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EXECUTIVE CORNER

Congratulations to the membership for a wonderful turnout at the Open House on September 10th. Jamie Orr made the opening remarks welcoming everyone, and with 43+ people in attendance and 5 sets on the floor the dancing was lively and a true representation of the community spirit of Scottish Country Dancing. Twelve newcomers joined us and were treated to a night filled with laughter, fun and great dancing.

Gordon Robinson hosted the evening and a special thank you from all us for doing such a great job. He skillfully planned the evening to include a few basics but then quickly had everyone dancing. The many experienced dancers present provided the leadership, encouragement and smiles that the newcomers needed to really enjoy the evening. Talk about progression, the newcomers started the evening with no experience and by the end of the evening had been dancing in 4-couple sets from all positions! It was also a wonderful opportunity for the rest of us to catch up with friends and classmates we hadn't seen over the summer.

A refreshing break with excellent goodies was organized by Kathryn Deegan and during that time two special events occurred. On behalf of VISCDS Bill Greig presented Gordon Robinson with a recompense cheque in appreciation and acknowledgement of all the expenses he incurred while obtaining his Teacher's Certificate. A second presentation followed. On behalf of VISCDS Joan McIntosh presented Bill Greig with one year's free membership and class fees in recognition of the expenses and thousands of kilometers he travelled last year from Chemainus in the position of President.

YOUR 2007-2008 MEMBERSHIP AND CLASS REGISTRATION FEES ARE DUE NOV 1ST

The success of the open house was evident by the smiles and sore feet at the end of the evening - but I'm also happy to report that 5 of the twelve newcomers joined the Basic class on September 17th and we are still following up with 4 others!

Sara Hatfield

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

Membership

Thanks to everyone for sending in their membership and class registration fees! A reminder that November 1st is our deadline. The registration form is available on the website (www.viscds.ca) or contact Maralynn Wilkinson at 592-2234.

For those choosing the drop-in option this year, fees are payable each night you attend at the beginning of the class. If a class rep has not been chosen yet, the \$5 per person can be given to the teacher or any member of the executive if they are at the class. Drop-in fees started for all classes after the open house September 10th (exception - newcomers in the Basic class). Your \$30 membership fee is still required by November 1st.

We will have an update on class numbers for you in the next newsletter. It is early days as people return from holidays and get back into fall routines but all classes would love to have more dancers!

It's all About the Money!

Here's a good news announcement from your Treasurer – there will be **no increase** in membership or class fees for this year!

The main reason for this is that we received another \$2,000 grant from the Province. Added to our other sources of income, we expect this will keep us in the black at the end of this year. However, be aware that with our membership dropping, our current fee structure does not cover our expected expenses, and without another grant next year, fees may be increased.

Alternatively, tell all your friends about Scottish country dancing, and let's get them signed up!

See you at the dance – Jamie Orr



Thanks to All Members

Gordon Robinson was presented with a cheque at the Open House to cover the cost of his course fees for his Teaching Certificate which he completed last spring. Gordon wishes to thank all members of the club for their support and encouragement during the past several years as he has been studying and practising for his teaching exams.

Gordon Robinson

In Memoriam Roy Goldring

1/3/1929 - 4/9/2007

Roy died on September 4, 2007 and his legacy of great dances, known throughout the world, will remain with Scottish Country dancers forever.

Roy Goldring was awarded a scroll at the 2001 RSCDS AGM, nominated by Leeds Branch. Here is an excerpt from the citation which accompanied the presentation (reprinted from the RSCDS website at www.rscds.org)

... Roy's claim to fame is as a deviser of a large number of dances, many of which have appeared in Society publications. Many more have been published in leaflet form, with the proceeds often going to charities. The main feature of Roy's dances is their accessibility to dancers of all abilities, and many

teachers throughout the world make use of his dances in their teaching and hold him in great respect. Roy's dances have encouraged many to "join the dance", and his sensitivity to the music ensures their continuing popularity.

