require two members to cover from 2pm until 4pm, at which time I shall return to dismantle the booth. Please call me 370-2359.

May Day Parade Monday 22nd May. Response has not been good - only three so far. It is a fun walk passing out brochures and showing the colours. Anne and I hold a garden party afterwards at our house for those who participate.

Jim Scott

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society Annual General Meeting April 20, 2006 at St. Martin In-The-Fields

Forty-four (44) voting members signed and were registered at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and the members welcomed by Jim Scott, President.

1. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last AGM, April 21, 2005, were read by Heather Danks, Secretary. A motion to accept the minutes as read was moved by Joan McIntosh and seconded by Merle Petersen. **CARRIED.**

2. OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Scott announced the passing of Gerry Dunn and the presentation of Life Membership to Bob Anderson at the Monday night Social Dancing class.

He then presented Liz Gray with her Life Membership and Liz made an acceptance speech.

3. REPORTS

The following reports were read and printed copies submitted.

Membership: 2nd Vice President. Mary Roberts read and submitted report.

Publicity: 1st Vice President. Bill Greig read and submitted report.

Finance: In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary read and submitted report.

A motion to accept the Finance Report was moved by Lesley Brennand and seconded by Alex McAuley. **CARRIED**

Newsletter: Editor, Sara Hatfield read and submitted report.

Social Report: Social Convener, Ian Danks read and submitted report.

Teacher's Report: Teacher's representative, Joan Axford read and submitted report.
Demonstration Team: Joan Axford read and submitted report.
Victoria Joint Scottish Council: Jim Scott read and submitted report
Ball Committee: In the absence of Janet Rice, Thelma Bell read and submitted report.
President's Report: President Jim Scott, read and submitted report.

A motion to accept the rest of the reports was made by Walter Roots, seconded by Evelyn Murray. **CARRIED**

4 **OTHER BUSINESS**

Jim Scott announced there have been Audits of the Society's books and equipment. Sign up sheets were available for volunteers for the Highland Games, May 21st and the Victoria Day Parade, May 22nd.
Dancing in the Park will be in July and August.
New sound equipment has been purchased and will be continued to be updated.

5. **CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION**

Copies of the proposed changes were passed out. These changes will also be printed in the upcoming "Fling" and voted on at the first social of the next season. See attached.

6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President, Jim Scott, turned the chair over to Anne Scott to conduct the election of officers.

1st Vice President, Publicity – Joan McIntosh was nominated.

2nd Vice President, Membership – Maralynn Wilkinson was nominated.

Secretary – Heather Danks was nominated.

Treasurer – Jamie Orr was nominated.

Newsletter Editor – Sara Hatfield was nominated.

Social Convener – Ian Danks was nominated.

President – Bill Greig was nominated.

There was a call three (3) times for further nominations for each position. There were no further nominations and each officer was elected by acclamation.

A motion to close nominations was moved by Barbara Watts, seconded by Jane Mathews. **CARRIED.**

Anne Scott was thanked for conducting the Election of Officers and Jim Scott informed the members that Bill Greig will be in President's Chair for one year only, fulfilling his obligation of three years on the Executive.

Lorne Duncan asked if Monday afternoon, Low Impact class would continue as usual – the answer was in the affirmative.

Jane Mathews gave a vote of thanks to the Executive.

A motion to adjourn the AGM was moved by Gordon Robinson and seconded by Barbara Watts. **CARRIED.**

Heather Danks, Secretary

PROPOSAL FOR VISCDs CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

The following proposal was brought forward for consideration at the AGM April 20th and copies were provided to all attendees. General publication to all members in the May Island Fling is considered the first formal reading of this proposal.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this proposal please contact Bill Greig or any other Executive member. Any of us would be pleased to speak with you. We would also request any comments or concerns to be forwarded in writing to the Executive for further consideration at a future Executive meeting.

“ EXTRACT FROM DIRECTORS MINUTES ”

At a duly convened meeting of the Directors of the Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society held Thursday April 6, 2006 proposals were advanced pertaining to potential amendments to the Constitution of the Society. After discussion by the Directors it was M/S/C that several items of proposed change be brought under consideration by the report of the Directors to the Annual General Meeting.

