

# Island Fling



## November 2011

Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society  
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### Presidents Corner November 2011

The Harvest Social on October 15<sup>th</sup> was another highly successful and well attended event with up to six sets on the dance floor. The Daytime Social class did a wonderful job of hosting the event and thanks to Pat, Rob and Sue for leading us through the dances. We were very pleased to have six new members of the Basic class join us. Edna, Eleanor, Kathryn, Donna and Dave & Karyn Spence were having a great time and even got up for some of the more difficult dances. In addition we welcomed two Scottish Country dancers from Saudi Arabia who moved back here to Victoria this year. The 50/50 draw was popular and brought in \$103, half of which went to Joan McIntosh who was the lucky winner of the draw.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Gordon Robinson, Pat Blair and Rob & Sue Langridge for organizing and leading the dancing for our equally successful August Ceilidh and Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Open House. They have helped give our club and Scottish Country dancing new visibility while introducing newcomers to the excitement and accessibility of Scottish Country dancing. In addition our talented Demonstration team has shown what a beautiful form of dance it can be. Their efforts ensured our guests had a wonderful time. To date we have nine new members with several more indicating an interest in joining. The eight new members of the Basic class are having a great time and we are having some very lively Tuesday night classes. We also welcome Elizabeth Craig a former VISCDs member who is now dancing in the Advanced and Experienced Social classes.

Coming up next is the St Andrews Social on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Mark it on your calendar and check the program on the website. Once again we have been asked to participate in the Dance Days events in late January and early February. We are planning to offer some free classes and will be hosting another of our popular Ceilidhs.

Lots to look forward to!

**Dora Dempster, President**

## EXECUTIVE COLUMN

### Winter 2011 Class locations

Class	Day	Location.
Experienced Social	Monday	St Martin-in-the Fields, 550 Obed Avenue
Daytime Social	Wednesday	St Martin-in-the Fields, 550 Obed Avenue
Basic	Tuesday	Eastern Star Lodge, 3281 Harriet Road
Advanced	Wednesday	All Saints Anglican Church, View Royal, 287 Pallisier Avenue
Intermediate	Thursday	James Bay Athletic Association Hall, 201 Simcoe Street

### 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	Joan McIntosh	477-2512
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

Deadline for the next newsletter is November 25, 2011. Please send submissions to [aharley@shaw.ca](mailto: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.

## Harvest Social Dance

As Dora said in her column, the Harvest Social was a wonderful evening. With six plus sets on the floor, it created an energy that had to be felt to be believed! This was the first social of the year that brought together the support of both dancing groups, the Victoria Branch and the Van Isle Scottish Country Dancers, the result was a social that was well supported, with a real community feel. There are 5 more joint socials planned for the rest of the dancing year, St Andrew's, Christmas, Valentines, St Patrick's and the Spring Fling. I'm sure they will all be as successful as The Harvest Social.

The teachers led us through all the dances, but as with all the socials, the success also depends on the efforts of many members to help with the decorating, the front desk, the kitchen, the prizes and the food. Thanks go the efforts of Evelyn Murray, Wendy Turner, Linda Foley, Pat Blair, Irene Booth, Jaqui Storey, Ricki Sato, Dora Dempster in addition to the teachers Pat Blair, Sue Langridge and Rob Langridge.

Andrew Harley

## Member Spotlight: Sally McAuley



How did you get introduced to SCD and when did you join VISCDS?

*I was introduced to Scottish country dancing as part of the PE program when I was in high school in Glasgow. I remember dancing The Petronella. Later I continued dancing at ceilidhs and socials when we were students so there was not much focus on proper steps. In about our second year in Canada, we were invited to join a group of people from UVIC faculty who danced monthly at people's homes so we participated and brought our children. In the 1980s and 1990s we lived in other cities such as Ottawa, Canberra, Sidney and Dunedin for about six months each so danced there and met lots of wonderful people. We joined VISCDS in the late 80s or early 90s.*

Which class do you usually attend? *Usually the Monday Experienced Social class.*

What appeals to you about SCD? *the music, exercise, and friendship*

What other hobbies do you enjoy? *Quilting, gardening, cooking, hiking, and reading.*

What occupation do you have?

