

Island Fling



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are now one month into the new season of dancing but unfortunately with the "Pro D" day the second week and the school dispute, we have missed a couple of important classes for the basic class and the advanced technique. The Society Secretary is trying to book make-up dates but at this writing we don't know how long the interruptions will go on. Other arrangements are also being looked at in the form of a couple of combined classes. The Executive plans to be back to you shortly with a final plan. Thanks for your patience.

As you see by your registration fee we have been able to keep the fees the same as last year. This is in no small part due to members taking the newsletter on the web and some creative handling of insurance monies and investments. Thank you.

Jim Scott, President

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

Cold and Flu Season

We hate to miss a night of dancing. However, if you have a sniffle, cough, sore throat and any of the other S&S that go with being buggy please take the night off. We are getting older and the bugs are getting more virulent.

I see a number of you are carrying the small bottles of antiseptic hand cleaner. Good on you. A wee dab every two or three dances will stop the spread of the nasties. If the first lady or man coughs in their hand just as the cord sounds, by the end of 32 bars everyone in the set has a common bond. Please consider this item in the spirit in which it is written. Jim Scott

Membership Dues 2005/06

A gentle reminder to members that your dues are expected in by November 30th at the latest. This gives us the numbers for insurance coverage as well as allowing the membership chair and treasurer to complete this part of their duties.

If you need a Membership form, they are available from your class rep. Please remember to check off on the form in which class you wish to pick up the FLING. If you prefer to get the FLING off the web yourself, the website is www.viscads.ca. (Once the current Fling is posted to the website, a notification email will be sent to all members who provided their email addresses on their membership forms.)

For those not accessing the electronic copy, the Fling will be delivered to the class in which you register. Your class rep will hold onto it for two classes after initial delivery and then will mail it. If you are not going to be in town, please call your rep and let him/her know.

On-line news

For those dancers who have internet access and have not been receiving the APB's sent out every so often if you wish to participate please email Jim Scott at fairfieldscotts@shaw.ca.

In Memory

It is with sadness that we must pass on the news that Bette McArthur passed away on October 19th. Long time friend and dancer, she will be missed by us all. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to the McArthur family.

From the Editor

Well, with the last name of Hatfield you'll quickly deduce that I'm not Scottish ... the good news is you get to train me! I am very pleased to be your new newsletter editor and I welcome all participation and feedback to ensure the Fling provides you with the information you need. In particular, if there is an upcoming event that has been missed and should be highlighted in our local or out of town events please let me know. I would be pleased to research or find out details for anything of interest. Future ideas and article submissions are most welcome – I'd love to hear from you.

At the time of writing the dance program for the December 10th Joint Christmas Social with the Branch at Cadboro Bay United Church is not quite ready. As soon as I receive the details, the information will be posted to the website (notification will be sent via email) and distributed to all of the classes. Look for this in early November.

Please note the January/February newsletter will be published and distributed the week of January 9th to correspond with the startup of classes after the holidays. Special focus will be information on our 30th Annual Workshop and Ball March 24-26th, including the registration forms. Stay tuned! Sara Hatfield

JOINT CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

December 10, 2005

The joint Christmas Social is being hosted by VISCDS this year and we are looking for volunteers to help with various tasks. For example, setting up in the afternoon, helping at the door, kitchen staff, donations of food and clean up after the dancing. If you are able to help out in any of these areas, please call me at 477-0346.

Ian Danks, Social Convenor

The Dance Program for the joint social will be available shortly. A special edition newsletter will be published to the website and distributed to all classes asap in Nov to ensure you have all the details!

30th ANNUAL VISCDS WORKSHOP AND BALL WEEKEND

March 24-26, 2006

Registration forms and the information booklet will be on the web site and distributed to classes in the January newsletter the week of January 9th. If you would like to volunteer for any part of the weekend, decorating, helping at individual events, etc. please call Janet at 652-0235 or gjrice@shaw.ca. We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration and hope to have a surprise announcement coming soon.

Janet Rice, Workshop and Ball Coordinator

THISTLE BALL

May 13, 2006

The Thistle Ball is coming to Victoria! Dine and dance to "The Music Makars" on Saturday, May 13th at Saanich Commonwealth Place! "The Music Makars" is a lively, joyful, five-piece band from rural northwest Pennsylvania who has played together across North America and in Scotland.

