

# Island Fling



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Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

The leaves are off the trees by now and the long cooler nights are setting in. We have had Hallowe'en or as it is known in Scotland "Hunt the Gowk" -- Gowk meaning the fool. Great weather for dancing in a warm hall.

At this publication Anne and I along with a few others will have attended the Bellingham SCD Workshop and managed a little early Xmas shopping. The next VISCDs function will be the St Andrew's Social on November 13. Hope to see you all there. Please keep December 11 open on your calendar for the Joint Christmas Social at Cadboro Bay United Church. It is always, (after our workshop weekend) what I consider to be the best social of the year with at least 12 sets and great munchies.

There has been a little problem with dancers not picking up their "Fling"(see inside).

All the information for the 2005 workshop weekend can be found in [www.viscds.ca](http://www.viscds.ca). Janet and her committee are working quietly away ensuring we put on the usual high-class event that draws the dancers from all over every year.

*James Scott, President*

***IMPORTANT NOTE***

**ALL SOCIALS, INCLUDING THE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL, WILL START AT 7:30 P.M.**

## EXECUTIVE COLUMN

### Executive Committee

Your executive met on October 21 at Obed hall. At the suggestion of our teachers' rep at the September meeting we invited our teachers to attend once or twice a year, and a reciprocal invitation for an executive member to attend the next teachers meeting. A few good suggestions (both ways) were made and some will be acted upon.

### Highland Games 2005

Jim Maxwell, President of the Victoria Highland Games Association, and Jim Scott have been in touch with each other and have a tentative agreement to include VISCDS in the 2005 games. More later.

### Victoria Joint Scottish Council

Katie Dunn our VJSC representative has requested that we (VISCDS) host the tea which takes place at St Andrew's Church after the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Burn's Memorial in Beacon Hill Park at the end of January. Each member organization is asked to do this every few years. Your executive has agreed to this request and will be looking for two or three people to help out. Incidentally the Burn's Memorial was cleaned and the lettering repainted by our own John Stewart (Low Impact Class) during the summer.

### VISCDS Socials

At the request of one or two dancers and then a flood of dancers all VISCDS Socials will start at 7:30 pm. Consideration to late night weather, early darkness and out-of-town travel seemed to be the main reasons for this request. After consideration and discussion with the teachers present it was unanimous that we grant the request.

### January Open House

It was agreed by the executive and Head Teacher with input from the other teachers present that if we maintain our present numbers in the BASIC class that we would not have a January "Open House". This would facilitate a continuance of the BASIC program.

### Lapel Microphones for classes

Jim Scott will look into the cost and possibly sponsorship for obtaining lapel microphones for the teachers so they can move freely within the sets and be heard throughout the hall. The purchase depends solely upon the cost of each

unit.

### Membership in VISCDS

Every dancer who attends classes or Dem Team practices MUST be a paid up member. Insurance regulations demand this. Dancers who pay drop in fees are reminded that the fee is \$5.00 but that they must also be a paid up member. Your class rep is not a policeman but may remind you quietly on the side. Constitution Bylaw Part 2, Para 8 (d). The year starts September 1. All requests for deferral depending upon the reason will be considered and kept confidential by the President and the Membership Chair. We want everyone who is able to dance to come out but fair share of the cost of running VISCDS is a must.

### Gordon's Article

Congrats to Gordon upon his successful prelims and the great article he submitted. I don't think an Army Boot Camp is that hard. Our next candidate for Prelims will be Michelle Campbell, and from what I hear, she is running up and down Mt Doug two or three times a day after reading Gordon's article. We wish Michelle all the best.

### Liz Gray's Monday Night Class

This class is designated VISCDS Basic Class but somehow the word Beginners has crept in. Please refer to the class in correspondence and talk as the BASIC class.

