

# Island Fling



## January 2013

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### Presidents Corner January 2013

Accompanied by Mary Ross, we had a wonderfully upbeat and lively evening of dancing at our Christmas social on December 8<sup>th</sup>. John Duffus set up his video camera and recorded us dancing "A Reel for Alice" done to "What should we do with the drunken sailor" and other variations on the usual tunes for this dance. He also taped the lovely Strathspey "Bob Campbell" and a well-executed "Gothenburg's Welcome" which reflected on the excellent skills of our teachers who taught it so well. Joan Axford called the dances for the evening and arranged an amusing skit to entertain us. We also welcomed visitors and friends Irene and John Telfer from Parksville.

On November 30<sup>th</sup> a good number of our members turned out for a St Andrews day Highland Ceilidh organized by musicians Gavin Duncan and Ian Johnston who have performed for us in the past couple of years at our Dance Days Ceilidhs. We all had a good time and Gavin and Ian were delighted we supported their event so well. We also had our own St Andrews social on November 17<sup>th</sup> which was hosted by the intermediate class. Thank you to class reps Robin Gubby and Wendy Turner who worked so hard to pull it together and make it a very successful dance.

We have a strong membership this year with newcomers who are keen to participate in our socials and the addition of two youth members to add to the existing younger generations in our club. In total we have 118 members, nineteen of whom were former members of the RSCDS Victoria Branch which disbanded in June. Another 18 new members joined our ranks and among them we welcome back Janet Renouf who has been off with injuries for the last two years.

We ended the year with our first New Year's dance and potluck dinner which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. My thanks to the many volunteers and in particular to Edith Chapman, Penny Catton and Janet Baily who helped me with the organization of the event.

In other news, eight of our members lead by Gordon Robinson put on a participation dance for the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the St Andrews and Caledonian club. They had a fun time. We have also recently heard that the Victoria Joint Scottish Council has decided to disband this year due to low participation from its membership. It was felt that the increased use of the internet for dissemination of information among Scottish clubs has perhaps superseded the need for an overarching coordinating body.

### **COMING UP**

Classes start on Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> followed by the **Open House on January 8th 2013**. Please invite friends and acquaintances to come and discover the joys of Scottish country dancing  
Please mark **Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup>** on your calendar for our Dance Days Ceilidh. This event has proven very successful in drawing large numbers of people and raising our profile in the community. It will be held at Dance Victoria and more details will be forthcoming in the new year.

We have a full calendar for the upcoming season with the Burns Dance on January 19<sup>th</sup>, the afternoon Valentines Tea Dance on February 16<sup>th</sup> and **The Van Isle Ball & Workshop** which will take place at the **White Eagle Hall on March 16th**. Live music will be provided by the Tartan Players and the workshop teacher is Rebecca Blackhall- Peters from Vancouver.

**Dora Dempster, President**

## **EXECUTIVE COLUMN**

### WINTER CLASSES 2013

#### Experienced Social

Mondays January 7th to April 8th 2013 7:30 to 9:30 pm

#### Basic Class

Tuesdays January 8 to April 16th 2013 7:30 to 9:30 pm

#### Daytime Social

Wednesdays January 9 to April 10th 2013 1:30 to 3:30 pm

#### Advanced Technique

Wednesdays January 9 to April 10th 2013 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Joan Axford will teach from January 9 to February 20 and Bob Anderson will teach the last 7 classes.

#### Intermediate Class

Thursdays January 10 to April 11th 2013 7:30 to 9:30 pm

**All classes at the\_Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Church at 7:30 except Daytime Social at 1:30 pm**

## 2012/2013 Class Reps

CLASS	DAY	CLASS REP.	PHONE
Experienced Social	Monday	Kathryn Deegan Jane Matthews	kdeegan@shaw.ca 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	Robin Gubby Wendy Turner	686-0503

### Newsletter

Deadline for the next newsletter is February 16, 2013. Please send submissions to [aharley@shaw.ca](mailto:aharley@shaw.ca)

### Membership

The registration form for 2013 is available on the website or in class. Please submit your forms promptly to Margaret Mercer.