Tickets went on sale October 15th. Cost is \$80 per person for RSCDS members and \$90 for non-members and includes a buffet supper. For tickets and more information contact Mary Cooper (registrar), 2634 Wildwood Road, Shawnigan Lake, BC V0R 2W0 Phone: 250-743-1488 or malahatmary@shaw.ca

About the Thistle Ball

Several years ago a tri-city committee was established whose conception it was to promote branch membership, good Scottish country dancing, expose members to quality live music and to foster inter group co-operation. Vancouver, Seattle, and Victoria were the three initiating branches. Last year the first Thistle Ball was held in Vancouver and it was a huge success. Victoria is hoping for an equally successful event!

Last year a generous donation by a Vancouver branch member enabled tickets to be offered at a very reasonable cost. Victoria does not have such a generous underwriter for the Thistle Ball 2006. The big cost is for bringing in something special such as the musicians. "The Music Makars" from rural northwest Pennsylvania has been hired. The band members are accordionist Etienne Ozorak, pianist Elizabeth Weiss Ozorak, fiddler Fred Mamula, flutist Jack Lindberg, and bassist Nicholas Ozorak. They have played together since the early 90's across North America and in Scotland (at Blair Castle), and strive to create the best possible musical experience at every Ball they play for.

The Ball promises to be a lively evening of dining and dancing. Please mark your calendars. Volunteers would be most welcome for billeting dancers from Vancouver and Seattle, help with transportation on the 13th, decorating, etc. Please let Mary know if you can help.

***DON'T FORGET THE VICTORIA BRANCH WORKSHOP AND
DANCE NOV 18-19TH ... CONTACT HOWARD BENTEN (250)595-4220.***

HARVEST SOCIAL

The first social of the year was a roaring success with over six sets in attendance. Bob Anderson compiled a wonderful program but was unfortunately unable to attend the evening. Gordon Robinson helped fill Bob's shoes by leading many of the briefings, and with the aid of Michelle and Sue did an outstanding job for his first social. A moment of silence was held for Bette McArthur and Gordon dedicated Miss Milligan's Strathspey to her which was one of her favourite dances. Thank you to the advanced technique class with a little help from their friends for supplying ample goodies and manning (is that politically correct anymore) the kitchen. Ian was in his glory with the big whip cracking! Jim Scott

FOR SALE

Ladies ghillies size 4. Worn once. \$40.00. Call Janet at 652-0235.

VISITORS THANK YOU

We have returned to the U.K. from our holiday on your wonderful Island, and were privileged to attend your initial Open House on 12th Sept and Monica's class on 15th Sept. We were overwhelmed by the warm welcome we got on both evenings and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Would you please thank everyone for their fellowship and hospitality. We sincerely hope that, one day, we may be able to return the hospitality should any of your members visit the U.K. (Lancs or Cumbria). Best Regards.

Alec & Tricia Cooper - NW Craven Branch RSCDS

2005 ST. ANDREW'S SOCIAL

November 26, 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin In-The-Fields, Obed

Cost: \$8

PROGRAM

St. Andrew's Fair	32J3	B	C (Core book)
Belle of Bon Accord	32S4	B	C
Jessie's Hornpipe *	32H3	B	C
Hooper's Jig	32J3	I	C
Angus MacLeod **	64R4X2	A	Alex Queen
Monymusk	32S3	B	C
Follow Me Home	32J3	I	C
Catch the Wind	32H3	B	Book 45
Miss Gibson Strathspey **	32S3	I	C
Seaton's Ceilidh Band	64J4	I	C
Sauchie Haugh	32S2X6	A	C
The Piper and the Penguin	88R4	B	C

Break

The Bees of Maggie Knockater **	32J4	A	C
Cherry Bank Gardens	32S3	B	C
Westminster Reel	32R3	A	C
Reel of the 51 st Division	32R3	I	C

Extras

Shifftin' Bobbins	32R3	I	C
Early in the Morning	32H5	I	C

* briefing only ** no briefing

See last page of this newsletter for the Angus MacLeod dance briefing.

