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Please join us Note week night and place!

VISCDS OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, September 9, 2008
7:30 PM

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

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 2008-2009 VISCDS MEMBERSHIP FORM IS MAILED WITH THIS ISSUE

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings to all members and I hope everyone has had a great summer. As we were unable to publish a May/June newsletter I am including post AGM comments.

The AGM in April was fairly well attended and I wish to thank those members who faithfully turned out in support. With the exception of the position of Newsletter Editor, the executive was reelected by acclamation. As each director's role is vital to ensure the continued success of our Society, we **must fill the position of Newsletter Editor**. Sara assures us that a high level of computer skills is not necessary for the job and we would therefore ask the membership to give this role consideration. Please contact any executive member if you are interested. Sara is very willing to guide her successor through the process of assembling the newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers, executive members and class representatives for their contributions and commitment to our Society in the 2007/08 year – your hard work does make a difference and we do appreciate your dedication.

At the AGM we announced the class changes for the 2008/09 dancing year. Kathryn Deegan did an excellent job of compiling results from the survey which was distributed to members in March. Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out and return the forms so promptly. Your input and suggestions are valued and assisted us greatly in our planning for this season.

Decisions were made to amalgamate the Upper and Lower Intermediate classes; to move the Basic Class out of the school to avoid interruptions due to holidays and discretionary days; and to replace the Low Impact class with a Daytime Social. **See the new class schedule included in this newsletter** (page 3).

As we are without a Newsletter Editor, I would sincerely like to thank Sara Hatfield for kindly offering to publish this September issue which includes the Registration Form for the 2008/2009 season.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our **Open House on Tuesday, September 9th**. Encourage friends, relatives and/or colleagues to come and give Scottish Country Dance a try – enthusiasm is contagious.
Joan McIntosh, President

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

Membership Application Form

Please note membership fees are due SEPTEMBER 1st. Class fees are due by SEPTEMBER 30th or ASAP. 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.viscds.ca). Please print your email address clearly.

Maralynn Wilkinson

VISCDS Website

We are looking for volunteers to work as a group to redesign our website. If you are interested please speak to a member of the Executive.

2008/2009 VISCDS Social Dates

October 18	Harvest Social
November 22	St. Andrews Social
December 6	Joint Christmas Social
January 24	Burns Social
February 21	Valentines Social
March 27-29	Ball/Workshop Weekend
April 18	Spring Fling

VISCDs CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 9 THROUGH 16, 2008

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 Tuesday, September 9th at St. Martin In-The-Fields Church Hall (this is also the first night for the Basic Class).

BASIC CLASS (starts September 9)

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

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.

INTERMEDIATE CLASS (starts September 11)

Thursdays 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 provide dancers with the opportunity to experience a broader range of formations and movements.

ADVANCED CLASS (starts September 10)

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

Teacher: Monica Roots and 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 15)

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.

DAYTIME SOCIAL (starts September 16)

Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 PM St. Martin In-The-Fields Church Hall - 550 Obed Avenue

Teachers: Bob Anderson and Gordon Robinson

A daytime social class for dancers who have attended a basic class and are familiar with basic formations and dances. Emphasis will be on Core dances, new dances and upcoming social program dances.

Demonstration Team - Open House

The Demonstration Team is looking for new members to join our group. We have a lot of fun and laughs learning some simple choreographed routines. We perform at community functions like the Highland Games and Robbie Burns dinners to encourage others to enjoy the dance and music of Scotland and to promote the VISCDS. We practice about two Thursdays a month. We are holding an Open House on Thursday, September 25, 2008 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Keating Elementary School, 6843 Central Saanich Road. This is a great opportunity to see what it is all about without a commitment to join. Hope to see you there!

Joan Axford

Ball Committee

Things are all ready getting underway for next year's Ball Committee ... as always, it promises to be a wonderful event! This year the Committee is looking for 3 new positions: New Ball Coordinator, New Ceilidh Chair, and New Catering Coordinator, and hopes all of you will consider becoming involved and helping out in one of these positions. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Lesley Brennand at lesleybrennand@shaw.ca or 250-391-6984.



