

# Island Fling



## March 2019

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### Newsletter deadline

The deadline for the next newsletter is **Sunday, April 28, 2019**. Please submit any material to Edith Chapman at [enchapma@shaw.ca](mailto:enchapma@shaw.ca).

### President's report, March 2019

I'm happy to report that we welcomed sixteen new members to our club this year. Many of last year's new members have continued to dance with us and we can have anywhere up to 30 dancers in the hall on Tuesday nights. Thank you very much to the experienced dancers who also come to provide support to our beginners. The Basic class will be hosting our Spring Fling Social which is on **Saturday April 27th** (later than usual this year because of a late Easter).

The next dance we have to look forward to is a **Ceilidh Dance on Saturday March 16th** at Dance Victoria. This is a great opportunity to bring along friends to try out some Scottish country dancing. Accomplished accordionist Mary Ross will be playing along with fiddler Janette Polson. Among the ceilidh acts, we will have some Irish Dance performers to help celebrate St Patrick's Day; and our own talented Demonstration team will also be performing during the evening.

Coming up sooner than you think is our **Workshop and Ball on Saturday April 6th**. The excellent workshop teachers include Mary Murray who hails from Scotland and lives in Vancouver, Richard Bennett from Salt Spring Island and Alan Twigg from San Francisco. We are also very pleased to have the Tartan Players here to play for the Ball.

## **President's Report, continued**

### **Spring and Summer Dancing**

We will be offering basic level classes in the Spring and will be promoting them through our publicity channels. If you have friends who want to try Scottish country dancing please invite them to join us. We will offer a package of five classes for \$25 (no membership fee required). The classes will run on **Tuesday nights from April 30th until May 28th**. We will wind up with a **Ceilidh dance on Saturday June 1st** which we will also be promoting at the Highland Games. On **Thursday nights from April 18th to May 23rd** the teachers will be running mini socials from 7:30 to 9:30 pm (\$5 drop in).

Bob Anderson will once again host his **Summer dancing socials starting on Thursday June 6th**. On Monday nights he will be having classes to practice some of the more difficult dances on the program. The first Monday practice class will be on June 3rd. More information will appear in the May Issue of the newsletter.

**Dora Dempster, President**

### **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 runs out.

### **Annual General Meeting**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11 at City Light Church Hall, 550 Obed Avenue, 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Please submit any business and/or proposals for the AGM in writing to Secretary, Betsy Lockhart, [lockhart001@gmail.com](mailto:lockhart001@gmail.com), no later than Thursday, March 28.

### **Nominating Committee**

The nominating committee consists of:

- Lori Morrison [bruce.lori.morrison@telus.net](mailto:bruce.lori.morrison@telus.net) 250 478 7897
- Heather Hermanson [hhermanson@shaw.ca](mailto:hhermanson@shaw.ca) 250-595-5868

The Nominating Committee will be looking for someone to fill the position of President. Please contact either member if you are interested in applying for, or want to know more about this vacant position. This is an essential position that must be filled to ensure the continuation and success of our Society. Please consider contributing your expertise or skills by taking on this executive role.

### **Formations of the Month**

#### March

Arches (as in bars 17-24 of Jessie's Hornpipe – Valentine social, Ball program)  
<http://my.strathspey.org/dd/dancevideo/559/>

The Rondel (as in The Silver Tassie – Ball program)

<https://www.scottish-country-dancing-dictionary.com/videoclips/rondel.html>

#### April

Ladies' Chain (as in Mrs Stewart's Jig – Ball program; Dundee Whaler & Craigleith – Spring Fling program)  
<https://www.scottish-country-dancing-dictionary.com/videoclips/ladies-chain.html>

## **MEMBERSHIP**

VISCDS currently has a robust membership of 124 members. Four new members joined the club in January. We also welcomed returning members in January who had danced with the club in previous years. Former dancers are always welcome and are often surprised how much they remember from their dancing experience. We are also pleased to welcome snowbird dancers who are visiting Victoria for the winter. Guests are always welcome to drop in. Please remember to invite anyone you think would enjoy SC dancing to come to our Ceilidh on March 16.

### **Name Tags**

How often do you hear someone say “oh, I forgot my name tag”. It is easy to forget or leave it in your shoe bag and not put it on. You know who you are and many of your friends do too but the teachers would appreciate if dancers would wear their name tags to help them learn the names. If you have lost your name tag or would like to order a new one you can do so for a cost of \$7.50. Just send an e-mail to the membership chair, June Robinson to order one. ([june.robinson@shaw.ca](mailto:june.robinson@shaw.ca)). The new name tags feature the first name in larger letters. All are magnetic.