#### **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 Christmas Social 2012

The VISCDs Christmas social had all the elements that made for a great evening: fun, hand-clapping live dance music by Mary Ross, a dance program by Joan Axford that had all levels of dancers on the floor and briefed all night by Joan, and a table laden with a variety of mouth watering taste treats brought by dancers and coordinated by Sheila Eaglestone. The hall on Obed Ave. had been decorated by the Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship congregation with evergreens, holly, snowflakes and lights. The fifty dancers spent most of the evening dancing each dance. Ed Pitkin's skit team presentation was very well done. Thanks for a fun, lively and spirited evening to Mary, Joan, Sheila, Ed and his team, and to all who helped in the kitchen and end of evening clean up.

**Catherine Thomson**

## New Year's Dinner and Social

About thirty dancers and friends gathered at the Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Hall on December 31 to see the Old year out and the New Year in. Van Isle has taken over the New Year's social from the now-defunct Victoria Branch, and everyone agreed that it was a most enjoyable evening.

Eighteen members tucked into a scrumptious potluck dinner and, later on, several other dancers joined us for the social part of the evening. We were pleased to welcome Karen Hyde and Kelly McDonnell from Calgary, who are in the process of moving to Victoria. We look forward to meeting them again.

After supper, we enjoyed the dances on the program, most of which had been requested by various members who were attending the social. Around 10:15, we stopped for a most welcome cup of tea or coffee plus some delicious desserts. Congratulations to Naomi Soleil, who won the 50/50 draw. At 11:00, we paused to sing *Auld Lang Syne* and afterwards, we finished the dance program, with one set of hardy dancers doing the last dance, "Maxwell's Rant" just after midnight. Then the decorations came down, we cleaned up the hall and went home to a well-deserved rest.

A social such as this happens only because of the hard work of a number of members. We would like to thank the following:

- Support and general advice: Dora Dempster
- Registrar: Edith Chapman
- Set up and Decorations: Penny Catton, Ed Pitkin, Janet and Peter Bailey, Thelma Legge
- Kitchen: Janet Bailey, Edith Chapman, Thelma Legge
- Ticket takers: Sheila McCall, Kathryn Knowles
- Dance program and briefings: Penny Catton, Ed Pitkin, Sheila McCall, Edith Chapman
- 50/50 Draw: Anita Mathur
- Kitchen clean-up: Catherine and Alan Thomson, Janet Bailey
- Hall clean-up: Penny Catton, Ed Pitkin, Janet Bailey, Thelma Legge, Alan Thomson

Sincere thanks, also, to everyone who contributed refreshments.

Those of us who were involved with the organization of the evening are delighted that the social was such a success, and we would like to thank everyone who came to the social and made it all worthwhile. We hope that, as the 'Welcome' sign said, this was, indeed, our "First Annual" New Year's social.

Edith Chapman

# Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society Ball & WORKSHOP

Victoria BC

Saturday, March 16, 2013

Included in this month's Fling is the registration form for our workshop and ball with all the details about where when and who. Your hardworking committee needs support in many ways such as billeting dancers from out of town, helping with decorating, and coordinating some refreshments but most of all attending either or both events that day and encouraging others to do the same. We have selected a grander venue and need to fill the hall. The Tartan Players are back to make our music and Rebecca Blackhall-Peters is ready to teach so we are expecting a super dancing experience. Please speak to me, Dora, Rick, Jamie, Maureen or Gordon if you have any questions or assistance to offer.

**Gael Forster**

## Workshop

*Teacher: Rebecca Blackhall-Peters*

**Venue:** White Eagle Hall, 90 Dock Street

**1:30pm to 4:00pm:** Basic / Intermediate level workshop

*Please bring your own cup for beverages and your own name tag.*

## Ball

**Musicians: The Tartan Players**

**Venue:** White Eagle Hall, 90 Dock Street, 7:30 pm

**Questions?**

Contact **Gael Forster** ([gael@shaw.ca](mailto:gael@shaw.ca))

## WORKSHOP CLASS LEVELS

### **BASIC/INTERMEDIATE**

For those who are attending basic or intermediate weekly classes and are familiar with basic formations and dances.

