

Light and Airy



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From the Chair....

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I can't remember such dependable sunshine!

As usual, there was lots of activity for members and especially the Demonstration Team. Folklorama, as usual, was lots of fun. Thank you for all your enthusiasm and hard work.

Good news from Lower Fort Garry: they want to include our participation in Heritage Day on their web site, with links to Parks Canada 100th Anniversary celebrations. This is wonderful publicity for RSCDS. Great work Demo Team.

The Investment Fund Committee has done a great job. The Committee's report was sent to all members for review and a Special Membership Meeting was held on September 6, 7:30 pm at St. Paul's. Thank you to Dave Morrison (Committee Chair) and members: Joan Curle (Treasurer), Debra Forest (Membership), Lynn McClure, Agnes Brydon (Demo Team), and Pat Clubb (Branch Chair). I think this a wonderful opportunity to stimulate interest in developing projects that will benefit members and hopefully increase membership.

We have withdrawn our application for funding from Heritage Grants Manitoba for our „Red River/Selkirk Settlers Bicentennial Project“ on the advice of the Bicentennial Committee. This definitely does not end our Project! Much work has been done and we are still on board for the SAG conference in October, with the teachers offering a selection of music and dance in celebration of the Selkirk Settlers Bicentennial.

This venture into outside funding has provoked an exploration of such questions as „Should we incorporate?“, „What is our tax responsibility?“ I have been in contact with Wendy Fulton, secretary of the Toronto Branch, as they incorporated precisely when they applied for government funding to reorganize the Branch! She suggests talking to a lawyer with special expertise, or a tax accountant. That's as far as I have taken the issue, as I want to bring it the COM.

The COM is sponsoring a “Tribute to the Lynchs” Social on September 17, 2011. Robin Lynch, dance teacher, and her husband, Mike, are long time members of the Branch. They are leaving to go the West Coast in October and operate a Bed and Breakfast! We want to celebrate their new adventure, wish them every success, and thank them for all they have done for RSCDS. Ken Nattrass and Ron Krug will be providing the music!

Ken continues to recuperate after cardiac surgery in June. The Branch sent flowers and we are overjoyed at his recovery.

By the time you receive this issue of the *Light and Airy*, we will have started 2011/12 activities with the Welcome Dance on September 9, 2011 and the Selkirk Settlers Parade on September 10. The regular dance season starts the week of September 12. Happy Dancing!

Pat Chubb

2011/12 Dance Season

Friday September 9	Welcome Social, St. Paul's Church Hall, 7:30 pm – No charge!
Week of September 12	Fall Term classes begin
Saturday September 17	Farewell Social for Mike and Robin Lynch, 8:00 pm, \$10
Monday November 28	St. Andrew's Social (hosted by the Fort Garry Social Class)
Week of December 12	Last classes of Fall Term
Week of January 9, 2012	Winter Term classes begin
Saturday January 28	Burns Dance
Tuesday February 28	Class Social (hosted by the Technique Class)
Thursday March 29	Class Social (hosted by the Basic Class)
Week of April 16	Last classes of Winter Term
Saturday April 28	Workshop and dance
Wednesday May 16	AGM

Please note: All dates are subject to change – please check the calendar each month. All socials are at St. Paul's Church at 8:00 pm, unless otherwise noted.

From the Editor

In the June-July 2011 issue of the *Light and Airy*, Ken Natrass's moving personal remembrances of the late Bobby Brown provided a window on the intricacies of Scottish Country Dance music.

Bobby's quote that dancers "know they like the music, they just don't know why" was certainly true for me. Ken's description of the different patterns and arrangements in the music gave me a new appreciation of the thought and preparation that goes into the Scottish Country Dance music that we enjoy at our Branch socials, and helped to explain why I like the music.

Bobby saw each eight bars of music as an opportunity, and he employed various patterns and chords to make the music interesting. If it wasn't interesting, he didn't think that it was worth playing. What a high standard he set for himself!

How fortunate that the Winnipeg Branch has such a wonderful band as Scotch Measure to play the music at our functions. As Musical Director, Ken has learned well from Bobby, and has adopted his high standards. When I am not dancing, and concentrating on the dance, I find sitting back and enjoying the music to be such a pleasure. Now, with Ken's help, I will be enjoying the patterns of the music with a more educated mind.

Over the years our Branch has been blessed by many such treasures. Each time we lose one, we are reminded of these blessings. Sometimes their departure is sudden, and we don't have the opportunity to express our appreciation for their contributions. Other times, we can share our appreciation through such honours as the RSCDS Scroll of Honour recently presented to Christine Wallace.

