

Island Fling

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President's Report, January, 2020

We held a very successful Christmas Social on the evening of December 14. The hall at City Light Church was beautifully adorned in festive decorations. There were at least six sets of dancers on the floor at the height of the evening. Mary Ross provided a great selection of dance tunes incorporating familiar Christmas music as well as the traditional Scottish Country Dance music. Joan Axford briefed an interesting dance program including some basic dances and some challenging ones too. At the break the dem team took us back in time with poodle skirts, muscle shirts and combs with a swinging arrangement of fifties music and dance moves!

Another feature of the evening was the Silent Auction organized by Martha Morrison. The auction was in benefit of TAC, the Teachers Association of Canada. Over \$600 was collected. Thank you to everyone for supporting this effort and thank you for donating items for the sale.

As we head into Christmas and the New Year I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year and lots of great dancing in 2020.

June Robinson, President

Class Fees

This is a reminder to members who are paying their class fees in half-year installments that January to April fees are now due. Please give these fees (\$65.00) to your class rep, or to the Membership Secretary, Rick Deegan. Thank you!

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the next newsletter is **Sunday, February 23, 2020**. Please submit any material to Edith Chapman at enchapma@shaw.ca.

Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society 2019 2020 Classes All classes (except the afternoon class) run from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

2020

Mondays, January 6 to April 13, 2020

Tuesdays, January 7 to April 21, 2020

Tuesday afternoons, January 7 to April 14, 2020 (1:15 – 3:15 pm)

Wednesdays, January 3 to April 15, 2020

Thursdays, January 9 to April 23, 2020 (**AGM April 16, 2020**)

For details of the classes, see the September 2019 issue of the *Fling*.

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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.

Weather Cancellation Policy

After having our classes disrupted by the snow event last February, the teachers and Executive came up with the following weather cancellation policy. Let's hope we don't have to use it too often!

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.)

Burns Memorial, Concert and Tea

The annual *Burns Memorial*, led by the Saltire Society of Victoria, will be held at the Burns Statue in Beacon Hill Park. Gather at 1:45 pm for readings of Burns poetry and the laying of heather. There will be a piper as well.

The *Concert and Tea* will be held at the St Andrews Presbyterian Kirk Hall on Courtney Street, starting at approximately 2:30 pm, in order to give the people at the Burns Memorial enough time to get to the Kirk Hall. There is a parkade on Courtney Street, across from the Hall. Admission is by donation. Among the performers are the Victoria Gaelic Choir and our own Demonstration Team, as well as Highland dancing and Burns poetry. A tea will be served after the concert. Donations of finger food would be gratefully received.

Burns Social
January 18, 2020
7:30 pm
City Light Church Hall
\$15.00
Music by Mary Ross



<u>Dance name</u>	<u>Bars type</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Source</u>
Good Hearted Glasgow ©	8x32 J	B	Knapman
The Lass of Richmond Hill © β	8x32 R	BB	RSCDS Graded 2
Midsummer Common © β	8x32 S		RSCDS Bk 49
Mrs Stewart's Jig ©	8x32 J	I	RSCDS Bk 35
Scott Meikle	4x32 R	BB	RSCDS Bk 46
The Belle of Bon Accord © β	4x32 S	BB	Deeside Bk 2
Pelorus Jack © β	8x32 J	I	RSCDS Bk 41
Flowers of Edinburgh © β	8x32 R	B	RSCDS Bk 1
Ruby Wilkinson's Farewell β	4x32 S	A	RSCDS Bk 52
Craigleith ©	1x88 R	B	RSCDS Graded 3
Seton's Ceilidh Band	4x64 J	I	Morison's Bush
Bonnie Stronshiray ©	8x32 S	I	Glasgow Assembly
Mairi's Wedding © β	8x40 R	I	22 + 2 Cosh
Break			
Bratach Bana β	8x32 R	A	Bon Accord
The Dream Catcher ©	1x96 S	I	RSCDS Bk 45
The Compleat Gardener ©	8x32 J	I	RSCDS Graded 3
Extras			
The Moray Rant ©	3x48 S	I	Silver City
Maxwell's Rant ©	8x32 R	BB	RSCDS Bk 18
© core			
β ball			

