

Island Fling



November 2021

Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society
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President's Report, November 2021

Fall 2021. We're back dancing! After 18 months of no indoor, in-person dancing, we have been able to get back to our regular classes. Preparation and consideration went into the process of starting dancing again, including waiting for the go-ahead from the Provincial Health office for the activity, confirmation of the directive to show proof of vaccination and implementation of a Covid safety plan, including wearing masks. City Light Church hall and Trinity Presbyterian church hall were available to rent. All of our great teachers were available to teach. And you, the dancers, have come back! We are always looking for more dancers to fill out the classes but at this point 5 classes a week are running. Our "socials" are not as they were but we have been able to adapt, and we had a great turn-out for the Thanksgiving Open Class, as it is now called. We look forward to continued dance classes, "socials" and dancing without masks someday soon! Welcome back everyone!

June Robinson, President

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the next newsletter is **Sunday, December 12, 2021**. Please submit any material to Edith Chapman at enchapma@shaw.ca.

Photos in this issue are via Barb Currie, Martha Morrison and June Robinson. My thanks to all of you.

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Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society

Fall 2021 Classes

All classes (except the afternoon class) run from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Mondays, September 13 to December 20, 2021
Tuesdays, September 14 to December 14, 2021
Tuesday afternoons, September 14 to December 14, 2021 (1:30 pm to 3:30 pm)
Wednesdays, September 15 to December 15, 2021
Thursdays, September 16 to December 16, 2021

Mondays, January 3 to April 4, 2022
Tuesdays, January 4 to April 5, 2022
Tuesday afternoons, January 4 to April 5, 2022 (1:30 pm to 3:30 pm)
Wednesdays, January 5 to April 6, 2022
Thursdays, January 6 to April 7, 2022
Thursday, April 21 - AGM

The Wednesday night classes will be held at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2964 Tillicum Road.
All other classes are held at the City Light Church, 550 Obed Avenue, Victoria V9A 1K5.

Drop-in Fees

You'll find the opportunity to buy 10 drop-in classes for \$60 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.

Class Reps

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|-------------------|---------------------|--|--------------|
| Monday | Jan Beckett | beckettjanice@gmail.com | 250 598-0464 |
| | Barbara De Leebeeck | bdeleebeeck@yahoo.com | 778 677-3124 |
| Tuesday afternoon | Lori Morrison | bruce.lori.morrison@telus.net | 250 478-7897 |
| | Martha Morrison | mg.morrison@shaw.ca | 250 595-6089 |
| Tuesday evening | Susan Jones | susanmjjones4@shaw.ca | 250 595-2117 |
| | Susan Fraser | susanleefraser@shaw.ca | 250 514-6378 |
| Wednesday | Lori Morrison | bruce.lori.morrison@telus.net | 250 478-7897 |
| Thursday | June Robinson | viscdspresident@shaw.ca | 250 477-8317 |
| | Louise Perry | louise@fischerperry.com | 250 896-4176 |

Membership Secretary's Report

Thank you to all the members who have paid their membership dues and class fees in September. Membership fees are allocated to expenses such as website, insurance, Zoom and office supplies. Class fees cover the hall rentals and the teachers' salaries. I especially appreciate those dances who have paid their fees but can't dance now for one reason or another. We look forward to dancing with you before too long.

If you haven't signed up yet, there is still time to do so. Forms for 2021/22 are available on the VISCDs website and at all classes.

It is sometimes necessary to contact members directly in case of cancellations and other emergencies. If your contact information changes, be sure to let the Barb Currie, the Membership Director, know.

If you have lost your name tag, please let me know and I can order a new one for you for \$7.50.

Barb Currie

Membership Secretary

MEMBERSHIP RSCDS VANCOUVER BRANCH

Anyone wanting to become a member or renew membership in the Vancouver RSCDS Branch, application forms are available. See June Robinson.