A New Scottish Country Dance Club

Chemainus SCD has moved to Crofton under a new name. The Cowichan Valley SCD, led by Pat Blair, will meet each Thursday at the Fire Hall in Crofton at 6:30pm. Call Pat at 537-0087 or visit <http://cvscd.00cd.com/> for more information.



2007 Harvest Social

October 20th, 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin In-The-Fields, Obed

Cost: \$8

PROGRAM

Good Hearted Glasgow	32J3	B	C (Core Book)
Lady Lucy Ramsey	32S3	B	C
The White Cockade	32R3	B	C
Mrs. Stewart's Jig	32J3	I	C
Belle of Bon Accord	32S4	I	C
The Button Boy	32R3	I	C
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	32S3	I	C
The Sauchie Haugh	32S2	I	C
Trip to Bavaria **	32R4	I	C
Seton's Ceilidh Band *	64J4	I	C
The Moray Rant	48S3	I	C

Break

Bratach Bana	32R3	A	C
Napier's Index	40J3	I	Book 45
Bonnie Stronshiray **	32S3	I	C
Fisherman's Reel	32R5	I	C

Extras

Sands of Morar	32S3	A	Book 45
Irish Rover **	32R3	A	C

* briefing only ** no briefing

SPONSORED BY THE WEDNESDAY ADVANCED TECHNIQUE CLASS



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

Dancing in the Park 2007

Once again the VISCDS and RSCDS jointly sponsored summer "Dancing in the Park" was enjoyed by 10-16 experienced dancers each Thursday for six weeks. Interested newcomers/spectators were encouraged to join in, with approximately 6-12 participating in each dance, and a number of people who just wanted to watch the fun and enjoy the music.

As always, there was wide range of ages, with the young children adding a spark of excitement and energy to the sets. One night we even had a young male adult who attempted to dance with a can of beer in his hand.

On behalf of our membership I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Jim Scott for voluntarily arriving early each evening to open the stage and set up the sound equipment and banner.

A special thanks to each of the teachers for putting together their evening's program and for briefing an interesting variety of dances: Michelle Campbell and Una Lennam; Joan Axford; Gordon Robinson; and Sheila, Edith and Kathryn from the Branch.

We were fortunate to have perfect weather every night and I want to thank all those members who faithfully came out most evenings to support this event.

Joan McIntosh

32nd ANNUAL VISCDS WORKSHOP AND BALL WEEKEND

Mark your calendars for the 32nd Annual Workshop and Ball weekend on March 28, 29 and 30, 2008. Teachers will be Alan Twhigg of Mountain View California, Gail Michener of Lethbridge, and Rosemary Coupe of Vancouver - inspiring teachers all.

Musicians for the Ceilidh, Ball and Sunday Brunch dancing will be Ken Natrass and Ron Krug of Winnipeg who were so popular last year. It will be great to welcome them back.

Some changes have taken place in the membership of the Ball and Workshop Committee. Following are the members of the 32nd Workshop & Ball Committee:

Coordinator	Lesley Brennand
Registrar	Jill Leslie
Ball and Brunch Chair	Alex McAuley
Ceilidh Chair	Joan McIntosh & Edna Kinnon
Catering	Mary Roberts (Ceilidh & Workshop)
Sunday Coordinator	Anne Scott
Ball Booklet	Rick Deegan
Teacher's Rep.	Una Lennam
Workshop Chair	Dora Dempster
Silent Auction	Maureen & Jamie Orr

As with most events, many hands make light work, so please join the following committee members by volunteering your help in the coming months to make it a memorable event. Please contact our Coordinator, Lesley Brennand, with any questions at 391-6984 or by email to lesleybrennand@shaw.ca). If you are going to an out-of-town event please plan on taking some ball fliers: contact Jill Leslie 391-3908 jleslie@uoguelph.ca for supplies.

TAC Summer School 2007

Vancouver Island hosted the 2007 TAC Summer School for the second time this summer. The school held at Shawnigan Lake School was attended by over 150 dancers from a wide range of places and backgrounds. Attendees this year were from all across North America, Japan, Australia, England, Germany, Bahrain and of course Scotland. Shawnigan Lake is an outstanding location for this event located in a summer vacation spot with the lake and West Coast scenery.

