

# Island Fling



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## **EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCEMENT**

At our Executive meeting on October 15, 2007 I agreed to take on the position of President, a role I aim to carry out with enthusiasm and dedication. Edna Kinnon, who assisted me previously, will carry on with Publicity.

Our committee hopes to continue with the strong leadership that has been provided by past executives who have created a solid foundation for our Society. We welcome members' input of suggestions or concerns and will endeavor to resolve issues fairly as they arise.

The Harvest Social held on October 20 was an awesome evening with approximately 6-7 sets on the floor during the first half of the evening. Thank you to the Advanced Technique class for sponsoring this first social of the season, to Bob Anderson for arranging a lively and interesting program, and to Riki Sato for coordinating this successful event.

We are sponsoring the annual Christmas Dance this year and our Social Convener, Kathryn Deegan, will be looking for members to volunteer their time to help with organizing this event. The more hands helping, the less work for everyone and the more dancing for all – please consider giving a little of your time to assist in some way.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the St. Andrew's Social on November 17.

**Joan McIntosh, President**

## EXECUTIVE COLUMN

### Membership

As at October 21<sup>st</sup> we have 95 paid and life members.

- 14 Advanced Technique
- 7 Basic
- 17 Lower Intermediate
- 6 Low Impact
- 25 Social
- 13 Upper Intermediate
- 13 No class (drop in or out-of-town and life members not taking classes)

Please pay your membership and class fees asap. The registration form is available on the website ([www.viscds.ca](http://www.viscds.ca)) or contact Maralynn Wilkinson at 592-2234.

Drop-in fees are \$5 per person and to be given to the class representative at the beginning of each class. Your \$30 membership fee is still required.

### Newsletter

Several members did not indicate on their registration forms whether they wanted their Island Fling via the web or delivered to a class. If a preference was not given then the default will be what you requested last year. If you have changed classes from last year, please let Maralynn Wilkinson know so we have you registered in the correct class.

Note for those receiving their newsletter in class: Your newsletter is delivered to the class you registered in. If you attend multiple classes and want your newsletter delivered to a different evening please let me know.

### Class Cancellation - Nov 12th

The Basic Class on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> is cancelled. Due to the Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday McKenzie School will be closed.



### Friends Remembered

We have received word that Jan Thorsen passed away midnight, Friday Oct 26th. A celebration of Jan's life will be held at Obed Hall on Wednesday, October 31st from 2:00 to 4:30 pm .... All invited. No flowers please & no telephone calls to Ruth. E-mails only. The Obit will be in the paper Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Any questions please call Jim Scott 370-2359.



### Harvest Social

The very first social for the season was organized by the Wednesday Evening Advanced Technique Class. It was a fun evening which was very well attended - 62 members with 7 sets on the floor. What was very special this time was that to our delight, we had four members from Monday's Basic class. I am sure that they could see our obvious love of dancing and music. Our seasoned dancers did not give these beginners time to sit out and kept them busy dancing. We all appreciated their courage to come to their first social of Van Isle and hope they will come back for the next one.

The food tables were loaded with all sorts of plates prepared by our somewhat small class and all these 62 dancers with good appetites were well fed! The hall was beautifully decorated with the harvest theme - rich colours of fall berries, leaves and flowers. The steps by the stage were exceptionally nicely done. The dance program was also excellent with a good mix from different levels. It was very obvious that dancers looked relaxed and had fun all evening. We are definitely ready for the 2007/08 dancing season!

Thank you to all members of Advanced Technique for their helping hands and instructor, Bob Anderson, for his great choice of dances.

**Riki Sato, Class Representative**

**Lost at Harvest Social ...**

A plastic bag containing a scarf and green raincoat was put on a shelf in the ladies cloakroom. If anyone finds these two articles, please contact Mary Roberts 385-1082.



