

Island Fling



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Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society
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Presidents Corner October 2011

On September 6th we had a successful and lively Open House at the Dance Victoria Studios with twenty five guests in attendance. So far fourteen newcomers have attended free classes and three of them came to the very successful Zimbabwe Benefit dance on Saturday September 17th. They thoroughly enjoyed watching the dancing and joined in for a few dances, including the Barmkin which they had learned at the August Ceilidh. We were also pleased to welcome four Scottish country dancers from Chemainus and hope to see them again at future socials.

At the time of writing, a sale is pending of St Martin-in-the-Fields Church to the Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Church. The Pastor of the Church, Stewart Mackenzie, has contacted me and expressed an interest in continuing to rent St Martin's hall to longstanding tenants.

Instead of a Ball this year we will be hosting a Saturday **March Workshop and Social** special event (final date to be determined). The members of the planning committee are Jamie Orr, Maureen Orr, Gael Forster, Rick Deegan, Gordon Robinson and Dora Dempster. We welcome your suggestions for musicians and workshop teachers.

Hope to see you at the Harvest Social on **October 15th** at St-Martin-in-the-Fields Church.

Dora Dempster, President

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

Fall 2011 Class Reps

CLASS	DAY	CLASS REP.	PHONE
Experienced Social	Monday	Jane Matthews	478-0143
Daytime Social	Wednesday	Irene Booth	652-4592
Basic	Tuesday	Susannah Anderson Sheila Eaglestone	480-5113 727-6225
Advanced	Wednesday	TBA	
Intermediate	Thursday	TBA	

PLEASE NOTE DAYTIME SOCIAL HOURS:

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

Newsletter

Deadline for the next newsletter is October 21, 2011. Please send submissions to aharley@shaw.ca

Membership

The registration form for 2011/12 is available on the website or in class. Please submit your forms promptly to Jenny Laing. Fees are due September 1, 2011.

CHANGE TO DROP-IN FEES

As many of you will remember, it was decided at the AGM to move to a punch card system for drop-in fees. You'll find the opportunity to buy 10 drop-in classes for \$60.00 on the membership form; please be sure to mark Punch Card, and it will come to you through your class rep. Cards do not expire, and more can be purchased as yours run out.

Zimbabwe Benefit Dance

Dear Dancing Friends. Thank you for such an enthusiastic benefit dance, and for your kindness and generosity. It will be a very happy memory for me to take and there will be many children who will receive help and hopefully a better future.

The amount in cash received at the dance was 952.20, this included 2 cheques and donations from some dancers that could not attend. The amount donated to VIDEA by dancers was 2310.00. All of the latter will get a receipt from VIDEA. All the funds will be converted to American dollars and carried in person by myself. Sincere thanks to everyone, and again to teachers, Dora, Ian, Lynn and Sarah.

I hope you all agree that it was a great success. Perhaps some of you have read "Dead Aid" by Denise Moya, a Zambian, very interesting and tells of the vast amounts of money spent in Africa with nothing to show for it after 30 years.

I will be sending a news letter to Andrew from Howard, and I will be thinking of you on Sunday mornings as Albert continues the "dancing" with those starting on treatment for AIDS.

Best wishes to all, good health and happy dancing,

Lorraine

Member Spotlight: June Robinson



How did you get introduced to SCD?

The first time I actually saw SCD was when we were living in Yellowknife. The Queen and Prince Phillip were there on a Royal Tour. I was watching a demonstration put on for the Royals as they were doing a "walk about". I was standing beside Prince Phillip and he started talking to me about how it looked like a lot of exercise! I agreed. I was further introduced to SCD through our daughter's Brownie group also in Yellowknife. Gordon and I joined the adult group and were lucky to have the late Wendy Swain as our first

teacher. That was in about 1996.

Which class do you usually attend/teach?

Either the intermediate or the advanced class.

What appeals to you about SCD?

The music, the tradition and the sociability

What other hobbies do you enjoy?

Swimming, scrapbooking, photography

What occupation do you have?

I am a special education teacher at Reynolds Secondary School

What is your ideal vacation?

Travelling anywhere! This summer Gordon and I went to the Maritimes and enjoyed visiting Cape Breton Island where we attended some Ceilidhs and visited the Celtic Music Interpretive Center, at Judique, Cape Breton, home of the McMasters (Natalie, Buddy).

Have you held an executive position for VISCDS?

Yes I was secretary for three years, 2001 to 2004.

Michelle Campbell

Thank you for all the words of sympathy and comfort. It is wonderful to realize I have so many friends at Scottish Country Dancing. Michelle

Inter generational Family Scottish Country Dance

Inter generational Family Scottish Country Dance Classes start Oct 29th for six weeks. This is an introductory session for young people ages 8 and up to learn this popular folk dance with an adult of significance (adults may not attend without an accompanying youth!). The classes will be held at Centennial United Church on Saturday mornings from 10:30 - 11:30. The six week session costs \$40 for two "family" members, and \$5 for each additional family member. Pre registration is required. Please contact Kathryn Knowles at (250) 598-3490, or kathrynknowles@shaw.ca for further information and/or to register.

Kathryn Knowles

Salt Spring Simply Scottish II, Salt Spring Scottish Country Dancers

As you were so good in supporting our Simply Scottish event in 2009, we are pleased to let you know that the follow up is happening in June 2012. All the information can be found from the website. We hope to see some of you at next year's event. The first registrations are already in !!

http://web.me.com/ssiscdanceclub/home/Simply_Scottish_II.html

Salt Spring Simply Scottish II Committee.