### Distribution of the Newsletter

The Newsletter (Fling) after publication is distributed in three ways. Your preference is indicated on your annual registration. First and most common is "pickup at class". Christine will, when able, deliver them direct to the class. Your Class Rep will take home the ones that are not picked up and bring them each week to the dancing for two following classes. We (the society) will not mail them to your house unless you are ill or otherwise unable to pick them up at your chosen class. You must phone your Class Rep to indicate that you are unable to attend class to pick up your copy. This may seem a little harsh, but to mail at 51 cents and more if it is oversize the cost over the year can be many, many dollars. The second most common method is mailing and this is done for only those dancers who do not attend a class or are out-of-town members. The third and becoming more popular is our

website. [www.viscds.ca](http://www.viscds.ca).

We hope you understand the problem and will conform to the suggestions.

*President, Membership, Newsletter Chairs*

**Next Executive meeting is on Dec. 9.**

**WANTED:**

**Man's kilt 36-inch waist.**

**Contact Diane Perry 479-6125.**

## 2005 WORKSHOP AND BALL WEEKEND

The Workshop and Ball Committee is happy to present an all-Canadian cast for our 29th Annual Workshop and Ball Weekend.

### Musicians

Our musicians will be Christine Baker from Edmonton, Fiona Carnie from Calgary and Siobhan Monaghan from right here in Victoria. Fiona came to our Weekend last year as a teacher and joined in with the musicians for a few dances at all of the events. Siobhan stepped in at the very last minute at the Ceilidh to take over for Ron Krug who was stuck in Winnipeg. Christine Baker heads up the trio arranging the music. They have been playing together in the Western provinces for several events and we look forward to having them play for our Weekend.

### Teachers

The teachers are Jim Adamson from Winnipeg, Barbara Johnston from Edmonton, and Maureen Lyon from White Rock. All three are experienced Scottish Country Dance teachers who will share their talents with us in regular classes, Old Time dancing and a class in unusual formations. As well, we are planning on having a physiotherapist to talk to us about preventing injuries and caring for those sore feet and legs.

### Ceilidh

We have a new venue this year for the Ceilidh that will give us all the room we need to enjoy our dancing without feeling crowded and we won't have to limit the numbers. It will be held at the Esquimalt Legion Hall on Admirals Road. The Legion ladies will do the catering for the Ceilidh and the lunch and Anne Scott is very excited with the menus.

### Classes

The classes will be held at the Legion Hall, the Esquimalt United Church, and St. Paul's

Anglican Church. These venues are a five-minute walk from each other and there is ample parking in the area.

### Banquet and Ball

As before, we will hold the Banquet and Ball at the beautiful Ward Room and the so popular Brunch at the CPO's mess.

### Dates

Mark your calendars for March 11, 12 and 13 2005 for another fun filled weekend with lots of dancing, instruction and great music. Greet old friends and make new ones as we share the wonderful world of Scottish Country Dancing. Rosemary Balfour is this year's registrar and will be delivering registration forms to classes in early January. As in previous years, registrants for the full package will be given priority until January 28. This year's event is earlier in March than usual so please get your registration forms in to Rosemary as quickly as possible.

### Fees for the event are:

Full weekend package	\$130.00
Ceilidh only	\$ 15.00
Sat. Workshops only (including lunch)	\$ 40.00
Sat. lunch only	\$ 10.00
Sat. afternoon class only	\$ 12.00
Banquet & Ball only	\$ 65.00
Banquet only (non dancer)	\$ 40.00
Sunday Brunch & Social only	\$ 25.00

If you have any questions contact Rosemary Balfour, Registrar at [rpbalfour@shaw.ca](mailto:rpbalfour@shaw.ca) or (250) 598-6456 or Janet Rice, coordinator at [gjrice@shaw.ca](mailto:gjrice@shaw.ca) or (250) 655-0235.

## **HARVEST SOCIAL, OCTOBER 16**

Many enthusiastic dancers enjoyed the Harvest Social that was sponsored by the Lower Intermediate Class. The Obed hall, tastefully decorated by Anne Scott and her crew, took on the Autumn/Harvest theme. Under the adept eyes of Laura Mowat and her helpers, the kitchen ran smoothly and delicious treats were ready for consumption,

Some 'imported' helpers, Sally and Alex McAuley added to the fun and success of the evening.