2008 Harvest Social

October 18th, 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin In-The-Fields, Obed, Cost: \$8

PROGRAM

Jubilee Jig	8x32 J	B	Core
White Cockade	8x32 R	B	Core
Deer Friends	8x32 S	I	Core
Fisherman's Reel	5x32 R	B	Core
The Alder Burn	8x32 J	A	Core
Summer on the Clyde	4x32 S	B	Core
Misses Cramb of Linlithgow	3x32 J	B	Core
Blooms of Bon Accord	4x32 R	I	Core
Bonnie Stronshiray	8x32 S	I	Core
Mrs. Stewart's Jig	8x32 J	I	Core
12 Coates Crescent	4x32 S	B	Core
Bratach Bana	8x32 R	I	Core

Break

The Barmkin	1x88 R	B	Core
Quarrie's Jig	8x32 J	A	Core
Autumn in Appin	4x32 S	A	Core
West's Hornpipe	4x32 R	I	Core

Extras

Tribute to the Borders	8x32 J	I	Core
Cherrybank Gardens	3x32 S	I	Core

HOSTED BY THE THURSDAY INTERMEDIATE CLASS

VISCDS Annual General Meeting
April 17th, 2008
Place St. Martin In-the-Fields Church Hall

Thirty seven (37) voting members in attendance as documented by their signatures.
The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m., President Joan McIntosh presiding.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the last AGM were read by Keith Wilson, and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Jamie Orr and seconded by Rick Deegan. Carried.

2. Reports

The following reports were presented and printed copies submitted for filing:

Publicity - read by Joan McIntosh.

Membership - presented by Maralynn Wilkinson

Treasurer - presented by Jamie Orr

Newsletter - presented by Sara Hatfield

Social Convenor - presented by Kathryn Deegan

Teacher's Rep. - presented by Bob Anderson

Demonstration Team - read by Joan McIntosh

Victoria Joint Scottish Council - presented by Ann Scott

Workshop and Ball Committee - presented by Lesley Brennand

President - presented by Joan McIntosh

A motion to accept all the reports was made by Jamie Orr, seconded by Pattie Whitehouse, carried.

Other Business

Executive Survey Analysis - presented by Kathryn Deegan.

As a result of the survey, there will be a realignment of the classes for the next dance season.

Also, there will not be a joint Burns Social in January.

Questions arising from the survey:

Before inviting a Ball teacher to stay over, there needs to be prior planning to accommodate this as to hosting, places to stay, etc.

A question about how many attendees have served on the executive showed over 50% have prior experience with our executive or Ball committees.

A question on how one would be invited to participate on the Dem Team was discussed. Joan Axford will be informed of interest from the attendees.

June Robinson thanked the executive for the survey, and Joan McIntosh thanked Kathryn Deegan for her hard work in analyzing and presenting the results.

Signup sheets were made available for volunteers for both the Highland Games and the Tall Ships festival. Merle Peterson was presented with a Token of Appreciation in recognition of her hard work in compiling the history of the VISCDS. The hard copy and disk will be held by the secretary, interested members to contact Keith Wilson for access.

Election of Officers:

Rick Deegan and Lesley Brennand presented the slate of nomination of officers.

President - Joan McIntosh was acclaimed

Publicity - Edna Kinnon was acclaimed

Membership and 2nd Vice President - Maralynn Wilkinson was acclaimed

Secretary - Keith Wilson was acclaimed

Treasurer - Jamie Orr was acclaimed

Social Convenor - Kathryn Deegan was acclaimed

First Vice President - no nominations were received and none were forthcoming from the floor, this position remains vacant

Newsletter Editor - no nominations were received and none were forthcoming from the floor, this position remains vacant

There was a motion from Pattie Whitehouse to accept the executive, seconded by Ann Scott. Carried.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was put forward by Jamie Orr, seconded by Mary Roberts.