This fall, the Winnipeg Branch will be saying farewell to another two treasures when Robin and Mike Lynch move to the West Coast to open a bed and breakfast. The Branch's formal tribute to Robin and Mike will be held on Saturday, September 17. A wonderful dance program has been developed, consisting of dances chosen by Robin and Mike. Christine Wallace provides a lovely summary of their contributions to the Branch later in this issue. The dance program is also included. We hope to see you all at this special and fun evening!

Heather Ferguson

2011-12 Classes and Teachers

Fort Garry Social: Monday
Peter McClure

Technique: Tuesday
Margaret Zadworny

Demonstration: Wednesday (certain dates)
Christine Wallace

Basic: Thursday
Cheryl Durnin and Maureen Burnham

Joyce Cormack will be available as a substitute teacher.

All classes are held at St. Paul's Church Hall, 830 North Drive, from 8:00 to 10:00 pm.

For Sale

Gents Highland Outfit, which includes the following items:

- Dress Gordon Kilt (light-weight worsted), waist 34", length 24"
- evening shirt (with ruffle) 15½ / 32
- kilt belt with silver buckle
- Day Wear leather sporran
- Evening sporran
- 1 pair Lovat green hose
- 1 pair off-white hose.

A Ladies Silk Plaid long evening skirt and coordinating Silk Blouse (royal blue), size 8-10.

For further information, contact Christine Wallace (478-1026) or Joan Curle (254- 6697)

RSCDS Colouring Competition

RSCDS is once again running a colouring competition for young people aged 12 years and under, in conjunction with Dance Scottish Week 2011. The young people do not have to be a dancer or a member of a RSCDS branch. Deadline for entries is **October 31, 2011**. Winners will receive prizes of RSCDS goodie-bags.

The template/form can be downloaded from the website, at <http://www.rscds.org/news/member-news/260-colouring-competition-2011.html>.

Scottish Heritage Council

The Scottish Heritage Council is in the final stages of transition to an incorporated entity, with the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation now completed. The Board at this point is made up of those on the previous Scottish Heritage Council Steering Committee who agreed to become Directors of the incorporated entity. Wendy Land sits on this committee and has been named to the interim Board of Directors. The Board has agreed on the By-laws for the Corporation, and a special meeting of the full Council will be called this fall to adopt the By-laws. This will be followed by an Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Corporation (the full Council) to elect a Board of Directors. RSCDS has the right to appoint two members and two associate members to the Council.

Much of the energy of the SHC board has been directed in recent months to the affairs of its sub-committee, the Bicentenary of the Red River Selkirk Settlement Committee (see the report that follows).

Wendy Land

Bicentenary of the Red River Selkirk Settlement (BRRSS) Committee



This committee has been very busy through the spring and summer months and plans are rapidly coalescing. A website has been set up at www.redriver200.ca. This website will be a

focal point for information about the Selkirk Settlement and the Bicentenary. Already it has a brief historical account of the settlement, with links to other sources of information, a list of special events, links to member organizations, and a blog. An integrated curriculum project for grades 4-6 teachers, being developed through collaboration between the BRRSS Committee and the RSCDS, will also be housed at this site.

A special event to mark the arrival of the Selkirk Settlers at Hudson Bay on September 9, 1811 was planned for Friday, September 9, 2011 at the Lord Selkirk Plaque on Memorial Boulevard, next to the Winnipeg Art Gallery. This occasion was used to unveil the official logo (see above) and to officially announce the Bicentenary Celebrations.

Lord Selkirk has agreed to participate in a week of special events in early September 2012. Other dignitaries are being invited from the Government of Canada and the Scottish Parliament. Special events planned for that week include the 2012 Selkirk Settlers" Parade, a ceilidh, a re-enactment of the September 4, 1812 "Seizin' Of The Land" ceremony in which Miles McDonnell and Hudson Bay Company officials exchange documents, a Selkirk Settlers" descendents event, a formal banquet and a church service at the historic St. John"s Anglican Church.

Other special events are being developed, including a musical created by the Seven Oaks Historical Society, a special exhibit at the Museum of Man and Nature, and an academic symposium. The curriculum project being developed by Wendy Land, Christine Wallace and Margaret Zadworny will be presented at SAG workshops for Social Studies and Phys Ed teachers on October 21, and it is expected that this will generate interest in dance workshops for school children, delivered by RSCDS teachers, as part of school-based bicentenary activities.

Wendy Land

Event Reports

Folklorama

Thanks to all who helped staff our RSCDS booth at the Pavilion of Scotland. We had a very good response to the video and about 40 folks entered the draw for free 1st term basic classes. Our air-conditioned room was quite a contrast to the heat and humidity in the main area. Also bouquets to the teachers who taught the participation dancing and Heather Ferguson and her crew for looking after the entire Cultural Display area.

