

# *Light and Airy*



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## ***Important Dates***

### ***Dancing in 2022***

#### **Fall Term 2022**

**Mondays** – evening class 7:30 – 9:30

**Thursdays** – afternoon class 1:30 – 3:30

**Saturday, October 22** – 7:30 social evening Churchill Park UC 525 Beresford Ave.

**Saturday, November ??** – 7:30 social evening Churchill Park UC

**Week of December 5** – First Term Classes end

#### **Winter Term 2023**

**Week of January 10, 2023** – classes resume

**April 21, – 23, 2023** – Winnipeg Anniversary Weekend Workshop

## ***A Word from the Chair of COM ....***

October: the cottage has been closed for the season, we're raking leaves every other day, baseball playoffs are in "full swing". CFL conference finals pending, NHL season just starting, we've already had a bit of snow, eaten our Thanksgiving dinner and we have been dancing for a month. It really is nice being back in the routine of our weekly class, warm ups, step practice, learning new dances and reviewing some of our favorites and just being together.

Class Socials have always been an important part of our Branch activity and this year is no exception. In an effort to bring our two class groups together we are hosting an Autumn Social on Saturday October 22nd, 7:30pm-9:30pm at Churchill Park United Church. The Program has been published (on the Branch website) and promises to be an enjoyable evening. We know that some folks don't like to drive at night; if you want to attend the social, please let Shirley or Lynn know and we will do our best to arrange a ride for you.

Hope to see you on the 22nd. If the evening is a success the monthly social will return in November.

Shirley Tinsley

## ***Have you heard?***

### ***The Flying Scotsman***

Say what you mean; mean what you say;  
don't say it mean!  
- Jamie Lee Curtis

This just in - The Flying Scotsman will be filmed here in Winnipeg as we have lots of interest in the project. Headquarters in Scotland has sent out a suggestion that branches around the globe film themselves dancing The Flying Scotsman, and submit the video to be included in a compilation project for the Society's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A rehearsal date and time has been set for Monday October 24 with filming location and time TBA. It will be happening very soon as Scotland wants the recording by November 13th. Stay tuned for updates - even if you are not dancing you may be able to join us on location for the filming.

Cheryl Durnin

## ***From the Classes ...***

Dancing has certainly been anything but never boring lately! At one afternoon of dancing a couple of weeks back, Cheryl decided to treat our feet, brains and bodies to Trip to Bavaria. We worked for a while on it and then she decided we could put it on the back burner for a while and let it sink in. Then, on Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup>, she decided our muscle memory was ready for another try. It turns out that I think it is back on the back burner for a while but it will surface again so we will all know it well for the workshop ball next April!

Sharon Plaitin

## ***Scottish Ceilidh Fundraiser for ALS***

Thank you, Thank you!

What a wonderful Ceilidh evening on September 24th.

This annual fundraiser for ALS Manitoba was not only fun but was financially successful as well. From those who were able to attend in person and those who donated on line we raised almost \$3,000. This money will help the society support those living with ALS and their families. As we learned from Diana Rasmusson the executive Director, the ALS Society of Manitoba has been providing Boost at a cost of \$2,000 per week for those who have swallowing changes due to this disease.

We have made a difference!

Thank you to all who have contributed in any way to the success of this event. You are all amazing. I am truly grateful.

Cheryl Durnin

## ***What's Your Name? Name Tags***

When new members join the Branch they receive a name tag (now a magnetic back style). I will be submitting an order for the name tags and will include replacement name tags for those who have misplaced theirs or would prefer a magnetic back one. Cost for replacements is approx. \$11. Please let me know by November 1.

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## ***On the Way Home from Summer School ...***

**...The Rest of The Story...** of Our Calgary 2022 Summer School Adventure-

Well, we have finally arrived at the last chapter of our TAC Summer School adventure. As you may recall from earlier parts, our first experience at TAC was a wonderful week of dancing and meeting new friends. As we got underway on the drive home our 2010 Ford F150 truck was rear-ended at a stop light in Strathmore and written off, undrivable to get us home to Manitoba. With rodeo weekend on at the time we had difficulty finding alternate transportation. We have now found a replacement vehicle – a 2020 Ford Edge. It was both a difficult decision but yet an easy one to make.

The difficulty was that there was not much inventory on car lots, so with not a lot of vehicles to choose from you did not have to deliberate over your choices. We had several criteria to consider. We live on a farm in the country so it would need to handle country winter driving. We'll see how that turns out but Ellen likes the weight of the Edge. It needed to be the right colour, but this criteria was soon left aside. The available silver colour was considered acceptable.

Donald was hoping for a "simple" vehicle, a basic set of wheels to drive. However, that is no longer available as manufacturers have added many features over the years to make driving easier.

Now consider our truck was 12 years old. This is probably 80 years in technology time. It had an ignition key and a gear shifter. This new Edge has a push button to start/stop and a knob you turn to put it in gear. A knob???? With a fob instead of a key, it is difficult to check that the vehicle is locked since it unlocks when you touch the handle to check.

The Edge has enhanced driver assistance for nearly every occasion. It will steer between the lines (if there are lines on the road), even around a curve. I found this weird and after deciphering the manual (a **printed** manual, thank goodness!), I was able to disable this feature.

It also has an alarm that goes off if you appear to be heading towards the ditch. Although come to think of it, the truck did as well (the Cook). Another feature is the engine shut-off at stop signs and lights. Fortunately, this has an override as well, because this was also freaking out the Cook.

One feature is a heated steering wheel. Yes, it still has a steering wheel! It also has the hands-free foot operated rear hatch activation. It looks easy in the commercials on TV but so far we just seem to be denting the rear bumper or hurting our foot.