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2007/08

The 2007/08 executive has worked effectively and efficiently throughout the past year. Although we were without a President for the first six months, all executive members contributed their time, expertise and experience in order to carry out their respective duties well to ensure a successful year.

In the summer of 2007 we addressed the issue of declining membership in the past few years, resulting in low participation in some classes and less money coming in. With positive feedback from our Treasurer concerning our financial state, it was decided that we would not raise membership or class fees, nor amalgamate any classes for the coming year.

Both Open Houses attracted approximately 16 new participants in total, with six of those becoming full members. Once again, we need to find ways of attracting and keeping more members.

In the fall term 12 classes were scheduled for all class levels and 14 each were held in the spring. With membership numbers dropping, class and membership fees do not cover the expense of hall rentals and teachers. Last summer Jamie Orr, our Treasurer, again applied for and was successful in obtaining a Lottery Grant of \$2,000 for our Society and this supplements our revenue for class fees.

This year's socials ran smoothly and were well attended thanks to the dedication and talents of many volunteers organizing each event. The joint Christmas dance was hosted by our Society and 110 guests enjoyed a fabulous evening of dancing, delectable nibbles and a lantern-lit performance from our demo team. The Robbie Burns celebration was a wonderful evening honoring the Bard and was again a joint event with the Branch coordinating a delicious Pot Luck dinner and speakers, and our Society organizing the dance/snack portion of the evening. This event attracted a very full hall of nine sets of dancers who enjoyed a lively program put together by Bob Anderson. Our March Ball and Workshop weekend, coordinated by Lesley Brennand, was also a great success judging from the very positive feedback received from many attendees.

This month the executive's final project was to sponsor a Survey which was compiled and administered by an executive committee. Thank you to all those who kindly took the time to complete and return them. From the results of this survey, the executive have considered the members' responses in planning for the next dancing year.

In closing, I wish to thank the executive for their advice and assistance throughout the year. You've all done a tremendous job and I appreciate each of you for your strengths and commitment to our Society.

Respectfully submitted
Joan McIntosh, President

2008 32nd Annual Ball & Workshop Report

The 32nd Annual Ball & Workshop weekend was attended by 169 registrants on March 28, 29, 30, 2008.

The Workshop & Ball committee decided to keep the registration prices the same as last year thinking we would be safe using the same venues but expecting the price of food and labour costs to increase slightly. We had a scare with the Legion believing they would be closing before our event we looked for alternate venues for the ceilidh and one workshop space. Fortunately, for us we did not have to move and our budget remained the same. So it is with great please that I can tell you we are in the black by approximately \$200.00

120 people attended the Friday night ceilidh. Walter Balfour and Pattie Whitehouse were our MC's for the evening. Pattie Whitehouse, Mary Ross, Jean Dodd Alan Twigg and Anita Mathur entertained us Joan Axford put together the dance program and briefed the dances.

Back by popular demand were the very talented musicians, Ron Krug and Ken Natrass from Winnipeg. We had some non-dancers from Alberta who came to look us over as part of their holiday. They found our weekend event through Tourism Victoria's Website that was free for us. The ladies were having a grand time watching us and by the end of the evening, they were exchanging names and telephone numbers with the teacher from Alberta so we may have future dancers in our mist!

I hope you noticed the decorations and the tables looked lovely with new runners and floral arrangements made by Joan McIntosh and her group. Our evening finished with the ever-popular Silent Auction. Maureen Orr put together many theme baskets that made us a profit of \$1060.00 we thank everyone who donated.

Our teachers this year were Alan Twhigg from California, Gail Michener from Alberta and Rosemary Coupe from Vancouver. Something new this year, we utilized all our teachers and offered three levels of classes through out the day, the number of attendees were similar to last year but we did not offer an afternoon Ball walk through for out of town guests and only one person requested it on our evaluation forms. We received very favourable replies about our teachers from the evaluation sheets, which proves we do not have to go too far to find very competent teachers.