The items for consideration are:

- A. That a General Meeting of the Members be called in the Fall of 2006 to consider and vote upon each of the following individual alterations, additions and deletions to the Constitution of the Society:
- [1] Amending Article 25.(2) by changing the words to;
“No person may serve as a director for more than four consecutive years”
from; *“No person may hold office for more than three consecutive years.”*
 - [2] Deleting Article 25.(5) in its entirety – *“If no successor is elected the person previously elected or appointed continues to hold office”*
 - [3] Article 31.(5) to be amended by deleting the word *“shall”* and substituting in its place the word *“may”*.
 - [4] Amending Article 30.(2) – *“No Instructors actively teaching Scottish country dancing in Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dancing Society may be elected as Directors “*
- B. That the members discuss the changes brought forward and that any comments, observations and opinions of the members be transcribed and delivered to the Directors for their further consideration .

Secretary
Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society

30th ANNUAL WORKSHOP AND BALL WEEKEND

The 30th Annual Workshop and Ball Weekend was celebrated this year on March 24th, 25th and 26th. The Friday night Ceilidh was attended by 156 enthusiastic dancers. Entertainment was provided by out of town guests and some local talent with two of the guest teachers also taking part. The evening closed with the ever popular raffle while refreshments were served. At the Saturday morning workshops there were 19 dancers in Level 1, 34 in Level II and 67 in Level III. The afternoon classes offered choices of Music and the Dance with 36 participants, Quadrilles 47, step 15 and 25 for the Ball walkthrough. The evening Ball was attended by 135 dancers and 6 non-dancers. Of the 204 participants in the weekend, 81 were VISCDs members with 49 attending the Ball.

The very popular Sunday Social and Brunch saw 135 weary but still happy dancers and the weekend was topped off with an amazing concert in the afternoon with Muriel Johnstone and Keith Smith winding us down with their wonderful music.

This year's offering of shirts to commemorate the 30th year of this event brought in 93 orders.

Our teachers were David Queen from England, Gary Thomas from California and Mary Murray from Vancouver. Our musicians were Muriel Johnstone, now from Courtenay and Keith Smith from England. All of these talented people worked well together to give us a most enjoyable weekend.

Thanks go to Rob Robinson for sponsoring us in the use of the Ward Room and to Jim Scott for his sponsorship in the use of the CPO's Mess. Thanks also to the volunteers who helped to decorate, undecorate and to greet the guests.

All but one of this year's committee is retiring. Some have served for several Workshop and Ball Weekends and in Mike Hanna's words have been "recycled" several times. I have had the pleasure of working with this dedicated committee for the past four years and I would like to thank them for their support and for their untiring efforts to put together such a successful and popular event. The committee is set up in such a way that each member has a specific task and progress reports are discussed at five to six meetings from October to March. I would urge newer members to answer Lesley Brennand's call for volunteers to attend an information meeting to set up a new committee for the 2007 Workshop and Ball Weekend.

Janet Rice, 2006 Coordinator

RAFFLE

What can we say? Once again our fantastic members and friends came through and bought raffle tickets and donated wonderful prizes and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You outdid yourselves this year and we raised nearly \$1300.00 for our wonderful Workshop and Ball Weekend - an all time record! We have enjoyed running the raffle immensely but it is time to hand over the reins to someone else. If anyone is interested in doing this fun part of the Workshop and Ball Weekend, please contact us and we will let you know what is involved. Again a BIG thank you!

Heather and Ian Danks, 477-0346



A PERSONAL INVITATION TO YOU ... be "part of the action" and join next year's Ball Committee. Everyone is welcome! Please contact Lesley Brennand at 391-6984.

SUMMER DANCING OPPORTUNITIES

- Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Throonie Nights, St Martin In-the-Fields, 550 Obed, until May 30th. All dancing levels welcome. \$3
- Wednesdays, 4:00 to 6:00 pm. James Bay "New Horizons." 234 Menzies St. (\$3 drop-in fee, no membership required) Until July 19th.
- Fridays, 7:30pm. Summer Dancing at St Martin In-the-Fields, 550 Obed. (\$6 drop-in fee) Starts June 2nd until August 4th.
- Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Dancing in the Park. Beacon Hill, Cameron Bandshell. (free) Starts July 6th until August 17th. If it is raining at 4:00 pm dancing will be cancelled.

BENEFIT DANCE FOR HOWARD HOSPITAL

Robert and I, in celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary, are holding a final Benefit Dance for Howard Hospital in Zimbabwe on Saturday, Sept 9, 2006 at St Martin in-the-Fields Church Hall.