Report on Harvest Dance Class, October 16, 2021

It was very nice to have 33 dancers out to enjoy the evening led by Gordon and assisted by Sarah. Thank you to Gordon for a fun program for all levels. It was a great start to being able to dance in-person at City Lights Hall with dancers from all classes attending. Everyone brought their own water bottles and snacks in accordance with COVID protocol.

The Social Convenor team looked after the set up and door sign-in. Thanks to Donna and Ellen for the chair set up and to all those who helped to put the chairs away at the end of the evening. Thank you to Martha Morrison for bringing some festive harvest decorations for the sign-in table.

A good time was had by all with enthusiastic cheers heard after the finale of "The De'il Amang the Tailors"!

Submitted by the Social Convenor Committee

2022 Workshop and Mini-Ball

Plans are moving ahead to hold a Workshop and Mini-Ball in 2022, on Saturday April 2nd. The workshop will be a single multi-level class in the morning, and the mini-ball will be held that same evening. The mini-ball will include a Grand March and "live" music, and everyone will be encouraged to turn up in their best bib and tucker. The food offerings will be modified to comply with any current health restrictions. We are offering an all-inclusive registration for both the workshop and the mini-ball. Details will be forthcoming.

The Ball and Workshop Committee would welcome any new members. If you enjoy being involved in planning and organizing social events with a fabulous group of people, this is for you!! Any interested parties may contact Kathryn at kathrynknowles@shaw.ca. No experience necessary, just a willingness to contribute your time.

Kathryn Knowles

Workshop and Ball Committee Chair

'Love to Dance' Workshop

RSCDS Vancouver Branch is holding their 'Love to Dance' Workshop on February 19, 2022, with musicians Colin Dewar and Alasdair MacLeod playing for classes and the dance. Classes with teachers Rebecca Blackhall-Peters and a second teacher still to be determined, will be held during the morning; and a dance will be held in the afternoon. Both workshop and dance will be held at the Scottish Cultural Centre, 8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver.

This event will be held subject to the current health regulations. Keep checking their website for up-to-date information. <https://rscdsvancouver.org/events/love-to-dance-scottish-workshop-tea-dance-2/?occurrence=2022-02-19>. My thanks to Cathrine Conings of Vancouver Branch, who answered all my questions concerning this event.

In Memoriam

It is regret that we announce the passing of *Bill Hamilton* of Edinburgh. Bill taught classes in the Edinburgh area for many years. He devised several dances; his best-known dance is 'Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterarder'. Sincere condolences go to his family.

It is with much sorrow that we announce the passing of *Louise Cooke*. Louise and her husband Iain moved to Victoria from Winnipeg in the mid-1970's. They belonged to and danced with both the Branch and Van Isle. Louise served on several positions with the Branch Executive. She was not a teacher but she knew as much about dancing as any teacher. She was forced to give up dancing when she developed severe pain in her knees. Our condolences go to her family.

Clutha – a passenger ferry service, which ran up and down the River Clyde in Glasgow, began in 1884 and continued until 1903. There was a total of twelve steamer boats, all named 'Clutha' (Gaelic for the River Clyde). The service was used by workers commuting to the docks and industries along the river. The dance is a hornpipe; it is from a publication dated around 1890.

- From RSCDS Book 31 and Wikipedia

Christmas Event

December 11, 2021

7:30 pm

City Light Church

Music by Mary Ross

Cost TBA



| Dance name | Bars type | Level | Core | Source |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Joe MacDiarmid's Jig | 4X32 J | B | C | RSCDS 5 SCDs 1982 |
| The Enchanted Garden | 8X32 S | B | | World Around the Corner |
| Catch the Wind | 8X32 H | BB | | RSCDS Book 45 |
| The Gentleman | 8X32 S | I | C | RSCDS Book 35 |
| The Hollin Buss | 6X32 J | B | | RSCDS Book 24 |
| A Reel for Alice | 5X32 R | BB | C | A Reel for Alice |
| Bridge of Nairn | 8X32 S | BB | | RSCDS Book 13 |
| The Punch Bowl | 8X32 R | B | | RSCDS Book 5 |
| Auld Friends Meet | 8X32 S | BB | C | Roy Goldring |
| The Sailor | 8X32 R | BB | | RSCDS Book 24 |
| | | | | |
| Break | | | | |
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| Pelorus Jack | 8X32 J | BB | C | RSCDS Book 41 |
| The Saint John River | 4X32 S | B | | New Brunswick Collection |
| Clutha | 4X48 R | I | | RSCDS Book 31 |
| MacLeod's Fancy | 4X32 J | A | | RSCDS Book 33 |
| The De'il Among the Tailors | 8X32 R | B | C | RSCDS Book 14 |
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| ** All Dances will be Briefed | | | | |