The daily program included classes at five different levels in the morning, social dances most evenings and special classes covering everything from basic figures to traditional Japanese dancing. With this much dancing it is impossible to explain why a popular activity at the bar after the evening social was...more dancing. It can probably only be put down to insanity. Among the special events was a Hogwart's theme night with many participants dressing up as their favourite Harry Potter characters.

The program featured excellent teachers with a wide range of styles with all classes having live music. The musicians were all familiar to Van Isle dancers: Ron Krug, Ken Natrass, Muriel Johnstone, Keith Smith and Gary Thomas.

The fantastic location, great attendance and excellent teaching and music all produced an outstanding event. Kudos to Anita Mathur (deputy director) and her outstanding committee and many volunteers.

Gordon Robinson



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

One pair European size 6 (Canadian size 7-8) ballet style slippers for sale. Worn once. Slippers have shock-absorbent soles and are very comfortable. Phone Michelle Campbell at 652-7906.



Drambuie Oranges

In his latest Scottish cook book celebrity chef Nick Nairn lists one of his all time favourite recipes.

6 to 8 small thin skinned juicy oranges
4 tablespoons Drambuie

Slice the top and the bottom off each orange and sit each one on a board. Cut away the outer skin so that there is no white pith left behind and then slice each orange across into thin slices. Arrange the slices overlapping in the centres of 4 large dessert plates, drizzle over the Drambuie and serve straight away.

Alternatively, place the orange slices in a shallow dish with the Drambuie, cover and leave to chill in the fridge for 3 to 4 hours, during which time the juice from the oranges will develop a wonderful tasting sauce with the Drambuie. Arrange on serving plates as before and serve while the slices are still chilled.

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Celtic Concert

Enjoy an evening with two Celtic guitarists from Scotland on Sunday, November 25, 2007, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Kirk. There will be more details later. Sponsored by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society.

Homecoming Scotland 2009 - keep up with the developments at www.homecomingscotland.com.

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

- Oct 20 '07 **VISCDS HARVEST SOCIAL** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
Nov 03 '07 **VICTORIA BRANCH DANCE** 7:30 pm, St. Martin's, 550 Obed
Nov 17 '07 **VISCDS ST. ANDREW'S SOCIAL** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
Nov 25 '07 **CELTIC CONCERT** with two Celtic Guitarists from Scotland at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (more details soon). Sponsored by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society.
Dec 08 '07 **JOINT CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** Cadboro Bay United Church Hall, 2625 Arbutus
Jan 26 '08 **JOINT BURNS SOCIAL** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
Feb 02 '08 **VICTORIA BRANCH DANCE** 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 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

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Oct 13 '07 **KAMLOOPS SCD FALL WORKSHOP**, St Paul's Anglican Cathedral Hall, 360 Nicola St & 4th Ave. Classes 9:00am-2:15pm, Dance 2:30-4:30pm. Teacher: Barbara Johnston (Edmonton). Recorded music. Contact Bill Flynn 250-828-2094 or s-b-flynn@shaw.ca.
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. Registration now available.
Nov 30 '07 **27th 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.
Dec 01 '07 **PORT ALBERNI SCD CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE**
Dec 16 '07 **GLENEAGLES BALL** in Vancouver (details to follow)
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 Humuhumunukunukuapua'a and Strathspey Society Band. US\$150. Contact Bruce McEwan 808-538-7707 bemac@hawaii.rr.com. [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.
- Feb 16 '08 VANCOUVER BRANCH "LOVE TO DANCE" WORKSHOP & DANCE**
- Feb 21-28'08 RSCDS WINTER SCHOOL** in Pitlochry, Scotland. Watch www.rscds.org for more details.
- 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 3RD 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)
- Apr 19 '08 NANAIMO WORKSHOP AND TEA DANCE**
- 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

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, October 24, 2007

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