

# Island Fling

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Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society

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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

The new season of dancing has started well with my feet telling me that I am once again abusing them. (a good soak in hot water and Epsom salts works wonders). All classes seem to be fairly well attended. Our first executive meeting of the season was held at the lovely Island home of Monica and Walter Roots where an excellent lunch was served and we must thank Monica and Walter for their kind hospitality. Our first social of the year is Oct. 19th at the Brentwood Bay Community Hall. The executive this year have decided that we will not be having live music due to the higher costs of all rental facilities and we do not want to increase admission prices at this time. Perhaps next year we can again have the live music if our bank account will allow it.

The Ball organization is going full ahead with Janet Rice kindly volunteering to take the chair. She can use all the help she can get so anyone willing to help, please contact her or me. The only way to have a successful weekend is having people willing to work so of the 160 members hopefully a few of you will do so.

The Bell Bus is gearing up for some interesting trips this year so keep reading this column to find out where.

We have already had some visitors to our classes which is always a pleasant experience and good to know that our club is well known throughout the dancing community and that we make visitors welcome.

*Thelma Bell, President.*

## BACK IN THE SWING

### OPEN HOUSE WELCOMES DANCERS NEW AND OLD

Eight sets including more than a dozen new dancers joined in with the fun at the Sept. 9 Open House at McKenzie School in September. And dancers were all ages -- the youngest was a bonnie wee laddie in the dearest little kilt who danced on his daddy's shoulders -- Lauchlan MacUisdin, son of Dixie and Shawn. All the new dancers showed lots of enthusiasm and we hope they have already been welcomed to the beginners' class.

Thanks to Liz Gray for leading the dancing and teaching a few basic steps to newcomers and helping the rest of us loosen up those creaking joints.

### EVEN MORE DANCING OPPORTUNITIES

The UVic Scottish Country Dancing class is every Tuesday evening, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the UVic SUB (Student Union Building). Absolutely free! starting right at the beginner level-- People of all ages and background are welcome, just come with comfortable shoes and a smile!

Come on out and try out our dancing class this upcoming Tuesday, we're a friendly bunch, and the music is exceptional, the dancing easy to learn—as Lord Byron once wrote, "On with the Dance, Let Joy be unconfined!"

If you need help with transportation, to or from, let me know,

Garth Martens, Master of Blarney, UVic  
Caledonian Club (250) 995 - 1248

### DEMONSTRATION TEAM NEWS

**OOPS** – An error in the last newsletter sent the demonstration team to the wrong church. Sorry team! The team will dance on Saturday October 19 at The Church of the Advent, Mountview Ave., Sooke Highway at 7:30 p.m. for a Scottish Show.

**Demonstration Team: Information contact Joan Axford 474-1018**

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Thank you to all of you who have paid this year's dues so promptly. I am happy to receive dues at classes or through the mail. Receipts and membership cards will be sent to you via the newsletter or class reps. A special welcome to all the "newcomers" this year. We are delighted to meet you and we hope you will enjoy dancing

### RSCDS ENCOURAGES YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Fiona Turnbull born in Perth, Scotland now lives in the North of England. As the Executive Council representative for Seattle Branch of the RSCDS for several years she was visiting the branch and teaching at their Fort Worden weekend school. She took the opportunity to come to the island and attended a class during her stay here. Fiona is the first Youth Director for the society and her brief is to promote Scottish country dancing to children and young adults. During the first three years much has been accomplished. A resource pack for teachers in schools has been produced which includes a book of popular graded dances with background notes for teachers, an audio CD of all the music and a video filmed in an inner city school in Glasgow.

In addition the first ever residential school for young adults aged 18 -30 took place in Stirling Scotland at Easter 2002. This was planned and run by a committee of young people and was so popular that a similar school is planned for here in the north-west. The Youth Weekend West will take place in Vancouver on 16 - 19 May 2003.

Details can be found on [www.rscdsvancouver.org](http://www.rscdsvancouver.org) other plans from the Youth Committee include medal tests for children and a possible sponsored dancing event in aid of Save the Children.

Do help to encourage the next generation of young dancers by making it possible for them to take part in these events.

with us. For those of you in the Basic class, please know that we were all confused when we started (some of us still are) so don't despair - it is amazing how quickly it all falls into place. The main thing is to enjoy yourself.