Once again, we must thank Rob and Diane Robinson for hosting the Ball at the Ward Room. The Ball Room looked lovely, Joan and her group made different new runners for the banquet and Sally and Ann arranged the lovely flowers. 117 people attended the banquet. The food was beautifully presented and again we offered a vegetarian option. Jamie Orr piped everyone in for the Grand March, sets were formed, the musicians played the first note, everyone began dancing, and nearly everyone stayed to dance until the end. This year we introduced a photographer who took informal photos during the evening. They can be seen on our web site, just follow the link. Judging from the smiling faces everyone was having a good time.

113 tired but happy dancers attended the ever popular Sunday Social Dancing and Brunch. Ann and Jim Scott were our hosts. Monica got us warmed up for the morning dancing, Ken and Ron played for the guest teachers favourite dances and after a delicious brunch it was time to say good bye to our fellow dancers until next year.

Participants for our weekend came from Australia, USA, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, Galliano and Salt Spring Islands, Vancouver the Sunshine Coast and various other places on the mainland. In addition, I am very please to say we had 80 from Victoria.

We had one change to our committee this year. Everyone worked very hard and I would like to thank them for putting this successful and happy weekend of dancing together. Unfortunately, due to other commitments our team is breaking up. We are in need of a Coordinator, Ceilidh Chair and Catering Chair persons. We have set the date for next year and have booked the Ward Room and PO's Mess for March 2009.

Respectfully submitted Lesley Brennand 2008 Ball & Workshop Coordinator



Well done and thanks, Joan McIntosh and Edna Kinnon

With all the many duties of our President, Joan McIntosh, and her involvement in the Ball Committee, she still found time (with help from Edna Kinnon) to design and sew 24 Maple Leaf plaid, lined table runners for the Ball Banquet tables. Not stopping there, she made 20 new runners for the Ceilidh tables as well using a mixture of Royal Stewart (red), Cape Breton (green), and Nova Scotia (blue) plaids. Colourful, attractive, and fittingly Scottish in this dancer's opinion, they added to the occasions and will be available to grace the tables next year and beyond. Thanks, Joan and Edna.

Merle Peterson



Catch Up On Events From The Spring

Bay Street Armoury Ceilidh

We would like to thank all the dedicated Scottish Country Dancers who gave their time to participate in the March 1st Bay Street Armoury Ceilidh. They put in many hours of practice time (primarily early in the morning on their days off), and adapted to numerous changes (including last minute ones). Some acquired special dancing costumes for the occasion (while others shared those they already had), and some agreed to cross gender designations (and were prepared to switch back instantly on request). They all performed in front of a large audience (without a complete rehearsal), and still they continued to smile and be enthused about the opportunity to participate in a demonstration that showed the joy of Scottish Country Dancing! Our thoughts were with the two performers who were unable to dance with us at the Ceilidh, but participated in the rehearsals. Special thanks goes to Mary Ross for her skilled musicianship and wonderful choice of tunes!

Raymond Thomson and Kathryn Knowles

The Kirkin' O' The Tartan

Victoria's Scottish community celebrated Tartan Day, Sunday April 6th, with the Kirkin' o' the Tartan. The service was held this year at our favourite social dancing venue, St. Martin In-the-Fields Anglican Church, organized by the Joint Scottish Council and St. Martin's. Piper Jamie Orr led a procession of dancers, Joint Scottish Council members, and Gaelic Choir members into the church, and Rev. Larry Scyner took the service - so we even had a dancer to bless the tartans! The Choir provided two beautiful anthems during the service.

Tea, coffee, and goodies were provided in the hall by St. Martin's congregation, who were an enthusiastic audience for our demonstrations of Scottish Country and Old-Time Dancing. Teams from Victoria Branch and VISCDS performed together for the first time, with Jim Scott as MC. The audience was treated to a varied programme of seven dances, including "Let's Have a Ceilidh" danced to Jamie's pipes. Then Willie McDermott-Bruce took over to lead an Old-Time ceilidh, finishing up with a rousing "Gay Gordons" for all. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this celebration of our Scottish heritage and opportunity to build community with members of St. Martin's.

