

Island Fling



October 2010

Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society
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President's Corner Oct. 2010

There was a full house at the September 7th Open House which was a resounding success. Twenty-one newcomers attended and enjoyed a lively evening of dancing lead by Gordon Robinson who designed the program (and some of the dances too, it seemed to me!) Our visitors could not help but be impressed by the friendliness of our members who willingly gave a helping hand and guided them through the dances.

In publicizing the Open House we made contact with over 40 people, some of whom we met at the Highland Games and others who saw our notices and called to find out more about our event. Here's how they found out about us. Fifteen met us at the Highland Games, another eight saw our dance photograph in the community newspapers and seven people found us on the Internet. The posters at Cedar Hill and in the Esquimalt Recreation Centre brought in two more people and two people read our notice in the Times Colonist. Our members brought three visitors and several knew us through RSCDS.

I would like to thank the many volunteers who put posters up all over the city. It's nice to know that they have been effective as part of our publicity campaign. So far nine people have indicated their interest in joining our club after having met us at the Open House and attended a few of the free classes

Our new website was launched on August 20th and Gael and I were able to work on it adding content and images which would complement the promotional material in the print media. I'm getting very positive feedback on the look and feel of the new website. We will continue to develop it as we add new information and create new categories. We welcome your ideas and suggestions as we continue to improve the website. Gael Forster has agreed to become the club's web master and information to be added to the website should be sent to her at gael@shaw.ca

Mark your calendars for the upcoming **Harvest Social** which has been re-scheduled for **October 23rd**. We also received notice from the Branch that the date for our joint Christmas Social has been moved to December 11th and that it will take place at the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields.

Dora Dempster, President

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

Fall 2010 Class Reps

CLASS	DAY	CLASS REP.	PHONE
Experienced Social	Monday	Jane Matthews Riko Sato	478-0143 383-0817
Daytime Social	Tuesday	Irene Booth Mary Roberts	652-4592 385-1082
Basic	Tuesday	Susannah Anderson Sheila Eaglestone	480-5113 727-6225
Advanced	Wednesday	Linda Foley Michelle Campbell	881-1536 652-7906
Intermediate	Thursday	Jenny Laing	686-0503

PLEASE NOTE DAYTIME SOCIAL HOURS:

FROM: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Other classes: 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Newsletter

Please send submissions for the next newsletter by October 23, 2010 to aharley@shaw.ca or give to me in class.

Membership

The registration forms for 2010/11 are available on the website or were mailed with the September Island Fling issue. Please submit your forms promptly to Catherine Thomson. Fees are due September 1, 2010.

Open House September 2010

On Tuesday, September 7, VISCDS held its Fall Open House, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, to introduce potential new members to the joy of Scottish Country Dancing and to welcome back current members. We had a very good turnout--- 39 current members and 21 enthusiastic novices.

Gordon Robinson did a great job with warm-ups and step-practices and moved us quickly into "real dancing". Our novices did wonderfully well and we finished the evening dancing The Saint John River.

At break time, over cookies and juice, Dora welcomed us and introduced the instructors to the new members. We all hope that these new people will join the beginners group this fall and that we will all have another wonderful season of dancing.

Margaret Gray, Publicity



St Andrews Social

November 20, 2010, 7:30 p.m.
at St. Martin In-The-Fields, 550 Obed Avenue
Cost: \$8

White Cockade	8 x 32 R	B	Core
Pelorus Jack	8 x 32 J	I	Core
Saint John River	4 x 32 S	B	Core
Montgomeries Rant	8 x 32 R	I	Core
Follow Me Home	8 x 32 J	I	Core
Belle of Bon Accord	8 x 32 S	I	Core
Fife Ness	8 x 32 R	A	Core
Cherry Bank Gardens	8 x 32 S	I	Core
The Laird of Milton's Daughter	8 x 32 J	I	Core
The Button Boy	8 x 32 R	I	Core
Butterscotch and Honey	4 x 32 S	B	Core
Jennifer's Jig	8 x 32 J	I	Core

Break

Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	5 x 32 R	I	Goldring 14 Social Dances
The Glengarry Homestead	4 x 32 S	I	Core
Seton's Ceilidh Band	4 x 64 J	I	Core
Maxwell's Rant	8 x 32 R	I	Core

Extras

The Sauchie Haugh	8 x 32 S	I	Core
Farewell to Auchterarder	1 x 128 J	A	Core

Hosted by Advanced class

Scottish Country Dancing for Youth and Families, sponsored the Victoria Branch, RSCDS

The Victoria branch of the RSCDS is sponsoring a set of Scottish Country Dance classes for youth and families

Scottish country dance classes for children, parents, and grandparents continue on Saturday mornings, October 2, 16, 23, and 30 (no class Oct. 9) from 10:00-11:30am at Centennial United, 612 David St., near Hillside and Douglas. The cost is \$5 drop-in per family. Feel free to bring your kids or grandkids to try a class and see if they like it. (Recommended for children ages 8 and up ... and adults must be accompanied by a child!) A second session of classes may be held in November and early December if there is sufficient interest. For more information, please contact me at 250-598-2612 or sarahkell@shaw.ca. Hope to see you and yours there! **Sarah Kell**

Zimbabwe Benefit Dance

Dear Friends,

Thank you from all the Zimbabwean children who will benefit from your kind and generous donations, the total amount in cheques is 3395.00 and cash 513.00 and a sincere thank you from me, I always tell the recipients that it is a gift from friends in Canada. All cheques have been mailed to Salvation Army in Toronto, Overseas Missions Dept and they will get the money to Zimbabwe and I will direct the use of this fund. A receipt will be sent to each donor. As I said at the dance many dancers who could not attend mailed or delivered donations. It really is a very large amount. Heather helped count this after the dance.