Guests from Lethbridge, Fiona and David, were welcomed by President Jim Scott.

Una Lennam provided a wonderful, varied program and she and Bob Anderson treated us to great music.

Our thanks to all who helped in any way and to the dancers who made the evening a success.

*Bette McArthur, Lower Intermediate Class Rep.*

## **CHRISTMAS DANCE**

**Cadboro Bay United Church Hall, 2625 Arbutus Road**

**Saturday, December 11th, 2004**

**Music: Mary Ross and Keith Malcolm**

Doors open: 7:00 p.m., Dancing: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$12

The Jubilee Jig	32J3	Leaflet Book
The Enchanted Garden	32S3	Iain Boyd
Maxwell's Rant	32R3	Book 18/10
The Rothesay Rant	32J4sq	Birmingham 12
12 Coates Crescent	32S4	Book 40/5
Rest and Be Thankful	32R3	Grampian Coll.
Joie De Vivre	32J3	Book 39/2
The Belle of Bon Accord	32S4	Deeside Book 2
Bratach Bana	32R3	Bon Accord Book
Pelorus Jack	32J3	Book 41/1
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	32S3	Leaflet Book
The Barmkin	88R4sq	24 Graded and Social

### **Refreshments**

The White Cockade	32R3	Book 5/11
Seton's Ceilidh Band	64J4	Morison's Bush Coll.
The Quern	32S3set	John Bowie Dickson
The Deil Amang the Tailors	32R3	Book 14/7

## DA RAIN DANCIN'

### 32 BAR REEL

#### 3 CPL DANCE 4 CPL SET

- 1-4 1<sup>st</sup> cpl NH, dance down below 3<sup>rd</sup> cpl and cast up to 2<sup>nd</sup> place own side. 2<sup>nd</sup> cpl step up bars 3 & 4.
- 5-8 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> cpl set and cross RH
- 9-12 1<sup>st</sup> cpl NH, dance up above 2<sup>nd</sup> cpl and cast off into 2<sup>nd</sup> place WS
- 13-16 All set, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> cpls cross LH, 1<sup>st</sup> cpl trn LH to face 1<sup>st</sup> crns.
- 17-24 1<sup>st</sup> cpl set to 1<sup>st</sup> crns, (bar 1), set to ptrn across dance (bar 2), trn ptrn RH to face 2<sup>nd</sup> crns, (bars 3 & 4) 1<sup>st</sup> cpl set to 2<sup>nd</sup> crns, (bar 5) set to ptrn up and down dance, (bar 6), trn ptrn RH to 2<sup>nd</sup> place own side.
- 25-32 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> cpls 6H round and back

*Devised by Ron Wallace*

This dance will be on the 2005 Ball program.

## VISCDS BURN'S SOCIAL

**January 22 2005, 7:30 p.m. St Martin in the Fields**

Joe MacDiarmid's Jig	32J4	B	Core Book
Lea Rig	32S2	B	C
The Button Boy	32R3	I	C
Follow Me Home	32J3	I	C
Moray Rant	48S3	I	C
White Cockade	32R3	B	C
Haste to the Wedding	32J2	B	C
*Gang the Same Gate	32S3	I	C
Duke of Perth	32R3	I	C
The Nunspeet Frolic	32J3	I	Grand Chain and Allapous
*The Haggis Hunter	64S64R	I	C
Maxwell's Rant	32R2	I	C
MacLeod's Fancy	32J4	A	C
<b>BREAK</b>			
The Blue Mess Jacket	32S4	A	C
Early in the Morning	32R5	I	C
*The Dancing Master	96J4	A	C
Neidpath Castle	32S3	I	C
The Argyll Square	96J4		Book 43

