

# Island Fling



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Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

By the time you are reading this we will be well into our "season" of classes and socials and the men who wear kilts will be looking out their "woollies". Your Executive Committee has had one meeting since last Fling (see item) and talking to and receiving e-mails from the general membership it seems that we are still going in the right direction. Not all members are completely happy about all we do or not do but that is democracy at work and all items positive or negative are discussed.

Janet and her Ball Committee are pulling together another spectacular Spring Workshop/Ball weekend and all pertinent information should be available at this printing.

Next social is the Joint Christmas Social on Dec 13. Mark that date on your calendar.

*James Scott, President*

## EXECUTIVE COLUMN

The Executive Committee met at St Martin's in the Fields on Thursday Oct. 23.

### **Life Memberships**

At this time there are no guidelines or parameters as to who can be nominated for this honour. This will be rectified over the next few months and the information passed to the general membership. Any full member can, in writing to the President and Executive, nominate any other person within the Society. The Executive, using the guidelines to be set down will make the decision at that time.

### **VISCDS Logo**

A member asked that we review the Society Logo and after a lengthy discussion and viewing the other alternatives it was decided to leave the present Logo in place and look at it after the 30th anniversary ball.

### **Brentwood Bay Hall**

At the Harvest Social at Brentwood Bay Hall (see Jan's report) members were asked by numerous dancers why we are still going there. The original idea was to allow Peninsula classes a chance to showcase their hall and to give them a break from driving into Victoria all the time. There are now no sanctioned VISCDS or RSCDS classes in the area and the cost of the hall has sky rocketed. The cost of the hall is now \$300 per use and as we only had 40 plus dancers the Society will only just break even or lose on the evening. Considering two of the dancers questioning the

use of the hall were from that area the executive discussed the matter quite deeply and the decision was made to look for another hall for next years Harvest Social. Stay tuned.

### **Phone Fan Out Team**

We now have the required number to make an information phone fan out team. The members who have contacted me will be given a number of names and phone numbers sometime before Christmas after the Membership Chair and myself get together and break down the membership. All memberships must be paid by November 30th.

Other Items were discussed and were either tabled or are of executive interest only.

### **Electronic Fling**

A number of dancers have decided to take the Fling electronically and some have been a little confused on the process. The Fling is NOT an individual e-mail but will be found about the 10th of each month on our website [www.viscnds.ca](http://www.viscnds.ca) and open newsletter using the Adobe icon the first time only. If you are on the internet you CAN get the website.

Anyone not sure just give me a call and I will walk you thru the process. *Jim Scott*

### **City of Victoria Recreation Renewal Planning**

Oct 27 I attended an evening meeting with Roger Walker, Betty Walker President and Secretary respectively of the Branch and a number of interested parties all of whom

have some type of interest in recreational facilities both indoor and outdoor. The meeting was held in the club room at Caledonia Park. In the interest of brevity it turns out that all parties both at this meeting and an earlier one had the same complaint "Lack of suitable, affordable venues" for our respective interests. We put our case forward with emphasis being the closure or future closure of some of the schools in the area and that no thought was being given by City Council or School Board to the fact that these buildings and their adjacent fields were lying empty and going to ruin. We asked that the facilitator take these observations to the Parks and Recreation Board so that they in turn could see if the School Board would reverse their decision on (In particular) Blanshard School not to make it a school again but a multi use recreational facility right in the middle of town. We will now wait and see what happens.

*Jim Scott*

### **Demonstration Team.**

The Demonstration Team has had two members drop out this season due to work schedules, Kathryn Taylor and Ray Thompson. Back with us again and in good health are Liz Gray, Rob Langridge and Lorne Duncan. Jamie Orr is once again dancing with us so it means that there are enough to allow each one a break during the performance. We are all getting older and need to catch the breath between routines.

We performed at the Church

of the Advent in Colwood Oct. 25 and the next scheduled performance is at the Convention Centre Dec. 5. Perhaps you may see us perform at the Christmas Social. Then it is into hard practice for the Burns season. If you know of anyone who needs a cheering up card

please let your class rep know, who I ask in turn to contact me.

**Thelma Bell**

### **Winter School Pitlochry**

The registration period for the Winter School in Pitlochry has now passed. There was only a very small

response to the initiative.

**Alex McAuley**

### **Next Executive Meeting**

Nov. 20. Any new business to be in to June Robinson by Nov. 13.

