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President's Corner January. 2011

Happy New Year and best wishes for the year ahead.

2010 has been a year of change not the least of which has been the closing of St Martin-in-the-Fields Church on November 14th. The Anglican Dioceses permitted us to use the Hall to finish our fall dance season and our last class was held there on December 14th when the Basic class invited us to an impromptu mini-Social. The Christmas Social was held at St Martin's and club members turned out in large numbers to say goodbye to a much loved "home".

As Alexander Graham Bell famously said "when one door closes another one opens" and our search for new venues has resulted in the establishment of a relationship with **DanceVictoria** an organization whose primary role is to promote the performance and appreciation of dance in Victoria. Through them we have been presented with the opportunity to host a well-publicized Ceilidh which will take place on **February 4th** during their **Dance Days** celebrations. We will also gain more exposure in other communities at our new dance venues.

This year our membership has dropped considerably mainly due to physical ailments or illness. We have however been successful in bringing in nine new members and I am already receiving queries from the public about our **January 4th Open House** and our winter classes.

Our next big event is the **Burns Ceilidh and Saturday Workshops on January 22nd**. The dance program and workshop registration form are on the website and the brochure also came out with your December Newsletter. Please submit your registrations in as soon as possible. Maureen Orr will be around to pick up items for the silent Auction over the next few weeks. The Dance program for the March **Ball Weekend** is also on the website along with the registration form.

We have a busy season ahead and I'm looking forward to seeing you all on the dance floor soon.

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 11 th 2011 to April 12th
Basic	Tuesday	Eastern Star Lodge	January 11 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 January 27, 2011 to aharley@shaw.ca or give to me in class.

VISCDS "DANCE DAYS" CEILIDH

Celebrating the joys of Scottish Country Dancing with the citizens of Victoria, we are presenting an evening of song, music and dance in the form of a Ceilidh. The event titled "**Let's have a Ceilidh**" will take place on **Friday February 4** at Dance Victoria Studio One and is part of a city-wide ten day event sponsored by Dance Victoria to educate and encourage public appreciation and interest in Dance http://www.dancevictoria.com/dance_days/index.htm

Please come and show participants what fun Scottish Country Dancing can be as we invite them to join in easy dances and watch an array of Ceilidh Acts throughout the evening ending with our favorite piper Jamie Orr and the VISCDS Demonstration Team.

Admission is free but we ask you to bring goodies for the break.

Date February 4th

Time: 7:30 to 10:30

Location: Dance victoria Studio One, 2750 Quadra.



Joint Christmas Social Social with Mary Ross

The rain was pouring down outside which may have kept some people at home but 7 sets of dancers enjoyed the wonderful music of Mary Ross. She had everyone stepping lively to a mix of Christmas music as well as traditional tunes. This was the last time that we will dance to Mary's music in St. Martin's Church Hall as the church has now officially closed. The evening was hosted by the Branch for this annual Joint Christmas Dance on December 11th, 2010. Joan Axford and Sheila McCall briefed the dances, hardly having time to breathe before dancers were lined up ready for the next dance. I think we got through the program in record time even with a few encores of some of the dances.

The hall was beautifully decorated with evergreen branches and sprigs of holly. At the end of the evening there was a table overflowing with goodies to savour provided by Branch members, and thank you to Van Isle members who also brought a plate of goodies. A big thank you goes to Christine Kinghorn for organizing the evening and to her team of volunteers, taking the money, working in the kitchen, decorating and clean up.

It was a great way to start the Christmas season despite our typical west coast weather, much better than what the eastern provinces are getting.

I wonder where the Christmas dance will be held next year!!!