**June Robinson, Membership Chair**

## **WORKSHOP AND BALL**

**April 6, 2019**

The teachers, dancers and Committee members are working hard to prepare for the annual VISCDS workshop and ball to be held on April 6. All classes have been treated to a visit by the minstrel singer, Anita Mathur, to invite you in song and limerick to attend. If you have not already registered please do so by going to the website [www.viscnds.ca](http://www.viscnds.ca) and click on the links to the workshop and ball. If you prefer not to register on line, purple paper application forms are available in your dance classes – look for them in the table at the back and give them to your class rep who will see they are collected. The workshop features three great teachers, Mary Murray, Alan Twigg and Richard Bennett, and this learning opportunity is not to be missed. Live music will be played in each workshop and playing for the Ball will be the Tartan Players. To enable out-of-town visitors to attend our event we are asking if members would like to contribute by billeting dancers. If you are able to do so please indicate on your application form. Other volunteer opportunities will be available for the day and a sign-up sheet for such will be in classes. Otherwise please contact members of the workshop/ball committee which includes: June Robinson, Anita Mathur, Pat Warman, Barb Currie, Janet Yonge, Kathy Grant, Lori Morrison and Gordon Robinson. See you all on April 6!

**June Robinson, Chair**

**Workshop/Ball Committee**



### **Highland Games Reminder**

The sign up sheet for Volunteers to man the VISCDS booth at the 2019 Highland Games will be out in early April. The dates for the Games are the 18th, 19th and 20th of May. Times: Saturday and Sunday: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm; Monday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Shifts will be 2 hours in duration and will allow those who have volunteered free access to the Games for the day. The Games are held at Topaz Park.

Please check your calendars to determine if there is a time you can volunteer, and be ready to sign up when the time arrives. Thank you in advance to all members who help with this event.

For further information on the Games, visit <http://victoriahighlandgames.com/games/>.

**Martha Morrison**

**Publicity Chair**

## **Weather Cancellation Policy**

After having our classes disrupted by the recent snow event, the teachers and Executive have come up with the following weather cancellation policy. Let's hope we don't have to use it again this season!

If a class is cancelled due to winter weather, the president will notify members by email by 5pm (or 11am for the afternoon class). Once a class has been cancelled, it will stay cancelled for that day, even if the weather improves later on. If in doubt about whether a class is going ahead, please remember to check your email. (The teacher will telephone members without email.)

**Sarah Kell**

## **Get ready, get set!**

..... to Scottish dance for a week in Calgary, Alberta, July 28 through August 4, 2019 at Mount Royal University.

It's a super fun time! You'll dance and socialize with people from all over the world who, like you, are there to learn and improve their dancing in a fun, supportive setting. It doesn't matter if you're a relatively new dancer or have been dancing for decades – there is a morning class that will be a perfect fit for you - basic, intermediate, experienced and experienced challenge. You can choose from a variety of mixed level optional afternoon classes; and in the evenings, everyone joins together to enjoy the social dancing and an after party. There is a mid-week ceilidh, where we all get to appreciate the hidden talents amongst us and on the last evening there is a formal ball and banquet.

This event is seriously addicting! Go once and you'll keep going back year after year after year.

The week is organized by The Scottish Country Dance Teachers' Association (Canada). You can go to their website **now** to check out the dance programs, costs and accommodation details:

**tac-rscds.org**

**Register early - online registration opens March 1, 2019**

## **Tea Dance in Nanaimo**

The Nanaimo Scottish Country Dancers invite you to our Spring Tea Dance on 27th April, 2019. Times are 1.30 - 5.00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00. The location: Wellington Community Hall, 3922 Corunna Avenue, Nanaimo. Tea will be served after the dance. Further information, including the program, crib sheets and a map, is available at [www.nscd.ca](http://www.nscd.ca) under 'Upcoming Events'.

## **Folkloria**

In February 2018, the Greater Victoria Folk Festival Society (GVFFS) was formed with a view to resurrecting Folkfest as it was held at Centennial Square in the 1970's and early 1980's. GVFFS is a non-profit organization established to promote and celebrate multicultural dance, performing arts, song, food, arts and crafts, games and much more. The Society held its first free event, under a new name, called Folkloria. The event was held at Centennial Square on July 8 2018.

This year's Folkloria will be held at Centennial Square on June 8 and 9, noon to 9:00 pm on both days, and it promises to be bigger and better than ever. Our Dem Team will be among the performers.

## **Visitor from Scotland**

On February 5th the Tuesday afternoon class had the pleasure of hosting Lucy Stirland who was visiting from Edinburgh. Lucy has danced for 6 years in Scotland and thoroughly enjoyed participating in the class taught by Louise.

