

Island Fling



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Everyone. Well, we have finally made it into spring. In some aspects you'd think that winter hasn't quite left us ... but we are now one week shy of the Workshop and Ball Weekend! Everything seems to be in place and the Ball Committee has worked extremely hard to ensure a very successful event. For a TAC year we have surpassed our expectations as to attendance numbers, and quite possibly better than the last time when the TAC Summer School was at Shawnigan Lake School. When the Workshop and Ball weekend is over there will be openings for interested people to join the Ball Committee for next year. Join the fun and I look forward to seeing a lot of new faces for the Workshop and Ball Weekend.

This is the second to last Fling for this part of the dancing season and the AGM is on the horizon - in fact April 26 next month so please mark your calendars. Our Nominating Committee has been hard at work doing their best to interest people in taking up an executive position. Their fingers are smoking from pressing buttons; however, they should be finished phoning people shortly. The positions that are open are **President, Secretary, and Social Convener**. The present holders will be resigning their positions to be effective on completion of the AGM. I encourage members to step forward and give this serious consideration and become members of the executive. If you have anything for the Agenda please forward it to the Secretary, Heather Danks, no later than April 16, 2007.

As in past years the Workshop and Ball Weekend has been our featured and most prestigious social event of the year, with lots of good dancing, meeting new people, learning new formations from guest teachers, and having loads of fun. Please have a good time. All the very best,

Bill Greig, President

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

VISCDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Second Notice - April 26, 2007

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

All members are encouraged to attend

Please submit any business and/or proposals for the AGM in writing to Heather Danks (Secretary) no later than April 16, 2007. No new business will be taken from the floor.

Social Dancing will follow the AGM

Publicity Plea

Recruiting new members is vital to the ongoing success of our Society. To attract new members we advertise our "Open Houses" and special events, such as "Dancing in the Park", through media Public Service announcements – TV, newspapers and radio. Distribution or posting of flyers is also an important means of promotion. Many stores, Laundromats, shopping centers (large or small), churches, etc. have public and/or staff bulletin boards – you'd be surprised how many there are when you actually look for or enquire about their presence.

For widespread advertising, what we need are **volunteers** who are willing **to assist with the distribution of these posters** approximately three times a year. For example, if ten volunteer members are given 10 flyers each to post in their own area, a total of 100 will be out there to draw public attention to SCD!

If you would like to help, please call me at 477-2512 or email joanbmc@shaw.ca.

Joan McIntosh

V.P. Publicity



THROONIE NIGHTS

Looking for a wonderful way to continue dancing after classes finish? Come to our "Throonie Nights". All dancing levels welcome! Please note change to Monday evenings.

MONDAY Evenings May 7, 14 and 28

\$3.00 / evening, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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



Juan de Fuca Update

For those who do not know about it, there is a very enthusiastic group of seniors learning or relearning Scottish Country Dancing at the Juan de Fuca 55+ Activity Centre. It is a drop-in class but it started with sixteen dancers and has varied from a core of ten to fourteen. Some have danced as children or young adults and are coming back to it, one attended the basic class at Van Isle but found the pace too fast for her, some have had no experience and some very energetic ones are also doing ballet, tap and clogging. The latter group has an incredible sense of timing and rhythm. They are the most cheerful group I have ever been associated with. Several have expressed interest in attending the Van Isle workshop so please make them feel welcome.

Michelle Campbell

A Wee Bit of Humour

Jock asked the bus conductor how much it would cost to travel into town. "80 pence" said the conductor. Jock thought this was a bit steep so he decided to run after the bus for a few stops. "How much now?" he asked. "Still 80 pence". Jock ran after the bus for another three stops and, panting, he asked "How much now?" The conductor replied "90 pence. You're running in the wrong direction!"