Sheila McCall

RSCDS Victoria Branch



Victoria Branch RSCDS New Year's Eve Social at St Martin-in-the-Fields Church Hall

As we arrived at St. Martin's in the Fields on Obed on a chilly evening to celebrate New Years Eve 2010 at the RSCDS Victoria Branch event, we found the hall decorated and the tables set and a welcoming bustle of activity. Forty-three people including guests and visitors attended the event. One visitor was from Santa Fe, New Mexico. Before the dancing, we enjoyed a meal with a wonderful variety of dishes. The dance program followed an imaginative theme: New Years across the country, starting with dances symbolizing Newfoundland ("Up the Pond"), Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and PEI, and ending on the west coast with "West's Hornpipe". The event was MC'd by Mary Cooper and dances were briefed by several of the branch teachers (Sheila, Kathryn, Edith, Ed, Ray, Anita, Penny). The program was paused at intervals for celebratory noise-making when midnight was reached in the various time-zones across the country. Games at intervals throughout the evening also followed a New Year's theme: a game based on the words of "Auld Lang Syne", a New Year trivia quiz, New Year's Resolution charades, and a "First Foot" game. The evening closed with the "Waltz of the Bells" and singing of "Auld Lang Syne" at midnight. It was a warm fun-loving evening with great dancing - thank you to all those who made the evening possible (setup, kitchen, cleanup ...). After numerous New Year's Eve's at St Martin's, this was to be our last one, but it was only during the end-of-the-evening clean up that someone commented on it, and we departed to the strains of "So long, farewell ..."

Alan Thomson

BURNS Workshop, Social and Ceilidh

Don't forget to register for the workshop with Elinor Vandegrift taking place on Saturday January 22 2011. With parents from Glasgow, Elinor has a Scottish heritage that made SCD an easy thing in which to be involved from an early age. Since receiving her Full Certificate under Anna Holden's tutelage in 1970, she has taught all ages and levels of ability. She was honoured to be appointed one of the first North American examiners in 1995. Elinor retired a few years ago from teaching adapted P.E. She now enjoys doing volunteer work, learning to play golf, travelling and being involved in a variety of activities with the Seattle Branch of the RSCDS. She has many fond memories of dancing and teaching on Vancouver Island since coming to the N.W. in 1976 with husband David, the "Compleat Gardener". She looks forward to sharing more SCD "Joie De Vivre" while celebrating Scotland's great Bard in Victoria.

If you complete a registration form and submit it before January 10, you have a chance to win a free ceilidh ticket for that evening with music by The Tartan Players [Julie Smith on piano, Deborah Jones on fiddle, and Carole Berger on flute/tin whistle].

We are still 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.

Gael Forster, Workshop Chair

The Silent Auction in support of the Spring Ball

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.

Maureen Orr

VISCDs Spring Ball and Sunday Social

March 26th and 27th, 2011

This will be our 35th Spring Ball and we are looking forward to a great night. We will be dancing on the excellent floor of the Victoria Edelweiss Club, to the music of **Ken Natrass and Ron Krug**.

Refreshments will be served, and we'll have a no-host bar to keep your fluid levels topped up.

The Sunday Social will once again be at the Chiefs' and Petty Officers' Mess at CFB Esquimalt. This has been a favourite location for our "morning after" dancing, unfortunately this will be the last year we will be holding it here for the foreseeable future. Our warm thanks go to our hosts, Anne and Jim Scott, for enabling us to enjoy this venue over the years.

Breakfast will be offered before dancing starts. This year we will be making the Sunday Social program available beforehand, to cut down on the time spent walking the dances and so spend more time actually dancing!

For costs, please see the registration form in this newsletter.

The Ball program is given below. We will post the program for the Sunday Social on the website soon, as well as briefing notes for both Ball and Social.

See you there!

Jamie Orr

VISCDS SPRING BALL PROGRAM

MARCH 26, 2010

Dance name	Bars type	Source
Grand March		
Jubilee Jig**	8x32J	RSCDS Leaflet No. 19
Blooms of BonAccord	4x32R	Deeside Book 1971
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	8x32S	RSCDS Leaflet No. 20
The Laird of Milton's Daughter	8x32J	RSCDS Book 22 No. 10
Bratach Bana	8x32R	Bon Accord Book 1968
Cherrybank Gardens	3x32S	Bankhead Book 1991
Farewell to Auchterarder**	1x128J	William Hamilton 1965
The Sauchie Haugh	6x32S	RSCDS Centennial Collection
Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	5x32R	14 Social Dances Goldring

