

Island Fling



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President's Report November 2015

Since I last wrote we had a very successful Ceilidh on August 22nd with fifty-six in attendance including twenty-five guests. Sheila McCall and Joan Axford led us through a lively program and we performed "Currie Mountain Reel" as our first Ceilidh Act. The highlight of the evening was musician Mary Ross's Ceilidh performance of "The Flying Scotsman" ** complete with special effects...was that a train I heard whistling though the night?

We hosted free Open Houses at the City Light Church Hall on Tuesday September the 8th and at Royal Roads University on Friday the September 11th, followed by three free classes. Forty-one people attended the Tuesday Open House including twelve guests. Unfortunately the Friday Open House was poorly attended and it was felt that the RRU Recreation Centre was too hard to find and affected attendance.

It was nice to see a strong turnout for the Harvest Social on October 17th which was hosted by the Wednesday class. We were delighted to see former teacher Una Lennam who paid a surprise visit. Gael and Sarah ably led us through a diverse selection of dances and the Wednesday class served up a lovely array of goodies.

This Fall we welcomed fourteen new members and ten are attending the Basic class. Among the new members we are pleased to welcome former RSCDS members Anthea Piets and Margo Andersen who also used to be a member of the Van Isles many years ago.

Dora Dempster, President

**** - Mary Ross supplies the following information:**

The selection was called The Flying Scotsman which was originally arranged and played by "Stan Hamilton and the Flying Scotsmen."

My arrangement is somewhat different. I made a background midi arrangement for it, thus the train whistle sound, piano, bass, drum accompaniment. I played the melody acoustically with the tracks (pun intended) rolling in the background.

Membership

The registration form for 2015/16 is available on the website or at the September classes. Please submit your forms promptly to Rick Deegan. Fees were due September 1, 2015.

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.

Class Reps

Mon. Social Class	Robin Gubby	250 – 595-6813
	Linda Foley	250 – 881-1536
Tues. Basic Class	Sandy Currie	250 – 595-0533
Wed. Afternoon Class	Ian Danks	250 – 477-0346
Wed. Evening Class	Bob Barbulak	250 – 886-2666
	Anita Mathur	250 – 382-8808
Thurs. Beyond Basic Class	Ann Easton	250 – 383-0068
Fri. Basic Class (West Shore)	No rep	

Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society 2015 2016 Classes

All classes (except the afternoon class) run from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

2015

Mondays, *September 14 to December 14, 2015

Tuesdays, September 8 to December 8, 2015

Wednesdays, September 16 to December 9, 2015

Wednesday **afternoons** September 16 to December 9, 2015 (**1:00 to 3:00 pm**)

Thursdays, September 17 to December 10, 2015

Fridays, September 11 to December 11, 2015

2016

Mondays, January 4 to April 4, 2016

Tuesdays, January 5 to April 12, 2016 (***Open House, January 5***)

Wednesdays, January 6 to April 6, 2016

Wednesday **afternoons** January 6 to April 6, 2016 (**1:00 to 3:00 pm**)

Thursdays, January 7 to April 7, 2016

Fridays, January 8 to April 15, 2016 (**except Easter Friday March 25**)

Notes:

- Note the change of time for the Wednesday daytime social class
- West Shore class will move to the Colwood Community Hall, Children's Hall, effective November 6
- Easter Weekend Friday March 25th to Monday March 28th 2016
- Annual General Meeting Thursday April 14th 2016

Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is **December 13, 2015**. Please send submissions to enchapma@shaw.ca.

Christmas Social

December 12, 2015

7:30 p.m.