Valentine Tea Dance

February 15, 2020
3:00 – 7:00 pm
City Light Church Hall
\$10.00



<u>Dance name</u>	<u>Bars type</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Source</u>
St Andrews Fair	8x32 J	B	RSCDS 5 for 82
The De'il Amang the Tailors © β	8x32 R	B	RSCDS Bk 14
John McAlpin ©	8x32 S	BB	Three Dances by Hugh Foss
Jennifer's Jig ©	8x32 J	I	Bon Accord
The Rutland Reel © β	8x40 R	A	RSCDS Bk 48
Sugar Candie	8x32 S	I	RSCDS Bk 26
Tribute to the Borders © β	8x32 J	BB	RSCDS Leaflet
Trip to Timber Ridge	8x32 R	I	RSCDS Bk 52
Butterscotch and Honey ©	4x32 S	B	J Attwood
The Bees of Maggie Knockater	4x32 J	A	Canadian
Break			
The Reel of the Royal Scots	8x32 R	BB	RSCDS Leaflets
Return to St Martins	4x40 S	I	St Martins 2
Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan ©	5x32 R	I	RSCDS 30 Popular 2
Joe MacDiarmid's Jig	4x32 J	B	RSCDS 5 for 82
The Robertson Rant ©	1x80 S	I	RSCDS Bk 39
Polharrow Burn ©	5x32 R	A	Glendarroch Coll
Core dance ©			
Ball dance β			

Christmas Social 2019

On December 14th we held our annual Christmas social event. 63 people attended. We had the lovely music provided by Mary Ross and the patient instruction of Joan Axford. Sheila McCall also led us through a few dances and it seemed everyone was having a very jolly time.

We were all entertained by a sock hop from the demonstration team. Perfect down to their little saddle shoes and the comb wielding guys!

There was lots of wonderful food to enjoy at the break, thanks to everyone who brought treats and those in the kitchen who got it all organized. Sheila Eaglestone, June Robinson and Lori Morrison. Once again, many stepped up to help with the clean-up.

Theresa Harbidge, Social Convener

An exciting dancing event to add to your 2020 calendar for April 4th!

The 2020 VISCDS Workshop and Ball registration will be opening on **February 1, 2020**. Registration information is released with this newsletter (separate document).

We encourage new dancers from this year to participate, as there is a class designed especially for the less experienced dancers to enjoy in a workshop setting.

Classes will be taught by Linda Henderson from San Francisco, Rebecca Blackhall Peters from Summerland, and Richard Bennett from Salt Spring Island. Musicians Mary Ross, Julie Smith and Janet Yonge will be playing for the classes.

The workshop fee is \$50. This will provide you with two classes on the morning of April 4th, with a snack break between. The classes will be offered at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels.

The evening Ball at the Edelweiss Club will feature the Tartan Players from Vancouver, and a light evening meal.

Cost for the evening is \$60 for dancers, and \$40 for non-dancers. The ball program is in this newsletter. We hope you can join us!

Kathryn Knowles for the 2020 Workshop and Ball Committee

VISCDS 2020 BALL

April 4, 2020

Dance name	Bars type	Level	Source
The Waratah Weaver*	4x32 J	B	Second Graded Book
The Lass of Richmond Hill	8x32 R	BB	Second Graded Book
Culla Bay	4x32 S sq	I	Book 41
Tribute to the Borders	8x32 J	BB	RSCDS Leaflets
The Rutland Reel	8x40 R	A	Book 48
John McAlpin	8x32 S	BB	Three Dances by Foss
Farewell to Balfour Road	96 J for 5	A	Book 52
The De'il Amang the Tailors	8x32 R	B	Book 14
Ruby Wilkinson's Farewell	4x32 S	A	Book 52
Flowers of Edinburgh*	8x32 R	B	Book 1

BREAK

Pelorus Jack	8x32 J	I	Book 41
Midsummer Common	8x32 S	I	Book 49
Bratach Bana	8x32 R	A	Bon Accord Book
Muirland Willie / The Highland Fair	8x32 J	A/B	Book 21 / Graded Book
The Belle of Bon Accord	4x32 S	BB	Deeside
Mairi's Wedding*	8x40 R	I	22 SCD's (Cosh)

*** Briefing only, no walk throughs**

All the dances are in the recently updated Van Isle Core Book which is accessible online on the VISCDS website ([here](#)).

Mini Ball

A Mini Ball will be held on Saturday, March 14, at the City Light Church Hall, 7:30 pm. The program will consist of the basic dances from the program for the Ball on April 4, with additional dances selected by Sheila McCall and Joan Axford, and will begin with a Grand March. Admission is \$5.00.