Weather Cancellation Policy

After having our classes disrupted by the snow event of a few years ago, 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.)

Bridge of Nairn

Possibly refers to the Dulsie Bridge, which provides a crossing over the River Findhorn and the waterfall that tumbles below. It was constructed in 1755 and is one of the most spectacular bridges in Scotland. The dance is a strathspey and is originally from the Bremner Collection published in 1757.

- from Atlas Obscura's website, <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/dulsie-bridge>

Burns Event
 Saturday, January 22, 2022
 7:30 pm
 City Light Church Hall
 Cost TBA



| Dance name | Bars type | Level | Core | Source |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------|------|---------------------------|
| Good Hearted Glasgow | 8 x 32 J | B | C | Collins SCD |
| The Belle of Bon Accord | 4 x 32 S | BB | C | Drewry Deeside |
| The Lass of Richmond Hill | 8 x 32 R | BB | C | RSCDS Graded 2 |
| Farewell to Balfour Road | 1 x 96 J | A | | RSCDS 52 |
| Deer Friends | 8 x 32 S | I | C | St Martins 1 |
| Polharrow Burn | 5 x 32 R | A | | Foss Glendarroch |
| Joie de Vivre | 8 x 32 J | B | | RSCDS 39 |
| Bonnie Stronshiray | 8 x 32 S | I | C | Campbell Glasgow Assembly |
| Shiftin' Bobbins | 8 x 32 R | BB | C | Clowes Ormskirk |
| Links with St Petersburg | 8 x 32 J | I | | RSCDS 46 |
| Aberdeen Hunt | 8 x 32 S | A | | Wallace San Andreas Coll |
| The Barmkin | 1 x 88 R | B | C | RSCDS Graded 2 |
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| Break | | | | |
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| Pelorus Jack | 8 x 32 J | I | C | RSCDS 41 |
| Ruby Wilkinson's Farewell | 4 x 32 S | A | | RSCDS 52 |
| A Reel for Alice | 5 x 32 R | BB | C | A Reel for Alice |
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| Extras | | | | |
| Quarries' Jig ** | 8 x 32 J | I | | RSCDS 36 |
| City of Belfast | 3 x 32 S | I | C | RSCDS 48 |
| Maxwell's Rant | 8 x 32 R | BB | C | RSCDS 18 |
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| ** No Briefing | | | | |
| Hosted by Monday Social | | | | |

WE'RE BACK DANCING!!

Compiled by June Robinson

September 13, 2021 was a joyous day as it was the first day of the first week back to dancing in person! Check-in went well, as the masked faces of dancing friends whom we hoped we would recognize, came into the halls. Vaccination status was proudly shown and the obligatory list of Covid questions read and we were off!

Here are some photos from the classes. Do you recognize everyone?



Oh, that's who that is! Bob Anderson!



Robin Gubby - fully vaccinated!



The Tuesday afternoon class is up and running!



Tuesday night class teacher Sheila McCall mask at the ready!



Sue, Linda and Margaret - ready to dance!



Dean and Dawn are back!



Tuesday class rep Susan Jones



Wednesday Night Teachers: Sarah Kell and Gael Forster
Keen dancers: Susan Fraser, Marjorie and Fiona; Andre and Barbara





Thursday Night team: Gordon and June Robinson



Who IS that Masked Man? Tony Lambert of course!



Janet and Peter Bailey - its OK to take hands!