The following people have offered to be class reps this year and their help is much appreciated.

- **Advanced Technique/Dem Team - Michelle Campbell**
- **Low Impact - Stella Rennie**
- **Lower Intermediate - Audrey Hart**
- **Upper Intermediate - Mary Roberts**
- **Social - Diane Robinson (pending)**
- **Basic - TBA**

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have questions. If you have chosen to pay "drop in" fees this year please remember to give your \$5 per lesson to your class rep.  
See you at dancing. *Maxine.*

## **REGISTER NOW FOR THE RSCDS 29TH ANNUAL WORKSHOP AND DANCE - Nov. 8 and 9, 2002**

Visiting Teachers: Allan Twigg of Mountain View California, Maureen Lyon of Surrey and Ruth Jappy of Delta. Music for classes provided by Mary Ross, Kristi Lind-Izat and Alex Jappy. Saturday dance with Scuttlebutt, Vancouver BC. The Friday night Social and the Saturday night dance will be held at Cadboro Bay United Church.

Classes at three different skill levels will be held in Cadboro Bay at Cadboro Bay United Church, St. George's Church and Frank Hobbs Elementary School.

Pick up a registration form at your next class or contact Anne Payne at (250) 472-0221 or [aricpayne@shaw.ca](mailto:aricpayne@shaw.ca). Details are also on the Victoria Branch web site at [www.rscdsvictoria.org](http://www.rscdsvictoria.org)

**Registration deadline is October 25, 2002**

## **VISCDS ANNUAL BALL AND WORKSHOP 2003**

Plans are well under way for the 2003 Workshop and Ball that will be held March 28, 29 and 30, 2003. The Banquet and Ball will be held in the beautiful setting of the CFB Wardroom with the Sunday morning social and brunch at the Chief and P.O.'s Mess across the road. The Friday night Ceilidh will be at the White Eagle Hall on Friday night and classes will be held here on Saturday as well as at the James Bay Community School and the James Bay Athletic Association Club House.

We look forward to having Rebecca Blackhall-Peters of Langley, Simon Scott of Vancouver and Fred DeMarse of Torrance, California as our teachers. Music for the weekend will be provided by John Taylor and Lyle Ramshaw from California on the fiddle and the piano. With these teachers and musicians it promises to be another exciting and enjoyable weekend.

### **The Ball Committee for this year is as follows:**

Co-ordinator	Janet Rice	Ball Chair	Gordon Simpson
Registrar	Jim Scott	Teacher Rep	Una Lennam
Catering	Anne Scott	Executive Rep	Thelma Bell
Workshops	Rob and Sue Langridge	Music, Technical Advisor	Mary Ross
Ceilidh Chair	Graham Rice	Past Chairman	Ned Easton

Of course, many hands make light work and the committee will be calling for volunteers as we draw closer to the date. Watch for a volunteer sign up sheet that will be coming out in the next month. *Janet Rice*

**THE VICTORIA JOINT SCOTTISH COUNCIL** is an "umbrella" group made up of representatives of various Scottish organizations and clans.

**The executive for 2001-2002 is:**

Chairman: David Sinclair - 595-6171;

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Past President: Fergus Macdowall - 656-0500

**JOINT SCOTTISH COUNCIL MEETS**

Second Thurs: Oct. 10, Nov. 14, 2002 - 7:30 p.m. - one of the board rooms in the Travellers Inn (just upstairs from the Community Police Station where we previously met) If you have not paid your fees for this year, please contact Katie Dunn at 598-6547. Fees: \$10 for groups with up to 25 members, \$20 for groups of 26 to 50 members, \$30 for groups with over 50 members.

**OTHER GROUP MEETINGS**

Sons of Scotland - 3rd Fridays

Vancouver Island Pipers' Club - 4th Saturdays

Victoria Scottish Cultural Society - 2nd

Tuesdays

St. Andrew's & Caledonian Society - 1st

Thursdays

Victoria Highland Games Association - 2nd

Mondays.

**CHRIS NORMAN ENSEMBLE IN**

**CONCERT** St Andrews Presbyterian Church,

Victoria, BC October 12, 2002 8 p.m. \$23

Tickets available at: Gaillard Music #101 – 3

Fan Tan Alley (Pandora Street), Munro's Books

1108 Government St. and Ivy's Books.

*Jim Bratvold* of the Victoria Joint Scottish

Council says, "Many of your members are

familiar with Chris from his playing at Ft.