2007 VISCDs Spring Fling

April 28th, 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin In-The-Fields, Obed

Cost: \$8

Hosted by the Lower Intermediate Class

Light and Airy	8x32J	B	RSCDS Book 4
Shiftin Bobbins	8x32R	B	Core
Rose of the North	8x32S	A	Roy Goldring Silver Jubilee
Mairi's Wedding	8x40R	I	Core
Catch the Wind	8x32H	B	Book 45
Neidpath Castle	3x32S	I	Core
Maxwell's Rant	8x32R	I	Core
General Stuarts Reel	8x32R	I	Core
Shamrock Girl	4x32S	I	Goldring 12 More Social Dances
Napiers Index	8x32J	I	Book 45
Deer Friends	8x32S	I	Core
Lets Have a Ceilidh	4x32R	I	

Break

June Festival	4x32J	B	Let's All Dance, Too
Balmoral	4x32S	B	Core
Trip to Bavaria	4x32R	I	Core
Polharow Burn	5x32R	A	Core

Extras

Dream Catcher	1x96S		Book 45
Westminster Reel	8x32R		Book 45



TARTAN DAY – April 6

proclaimed by the government of B.C.

Mark your calendars for these great events throughout April and May in Victoria. See the local events calendar for details ...

2007 TARTAN BALL - Saturday, April 7 - *sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council*

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN - Sunday, April 15 - *sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council*

CEILIDH – Thursday, April 19 - *sponsored by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society*

VANCOUVER ISLAND SPRING TATTOO - Saturday, April 28

TARTAN PARADE - Saturday, May 12 - *sponsored by the Victoria Highland Games Association*

70th VICTORIA HIGHLAND GAMES

sponsored by the Victoria Highland Games Association

Saturday, Sunday, May 19-20, 2007

Bullen Park, Esquimalt

The Victoria Highland Games will be a two-day event this year. There will be a heavy events workshop and novice events on Saturday, and the usual events on the Sunday. This year, the Games will be hosting the Western Canada Heavy Events Championship with the world champion as guest thrower.

VISCDS will have a booth ...

Once again VISCDS will be participating with an information booth on May 20th and we are asking for volunteers to help out. Normally a two hour shift is all that is required. It's a great opportunity to promote our society and a most enjoyable day for everyone. Please call Ian Danks at 477-0346 or email at ianandheather@shaw.ca if you can help.



VICTORIA DAY PARADE - Monday, May 21, 2007

Do you like to walk, meet new people and be the centre of attention? Deep down have you always wanted to be in a parade... join the group from VISCDS who will be having fun on May 21st. We will be asking for volunteers to walk in the parade at the AGM or contact Sara Hatfield at 474-1895.

Special Event - Cottars' Singers Return!

Ciarán & Fiona MacGillivray are returning this April to the Island, with their band, 16-year old Claire Pettit, a gifted fiddler and dancer, and lead guitarist is Bruce Timmons, one of the most respected accompanists in the Maritimes today--to try and surpass performances that 'blew audiences away' at their Nanaimo concert in December 2005. Enjoy Celtic music, spirit and energy at its apex with Ciarán & Fiona MacGillivray & Band in a benefit for CeltFest 2007 Celtic Performing Arts Summer School.

Book Now to avoid disappointment!

Victoria: Thursday April 12, 2007, Alix Goolden Hall 286-6121 or 1-866-7176121

Nanaimo: Friday, April 13th. Showtime: 7:30 pm.

All tickets \$26.50 @ the Nanaimo Port Theatre 250-754-8550

The Victoria Gaelic Choir is performing at the Victoria show of the MacGillivray Cottars' concert, and will be selling a block of tickets in the process. Those who buy tickets through them will get a deep discount for the Victoria Show! Instead of the \$26.50 (23.00 students plus box office service charges), the special ticket price will be just \$20.00 each (flat rate). We will have dancers and pipers at this show; it will most certainly be a special event hosting these young people we are proud to call Scottish Canadians!

