

Island Fling



December 2010

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President's Corner December. 2010

Despite the inclement weather, we had a good turnout on Saturday for the St Andrews Social which ended with the lively "Farewell to Auchterader". The **January 4th Open House** will take place at **Dance Victoria's** Studio One. (2750 Quadra Street just north of Hillside Avenue). Please bring friends and acquaintances who may be interested in Scottish Country Dancing

Our next big social event will be the Burns Ceilidh and Workshops on **January 22nd**. Maureen Orr will be organizing a Silent Auction and will be soliciting items from members early in January. Funds raised from the auction allow us to bring in musicians and teachers from locations outside Victoria. Watch the website for more details on the Burns Ceilidh and Workshops as well as the Ball weekend.

Something New

We are very pleased to have been invited to participate in this year's **Dance Days** program sponsored by **Dance Victoria** <http://www.dancevictoria.com>. **Dance Days** is a city-wide ten day dance event intended to showcase the performance of dance through free classes, performances and special events. We have decided to hold a free Friday night Ceilidh designed to encourage participants to take part in the dancing. We are also inviting people to take a free lesson with the February 1st Basic class and the February 3rd Intermediate class. **Dance Victoria** will be publicizing the event through the media and distributing 5,000 brochures throughout the city. They have also offered us one of their very attractive large studios free of charge for the Ceilidh evening which will take place on **Friday February 4th**. Be sure to mark this special event on your calendar!

To round off the season we still have the joint Christmas Social on **December 11th** and the Branch New Year's Social on **December 31st** both of which will take place at the St Martin-in-the-Fields Church Hall.

Wishing you all a very happy holiday season.

Dora Dempster, President

Class Extensions

BASIC CLASS EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 14TH

Due to a class missed in November, the final Basic Class for 2010 will now be December 14th. All dancers are welcome to this last class for an evening of easy social dances. In the spirit of the season, donations of finger food to share would be appreciated.

Gordon Robinson

Advanced Social Class

The cancelled Monday night class will be made up in the New Year

Bob Anderson

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

Venues for Winter Classes and Socials 2011

Winter 2011 Class locations

Class	Day	Location.	Dates
Experienced Social	Monday	Eastern Star Lodge 3281 Harriet Road, V8Z 3S3	January 10 th 2011 to April 11th
Daytime Social	Tuesday	Eastern Star Lodge	January 4 th 2011 to April 12th
Basic	Tuesday	Eastern Star Lodge	January 4 th 2011 to April 12th
Advanced	Wednesday	St Paul's Anglican Church 1379 Esquimalt Road, V9A 3R4	January 5 th 2011 to April 6th
Intermediate	Thursday	Esquimalt United Church 500 Admiral's Road, V94 2N4	January 6 th 2011 to April 7th

Newsletter

Please send submissions for the next newsletter by December 24, 2010 to aharley@shaw.ca or give to me in class.



VISCDS St Andrews Social

The November social, hosted by the Wednesday night class, was held November 20th. Given the weather and a dance in Courtney with Muriel Johnston playing, Bob Anderson was musing about whether or not there would even be a set. In the end, intrepid dancers formed five sets and even two sets plus spares for the 'extras'.

Many thanks to Bob for the programme and patient briefings, and to Michelle Campbell for the flowers on the blue and white theme, plus the flags adorning the walls. The Class wishes to extend thanks those who augmented the feast; there was a plentiful choice and delicious as always. We would also like to acknowledge the work of our social conveners, Wendy Turner and Leona Brown, for organizing the coffee, tea and juice, and also the door prizes. Lovely Starbucks mugs filled with goodies were won by Jacquie Storey and Raymond Thomson.

All in all, it was a most enjoyable event. Many thanks to those who came and all who helped with the myriad of tasks.

Linda Foley
Advanced Class Rep

RSCDS Branch November Social with Elastic Ceilidh Band

A select group of dancers and friends gathered on November 13 at the Les Passmore Centre for the Branch's monthly social. There were several dancers from Van Isle, and it was particularly nice to see so many dancers from the Comox Valley group. The Elastic Ceilidh Band played some terrific music for the program that Kathryn and Raymond put together. Agnes Dummer greeted us at the door as we arrived.

We started the evening with five sets, and two sets enjoyed the last dance, "De'il Amang the Tailors", with some really great music - the band had put together one of the best sets of tunes I have heard in a long time for that dance. The Branch, augmented by some of our members, supplied some delicious goodies that were served after the dance.