Live music by Julie Smith of the Tartan Players.



**Rebecca Blackhall-Peters** was born and raised in the Fraser Valley of British Columbia. She trained in classical ballet and earned her Advanced Certificate in the Royal Academy of Dancing. She has worked as Artistic Director of the Valley Dance Company, and taught Ballet and Jazz. In 1995 Rebecca took up SCD in Vancouver and earned her Teacher's Certificate in 2001. Currently she teaches at the Vancouver Branch, as well as a General Class in Fort Langley and Children's classes. She was a core teacher at the TAC Summer School in 2006.



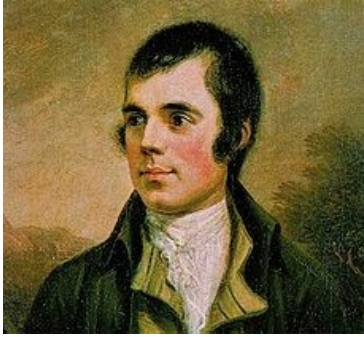
**The Tartan Players,**

formed in 2005, is a Scottish Dance Band which has rapidly become a sought after group, with their lively playing and signature sound. **Julie Smith** (piano/bandleader) teaches music in public schools, directs choirs and plays for Scottish Country Dance (“Music is my life”). She has attended Master

Workshops in Scottish country dance music. **Deborah Jones** (fiddle) has 25 years experience of Scandinavian folk fiddling and has played in the Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra since 1990 (spare time, she’s a volunteer streamkeeper and librarian). **Carole Berger** (flute/whistle) has played traditional Irish music for 10 years and Scottish music for 5 years. When not playing in the Tartan Players she may be found swapping tunes in the local Irish pub.

**VAN ISLE BALL PROGRAM**

			Level
Grand March			
White Cockade*	8X32 R	Book 5/11	B
Roaring Jelly	8X32 J	Glendarroch	B
Wisp of Thistle	8X32 S	Book 37	I
Napier’s Index	8X40 J	Book 45	B
Polharrowburn	5X32 R	3 Dances by H. Foss	A
Auld Friends Meet	8X32 S	Auld Friends Meet	I
MacLeod’s Fancy	4X32 J	Book 33	A
The Gentleman	8X32 S	Book 35	A
Mairi’s Wedding	8X40 R	James Cosh 22 SCD	I
Joe MacDairmid’s Jig	4X32 J	Book 5 for ’82	B
Montgomery’s Rant	8X32 R	Book 10	I
Robertson Rant	1X80 S	Book 39	A
Pelorus Jack	8X32 J	Book 41	I
Fife Ness	8X32 R	Book 4 SCD 1978	A
Culla Bay	4x32 S	Book 41	I
Gothenburg’s Welcome	8X32 J	Book 37	I
The Glengarry Homestead	4X32 S	The Kangaroo Paw	I
West’s Hornpipe	4X32 R	5 Traditional SCD 1965	B
Waltz			



**Burns Social, Jan 19, 7:30**  
**Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship (VFGF) Church,**  
**550 Obed Ave.**  
**7:30 pm, January 19<sup>th</sup> , 2013, Cost \$15**  
**Music by Mary Ross**

<b>Dance name</b>	<b>Bars type</b>	<b>level</b>	<b>source</b>
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
Montgomeries 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



