

Island Fling



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Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society
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Presidents Corner November 2012

We had a successful Open House on September 4th attended by fifty-nine people, twenty-nine of whom were guests. Thanks to Gordon Robinson who prepared the program and kept the evening light-hearted and fun for all who participated and thanks also to our members who brought many of the guests. Over the next few weeks of free classes we met twenty two new dancers and so far eleven have joined the club including two youth members. In addition, we are very happy to welcome back Karen Strawn Samis. We also welcome sixteen new members from the Victoria Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. To date our membership totals exactly one hundred dancers.

The Harvest Social on October 20th, hosted by Bob Anderson and the Advanced class, was a happy occasion with as many as five sets on the floor. The hall was festively decorated and we enjoyed many of our favorite dances. Congratulations to two of our new beginners, Dave Mullett and Rhonda Gaits who joined in the dancing with lots of encouragement from our ever helpful experienced dancers.

To date I have had thirty-two dancers express interest in having a New Year's dance this year and I'm hopeful that we will be able to make it happen. Plans are also in the works for our third Dance Days Ceilidh in February. In the meantime we have the November 17th St Andrews Social to look forward to followed by the December 8th Christmas Social.

Dora Dempster, President

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

Class locations January 2012

Class	Day	Location.
Experienced Social	Monday	Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Church, 550 Obed Avenue
Daytime Social	Wednesday	Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Church, 550 Obed Avenue
Basic	Tuesday	Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Church, 550 Obed Avenue
Advanced	Wednesday	Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Church, 550 Obed Avenue
Intermediate	Thursday	Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Church, 550 Obed Avenue

PLEASE NOTE DAYTIME SOCIAL HOURS:

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

2012/2013 Class Reps

CLASS	DAY	CLASS REP.	PHONE
Experienced Social	Monday	Jenny Laing Kathryn Deegan	478-0143
Daytime Social	Wednesday	Irene Booth Riki Sato (acting)	652-4592
Basic	Tuesday	Susannah Anderson Sheila Eaglestone	480-5113 727-6225
Advanced	Wednesday	Joan McIntosh	477-2512
Intermediate	Thursday	Robin Gubby Wendy Turner	686-0503

Newsletter

Deadline for the next newsletter is December 16, 2012. Please send submissions to aharley@shaw.ca

Membership

The registration form for 2012/13 is available on the website or in class. Please submit your forms promptly to Margaret Mercer. Fees are due September 1, 2012.

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.

VISCDS Open House September 2012

Our Sept 4th Open House turnout was a very encouraging start to our new dancing season. A total of 30 VISCDS members showed up to assist the 29 guests who came to experience the wonders of Scottish Country Dancing. Gordon Robinson, our basic class teacher, took a moment to size up ~~up~~ the situation and then guided this large group of dancers into a few "round the room" dances for a warm up. After a demonstration of a few Scottish Country Dance steps we gradually moved along to a few basic dances such as "The Loch Ness Monster", "The Red Nose Jig" and "Highland Fair".

Everyone seemed to appreciate the opportunity to catch their breath and enjoy juice and cookies during the half time break. Dora Dempster welcomed the newcomers and past members from RSCDS Victoria to our society.

During the last half of the evening we continued with new dancing experiences such as a simplified version of "A Reel for Alice" and "A Time to Meet". The grand finale was dancing "The Barmkin" almost to perfection. There were looks of sheer delight on a lot of new dancers faces. A sure sign that they would show up for the next Tuesday night basic class.

Special thank yous go out to all VISCDS members who came out to help our guests on this evening. We especially want to thank the dedicated members who continue to come out and assist at our Basic class throughout the year. We really appreciate your commitment to ensure the continuing success of our society. Also, thank you to Margaret Mercer, our new 2nd Vice President and Membership, for getting everyone name tags and taking registration.

Sheila Eaglestone

Class Rep for the Basic Class



Harvest Social Dance

Forty-five dancers turned out for the Harvest Social on October 20th. It was hosted by the advanced class. Bob Anderson planned the program with a good mixture of easy and more difficult dances. Thank you to the hard working decorating committee and kitchen workers. Ours is a small class but when the plea went out for more donations of food, the response was overwhelming. The hall looked like a harvest with gourds, pumpkins, autumn leaves and flowers from Michelle's garden. Everyone looked happy and appeared to be enjoying themselves. David Campbell was the lucky winner of \$31.00 in the fifty-fifty draw. Thank you everyone for a fun dance!

Michelle Campbell, Advanced Technique class.