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

# COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

- Nov 13 '04** **VISCDS ST. ANDREW'S SOCIAL** Program in October issue.
- Nov 27 '04** **ST. ANDREW'S DAY DINNER** - sponsored by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. (bar open), dinner (roast beef) at 6:30 pm. Henderson Hall, 1632 Yale St. (Oak Bay) You can usually park in the St. Mary's Church lot on Elgin and just walk through the little pathway. Cost: \$18.00 per person. For tickets/information contact Alex Reid at 370-9226 or [alex.reid@shaw.ca](mailto:alex.reid@shaw.ca)
- Dec 11 '05** **JOINT CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** hosted by the Branch at Cadboro Bay United Church. See program in this issue.
- Jan 10 '05** **VISCDS CLASSES RESTART**
- Jan 22 '05** **VISCDS BURNS SOCIAL** See program in this issue.
- Jan 22 '05** **BURNS DINNER AND BALL** sponsored by the Sons of Scotland and the St. Andrew's & Caledonian Society. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Edelweiss Club, 108 Niagara Street (James Bay). Traditional Burns night, dinner, entertainment and dancing. Music by Spencer Looyesen, dress is Highland or semi-formal. Cost: \$40.00 per person. For information/tickets contact Bob Brown at 478-0746 or [roberthbrown@shaw.ca](mailto:roberthbrown@shaw.ca) , Alex Reid at 370-9226 or [alex.reid@shaw.ca](mailto:alex.reid@shaw.ca) , or Tim Hale at (250) 715-0559 or [cairnpark@shaw.ca](mailto:cairnpark@shaw.ca) .
- Jan 30** **BURNS MEMORIAL** sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council. Statue ceremony, Tea and Concert. Heather Laying Ceremony 2:00 p.m. at the Burns Statue in Beacon Hill Park. This is a short memorial ceremony with bagpipes and Burns poetry reading. No charge. Burns Memorial Tea and Concert 2:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Kirk Hall on Courtney St, just off Douglas. The afternoon entertainment consists of traditional Scottish music/dance etc. followed by refreshments. Admission by donation. For information contact Irene at 652-5773 or [kifeir@shaw.ca](mailto:kifeir@shaw.ca)
- Feb 19 '05** **VISCDS VALENTINES SOCIAL**
- Mar 11, 12, 13 '05** **BALL WEEKEND**
- Apr 2 '05** **TARTAN BALL** Saturday at the Edelweiss Club. Details later.
- Apr 2 '05** **TARTAN WEEK MALL DISPLAY** sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council tentatively set for April 2/3, 2005 at Hillside Shopping Centre.
- Apr 6 '05** **TARTAN DAY** Encourage your friends to wear their tartan.
- Apr 10 '05** **KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN** - sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council. Meet, wearing your tartan, in the Kirk Hall (on Courtney, just off Douglas) about 10:30 a.m. and we will be piped around the corner to the Church service which starts at 11:00. In past years, we used to take refreshments to share with the congregation after the service. Last year it proved to be awkward because the congregation now has a lunch after church. We are invited to attend this \$2.00 bunwich lunch. If you would like to stay after the service, please call Irene 652-5773 or [kifeir@shaw.ca](mailto:kifeir@shaw.ca) by April 3 so I can let the people organizing the lunch know how many people to expect.
- Apr 21 '05** **VISCDS AGM**
- Apr 30 '05** **VISCDS SPRING FLING**
- May 22 '05** **HIGHLAND GAMES** - sponsored by the Victoria Highland Games Association. All day in Bullen Park in Esquimalt.
- May 23 '05** **VICTORIA DAY PARADE** entry sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council. Plan to put on your walking shoes and join in to make a noticeable Scottish presence.
- July 2 '05** **SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA** sponsored by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society. Doors at 7:00 p.m. show at 7:30 p.m. University Auditorium, University of Victoria. Cost: \$45.00 inclusive, available at the UVIC Ticket Centre. For information call (250) 721-8480 or check online [www.auditorium.uvic.ca](http://www.auditorium.uvic.ca)

# OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Nov 5 '04 DEEP COVE DANCE** Highlands United Church 3255 Edgemont Boulevard North Vancouver 8:00 p.m. Music: Alex Jappy \$12.
- Nov 5-7 '04 RSCDS CONFERENCE WEEKEND AND AGM, Perth Scotland**
- Nov 6 '04 BELLINGHAM WORKSHOP** Registrar: Amy Woodfin 360-380-3854  
[bellinghamscd@yahoo.com](mailto:bellinghamscd@yahoo.com)
- Nov 6 '04 BELLINGHAM BALL** Bellingham High School 2020 Cornwall Ave. 8:00 p.m. \$US 25 advance \$US30 at door.
- Nov 11 '04 LADY ABERDEEN TEA DANCE** Scottish Cultural Centre 8886 Hudson St. Vancouver. 1:30 p.m. \$10 adults, \$5 children.
- Nov 13 '04 NANOOSE SCD 1st ANNUAL ST. ANDREW'S DINNER AND BALL** 6:30 p.m at the Qualicum Beach Community Hall. Music by Mary Ross and Keith Malcolm. 6:00 p.m. Tickets \$35. For more info contact Anne McLeod at "[annex5@hotmail.com](mailto:annex5@hotmail.com)" or phone 250 752 5864
- Nov 14 '04 WHITE ROCK FALL WORKSHOP** Instructor: Maureen Lyon. Details and registration call Cheryl Jorgensen 604-535-8949 or Maureen Lyon 604-535-1367.
- Nov 27 '04 DELTA FALL DANCE** Kinsmen Centre 5410 10<sup>th</sup> Ave Tsawwassen 8:00 p.m. Music: Alex Jappy \$15.
- Dec 5 '04 GLENEAGLES BALL** Pacific Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. 1:30 p.m. Music: Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra. Cost: \$75 per person. Cocktails at 1:30 p.m. followed by Christmas buffet, and dancing beginning at 3:30 p.m. The day concludes at around 7:30 p.m. with desserts, tea and coffee. The Vancouver Fairmont is offering guests a special rate for the night. Call the hotel at 604-684-3131 and mention the name of the function. Call Moyra Heyerdahl to reserve a table 604-924-1694 and for tickets, call Elizabeth Smith 604-986-9296 or Anne Brand 604-924-3180.
- Jan 8 '05 NANAIMO ANNUAL BALL** Nanaimo Yacht Club. Details from David Hanley 250-758-7228.
- Feb 5 '05 LOVE TO DANCE WORKSHOP** Teachers: Coordinator Fran Caruth; Fiona Miller, Lethbridge; Irene Paterson, Mukilteo Washington; Ruth Jappy, Delta. Musicians: Mary Ross and Alex Jappy. Registration package available in December.
- Feb 18-20 '05 ALOHA WINTER WORKSHOP 2005 HONOLULU, HAWAII.** The Complete Event Package is \$125.00 US and consists of classes, ceilidh and social, Ball and Banquet. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Heather Danks 477-0346.
- Feb 24 Mar 1 '05 RSCDS WINTER SCHOOL, Pitlochry Scotland**
- Mar 4-6 '05 WINNIPEG WORKSHOP**
- May 14 '05 THISTLE BALL** At Squamish Nation Recreation Centre Capilano Road, North Vancouver. Dancing to the music of Marian Anderson and her band from Scotland. Ticket prices: \$45 per person \$10 discount for RSCDS members \$10 discount for full-time students Tickets are available from Paul Lowe at 604-536-7660
- July 31-Aug 7 2005 AGM AND TAC SUMMER SCHOOL** Shawnigan Lake School, Shawnigan Lake. Teachers: David Hall, Brussels; Elaine Brunken, Laurel Maryland; Mary Murray, Vancouver. Musicians: Muriel Johnstone, Houston; Keith Smith, Cambridge England; Alex Jappy, Delta; Ron Krug, Winnipeg. Muriel Johnstone and Keith Smith will play for the Saturday night ball. Details to follow.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER, Jan. 1, 2005**

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