

Island Fling



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Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society
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Presidents Corner February 2012

We were happy to be back at St Martin in the Fields for our successful Open House on January 10th and have had two of the eight visitors attend the following Basic class. We are all very happy to have all our classes back at St Martin's (now owned by the Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship). It will take us awhile to get used to the new name and for now our ads will refer to St Martins as the name on the front of the church has not changed and we want visitors to be able to find us! I commend the Experienced Social class for their excellent work in ensuring we had a warm reception and a plentitude of good food for our Burns Social. Special thanks to Jane Matthews for organizing everything so well and for providing and cooking the steaming hot haggis. Bob Anderson put together a nice program and lead us through many favorites including Polharrow Burn, Shiftin' Bobbins, Maxwell's Rant and the Dream Catcher. We especially enjoyed his new dance which he named "Return to St Martins" and what a pleasure it was to dance to the lively music of Mary Ross

Upcoming Events

The next Social is a **Tea Dance on February 18th** hosted by the Branch and held at St Martin's from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon.

Our premier event of the season occurs on March 31st with the **March Spring Social and afternoon workshop**. Both will take place at Henderson Hall in Oak Bay. The registration form for the workshops and the descriptions of the March 31st Social, our workshop teacher and our musicians for the evening are in last month's Fling. Please get your workshop registrations to Maureen Orr soon.

Dora Dempster, President

Classes

CLASS	DAY	CLASS REP.	PHONE/CONTACT
Experienced Social	Monday at 7:30	Jane Matthews Kathryn Deegan	478-0143 kdeegan@shaw.ca
Basic	Tuesday at 7:30	Susannah Anderson Sheila Eaglestone	480-5113 727-6225
Daytime Social	Wednesday at 1:30	Irene Booth	652-4592
Advanced	Wednesday at 7:30	Joan McIntosh	477-2512
Intermediate	Thursday at 7:30	TBD	686-0503

Class dates, Winter 2012, all classes at VFGF Church (formerly St Martins-in-the-Field)

Experienced Social: January 9th to April 9th 2012, Mondays at 7:30 pm
Basic Class: January 3rd to April 10th 2012 Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
Advanced Class: February 1st to April 25th 2012 Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
Daytime Social: January 4th to April 4th 2012 Wednesdays at 1:30 pm
Intermediate Class: January 5th to April 5th 2012 Thursdays at 7:30 pm

PLEASE NOTE:

As of Feb 1st, the Wed night class at Obed will revert back to the Advanced class. The dem team thanks everybody for their patience during this period.

We will add three advanced classes (April 11, 18 and 25) at the end of the season to make up for those used by the Dem team in January.

Newsletter

Deadline for the next newsletter is February 26, 2012. 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 Dora Dempster. Don't forget that if you paid class fees for only the first half year, the balance of your class fees will be due in January.

DROP-IN FEES

buy 10 drop-in classes for \$60.00; 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.

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

VISCDs Annual General Meeting

First Notice: Thursday April 19th , Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship (VFGF) Church, 550 Obed Ave, 7:30 p.m.

All members are encouraged to attend. Please submit any business and/or proposals for the AGM in writing to Heather Shave, Secretary, no later than April 9th. No new business will be taken from the floor.

The nominating committee consists of Joan McIntosh and Wendy Turner. Please contact any member of the nominating committee if you are interested in applying for, or want to know more about any of the vacant positions. The following positions are being vacated by current Executive members.

Membership/ 2nd Vice-President
Social Convener

These are all essential positions that need to be filled to ensure the continuation and success of our Society. Please consider contributing your expertise or skills by taking on one of the executive roles.

Dora Dempster

2012 Workshop, Spring Social and the Silent Auction Update

All the critical parts for the workshop and social are now in place. We have a hall and a program along with some excellent teachers and musicians. All that remains is for everyone to show up and have a great time!

We have some workshop registrations already – please get yours in as soon as possible so we know the numbers well in advance. Also, we are still looking for billets, please contact Maureen or Jamie Orr if you would like more details on this, or speak to any executive member.