Worden. The program will include traditional

dances and airs from early manuscripts and

collections. " Information call Jim at 474-6890.

**CINDERELLA HAS LOST**

One ladies black dancing slipper with non-skid sole and two insoles.

Call Janet @ 655-0235

**THE PLEASURES OF SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING**

"In them [country dances] all are alike partakers of the pleasure, -- there are no silent, envious gazers, -- no sullen critics to mar the amusement, or intimidate its votaries, -- joyous gaiety animates every countenance, and, while pleasure beams in every eye, the young and old are equally employed in forming the mazy circlets of the dance."

*Robert and Joseph Lowe, teachers of dancing, Glasgow, 1822*

## ST. ANDREW'S SOCIAL PROGRAM

**Nov. 16, 8:00 p.m., St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Church Hall, Obed Ave.**

The Laird of Milton's Daughter	J 8x32	C	Bk 22/10
The Button Boy	R 8x32	C	Allaton Coll 1990 (Zobell)
MacDonald of the Isles	S 4x32	C	Carnforth Bk 2 (Haynes)
*MacLeod's Fancy	J 4x32	C	Bk 33/3 (Drewry)
St. Andrew's Fair	R 8x32	C	Bk 30/2 (55 CD)
Sugar Candie	S 8x32	C	Bk 26/9
Jubilee Jig	J 8x32	C	RSCDS leaflet #19
Reel of the Royal Scots	R 8x32	C	RSCDS leaflet #7 (Goldring)
The Quern	S 3x32		Dunedin Bk 3 (Bowie-Dickson)
Pelorus Jack	J 8x32	C	Dolphin Bk (Skelton)
BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS			
*The Saltire Society Reel	R 8x32		RSCDS Bk of leaflets (Goldring)
The Belle of Bon Accord	S4x32	C	Deeside Bk 1981 (Drewry)
The Dancing Bees	R 8x32	C	Leeds 24 graded/social (Goldring)
*Polharow Burn	R 5x32	C	Glendarroch SCD sheet 18 (Foss)
Butterscotch and Honey	S 4x32	C	Alexander leaflets (Attwood)
Montgomery's Rant	R 8x32	C	Bk 10/1
EXTRAS			
*The Fisherman's Reel	R 5x32		Dunblane holiday (Petyt)
*The Bees of Maggieknockater	J 4x32		Can Bk 1978 (Drewry)
Or Joe MacDiarmid's Jig		C	Bk 30/3

Bk – RSCDS Book

C – Core Book

\* -- briefing only, no walk through

## ANDREW, PATRON SAINT OF SCOTLAND

**(and of Fishermen, Sailors, Greece, Russia and Spinsters)**

He was a fisherman and a follower of John the Baptist and later, with his brother Peter, became a disciple of Jesus. The precise facts of his life and death are uncertain. However, it is believed that he was crucified in Patras on an X-shaped saltire cross, which is depicted on Scotland's flag and reproduced many times in Scottish Country Dances. He had been put to death for baptizing the wife of a Roman Governor who complained that his now Christian wife would no longer sleep with him. An interesting adjunct to this is Andrew's link to a spinster cult – maidens stripping naked on Andrew's Feast Day believing it would give them visions of their future husband.

A long time after Andrew's death, St. Rule went to Scotland and was joined by a miraculously revived Andrew; together they built St. Andrew's Church after which his following flourished in the west. For 14 centuries his bones in Amalfi have been producing an oil that trickles from his tomb down the aisle of a church – on three days only including St. Andrew's Feast Day, Nov 30. (Andrew's Feast was universal from the sixth century. He had stopped in Fife and built a church which became a centre for evangelisation.) Andrew's head was stolen from Constantinople and given to the Pope, but in 1972 it was returned. *Abridged from Saints Preserve Us by Kelly and Rogers 1993 (Thanks to Una Lennam)*