Carolyn and René Cusson (250) 758-0208

Pacific Institute of Piping & Celtic Performing Arts



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(250-478-4300)

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

- Mar 30- Apr 1 '07** **VISCDS WORKSHOP AND BALL WEEKEND**
- Apr 06 '07** **TARTAN DAY**
- Apr 07 '07** **VICTORIA JOINT SCOTTISH COUNCIL TARTAN BALL**, Edelweiss Club
108 Niagara, Cost: \$40.00 per person / cocktails 6:00 pm, dinner 7:00 pm.
After dinner, dance to the music of Brian Tetlow and the Gypsy Rovers.
Contact Irene at 652-5773 / kifeir@shaw.ca or David at 595-6171 /
707sincl@telus.net for tickets or more information.
- Apr 14 '07** **VICTORIA BRANCH ANNUAL BEGINNERS' DANCE** at Cadboro Bay
United Church Hall, 7:30pm., Cost :\$12, Music: Mary Ross. Program:
Wee Willie's Jig (as a reel) Espie McNabb
Seann Truibhas Willichan The Reel of the Royal Scots
Twa Sparkling E'en Balmoral Strathspey
Catch the Wind Good-Hearted Glasgow
The Dundee Whaler The Sailor
Blue Bonnets Gramachie
The Piper and the Penguin EH3 7AF
Finlay Stewart Skinner The De'il Amang the Tailors
- Apr 15 '07** **KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN** sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council
10:30 am, St. Peter's Anglican Church, Lakehill, 3939 St. Peter's Road
Meet in the church hall wearing your tartan by 10:15. Members of the
Victoria Joint Scottish Council groups are asked to bring a few goodies to
share with the congregation after the service.
- Apr 19 '07** **CEILIDH** sponsored by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, Doors open
7:00 pm / concert 7:30 pm, Cost: entrance \$10.00, bar tickets \$4.00
There will be tea/coffee/snacks and entertainment by Mary Ross and
George McDowall as well as pipers and/or dancers. Tickets available from
members of the Society or at the door. Contact Lianne at
lhunter@islandnet.com for more information.
- Apr 26 '07** **VISCDS AGM** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- Apr 27 '07** **OLD TIME BALL**, sponsored by Old Time Dance, Victoria, McMorran's
Reception at 5:45 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm Cost: \$47.00 Dress is formal or
semi-formal. For tickets/information contact Willie or Hazen at
(250)743-5312 or wmb@shaw.ca.
- Apr 28 '07** **VANCOUVER ISLAND SPRING TATOO** Archie Browning Centre, Esquimalt
Check in April for more details at <http://members.shaw.ca/ifeir/>
- Apr 28 '07** **VISCDS SPRING FLING** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
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- May 19-20'07** **VICTORIA HIGHLAND GAMES** Bullen Park, Esquimalt
- May 21 '07** **VICTORIA DAY PARADE**
- Jul 29- Aug 5 '07** **TAC SUMMER SCHOOL 2007** Shawnigan Lake.
Teachers: Eric Finley (Ayrshire, Scotland), Ron Wallace (Santa Rosa,
California) & Jean Noble (Toronto). Music: Muriel Johnstone & Keith Smith.
Contact Anita Mathur dmanita@telus.net or TAC website www.tac-rscds.org
- Sep 10 '07** **VISCDS OPEN HOUSE**

NOTE: Dance Programs for all Victoria Branch Dances are available from the VISCDs newsletter editor or www.rscdsvictoria.org