The idea is to give our less experienced members a taste of what a Ball is like, in the hope that they also will want to attend the 'big' Ball on April 4.

St. Andrew's Social Report

VISCDS's Wednesday Evening Intermediate class, led by dance instructors Gael Forster and Sarah Kell, hosted our "St. Andrew's Social" on Saturday, November 16 at City Light Church Hall.

The weather was less than delightful, so when the helpers showed up early to set up for the evening, some discussion took place as to how many people would stay home due to foggy, drizzly and dark driving conditions. However it wasn't long before 40 enthusiastic dancers along with a few spectators arrived. Five sets filled the floor as we started the first dance "The Lady Wynd", followed by 11 more dances before stopping for the break.

Break time was 9:45pm, allowing time for conversation, to rest feet, and enjoy the delicious and more than ample feast of food that was laid out for us.

The 50/50 draw also took place during the break. Congratulations to Joan McIntosh who was the lucky draw winner.

After the break 3 sets of 4 hardy couples remained to dance the final four dances of the evening.

Thank you, Gael and Sarah, for the excellent job you both did while taking turns leading us through a delightfully fun variety of Jigs, Reels & Strathspeys, while catering to all skill levels.

Attributing the success of this joy filled evening to everyone who participated, sharing smiles, energy and dance, volunteers that did a great job of taking care of many necessary tasks such as kitchen duties, setting up or taking down tables and chairs, clean up, selling of tickets and those who answered the call to bring food. Thank you all!

Kathy Grant

Class Representative

Wednesday Evening Intermediate Class

New Year's Social

Our annual New Year's potluck dinner and social was held on December 31 at the City Light Church Hall. Twenty-three dancers and guests enjoyed a scrumptious potluck dinner. We were joined by an additional fourteen dancers for the social part of the evening. It was particularly nice to see former member Jacquie Storey who came with her daughter Lynne. We stopped for some dessert, tea and coffee at around 10:15 pm, and paused again at 11:00 for *Auld Lang Syne*. The evening finished at 11:30. Congratulations to Donna Clement, who won the 50/50 draw of \$23.50.

Sincere thanks go to Janet Bailey, who organized things in the kitchen – no easy task! Thank you, also, to Sheila McCall for the program and music; and to the teachers who briefed the dances – Sheila, Sarah, Penny, Ed and Edith. A special thank you to Penny and Ed, who brought all the decorations for the tables and set everything up. And thank you to everyone who came, bringing such delicious potluck donations, and helping with all the chores that needed doing throughout the evening.

Edith Chapman

In Memoriam – Hugh Sutherland

It is with great regret that we announce the passing of Hugh Sutherland. Hugh and his wife Shirley danced with both the Victoria Branch and Van Isle during the 1980's and 1990's. He is a brother to Ian Sutherland, who is well-known to many of our members. We extend sincere condolences to Shirley and their family.





Dora Dempster

With one week before Christmas 2019, I never imagined I would be writing a tribute to our past president and my friend Dora Dempster. Dora joined the Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society in about 2006. Dora took to Scottish Country Dancing right away. She had recently told me she wanted to be President of the club as she had enjoyed administrative work in her career and saw this as an opportunity to use her organizational and leadership skills to contribute to a hobby which she really enjoyed. Dora took on VISCDS as her passion. She really loved to dance and with a bubbly personality and a spark she invited others to join her. Dora was always keenly interested in all members of the club and kept records of how each new member came to hear about and join the club. Her attention to detail as a librarian was a benefit to the club as she kept meticulous records of club meetings, events and members.

Dora could often be heard directing traffic on the dance floor. Not always right in the execution of the dance herself, she would laugh at herself when she made a mistake. She loved to dance.

Dora was President of VISCDS for 8 years. In this time she promoted the club and encouraged new-comers to join at every chance. She organized Ceilidhs and other dancing events, enticing people of all ages to try Scottish dancing. With this philosophy the membership of VISCDS grew and maintained numbers to being consistently well over 100. I would proudly quote these numbers to dancers from other clubs when asked about membership in Van Isle.

Last April at the AGM, the club awarded Dora a Life Membership. How fortuitous that was. Dora was very surprised to receive the award. It was a small way to thank her for all she did for VISCDS.

