

Island Fling



November 2010

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

Sue and Rob Langridge did a super job leading us through the dances at the October 23rd Harvest Social on Saturday night and we enjoyed their selection of dances, including the Cape Breton Hornpipe a Canadian dance which they learned while in Paris! Everyone was delighted to see our special guest, recently retired teacher, Una Lennam and we presented her with a gift and flowers while recounting some of our favorite stories of our experiences with her over the years. We also performed a lovely dance devised by Bob Anderson for her, very aptly named *Light Hearted Una*. She was thoroughly delighted by the dance and enjoyed the warm welcome she received from her many dancing friends.

Planning continues for the Saturday January 22nd 2011 **Burns Ceilidh Social** with music by the **Tartan Players**, a Scottish Country Dance Band from Vancouver, featuring pianist Julie Smith, flautist Carole Berger and Deborah Jones playing fiddle. During the daytime, Elinor Vandegrift, a well known and respected teacher with the RSCDS Seattle Branch, will teach workshops at both the Basic and Advanced levels. Be sure to mark this special day on your calendar and watch the website for more details.

Although we had planned to hold the Burns Ceilidh at the Victoria Dance Connection, it has now been sold to Dance Victoria. Faced with a new cost structure, we decided to move this Social to the **Les Passmore Senior's Centre** (near Tillicum Mall). The Ball Committee has asked that the annual Silent Auction be held on the evening of the Burns Ceilidh Social and the new venue will give us the extra space we need.

Two of our favorite musicians Ron Krug and Ken Natras from Winnipeg, will provide the music for this year's Ball. Coordinator Jamie Orr is firming up the details for the 2011 Ball and Sunday Brunch, March 26th and 27th, which will soon appear on the VISCDs website.

We are now listing the Dance Programs for all our socials on the website as soon as they become available to us. You will find the programs for the November 20th St Andrews Social and the December 11th Christmas Social already posted.

The February 19th Valentine's Social and the April 16th Spring Fling will be held at **St. Luke's Anglican Church** on Cedar Cross Road at Cedar Hill Road. It is a very attractive Church and the hall is very similar to that of the St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church

Dora Dempster, President

Ceilidh Acts

We love to see our members perform. Please contact Joan McIntosh if you would like to be included in the Ceilidh program on Saturday January 22nd joanbmc@shaw.ca or call 477-2512.

Dora Dempster, President

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 5th
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

Winter 2011 Socials/Events

Social	Date	Location.
Burns Ceilidh/ Social	January 22 nd , 7:30 pm. details below	Les Passmore Seniors Centre, 286 Hampton Road, V8Z 1H1
Workshops with Elinor Vandegrift	January 22 nd , details below	Eastern Star Lodge
Valentines Social	February 19 th , 7:30 pm	St Luke's Anglican Church 3281 Cedar Hill Cross Road, V8P 2M6
Spring Fling Social	April 16 th , 7:30 pm	St Luke's Anglican Church

Fall 2010 Class Reps

CLASS	DAY	CLASS REP.	PHONE
Experienced Social	Monday	Jane Matthews Riki 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

Newsletter

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

Class Bits and Pieces

- On the third Wednesday of each month, the Advanced class will be taught by Joan Axford. While the emphasis will be on the dances used by the demonstration team, everyone is welcome.
- Just a gentle reminder that annual membership is required for anyone attending VISCDs classes; these fees were due on the 1st September.
- For members, who do not pay their class fees on a sessional basis, but instead opt to pay a drop in fee, there is an honour system in place for collecting these fees in class. The cost is \$5 for each class attended.



VISCDs October Harvest Social

The Harvest Social was a success by any measure. At least five sets stood for most of the evening, and the dances were briefed with great skill by Rob and Sue Langridge. We don't need a reason to dance, so saluting Una Lennam on her retirement was an added bonus. The evening was full of laughter and great memories as Dora Dempster, Maureen Orr and Anita Mathur regaled us with tales from Una's past and we were engaged by the beautiful new dance devised by Bob Anderson especially for Una.

We can be especially proud of the members of the Basic class who braved their first social (and did very well, thank you!) and of the warm welcome they received as more experienced dancers brought them up onto the floor. The first social of the year was a wonderful testament not only to Una, but to all the dancers in the Intermediate class who worked so hard to create a beautiful and welcoming space. Special thanks go to Leona Brown, who never stopped moving all evening, ensuring everything was in its place.

Jenny Laing
Intermediate Class Rep

RSCDS Branch October Social with Muriel Johnstone

What a treat it was to have Muriel Johnstone at the piano at our Social on October 16th. The crowd was large and varied: Branch members from in town and away, VISCDs dancers, visitors from Comox, Nanaimo, and Salt Spring, old members of the UVic Caledonian Club, plus the very newest member, who came to the social after only one class. Several new dancers took advantage of the reduced "listening only" ticket price, and got their first taste of a social while enjoying Muriel's music. Newer dancers who took the floor were made welcome by all. I enjoyed a couple of sets surrounded by top-notch dancers ... but I equally enjoyed one or two dances that broke down – thanks to the good humour of everyone in the set. And Muriel's pacing was perfect for every dance. I particularly liked 'Hope Little's Strathspey' - wished it would never end!

Many thanks to everyone who made this event happen: Penny and Ed who briefed the dances, Edith and her team behind the scenes, everyone who helped with the decorations or contributed to the feast at the end of the evening ... and most of all to Muriel for sharing her music with us again!