**2007 St. Andrew's Social**

**November 17th, 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin In-The-Fields, Obed**

**Cost: \$8**

**PROGRAM**

St. Andrew's Fair	32J3	B	C (Core Book)
Miss Catherine Ann	32S3	B	David Queen
Red House	40R2	I	C 2007
Machine Without Horses	32J3	B	Book 12
Sugar Candie	32S3	I	C
The Barmkin	88R4	B	C
The Hazel Tree	32J3	I	C
John McAlpin	32S3	B	C
Ray Milbourne	32R4	I	C
Sandie Butterley	48J4	B	Mary Brandon
The Dream Catcher **	96S4	I	C 2007
Jessie's Hornpipe *	32R3	B	C

**Break**

McLeod's Fancy **	32J4	A	C
Inimitable Derek	32R3	I	C 2007
The Garry Strathspey	32S4	I	C 2007
A Reel for Alice	32R5	I	C 2007

**Extras**

Mairi's Wedding **	40R3	I	C
Piper and the Penguin *	88R4	I	C

\* briefing only      \*\* no briefing

**SPONSORED BY THE THURSDAY UPPER INTERMEDIATE CLASS**



**2007 Joint Christmas Social**  
**December 8th, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Cadboro Bay United Church, 2625 Arbutus Road**

**Music by Mary Ross**

**Cost: \$12**

**PROGRAM**

Mrs. Stewart's Jig	32J3	RSCDS Book 35
Catch the Wind	32H3	RSCDS Book 45
The Gentleman	32S3	RSCDS Book 35
The Wandering Piper	32J4	Graded and Social 2
The Music Will Tell You	32R4	RSCDS Book 41
Bridge of Nairn	32S3	RSCDS Book 13
Hooper's Jig	32J3	MMM II
Button Boy	32R3	Allanton
Macdonald of the Isles	32S3	Derek Haynes
The 51 <sup>st</sup> Travellers	32J3	RSCDS Book 44
The Sailor	32R3	RSCDS Book 24

**Break**

Pelorus Jack	32J3	RSCDS Book 41
Wisp of Thistle	32S3	RSCDS Book 37
The Royal Deeside Railway	32R3	RSCDS Book 40
MacLeod's Fancy	32R4	RSCDS Book 33
The Reel of the Royal Scots	32R3	RSCDS Leaflet No. 7

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## The Scotsman

A Scotsman phones a dentist to enquire about the cost for a tooth extraction.

"£85 for an extraction, sir"

"£85?", the man replies. "Huv ye no'got anythin' cheaper?"

"That's the normal charge," replies the dentist.

"Whit about if ye didnae use any anaesthetic?"

"That's unusual, sir, but I could do it and knock £15 off."

"Whit about if ye used one of your dentist trainees and still without an anaesthetic?"

"I can't guarantee their professionalism and it'll be painful.

But the price could drop to £40."

"How about if ye make it a trainin' session, 'ave yer student do the extraction with the other students watchin' and learnin'?"

"It'll be good for the students" mull'd the dentist. "I'll charge you £5. But it will be traumatic."

"Och, now yer talkin' laddie! It's a deal," said the Scotsman.

"Can ye confirm an appointment for the wife next Tuesday then?"

In Vancouver's October edition of the White Cockade, Rosemary Coupe had written an excellent dedication to Roy Goldring, who died September 4, 2007. I thought you might enjoy reading it and have received permission from Rosemary to reprint in the Fling.

### **In Memoriam: Roy Goldring**

For some years now, almost every Scottish country dance program has included at least one dance by Roy Goldring, and many include several. The Roy Goldring section of the Scottish country dance teacher's bookshelf bulges with all his books. They have simple titles like *Ten Social Dances* and *Graded and Social Dances 2*, but the contents are a treasure-trove. For the most part, the dances are not difficult, but they are original and interesting. They are also based on standard dance formations, making them excellent teaching material. All the more recent collections include original music for the dances composed by some of the great names of SCD music, and some excellent CDs of Goldring dances have been recorded.

In fact, we dance more Goldring dances than we may realize. Many of the more recent RSCDS books contain dances by Goldring, and they are often among the most popular dances in those books. To name only a few, "Reel of the Royal Scots," "St. Andrews Fair," "Tribute to the Borders," "The Music Makars," "John of Bon Accord," and "The Summer Assembly" are all Roy Goldring dances. One of Goldring's special talents is for square-set dances which are fun to dance and not difficult to learn—"The Piper and the Penguin" is an example.