Members will have many memories of Dora and her contributions to the club. We will share many stories with each other of her contributions. Let us also remember that Dora made Scottish Country Dancing fun, sociable, and inclusive and a way to connect to others. If we continue her tradition, VISCDS will always have lots of members. We will miss you, Dora.

**June Robinson,
President**

Dora passed away on December 14, on the day of our Christmas social. A memorial dance in her honour will be held on Thursday, May 28 at the City Light Church Hall. Further details will be announced later.



Dora M. DEMPSTER (August 14, 1945 - December 14, 2019)



It is with sadness that the family announces the passing of Dora Dempster. Dora was born in Edinburgh, Scotland and emigrated to Canada with family in 1950. She grew up in Toronto and Saskatoon. Dora loved her career as a librarian in Ottawa and Toronto. Her joys on retirement to Victoria were caring for a dear mother, Scottish country dancing, and volunteering at the Monterey Centre. Dora was pre-deceased by her husband John North. She will be missed by her sister, Elspeth Paulin (Jim) and nieces Hilary and Clare

Times Colonist, December 21, 2019



*Photos courtesy of Oak Bay Recreation.
Thank you to Robin Gubby for obtaining them.*



The Heather Ball - March 21, 2020



Colin Dewar



Alasdair Macleod

Come dance to wonderful
accordion and piano music!

Scottish Cultural Centre, Vancouver - 5:45pm
Only \$80 RSCDS members (\$95 ball and concert)
\$90 for non-members (\$105 ball and concert)
Champagne reception, full hot dinner, Grand March, dancing, soiree!

Programme

Jubilee Jig*	J	RSCDS Leaflet
The Westminster Reel*	R	Book 45
Culla Bay*	S	Book 41
Joie de Vivre*	J	Book 39
Rest And Be Thankful	R	J. McConachie
Monadh Liath	S	J. Drewry
Royal Deeside Railway*	R	Book 40
White Heather Jig	J	J. Cosh
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Black Mountain Reel*	R	D. Haynes
Pelorus Jack	J	Book 41
Linnea's Strathspey	S	Book 47
The Highland Rambler*	R	R. Goldring
Cherrybank Gardens*	S	J. Drewry
Trip to Timber Ridge*	R	Book 52

*suitable for less experienced dancers



Tickets: <https://rscdsvancouver.org>

Billets: Cathrine Conings cathrineconings3@gmail.com

RSCDS Vancouver presents

An Afternoon Concert

Accordion and Piano Music

by



Colin Dewar



Alasdair Macleod

Come and enjoy these two talented musicians from Scotland. Colin has many years of experience and has produced 15 CD's of Scottish country dance music to date. Alasdair has his own Scottish Ceilidh band and plays both accordion and keyboard.

Sunday March 22, 2020

2pm

\$20



Holy Trinity Anglican Church

1440 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver

Tickets: <https://rscdsvancouver.org>



Van Isle Dancers and Friend who attended the Delta Borderers' Dance
"A Tribute to Alex Jappy"



Left to right: Mary Ross, Sheila McCall, Louise McGillivray, Andrew Harley, Irene Paterson (Nanaimo), Sarah Kell, Gael Forster, Barb Currie, Pat Warman, Jennifer Harley, Martha Morrison
- Photo via Louise McGillivray

Teachers' Corner

Slippery Floors

Most of you will have at least occasionally experienced the dance floors being slippery. While the floors at 550 Obed are generally very good, we do have problems with small patches and occasionally larger areas of the floor. There are several approaches to this problem.

Generally at dances and classes we have a product called Slip Stop available which can be applied the floor. It can also be worked into your shoes. Slip Stop is "amorphous silicon dioxide". Only a small amount of this powder is required to be effective and, as it costs about \$20 for 160 grams (less than 6 ounces) we use it sparingly! If you are experiencing slippery spots, please let the class teacher know. We also have a small amount of another product called Scum-X which is basically ground up eraser shavings. With the decline of drafting with paper and pencils, the demand for and supply of this product has dropped.

You may also see at our dances or other locations, trays with damp sponges or even wet paper towels, so that dancers can wet their shoes. While this does work are least for a short time it has the disadvantage that it mats the suede on the sole of the shoe and for others who have rubberized soles, wet patches on the floor can be extremely slippery.