Sarah Kell

Royal Victoria Yacht Club Goes Scottish

Over the past year I had come to realize that my sailing (racing) group at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, included a number of Scottish Country Dancers: Gordon and Marilyn Wilkinson, Terry and Dawn Jones, Janet Renouf and of course Leona and me. Our sailing group numbers about 35 racers which translates into 60+ at our dinners during the racing season. The dinners usually include some aspect of theme or entertainment and when we were discussing the season finale dinner at our last executive meeting I suggested a demonstration of Scottish Country dancing as well as a simple participation dance or two. The executive liked the idea so I asked our teacher Gordon Robinson if he would be willing to lead us in the demonstration. Gordon was happy to organize the dancing and the club was happy to invite June and he to the dinner. We practiced the dances a few times through before the dinner and after the dinner we did the demonstration: Cutty Sark and Summer on the Clyde. Then followed The Ferryboat and Welcome to the Dance. We had at least 20 dancing and both the dancers and the audience enjoyed themselves greatly. The age group of our racers is similar to our beginners dance group and who knows, we may have a few new dancers come along.

Mark Brown, Basic Class



VISCDS Spring Fling

On April 26th St. Martin's once again enjoyed the gathering of the VISCDS clan and friends for a most enjoyable evening of dancing. The Lower Intermediate class hosted the evening and brought their unique brand of fun and enthusiasm to the dance. A special appearance of renown crooner Noel Kinnon was absolutely delightful as he sang Down By the Sally Garden while the dancers flowed through Shamrock Girl. With a wonderful turnout of 4-5 sets, a lively and varied dance program, and a plentiful and

appetizing array of refreshments during the break everyone had a grand evening. Many thanks to the volunteers who took special care to ensure the evening was a success and a heartfelt thank you to Una Lennam, Rob Langridge and Sue Langridge from the Lower Intermediate class for a fantastic year of dancing!

Sara Hatfield, Class Rep

Highland Games

The Highland Games were a great success! The new venue was large enough for the highland dancers, kids play area, heavy events, bagpipe/band demonstration, booths, scotch tasting, demonstrations of dancing and music and finally the food. Wow! Our Dem Team performed on Saturday under the 'big tent' to a crowd of people. They did a great job on a small stage in a hot venue! Well done. On Sunday we set up a booth and passed out brochures. Thank you to all the club members who stopped by to say, Hi! and to the booth volunteers including: Gord Hawkins, Linda Foley, Sheila McCall, Jean Lohr and Ruth Slavin.

Kathryn Deegan



Bulletin Board

For Sale - Made in Scotland, kilt only worn once, Royal Stewart (red) Ladies size 16 English / 14 Canadian, comes with sash and two dress pins (1. Round with large yellow stone, 2. two thistles with two yellow stones). Selling at the bargain price of \$ 45.00, please call Lesley Brennand 250-391-6984.

Toes 'n' Taps Dance Shoes - 1733 Cook Street has donated 8 pairs of women's pump style (ballet slipper) shoes to VISCDS. The pumps don't fit street shoe sizes, and stretch a minimum of one full size longer and wider. I have the following sizes: Red - 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5 and Black - 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5. Please contact Sara Hatfield at 250-474-1895 if you know of anyone who would like a pair or has a contact where they would be put to good use.



Homecoming Scotland

2009 is the 250th 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.

Victoria Branch Challenge Class

This class will be held from 7:30 - 9:30 pm on the second Thursday of the month (Sept. 18, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb.12, Mar.12, and Apr. 9). There will be a drop in fee of \$5 per session. It is intended for dancers with enough experience to comfortably do most formations without walking them through. Anita Mathur will keep the pace quick and the enjoyment level high with the interesting dances she selects. Come and try it out. The location is the Upper Hall at Centennial United Church, 649 Gorge Road East.