- Dec 13** **GAELIC CHOIR PERFORMANCE** sponsored by the Victoria Gaelic Choir, 7:30 p.m. at the Juan de Fuca Centre. For information, email Robert Bell at [bobannebell@shaw.ca](mailto:bobannebell@shaw.ca) or phone 477-1980.
- Jan. 18 '03** **BURNS SOCIAL** St. Martins-in-the-Fields Church Hall, 550 Obed Ave., Victoria.
- Jan. 25** **BURNS DINNER/CONCERT** sponsored by the Victoria Gaelic Choir, Chemainus. For information, email Robert Bell at [bobannebell@shaw.ca](mailto:bobannebell@shaw.ca) or phone 477-1980.
- Feb. 22 '03** **VALENTINE'S SOCIAL** St. Martins-in-the-Fields Church Hall, 550 Obed Ave., Victoria.
- Mar. 29 '03** **VISCDS ANNUAL BALL**
- Apr. 5 '03** **VICTORIA JOINT SCOTTISH COUNCIL ANNUAL BALL**  
at the Edelweiss Club in James Bay
- May 3 '03** **SPRING FLING**

## OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Oct. 19** **VANCOUVER** Branch Pearl's Party/workshop
- Oct. 19** **SEATTLE** Branch teachers' workshop
- Oct 15** **ALEXANDER BROTHERS** will be making a one-night appearance at the Royal Canadian Legion, Mount Benson Branch 256. at E. Wellington and Bowen Roads, Nanaimo. We are informed that this will be their only performance on Vancouver Island this year. Tickets are \$20 each and the show commences at 8.00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Branch Office, in the Lounge or from: John Barr 751-0394, Ivan Watts 758-1510, Art Midgaff 753-9268, Dave Stevenson 751-8669. Bar facilities will be available. Please wear the kilt if you have one.
- Nov. 2** **NANOOSE SCD SOCIAL** will be held at St. Stephens United Church Hall at the corner of Memorial and Village Way in Qualicum Beach. Start time is 7 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 with a light supper to follow.
- Nov. 1/2** **BELLINGHAM** workshop and dance
- Dec. 28 '02 - Jan 5 '03**  
**RSCDS NEW ZEALAND BRANCH INC., ILAM SUMMER SCHOOL, CHRISTCHURCH** invite members to join them for the Annual Summer School. Details from Doug Mills [doug@mitton.co.nz](mailto:doug@mitton.co.nz)
- Jan 25 '03** **A BURNS NIGHT DINNER AND CONCERT**  
Under the distinguished patronage of **Baron Prestoungrange of Edinburgh Scotland**. In Chemainus Theatre, January 25, 2003. With The Gaelic Choir, the Lynne Griffiths Highland Dancers And the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary) Pipes and Drums. MARK YOUR CALENDERS. Ticket information will follow. Watch this space!
- Feb. 1 '03** **NANOOSE SCD SOCIAL** will be held at St. Stephens United Church Hall at the corner of Memorial and Village Way in Qualicum Beach. Start time is 7 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 with a light supper to follow.
- Mar. 22-29 '03**  
**SCOTTISH DANCING IN HAWAII** with Muriel Johnstone and Alasdair Fraser organized by Ken McFarland



**May 3 '03**

**NANAIMO SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS WORKSHOP**

A workshop for Basic and Intermediate dancers, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with classes for reels, jigs and strathspeys followed by a Tea dance. To be held at Dover Bay High School, Nanaimo. Teachers: Ruth Jappy and Wes Clindinning. Music by Alex Jappy. Registration forms will be mailed to all groups in early 2003. Information: David Handley (250) 758-7228 or [mtembene@pacificcoast.net](mailto:mtembene@pacificcoast.net)

**June 3-16 '03**

**NORTHERN LIGHTS OF SCOTLAND TRIP**

A Scottish Dance trip to the remote Orkney and Shetland Islands. For information contact Ken McFarland (800) 822-3435 Toll free in Canada or e-mail [farlands@ptialaska.net](mailto:farlands@ptialaska.net) or #E323, 3875 Geist Rd., Fairbanks AK 99709-3549 US.

**Feb. '04**

**PITLOCHRY WORKSHOP,**

There is a proposal that if enough dancers are interested, a party might go from Van Isle to the workshop. I've been asked by Thelma to coordinate planning and would welcome expressions of interest from dancers. We'll need about 20 or so to approach Air Canada for special group status, but before taking things too far, it would be useful to know the level of interest. *Alex McAuley* (595-1607 or [amcauley@uvic.ca](mailto:amcauley@uvic.ca))

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWS LETTER, Nov. 1, 2002**

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