*My university education was in microbiology and biochemistry so I worked in that field doing research but after our second child I retrained as a school teacher.*

*Now I volunteer weekly at Mt St Mary and I also work one day per week handling financial data in an office.*

What is your ideal vacation?

*Somewhere not too hot, with lots of interesting history: buildings, people, art galleries, museums; so somewhere overseas in Europe.*



St Andrew's Old Course



St Andrew's University



**St Andrew's Social**  
**November 19, 2011**  
**St Martin in the Fields Church Hall**  
**7:30 pm; \$10.00**

<b>Dance name</b>	<b>Bars type</b>	<b>level</b>	<b>source</b>
Good Hearted Glasgow	32-J-3	B	Knapman – Leaflet
The Flowers of Edinburgh	32-R-3	B	Bk 1, No 6
Summer on the Clyde	2-S-4	B	SCD Archives 22
Tribute to the Borders	32-J-3	I	Pkt 87, No 19
The Reel of the Royal Scots	32-R-3	I	Pkt 87, No 15
Sands of Morar	32-S-3	I	Bk 45, No 6
Berwick Johnnie	32-J-3	B	Graded Bk, No 14
Maxwell's Rant	32-R-3	B	Bk 18, No 10
The Belle of Bon Accord	32-S-4	I	Deeside 2
The Highland Fair/	32-J-2	B	Graded Bk, No 6
Muirland Willie	32-J-3	A	Bk 21, No 9
Clutha	48-R-4 sq	I	Bk 31, No 2
The Balmoral Strathspey	32-S-4	I	Bk 22, No 3
<b>Break</b>			
St Andrew's Fair	32-J-3	B	5 SCD for '82, No 2
MacDonald of the Isles	32-S-3 set	I	Carnforth Coll 2
The White Cockade	32-R-3	B	Bk 5, No 11
<b>Extras</b>			
The Minister on the Loch	32-S-3 set	I	24 Graded/Social
Mairi's Wedding	40-R-3	I	Cosh – 22+2



**Christmas Social,  
St Martin-in-the-Fields Church Hall, 550 Obed Ave.  
7:30 pm, December 10, 2011, Cost \$15  
Music by Mary Ross**

<b>Dance Name</b>	<b>Bars/Type</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Source</b>
Terrace Logger's Jig	32J4	B	Vancouver 40 <sup>th</sup>
Catch the Wind	32H3	I	Book 45
MacDonald of the Isles	32S3	I	Derek Haynes
Tribute to the Borders	32J3	I	Leaflet No. 11
The Lass of Richmond Hill	32R3	B	2 <sup>nd</sup> Graded Book
The Rose of the North	32S3	I	Leeds 25th
Roaring Jelly	32J3	I	Glendarroch 6B
Mairi's Wedding	40R3	I	Cosh 22+2
Saint John River	32S4	B	Edwards
Mary Erskine	32R3	I	2 <sup>nd</sup> Graded Book
Mrs Stewart's Jig	32J3	B	Book 35
Woodhaven Chase	32J4Sq	I	Douglas 87
Belle of Bon Accord	32S4	I	Deeside 2
Pelorus Jack	32J3	I	Book 41
Reel of the Royal Scots	32R3	I	Leaflet No. 7
Maxwell's Rant	32R3	B	Book 18