Mary Cooper

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

- Sep 09 '08** VISCDS OPEN HOUSE at the Basic class. 7:30 pm, St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- Sep 10 '08** VISCDS ADVANCED CLASS Begins (See Page 3)
- Sep 11 '08** VISCDS INTERMEDIATE CLASS Begins (See Page 3)
- Sep 15 '08** VISCDS EXPERIENCED SOCIAL CLASS Begins (See Page 3)
- Sep 16 '08** VISCDS DAYTIME SOCIAL CLASS Begins (See Page 3)
- Oct 18 '08** VISCDS HARVEST SOCIAL St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- Nov 22 '08** VISCDS ST. ANDREW'S SOCIAL St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- Dec 06 '08** JOINT CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

- Jan 24 '09 **VISCDS BURNS SOCIAL** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
 Feb 21 '09 **VISCDS VALENTINES SOCIAL** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
 Mar 27-29'09 **VISCDS BALL AND WORKSHOP WEEKEND**
 Apr 18 '09 **VISCDS SPRING FLING** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Sep 12-14'08 **SEATTLE BRANCH FORT WORDEN WORKSHOP** Teachers: Eric Finley, Marjorie McLaughlin, Ruth Jappy & Geoffrey Selling. Music by Deby Benton Grosjean, Calum MacKinnon, Muriel Johnstone & Ralph Gordon. Contact Elizabeth Miller 206-782-8345 or fwreg@rscds-seattle.org.
- Oct 3-5 '08 **RSCDS SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH FALL WORKSHOP** Guest Teachers: Elinor Vandegrift (Washington State), John Middleton (Hamilton, Ont) Guest Musicians: Ron Krug & Ken Natrass. Ongoing updates at: www.rscdssaskatchewan.org or email workshop@rscdssask.org
- Oct 3-5 '08 **OTTAWA VALLEY DANCE SCOTTISH WEEKEND**, Ottawa. Guest Teachers: Ruth Jappy (Delta), Helen & Malcolm Brown (York, England). Music: Colin Dewar and his SCD Band (Stirling, Scotland). Contact: www.ottawadancescottish.org or email info@ottawadancescottish.org.
- Oct 31-
Nov 02'08 **SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH ASILOMAR WORKSHOP & BALL** at Asilomar Conferene Center, Pacific Grove, CA (near Monterey). Friday welcome dance; Sat classes, ball & ceilidh; Sunday class. Formal attire for ball. Meals provided from dinner on Friday through lunch on Sunday. Contact Julee Montes 650-722-0473 or julm-hcs@pacbell.net or www.rscds-sf.org
- Nov 14-15'08 **HEARTLAND DANCE SCOTTISH** in Vancouver to Scotland's Best - Colin Dewar Band. Held at the United Scottish Cultural Centre. Social Dance Fri \$55; Ball Sat \$60; Both \$95. Tickets contact Janice/Paul Lowe at 604-536-7660, JaniceLowe@shaw.ca or www.ottawadancescottish.org/heartland
- Feb 14 '09 **COMOX VALLEY SCD VALENTINES BALL**
- Feb 26-
Mar 03'09 **RSCDS WINTER SCHOOL** in Pitlochry, Scotland. Watch www.rscds.org for more details.
- Mar 28 '09 **NANOOSE SCD 4th ANNUAL SPRING GALA**
- Apr 3-5' 09 **LETHBRIDGE SCD & MUSIC WORKSHOP** at Lethbridge Lodge Hotel. Teachers are Elinor Vandegrift (Seattle), Susan Wood (Nashville) & David Booz (Toronto). Music by Ron Krug, Ken Natrass (Winnipeg) & Jim Lindsay (Perth, Scotland). Contact Fiona Miller 403-329-3582 or Joanna Fraser 403-320-0357 jo-jo@telus.net.
- Jun 12-14'09 **SALT SPRING ISLAND SIMPLY SCOTTISH** at Harbour House. Teachers are Jean Dodds, Simon Scott & Bill Zobel. Musicians are Muriel Johnstone, Calum MacKinnon & Mary Ross. Contact Rita Robertson (Registrar) struan2@telus.net or <http://saltspringscottishdancers.org/>

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

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER, September 24, 2008

Send your submissions to the interim news editor please

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