Sign in Please! Barb Currie, Membership Chair
Photos courtesy June Robinson and Martha Morrison



Gordon Hawkins

I first danced in 1952 in Hamburg. My father was in the army and my girlfriend Ailsa was a Black Watch daughter. She seduced me into dancing. Two years later, I was doing national service in Hong Kong where I bonded with two other Scots who were doing duty. The three of us linked up with three Lasses who were daughters of local Glaswegians who were working at the dockyards. I danced till 1966 and then did not step on the dance floor till 1996. All my sports were over.

I was wondering what next to do. Whilst passing by Willows I saw a ceilidh in process. I joined in to try my luck and have danced until COVID. I will dearly miss dancing and my best wishes go to you all.

Gordon

Long-time member and dancer Gordon Hawkins has decided to hang up his dance shoes and retire from dancing. My thanks to Gordon for his very interesting article on how he became involved in SCD. We will miss you, too, Gordon! All the best to you.



Robin Gubby
Dual purpose for a face mask!

Get ready ... get set ... and plan to join the fun at



2022 TAC Summer School
Mount Royal University, Calgary, Canada
July 24-31, 2022



Welcoming, supportive classes
For dancers of all levels
Basic | Intermediate | Advanced

Daily classes | evening social dances | formal ball and banquet |
evening after parties | ceilidh | silent auction

Teachers

Raphaëlle Orgeret (France)
Robert McOwen (USA)
Jeanne Moody (USA)
Barbara Johnston (Canada)

Musicians

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



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Cathrine Conings, Vancouver Branch

My thanks to Cathrine for giving me permission to print this photo.

EVENTS – LOCAL Scottish Country Dance Events

2021

- Nov 20th** Celebration of Joan Axford's 40 years of teaching for Van Isle, 2:00 pm. \$10.00. The program was in the September newsletter.
- Dec 11th** Christmas Event, 7:30 pm, Cost TBA. Music by Mary Ross. The program is in this issue.
- Dec 31st** New Year's Hogmanay Potluck Supper and Dance has been CANCELLED.

2022

- Jan 22nd** Burns Event, 7:30 pm. The program is in this issue. Cost TBA.

All events are tentative, subject to the guidelines set by the provincial health authorities. All events are held at City Light Church Hall, 550 Obed Avenue, with the exception of the Workshop and Ball.

OUT OF TOWN Scottish Country Dance Events

All events that have not either been cancelled or postponed are subject to the local Covid-19 conditions at the time the event is to take place.

2021

- Oct 1st – 2nd** RSCDS Saskatchewan Workshop, Dinner and Ball **postponed to September 30 – October 1, 2022.** Info - <https://rscdssask.org/workshop/>.
- Oct 29th – 31st** RSCDS San Francisco Branch Asilomar Weekend, Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove CA. CANCELLED. Info - <https://sfasilomardance.wixsite.com/asilomarweekend>.
- Nov 1st** RSCDS Vancouver Branch Lady Aberdeen Tea Dance, has been CANCELLED.
- Dec ??** Gleneagles Ball has been CANCELLED.
- Dec 28th** RSCDS Vancouver Branch Betwixt and Between Dance, has been CANCELLED.

2022

- Feb 18th – 20th** RSCDS Hawaii Branch Aloha Winter Weekend. Email - Melissa, mlindsay@hawaii.rr.com. Info on their website - <https://rscdshawaii.org/workshop/>. At the moment (early November 2021) it looks like this event is going ahead.
- Feb 19th** RSCDS Vancouver Branch 'Love to Dance' Workshop and Dance. Musicians – Colin Dewar and Alasdair MacLeod. See article in this issue. Info – www.rscdsvancouver.org.
- Mar 19th** RSCDS Vancouver Branch Heather Ball. CANCELLED.
- Apr 8th – 10th** RSCDS Lethbridge Branch Milestones Workshop and Ball **postponed to April 8 – 10, 2022.** Info (not secure) - <http://www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org/workshop.html>.



Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for 2022!