It is possible to have rubber soles (often Topi rubber) added to your dance shoes by a cobbler. Also many dancers (especially in places with slippery floors such as California), have the soles of their shoes treated with a silicone gel compound (Dow Corning RTV #3140 sometimes called Shoo Goo).

You may also have seen me and others scraping the dust, wax, etc off our leather shoes with a wire brush. These are available from dance stores and suppliers. Other stiff wire brushes will also work.

It is also important to try to keep the floor as clean as possible. If you arrive early at class and want to start your warm up, a good first exercise is to push the large dust mop around the floor!

Gordon Robinson

Enjoy a week of Scottish dance in beautiful Calgary, Canada
Don't miss it - plan now for 2020!



For dancers of all levels

Basic | Intermediate | Advanced

July 26 - August 2, 2020

Daily classes | evening social dances | formal ball and banquet | evening after parties | accommodations and dancing at Mount Royal University

**Prices held
over from
2019!**

Teacher Candidates' Courses for Units 2 & 3 and for Unit 5
July 19 - August 2, 2020

Teachers

Janet Johnston, Scotland
Ron Wallace, California
Alan Twigg, California
Barbara Johnston, Canada

Musicians

Judi Nicolson, Fred Collins,
Ian Muir, Kathy Fraser Collins
Not pictured
Terry Traub, Mary Ross



Registration opens March 1, 2020
tac-rscds.org

Sponsored by Scottish Country Dance Teachers' Association (Canada)



Gerry's Jacket



Example of a Prince Charlie jacket

FREE to a good home – Prince Charlie jacket, size 38 – 40. The jacket belonged to Gerry Dunn, a former member and teacher. Please contact Sue Langridge, 250-592-5086, if you are interested.

As those members and guests who were at the recent Christmas social will know, we were fund-raising for the Scottish Country Dance Teachers' Association (Canada), better known as TAC, to help with their work in aiding dance teachers throughout the world. Gordon gave us an idea of what TAC is about and why we were fund-raising. Here is some further information about TAC and why we are supporting them.

Why TAC is Important to All of Us

The Scottish Country Dance Teachers' Association (Canada) is a not-for-profit organization duly registered under the laws of Canada.

TAC, as it is more commonly known, has existed for over 60 years, dedicated to the support of Scottish Country Dancing in Canada and indeed throughout the world. Forty percent of members are from Canada, forty percent from the United States and twenty percent from elsewhere in the world. TAC is run by volunteers.

TAC hosts schools, courses and workshops, manages a resource collection of print materials (TACBooks) and a resource centre of recorded music (TACSound).

Although resources such as TACBooks and TACSound are of most interest to teachers of SCD, the summer school TAC hosts every year is open to, and enjoyed by all levels of dancers. The school location moves around North America to provide access to all dancers. Last year the school was held in Calgary and several VISCDS members attended and had a terrific time. The school will be held in Calgary again in 2020 before moving east in 2021. Hopefully, VISCDS members will attend again.

TAC sponsors teacher training courses at summer school and coordinates an examination tour in years that there is not teacher training at summer school. Most of our teachers have become trained, certified teachers through the auspices of TAC.

TAC also has an "outreach" program to assist groups in isolated areas that do not have access to qualified teachers, providing funds to acquire resources (books, music) and host workshops.

TAC is the foundation, or backbone, of Scottish Country Dancing in Canada. In order for all teachers to belong, TAC works to keep its membership and workshop fees as low as possible. Currently, TAC is doing some fundraising to continue to keep fees low and to recoup some funds lost through a theft.

Over the past year many, many individuals and groups have contributed to fund-raising to help TAC. All proceeds from the Vancouver Island Teachers' workshop in September (the teachers, including several of ours, did not accept an honorarium) were donated to TAC. Fund-raising efforts such as "sponsor a dance" will continue at all TAC events until the debt is repaid.

Our wonderful pastime of SCD would not be as well-developed and healthy in Canada were it not for TAC. The donation of funds from VISCDS raised through the silent auction at the Christmas social was greatly appreciated by TAC and will contribute to its future.