**Jim Scott**

### **RSCDS Victoria Branch Workshop Weekend**

Congratulations to the weekend committee who put on such a good show. The Friday Ceilidh was highly successful with a large turnout who enjoyed a mixture of dances suitable to all levels. I did not attend the workshop part but according to those who did it also was very good with an excellent luncheon. The Saturday evening dance was held at Cadboro Bay United and was attended by no less than twelve sets. An enthusiastic group from UVic Caledonia Society and young friends from south of the border certainly brought a vibrancy to the event. It was a pleasure to see many of our Society enjoying themselves at the event and we met many friends from the mainland whom we see only occasionally at different venues. Well done.

**Jim Scott**

### **Halloween Dance.**

A good number of VISCDS dancers attended the RSCDS Victoria Branch Halloween costume dance on Oct 31. Bob Anderson provided his usual great mix of dance levels and as always the "goodies" were outstanding. Hats off to the inventive dancers who (and they were

in the majority) made costumes ranging from Charlie Chaplin to Cats and Tweedle Dum and his Missus. A very successful evening. Thank you Branch.

**Jim Scott**

### **Harvest Social**

The Harvest Social took place at the Brentwood Community Club on Saturday, October 18. A goodly number from the Upper Intermediate class turned out, both in the morning and before the dance, to decorate the hall, and to prepare the food for the break. Special votes of thanks are due to Kris Anderson and Gordon Campbell, for putting their backs at risk setting up the very heavy new tables in the hall, and to Joan Isaac for the gourds (pumpkins?) used as table decorations. These later were distributed as door prizes. The turnout was small, compared to previous years, but this left more room for the dancers to enjoy the excellent program presented by Monica Roots. The dancers also found time to sing the Happy Birthday song for Jan Thorsen, whose birthday was the day of the dance, and for Mary Roberts, whose birthday was October 19th. A suitably decorated, and delicious, birthday cake for the two was included in

the fare at the break. All in all, a very good evening. It was unfortunate that there were not more dancers there to enjoy it, but there were some conflicting events with a Scottish theme taking place that same evening.

**Jan Thorsen**

### **GOOD MANNERS**

We all make mistakes dancing - who hasn't. Please remember to be kind, thoughtful and help the person with the dancing. Smile and laugh - you know this dance will always be up again during our many nights of dancing. This will make a big difference to the whole set, if you all smile rather than have people complain. Do give this a thought.

**Ann Whittaker**

### **Thank You**

Thank you to all dancing friends who contributed so generously to Howard Hospital with attendance at the dance, medications and donations. Special thanks to Diane Robinson, Bob Anderson, other teachers and those who helped with food and auction. Your efforts are very much needed and appreciated by the patients and staff. I talked to Paul and he asked very kindly after the Scottish dancers.

**Lorraine Irving**

## **OBITUARY.**

Long time former Scottish Country Dancer Cliff Barrick passed away last week. Cliff and his wife Jean were members for a number of years until the early 1990s. Jean was the newsletter editor. Cliff was also the Brother of Barb Walker. Our thoughts go out to Jean, Barb and their families.

### **An Editor's Oops**

If you are still wondering who went Scottish Country Dancing in Russia -- I inadvertently forgot to include the author's name in this interesting article. It was Anita Mathur.

*Christine Rushforth*

## **Introducing Am Baile –** [www.ambaile.org.uk](http://www.ambaile.org.uk)

The Am Baile website was launched earlier this year in Inverness. Our aim is to provide a range of digital resources for anyone with an interest in the history and culture of the Scottish Highlands and Islands. We are a non-profit-making organization. The material currently on the site includes:

- Extensive photographic collections
- The Highland Sites & Monuments Record
- Estate records
- Family papers

- Crofters' Commission & other Government Reports
- School Admissions Registers
- Poorhouse Records
- Rare Books and Journals
- Interactive Gaelic Learning Videos & Games
- Contemporary Art Projects

New material is added weekly.

***Jamie Gaukroger.***

[jamie.gaukroger@highland.gov.uk](mailto:jamie.gaukroger@highland.gov.uk)

## **FOR SALE**

One black dress jacket size 50" chest, extra tall, \$300.

One day jacket, clerical grey tweed and waistcoat also size 50" chest, extra tall, \$300.

One grey sporrán with silver Scottish thistle on flap, \$100.

Two brand new James Senior pairs of dancing shoes – man's black size 12 and ladies red size 8 each pair \$45. Please call Pamela Paton for details at 658-0614.

Call Katie Dunn at 598-6547 if you would like to buy a lovely sealskin sporrán.