The silent auction was held at our Burns' social (written up elsewhere in the newsletter) on Jan 21st. This raised \$550 towards the cost of the workshop and social. Our thanks to Maureen for organizing and running the auction, as well as to all of you who donated and/or bid.

Jamie Orr

VISCDS Burns Social 2012



January 21st at the Les Passmore Centre on Hampton Road, the VISCDS held their annual Burns Social. The evening was hosted by the Monday evening social dance class which was attended by about 60 people, six dancing sets and a number watching from the sidelines. Considering our snowy winter weather during the week leading up to the social, we were fortunate to only drive in the pouring rain and wind to indulge our love of dance, and to pay tribute to Robbie Burns.

Many thanks to Jane Matthews, the Monday class rep, who organized the refreshments, including the tasty haggis and scrumptious cake. Jane, who loves to dance, spent most of the evening in an apron, making sure everything went smoothly, assisted by an able group of volunteers. Thanks to everyone who brought their own plates, napkins, utensils and mugs. We are

gradually going green!

Maureen Orr presided over the silent auction, an array of interesting items donated by the VISCDS members. Some items were hotly contested as people drifted over to the table several times to up the ante on their bids, making sure they took home what had caught their eye. The theme of food & drink was amply represented, with home baking, jams, wine & teas, coffees, hot chocolate & mugs. The auction raised \$550.00, which will go towards the expenses of the Spring Social and 2012 Workshop.

Bob Anderson put together a nice mixture of dances for us that could mostly be danced by all including some newcomers to dancing who looked to be having a good time. Bob also briefed most of the dances, before joining a set to enjoy dancing as well. Our thanks to Mary Ross and her wonderful live music for freeing up our teachers to join us on the dance floor instead of pressing buttons to start the music. Mary's music always adds a lilt to our step, and gives us energy.

Of course the highlight of the evening was the entrance of the haggis carried on a large platter by Andrew Harley, and piped in by Jamie Orr. The procession also included Rick Deegan carrying the sword, Bob Barbulak bearing the whiskey, and Alex McAuley who recited the address to the haggis from memory. Once the haggis was suitably sliced by Alex, a toast was raised and the Scotch whiskey was swallowed with nary a cough to be heard.

Refreshments followed the ceremony of the haggis and everyone was invited to try some of this traditional Scottish dish, along with a table full of other dishes and desserts.

Once the meal was over, some of the Demonstration team entertained the group with their skillful, amazing dancing under the watchful eye of Joan Axford, who choreographs the team dances. Thanks to those who faithfully work on demonstration dancing to promote Scottish dancing whenever possible. Taking part this evening was Gael, Joan, Kathryn, Michelle, Patti, Gordon, Jamie, and Raymond.

Many stayed to dance on and bring another successful Burns evening to a close, well done all!

Margaret Mercer



New Year's Eve Social 2011

About 31 dancers and friends gathered at the Lutheran Church of the Cross on December 31 to say good-bye to 2011 and to welcome 2012. This was the Branch's 36th annual New Year's social. We missed being at our usual venue, the former St Martin in the Fields Hall, but we hold our classes at the Lutheran Church and so this hall was familiar to many of us.

Penny, Ed, Thelma, Elsie, Ray, Janet and Peter did a good job of decorating the hall and setting up tables. Janet also oversaw things in the kitchen and Peter took care of the bar. Edith took our money and handed out door prize tickets, and Christine sold 50/50 tickets. It was particularly nice to have four students from the Lester Pearson

College of the Pacific, who were staying with Anita, join us for the evening, the young men decked out in kilts and the young lady wearing a tartan sash. Their youthful energy enhanced the evening greatly.

