Light and Airy



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Important Dates

Dancing in 2023

Winter Term 2023

Mondays – evening class 7:30 – 9:30 **Thursdays** – afternoon class 1:30 – 3-30

Sunday, March 26 – RSCDS Wpg. Dance & music show Winkler P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall 2:00pm

Week of April 10 - Second Term Classes end

April 21 – 23, 2023 – Winnipeg Anniversary Weekend Workshop

Monday, May 15 - AGM at Churchill Park UC 7:30

A Word from the Chair of COM

March in Manitoba.

We are always on alert when "Spring" is around the corner and last Saturday, March 11th was the perfect example. A weather system loomed and unfortunately our Social was cancelled. Thank you Sharyl for issuing the Snow Cancellation email. The decision to reschedule a Social will be made at the next COM meeting.

Our second term of dancing continues with good attendance. Sheila, Sharyl and Peter are introducing us to some new dances as well as reviewing Branch favorites and in particular dances from the Workshop Ball program. If you haven't already registered, now is the time as the Workshop Committee finalizes arrangements.

"Come Join the Dance!"

Many warm and friendly thoughts are being sent to Maureen Burnham. Hoping that you will give yourself patience and time as you continue to recover and heal following your fall and surgery. Well wishes from us all!!!!!!

On a sad note, former dancer Bob Poole passed away last week. Please keep his wife Betty and family in your thoughts.

Shirley Tinsley Next COM meeting – March 29.

Have you heard?

March Social Evening

Unfortunately the social evening scheduled for March 11 was postponed to a later date due to inclement blizzard-like weather conditions.

From the Classes ...

It has been quiet with no notes coming from the classes. I was away on vacation for three weeks so missed classes, however my first Monday class back was great with 3 full sets up on the floor. Doug

Come on Down to the show in Winkler!

The branch was asked if we might put on a show of dancing and music in the performing arts centre in Winkler, a city 150 km from Winnipeg. The task was taken up by Cheryl Durnin who planned the show, organized the dancers, and the music. The event takes place on March 26 at 2 pm and the poster is found here with details. The dancers and singers have been working hard to get the show in shape.

Winkler is a pleasant 90 minute drive south and west of Winnipeg and you can't beat the price!

All are welcome! Come and enjoy!



Life and Golf have many similarities:

There are two kinds of bounces: unfair bounces, and bounces just the way you meant to play them.

2023 Winnipeg Anniversary Workshop



RSCDS Winnipeg Branch 60th Anniversary 50th Workshop and Ball April 21-23, 2023

When: April 21-23, 2023

Where: Victoria Inn, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Why: Great company, Great teaching, Great music,

Great dancing, Great food!

A time to get together and haveFUN!!!!!

How: On-line registration forms and information on Teachers

and Musicians are on the RSCDS Winnipeg website

Final notice for registration!

We are now just six weeks away from our Workshop and Ball! Down to the final arrangements, including numbers for classes and the Dinner. Please get your registrations in ASAP as we need to give our numbers as of March 21st, to the Victoria Inn, one month prior to our event.

Why do we need these numbers so soon, you ask?

"The Victoria Inn will allow a 20% reduction in the total expected guests, 30 days prior to the event. Should the expected numbers be reduced more than 20%, the client/organization will be responsible for all the food and beverage costs".

At this point we have 25 registered but had expected 40 guests, and so our bottom number is 32. I am pretty sure we will get this number, however please help us out by signing up by the 21st so that we don't need to be anxious. We are able to add numbers up until April 5, but our BEOs (Banquet Event Orders) have to be recorded by the 21st.

The 21st of March is also the final day of guaranteed guest room availability. After the 21st, rooms will not be held. If there are rooms still available, you will still be able to get them at the reduced rate, but the availability is not guaranteed after this date.

All events will be held at the Victoria Inn the weekend of April 21-23. The Ceilidh will be held on the Friday, a fun time to socialize and be entertained. Classes on Saturday morning, a delicious lunch, a time to rest and relax, and then have a special dinner, Grand March, and an evening of Scottish Country Dancing accompanied by live music with our three piece Band. Sunday brings a combined dance class and more delicious food to finish off our weekend.

Come and support the Winnipeg Branch. There will be a few items for silent auction as well as the usual raffle baskets. As you are aware we have two out of town teachers, Linda Henderson from the USA and Jim Stott from Scotland. As well as our own Ron Krug at piano, we have Mary Ross, accordion and Janette Polson, fiddle both coming from Vancouver Island. Please plan to attend for at least part of the weekend, enjoying the live music, dancing and socializing with each other.

Remember! We will not be doing this in another 50 years!

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your Workshop and Ball Committee Jane Nattrass chair

TAC Summer School



For dancers wishing to plan add-on travel, the links below, including the Nova Scotia branch website, offer useful information:

http://www.rscdsnovascotia.ca

https://www.novascotia.com/

https://www.explorenovascotia.com/

From the editor's desk ...

The dance season is rounding the final turn and heading to the finish line. There are several events still to come including the show in Winkler (Sunday March 26), and the Anniversary Workshop & Ball (April 21 - 23). The AGM (Monday May 15) will wrap up the year. Where has all the time gone? Disappeared – just like the hour in the time change to daylight savings!

Since we are coming into Spring and the weather is warming with wonderful sunshine, I thought I would share a few bits of wisdom from my daily golf calendar. Caddies have such keen insight for the game and life.

Golfer: "My doctor says I can't play golf."
Caddie: "Oh, he's played with you too?"

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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.

March 31 - April 2 - Lethbridge - Dance, Music Workshops, & Ball

May 26 - 28, 2023 - Toronto - 1st Spring Fling / Spring Fringe in North America

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

August 13 - 20, 2023 - Prague - Prague Scottish Dance Week

Scottish Country Dancing and Walking Holidays – 5 tours scheduled in 2023. March, May, Sept., Oct., & Nov. check https://www.scottish-country-dancing-and-walking-holidays.com for more information

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

L&A Submissions

Deadline for submissions: April 24 (after the workshop). **Next L&A:** May 2023 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: <u>info@rscdswinnipeg.ca</u> or to the editor at Douglas.Durnin@umr.umanitoba.ca
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