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

- Nov 18-19'05 RSCDS VICTORIA BRANCH WORKSHOP** Cadboro Bay United Church Hall (Arbutus Road) and Arbutus Middle School (Edgelow Street). Teachers: Fran Caruth (Vancouver) and Rosemary Coupe (Burnaby). Music for Saturday dance is Mary Ross. Workshop applications are available. Contact: Howard Benten (250) 595-4220
- Nov 26 '05 VISCDS ST. ANDREW'S SOCIAL** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- Dec 10 '05 JOINT CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** Cadboro Bay United Church Hall, 2625 Arbutus
- Jan 09 '06 VISCDS CLASSES RESTART**
- Jan 21 '06 VISCDS BURNS SOCIAL** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- Jan 28 '06 BURNS DINNER AND DANCE** sponsored by the Sons of Scotland and the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society at the Edelweiss Club
- Feb 18 '06 VISCDS VALENTINES SOCIAL** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- Mar 24-26'06 VISCDS 30th ANNUAL WORKSHOP AND BALL WEEKEND**
Contacts: Janet Rice, Coordinator, gjrice@shaw.ca (250-652-0235); Rosemary Balfour, Registrar, rpbalfour@shaw.ca (250-598-6456). We will be celebrating this milestone Anniversary Weekend with music by Muriel Johnston and Keith Smith. Our teachers will be David Queen from Scotland, Gary Thomas from California and the ever popular Mary Murray from Vancouver. Friday Ceilidh, Saturday workshop classes and ball, Sunday morning social dancing and brunch. Venues will be the same as last year. Registration forms and information booklet available early January 2006.
- Apr 01 '06 TARTAN BALL** sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council at the Edelweiss Club
- Apr 08 '06 RSCDS VICTORIA BRANCH ANNUAL BEGINNERS' DANCE**
7:30 p.m. White Eagle Hall, 90 Dock Street. Cost is \$15 / Students \$10. Music: Alex Jappy. For more information contact Sheila McCall 721-4078 or sheilamccall@shaw.ca. Dance program is available now.
- Apr 20 '06 VISCDS AGM**
- Apr 29 '06 VISCDS SPRING FLING** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- May 13 '06 THISTLE BALL** at Saanich Commonwealth Place. Music: The Music Makars from Pennsylvania. Doors open/cocktails at 6:30 pm - Dinner at 7:00 pm - Dancing 8:30 pm. Buffet dinner includes a complimentary glass of wine. There will be a no host bar. Cost \$80 for RSCDS members and \$90 for non-members. Tickets went on sale October 15, 2005. Contact Mary Cooper (ticket seller) malahatmary@shaw.ca or 250-743-1488. Dance program is available now.
- May 26-28'06 YOUTH WEEKEND WEST 2006** www.youthweekendwest.com
Contact Frankie Chao 250-381-4756.