Perhaps an addendum will come later as we learn more of the fabulous new technology on the Edge, still with many, many more buttons to push.

*And Now for next year's Summer School ....*



## *2023 Winnipeg Anniversary Workshop*

🌟 TIME TO CELEBRATE 🍾

After four years of no Workshop and Ball, we are now preparing for our 50th Anniversary Workshop and Ball as well as the 60th Anniversary of our Winnipeg Branch!

It has been many years since this event was held in a hotel and so it was decided it was time to splurge a little! Mark your calendars! 📅 Our celebrations will be held at the Victoria Inn on the weekend of April 21-23, 2023!

Many of you may decide to take the opportunity to consider this a holiday and book a guest room for the weekend. We have been promised the set rate of \$139 per night.

Our weekend will include the Ceilidh 🎵 on the Friday evening, so get your item ready and let Ray Plaitin know! There will be classes Saturday morning, a lunch, the dinner and Ball in the evening, class on Sunday morning and a brunch/lunch to end the weekend. All the events will be held at the Victoria Inn.

Our out of town teachers are Jim Stott from Scotland and Linda Henderson from San Francisco. Sheila says she has had both of them as teachers before so if you'd like to chat about their style of



Victoria Inn, Winnipeg MB

Teachers: **Linda Henderson & Jim Stott**

Musicians: **Mary Ross, Janette Polson & Ron Krug**

We would love to see you in Winnipeg!  
Get a group of friends and travel together.

teaching, Sheila is willing to tell all she knows! 🎵 The musicians for the weekend include Mary Ross from Victoria, B.C., playing 🎹, Janette Polson, from Qualicum Beach, Vancouver Island, B.C., playing 🎸, and our own Ron Krug from sunny St. James, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on the 🎹. Your Workshop Committee is working hard at making this an event to remember so please mark your calendars! Start an Anniversary Jar and save a \$1 a day from now 'til then and you'll have most of your fee for the weekend paid! The fees for the weekend and the individual events are under discussion, but not ready for this publication. Keep your eyes open for the December newsletter as the numbers should be confirmed by then!

Your 2023 Workshop and Ball Committee

### ***From the Library ...***

The library will be at the socials with a few items for browsing. Here are titles recently added you might be interested in borrowing: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, A Celebration Through Scottish Music and Dance; So You're Going to Wear the Kilt; Complete Guide to Scottish Country Dancing, Allie Anderson; An Introduction to Warming Up and Cooling Down for Scottish Country Dancing; Scotland's Dances; Scottish Country Dancing, RSCDS.

We have few new CD's that are for sale. Eight Bars of Magic, Laird Brown and the Scottish Accent \$20; The Third Sheaf Collection of Scottish Country Dances, Diamond Jubilee 1955-2015 \$25; Excited States, Stringfire \$20; A' the Best Fae Banffshire 75 years of Scottish Country Dancing \$24; Around the World with Scotch Mist, music for Scottish Country Dancing \$20. If you are interested come to the table and check them out.

### **Nearly New Shop**

We have a selection of donated tartan skirts in storage which sell for \$15 for short skirts and \$20 for long. There are 13 kilt skirts waist sizes 30 to 35. There are 22 kilt skirts with a waist size less than 30", mostly 28". Occasionally we get donated men's clothing. We have two donated men's formal Bonnie Prince Charlie jackets in great shape. One is small with a 17" sleeve and the second one is for a 44" chest with a 17" sleeve. The asking price is \$75. each but feel free to make an offer. There are two white tuxedo shirts available—size 16-35 and 16-33 for \$7. each. Let me know if there is something that interests you.

Joan Curle  
Branch Librarian





**Contest-** Is it a plaid or tartan? If you are the first to name the tartan of this featured skirt from our donation collection correctly you can pick a prize of a donated CD or tea towel. The kilt skirt is for sale. It has a 30 1/2 "waist and is 28" long.



#### ***Committee of Management 2022/23***

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#### ***From the editor's desk ...***

It is indeed good to be out dancing and socializing again. We have classes up and running and now we are having a social evening for all.

The only thing wrong with doing nothing is that you never know when you're finished.

We have perhaps the finale of the story from Ellen & Donald Graham of their adventurous trip home from Summer School in Calgary. Thanks to them. I have certainly enjoyed reading of their adventures.

I told my family on our weekly zoom call about the "guess the tartan" contest librarian Joan is running. They had a few suggestions such as Douglas of Pembrige tartan although I doubt that is a winning guess.

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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.

**Fall, 2022** - dance classes resuming/continuing in various centers. Check local branch websites for specific details as restrictions permit dancing together in person.

**November 4 – 6, 2022 – Pacific Grove, Calif.** – RSCDS San Francisco Asilomar Weekend (Asilomar.rscds-sf.org)

**November 5, 2022 – Glasgow** – RSCDS annual general meeting

**February 10 – 12, 2023 – Edmonton** - 51st Annual Workshop and Ball

**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](http://www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org)

[RSCDS Vancouver](#)

[RSCDS Toronto Branch](#)

[RSCDS Ottawa](#)

### ***L&A Submissions***

**Next L&A:** December 2022

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](mailto:info@rscdswinnipeg.ca) or to the editor at [Douglas.Durnin@umr.umanitoba.ca](mailto:Douglas.Durnin@umr.umanitoba.ca) Deadline for submissions: November 14. This and past issues of *Light and Airy* are available at: [www.rscdswinnipeg.ca](http://www.rscdswinnipeg.ca)