**JOINT VISCDS RSCDS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**  
**7:30 p.m., dancing at 8:00 p.m. CADBORO BAY UNITED CHURCH HALL**  
**Music by Mary Ross and Keith Malcolm**  
**Cost: \$12 at the door**

Joe McDairmid's Jig	32J4	RSCDS Book Five for 1982
Montgomerie's Rant	32R3	RSCDS Book 10
Neidpath Castle	32S3	RSCDS Book 22
Good Hearted Glasgow	32J3	Peter Knapman
The Enchanted Garden	32S3	Ian Boyd
The De'il Among the Tailors	32R3	RSCDS Book 14
MacLeod's Fancy	32J4	RSCDS Book 33
Saint John River	32S4	Canada's Centennial Dance 1967
Fisherman's Reel	32R5	Grimsby Scottish Dance Club

**Break**

The Nurseryman	32J3	RSCDS Book 37
May Yarker's Strathspey	32S3	RSCDS Book 42
Flowers of Edinburgh	32R3	RSCDS Book 1
The Rose of the North	32S3	10 Scottish Country Dances Leeds Branch 1987
A Castle in the Air	32R2	RSCDS Book 43
Autumn in Appin	32S4	RSCDS Book 31
Reel of the 51st Division	32R3	RSCDS Book 13

All dances to be briefed

**VISCDS BURN'S SOCIAL**  
**8:00 p.m., January 17, 2004**  
**St. Martin in the Fields Church Hall, 550 Obed**

Good Hearted Glasgow	32J3	C	B
Lady Lucy Ramsay	32S3	C	B
Duke of Perth	32R3	C	A
Kendall's Hornpipe	32J2	Graded Bk	I
The Silver Tassie	32S3	C	B
Corn Riggs	32R2	Bk 4	B
The Laird of Milton's Daughter	32J3	C	I
**"Deer" Friends	32S3	C	A
Clutha	48R4	C	I
Saint Andrew's Fair	32J3	5SCD for 82	B
Village Reel	32S2	C	I
The Bravehearts	32J4	Beach Col	B

**Break**

**The Haggis Hunter	128M4	Reel Friends	A
Polharrow Burn	32R5	C	A
**The Robertson Rant/	80S4	C	I
**The Homecoming		And	A
The Bees of Maggieknockater	32J4	C	A
Belle of Bon Accord	32S4	C	I
Maxwell's Rant	32R3	C	I

C= Core Book \* briefing only \*\* no briefing or walk- through

**VISCDS 28TH ANNUAL WORKSHOP & BALL WEEKEND**  
**March 26,27,28, 2004**

**We proudly present:**

**Teachers:** John Drewry from Aberdeen, Scotland  
Mary Murray from Vancouver, B.C.  
Fiona Carnie from Calgary, Alberta

**Musicians:** Ken Nattrass and Ron Krug from Winnipeg, Manitoba

We are offering a wonderful weekend of dancing:

Friday night Ceilidh at a new, larger location, the Edelweiss Hall on Niagara St.

Saturday morning workshops for three levels

Saturday afternoon classes open to all levels which include:-

Step Dancing with Mary Murray

Relaxed Social Dancing with John Drewry

The Music is the Dance with Fiona Carnie

Ball Dance Walk-Through with Liz Gray

**Classes**

Classes will be held at the Edelweiss Club and the James Bay Athletic Club

**Banquet and Ball**

Saturday night Banquet and Ball at the beautiful Ward Room at CFB Esquimalt

**Sunday Dancing**

Sunday morning Social Dancing and Brunch at CPOs Mess across the road from the Ward Room. Dances will be taught by all three of the guest teachers.

There will be live music at all events except for Saturday afternoon.

**REGISTRATION**

Mike Hanna will send out forms in the January newsletter and mail to non-members at that time. Priority will be given to Full Package registrations until January 31. We are limited to 150 guests (128 dancers) at the Ward Room for the Banquet and Ball but will have lots of room at the other venues so send your forms in early for all or any of the following choices. Partial registrations will be numbered as received.

This year we are pleased to be able to offer the following categories:

Complete Pkg.	\$130.00
Banquet & Ball only	\$65.00
Ceilidh only	\$15.00
Workshops only	\$40.00 (a.m. p.m. and lunch)
Lunch only	\$10.00
Afternoon Class only	\$12.00
Ball Walk through	N/C (Ball registrants only)
Brunch and Social	\$25.00

**BALL DANCE PRACTICE NIGHTS**

Practices for Ball dances will be held at St. Martin in the Fields Church Hall on Obed Ave., on Wednesday nights on March 3,10 and 17. There will be a \$2.00 per night charge. A schedule for the dances to be presented will be in the next newsletter.

If you have any questions please call me at 655-0235 or e-mail [gjrice@shaw.ca](mailto:gjrice@shaw.ca) or contact Mike Hanna at 479-4901, e-mail [sainfoin@shaw.ca](mailto:sainfoin@shaw.ca).