Sincere thanks go to Jean Connon, who organized the evening; to Kathryn and Raymond for a great program and instructive talk-through's; to everyone who helped in the kitchen or with the decorations; to Agnes, who sat patiently by the door throughout the evening; and, of course, to the Elastic Ceilidh Band for an evening of really enjoyable music. And a thank you to everyone who came out, enjoyed the social, and made it all worthwhile.

Edith Chapman



Joint Christmas Social

Saturday, December 11, 7:30 p.m.
at St. Martin In-The-Fields, 550 Obed Avenue
hosted by RSCDS Victoria Branch, cost \$12
Music by Mary Ross

Program in November Island Fling or on the web site at: <http://viscds.ca/events/>

The Branch would welcome small contributions of food for the Christmas Social.



Victoria Branch RSCDS New Year's Eve Social December 31, 2010. at St Martin-in-the-Fields Church Hall

This will be the last social at St Martin-in-the-Fields. Drop in! Drop out! Stay for the evening as we dance across Canada and celebrate Hogmanay wherever and however we can. Dance from East to West!
Program available in the Tartan Tattler, or online at

<http://rscdsvictoria.org/CurrentTattler.asp>

Doors open 6:30 pm, Dinner 7 pm, Dance 8 pm
Admission \$8 plus Pot luck



BURNS Workshop, Social and Ceilidh

Robbie Burns Day is fast approaching. We are excited to have the dynamic Elinor Vandegrift, now residing in Seattle, as our guest teacher at the one day workshop on Saturday January 22 2011. She inspired the teachers in the Fall and now it is our turn. Please complete a registration form and submit it before January 10 for a chance to win a free ceilidh ticket for that evening. The music for the social dance is by The Tartan Players, a Scottish dance band formed in the fall of 2005 and based in BC's Lower Mainland. With their lively playing and signature sound, they have rapidly become a sought after group, and have played dozens of events, including: Scottish Country & Ceilidh dances, Burns Suppers, St. Andrew's soirees, Weddings, and the Hawaiian Highland Games. Normally a 4-5 piece group, they will be playing as a trio for this event, featuring Julie Smith on piano, Deborah Jones on fiddle, and Carole Berger on flute/tin whistle. An invigorating dance experience awaits!

We are seeking volunteers for various things over that weekend: hosting one or two guests for a night or two; driving them on one or more journey; helping with refreshments; and transporting equipment. Please speak to Joan McIntosh (250-477-2512) or Gael Forster (gael@shaw.ca) for more details or to volunteer. We really need you.

Workshop January 22, 2011, at Eastern Star Lodge, 3281 Harriet Road

Teacher Elinor Vandegrift Registration forms attached

Burns Ceilidh & Social January 22, 2011, 7:30 p.m

Les Passmore Seniors Centre, 286 Hampton Road

Admission: \$15 Live Music by the Tartan Players

Program in November Island Fling or on the web site at: <http://viscds.ca/events/>
Registration form below

Gael Forster, Workshop Chair

The Silent Auction and Ball news

We are holding a Silent Auction again as a fund raiser for the SPRING BALL. (If you haven't done so already, mark your calendars for March 26 and 27!). However, because we hold the actual auction during the CEILIDH, it will take place on Saturday, January 22nd – another date to mark on your calendar! Please start thinking about what you might donate to the auction, here are some points to remember:

- Food and drink are always popular;
- Donate something you would like yourself, of good quality rather than odd bits;
- Our storage space is limited, please don't bring things in until January; and
- Maureen will be visiting classes in January to pick up donations and answer any questions.

Registration for the Spring Ball and Sunday Social will be in the next Fling, (January) however we recommend on-line registration through the VISCDS website. Look for registration forms on the site by December 21. The dance program and briefing notes will also be posted there.

This year, in response to suggestions received, we will also be posting the program and notes for dances at the Sunday Social. This will mean less time walking the dances and more time dancing them. These will be on the website as soon after December 21 as we can manage.