Break

Mrs. Stewart's Jig	8x32J	RSCDS Book 35 No.1
The Glengarry Homestead	4x32S	The Kangaroo Paw No. 6
Irish Rover	8x32R	Twenty Two Plus Two No. 22
Jennifer's Jig	8x32J	Silver City Book
The Sands of Morar	8x32S	RSCDS Book 45 No. 6
Quarries' Jig**	8x32J	RSCDS Book 36 No. 3
Fisherman's Reel	5x32R	Sue Petyt & Jane Gamon
The Dream Catcher	1x96S	RSCDS Book 45 No. 9
Maxwell's Rant	8x32R	RSCDS Book 18 No. 10
Waltz		

**** No Briefing**

Family SCD 2011 class sponsored by the Victoria Branch SCD

Just a reminder about our upcoming session of Scottish Country Dance classes for children and families. We would love to see you and yours there! Or, if you know of any other families who might be interested in joining the dance, please help spread the word. Thank you!

This winter we are offering a 'package deal', including five classes and admission to RSCDS Victoria's Feb. 12 Tea Dance. The families will learn some of the social dances on the Tea Dance programme, as well as prepare a dance to perform, accompanied by fiddlers from the BC youth fiddle orchestra!

The classes will take place on Saturday mornings, Jan. 8 to Feb. 5, 10:30-11:30am at Centennial United, 612 David St. The Tea Dance will be on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 12, at the Les Passmore Centre, 286 Hampton Rd. The cost is \$40 per family.

The class is open to boys and girls ages 7 and up, parents and grandparents. Pre-registration is appreciated: Please contact me at 598-2612 or sarahkell@shaw.ca to register, or if you would like more information.

Thanks again, and we hope to see you on the dance floor this Saturday!

All the best for the new year,

Sarah Kell
Youth Coordinator
RSCDS Victoria Branch



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

Regional Events

Celebration of Burns 2011 with Muriel Johnstone

Social Dance celebrating Robert Burns to the music of Muriel Johnstone and Dennis Orr
 St George's United Church, 505 – 6th Street, Courtney

Saturday February 5th 2011 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm

Light Refreshments, Admission \$15

Full details with program on the VISCDs web site, viscds.ca

Please email Bill at buttonbox@shaw.ca or phone Bill or Muriel on 250 334 9316

Save the Date!! Salt Spring is doing it again

Simply Scottish on Salt Spring II
Salt Spring Island BC Canada
15-17 June 2012 (Note: this is for next year)

We're excited to welcome great teachers Elaine Brunken, Mary Murray, and Geoffrey Selling, and fabulous musicians John Taylor, David Mostardi, and Mary Ross
Details later at www.saltspringscottishdancers.org

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. Contact Mary Ann – 604-929-2944 or e-mail mamcdevitt@shaw.ca

Programme for the Ball is posted along with the crib notes on the Vancouver Branch website - www.rscdsvancouver.org

Duncan MacKenzie

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

- 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

- 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 Twhigg 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://www.saltspringsscottishdancers.org/
Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society	http://viscds.ca/
White Rock Scottish Country Dance Club	http://www.wrscdc.org/
Kamloops Scottish Country Dance Club	http://www.kamloopsscd.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/



Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society
35th Annual Ball Weekend,
March 26 & 27, 2011

REGISTRATION FORM

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ tel. () _____

All prices in Canadian dollars

- Ball ___ @ \$45 \$ _____
- Non-dancers ___ @ \$20 \$ _____
- Sunday Social and Brunch ___ @ \$30 \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Would you like to be billeted, if possible? [] yes [] no

PLEASE SIGN THE FOLLOWING WAIVER

I/we understand that the Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society is under no liability whatsoever in respect to any personal loss or injury which I/we sustain and agree to abide by any regulations which may be made.

Signature(s) _____

Date _____

Please send this form with cheque or money order payable to VISCDS to

**Maureen Orr, Registrar, 3332 Painter Road, Victoria, BC,
Canada V9C 2H9**

US funds will be accepted at par

Questions? Contact **Maureen Orr, Registrar** viscds@yahoo.ca
(250) 478-5338

Registration Cancellation Policy: with \$10 fee up to March 16; 2011
at our discretion after March 16.

Registration deadline: March 16th