**New Year's Social**

**December 31, 2011**

**Lutheran Church of the Cross**

**Doors: 6:30 pm; dinner: 7:00 pm \$10.00 plus potluck donation;**

**wine available; no byob's please bring your own dishes, etc.**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Dance Name</b>	<b>Bars type</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Source</b>
Australia	Joe McDiarmid's Jig	32J4	1	5 for 82/3
Canada	St John River	32S4	1	New Brunswick Coll
Switzerland	The Swiss Lassie	32R3	2	39/1
New Zealand	Pelorus Jack	32J3	2	41/1
Japan	Land of the Rising Sun	32S3 set	3	Joubert
England	The Lass of Richmond Hill	32R3	1	2nd Graded Book
South Africa	A Trip to the Drakensberg	40J3	2	38/8
Turkey	Eastern Promise	32S4	3	Drewry – Turkish Set
Antarctica	The Piper and the Penguin	88R4 sq	1	Scotia Suite
France	Joie de Vivre	32J3	2	39/2
USA	The Spirit of the Dance	32S3	3	TAC 50th Anniv Coll
Germany	A Trip to Bavaria	32R4	2	Collins Pkt Reference
Cosmopolitan	Trip Around the World	32J4	2	Merse Coll
Northern Ireland	City of Belfast	32S3 set	3	Belfast Branch Jubilee Dances
Scotland	Mairi's Wedding	40R3	2	Cosh – 22+2



## **Brentwood Scottish Country Dancers 10th Anniversary Dance**

Come and join the Brentwood Scottish Country Dancers at a **free** dance party to celebrate their tenth year at the Centre on Friday, Nov. 18 at 7 pm.

Location: 1229 Clarke Road, one block north of Wallace and West Saanich Road next to the library. The Centre is at the very end of the complex near the children's playground. Do **not** confuse the Centre with the community hall. The Centre is on Clarke Road. From Victoria make a left onto Clarke Road from West Saanich Road.

Program of dances will include our favourites from the last ten years.

We dance Tuesday and Friday nights from 7 until 9 pm at the Centre 1229 Clarke Road. Dancers may attend classes twice with no charge and then a fee of \$3 is required payable to the Centre.

Please note that the Brentwood Scottish Country Dancers will **not** be dancing on Friday, Nov. 4 as the hall and stage are being used by the Peninsula Players that night.

Please email or phone me at: [janet.mitchell@shaw.ca](mailto:janet.mitchell@shaw.ca) (250) 656-1869 for more information and do let me know if you are planning on attending our function.

We hope to have some visitors!

### **Janet Mitchell**

Janet and her husband, Andrew, danced with the Branch in the 1970's. It would be nice if we could support her group as they celebrate their 10th Anniversary.

## **Port Alberni Scottish Country Dancers Christmas Tea Dance to be held on Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>**

A light finger lunch, will be served at 12.30pm. Dancing from 1.30pm until 4.00pm  
Desserts will be served at the end of the Dancing, with Raffle and Door Prize draws.  
Doors open at 12 Noon

Location: at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 293 Port Alberni (North Port, near Victoria Quay.)

Registration and program details at:

<http://www.oceansidescd.net/7%20Other%20Area%20Events.html>

## **The Heather Ball with music by the Scottish Accent March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Gizeh Temple, Burnaby**

The Vancouver Branch, R.S.C.D.S. Heather Ball will once again be held next March 17 and we would ask you to add this event to your newsletter and/or make announcements at your various classes. As you can see the band is the Scottish Accent led by Laird Brown and the location is the one with the great sprung wooden floor.

Tickets for this event usually go quite fast and there is a maximum of 180 so anybody interested in coming should contact Mary Ann McDevitt as soon as possible. Note the price advantage to purchasing before the February 1, 2012 deadline.

Cost \$75 or \$70 before Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

Contact Mary Ann McDevitt at (604)929-2944 or [mamcdevitt@shaw.ca](mailto:mamcdevitt@shaw.ca)

Duncan MacKenzie  
[ceilidh@rscdsvancouver.org](mailto:ceilidh@rscdsvancouver.org)

## **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](http://web.me.com/ssiscdanceclub/home/Simply_Scottish_II.html)

**Salt Spring Simply Scottish II Committee.**



**The Old Time Dance Society**

*Dedicated to the Enjoyment of Old Time Music and Dance*

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## **Old Time and Sequence Dancing**

Regular Old Time & Sequence dance classes resumed in Victoria on October 2<sup>nd</sup>

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto:otdance.vic@shaw.ca)

## COMING EVENTS - LOCAL Scottish Country Events

2011

- 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 VISCDs Workshop/St Patrick's Social, Date and location to be confirmed  
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](http://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 Gizeh 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](http://web.me.com/ssiscdanceclub/home/Simply_Scottish_II.html)

### Link to Regional Database of Events

[http://www.portlandcountrydance.org/files/Northwest\\_ECD.html](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.