City Light Church Hall, 550 Obed Avenue

\$15.00

Music by Mary Ross



Dance name	Bars type	Level	Core	Source
The Jubilee Jig	8x32 J	B		RSCDS Leaflet Dances 11
The Montgomeries' Rant	8x32 R	I	C	RSCDS Book 10
Seann Truibhas Willichan	6x32 S	B	C	RSCDS Book 27
Orpington Caledonians	8x32 R	I		RSCDS Book 49
The Pipe Opener	5x32 J	B		R Goldring-Social Dances 3
Friendships	4x32 S	B		Third Graded Book
John of Bon Accord	8x32 R	I	C	RSCDS Book 33
Flora's Fancy	8x32 J	B		RSCDS Book 49
Midsummer Common	8x32 S	A		RSCDS Book 49
Seton's Ceilidh Band	4x64 J	I	C	B Fordyce Morison's Bush
Prince Rupert's Fancy	3x32 S	B		Canadian Book
The Lass of Richmond Hill	8x32 R	B	C	RSCDS Second Grade Book
Break				
The Reel of the Royal Scots	8x32 R	B	C	RSCDS Leaflet Dances 27
The Belle of Bon Accord	4x32 S	I	C	Deeside Book Part 2
Farewell to Auchterarder **	1x128 J	A	C	B Hamilton
Maxwell's Rant	8x32 R	B	C	RSCDS Book 14
Extras				
The Irish Rover	8x32 R	A	C	Cosh-22 Dances
Auld Friends Meet	8x32 S	I	C	Roy Goldring
** No walk through				

A donation of finger food from all attendees would be gratefully received by the kitchen crew!

Local Dancer's Progress

While I was waiting for an appointment at the Aberdeen Hospital Seniors Centre with time to spare, I thought I would go visit Michelle Campbell. Not knowing where she was, I got help from a nurse's aide. As we were going to find her, to my surprise there Michelle was waiting outside the Physiotherapy Treatment; she was going in for physio exercises. She looked very happy and the first thing she said was, 'look what I can do'. She lifted her arm up above her head and wriggled her fingers. She has good recovery in her arm function. Her leg is still being worked on. She uses the parallel bars to aid in her standing and walking. She is determined that she will make good headway with her leg. I believe she is going to be transferred to Saanich District Hospital to the Long Care disability centre, but when, I don't know. I was very pleased to see Michelle happy and pushing forward.

Pat Blair

New Years' Eve Potluck Dinner and Social

Dec 31, 2015

See below for times and admission fees



Dance name	Bars/ type	Level	C o r e	Source
Gay Gordons				
Good Hearted Glasgow	8X32J	B	C	Peter Knapman
Catch the Wind	8X32H	B		RSCDS Book 45
Miss Gibson's Strathspey	8X32S	I	C	RSCDS Leaflet Book
Fort Worden Fun	8X32J	B		Fort Worden XX Coll.
The Rutland Reel	8X40R	A		RSCDS Book 48
The Gentleman	8X32S	I	C	RSCDS Book 35
The White Heather Jig	4X40J	A	C	Cosh 22+2
Orpington Caledonians	8X32R	I		RSCDS Book 49
The Silver Tassie	8X32S	I		RSCDS Leaflet Book
Woodhaven Chase	4X32J	B		Douglas '87
10pm: Dessert and Coffee/Tea				
The Lass of Richmond Hill	8X32R	B	C	2nd Graded Book
Roaring Jelly	8X32J	I	C	Glendarroch Coll No 6
Friendships	4X32S	B		3rd Graded Book
Mairi's Wedding	8X40R	I	C	Cosh 22+2
11pm: Auld Lang Syne				
Waltz of the Bells				
Maxwell's Rant	8X32R	B	C	RSCDS Book 18
Staffin' Harvest	4X32S	I	C	RSCDS 4/78
Pelorus Jack	8X32J	I	C	RSCDS Book 41
The Reel of the Royal Scots	8X32R	B	C	RSCDS Leaflet Book

Our **New Year's Eve Potluck Dinner and Dance** will once again be held on December 31 at the City Light Church Hall on Obed Avenue. Doors will open at 6:00 pm, a potluck dinner will be served at 6:30 and dancing will start at 8:00. Dessert, tea and coffee will be served at 10:00 and we will have *Auld Lang Syne* at 11:00. Those of us with enough stamina will continue with the program afterwards.

Admission is \$12.00 plus potluck donation for dinner and dance; and \$10.00 for dance or dinner only. So get out those recipes and join us for a really enjoyable way of seeing the old year out and the new year in. Everyone is reminded to bring their own dishes and cutlery.