All we are asking of those attending are their presence and a donation of whatever amount for Howard Hospital. We will be providing the food and whatever else is needed. It will be a combination of SCD and Old Time Dancing with Bob Anderson and Willie McDermot-Bruce being the teachers. There will be a Silent Auction run by Anita Mather and Una Lennam. Please come and donate what you can. Any question or suggestions please call 655-4890 or email dianerob@shaw.ca.

Diane Robinson



2006 VISCDs Spring Fling - April 29th sponsored by the Lower Intermediate Class

The weather was pleasant, a very fine thing
For the sixty plus guests at our *L.I. "Spring Fling."

Jessie and Dawn, our hostesses all sunny,
Welcomed and greeted while taking your money.

The Decorating Crew, Rick, Kathryn and Terry
Worked their magic to make the festivities merry.

Rob and Sue put together a program with feeling
The best of the best for our jigging and reeling.

While back in the kitchen were Maureen, Jessie and Dee,
With one kettle only boiling water for tea.

Then out came the goodies from Una and Dee,
And Sue, Rob and Heather and Jean, if you please,
And Kathryn, Maureen, Ann, Jean, Rick, Carole and Dawn,
Linda, Margaret, Alistair, Dora, Jessie and "anon."

Our thanks go to Ian for kitchen advice
and to our Executive for door prizes (very nice).
To Maureen for the float and to all whom I guess
Enjoyed themselves - making this Fete a success!

*The Lower Intermediate Class dedicated the evening to the memory of Gerry Dunn, to his teaching, to his leadership, to his influence and encouragement, and to his wonderful smile. We danced our hearts out for you Gerry.

Submitted by Linda Adams

RECEPTION FOR ROMILLY SQUIRE

A "Cocktail Reception" will be held to meet Romilly Squire of Robislaw O.St.J, F.R.S.A. MAY 20 4:00 to 6:00PM at Henderson Hall, 1632 Yale Street, Oak Bay. Mr Romilly is the co-author of Collins Encyclopedia of Clans and Families of Scotland, and holds other advisory/chairman positions in Heraldry.

If you intend to attend, there will be a no-host bar, and it would be appreciated if you would bring along some goodies. Dress for this event would be "Scottish Casual" definitely something tartan. For more information contact Irene Feir at 652-5773 or kifeir@shaw.ca. Please RSVP by May 15th.

VICTORIA HIGHLAND GAMES

sponsored by the Victoria Highland Games Association

Sunday, May 21, 2006 - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Bullen Park, Esquimalt

Cost: adults \$6.00, seniors/youth \$4.00, children under 12 free

The 69th annual Victoria Highland Games is a full day of Scottish entertainment for the whole family, and features competitions in Highland Dancing, bagpiping and drumming; massed pipe band performances,

along with Scottish Country Dancers, the Gaelic Choir, and the Fraser Highlanders cannon and musket demonstration. An elite international Heavy Events (eg. Caber toss) invitational will be held including the world champion and several provincial champions. There is a (free) kids' entertainment area including kilted 100-yard dashes, mini-heavy events, and bouncy inflatables. A Scottish Clan Avenue, Scottish and Celtic vendors, local Scottish organizations tables, pancake breakfast, tea garden and beer garden round out the event. For more information, check out the web site at www.victoriahighlandgames.com

ONLY THOSE WHO LOVE TO DANCE NEED APPLY!

Linda Adams was contemplating what would happen if her Tuesday night teachers decided to hang up their dancing shoes. So she wrote this ad:

Help Wanted

Experienced Scottish Country Dance Teacher to instruct a Lower Intermediate class. Must possess a sense of humour – a huge sense of humour and be prepared to work with people who age from their 20's through to their 90's but, at times exhibit the behaviour of a grade school class. Must be patient and understand that left sometimes is interpreted as right, up is down, green is red, today was yesterday and strathspey means reel. Must be impervious to the fact that some days the learning is easy, other days the phrase "to learn" is just not a part of the English language. An absolute love of the dance is mandatory because the pay is pathetic; however the students trust that the whole experience will be priceless because, with the right teacher, it is for the students.

