

Island Fling



March 2012

Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society
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Presidents Corner March 2012

On Saturday night, March 31st, we can look forward to a special evening dance starting with the Grand March and continuing with live music by fiddler Brian Crisafulli from Seattle and pianist Guinevere Saenger from Vancouver. A fine opportunity for dressing up to enjoy a splendid evening at Henderson Hall in Oak Bay. Be sure to arrive early to allow us to assemble for the Grand March at 7:30 pm.

Registrations are now coming in for our March 31st Workshop so send yours off to Maureen Orr soon if you haven't done so yet. The workshop is at the basic/intermediate level and suitable for all those who are familiar with basic formations and dances. Some of us had the pleasure of meeting the workshop teacher, Louise McGillivray, when she recently attended Bob's Experienced Social class. Louise and her husband are now living partly in Victoria and partly in Edmonton so we hope to enjoy the pleasure of her company again in future.

Once again we have had a highly successful Dance Days Ceilidh and our members rose to the occasion by providing a tasty array of food to sustain the dancers after a very active evening on the dance floor. Special thanks to Wendy Turner and Catherine and Alan Thomson who helped with the receipt and display of the offerings.

We had wonderful music by the Elastic Ceilidh Band with guest musicians Gavin Duncan on the fiddle and guitarist Ian Johnstone from the band Rig a Jig. There were joyful faces all around the room as Bob Anderson and Pat Blair lead the dancers through a variety of fun dances. With upwards of 150 people, the room was filled to capacity. Wendy's husband, Ted Turner took some great photos which will appear soon on our website and John Duffus recorded parts of the evening on videotape. Many of our Ceilidh acts were performed by members of our club including the Demonstration team; Margaret Chapman from the Victoria Gaelic Choir accompanied by piper Jamie Orr; bagpipers Bonnie and Bob Barbulak, and some of our experienced dancers who performed "Belle of Bon Accord" to demonstrate

the beauty of a strathspey. We were also enchanted by our guest performers Gavin Duncan and Ian Johnston and the dancers from the Victoria School of Irish Dance.

On February 18th the Branch put on a delightful Valentines Tea Dance. The members of the Branch certainly know how to present a wonderful afternoon tea! Once the dancing was over tables were pulled out onto the dance floor and covered with beautiful linen table cloths and napkins and the table in the Social room was replete with tasty treats.

The Executive are making plans to extend the two hour long dancing nights (former Throonie nights) into the summer and there are rumours that Bob may be coming out of retirement again! We are not sure how many dates we can get at St Martin's as renovations will be under way over the summer.

Dates and places to be revealed in next month's Fling.

Dora Dempster, President

Classes

CLASS	DAY	CLASS REPS.	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	Heather Shave	389-0937

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 11th 2012 Wednesdays at 1:30 pm
 Intermediate Class: January 5th to April 12th 2012 Thursdays at 7:30 pm

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Deadline for the next newsletter is March 26, 2012. Please send submissions to aharley@shaw.ca

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

VISCDs Annual General Meeting

Second 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

**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)



Valentine social – about 50 dancers gathered at the Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Hall on the afternoon of Saturday, February 18 to celebrate Valentine’s Day with a tea dance organized by the RSCDS Victoria Branch and co-hosted by the Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society. Penny and Ed put together a program that could be enjoyed by all levels of dancers, and they also concocted a romantic story to go with the program. Kathryn Knowles did a fantastic job of organizing the social. She was ably assisted by members from both groups:

- ♥ Decorations – Penny, assisted by Thelma, Marie, Anthea and Hilary
- ♥ Door and greeter - Jean Connon
- ♥ 50/50 draw tickets – Christine
- ♥ Catering – Kathryn, Janet Bailey, Anthea, Pat, Blain, Thelma, Andrew
- ♥ Kitchen – Kathryn, Janet, Sheila, Pat, Anthea
- ♥ Tablecloths – Penny
- ♥ Recycling – Ed
- ♥ Table setter-uppers – Peter, Blain, Andrew, Bob Anderson

My apologies to anyone I missed. Your help is always appreciated.

Afterwards, members from both groups assisted in taking down the decorations and cleaning up the hall.

Everyone enjoyed the dance and refreshments. Sincere thanks to Penny, Ed and Kathryn, as well as everyone else who helped, for all their work. It was a most successful social.

The congregation of the Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship is in the process of renovating their church and hall, and some work was in progress while we were enjoying ourselves on the dance floor. The workman from VFGF apologised for the noise and disruption, and told us that the church has given us a reduction in rent to compensate for the inconvenience. This is a very welcome gesture and it augurs well for future use of the hall.