**Ceilidh Program, Friday March 26, 2004 at the Edelweiss Hall on Niagara St.**

Welcome to the Dance	4X32 Jig	Let's All Dance E. Vandergrift
Shifftin Bobbins	8X32 Reel	Roy Clowes Ormskirk Book No. 6
Cherry Bank Gardens	3X32 Strathspey	John Drewry Bankhead Book,
Gay Gordons		
Belle of Bon Accord	4X32 Strathspey	Deeside Book 1981(Drewry)
Coat's Ceilidh Calyspo	3X32 Reel	John Drewry Greenburn Book
Let's Have a Ceilidh	4X32 Reel	Robert Campbell 1976 Glasgow
Assembly		
Butterscotch and Honey	4X32 Strathspey	Jean Attwood 1984
Hooper's Jig	8X32 Jig	RSCDS Misc II
<b>Extras</b>		
Mairi's Wedding	8X40 Reel	James Cosh 22 plus 2 dances
Joe McDiarmid's Jig	4X32 Jig	RSCDS Book Five for 1982

**BALL PROGRAM Saturday, March 27, 2004 at the Ward Room at CFB Esquimalt**

The Jubilee Jig	J 8x32	Golden Jubilee 1973 + RSCDS L
Montogomerie's Rant	R 8x32	RSCDS Bk 10
The Silver Tassie	S 8x32	RSCDS L
The Hazel Tree	J 8x32	Drewry, Brodie Book
The Triumph	R 4x24`	RSCDS Bk 1
Gang the Same Gate	S 8x32	RSCDS Bk 36
The White Heather Jig	J 4x40	Cosh 22 SCDS
A Double Dose	R 8x32	Drewry, Stonewood Coll 2002
The Saint John River	S 4x32`	New Brunswick Coll 1984
Mrs. Stewart's Jig	J 8x32`	RSCDS Bk 35
John of Bon Accord	R 8x32	RSCDS Bk 33
Sarona	S 4x32	Drewry L 1988
Machine Without Horses	J 8x32	RSCDS Bk 12
The Blooms of Bon Accord	R 4x32	Deeside Bk 2
The Robertson's Rant	S 80	RSCDS Bk 39
West's Hornpipe	R 4x32	RSCDS 5 Traditional
Polharrow Burn	R 5x32	Foss, Glandarroch Sheet
Rest and Be Thankful	R 8x32	Grampion Collection 1963

Waltz

Extra if needed before waltz:  
The Bees of Maggie Knockater

Drewry Can. Book 1978

There are seven dances not in the Core Book yet:

Triumph  
John of Bon Accord  
Machine Without Horses  
The White Heather Jig  
A Double Dose  
Sarona  
Rest And Be Thankful

10 RSCDS dances, 5 Drewry dances, 6 very easy dances

**Janet Rice, 2004 Workshop and Ball Coordinator**

## COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

- Nov 15 '03** **VISCDS ST. ANDREW'S SOCIAL** 8:00 p.m. St. Martin in the Fields
- Nov. 27 '03** **ST. ANDREW'S DAY DINNER** sponsored by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society. Henderson Hall, 1632 Yale St., Oak Bay. Doors at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment by George McDowell and Mary Ross. Tickets \$18 from Alex 370-9226 or Arline 658-5966.
- Nov. 29 '03** **UVIC CALEDONIAN CEILIDH** 7:00-10:30p.m. MichÈle Pujol Room, Student Union Building, at UVic. Social dances, live music, entertainment. \$4 or half price with snack items. Contact the Mistress of Blarney for more information at 472-3533, or email "[mistress\\_of\\_blarney@yahoo.ca](mailto:mistress_of_blarney@yahoo.ca)"
- Dec 13 '03** **JOINT VISCDS/RSCDS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** 7:30 p.m. Cadboro Bay United Church Hall. Cost: 12 at the door. See program in this issue.
- Jan 17 '04** **VISCDS BURN'S SOCIAL** St. Martin in the Fields Church Hall. See program in this issue.
- Jan 24 '04** **BURNS DINNER AND BALL** sponsored by the Sons of Scotland and the St. Andrew's Caledonian Society. To be held at he University Club, details to be announced later.
- Jan 25 '04** **BURNS MEMORIAL TEA AND CONCERT AND WREATH LAYING** sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council. Details about participation call Irene Feir at 652-5773 or [kifeir@shaw.ca](mailto:kifeir@shaw.ca)
- Feb 21 '04** **VALENTINES SOCIAL** St. Martin in the Fields Church Hall
- Feb 28 '04** **SONA SOCIAL** 7:30 p.m. at Duncan United Church
- Mar 26/28 '04** **VISCDS BALL WEEKEND** (see details this issue)
- Apr. 3 '04** **TARTAN BALL**
- May 1 '04** **VISCDS SPRING FLING**
- July 3 '04** **SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA** trip postponed until July 2005.

## OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Nov 1 '03** **SONA SOCIAL** 7:30 p.m. at Duncan United Church
- Dec. 7 '03** **GLENEAGLES 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY RUBY BALL** The Pacific Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel, Vancouver, 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. \$75 per person, program available. Call May Loudon 604-926-3174, Pat Edgar 604-929-4173 or Elizabeth Smith 604-986-9296.
- Jan. 10 '04** **NANAIMO SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S BALL** Nanaimo Yacht Club Music by Alex Jappy. Doors Open from 6 pm--Dinner 6:30 pm--Dancing 8 pm. Tickets \$30.00 each. Contact David Handley, Secretary, 2401 Lynburn Crescent, Nanaimo, B.C. V9S 3T3 Phone: (250) 758-7228.
- Jan. 17 '04** **RCSDS SEATTLE BURN'S NIGHT** Congregational Church of Mercer Island. Contact Kay Morrison 425-746-6388 or Adeline Crinks 425-823-7845.
- Feb. '04** **PITLOCHRY WORKSHOP**, If enough dancers are interested, a party might go from Van Isle to the workshop. I would welcome expressions of interest from dancers. We'll need about 20 or so to approach Air Canada for special group status. *Alex McAuley* (595-1607 or [amcauley@uvic.ca](mailto:amcauley@uvic.ca))
- Feb. 28 '04** **SONA SOCIAL** 7:30 p.m. at Duncan United Church



- Feb. 14 '04 LOVE TO DANCE WORKSHOP – Back to Basics Workshop and Beginner's Ball** Vancouver Branch workshop. Teachers: Coordinator and Contact: Wendy Swaine 604-984-6998 [swainew@telus.net](mailto:swainew@telus.net) Peter McClure from Winnipeg and Liz Gray from Victoria and Fran Caruth from Vancouver.
- Feb. 21 '04 SEATTLE SPRING WORKSHOP AND DANCE** Congregational Church of Mercer Island. Teacher: Sarah Harriman, Music: Lisa Scott and Calum MacKinnon. Contact Irene Paterson 425-438-8977.
- Feb. 26/Mar 2 RSCDS WINTER SCHOOL PITLOCHRY, SCOTLAND**
- Mar. 5-7 '04 WINNIPEG WORKSHOP** Teachers: Ruth Taylor and John Middleton. Music: Ron Krug and Ken Natrass. Contact Christine Wallace 204-489-4595.
- Mar. 20 '04 DELTA BORDERS SPRING FLING** Gizah Temple, 3550 Waybourne, Burnaby. Music: Bobby Brown. Contact: David Blakemore 206-524-6685.
- May 1 '04 WORKSHOP FOR BASIC AND INTERMEDIATE DANCERS AND TEA DANCE** sponsored by the Nanaimo Scottish Country Dancers. Dover Bay High School, Nanaimo. Teachers: Ruth Jappy and Rebecca Blackhall-Peters, Music: Alex Jappy. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact David Handley 758-7228.
- May 1 '04 SKAGIT BALL** Mount Vernon. Msic Muriel Johnstone and Calum Mackinnon.
- May 7-9 '04 PEARL HOLMBERG WORKSHOP** hosted by the Vancouver Branch.
- May 14-16 '04 YOUTH WEEKEND WEST** The second annual Youth Weekend West will be hosted by the Western Washington University SCD club in Bellingham. Contact Sarah Kell.
- June 4-6 '04 MONTREAL WORKSHOP** St. Anne de Bellevue. Contact Peter White 514-488-2509 [scdmtl@yahoo.com](mailto:scdmtl@yahoo.com)
- July/Aug '04 RSCDS SUMMER SCHOOL** at St. Andrews, Scotland. Check details on the website [www.rscds.org](http://www.rscds.org)
- July 28-Aug 1 HALIFAX INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL** Dalhousie University. Teachers: Ron Wallace, Elaine Brunken, John Drury, Jane Smarzik, Colleen Putt and Margan Dawson. Music: Keith Smith, Elam Grech, Jim Aulenbach and the Macadains. Contact Lydia Hedge 902-827-2033 [lydiahedge@accesswave.ca](mailto:lydiahedge@accesswave.ca)

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWS LETTER, Jan. 1, 2004**

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