

# Island Fling



**September 2007**

Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society  
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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**Please join us ....**

**VISCDS OPEN HOUSE**  
**Monday, September 10, 2007**  
**7:30 PM**

**McKenzie Elementary, 4005 Raymond St. N**

There is no charge for this evening and everyone is welcome. Bring an interested friend or couple and encourage them to try out Scottish Country Dancing! (This is also the first night for the basic class).

**YOUR 2007-2008 VISCDS MEMBERSHIP FORM IS MAILED WITH THIS ISSUE**

## EXECUTIVE COLUMN

### Membership Application Form

Please note membership and class fees are due by NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember to indicate on the form the class in which you are registering, and whether you wish to receive your newsletter hardcopy or from the website ([www.viscnds.ca](http://www.viscnds.ca)). If you select to receive the newsletter from the website, each month an email will be sent to you advising that the newsletter has been published and posted ready for viewing.

**Maralynn Wilkinson**

### Newsletter Delivery

Your newsletter will be delivered to the class in which you register. If you are absent your class rep will keep your Fling for the two classes after initial delivery, and then will mail it to you. If you are not going to be in town, please call your rep and let him/her know.

### 2007/2008 VISCDS Social Dates

September 10	Open House (also the first Basic Class)
October 20	Harvest Social
November 17	St. Andrews Social
December 8	Joint Christmas Social (VISCDS hosts)
January 26	Joint Burns Social
February 16	Valentines Social
April 26	Spring Fling

### Publicity Help

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help distribute or post flyers as part of our ongoing “recruiting campaign”. For widespread advertising, we are looking for additional volunteers who are willing to assist with the distribution of posters approximately three times a year in their local areas. We are especially looking for assistance throughout September to reach as many new people as possible to kick off the new year and to join our classes. If you would like to help, please call Joan McIntosh at 477-2512 or email [joanbmc@shaw.ca](mailto:joanbmc@shaw.ca).



### Friends Remembered

VISCDS lost three wonderful supporters and friends since May of this year. Jean Boyle, Jamie MacKendrick and Graham Rice. Our thoughts and wishes go out to Alexandra, Ruth, Janet and families.

### Thank You

My family and I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, signed cards, and came to the house to remember Jean. The shock of his death was made a little easier by the kindness of so many friends. Thank you. Neil, Carol, Keith and Alexandra Boyle.



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

## **VISCDs CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 10 THROUGH 17, 2007**

All Teachers are certified by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

Dancers should consult with their current teacher before moving to a more advanced class. All dancers are encouraged to dance in other classes below their level as this makes less experienced dancers progress faster and the classes more enjoyable.

**Classes begin with an Open House on Monday, September 10th at McKenzie School (this is also the first night for the Basic Class).**

### **BASIC CLASS**

**Mondays 7:30 - 9:30 PM McKenzie Elementary School (gym) - 4005 Raymond St N**

**Teacher: Gordon Robinson**

In the basic class you will learn the five basic steps of Scottish Country Dancing and the various formations that make up the dances. You will become familiar with the concept of sets, progressions, technique and teamwork and you will experience the joy of moving to the lively music in a relaxed social setting. By the end of the year you will be able to dance many basic dances with some degree of confidence.

### **LOWER INTERMEDIATE CLASS** (starts September 11)

**Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:30 PM St. Martin In-The-Fields Church Hall - 550 Obed Avenue**

**Teachers: Una Lennam and Rob & Sue Langridge**

For those who have attended a basic class and are familiar with basic formations and dances. This class will continue to work on all basic steps and formations as well as introduce new formations and appropriate level dances.

### **UPPER INTERMEDIATE CLASS** (starts September 13)

**Thursdays 7:30 - 9:30 PM St. Martin In-The-Fields Church Hall - 550 Obed Avenue**

**Teacher: Monica Roots**

For those who have been dancing for a number of years and who wish to improve all aspects of technique. This class is designed to provide dancers with the opportunity to experience a broader range of formations and movements.

### **ADVANCED TECHNIQUE CLASS** (starts September 12)

**Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:30 PM St. Martin In-The-Fields Church Hall - 550 Obed Avenue**

**Teacher: Bob Anderson**

For experienced and upper intermediate level (minimum 2 years) dancers who wish to maintain and improve their dancing skills. Dancers will work on all aspects of technique including "tidy up" old formations and introducing more complex formations and transitions.

### **EXPERIENCED SOCIAL** (starts September 17)

**Mondays 7:30 - 9:30 PM St. Martin In-The-Fields Church Hall - 550 Obed Avenue**

**Teacher: Bob Anderson**

For those truly experienced dancers who do not wish to choose the intensity of an advanced technique class but wish to dance more challenging dances and formations. Dancers in this class should have a good knowledge of all common formations and steps and be able to dance those dances with common formations with just a brief walk-through.

### **LOW IMPACT CLASS** (starts September 17)

**Mondays 1:30 - 3:30 PM St. Martin In-The-Fields Church Hall - 550 Obed Avenue**

**Teachers: Bob Anderson, Gordon Robinson and Michelle Campbell**

A daytime social class for Scottish Country Dancers. This is a class for dancers with at least one year in the lower intermediate class. Emphasis will be on formations and phrasing in new dances and upcoming social program dances.