**Valentine's Social,  
Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship (VFGF) Church,  
550 Obed Ave.**

**1:30 pm, February 16<sup>th</sup> , 2013, Cost \$10**

<b>Dance name</b>	<b>Bars type</b>	<b>level</b>	<b>source</b>
Kiss Under the Stairs	8x32J	1	H.I.S.C.D Miss Milligan's Miscellany Vol. II
The Sailor	8x32R	2	Scottish Country Dancing RSCDS Book 4
Auld Friends Meet	8x32S	4	Auld Friends Meet
Starry Eyed Lassie	8x32J	1	Scottish Dances RSCDS Book 23
Shiftn' Bobbins	8x32R	2	Ormskirk-Roy Clowes
The Silver Tassie	8x32S	2	RSCDS Leaflet
The Invitation	8x32J	1	Auld Friends Meet
Westminster Reel	6x32R	3	London Jubilee Bk
The Gentleman	8x32S	3	RSCDS Bk 35
The Luckenbooth Brooch	8x32J	3	Gendarroch sheet
My Ain Lassie	6x32S	2	20 SCD's-Alec Hay
Seton's Ceilidh Band	4x64J	2	Morrison's Bush Collection
Mairi's Wedding	8x40R	3	James Cosh
The Dream Catcher	1x96S	3	RSCD Bk 45
Side by Side	8x40J	2	15 Social Dances - Roy Goldring
Extras			
Up and Down Ben Nevis	3x32S	2	Inverness Diamond Jubilee Book
Diamond Anniversary	8x32J	3	Inverness Diamond Jubilee Book



## Farewell to a Friend

It is with sadness that I write this farewell to Art Inch who was a dear friend and a member of our dancing community for many years.

Art was a resident of Langford, later Metchosin, he came to dance in Joan Axford's class at Sangster school where I first met him. He was a tall genteel man who had a passion for his Scottish heritage. There were many occasions he played the bagpipes for the club, piping in the haggis on Burns night, he also piped alongside Jamie Orr in the Canadian Scottish Pipe Band. Being an enthusiastic scholar of Gaelic he found his last home in Nova Scotia very close to the schools where he furthered his studies in language and Gaelic music.

Art has a lovely family, his daughters and sons all welcomed me into their families. I experienced a wedding, births and the sad death of one of his daughters but through it all they were kind and gracious just like their father. I know Art will be greatly missed by them all.

It was two years ago that I last saw Art on a vacation trip to Nova Scotia with my sister. We stayed with him before continuing on our travels. In the evenings we reminisced about his time and the people he knew on the west coast but after driving and exploring with him to see his part of the world I could understand why he enjoyed the countryside out there. Art was a man of the land; it spoke to him, which is why his chosen career path was geology.

So now I say my final goodbye to my friend, it was a pleasure to dance with you over the years, and a privilege to know you for even longer.

Be at peace.

Lesley Brennand

## Burns memorial Concert

Every year we have a Burns memorial Concert, tea, and piping at the Beacon Hill Hill park Robert Burns statue.

The concert is 45 minutes in total, and we are having 2 "acts" this time, VISCDs dem team, and Cookeilidh playing. A piper plays a few tunes at the start. An MC runs the show. After the entertainment tea is served to all and sundry. It's a nice afternoon.

The Park segment begins at 2, and the concert at 2:30. So we should all be out of the Kirk hall by 3:45 or so.

Please circulate this info to your members

Thanks

Lianne

## COMING EVENTS - LOCAL Scottish Country Events

### 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  
Jan 20 Burns Memorial Tea and Concert 2 pm Piping and laying o wreath, Beacon Hill Park  
3:00 pm tea and concert, St Andrews Presbyterian Church  
Feb 2 Dance Days Ceilidh, Dance Victoria studios, 2750 Quadra 7:30 - 10:30 pm Free  
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)  
Workshop 1:30 to 4:00; Ball 7:30 Registration form Fling and Website  
Apr 20 Spring Fling. Victoria Full Gospel Fellowship Church, 7:30 pm

## OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- 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 152<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:ljreel@telus.net) or Gerda 604-531-4595 [gerdab@shaw.ca](mailto: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](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.

**Vancouver Island Scottish Country  
Dance Society  
One Day Workshop  
Saturday, March 16, 2013**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name (*please print*) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*All prices Canadian dollars*

- Basic / Intermediate workshop      \_\_ @ \$15      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Social      \$20 per person at the door

**PLEASE SIGN THE FOLLOWING WAIVER**

I/we understand that the Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society is under no liability whatsoever in respect to any personal loss or injury which I/we sustain and agree to abide by any regulations which may be made.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send this form with cheque or money order (Canadian funds) payable to VISCDs to:*

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