Louise McGillivray and Joan Axford



Dreamcatcher (dance on Burns social program)

EVENTS – LOCAL Scottish Country Dance Events

Jan 18th	Burns Social, 7:30 pm, \$15.00. Music by Mary Ross.
Jan 26th	Burns Memorial at Beacon Hill Park, 1:45 pm. Concert and Tea at St Andrews Presbyterian Kirk Hall, Courtney Street, 2:30 pm. See article in this newsletter.
Feb 15th	Valentine's Tea Dance, 3:00 pm , \$10.00.
Mar 14th	Mini Ball, 7:30 pm, \$5.00. See article in this newsletter.
Apr 4th	Annual Workshop and Ball. See article in this issue.
Apr 18th	Spring Fling Social, 7:30 pm, \$10.00.
May 28th	Thursday. Memorial dance for Dora. Further info later.

All VISCDS Socials take place from 7:30 to 11:00 pm Saturday evening, except for the Valentine social which takes place from 3:00 – 7:00 pm. All socials are held at the City Light Church Hall, 550 Obed Avenue, except for the Workshop Ball, which will be held at the Edelweiss Hall, 108 Niagara Street.

OUT OF TOWN Scottish Country Dance Events

2020

Feb 14th – 16th	RSCDS Hawaii Branch Aloha Winter Weekend. Info - www.rscdsHawaii.org .
Feb 14th – 16th	RSCDS Edmonton Caledonian Branch 50th Anniversary Ceilidh, Workshop and Ball. Info - http://www.rscdsedmonton.com/uploads/3/1/7/8/31787405/2020_ball_weekend_registration.pdf .
Feb 16th – 21st	RSCDS Winter School, Pitlochry Scotland. Info – www.rscds.org/events .
Feb 22nd	RSCDS Vancouver Branch Love to Dance Workshop, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. \$50.00. Info - https://rscdsvancouver.org/dance/love-dance-scottish-workshop-dance-2/ .
Feb 29th	Comox Valley Scottish Country Dancers Snowdrop Special . Further info later.
Mar 7th	RSCDS San Diego Branch 45th Anniversary Dinner and Ball (with music by Reel of Seven). Details and registration on their website: http://www.dancescottishsd.org/45th-anniversary/ .
Mar 8th	Sunday. Burnaby SCD Club Spring Tea Dance, Confederation Centre, 4584 Albert Street, Burnaby, 1:00 – 5:00 pm. \$25.00. Info - https://rscdsvancouver.org/dance/burnaby-spring-tea-dance/ .
Mar 21st – 22nd	RSCDS Vancouver Branch Heather Ball Weekend. Dance on Saturday at Scottish Cultural Centre; concert on Sunday at Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Musicians – Colin Dewar and Alasdair MacLeod. Tickets for both events – RSCDS members - \$95.00; non-members - \$105.00. Info - https://rscdsvancouver.org/dance/heather-balls-10th-anniversary-dance/ .
Mar 29th	Sunday. Ardbrae Dancers of Ottawa Spring Tea Dance, Churchill Recreation Centre, 345 Richmond Road, Ottawa, 2:00 – 5:45 pm. \$20.00 per person at the door. Music by the Torridon Scottish Dance Band Trio. Program with crib sheets - https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9e0ad8c0-a8a5-4414-990d-4fcb0600c588/downloads/Ardbrae%20Ball%202020%20cribs%20with%20links.pdf?ver=1578164325838
Apr 17th – 19th	RSCDS Winnipeg Branch 49th Annual Weekend Workshop. Single combined class. Teacher - Ruth Jappy. Musicians – Ron Krug and Dennis Orr. Registration form will be available soon. Info - http://www.rscdswinnipeg.ca/
Apr 28th – May 3rd	RSCDS Moscow Branch Spring School of Scottish Dance, St Petersburg, Russia. Info – https://springfling.scottishdance.ru/russian-spring-school-of-scottish-country-dancing/
May 1st – 3rd	RSCDS Spring Fling, St Petersburg, Russia. Info - https://springfling.scottishdance.ru/ .
May 15th – 17th	RSCDS Spring Fling, Toronto ON. Info – http://www.springfling2020.com/toronto.html .
Jun 20th	Puget Sound Crossroads, Friday Harbor. Further details later.
Jul 10th – 13th	RSCDS Boston Branch Pinewoods Session 1. Further details later.
Jul 26th – Aug 2nd	TAC Summer School 2020, Mount Royal University, Calgary. Registration opens March 1. See flyer in this newsletter.

The members of Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society extend best wishes to *Simon Scott* of Vancouver as he continues to recover from a stroke suffered last September. He is apparently already back on the dance floor. Simon dances and teaches with the Gleneagles Scottish Country Dance Club of North Vancouver.