Sadly, Goldring's most recent collection *A Reel for Alice* will be his last. Roy Goldring died on 4th September, 2007. He and his wife Doreen lived in Ilkley, Yorkshire, for many years. He began teaching in 1976, and at the time of his death he was Chairman of the Leeds Branch.

In 1993, the London Branch newsletter *The Reel* published Goldring's own account of his approach to dance devising. Here is a short extract:

I work in two ways. Sometimes odd phrases occur to me while I'm listening to dance music or even when I'm dancing. It then becomes automatic to try and think of other movements which would make a good match. After a few mental experiments the idea may be developed or abandoned. There are various reasons for scrapping a dance including impracticability, lack of distinction or simply because the combination of phrases may be too similar to something already published. . . .

My other approach differs in that it starts from a wish to write something specifically for class use. We started to accept beginners into the Ilkley class in the mid-1980s when we had only a few books containing dances aimed specifically for class use. I therefore began to put together extra dances; some were designed to practice steps or figures, others were fairly easy fun dances. People naturally like to feel that they have achieved something at class and we like to finish each evening with something simple but jolly. Although new dancers need to be stretched in order to develop, they also need some easily digested sweetmeats in their diet.

Thank you, Roy Goldring, for all you have given us.  
**Rosemary Coupe**

This article was provided by Johanna Cutcher, Newsletter Editor, Victoria Branch and is reprinted from the RSCDS website at [www.rscds.org](http://www.rscds.org).

### **In Memoriam: Stanley Hamilton**

Stan Hamilton who died in September 2007 was a staunch supporter of Scottish Country Dancing and influenced many of the musicians whose music we continue to enjoy.

Stan and his band played music for dancing which inspired dancers and musicians alike to pursue Scottish Country Dancing, and his music was a major factor in the growth of SCD in North America in the late 1950s, 60s and 70s. Through his knowledge, research, and arrangements he fostered the use of traditional Scottish music. He encouraged and influenced other musicians, several of whom went on to form their own bands including Bobbie Frew, Don Bartlett and Bobby Brown.

Stan and his band were regular performers at most major events and travelled many miles across North America. Stan also played at countless workshops and dances as a solo pianist and was active until he suffered a stroke which affected his left hand. He collaborated with George Emmerson on many projects, not least of which was a highly successful lecture/workshop series on Scottish Country dance music for dances and musicians. This collaboration had a major influence on the performance of Scottish Country Dancing in North America. He has an intuitive knowledge of music and which tunes are appropriate for specific dances. He was generous with his time and would often perform, taking no payment, especially in the early days when branches were just getting started. His musical ability was much admired by Miss Milligan who would ask for his services at teacher exams and workshops when she visited North America.

**Elspeth Gray**



Lady's white, medium VISCDS t-shirt / never worn. Contact Mary Roberts at 385-1082.

**Homecoming Scotland 2009** - keep up with the developments at [www.homecomingscotland.com](http://www.homecomingscotland.com).

## COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

- Nov 01 '07** **3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CEILIDH** sponsored by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, 7:30 pm, Henderson Hall, 1632 Yale Street, Cost \$12. Featured entertainers will be Island Ukuleles, Mary Ross and George McDowall. A great evening of music and Scottish banter. Info and tickets call Lianne at 385-8744 or tickets at the door from 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 03 '07** **VICTORIA BRANCH DANCE** 7:30 pm, St. Martin's, 550 Obed featuring live music by the Elastic Ceilidh Band and entertainment by the UVic Caledonian Club. Cost \$8. See the world's only Scottish Country Dance band with a tuba!
- The Elastic Ceilidh Band was formed a few years back to play at UVic Caledonian Club ceilidhs, and played their first Branch social last autumn to enthusiastic reviews. The present lineup includes Bergen Nixon on accordion, Tony Lambert and Gordon Robinson on fiddle, Phil Lambert on guitar, and Frankie Chao on tuba.
- Nov 17 '07** **VISCDS ST. ANDREW'S SOCIAL** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- Nov 24 '07** **GAELIC CHOIR CONCERT - Centuries of Beautiful Celtic Songs** 7:30 pm, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Douglas at Broughton). The performers will be the Victoria Gaelic Choir and the Vancouver Gaelic Choir. Info or tickets, call 477-1980 or 658-0823.
- Nov 25 '07** **CELTIC CONCERT** Sponsored by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society. Enjoy an afternoon with the famous Celtic Guitar Masters, Steve Baughman and Robin Bullock from Scotland. This concert features classical guitar with a Celtic flavour. 2:00 pm, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Kirk. Cost \$15. Info and/or tickets call Lianne at 385-8744. Tickets at the door from 1:30 pm.
- Dec 08 '07** **JOINT CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** Cadboro Bay United Church Hall, 2625 Arbutus
- Dec 14 '07** **ARION MALE VOICE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed. For tickets (\$10) contact Val Cornforth at 388-5272. Fundraiser for St. Martin's. Come and support our favourite dance venue!