St. Andrew's Social
November 17th, 2012
Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship (VFGF) Church,
7:30 pm; \$10.00

Dance name	Bars type	level	Source
St. Andrew's Fair	8x32J	2	R. Goldring 5 SCD's
Napier's Index	8x40J	2	B. Charlton RSCDS Bk 45
Return to St. Martin's	4x40S	3	B. Anderson St. Martin Coll#2
Kendall's Hornpipe	6x32J	2	Graded Bk SCD's
50th Parallel	5x48R	4	B. Zobel & M. Johnstone
MacDonald of the Isles	3x32S	2	D. Haynes Carnforth Coll#2
The Compleat Gardner	8x32J	3	I. Paterson
Blooms of Bon Accord	4x32R	3	J. Drewry, Deeside Bk #2
Gang the Same Gate	8x32S	3	M. Levy. RSCDS Bk 36
Awa' O'er the Border	4x32J	2	R. Goldring Auld Friends Meet
Polharrow Burn	5x32R	4	H. Foss 3 Dances by H.Foss
My Ain Lassie	8x32S	2	A. Hay 20 SCD Dances
Break			
Let's have a Ceilidh	4x32J	3	B. Campbell Glasgow Assbly
A Reel for Alice	5x32R	2	R. Goldring A Reel for Alice
Sugar Candie	8x32S	3	RSCDS Bk 26
Jennifer's Jig	8x32J	3	J. Drewry Bon Accord Bk
Extras			
Auld Friends Meet	8x32S	3	R. Goldring Auld Friends Meet
MacLeod's Fancy	4x32J	4	J. Drewry RSCDS Bk #33

Thank you letter from Lorraine Irving

Dear Friends, Thank you for the kind and generous support that you are giving to the children in the Chiweshi area around Howard Hospital. The dance was a great success and I hope you all enjoyed it. Thank you to Pat for organizing the dance, also the teachers and everyone else who helped. Donations to VIDEA were \$2398.00 and this will pay school fees and all donors will receive a tax receipt from VIDEA, please let me know if you do not get a receipt. Total cash from the entrance and sale was \$810.10, this will be used to buy goats for orphans.

The problems at Howard have not been solved and the hospital is barely functioning. The trial of the staff has been delayed again until later this month. Paul is in Harare and is not working.

Some good news. Lovemore has a cell phone and I was able to talk to him and he will take all school fees with Doug Funk {Solon Foundation}. This morning I received an email from Mr Moyo, the headmaster at Musarara Sec School and Lovemore and Doug were at his school Oct 9. We will not receive messages like this from other schools as they do not have access to email.

If any one is interested about the onset of the problem at Howard you can go to Salvation Army web site and read a letter by Allan Bacon. There is an investigating team in Zim now, from Sal Army in Canada and UK.

Thank you very much for your kind support now and in the past.

Lorraine

Letter to Mr Moyo, the headmaster at Musarara Sec School from Lorraine

Dear Mr Moyo, With all the sad changes at Howard I am unable to return there this month as planned. I am asking for your assistance with paying school fees at your Primary and Secondary schools and Maori primary. The amount will be similar to last year. Doug Funk is with the Solon Foundation and is familiar with the area and he has agreed to bring the donations for fees. He would be able to be at your school Oct 8 or Oct 9 in the afternoon. Would you kindly send me the amounts for the fees for the same number of children as last year, that is for all three schools. Receipts would be needed as always. I am unable to communicate with Lovemore Katumbe, but if you are able to contact him, he always helped a great deal as you know. Also could you tell me the name of the Sec school where students from Maori go?

It was always a pleasure to see you and visit your school, and I hope in future I may be able to return. With best wishes to you and your family and school staff.

Lorraine Irvine {Doctor}

Response From Mr Moyo, the headmaster at Musarara Sec School

Sorry for the delay in responding to your mail. Doug and Lovemore came on 09/10/12 and they have paid fees for 21 students. We thank you for your kind gesture and we are praying for the return to normalcy to Howard Hospital and for your continued good health



**Christmas Social,
Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship (VFGF) Church,
550 Obed Ave.**

**7:30 pm, December 8, 2012, Cost \$15
Music by Mary Ross**

Dance Name		Level	Source
Joe MacDiarmid's Jig	32J4	B	Book 5 for '82
Flowers of Edinburgh	32R3	B	Book 1
Auld Friend's Meet	32S3	I	Roy Goldring
Gothenburg's Welcome	32J3	I	Book 37
A Reel for Alice	32R5	B	Roy Goldring
Belle of Bon Accord	32S4	I	Deeside John Drewry
Highland Fair/Muirland Willie	32J2/3	B/I	Graded Book/Book 21
Trip to Bavaria	32R4	I	MacGregor Brown
Bob Campbell	32S3	I	John Drewry-CDN Book
Maxwell's Rant	32R3	B	Book 18
Tribute to the Borders	32J3	I	Leaflet No. 11
Piper and the Penguin	1R88Sq	I	Roy Goldring Scotia Suite
Sauchie Haugh	32S2	I	Leaflet No. 12
Pelorus Jack	32J3	I	Book 41
Fife Ness	32R3	I	4 SCD 1978
West's Hornpipe	32R4	B	5 Trad. 1965