The cash will be used mainly for goats for orphans and as last year I will let you know how it is used.

A special thank you to Pat who organized the dance and program, to Bob who is always a great help, to all teachers, to Heather and Diane for the kitchen work, to Linda and Sarah, the collectors and to all who attended and made it such a happy success.

I will miss all of you very much, especially at our Sunday morning "dancing" As I talked to some of you, you will know there are very many sad and tragic cases and it is very difficult to see so many children and young people dying, but the Zimbabweans are kind and strong people and we all hope for better times. You have all contributed to that hope.

Keep well and happy dancing.

With best wishes , Lorraine

Heather Ball with Bobby Brown, March 2011

Saturday, March 19, 2011.

With music by the one and only

"Bobby Brown & the Scottish Accent."

Tickets - \$70 - are limited and can be reserved/purchased by contacting Mary Ann McDevitt at mamcdevitt@shaw.ca The Ball will be at the Scottish Cultural Centre.

Watch for the programme, crib notes and updates on the Vancouver Branch website (www.rscdsvancouver.org).

Some billets for out of towners are available – please contact us early.



Bellingham Workshop and Ball, November 12th and 13th, 2010

Please join Bellingham in welcoming back **San Francisco's Fiddlesticks & Ivory!**
Friday Night Social, Saturday Workshop and Ball

Our fabulous workshop teachers for 2010

Muriel Johnstone, Mairi Hand, Rebecca Blackhall-Peters

Registration available soon from: www.bellinghamscd.org

New Ball venue at the Majestic Ballroom in Bellingham



For Sale

\$150 - Kilt--Woman's Maclean of Duart Tartan

For photos, go to: <http://www.usedvictoria.com/classifieds/all> and type in **12992871** in the space where it says, "Search Ads" near the top right. **Double click** on each photo in the add to enlarge it. talk with me directly, e-mail me at valerieburgess@shaw.ca or phone 250-386-8714

Thank you.
Valerie Burgess

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

All local events held at St. Martin in-the-Fields Hall, 550 Obed 7:30pm unless otherwise noted

2010

- Oct 16 RSCDS Victoria Social with Muriel Johnstone, St Martin-in-the-Fields, 7:30 pm
\$15
- Oct 23 VISCDS Harvest Social St Martin-in-the-Fields, 7:30 pm. Program in September
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- Nov 13 RSCDS Victoria Social with Elastic Ceilidh Band, St Martin-in-the-Fields, 7:30 pm
\$10
- Nov 20 VISCDS St Andrews Social, St Martin-in-the-Fields, 7:30 pm
- Dec 11 Christmas Social with Mary Ross, St Martin-in-the-Fields, 7:30 pm
- Dec 31 RSCDS New Year's Eve Social, St Martin-in-the-Fields, 6:00 to 12:00

2011

- Jan 22 VISCDS Workshop, Eastern Star Lodge
- Jan 22 VISCDS Burns Ceilidh, Location TBD
- Feb 12 RSCDS Victoria Social details TBA
- Feb 19 VISCDS Valentine's Social. Location TBD
- Mar 12 RSCDS Victoria Social details TBA

Mar 26-27 VISCDs Ball and Brunch, details in September Fling
Apr 16 VISCDs Spring Fling. Location TBD

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

Nov 27 Port Alberni SCD Christmas Dance, Royal Canadian Legion, Local 169 Port Alberni
Nov 30 St Andrew's Social, Nanaimo. See web site
Dec 8 Oceanside SCD Christmas Dinner and Dance See web site
Jan 8 New Years Ball, Nanaimo. See web site
Feb. 18 – 20 The Hawaii Branch of RSCDS is announcing its next Aloha Winter Weekend in Honolulu. The guest instructor for the weekend will be Alan Twigg from California, and live music will be provided by the Humuhumunukunukuapua'a and Society Strathspey Band, also from California. Visit their [site](#) for details

Mar 12 Port Alberni SCD St Patrick's Dinner/Dance, Royal Canadian Legion, Local 169 Port Alberni
Mar 19 Heather Ball with Bobby Brown. Scottish Cultural Centre Vancouver, \$70
Apr 16 Workshop and Tea Dance, Nanaimo. See web site

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

Scottish Country Dance Web Sites, Local and Regional

British Columbia



RSCDS Victoria Branch	http://www.rscdsvictoria.org/
Comox Valley Scottish Country Dancers	http://cvscottishcountrydance.org/
Nanaimo Scottish Country Dancers	http://www.nanaimoscd.com/
Oceanside Scottish Country Dancers	http://www.oceansidescd.net/
Salt Spring Island Scottish Country Dance Club	http://web.me.com/ssiscdanceclub/
Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society	http://viscds.ca/
White Rock Scottish Country Dance Club	http://www.wrscdc.org/

Washington State



RSCDS Seattle Branch	http://www.rscds-seattle.org/
RSCDS Skagit Scottish Country Dancers	http://www.skagitscd.org/
Bellingham Scottish Country Dancers	http://www.bellinghamscd.org/