## 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

### What can we say about VISCDs ...

As you're speaking with friends and neighbours about coming to the open house on September 10<sup>th</sup>, here's a reprint of the brief history compiled by Merle Peterson and Barbara Watt that was included with the Ball Weekend packages and also printed in the Victoria Joint Scottish Council February newsletter.

Thanks again Merle and Barbara for taking the time to record our history!

### Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society

The Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society (colloquially known as Van Isle) became a legal entity in 1979 when it was registered as a society under the British Columbia Societies Act. That year was both a culmination and a beginning for the Society, since as early as 1970. The Society (or Group as it was sometimes known) held an annual spring ball, and dedicated groups of dancers were dancing and meeting informally on the Peninsula, in Sidney, and in the Western Communities. Longtime dancers in Van Isle recall with enthusiasm those early days when life was so much simpler and dancing so grand! Many a New

Year's Eve was celebrated at an energetic house party. A proud achievement of the early years, too, was the Society's official affiliation with the parent Royal Scottish Country Dance Society in Scotland.

Over the years, the Society's dedication to encouraging and maintaining Scottish Country Dancing developed into an annual series of classes at five levels (basic, lower intermediate, upper intermediate, advanced technique, and low impact) with additional monthly social celebrations (Harvest, St. Andrew's, Christmas, Burns, Valentines, and Spring Fling from October through April) with a special annual weekend Workshop and Ball each spring. Guest teachers and musicians from around the world with a love for Scottish music and country dancing participated in and made special these often-intense dancing weekends.

Since inception there have been 16 presidents (sometimes called Chairmen) and attendant executive members (usually, though not always, a three-year stint per office) to keep the business of running the Society in good order. As a non-profit society, Van Isle thrives on the contributions of its qualified instructors and the generosity of its members in multiple capacities over the years to keep classes, socials, and all events functioning, and to interact with other cultural groups in Victoria. The Society's Demonstration Team has for many years delighted participants at Folkfest and other gatherings around Greater Victoria with imaginative and lightly stepped Scottish country dances. The Society's newsletter, started in the mid-70s, named the *Island Fling* in the mid-80s, and now called the *Fling*, has kept members informed and up-to-date on Scottish country dance events both in Victoria and away.

### **Homecoming Scotland**

2009 is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birthday of Robert Burns. Scotland is planning a year of celebration and hopes you will go for a visit. You can keep up with developments on [www.homecomingscotland.com](http://www.homecomingscotland.com).

## **COMING EVENTS - LOCAL**

- Sep 10 '07** **VISCDS OPEN HOUSE** at the Beginner's class. 7:30 PM, McKenzie Elementary 4005 Raymond St N
- Wk Sep 10** **START UP OF VISCDS CLASSES (see page 3)**
- Sep 17 '07** **VISCDS MONDAY AFTERNOON CLASS BEGINS**
- Sep 17 '07** **VISCDS EXPERIENCED SOCIAL CLASS BEGINS**
- Sep 29 '07** **VICTORIA BRANCH DANCE** 7:30 pm, St. Martin's, 550 Obed  
Theme: "All In A Day's Work". Look for a fisherman, a tailor, a ploughman, a weaver, and more! Why not add to the fun by wearing something symbolic of some line of work? A chef's hat? A thimble? Gardening gloves? It doesn't have to be related to a career represented on the dance programme - just make sure it doesn't inhibit your dancing! \$5
- 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
- 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
- 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

## OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Sep 21-23'07 FORT WORDEN ANNUAL WORKSHOP AND BALL** Musicians: Deby Benton Grosjean, Aptos, CA. Calum MacKinnon, Edmonds, WA. Ralph Gordon, Charles Town, WV. Andy Imbrie, Santa Clara, CA. Teachers: Helen Frame, Ayrshire, Scotland. Irene Paterson, Mukilteo, WA. Fred DeMarse, Alameda, CA. Arthur McNair, Pittsburgh, PA. Registration forms <http://www.rscds-seattle.org/images/Ft%20W%20Registration%202007.pdf>. More info at [www.rscds-seattle.org/](http://www.rscds-seattle.org/).
- Sep 28-30'07 27<sup>TH</sup> 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). Kenosee Inn Resort Hotel information at [www.kenoseeinn.com](http://www.kenoseeinn.com). Contact (Workshop Registrar) 306-569-8509 [info.sscd@lauraiq.ca](mailto:info.sscd@lauraiq.ca).
- 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](mailto:s-b-flynn@shaw.ca).
- 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 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.
- Dec 01 '07 PORT ALBERNI SCD CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE**
- 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 08-11'08 EDMONTON SCD ANNUAL WORKSHOP AND BALL WEEKEND**
- Feb 16 '08 COMOX VALLEY SCD VALENTINES BALL**
- Feb 21-28'08 RSCDS WINTER SCHOOL** in Pitlochry, Scotland. Watch [www.rscds.org](http://www.rscds.org) for more details.
- Mar 08 '08 PORT ALBERNI SCD ST. PATRICK'S DINNER/DANCE**
- 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))
- May 04 '08 WHITE ROCK SCD SPRING TEA**

**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, September 19, 2007**

Send your submissions to the news editor please

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