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Mar 31 '07** **NANOOSE SPRING GALA** Qualicum Beach Community Hall, Memorial Avenue and Veterans Way, Live Music featuring Mary Ross, \$30 Dinner & Dance (wine included), (\$15 for non-dancers) Contact Alistair McVey (752-1980) (lamcvey@shaw.ca)
- Mar 31 '07** **RSCDS SAN DIEGO SPRING BALL** at the Balboa Park Club
Music by: Andy Imbrie & Calum MacKinnon. Info: Ellen 858-453-8286
- Apr 13-15'07** **LETHBRIDGE 25TH ANNIVERSARY SCD & MUSIC WORKSHOP & BALL**
Teachers are Rebecca Blackhall-Peters, Mairi Hand, Robert McOwen. Music by Scotch Measure. Contact Fiona Miller 403-329-3582 or www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org/news.html
- Apr 21 '07** **NANAIMO WORKSHOP & TEA DANCE** Teachers: Ruth Jappy and Rebecca Blackhall-Peters. Music by Alex Jappy and Julie Smith. At Dover Bay Secondary School. Tea Dance & Afternoon Tea \$10. Workshop & Tea Dance \$45. Inquiries: Marguerite Bell 250-756-9836 or mhjbelle@telus.net
www.nanaimoscd.00it.com/TeaDance2007/TeaDance2007.html
- Apr 28 '07** **VERNON WORKSHOP** Teacher: Mary Murray, Music for Ceilidh: Kristi Lind and her MacNaramata Band. Contact Ruth Hurst 250-545-2626 or kenhurst@shaw.ca
- May 06 '07** **WHITE ROCK SCD SPRING TEA** at Star of the Sea Hall, 15262 Pacific Ave., White Rock, B.C. 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Doors open at 4:30 pm. Featuring Mary Ross. Cost \$15. Contact Janice Lowe at 604-536-7660
- May 11-13'07** **BELLINGHAM YOUTH WEEKEND WEST** at Western Washington University. Teachers are Rebecca Blackhall-Peters, Fred DeMarse & Bill Zobel. US\$85. Contact Tom Read 360-734-1295 ttread2@yahoo.com.
- May 12 '07** **THISTLE BALL** held in conjunction with Youth Weekend West, Bellingham. The evening will begin with cocktails followed by dinner. Tickets are \$65 US or CDN. For ticket information contact Kathryn Knowles 250-598-3490 (kathryknowles@shaw.ca) or www.rscds-seattle.org. The Val-U-Inn in Bellingham is a recently refurbished Motel just one exit from the dance venue. The motel will hold 25 rooms at special rates until April 12. Call 360-671-9600 or 1-800-443-7777 for a reservation. Mention the Scottish Country Dancers. Program:
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| Jubilee Jig | Pelorus Jack |
| Music Will Tell You | Piper & The Penguin |
| Sugar Candie | Gang The Same Gate |
| Roaring Jelly | McLeod's Fancy |
| J B Milne | Currie Mountain Reel |
| Belle of Bon Accord | Northern Lights |
| EH3 7AF | Napier's Index |
| Culla Bay | My Jo |
| Falls of Rogie | Reel of the Royal Scots |

