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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As Summer draws to a close and Fall creeps in it is time to dust off the ghillies and stretch out the muscles as classes and socials begin again in earnest in a few days time.

On behalf of your executive I would like to welcome you all back for another fun filled dancing season. Some of us danced in the park for July and August and it was a huge success both for VISCDS and the co-sponsor RSCDS Victoria Branch. Both clubs have recruited new dancers through this venue. I wish to thank the teachers and members who attended and made this trial run such a success. You are reminded to fill out all the items in your registration form so that the membership chair can keep good records.

Please take advantage of the Q&A column (none this month), as what you ask is important to all members. The ball committee will be getting back to work again soon. (See Janet's column this issue). I will drop in from time to time to the different classes to say hello and answer any questions your class rep wants to pass on.

See you on the floor.

James Scott, President

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

E-mail Fling

Members of VISCDs who have computers and are on line all have the opportunity to receive the monthly newsletter electronically rather than "hard copy" at class. A number of you have stated you do not have the "Adobe Reader". This is on the web site and is a free download and takes up minimal computer space it also allows you to increase your viewing capacity in other items. The optimum saving to the society if everyone (that I know of) opted to do this is about \$250 that could be used elsewhere in the budget. Please think about it and if you wish to go "on-line" give me a call.

Golf Shirts

I raised the question of "his & her" golf shirts at the meeting. (Never raise a subject and not expect to do the follow up). A local

company will embroider our logo onto golf shirts of our choice (material and color) that we would sell to members for around \$30. Large lot sales are not required so we would not be required to put out a large amount of money and have to carry stock. This is just a feeler message and I would ask if you have any opinion one way or the other. Again, give me a call Yes or No if you think the Golf Shirt idea is feasible or passé and forget the whole thing.

Treasurer

Merle asks that if you have occasion to turn in receipts to her that you put your name and the date you turned it in.

Class Reps

In a couple of weeks after classes have started you will be asked to nominate or volunteer for your class rep for the next year. A member of the executive will be

dropping in to the first class (each level) of the year to greet and welcome back members and bring away any questions or suggestions you may have that your executive can answer.

New Business

Next executive meeting Oct 23rd. Any new business questions or comments must be into me by Friday Oct. 17.

Jim Scott President

Phone Fan Out

Dear members I have received six names for the phone fan out list. I would like at least four more. The more on that sub committee the fewer names each person has. It is not a major time consuming job but to keep everyone informed it is very important. Please think about it.

Jim Scott

King Wardall

Many of you knew King and Margaret and sadly I must pass on to those who have not heard that King joined Margaret on the Big Dance Floor in the sky on Aug 12th. King was a much-loved gentleman who spent his summers in Victoria away from his home in Arizona. King's favourite dance was "Lochanora" which he danced at the last Friday Night Dancing before going back to Arizona to see his doctor. King will be missed. Thank you to Ian Sutherland who kept me informed on King's progress. ***Jim Scott***

FOR SALE

Ghillies Two pair of ghillies used for one year. Size 7 & 8, \$20 per pair. Pat & John MacLeod 652-8804.

OOPS Last month's advertisement gave the wrong chest size for this jacket

Man's Dress Jacket 38" (not 30") chest and Mackay tartan kilt waist approximately 32", length 23" including belt and flashes. Good/new condition, barely worn. Call Katie Dunn ph. 598-6547.

WORKSHOP AND BALL WEEKEND 2004

The committee for the 28th Annual Workshop and Ball is very excited about this year's teachers and musicians.

Teachers

The teachers will be JOHN DREWRY from Scotland, MARY MURRAY from Vancouver and FIONA CARNIE from Calgary. John, of course, will be teaching his wonderful dances, new and old, and Mary will bring her expertise in fine dancing and step dancing, and Fiona will round out the threesome with her dancing experience. We've also heard that she's an accomplished fiddle player. The committee will be meeting in early October to finalize the plans to take advantage of all of the wonderful talent and to offer a variety of classes.

Music

The musicians are KEN NATTRAS and RON KRUG who played for us at our Silver Anniversary Ball and they are looking forward to returning to the west coast.

Location

We have booked the Edelweiss Hall for the Ceilidh and some of the workshops. This will give us quite a bit more room for the Ceilidh so we won't have to restrict our numbers, and lots of rooms for classes along with the James Bay Athletic Club.

Once again we will hold our Ball at the wonderful Ward Room and the very popular Sunday Social and Brunch will be at the Chief and Petty Officers Mess across the road.

The committee members are:

Coordinator	Janet Rice
Registrar	Mike Hanna
Ball Chairman	Gordon Simpson
Catering	Anne Scott
Ceilidh Chairman	Bill Greig
Executive Representative	Jim Scott
Teacher Representative	Una Lennam
Raffle	Ian and Heather Danks

Thelma Bell, Mary Hanna, Alice Anderson will share the duties of decorating coordination, billeting, transportation, goody bags, etc.

Volunteer needed

We need a volunteer to coordinate the music equipment. D.L. Sound will do the technical sound work again this year for the Ceilidh and Ball but we need someone to pick up and organize extra equipment for classes and the Sunday morning social. Of course, we won't turn down any offers of help in any of the above categories.

Hospitality

Ann and Ned Easton have once again generously offered to host the teachers and we will be looking for billets for the two musicians. If you would like to volunteer your services in any way please call me at 655-0235 or e-mail gjrice@shaw.ca.

Registration

Mike Hanna will announce the beginning of registration and will be encouraging the membership to register early as we expect this event to be another sell-out.

Watch your newsletter for more details in the near future.