Sarah Kell



St Andrews Social

November 20, 2010, 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin In-The-Fields, 550 Obed Avenue Cost: \$8
Program in October Fling or on the Web site <http://viscds.ca/>



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

The White Cockade	32R3	Core
The Luckenbooth Brooch	32J3	Glendarroch
The Gentleman	32S3	Core
MacLeod's Fancy	32J4	Core
Pines of Pitlochry	48J3	Core
Cherrybank Gardens	32S3	Core
Jessie's Hornpipe	32R3	Core
Berwick Johnnie	32J3	Graded. 14
	Short Break	
St Andrew's Fair	32J3	Core
West's Hornpipe	32R4	Core
Lady Susan Stewart's S'spey	32S3	Misc.2
Mrs Stewart's Jig	32J3	Core
Shifftin' Bobbins	32R3	Core
Culla Bay	32S4	Core
Catch the Wind	32J3	Core
Reel of the Royal Scots	32R3	Core

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



**Scottish Country Dance workshop
January 22, 2011, at Eastern Star Lodge, 3281 Harriet Road
Teacher Elinor Vandegrift**

In conjunction with the Burns Ceilidh and Social, VISCDS is sponsoring Scottish Country Dance workshops with Elinor Vandegrift from Seattle. Elinor received the RSCDS Society's Scroll of Honour in 2007 for her outstanding contribution to the preservation of Scottish Country Dancing. She has been one of the Northwest teachers for many years. There will be two workshops, a morning workshop Basic/Intermediate level dancers, and an afternoon workshop for the more Experienced dancers. These workshops will be take place at the Eastern Start Lodge, 3281 Harriet Road. The Basic/Intermediate class will start at 9 am and the Advanced class at 1:30 pm.



Burns Ceilidh and Social
January 22, 2011, 7:30 p.m.
at Les Passmore Seniors Centre, 286 Hampton Road
Admission: \$15

Live Music by the Tartan Players

Good Hearted Glasgow	8 x 32 J	B	Core
A Reel for Alice	5 x 32 R	B	Core
The Lea Rig	6 x 32 S	B	Core
Let's Have a Ceilidh	4 x 32 R	I	Glasgow Assembly

Ceilidh Items

Shiftin' Bobbins	8 x 32 R	I	Core
The Bees of Maggie Knockater	4 x 32 J	A	Core
Lady Lucy Ramsay	8 x 32 S	B	Core
Jessie's Hornpipe	8 x 32 R	B	Core

Ceilidh Items

The Three Creeks Shore	8 x 32 J	B	Core
Summer on the Clyde	4 x 32 S	B	Core
Bratach Bana	8 x 32 R	A	Core
Mrs. Stewart's Jig	8 x 32 J	I	Core

Break

Napier's Index	8 x 40 J	I	Core
The Moray Rant	3 x 48 S	I	Core
Early in the Morning	5 x 32 R	I	Core

A silent auction will be held during the Social in support of the March Ball.

VISCDS 35th Annual Spring Ball

The 2011 Spring Ball will take place on March 26 – mark your calendars now! We'll be dancing to the great sound of Ken Nattrass and Ron Krug, musicians to Scottish country dancers across North America. The Ball will again be at the Edelweiss, which has an excellent floor. There will be a no-host bar, and refreshments will be served during the evening.

And on Sunday the 27th we'll be holding our traditional morning Social at the Chiefs and Petty Officers' Club. Don't miss it as this is probably the last year we will be able to enjoy this venue with its waterside view of Juan de Fuca. This year the Social will open with the breakfast buffet, followed by the dancing.

Programs and briefing notes for both the Ball and the Social will be posted on the VISCDS website at <http://viscds.ca/> If you prefer to receive printed notes, please so indicate with your registration.

Admission for the Ball will be \$45, and the Sunday Social will be \$30.

There will be a silent auction in support of the ball again this year, however it will be held in January, at the Burns Night and Ceilidh. Maureen Orr will be visiting the classes with more details about this.

Regional Events

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

Port Alberni Scottish Country Dance Tea Party

The President and members of the Port Alberni Scottish Country Dancers cordially invite you to join us at a Christmas Tea Dance to be held on Saturday November 27th at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #169 Port Alberni. (North Port, near Victoria Quay.)

Doors open at 12.30pm A light finger lunch, (with Tea and Coffee) will be served at 1.00pm. Dancing from 2.00pm until 4.00pm Desserts will be served at the end of the Dancing, with Raffle and Door Prize draws.

For full program/crib sheets and registration from contact Rosemary Drayton at : rad07@shaw.ca

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

Numbers are on the rise in our Saturday morning Family Class: today we reached two full sets! President Garth presented chocolate Medals of Valour to all participants, as well as to our hardworking teachers, Mary, Penny, and Ed, who are working wonders with an ever-changing mix of numbers, ages, and abilities!

On Saturday, Nov. 6, we will be having a mini open house, so that's the date to bring your kids and grandkids to see what Scottish Country Dancing is all about. The class takes place from 10:00-11:30am at Centennial United, 612 David St., near Hillside and Douglas. Admission is free on Nov. 6. Rumour has it an entire Brownie troop will be coming! We'll also be inviting students from Lakehill School, where Sheila has been teaching SCD in the primary music classes.

Scottish country dance classes for children, parents, and grandparents continue on Saturday mornings 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 five Family Classes will run from Nov. 13 to Dec. 11, possibly including a field trip to the Vancouver Branch Children's Christmas Party on Dec. 4. Session 2 costs \$25 per family for five classes.

We hope to see you and yours on Nov. 6! If you would like to come to the class another day, please contact me to confirm that it's on.

Sarah Kell
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COMING EVENTS - LOCAL 2010

- 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** 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, dance 8:00 pm
Admission \$8 plus Pot luck contribution

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- Jan 22** VISCDs Workshop, Eastern Star Lodge. Morning and Afternoon
- Jan 22** VISCDs Burns Ceilidh, Les Passmore Seniors Centre
- 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

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.wrsdc.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/