Details in the November Fling or web site at : <http://viscds.ca/events/>

Registration forms to follow in the January Fling

Jamie and Maureen

Valentine's Social
Saturday February 19th, 7:30 p.m.
St Luke's Anglican Church, 3281 Cedar Hill Cross Road,
\$8

Dance name	Bars type	level	Source
It Should Be Fun	4x32J	B	Graded and Social Dances 3
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	8x32S	I	RSCDS Leaflet (C)
Flowers of Edinburgh**	8x32R	B	RSCDS Book 1 (C)
A Capital Jig	8x32J	I	RSCDS 5 Dances 2009
Seann Truibhas Willichan	6x32S	B	RSCDS Book 27 (C)
Fisherman's Reel	5x32R (sq + 1)	I	Dunblane Holiday (C)
Highland Fair / Muirland Willie	8x32J	B/A	RSCDS Graded/Book21 (C)
The Dream Catcher	1x96S (sq)	I	RSCDS Book 45 (C)
Swiss Lassie	8x32R	I	RSCDS Book 39 (C)
Quarries Jig	8x32J	A	RSCDS Book 36 (C)
Glengarry Homestead	4x32S	I	Kangaroo Paw (C)
Irish Rover	8x32R	I	22 SCD and... (Cosh) (C)
Break			
Tribute to the Borders	8x32J	I	RSCDS Leaflet (C)
Sands of Morar	8x32S	A	RSCDS Book 45 (C)
Lady Home's Jig	8x32J	B	Miss Milligan's Misc. Vol. 1
De'il Amang the Tailors**	8x32R	B	RSCDS Book 14 (C)
Extras			
MacDonald of the Isles	3x32S	I	Glendarroch SCD Sheet 8 (C)
Reel of the 51 st Division	8x32R	B	RSCDS Book 13 (C)

**** Briefing Only**
Hosted by Basic Class

(C) – core book dance

Family SCD class sponsored by the Victoria Branch SCD

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for the grandchildren? Why not sign them up to come with you to our Family SCD class?

RSCDS Victoria Branch will be running another session of Family Classes in the new year, leading up to an afternoon Tea Dance on February 12th. The cost is just \$25 perfamily for five classes. For details of time and location, please contact Sarah at 598-2612 or sarahkell@shaw.ca.

Sarah Kell, Victoria Branch RSCDS

Oceanside Scottish Country Dancers

The Oceanside Scottish Country Dancers (formerly Nanoose SCD) was started in 1984. We have a Beginners group which starts at 6.30 p.m. and an Intermediate group which starts at 8.00 p.m., both on Wednesday evening at the Qualicum Beach Community Hall, Memorial Avenue and Veterans Way, Qualicum Beach.

Rita Gibson teaches the Beginners group and Janetta Begg teaches the Intermediate group.

Our club's major yearly event is our Spring Gala which we typically hold on the first Saturday in April.

Our website address:

<http://www.Oceansidescd.net>

Pauline Whitney, OSCD

Regional Events

Heather Ball with Bobby Brown, March 2011

Tickets (\$70) for the Heather Ball to be held on March 19, 2011 in the Scottish Cultural Centre, 8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver with Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent will officially go on sale on January 29, 2011 at the Branch Burns Supper. **However there is already a list of over 70 dancers who want tickets** and as there **are only 160 tickets available** it might be a good idea for anyone interested in coming to the dance to contact Mary Ann – 604-929-2944 or e-mail mamcdevitt@shaw.ca request their name be added to the list as soon as possible. Tickets will be issued on a first come basis.

Money for the tickets is due on or before February 14 or your place on the list will be cancelled opening up the ticket for someone else. Payment arrangements will be announced shortly.

I have attached a copy of the programme for the Ball which will be posted along with the crib notes on the Branch website shortly - www.rscdsvancouver.org

Duncan MacKenzie

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

2010

Dec 11	Joint 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, open 6:30, dinner 7:00 pm dance 8:00 pm Admission \$8 plus Pot luck contribution

2011

- Jan 22 VISCDS Workshop, Eastern Star Lodge. Morning and Afternoon
Jan 22 VISCDS Burns Ceilidh, Les Passmore Seniors Centre
Feb 4th "Dance Days" Ceilidh, VISCDS event, sponsored by Dance Victoria
Feb 12 RSCDS Valentine's Social with Mary Ross, Les Passmore Seniors Centre
Feb 19 VISCDS Valentine's Social. St Luke's Anglican Church
3281 Cedar Hill Cross Road
Mar 12 RSCDS Victoria Social with the Elastic Ceilidh Band, Les Passmore Seniors Centre
Mar 26-27 VISCDS Ball and Brunch, Edelweiss Club/CPO's Mess
Apr 16 VISCDS Spring Fling. St Luke's Anglican Church
3281 Cedar Hill Cross Road

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- 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



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| 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://www.saltspringsscottishdancers.org/ |
| Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society | http://viscds.ca/ |
| White Rock Scottish Country Dance Club | http://www.wrscdc.org/ |

Washington State

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| 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/ |