

Light and Airy



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Important Dates

Dancing in 2023

Monday, September 11 – Open House evening, 7:30 – 9:30 Churchill Park United Church

Monday, September 18 – evening classes start 7:30 – 9:30 at CPUC

Thursday, September 21 – afternoon classes start 1:30 – 3:30 at CPUC

Saturday, September 30 – Ceilidh Fundraiser for ALS Manitoba 7:30 at CPUC

Monday, October 9 – no class. Thanksgiving Holiday Monday.

Saturday, November 18 – St. Andrew's Social

Thursday, December 7 – last afternoon class of 2023

Monday, December 11 – last evening class of 2023

Note: all events are held at Churchill Park United Church (CPUC) 525 Beresford Ave. unless otherwise stated.

A Word from the Chair of COM

Despite the very warm weather I feel like this month is quickly zooming past and soon we will be hustling towards the end of our all-too-short summer.

A few of us had the chance recently to dance with, and in celebration of, Don Johnson's retirement. This was held at North Kildonan United Church where Don has been the minister for the past 3 years. As we all know, this period encompassed covid times, but despite the limitations and changes, Don

and his congregants obviously managed to establish a wonderful connection as evidenced by the enthusiastic turnout and many warm and humorous tributes to Don on June 11/23. We all wish him well in his future endeavors!

The COM has met once since the AGM and will probably need 2 summer meetings to prepare for the Open House on September 11/23 at CPUC, 7:30 pm with Monday evening and Thursday afternoon classes beginning the week of September 18/23.

Hope everyone has a lovely summer with clear daytime skies, a decrease in forest fires (and smoke), and gentle night rains.

Best to all who are heading east for Summer School in Nova Scotia....have a great time, you will be great representatives for all of us in Winnipeg!

Lynn McClure

Next COM meeting – July 6

Have you heard?

Report from AGM

Items of interest from the AGM held May 15:

Much of the agenda moved along smoothly with the reports being approved by the members as presented. Special committee reports from the Anniversary Workshop, Teacher selection committee, and nominating committee were also received as circulated.

Under unfinished business, no information was reported from the Scottish Heritage Council.

Regarding consideration of returning to St. Paul's hall for classes, it was felt that the significantly lower rental fees and appropriate space provided at Churchill Park United Church justified continuing to offer classes at CPUC.

The call for nominations from the floor for COM positions was opened. As no nominations were forthcoming, the slate for 2023-2024 presented by the Nominating Committee was elected.

Under new business, on behalf of the Committee of Management, Shirley Tinsley presented Peter McClure with a certificate of *Headquarters Life Membership* in appreciation for his long-standing commitment to Scottish Country Dancing. She acknowledged that he has been and continues to be a wonderful resource for the branch.

Under announcements, the Teachers Committee will be forwarding the recommendation of Monday evening and Thursday afternoon classes for the upcoming dance season to COM for consideration/approval.

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Retirement ...

It's official. Don Johnson has retired!

Some dancing friends took part in the farewell program following the service at Don's church (North Kildonan United Church) on June 11. It was to be a surprise to have the dancers there and Don was very surprised. We were even "short" a dancer for one dance and Don cheerfully filled the spot. All had fun and then enjoyed a bbq lunch including cake and ice cream.



Sadly ...

Barbara Crutchley

With great sadness, we announce the death of Barbara Crutchley on June 7, 2023.

Barb was an avid Scottish Country dancer before she moved from Ontario to Winnipeg in 1987. Here, she became an active member of the Winnipeg branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, participating in regular classes as well as demonstration groups. She found many friends through the Society and enjoyed the physical and mental aspects of dancing as much as the social ones.

When she left her position as Director of Research Grants at the University of Manitoba, she found retirement an opportunity to continue her love of theatre, classical music - and baseball! Barb made numerous friends in Winnipeg who will miss her smiling presence.

A celebration of Barb's life will be held at the Neil Bardal Funeral Home, 3030 Notre Dame Avenue, on Thursday July 6, at 11:00 am, to which friends are welcome to come.

Here is the link to her obituary: [CRUTCHLEY BARBARA LYNN - Obituaries - Winnipeg Free Press Passages](#)

From the editor's desk ...

Ahhh. The summer lull.... Or is it?

Several Winnipeggers are going to Halifax for the TAC Summer School in late July.

Folkloramma happens in early August.

The new COM is looking ahead to the fall dance season.

And the teachers are sorting out class teaching assignments.

Sooner than we can "1/2 turn and rotate" we'll be back in the hall kicking up our heels, or at least skip-change-of-stepping!

Have a great summer!

Doug Durnin, Editor

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**Just wanted to share:
Now that I'm older ...
My goal for the year was to
lose 10 pounds.
Only have 14 to go.**

Here and There...

Some Out of Town Events

If you have an internet connection, browse for RSCDS & city. For instance, RSCDS Toronto hosts workshops and monthly dances and has links to dancing events all over the world. Almost every city in Canada has an RSCDS group. Many have a Facebook site as well.

July 30 – August 6, 2023 – Halifax – TAC Summer School

Here are links to some branch sites:

[RSCDS Winnipeg Branch](#)

[RSCDS Saskatchewan Branch](#)

[RSCDS Calgary Branch](#)

[RSCDS Edmonton Caledonian Branch](#)

[RSCDS Medicine Hat Branch](#)

www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org

[RSCDS Vancouver](#)

[RSCDS Toronto Branch](#)

[RSCDS Ottawa](#)

**I'm not saying I'm old and worn out,
but I make sure I'm nowhere near
the curb on trash day**

Just wondering ...

**Which letter is silent in the word "Scent,"
the S or the C?**

L&A Submissions

Next L&A: August / September 2023 Deadline for submissions: August 20.

Members are encouraged to submit articles, pictures or information of interest to Branch members.

Submissions for the *Light and Airy* can be sent to the Branch e-mail address: info@rscdswinnipeg.ca or to the editor at Douglas.Durnin@umr.umanitoba.ca

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