David Kroeker

Demonstration Team

Completed demos:

June 14, 2011	Lower Fort Garry
June 18	Manitoba Highland Gathering
July 1	Lower Fort Garry Teulon
August 2	Pavilion Of Scotland
August 13	St. James Museum
August 17	Red River Care Home

Upcoming demonstrations:

April 6, 2012	Tartan Day
June 23	Manitoba Highland Gathering
September 1-11	Selkirk Settlers Bicentennial Celebrations

We were requested by Lower Fort Garry for a picture and write-up on Heritage Days activities and other demonstrations that have been done over the past 10 years for such events as Victoria Day, July 1st celebrations and other special events put on by the Lower Fort Garry during that time. Parks Canada (Ottawa) is going to feature us on its Website as part of the September Centennial Celebration theme of "Volunteering" and the October Centennial Celebration theme of "Learning Experiences". We were all very excited about this exposure for RSCDS. The Demo Team and many branch members have taken part in these activities. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Anyone with two years of dancing experience is invited to come out and join the Demonstration Team. If you are interested, call Agnes at 837-7346 or email: brydona@Yahoo.com.

Agnes Brydon

Special General Meeting - Report of the Investment Funds Committee September 6, 2011

A Special General Meeting of the Winnipeg Branch membership was held on September 6, 2011 to discuss the Report of the Investment Fund Committee. A copy of the report was distributed to the membership by email prior to the meeting.

Committee Chair David Morrison presented the report, which included a number of recommendations regarding the use of Branch investment funds (assets not needed for current liabilities). It was recommended that a portion of these assets (\$17,500) be put into a reserve fund while the remaining (spendable assets) be available for funding operating deficits and special projects within specific parameters.

The parameters indicated that any use of spendable assets must be for the benefit of the members. The maximum use of the spendable assets in any one year is capped at \$2,000. Any one specific project or any operating deficit that exceeds \$500 would require the evaluation and approval of at least 75% of the COM

The meeting was attended by 26 branch members, which provided the necessary quorum. The motion "that the Report of the Investment Fund Committee be accepted as written, presented, and distributed" was unanimously passed by those in attendance.

Upcoming Events

Farewell Social for Mike and Robin Lynch September 17, 2011

The RSCDS Winnipeg Branch is having a Farewell Social for Mike and Robin Lynch, longtime members of the Branch, on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 8 pm at St. Paul's Church Hall. Admission is \$10.00.

The program consists of dances chosen by Mike and Robin. The music will be provided by Ken Natrass on accordion and Ron Krug on piano. There will be lots of time for socializing.

Farewell to Mike and Robin Lynch Dance Program

Welcome to the Dance	32J2	Let's All Dance
Neidpath Castle	32S3	Book 22-9
The Laird of Milton's Daughter	32J3	Book 22-10
Maxwell's Rant	32R3	Book 18-10
Miss Gibson's Strathspey	32S3	Leaflet Book #18
Intermission		
Hooper's Jig	32J3	MMM 2, p. 15
Fair Donald	32S3	Book 29-4
Reel of the 51 st Division	32R3	Book 13-10

Crib notes for the dances are available on the Branch website.

The Lynchs are leaving Winnipeg to live in BC on the island of Quadra, where they have bought a "Bed and Breakfast".

Mike and Robin joined the Branch in 1973, and in spite of having a busy family life with 3 daughters and 2 sons, it was not long before they became involved in the Branch's many activities. This of course included Mug Pub, the British pavilion at Folklorama for many years.

Mike took a turn as Coordinator of the Pavilion, and was also Mayor. He did an admirable job in both positions. Robin was also involved in some of the stage shows at Mug Pub, including *Robin Hood*, which she produced.

Robin gained her Teachers Certificate in Scottish Country Dancing in 1979, and has taught all levels of graded classes, plus the Demonstration class and Candidate Teacher classes. She has also been a guest teacher at various workshops throughout North America. Both Mike and Robin have served on the Committee of Management at different times, Mike as Chair and Robin as Teachers' Rep.

Not only do they "Dance Scottish", they also do English dancing with the Village Green Dance Group. Mike dances with the "Morris Men". Robin both dances and teaches English dancing. She also teaches Welsh dancing!

As I write this little history of their time with us (and I am sure that I have not included everything), I realize how much we are going to miss them, not only for their contributions of support to the Branch, but more importantly for the many lasting friendships they have formed through their association with Scottish, English and Welsh dancing. I think that there will be a well worn trail to the island of Quadra in the future! Winnipeg's loss is BC's gain.

We wish Mike and Robin good health and every happiness and success in their new venture. As the Scots say, "Lang may your lum reek" !

Christine M. Wallace

RSCDS Annual General Meeting

November 4-6, 2011

The Annual General Meeting and Conference weekend of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society will be held in Glasgow, Scotland on November 4-6, 2011.