It was fun to have a visitor in the class.

**Martha Morrison**

# Spring Fling Social

April 27, 2019

7:30 pm

City Light Church Hall

\$10.00



<u>Dance name</u>	<u>Bars type</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Source</u>
The Waratah Weaver	4x32J	B	2nd Graded Book
Longfield Reel	8x32R	B	2nd Graded Book
Bob Campbell	8x32S	I	Canadian Book
It's Nae Bother	6x32J	B	2nd Graded Book
The Spring Fling Reel	8x40R	I	Book 50
Lady Glasgow ©	8x32R	B	MMM 1
The Highland Fair	6x32J	B	Graded Book
The Irish Rover ©	8x32R	I	Cosh 22
The Minister on the Loch	3x32S	I	24 Graded
Tribute to the Borders ©	8x32J	I	Pkt Book 87
The Belle of Bon Accord ©	4x32S	B	Deeside Book 2
Craigleith	1x88RSq	B	3rd Graded Book
Break			
Shiftin' Bobbins ©	8x32R	B	Ormskirk Coll
Joe MacDiarmid's Jig ©	4x32J	B	5 for '82
Auld Friends Meet ©	8x32S	I	Auld Friends Meet
Follow Me Home ©	8x32J	I	Book 38
The Dundee Whaler	4x32S	B	Ormskirk Coll
The Deil Amang the Tailors ©	8x32R	B	Book 14
© = Core Book			

## Robbie Burns Social

Over 60 dancers and guests attended the Burns Social on January 19th hosted by the Monday evening class. Thanks to Jan Beckett and the class for a very successful event. Bob Anderson led us through the many dances before and after the "ceremony".

A procession was piped in by Jamie Orr with Rick Deegan bearing the sword, Jan Beckett the Haggis, and Robin the precious liquid (Scotch). Walter Balfour recited the Ode to the Haggis by the famous Bard.

Andrew Harley won \$48.00 in the 50/50 draw.

All seemed to enjoy the feast which followed. Not a scrap of the haggis remained. Thanks to all who attended.

**Theresa Harbidge and Jan Beckett**

## Book Available

A book about Scottish Country Dancing is available for sale. It is written by Robin Edward Poulton who is a member of a dance group in Richmond VA; he is a life member of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS). Profits from the sale of the book will go to the RSCDS. The book is available through Amazon for US\$15 and a Kindle version for US\$9.

A description of the book: **“I Dance Therefor I Am”** tells stories about dancing and the family ceilidhs of my youth, taking the reader to Scotland to visit history and castles, plus ghost stories in beautiful St. Andrews, my Alma Mater...”. It is a memoir of Scotland, America and dancing.

## Memorials

**Keith Sinclair** – it is with deep regret that we announce the passing of former member Keith Sinclair. Keith was a long-time member of Van Isle. He served as Treasurer from April 2010 to April 2014. He cheerfully commuted from Duncan to attend classes and Executive meetings. Keith was an accomplished dancer and it was a pleasure to be in the same set with him. Our sincere condolences go to his wife and family.

**Iain Cooke** – Iain was a member and teacher of Van Isle in the late 1970’s and early 1980’s. He was extremely knowledgeable about all aspects of the dance and his classes were exciting as well as informative. Those of us who knew him will be saddened to learn of his recent passing. Sincere condolences go to his wife Louise and their family.

## Report on the Valentines Social

The Valentines Social was held in the afternoon of Saturday, February 16th, 2019, put on by the Tuesday Afternoon Class. There were 38 dancers in attendance.

Bob Anderson, who teaches the afternoon class with Louise McGillivray, recounted with humorous anecdotes the histories of the dance writers. He briefed all the dances and his story about the history of the dolphin in Pelorus Jack was particularly touching. There was a welcoming mixture of Intermediate and Basic level dances with three advanced dances.

We remembered fondly Pat Blair, who taught the class for years, but could not attend this year. Many signed a card for her.

We chose not to have a 50/50 draw.

Thanks to Bob, and everyone who set up the hall, sold tickets, prepared delicious food, cleaned the kitchen and hall afterwards.

## Susannah Andersen



Irene Booth, with the bouquet of flowers presented to her by the Tuesday Afternoon class, on the occasion of her 91st birthday. Happy Birthday, Irene!