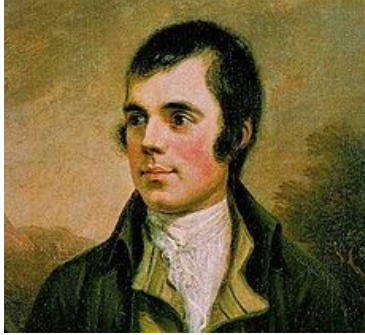
Extras:

Mairi's Wedding	40R3	I	Cosh-22 Dances
Robertson's Rant	1S80 Sq	I	Book 39

Van Isle Workshop and Ball, March 16, 2013

Mark your calendars for the Van Isle Workshop and Ball on Saturday March 16, 2013. A two hour workshop with renowned teacher Rebecca Blackhall-Peters from Vancouver, followed in the evening by a ball with live music by the Tartan Players of Vancouver. The workshop will be a basic/intermediate level format. Both workshop and ball will be held at the White Eagle Hall in James Bay. Cost of the workshop is \$15 per person, and the ball is \$20 per person. Further details and registration information will be coming soon to the website.

Rick Deegan



Burns Social, Jan 19, 7:30
Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship (VFGF) Church,
550 Obed Ave.

7:30 pm, January 19th , 2013, Cost \$15
Music by Mary Ross

Dance name	Bars type	level	source
Joe MacDiarmid's Jig	4 x 32 J	B	Book 5 for '82
The White Cockade	8 x 32 R	B	RSCDS Bk 5
The Silver Tassie	8 x 32 S	I	RSCDS Leaflet
The White Heather Jig	4 x 40 J	I	22 + 2 SCD
Button Boy	8 x 32 R	I	Allanton Col
Wisp of Thistle	8 x 32 S	I	RSCDS Bk 37
MacLeod's Fancy	4 x 32 J	A	RSCDS Bk 33
Jessie's Hornpipe	8 x 32 H	B	RSCDS Bk 8
"Deer" Friends	8 x 32 S	I	St Martin Col
Roaring Jelly	8 x 32 J	B	Glendarroch
Montgomerie's Rant	8 x 32 R	I	RSCDS Bk 10
The Lea Rig	6 x 32 S	B	RSCDS Bk 21
Irish Rover	8 x 32 R	A	22 + 2 SCD
Break			
The Compleat Gardner	8 x 32 J	I	I. Paterson
Culla Bay	4 x 32 S	I	RSCDS Bk 41
West's Hornpipe	4 x 32 H	I	5 Trad SCD for 65
Extras			
Butterscotch and Honey	4 x 32 S	B	J. Attwood
The Dancing Master	1 x 96 J	A	Donside Bk

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL Scottish Country Events

2012

- Nov 17 St Andrews Social, Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Church, 550 Obed 7:30 pm
Nov 30 Highland Ceilidh hosted by the Slow Pokes Ceilidh Band with Gavin Duncan and Ian Johnston, St Matthias Church, 600 Richmond Avenue 7:30 pm. Caller, John Erskine
Dec 8 Christmas Social with Mary Ross, Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Church, 7:30 pm
Dec 31 New Year's Eve Social, Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Church, 550 Obed Avenue. Details to follow.

2013

- Jan 7 Classes start with Advanced Social, Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Church, 7:30 pm
Jan 8 Open House, Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Church, 7:30 pm
Jan 19 Burns Social with Mary Ross, Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Church, 7:30 pm, \$15
Feb TBD Dance Days Ceilidh
Feb 16 Valentine's Tea Dance. Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Church, 1:30 to 4:30 pm
Mar 16 VISCDS Workshop and Ball, White Eagle Hall, 90 Dock Street (James Bay)
Apr 20 Spring Fling. Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Church, 7:30 pm

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Nov 2-4 Asilomar Workshop, San Francisco Branch, <http://asilomar.rscds-sf.org/>
Nov 24 Delta Dance, Delta Borderers, Ruth Jappy
Dec 9 Gleneagles Ball, <http://www.rscdsvancouver.org/gleneagles.html>
Dec 28 Betwixt and Between Social, RSCDS Vancouver, rscdsvancouver.org
Jan 12 Nanaimo Scottish Country Dance New Year's Ball. Nanaimo Yacht Club, 5:00 p.m. Details to follow.
Feb 16 Love to Dance Scottish Workshop and Tea Dance, RSCDS Vancouver, rscdsvancouver.org
Mar 10 White Rock spring workshop with Maureen Lyon in Sullivan Hall, 6303 152nd Street, Surrey \$10 Advanced class 9:30 a.m. to noon; Intermediate and Beginner dancers 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. To register call or e-mail Laurie 604-944-6678 ljreel@telus.net or Gerda 604-531-4595 gerdab@shaw.ca
Mar 23 Heather Ball in the Gizeh Temple with Gordon Shand and his Band from Scotland
Mar 30 RSCDS Seattle Branch 2013 Workshop & Dance
Apr 13 Nanaimo SCD Workshop and Tea Dance
May 18 Seattle Branch RSCDS 35th Emerald Anniversary Ball

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.