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

- Apr 18 '06** **THROONIE NIGHTS START** and go to May 30, 7:30-9:30 pm, \$3, Obed
- 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, Instructors: Fred DeMarse, California; Mairi Hand, Idaho; Ruth Jappy, BC, Music: Alex Jappy, Muriel Johnstone, Mary Ross, BC. 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)
- Jul 9-14 '06** **CELTIFEST SUMMER SCHOOL**, Parksville, Registration is now open for all programmes. There will also be evening performance ceilidhs at 7:00 pm at Tigh-Na-Mara Resort - admission by donation. For more information, call 1-866-301-2358 or check the web page www.CelticPerformingArts.com.
- Jul 13 '06** **SUNSET AND STARS GALA CONCERT**, Port Theatre & Waterfront, Nanaimo. World-class event / huge array of famous performers. For details about stars and times and cost, see www.CelticPerformingArts.com or call 250-754-8550.
- Sep 11 '06** **VISCDS OPEN HOUSE** 7:30 PM, McKenzie Elementary 4005 Raymond St N
- Oct 27-28'06** **VICTORIA BRANCH FALL WORKSHOP** at Cadboro Bay United Church Hall, 2625 Arbutus Rd. Fri: Dance 7:30-10pm; Sat: Classes 9am-3pm, Dance 7:30-11pm. Teachers are Bob Anderson and Ruth Jappy. Music by Alex Jappy (Sat evening dance only). Semi-casual attire. Cost \$60. Additional venue, Sat

morning: Frank Hobbs School, 3875 Haro Rd. Application forms and dance programs available now. Student rates available. Contact Edith Chapman enchapma@telus.net or Howard Benten 250-595-4220 or www.rscdsvictoria.org.

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- May 28 '06** **FORT LANGLEY TEA DANCE** at Fort Langley Community Hall, 9167 Glover Road, Fort Langley, Music: Ron Krug and Ken Natrass. Call 604-576-6371.
- Jun 12 -** **DANCING IN STANLEY PARK**, Vancouver, Monday evenings at Ceperley
Aug 14 '06 Playground (by Second Beach), 7:30 p.m.
- Jun 17 '06** **PUGET SOUND CROSSROADS DANCE** - Head down to Friday Harbor for this annual event. Music by Brian Crisafulli, Gwen Taylor and Bill Boyd - "Sunny Day Strings". The afternoon dance is timed to start when the ferry gets in from Anacortes to Friday Harbor. **Dancers are piped from the ferry through the town to the dance hall.** Extremely popular. For updates, contact Anita Mathur at dmanita@telus.net
- Jun 22 '06** **San Francisco Class Summer Solstice Party** at Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St (at 23rd St). 7:45-10pm. Sponsored by San Francisco Scottish Country Dancers. Music by David Strong (fiddle), Katherine Hall (flute), Micah Rienhold (fiddle) & friends. Festive, casual attire. US\$8. Contact Linnea Johnston 415-841-9472 or Susie Langdon Kass 415-333-9372.
- 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 2-4 '06** **KELOWNA WORKSHOP.** Teachers: Helen Frame (Scotland) and Bob Anderson (Victoria). Contact Gwen Johnson 250-862-8124 ggjohnson@shaw.ca or Shelagh Hodgins 250-860-8663 sghodgins@shaw.ca
- Sep 8-10'06** **FT. WORDEN 2006 RSCDS** Seattle Branch's Annual Weekend Workshop at Fort Worden State Park & Conference Centre. Teachers: Ron Wallace (Rohnert Park, CA) Gary Thomas (Rohnert Park, CA) Elaine Brunken (Laurel, MD) Mary Murray (Vancouver, BC, Canada). Music by Ryan & Cali Mckasson, Calum MacKinnon, Ralph Gordon, Brian Crisafulli, Gwen Taylor. Contact Elizabeth Miller 206-782-8345 fw@rscds-seattle.org or Calum MacKinnon 425-670-9084 fw@rscds-seattle.org. More information can be found at <http://www.rscds-seattle.org>
- Nov 10-12'06** **SAN DIEGO BRANCH JULIAN WEEKEND** at Camp Stevens in the Cuyamaca Mountains one hour northeast of San Diego for a weekend of clean air, relaxation, fun & games. Two nights lodging plus 5 meals for \$105 USD per person. Contact Janet McDaniel at 760-929-0103 or at mcdaniel@csusm.edu. Registration available now.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER, August 21, 2006

Send your submissions to the newsletter editor

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