

# Light and Airy



## Scottish Country Dancers of Winnipeg

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### **Important Dates**

#### **Fall Term 2020**

### **No Dance Events Scheduled As Yet**

Fall 2020 – (hopefully) RSCDS dancing resumes in some format

#### **Committee of Management 2020/21**

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

It is now six months since the Covid-19 pandemic began to totally disrupt everything that we once took for granted. In response to the danger this virus posed, we needed to abruptly cancel all our plans for completing the year's dance season, as well as cancelling spring dancing and our annual workshop.

Those suspensions began in March and so far there is no clear sign when we may be able to return to dancing. But until our dancing can safely resume, your Committee of Management is exploring ways for our branch membership to stay connected.

The first event planned by the Committee of Management was an informal gathering of our membership on Sunday afternoon, 13<sup>th</sup> September, at Assiniboine Park. For a couple of hours over 30 members safely visited together, with the music of Scottish Country dancing playing in the background. Our thanks to Cheryl and Doug Durnin for creating the play list and bringing the necessary equipment for us to hear the wonderful strathspeys, reels and jigs we so love to dance to, and so look forward to dancing to them again.

This Sunday afternoon was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with our friends and fellow dancers. On behalf of the COM, thank you to everyone who attended this gathering. Your support is greatly appreciated.

In the days ahead the COM will continue to explore more ways for all of us to stay in touch and maintain the strength of our Branch.

Hope this finds you well and enjoying these September days.

All the best,  
Don Johnson

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

**Saturday ..... In the Park .....**  
**I think it was the Fourth of July.**



Well, actually it was a Sunday. September 13th.

A gathering of the Winnipeg Scottish Country dance family was held at Assiniboine Park. About 30 members came out to visit, share their covid survival stories and just enjoy each other's company. Oh, and there was music to tap our toes too. It became quite clear that all enjoyed being together and wanted to do this again as the weather permits or as indoor spaces open up.

Thank you to all who were able to come. Hopefully we can do this another time before it gets too frosty.

For now take care and here are some pictures to mark the occasion.

Cheryl Durnin

A few comments from dancers:

Good to see you Sunday, thanks to COM for planning the event. – Peter

.... It was so nice seeing everyone and catching up on what was happening with their lives. As one person said 'I did not realize how much I needed this '.

It was a great day.

Thank you to the COM for a great idea.

Ellen and Donald



### ***There's always music for us***

Here is the link to the RSCDS Headquarter`s newsletter Dance Scottish at Home which contains a number of links to follow to open up the various goodies they have included.

<https://mailchi.mp/rscds/dance-scottish-at-home-582110?e=ce22a873a2>

We can enjoy the wonderful Scottish Dance music we love anytime. Visit The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society website [info@rscds.org](mailto:info@rscds.org) where you can listen to various At Home Podcasts of musicians playing from their living rooms for the online audience. And also a dance class via Zoom! Every Wednesday!

Letter sent out to Branch members:

## **RSCDS Winnipeg Branch**

### **A Word from the Committee of Management**

**6<sup>th</sup> September 202**

Hello everyone it has been far too long since we have all connected so we wanted to update you on Branch activities. Your COM had its first meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and we spent considerable time discussing the impact of COVID on our activities and the ways in which we can move forward. We appreciated hearing from you and thank you for responding to the questionnaire provided by Cheryl Durnin.

Although we are unable to meet at the present time to dance, our Branch has ongoing financial needs. The \$60 membership fee helps cover the per person membership we send to RSCDS Headquarters in Edinburgh as well as local expenses such as insurance and our monthly website fee. We encourage you to register before October 15<sup>th</sup> so that when we are able to resume classes and other social events our registration, mailing list and insurance will be up-to-date.

The COM feels strongly that the socialization aspect of our group is important, with that in mind we are planning our first “Afternoon in the Park” event on Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>, at Assiniboine Park, Lyric Theatre location. Social distancing will be observed so bring your own face mask, chair and refreshment. (BYOFMCR)

We are hopeful that classes, in some format (ie: technique, step dance, etc), can resume at our usual venue St. Paul’s Church in the new year.