- Dec 31 '07 **VICTORIA BRANCH NEW YEAR'S DANCE** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall  
 Jan 07 '08 **VISCDS OPEN HOUSE** at McKenzie School, 4005 Raymond St. N.  
 Jan 26 '08 **JOINT BURNS SOCIAL** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed  
 Jan 27 '08 **BURNS MEMORIAL TEA & CONCERT** sponsored by the Victoria Joint  
 Scottish Council. 2:00 Heather Laying - Burns Statue, Beacon Hill Park. 2:30  
 Concert & tea at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Kirk Hall. Cost: by donation.  
 Feb 02 '08 **VICTORIA BRANCH DANCE** with Muriel Johnstone, 7:30 pm, St. Martin's,  
 550 Obed  
 Feb 16 '08 **VISCDS VALENTINES SOCIAL** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed  
 Mar 01 '08 **VICTORIA BRANCH DANCE** 7:30 pm, St. Martin's, 550 Obed  
 Mar 28-30'08 **VISCDS WORKSHOP AND BALL WEEKEND**  
 Apr 05 '08 **TARTAN BALL** sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council  
 Apr 12 '08 **VICTORIA BRANCH BEGINNERS' DANCE** 7:30 pm, St. Martin's 550 Obed  
 Apr 26 '08 **VISCDS SPRING FLING** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed

**NOTE:** Dance Programs for the Branch are available from the VISCDS newsletter editor or their website [www.rscdsvictoria.org](http://www.rscdsvictoria.org)

## OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Nov 02-03'07 **BELLINGHAM WORKSHOP AND BALL**, Friday evening Ceilidh followed by a Saturday daytime workshop and then an evening Ball with reception. Music by Calum MacKinnon, Muriel Johnstone, Susan Worland and Ginny Snowe.
- Nov 09-11'07 **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. Contact Janet McDaniel at 760-929-0103 or at [mcdaniel@csusm.edu](mailto:mcdaniel@csusm.edu). Registration now available.
- Nov 11 '07 **PENTICTON ST. ANDREWS DANCE** sponsored by Naramata SCD. South Main Drop-in Centre. Music by MacNaramata's Band. Casual attire. Supper to follow dance. 3-5 pm, 5:30 pm supper. Cost \$12. Contact Davina Crowe 250-487-1272 or [davinacrowe@shaw.ca](mailto:davinacrowe@shaw.ca).
- Nov 30 '07 **27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ST. ANDREW'S DAY BALL** in Vancouver at the Terminal City Club. Reception 6:30/Dinner 7:15 Cost: \$100 / person (\$65 for anyone 35 and under). Info and tickets Blair at 604-731-8799 or [bdymond@telus.net](mailto:bdymond@telus.net).
- Nov 30 '07 **KITCHEN PARTY PUB & CEILIDH** in Surrey presented by the Tam O'Shanter Dancers. Music by Emerald Green. 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. \$10 6307 152 Street. Ticket Info Janice or Paul Lowe at 604-536-7660.
- Dec 01 '07 **SALT SPRING SCD WINTER WORKSHOP** at Fernwood Elementary School, Fernwood Road with Rebecca Blackhall-Peters & Music by Julie Smith. Morning Intermediate Workshop / Afternoon Basic Workshop. Cost \$20 for 1 / \$35 for both. Contact Derek Emmerson at [demmerson@shaw.ca](mailto:demmerson@shaw.ca).
- Dec 01 '07 **PORT ALBERNI SCD CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE**
- Dec 16 '07 **GLENEAGLES BALL** in Vancouver, Pacific Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. 2:00 - 7:30 p.m. Cost \$75. Full information and dance instructions

at <http://www.rscdsvancouver.org/gleneaglesball07.html> or contact Moyra Heyerdahl at 604-924-1694 or May Loudon at 604-926-3174.