Edith Chapman

Burns 2016 Social

January 16, 2016

7:30 pm

City Light Church Hall

Music by the Elastic Ceilidh Band

\$15.00



Dance name	Bars type	Level	Core	Source
The Jubilee Jig	8 x 32 J	B		Leaflet
Orpington Caledonian	8 x 32 R	B		Book 49
The Belle of Bon Accord	4 x 32 S	B	C	Deeside Book Part 2
Pelorus Jack	8 x 32 J	I	C	Book 41
The Lass of Richmond Hill	8 x 32 R	B	C	Graded 2
Call To the Island	8 x 32 S	I		B Anderson
Follow Me Home	8 x 32 J	I	C	Book 38
Early in the Morning	5 x 32 H	I	C	Island Bay
“Deer” Friends	8 x 32 S	I	C	St Martins
Joe MacDiarmid’s Jig	4 x 32 J	B	C	Five for 82
The Rutland Reel	8 x 40 R	A		Book 48
Bonnie Stronshiray	8 x 32 S	I	C	Glasgow Assembly
Seton’s Ceilidh Band	4 x 64 J	I	C	Morison’s Bush
Break at 10 pm				
The Gentleman	8 x 32 S	I	C	Book 35
Farewell To Auchterarder	1 x 128 J	A	C	W Hamilton
A Trip to Bavaria	4 x 32 R	B	C	J Macgregor Brown
Extras				
The Dream Catcher	1 x 96 S	I	C	Book 45
Maxwell’s Rant	8 x 32 R	I	C	Book 18
Hosted by Monday Social class				

Workshop and Social

Good news – we have a coordinator for the Workshop Committee. Sincere thanks to Ned Easton for taking on this job. The date of the Workshop and Social is April 2, 2016, and the teacher will be Linda Mae Dennis of Portland OR. Further information about this event will appear in upcoming editions of *The Island Fling*. Mark your calendars and plan to attend what is one of our major events of the dance season.

Edith

Harvest Social 2015

October 17th, the start to Vancouver Island's SCD social season began with the annual Harvest Social hosted by the Wednesday night Intermediate Class. Class members contributed generously of their time and energy as they: manned the kitchen, collected money, decorated the hall in a Festive Autumn theme, brought food which was plentiful and tasty and also did the final clean up at the end of the dance. Whew!!!

Special thanks to Maureen Orr who provided two beautiful, large flower bouquets from her garden. Maureen also took on the selling of 50/50 draw tickets. Final result - Congratulations to the winner of 29 big ones: Gael Forster.

The dance program was prepared and called by the wonderful Wednesday night teachers - Gael Forster and Sarah Kell. Squealing speakers presented an initial challenge, soon overcome by moving up and down the steps to find just the right sweet spot in which to stand. It was great to have "Deer Friends" briefed by the deviser of the dance, Bob Anderson. A pick-up "demonstration" team took to the floor during the break to perform the Deer Friends dance which was filmed and should appear for your viewing on YouTube. The highlighted dance of the evening was either "Deer Friends" or "It Wisnae Me" which seemed to be the standard response of the evening when something went wrong in a dance.

New dancers from the basic class were in attendance to venture onto the floor for their first social. Also from the dark reaches of the B.C. interior we welcomed Allan and Tracy Crossley from the Penticton Club. Allan and Tracy were initially coaxed into dancing several years ago by their daughters who were dancing with the University of Victoria's Caledonian Club!

Another special guest was Una Lennam, brought to the event by her assistant Kathleen Hay. Una taught some of the classes in Victoria a number of years back, but several dancers knew her even before she moved to Victoria, having danced with her in Calgary. Una had to stand down from teaching and dancing when she found herself unable to remember the patterns. What she has never forgotten, however, is neither the music nor the rhythm, and she proved this when she got up for a couple of dances. She enjoyed herself, smiling all the way: a smile that hasn't changed over the years!

Thanks to all who attended, giving the season a great start.

Bob Barbulak and Anita Mathur



Una Lennam and Bob Anderson

Photo – Kathleen Hay; thank you to Anita Mathur for arranging to get this photo.