Sincerely,

Don Johnson, Chairperson of the Committee of Management

Winnipeg Branch, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

**ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY (Winnipeg Branch)**  
**REGISTRATION FORM July 1 2020 to June 30 2021**



Registration forms and payment may be provided to the registrar:  
 • Mail to: Doug Durnin 11 Pembroke Bay Winnipeg MB R2M 4H1 ph. 204-253-4213  
 • Or drop off at your convenience.  
 • **Membership list will be published late-October, please register by Oct. 15th.**

**REGISTRANT #1 INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRANT #2 INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Registrant 1</b>	<b>Fees:</b>	<b>Home class:</b>	<b>Additional class:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Only Note: Fees for classes will be determined at such time as we can resume regular dance classes. Only membership fees are being collected at this time.	\$ 60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic <input type="checkbox"/> Technique <input type="checkbox"/> Social	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic <input type="checkbox"/> Technique <input type="checkbox"/> Social
<b>Registrant 2</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Only	\$ 60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic <input type="checkbox"/> Technique <input type="checkbox"/> Social	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic <input type="checkbox"/> Technique <input type="checkbox"/> Social

**Total Payable to RSCDS Winnipeg Branch**  
 (No refunds without the approval of the Committee of Management)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Receipts provided for cash only

Cash  
 Cheque

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please ensure each registrant completes and signs both fields below.**

I understand that participation in Scottish Country Dancing requires a reasonable level of physical fitness, and if I undertake any activity beyond my personal capability, I will not hold the Winnipeg Branch or the RSCDS responsible for any resulting injuries.

Registrant 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Registrant 2 \_\_\_\_\_

RSCDS Winnipeg has permission to include my name and the following information on the membership list distributed annually to members:

Registrant 1  
 Address    Phone number    E-mail

Registrant 2  
 Address    Phone number    E-mail

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

It is still quiet on the local dance scene except for the questions about when, where, and how we might get back on the dance floor.

I have inserted the registration form (sorry for the poor clarity) and included the letter that was sent out in early September along with the form to be in touch with our dancers and ask for their support by registering as dancers for this new year. The registration form can also be found on the RSCDS Winnipeg website (<http://www.rscdswinnipeg.ca/index.html>) under Members/Newsletter.

As you have seen earlier in the L&A we had an outdoor get together in Assiniboine Park. I have included a panoramic photo to share the enjoyment.

In the meantime – stay safe!

Doug Durnin, Editor

[Douglas.Durnin@umr.umanitoba.ca](mailto:Douglas.Durnin@umr.umanitoba.ca)

## ***Here and There...***

### ***SCD Books and Music***

Anyone interested in buying books of Scottish country dances or recordings of SCD music should be aware of TACBooks and TACSound, two services maintained by Teachers' Association Canada (TAC). You can look at their catalogues on the TAC web site [www.tac-rscds.org](http://www.tac-rscds.org). If you want to order any items, please do it via the Branch Librarian, as there are discounts available to Branches, but not to individuals.

### ***Scottish Country Dance Ghillies and Pumps***

[www.avriel.com](http://www.avriel.com) Shoe shop for dancers.

### ***Clan Info and Scottish Shop***

[www.scotclans.com](http://www.scotclans.com)

### ***SCD Online***

In case you didn't know about these sites:

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Edinburgh, Scotland: <https://www.rscds.org>

A great site to link to other branches and everything in the world of Scottish Country Dancing.

[The Inter-City Scot](#) - lists events across Canada and the United States. For other parts of the world, use the link to SCD groups on the Strathspey site [www.strathspey.org](http://www.strathspey.org) to find contact information.

Strathspey [www.strathspey.org](http://www.strathspey.org) has a database where you can search for info about dances (including cribs and videos when available), music (some clips), people and more. Also, there is a link to the Strathspey e-mail list, in case you'd like to join an online mailing list about SCD.

SCD Dictionary [www.scottish-country-dancing-dictionary.com](http://www.scottish-country-dancing-dictionary.com) has info about steps and formations. We don't really need that, we get it in our classes; however, sometimes a video may help, and SCD dictionary has videos for steps and formations. Also, there is info about dances, as on Strathspey.

### ***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.

### **EVENTS STILL HAPPENING (AT THIS TIME)**

There are online classes but that is all. Unfortunately all dance branches and groups are waiting to see how dancing might resume.  
So we wait.

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

**Next L&A:** November

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: October 10. This and past issues of *Light and Airy* are available at: [www.rscdswinnipeg.ca](http://www.rscdswinnipeg.ca)