The Committee of Management of the Winnipeg Branch is pleased to announce that we have a "proxy delegate" who will attend the AGM and vote on our behalf, where we ask her to do so. She is Irene Whyte, Secretary of the RSCDS Inverness Branch. Irene will be reporting back to us after the AGM.

Here and There

Puns for Educated Minds

Submitted by Anne and David Morrison

- * She was only a whiskey maker but he loved her still.
- * A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was considered a weapon of math disruption.
- * No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationary.
- * A dog gave birth to puppies near the end of the road and was cited for littering.
- * Two silk worms had a race and ended up in a tie.
- * Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- * Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- * A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."
- * Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly, it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
- * Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: to transcend medication.
- * There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

Brain Teaser

Name ten parts of the human body (no slang) that have only three letters.

Answers can be found at the bottom of page 7.

Out of Town Events

Regina, SK

September 30-October 2, 2011
RSCDS Saskatchewan Branch
31st Annual Workshop, Banquet and Ball
Teachers: John and Janyn Bertram
Music: Ken Natrass and Ron Krug
Contact: workshop@rscdsSaskatchewan.org
[www.rscdsSaskatchewan.org]

Calgary, AB

October 14-16, 2011
St. Giles Scottish Country Dance Group
Workshop and Ball
Teachers: Bob Anderson, Ruth Jappy and John Bertram
Music: Mercat Cross Band
Contact: Donna Gillespie (403-245-6285 or donnaGil@telus.net) or Janyn Bertram (403-585-3842 or Janyn_Bertram@hotmail.com)

Houston, TX

October 29, 2011
Houston & District Branch Workshop and Ball
Teacher: Elinor Vandegrift
Music: Muriel Johnstone and Judi Nicolson
Contact: Mike Glisson (832-758-6086 or mikeraquel@gmail.com) or Raquel Scarone (832-293-5409 or mikeraquel@gmail.com)
[www.HoustonRSCDS.org]

Pacific Grove, CA

November 4-6, 2011
RSCDS San Francisco Branch
Asilomar Workshop Weekend
Teachers: Pat Coyle, Mary Murray, David Queen, Duncan Smith and Tim Wilson
Musicians: Catherine Fraser/Duncan Smith (Friday) and Reel of Seven (Saturday)
Contact: Fred DeMarse (510-522-3013 or fred1314@sbcglobal.net) or Julee Montes (650-722-0473 or julm-hcs@pacbell.net)
[www.rscds-sf.org]

Toronto, ON

November 12, 2011
RSCDS Toronto Association
2011 Toronto Annual Workshop
Teachers: Helen Russell (UK), Ian Souter (Hamilton), Deirdre MacCuish Bark (Toronto)
Music: Don Bartlett, Laird Brown and Jim Darge
Application deadline: November 8, 2011
Contact: Valerie Fisher (416-497-4186 or v.fisher@sympatico.ca) or Tony Szeto (416-566-9328 or aszeto2010@gmail.com)
[www.rscdsToronto.org/workshop.html]

St. Andrews, Scotland

January 27-29, 2012
RSDCS Edinburgh Branch
2012 Weekend Away
Teacher: Muriel Johnstone
Pianist: Peter Shand
Bands: Gary Donaldson (Friday) and David Cunningham (Saturday)
Contact: weekend@rscdsedinburgh.org or telephone +44 (0) 131-652-0057

Ottawa, ON

January 27-29, 2012
Ardbrae Dancers of Ottawa
Ardbrae Ball Weekend
Music: Laird Brown & The Scottish Accent Band
Contact: Elaine Hoag (613-729-6198 or elaine.hoag@gmail.com) or Anne Taylor (613-731-9270 or avtaylor2@gmail.com)
[www.ardbrae.org]

Honolulu, HI

February 17-19, 2012
RSCDS Hawaii Branch
Aloha Winter Weekend
Teacher: Eileen Hsu (Seattle)
Music: Humuhumunukunukuapua "a & Strathspey Society Band
Contact: Melissa Lindsay at 808-256-3347 or MLindsay@hawaii.rr.com

Be sure to check the Inter-City Scot website for more information on dancing events in other cities (there is a link on the Winnipeg Branch website).

Important Dates

COM meetings: the first Wednesday of the month from October to May.

Next L&A: Deadline for the October 2011 issue is **October 7, 2011.**

Members are encouraged to submit articles, pictures or information of interest to the Branch. Contributors are requested to send their submissions either in Word (.doc) or .pdf format, or typed directly into an email message.

This and the 11 past issues of the *Light and Airy* are posted on the Branch website (rscdswinnipeg.ca).

Answers to the Brain Teaser on page 6

Arm, ear, eye, gum, hip, jaw, leg, lip, rib, toe.