After a scrumptious potluck dinner, the tables and chairs were moved to the sides of the hall. Penny got things off to a good start with the "Gay Gordons"; then we did the dances on the program that Edith had compiled. Teachers Penny, Ed, Anita, Sheila and Edith briefed the dances. The theme was "New Year's Around the World" and titles of the dances reflected the theme. Some of the countries featured were South Africa, Australia, Switzerland, Turkey and Antarctica. Before briefing the dances, the teachers read out some information about the various countries: capital city, population and number of Branches and Affiliate groups; and a poster on the wall displayed the flags of the countries. Several dancers commented that they found the information quite interesting. In addition, Edith had two games which everyone enjoyed playing. Congratulations to the winners of both the games and the two draws.

Mid-way through the evening, we stopped for dessert, tea and coffee, and then we continued to dance until 11:00, when we stopped for "Auld Lang Syne". We finished the dances on the program and ended the evening with Penny and Ed leading us as we danced the traditional "Waltz of the Bells". The decorations came down, we cleaned up the hall and everyone went home to a well-deserved rest.

Sincere thanks to everyone who organized the evening and who pitched in and did all the jobs necessary to ensure a successful social. It was fun!

Edith Chapman



**Valentine's Social,
Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship (VFGF) Church,
550 Obed Ave. 1:30 pm, February 18, 2011**

Dance Name	Bars/Type	Source
Kendall's Hornpipe	32J2	Graded/22
Catch the Wind	32H3	Book 45/5
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	32S3	Leaflet
The Laird of Milton's Daughter	32J3	Book 22/10
Flowers of Edinburgh	32R3	Book 1/6

Cherrybank Gardens	32S3 3C set	Drewry/Bankhead
Bannocks and Brose	32J3	Birmingham '73
The Button Boy	32R3	Allanton Collection
The Minister on the Loch	32S3 3C set	Goldring 24 Graded
Mairi's Wedding	40R3	Cosh 22 + 2
Time permitting:		
Mrs. Stewart's Jig	32J3	Book 35/1
The De'il Among the Tailors	32R3	Book 14/7
Waltz		

**Vancouver Island Scottish Country
Dance Society One Day Workshop and Social
Saturday, March 31, Henderson Hall 1632 Yale St, Oak Bay**
** Please note the location. The January Fling erroneously reported the location
as VFGF Church Hall**

Full details of the Workshop, Social and registration are available in the January Fling or on the web site at:

http://viscds.ca/cms/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Registration_2012.pdf

Questions?

Contact Gael Forster (gael@shaw.ca)



NANAIMO TEA DANCE, Nanaimo Scottish Country Dancers

Invitation to the 10th Annual Workshop and Afternoon Tea Dance, Saturday, April 21st 2012

Dover Bay Secondary School, 6135 McGirr Road, Nanaimo BC

Musicians: Alex Jappy, Julie Smith and TBA

Teachers: Ruth Jappy and Rebecca Blackhall-Peters

Full details, registration and program

http://nanaimoscd.com/comingevents/NanaimoSCD_2012_Workshop_and_Tea_Dance.pdf



Port Alberni Scottish Country Dancers St Patrick's Day Tea Dance

to be held on **Saturday March 17th**

at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 293, Port Alberni.

(North Port, near Victoria Quay.)

Doors open at 12 Noon

A light finger lunch, (with Tea and Coffee) will be served at 12.30pm. Dancing from 1.30pm until 4.00pm

REGISTRATION DETAILS:

<http://nanaimoscd.com/comingevents/PASStPatricks2012/registration.pdf>

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL Scottish Country Events

2012

- Feb 3 Dance Days Ceilidh, Dance Victoria, 2750 Quadra Street
- Feb 18 Valentine's Tea Dance. VFGF Church, 1.30pm
- Mar 31 VISCDs Workshop/Spring Social, Henderson Hall, Live Music
- Apr 15 Kirkin' o' the Tartan, St Aidan's United Church
- Apr 28 Spring Fling. VFGF Church

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Feb 18 Love to Dance Workshop, Vancouver Branch
- Mar 17 Heather Ball at the Gizeh Temple, Burnaby Vancouver Branch
- Mar 17 Port Alberni SCD St Patrick's Tea Dance (see above)
- 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>
- April 21 Nanaimo Tea Dance (see above)

- 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.