Harvest Social October 15th, 2011 St Martin In-The-Fields Church Hall 7:30 pm; \$10.00			
Dance name	Bars type	level	Source
Machine Without Horses	8x32J	B	RSCDS Bk 12
Corn Riggs	8x32R	B	RSCDS Bk 4
New Scotland Strathspey	4x40S	B	E. Elder Edinburgh Univ 50 th Anniversary Collection
Granville Market	8x32J	B	RSCDS Second Graded Book
Mary Erskine	8x32H	I	Core
Castle Douglas	8x32S	I	Goldring Twelve More Social Dances
The Laird of Milton's Daughter	8x32J	I	Core
The Harvest Moon	8x32R	I	J. Drewry Bankhead Book 4
Autumn in Appin	4x32S	A**	Core
Three Creeks Shore	8x32J	I	Core
Bratach Bana	8x32R	I	Core
Staffin Harvest	4x32S	I	Core
Break			
Setons Ceilidh Band	4x64J	I	Core
Gary Strathspey	4x32S	I	Core
Follow me Home	8x32J	I	Core
Extras			
MacDonald of the Isles	3x32S	I	Core
Mairi's Wedding	8x40R	I	Core
** No Briefing			



New Dances for the Harvest Social

NEW SCOTLAND STRATHSPEY (S4x40) 4C set E Elder Edinburgh Uni 50th Anniv

- 1- 8 1s & 3s set & cross RH, 1s set to 2s & turn RH, while 3s set to 4s & turn RH
9-16 All dance reel of 4 on sides
17-24 All circle 8H round & back
25-32 All dance Grand Chain
33-40 1s turn RH while 3s cross RH, 1s on opposite sides change places LH with 2s, RH with 3s, LH with 4s & 1s turn RH 1½ times

THE HARVEST MOON (R8x32) 3C (4C set) J Drewry Bankhead Bk 4

- 1- 8 1s cross RH, cast 1 place & dance Fig of 8 (M round 2s & L round 3s) while 2s & 3s set & cross to opp sides
9-16 1s cross giving RH, cast round their 1st corner (pstn) & dance between the 2nd & 3rd cpls, cast to 2nd place in the centre facing up as the 2s & 3s, set, then petronella into centre & set, 2s+3s turn RH to face up ready for:
17-24 2s+1s+3s dance Allemande
25-32 3s+1s+2s set, cross RH & chase ½ way clockwise

CASTLE DOUGLAS (S8x32) 3C (4C set) R Goldring 12 Soc Dances

- 1- 8 1s dance in & cast 1 place, meet in centre nearer hands joined facing 2L, set to 2L turning to left to face 2M, set turning to face Men's side
9-16 1L dances RH across with 2s while 1M dances LH across with 3s, 1s turn about to face each other, set & turn 2H to face 3M
17-24 1s set to 3M turning to face 3L, set turning to face Ladies side & dance LH/ RH with 2s/3s, 1s turn about to face each other
25-32 1s set & petronella turn on to own sides, 2s+1s+3s all turn partners 2H



The Old Time Dance Society

Dedicated to the Enjoyment of Old Time Music and Dance

Old Time and Sequence Dancing

Regular Old Time & Sequence dance classes resume in Victoria on October 2nd

The classes are held at **Royal Oak Women's Institute Hall, 4516 West Saanich Road, (near Royal oak Shopping Centre, next to Med Grill)** every second Sunday, starting October 2nd, from 1pm – 4pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Refreshments will be served.

Please contact Willie McDermot for more information:

250-743-5312 or otdance.vic@shaw.ca



COMING EVENTS - LOCAL Scottish Country Events

2011

- Oct 15 Harvest Social, St Martin In-The-Fields, 7:30 pm
Nov 19 St Andrews Social, St Martin In-The-Fields, 7:30 pm
Dec 10 Christmas Social with Mary Ross, St Martin In-The-Fields, 7:30 pm
Dec 31 New Year's Eve Social, Lutheran Church, Cedar Hill Crossroads

2012

- Jan 21 Burns Social. Les Passmore Seniors Centre, 286 Hampton Road
Feb TBD Dance Days Ceilidh
Feb 11 Valentine's Tea Dance. St Luke's Anglican Church, 1.30pm
Mar 17 VISCDS Workshop/St Patrick's Social, Henderson Hall, 1163 Yale, Oak Bay
Apr 15 Kirkin' o' the Tartan, St Aidan's United Church
Apr 28 Spring Fling. St Luke's Anglican Church, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Oct 29 Bellingham Workshop and Ball
Oct 30 White Rock Fall Workshop
Nov 4-6 Asilomar Workshop, San Francisco Branch
Nov 12, Oceanside Scottish Country Dancers, Old Fashioned Gala
Dinner/Dance/Live Music, Qualicum Beach Community Centre
www.oceansidescd.net
Dec 11 Gleneagles Ball, Gleneagles Club
Dec 28 Betwixt & Between Social, Vancouver Branch
Feb 18 Love to Dance Workshop, Vancouver Branch
Mar 17 Heather Ball at the Gizah Temple, Burnaby Vancouver Branch
Apr 21 Children's Workshop and Dance, Vancouver Branch
May 4 Youth Weekend West - Ages 15 to 30-ish, Seattle
<http://www.youthweekendwest.com/index.html>
June 15 Puget Sounds Crossroads, Friday Harbor, WA
<http://www.rscds-seattle.org/images/PS%20Crossroads%206-18-2011.pdf>
June 15-17 Salt Spring Island Scottish Country Dancers, Simply Scottish II 15-17 June, 2012
http://web.me.com/ssiscdanceclub/home/Simply_Scottish_II.html

Link to Regional Database of Events

http://www.portlandcountrydance.org/files/Northwest_ECD.html

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