- Jan 12 '08 NANAIMO SCD NEW YEAR'S BALL**  
**Jan 26 '08 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ROBERT BURNS SUPPER AND CEILIDH FOR CANCER** in Qualicum Beach sponsored by Celtic Chaos. Cost \$40 / person. Full Scottish dinner & traditional Burns entertainment. Proceeds to BC Cancer Foundation & Mid-Island Dragon Boat Team. Tickets contact Joyce at [jbeaton@shaw.ca](mailto:jbeaton@shaw.ca)
- Feb 08-11'08 EDMONTON SCD ANNUAL WORKSHOP AND BALL WEEKEND**  
**Feb 15-17'08 HONOLULU ALOHA WINTER WEEKEND**, Ala Wai Palladium Ballroom, Waikiki. Teachers: Bruce Herbold & David Newitt. Music by Humuhumunukunua'pua'a and Strathspey Society Band. US\$150. Contact Bruce McEwan 808-538-7707 [bemac@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:bemac@hawaii.rr.com). [[www.rscdshawaii.org](http://www.rscdshawaii.org)]
- Feb 16 '08 COMOX VALLEY SCD VALENTINES BALL** in Courtenay at the Native Sons Hall, 360 Cliffe Ave. Music by Muriel Johnstone & Jim Lindsay. Accepting 60 out-of-town registrations Sept-Nov. Cost: approximately \$35 for dancers, \$20 for non-dancers. Registrar: Matthew Nicoll at 250-337-8491 or [menicoll@telus.net](mailto:menicoll@telus.net).
- Feb 16 '08 VANCOUVER BRANCH "LOVE TO DANCE" WORKSHOP & DANCE**  
**Feb 21-28'08 RSCDS WINTER SCHOOL** in Pitlochry, Scotland. Watch [www.rscds.org](http://www.rscds.org)
- Mar 08 '08 PORT ALBERNI SCD ST. PATRICK'S DINNER/DANCE**  
**Mar 09 '08 WHITE ROCK WORKSHOP** at the Sullivan Hall, 6306 152nd Street, Surrey. Teacher: Maureen Lyon. Cost \$10.
- Mar 15 '08 DELTA BORDERERS "SPRING FLING" BALL**  
**Mar 29 '08 NANOOSE SCD 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SPRING GALA**, Qualicum Beach Community Hall, Memorial Avenue & Veteran's Way. Live music with Mary Ross. Contact Alistair McVey (752-1980) ([lamcvey@shaw.ca](mailto:lamcvey@shaw.ca))
- Apr 19 '08 NANAIMO WORKSHOP AND TEA DANCE**  
**May 02-04'08 RSCDS TORONTO YOUTH WEEKEND** for dancers 15-30 at Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario. Full weekend program. Teachers: Cathy Bertics, Rebecca Roman and Colin Philip. For info and registration forms see [www.rscdstoronto.org](http://www.rscdstoronto.org).
- May 03 '08 RSCDS WINNIPEG BRANCH 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WORKSHOP** Teacher: Fiona Miller. Class Musicians: Ken Natrass & Ron Krug. Evening Social Music: Scotch Measure. Info call 204-254-3208 or [www.rscdswinnipeg.ca](http://www.rscdswinnipeg.ca)
- May 04 '08 WHITE ROCK SCD SPRING TEA** at the Star of the Sea Hall 15262 Pacific Ave., White Rock. Cost \$15. Time: 5-8 p.m.  
Contact: Janice Lowe at 604-536-7660
- May 09-11'08 YOUTH WEEKEND WEST** in Vancouver  
**May 10 '08 THISTLE BALL** in Vancouver  
**Aug 10-17'08 T.A.C. SUMMER SCHOOL** in Waterloo, Ontario

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER, November 21, 2007**

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