Janet Rice

2004 Workshop and Ball Coordinator

RSCDS 30TH ANNUAL WORKSHOP AND DANCE NOVEMBER 7/8 2003

Cadboro Bay United Church Hall, Victoria

Teachers: Gary Thomas (Santa Rosa, CA) Elinor Vandegrift (Seattle, WA) and Rosemary Coupe - beginner class (Burnaby, BC). Class Musicians: Mary Ross and Kristi Lind-Izat Evening dance music by Scuttlebutt

Join us for a welcome dance Friday night (Nov 7), classes and lunch Saturday, great dance on Saturday night - all for \$70. For those interested, options of dinner Sunday and a city tour. Details: contact Connie Bott 595-4308 or Anita Mathur 383-8808 email dmanita@telus.net or visit our website <http://www.rscdsvictoria.org/> includes application form.

HARVEST SOCIAL

8:00 p.m., October 18, 2003 at Brentwood Hall

Goodhearted Glasgow	32J3	C	B
Button Boy	32R3	C	I
Belle of Bon Accord	32S4	C	B
** The Dancing Master	96J4	C	A
General Stewart's Reel	32R3	C	I
Monymusk	32S3	C	B
The Hazel Tree/ or	32J3	C	I
The Moray Reel	32J3	C	B
Bratch Bana	32R3	C	A
** Staffin Harvest	32S4	C	I
Coats Land	32J3	Scotia Suite	B
Bonnie Stronshiray	32S3	C	A
The Piper and the Penguin	88R4	Scotia Suite	B

Break

Clutha	48R4	C	B
** McLeod's Fancy	32J4	C	A
Miss Gibson's Strathspey	32S3	C	I
Polharrow Burn	32R5	C	A
Cherry Bank Gardens	32S3	C	B
*Seaton's Ceilidh Band	64J4	C	I

C – Core Book
B – Basic

* -- Briefing Only
I – Intermediate

** -- No Briefing or Walk Through
A – Advanced

COATS LAND

(Jig)

Bars	Description
1-4	1 st couple dance in slightly and cast off two places. 2 nd and 3 rd couples step up on bars 3 – 4.
5-8	2 nd , 3 rd and 1 st couples set to partners and, giving right hands, turn half way to finish in allemande hold all facing down.
9-16	1 st , 3 rd and 2 nd couples allemande. Order is now 1, 3, 2 all on opposite sides.
17-20	Contra chase: 1 st woman, followed by 3 rd and 2 nd women, cross straight over passing the men by the left and dance down own side. Similarly, 1 st man, followed by 3 rd and 2 nd men, cross over and dance down own side. Note – there is no interweaving.
21-24	1 st couple (now in 3 rd place) dance up the middle and cast off to second place on own sides. 3 rd couple step down on bars 23-24.
25-28	1 st woman dances right hands across with 2 nd couple while 1 st man dances right hands across with 3 rd couple. On bar 28, 1 st couple pass by the right.
29-32	1 st man dances left hands across with 2 nd couple while 1 st woman dances left hands across with 3 rd couple. 1 st couple finish in second place on own side. Repeat, having passed a couple.

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

- Sept 15 '03 **CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK**
- Sept 27 '03 **HOWARD HOSPITAL BENEFIT DANCE** St. Martin in-the-Fields Church Hall on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Cost will be \$8.00 each. All proceeds will be donated to Howard Hospital.
- Oct 18 '03 **VISCDS HARVEST SOCIAL** 8:00 p.m., Brentwood Hall. Program in this issue.
- Oct. 24 '03 **ALEXANDER BROS** sponsored by the St. Andrews and Caledonian Society. 7:30 p.m. UVic Auditorium, cost \$20. Tickets call Alex and Francis Reid 370-9226.
- Oct. 25 '03 **HIGHLAND DANCE COMPETITION** sponsored by The Sons of Scotland. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Saanich Fairgrounds.
- Nov 1 '03 **SONA SOCIAL** 7:30 p.m. at Duncan United Church
- Nov 7/8 '03 **RSCDS WORKSHOP AND DANCE** Cadboro Bay United Church Hall. See schedule of events and registration forms on www.rscdsvictoria.org or contact Connie Bott 595-4308 or Anita Mathur 383-8808 (more details on page 3 of this newsletter)
- Nov 15 '03 **VISCDS ST. ANDREW'S SOCIAL** 8:00 p.m. St. Martin in the Fields
- Dec 13 '03 **JOINT VISCDS/RSCDS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** Cadboro Bay United Church Hall
- Jan 17 '04 **VISCDS BURN'S SOCIAL** St. Martin in the Fields Church Hall
- 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 27/28 '04 **VISCDS BALL WEEKEND**
- May 1 '03 **VISCDS SPRING FLING**

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Sept. 12-14 **FORT WORDEN DANCE WORKSHOP 2003 - Come Fly With Us. Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend WA** Celebrate the centennial of aeronautics with dancing. Check out the website for an online application form at www.rscds-seattle.org Teachers Bruce and Jo Hamilton (Menlo Park CA) and Ruth Jappy (Delta BC). Musicians Muriel Johnstone, Laura Risk and Calum MacKinnon. Learn English, Step, Shetland dances as well as Quadrilles and Intermediate and Advanced Scottish Country Dances. More information from the web site or from the Registrar 10008 NE 120th Lane #C-202 Kirkland WA 98034 ftwordenregistrar@earthlink.net Chairman [Peter Zarich@csi.com](mailto:Peter_Zarich@csi.com) 425-771-2973.
- Oct 6-19 '03 **CHINA** A journey to the classical sites of China for Scottish Dancers and other congenial travelers. Organized by Ken McFarland. Information: (800) 822-3435 or (907) 456-7556.
- 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)

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWS LETTER, Oct. 1, 2003

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