- Edith Chapman

Spring Fling April 28, 2012 With the Elastic Ceilidh Band VFGF Church (formerly St Martin), Obed; 7:30pm; \$15

The Machine Without Horses	32J3	Bk 12
Corn Rigs	32R2	Bk 4
Land of the Rising Sun	32S 3 cpl set	Joubert
Tribute to the Borders	32J3	Leaflet
The Sailor	32R3 (hornpipe)	Bk 24
Monymusk	32S3	Bk 11
Joe MacDiarmid's Jig	32J4	Dances for 1982
The Irish Rover	32R3	Cosh
The Dundee Whaler	32S4	Ormskirk
The Reel of the 51 st Division	32R3	Bk 13
The Wild Geese	32J3	Bk 24
Sugar Candie	32S3	Bk 26
The Australian Ladies	32R3	Campbell
Postie's Jig	32J4	Ormskirk
The Belle of Bon Accord	32S4	Drewry
The Montgomeries' Rant	32R3	Bk 10

Dance Days Ceilidh - February 3, 2012

Dance Victoria Studio's on Quadra Street was the venue for the "Let's Have a Ceilidh" evening of Scottish country dancing. From beginners, to performances by the skilled demonstration team, Irish dancers, Gaelic singing, Highland fiddling, Scottish small pipes and the Great Highland pipes - everything connected with a good Ceilidh was part of the program.



Over 130 attended, including Japanese tourists (who could not speak English but understood how to do a nice cross by the right), students from UVic and Camosun College (one student from distant Uruguay and one from Columbia), members from the English country dancing group, some past SCD members, and also SCD members with their families, friends and neighbors. The purpose of having the Ceilidh (being to expose Scottish country dancing to the community) was given a nice boost.

The Elastic Ceilidh Band set the mood for the evening with lively tunes to get everyone's toes tapping. Joined by Ian Johnston from the Celtic Band "Rig a Jig" on guitar and renowned Scottish fiddle player Gavin Duncan the evening got

off to a great start.

Our Master of Ceremonies, Dora Dempster welcomed our guests and gave them an introduction to Scottish Country Dancing in Victoria. Bob Anderson began the evenings instruction with round the room dances. A real challenge when you have a hall full of mostly beginner dancers. Nice work Bob.

First break saw Ceilidh Acts begin with dancers from the Victoria School of Irish Dance. An amazing high energy, high stepping performance by the dancers. Margaret Chapman from the Victoria Gaelic Choir accompanied by Jamie Orr on the Scottish small pipes, sang the Gaelic love song "Gailin mo Ruinsa (Dearest my own one) and a traditional Scottish tune - Morag A Dunvegan" A group of experienced dancers then took the floor to demonstrate the dance "Belle of Bon Accord". They received a well deserved applause for a fine performance.

Back to dancing, with the Kingston Flyer briefed by Bob Anderson. Bob added a bit of a philosophical note expressing his friendly desire to help dancers achieve relief from pain and suffering. In case you missed it here's a quick recap:



Money can buy.....

A house but not a home
A clock but not time
A position but not respect
A bed but not sleep
A book but not knowledge
Medicine but not health
Blood but not life

So you see, money isn't everything and it often causes pain and suffering.

I tell you this because I am your friend and as your friend I want to take away your pain and suffering. So send me your money and I will suffer for you. (Cash

only please).

The second break featured a set by Gavin Duncan on the highland fiddle and Ian Johnston on guitar followed by our own VISCDs Demonstration Team with dances choreographed by teacher Joan Axford. Pat Blair took over the instruction and briefing of the dances (Bob being off some place counting his money) and went right into the more difficult jigs and reels. These were well received by the dancers, including the beginners.

At the final break, Dem team members Gordon Robinson, Pattie Whitehouse and Michelle Campbell were lead out to floor by Bob and Bonnie on the Great Highland Pipes. The first number was a Shepherds Crook followed by a Gay Gordon's Medley. A fine performance before the final set of dances.

Refreshments of wonderful cakes and other goodies brought by members were enjoyed by all. A fine Ceilidh. Congratulations to the organizing committee!!

Bob Barbulak

Brentwood Social –April 20th at the Brentwood Centre 7pm

The Brentwood Dancers invite everyone to help them celebrate the completion of their tenth year at the Brentwood Centre, on Friday, April 20 from 7 until 10 pm. There is no charge. The program, which is still being finalised, will include dances such as Farewell to Auchterarder, The Garry Strathspey, Trip to Bavaria, Johnnie Walker, Postie's Jig, Mamie's Jig, Sheena's Saunter, Falkirk Millennium Wheel, City of Belfast and The Royal Yacht Britannia.

The Brentwood Centre is at 1229 Clarke Avenue off West Saanich Road, next to the Brentwood Library and Cultural Centre. Please RSVP to Janet, janet.mitchell@shaw.ca, or (250) 656-1869, if you intend to go, so they know what to supply in the way of refreshments.

One of the dances Janet hopes to include on the program is 'The Kelpie of Loch Coruisk', a 32-bar reel for 7 couples, which is a bit more complex. Janet proposes to have a session on a Sunday afternoon, date to be determined, which will be dedicated to learning this dance. RSVP to Janet if you are interested in attending.

Local dancers who attended the Brentwood Dancers' social last November really enjoyed the evening, and can look forward to having a good time again in April.

- Edith Chapman



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/comeingevents/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/PASaintPatricks2012/registration.pdf>

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL Scottish Country Events

2012

- 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

- 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.