*Photo - Pat Warman*

## **EVENTS – LOCAL Scottish Country Dance Events**

### **2019**

- Mar 16th** Ceilidh, 7:30 pm, Dance Victoria. Music by Mary Ross and Janette Polson, \$10.00.
- Apr 6th** Workshop and Ball. See notice in this issue.
- Apr 11th** Annual General Meeting. See notice in this issue.
- Apr 27th** Spring Fling, City Light Church Hall, 7:30 pm, \$10.00. The program is in this issue. Note date correction.
- Apr 30th – May 28th** Spring classes, basic level, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm. Cost \$25.00 for five classes.
- Apr 18th – May 23rd** Mini socials, City Light Church Hall, 7:30 -9:30 pm. \$5.00 drop-in.
- Jun 1st** Ceilidh, \$10.00. Further information later.
- Jun 3rd** Mondays. Start of practice sessions for summer dancing. 7:30 – 9:30 pm. City Light Church Hall. (June 3 practice class; June 6 Social). Further information later.
- Jun 6th** Thursdays. Start of summer social dancing, 7:30 – 10:30 pm, City Light Church Hall. Further information later.

## **OUT OF TOWN Scottish Country Dance Events**

### **2019**

- Mar 23rd** RSCDS Vancouver Branch Heather Ball, Scottish Cultural Centre, 5:00 – 11:00 pm. \$80.00. Tickets are still available. Info - <https://rscdsvancouver.org/dance/the-heather-ball/>.
- Mar 30th** RSCDS San Diego Branch Workshop. Three classes and dance. Music by Stringfire. Info - [www.dancescottishsd.org](http://www.dancescottishsd.org). Registration ends March 22.
- Mar 30th** Oceanside Scottish Country Dancers Afternoon Tea Dance, Bradley Centre, 975 Sherme Road, Coombs. Doors: 1:00 pm; dancing 1:15 – 4:30 pm. Dancers - \$15.00; non-dancers - \$10.00. Info and registration form - <https://oceansidescottishcountrydancers.com/events-2/>.
- Apr 12th – 14th** Lethbridge SCD Club Workshop and Ball. Info - [www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org](http://www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org).
- Apr 13th** RSCDS Ottawa Branch 53rd Annual Ball. Music by the Torridon Scottish Dance Band. Tickets available at the end of January. Info - Todd and Karen Moxley, 613-316-1521 [wtmoxley101@hotmail.com](mailto:wtmoxley101@hotmail.com); or <http://rscdsottawa.ca/branch-documents/ball2019.pdf>.
- Apr 26th – 28th** RSCDS Winnipeg Branch Spring Workshop and Dance. Teachers – Rebecca Blackhall-Peters and Craig Williams. Musicians – Ron Krug and Dennis Orr. Application form available online. Info - <http://www.rscdswinnipeg.ca>.
- Apr 27th** Nanaimo Scottish Dancers Tea Dance. See notice in this issue.
- May 3rd – 6th** RSCDS International Branch Dance Weekend, Mitland Hotel, Utrecht, Netherlands Info - [www.rscds-ib.org/](http://www.rscds-ib.org/); email - [netherlands@rscds-ib.org](mailto:netherlands@rscds-ib.org).
- May 4th** White Rock SCD Club 65th Anniversary Dance, Scottish Cultural Centre, Vancouver, 3:30 pm. Tickets (advance sales only) - \$65.00. Dance followed by catered buffet dinner. Info – <http://www.wrscdc.org/events/2019-05-04%2065th%20Anniversary%20Dance/2019-05-04-65th-anniversary-dance.php>.
- Jun 8th** RSCDS Seattle Branch Summer Ball, Leif Erickson Hall, Ballard, 7:30 pm. Music – The Giants’ Causeway SCD Band. Tickets (US \$): early bird by March 31- \$55.00; by May 24 - \$60.00; at the door - \$65.00. Info and registration form - <https://rscds-seattle.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Ball-Flyer-pto-black-white-1.pdf>.
- Jul 14th – Aug 11th** RSCDS Summer School, St Andrews Scotland. Registration now being accepted. Info - <https://www.rscds.org/article/book-now-for-summer-school-2019>.
- Jul 28th – Aug 4th** Teachers’ Association (Canada) Summer School, Mount Royal University, Calgary. Online registration starts March 1, 2019. Info – [www.tac-rscds.org](http://www.tac-rscds.org). See notice in this newsletter.
- Aug 18th – 25th** Scottish Dance Week, Prague. For experienced dancers. Classes in Scottish Country Dance and Czech Folk Dance. SCD teacher – Ron Wallace; class musician – Muriel Johnstone. Info - <http://www.dvorana.cz/>.
- Nov 1st – 3rd** RSCDS San Francisco Branch Asilomar Weekend. Registrations now being accepted. Info - <https://sfasilomardance.wixsite.com/asilomarweekend>.