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Nov 4-5 '05 BELLINGHAM WORKSHOP AND BALL** Teachers: Ruth Jappy (Delta), Elinor Vandegrift (Seattle), Rebeca Blackhall-Peters (Langley), and Duncan MacKenzie (Vancouver). Music for Ceilidh: Up in the Air and Music for Ball: Fiddlesticks and Ivory.
- Nov 11 '05 LADY ABERDEEN TEA DANCE** at Scottish Cultural Centre, 8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver. 1:30 p.m. Cost: Adults \$10; Children \$5
- Nov 25 '05 VANCOUVER CEILIDH DANCE** at Scottish Cultural Centre, 8886 Hudson Street. Lesson 7-8pm, Dance 8-11pm. Sponsored by Vancouver Branch RSCDS. Music by Calanais. Contact Duncan Mackenzie 604-436-3193 or Carole Berger 604-737-7948.
- Nov 26 '05 DELTA FALL DANCE** The Delta Borderers welcome you to their fall dance. Music: Alex Jappy, 8:00 p.m., Cost \$15. Kinsmen Centre, 5410-10th Avenue, Tsawwassen.
- Dec 11 '05 GLENEAGLES BALL** Vancouver, Pacific Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$75. Music: Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra.
- Dec 16 '05 RSCDS SEATTLE CHRISTMAS CEILIDH** Congregational Church of Mercer Island, 4545 Island Crest Way, Mercer Island, WA. Contact Clark Cavin 206-784-7339. Program is available.
- Jan 07 '06 NANAIMO ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S BALL** at Nanaimo Yacht Club, Music by Alex Jappy. Tickets \$35.
- Feb 11 '06 COMOX VALLEY - VALENTINE DANCE** at Upper Native Sons Hall, Cliffe Ave. Doors open at 5:30pm, followed by dinner and dancing. Music by Alex Jappy. Semi-formal attire. Contact Heather Flint 250-338-9060 celtic-heron@telus.net or Evelyn Nixon 250-339-3347 evelynnixon@shaw.ca.
- Feb 23-28'06 RSCDS WINTER SCHOOL** Pitlochry, Scotland
- Apr 08 '06 NANOOSE SPRING GALA** at the Qualicum Beach Community Centre, Memorial Ave. Plans are not yet complete, but it will be a formal affair with a meal & dancing to live music by Mary Ross. More information will follow.
- Apr 29 '06 NANAIMO WORKSHOP AND TEA DANCE** at Dover Bay School, Nanaimo 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. There will be three classes: a class for reels, a class for jigs and a class for strathspeys. Live music will be provided for the classes and for the Tea Dance. Teachers: Rebecca Blackhall-Peters and Ruth Jappy. Music: Alex Jappy. Contact Edith Morgan at edith_kim@shaw.ca or 250-245-2009.
- Apr 30 '06 WHITE ROCK SPRING TEA** at Star of the Sea Hall, 15262 Pacific Ave., Featuring Mary Ross (Victoria) Accordion and Celia Collin (White Rock) fiddle. 2:00 p.m.
- Jul 16 - RSCDS SUMMER SCHOOL** St Andrews, Scotland, 4 one-week sessions
- Aug 13 '06** Application forms must be returned by March 1, 2006.
- Aug 4-13'06 2006 AGM AND TAC SUMMER SCHOOL** at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER, December 23, 2005

Send your submissions to the new editor please

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ANGUS MacLEOD
(2 x 64 Reel)

BARS

- 1- 2 2nd and 3rd couples dance into the centre of the set with two skip-change and face diagonally in.
- 3- 4 They set, turning right about on the second step to face the corners of the set, men facing men, women facing women. (2nd and 3rd couples are hereafter referred to as “centres,” 1st and 4th couples as “corners.”)
- 5- 6 Passing right shoulder with two skip-change, centres change places with their corners, who face diagonally in.
- 7- 8 All set, corners turning right about.
- 9-10 Passing right shoulder again corners dance out and centres dance in to face diagonally in.
- 11-12 All set, centres turning right about, and
- 13-16 Centres turn their corners by the right hand once round and
- 17-20 Dance left hands across once round, finishing facing their corners again.
- 21-32 Double diagonal reels of four: to begin, centres pass their corners right shoulder. As the dancers pass in the middle, they give left hands across for two steps, half round. Corners finish in their original places, but
- 33-34 Centres, giving left hand to partner, change places (2nd woman and 3rd man doing a “polite” turn) to finish back to back in the middle of the set, facing their partner’s original corner.
- 35-36 All set.
- 37-40 Each turns the person he is facing by one hand so that centre couples begin by going between corner couples, (left hand for 2nd woman and 1st man, 3rd man and 4th woman, right hand for 2nd man and 1st woman, 3rd woman and 4th man.)
- 41-48 Centres, facing diagonally in, set, with two pas de basque and four points, twice.
- 49-52 Centres dance between corner couples and cast into the middle again, facing diagonally in, and
- 53-56 Set, with two pas de basque and four points, once.
- 57-64 With 3rd couple making an arch and 2nd dancing under it, 2nd dance down and, together, cast up round 4th woman and dance up the middle to the top of the set, while 3rd dance up and, together, cast off round 1st man and dance down the middle to the bottom of the set. After casting, 2nd man and 3rd woman pass left shoulder. On 63-64 1st couple move down and 4th move up.

Repeat once more with the new centres and new corners.

Dance devised by Alex T. Queen
of the R.S.C.D.S. Southport Branch Pipe Major Clan MacLeod Band.