- May 19 '07 VANCOUVER(WA) SCD 22ND ANNUAL DINNER DANCE "AN A-MAY-ZING NIGHT"** at Columbia Dance Center, 1700 Broadway St. Dinner 6pm at historic Hidden House (Main St & 13th St); specify choice of selected Greek Dinners; dinner reservations required by May 9. At 7:30 pm piper will lead participants in Grand March to dance location. Dance begins 8pm. Music by Lisa Scott, Linda Danielson & Fred Wilson. Semi-formal attire. Dinner only: US\$15; Dance only: US\$12, both: US\$26. Contact Marge McLeod van Nus 360-892-4366 vanusascd@comcast.net or www.vancouverusa-scd.org
- Jun 16 '07 PUGET SOUND CROSSROADS** Held in Friday Harbor in the San Juan Islands, this day is co-hosted by the Seattle Branch and the Friday Harbor Branch of RSCDS. Located at the Grange Hall in downtown, overlooking the harbour. Dancers will be piped up the hill from the ferry followed by dancing from 1:00 - 4:30 pm. All dances are talked through. There is usually a post-party dinner for an extra charge for those who wish. More information later at www.rscds-seattle.org or contact Elinor 425-488-7643
- Jul 22 - RSCDS SUMMER SCHOOL** takes place in the historic Fife town of
Aug 19 '07 St. Andrews. Registration & deposit requested by Feb 1/07. www.rscds.org
- Jul 25-29'07 HALIFAX INTERNATIONAL SCD SCHOOL** at University of King's College, Music: Tullochgorum & The Macadians. Teachers are Mary Murray (BC), Robert McOwen (MA), Joe Wallin (NS), Duncan & Maggie Keppie (NS) and Merrill Heubach (NS). Contact Lydia Hedge 902-827-2033 lydiahedge@accesswave.ca.
- Sep 21-23'07 FORT WORDEN ANNUAL WORKSHOP AND BALL** Musicians: Deby Benton Grosjean fiddler from Aptos, CA. Calum MacKinnon fiddler from Edmonds, WA. Ralph Gordon cello & bass from Charles Town, WV. Andy Imbrie piano from Santa Clara, CA. Teachers: Helen Frame from Ayrshire, Scotland. Irene Paterson from Mukilteo, WA. Fred DeMarse from Alameda, CA. Arthur McNair from Pittsburgh, PA. Registration forms will be available at www.rscds-seattle.org/. To have forms mailed to you, contact the registrar at fwreg@rscds-seattle.org
- Sep 28-30'07 27TH ANNUAL SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH FALL WORKSHOP** at Kenosee Inn Resort Hotel, Moose Mountain Provincial Park. Teachers are Keith and Deirdre Bark (Mississauga). Music by Ron Krug and Ken Natrass (Winnipeg). Fee includeS: Fri eve: ceilidh; Sat: breakfast, classes (social and challenge), lunch, classes (social and challenge), banquet, ball and "after-the-ball" party; Sun: morning class (combined) and farewell lunch. Kenosee Inn Resort Hotel information at www.kenoseeinn.com. Contact (Workshop Registrar) 306-569-8509 info.sscd@lauraig.ca.
- Feb 21-28 '08RSCDS WINTER SCHOOL** in Pitlochry, Scotland. Watch www.rscds.org for more details.

NOTE: Dance Programs for many of the listed events are available from the VISCDs newsletter editor or the listed contacts/websites.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER, April 25, 2007

Send your submissions to the new editor please

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THE ROSE OF THE NORTH

(S8x32) 3C (4C set), Roy Goldring Silver Jubilee 25

- 1- 4 1s lead down below 3s, cross & cast up to 2nd place on opposite side
- 5-16 2s+1s+3s dance 3 couple R&L, 1s end facing 1st corners
- 17-24 1s set & turn 1st corner 2H, set & turn 2nd corner 2H
- 25-32 1s circle 3H round to left (Man with 2s & Lady with 3s), 1s set to partners (Down/up) & Petronella turn to places

SHAMROCK GIRL

(S4x32) 4C set, Roy Goldring 12 more Social Dances

- 1- 8 1s+2s also 3s+4s circle 4H round to left, 3s followed by 1s lead down to bottom & cast up own side (3s to 1st place & 1s to 3rd place)
- 9-16 All dance reflection reels of 4 on own sides (RSh on Mens side & LSh on Ladies side)
- 17-24 3s & 1s dance full figs of 8 round couple below them
- 25-32 3s+2s also 1s+4s dance 1/2 Diamond Poussette & all turn RH. 2 3 4 1

JUNE FESTIVAL

J4X32

- 1-8 1's lead down the middle and back ending in the middle
- 9-16 1's and 2's allemande
- 17-20 1's and 3's dance RH across, 1L end facing out
- 21-24 1L followed by 1M, cast off one place and cross the set. 3's step up on 23-24
- 25-28 1's and 4's dance LH across, 1L ends facing out
- 29-32 1L followed by 1M cast off one place and cross the set. 4's step up on 31-32