COMING EVENTS – LOCAL Scottish Country Dance Events

2015

- Nov 21st** St Andrews Social, \$10.00. Hosted by the Beyond Basic class. Program was in the September *Fling*.
- Dec 12th** Christmas Social, \$15.00. Music by Mary Ross. The program is in this issue.
- Dec 31st** New Year's Hogmanay Potluck Dinner and Dance, \$12.00 for dinner and dance; \$10.00 for either dinner or dance. The program is in this issue.

2016

- Jan 16th** Burns Social. Hosted by the Monday Experienced class. \$15.00. Music by Elastic Ceilidh Band. The program is in this issue.
- Feb 20th** Valentine Social, 2:30 – 5:30 pm. Hosted by the Wednesday Daytime Social class. Further info later.
- Apr 2nd** Workshop and social. Teacher – Linda Mae Dennis, Portland OR. Further info later.
- Apr 16th** Spring Fling social. \$10.00. Hosted by the Basic class.

All VISCDS Socials take place from 7:30 to 10:30 pm Saturday evening, except for the Valentine social which takes place from 2:30 – 5:30 pm. All socials are held at the City Light Church Hall, 550 Obed Avenue, except for the Workshop social, venue tba.

OUT OF TOWN Scottish Country Dance Events

2015

- Nov 11th** RSCDS Vancouver Branch Lady Aberdeen Tea Dance, Scottish Cultural Centre, 1:15 pm, \$10.00. See www.rscdsvancouver.org for more information.
- Nov 13th – 15th** RSCDS San Francisco Branch 50th Asilomar Weekend. Info and registration forms available at asilomar.rscds-sf.org. The registration deadline has passed, but contact Patti Cobb at 510 858-7588 or pkcobb23@gmail.com to be put on a waitlist, if you are interested in going.
- Nov 24th** Tuesday. Fort Langley SCD St Andrews Dance, Fort Langley Hall, 7:30 pm, \$15.00. Music by Mary Ross.
- Nov 27th** Regina Scottish Country Dancers St Andrews Banquet and Ceilidh. \$30.00. For more info and tickets, contact reginascottishcountrydancers@gmail.com.
- Nov 28th** Delta Borderers' Dance, Kinsmen Centre, Tsawwassen, 7:30 – 11:30 pm, \$25.00. Music by Don Bartlett. Tickets – Mairi Maxwell, 604 946-2448; or Ruth Jappy, 604 594-6807.
- Dec 13th** Gleneagles 52nd Annual Ball, Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, 1:30 pm, \$110.00. Music by the Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra. Tickets from Helene Andersen, helene.andersen@ymail.com, 604 922-6016.
- Dec 28th** RSCDS Vancouver Branch B'twixt & Between social, Scottish Cultural Centre, 7:30 – 11:30 pm, music by Mary Ross. Free to RSCDS members; \$15.00 for RSCDS non-members.

2016

- Feb 12th – 14th** RSCDS Hawaii Branch Honolulu Aloha Winter Weekend. Info - www.rscdshawaii.org.
- Feb 21st** RSCDS Vancouver Branch "Love to Dance" Workshop and Tea Dance. Teachers: Rebecca Blackhall-Peters and Ruth Jappy. Music for Tea Dance is by The Tartan Players. For info, see www.rscdsvancouver.org. For inquiries: Fran Caruth 604 922-6842; or Jean Wagstaff 604 371-1939. Registration forms will be available mid-November. Register early as this event sells out quickly.
- Mar 18th – 19th** St Giles Scottish Country Dance Club, Calgary, Workshop and Ball. Info - Contact Karen Hyde, 403 283-8488, Karenhyde@telus.net; or Janyn Bertram, 403 585-3842, janyn_bertram@hotmail.com.
- Mar 19th** RSCDS Vancouver Branch Heather Ball. Music by Nicol McLaren and the Glenraig Scottish Dance Band from Scotland plus Judi Nicolson from Texas. Further detail later.
- Apr 30th** Vernon Scottish Country Dancers 20th Annual One-Day Workshop. Further info later.

