

Light and Airy



Scottish Country Dancers of Winnipeg

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A Word from the Chair....

As many of you are aware, a discussion took place at the May AGM in regard to the subsidy of membership and/or class fees vs subsidizing special events such as the Burn's Night and the Annual Workshop and Ball. The Committee of Management has discussed the fee schedule and the budget for the coming year at both the June and July meetings.

The COM has decided that the fees for membership and classes will remain the same as last year - \$60 for annual membership and \$60 for each term of classes with a discount of \$5 if the full year class fees are paid in September.

Treasurer, Heather Colquhoun has provided the following comments:

- The current branch surplus did not come from Membership fees; it came from the hard work and efforts of members involved in extra-curricula activities. Mug Pub was the major contributor which provided the seed money for our investments. In addition, Scottish Heritage Days also contributed thousands of dollars to the coffers. The main purpose of the investment fund was deemed to be to cover band costs to ensure we could have live music at our functions.
- This year's (2016-17) expenses minus the Workshop, Burns and the one time donation re: the Scottish Diaspora total \$10,796. The revenue minus Burns & the Workshop comes to \$9,969 leaving a shortfall of \$827. Dividing the shortfall by 55 paying members shows that membership fees are already being subsidized by approximately \$15.
- Another way of looking at the issue is that a member pays \$175 a year which allows one to attend 28 classes, the September welcome dance, Betwixt & Between, usually 3 spring dancing sessions and in the last year five general dances plus the Anne Taylor evening for a total of 39 dancing nights. That equals less than \$4.50 per evening. On top of that, some members attend more than one class per week. We are of the opinion that our members are getting an incredible deal without further reducing fees. Even if one only attended regular classes, it comes out to \$6.25 per class.

The COM of Management has approved a budget for the year ending April 30, 2018 based on the revenue being the same as the past year (current fees and the same number of members) and anticipated expenses for classes and regular activities. The budget will, in fact, show a projected short-fall again of approximately \$1,500. Expenses for special events as the Burn's and Workshop have not been included at this time. If it were not for the Investment Funds, we would be required to raise fees, unless our membership increases.

Discussions in regard to the Annual Workshop and other events will continue in September.

CLASS START UP

All classes will start the week of **September 11th**: the Fort Garry Social Class on **Mondays**, Technique on **Tuesdays**, and the Basic Class on **Thursdays**, moved from Wednesdays last year.

A full schedule as well as the Registration Forms will be found on the Web Site. Registrations should be in by October 2nd in order to compile and publish our membership list. A copy of the Registration Form is also attached at the end of this issue..

The Open House and Welcome Dance will be held on **Thursday, September 7th** at St. Paul's. A promotional flyer is attached at the end of this issue. Please feel free to print and post the flyer to promote the Open House, Classes and interest in our Branch.

You could also send it out to your personal email community to those who might be interested. I have promoted other projects in this way and have always had one or two responses. If each of our members recruited one new member, just think how our branch could grow!

See you in September.

Gerri Stemler

Class Notes

Suspended for the summer.

Branch News

Committee of Management

The Committee of Management (COM) meets, usually the first Wednesday in the month, at St. Paul's at 7:00 pm. A tentative schedule will be published in *the Light & Airy*. Changes however, may be made if required during the year.

The meeting is open to any Branch Member; however you would not participate in the discussion or vote. If anyone wants to bring a proposal or issue to the COM, the intention should be provided to the Secretary, Agnes Brydon, at least two weeks in advance to be included in the agenda.

The Chair will endeavour to include a report on the discussions of the COM in the *L & A* on a monthly basis.

Dancing in the Park June 25 2017

On a sunny Sunday afternoon quite a large number of dancers gathered at St Vital Park to dance on the grass for a few hours. An outdoor event is so dependent on good weather and it had been unpredictable, i.e. (it was raining in Transcona in the late morning as I left for the park) but nature cooperated and the weather couldn't have been more perfect.

The dance program was a joint effort between Sheila and myself and we based the program on branch favourites and a few that were meaningful to Canada 150. Thanks to Sheila for putting crib notes together and having them sent out to dancers so people could be prepared for the afternoon, be relaxed and ready to have a good time!

A few of us arrived early to get everything set up. John and Hilary set up a screen-house in case of inclement weather or if anyone needed relief from the sun. Ray brought his amplifier and set up the sound system. Sheila, Sharron and I put posts in the ground on which we hung the banner and the Saltire. The Maple Leaf was prominently displayed on the tent. We were most thankful to the city for

providing a generator which was delivered to the site and picked up by park employees. This provided the power we needed for our sound system.

Our visitors included family of some of our dancers and we attracted the attention of a few children and general public who joined in to do some of our easier dances. It was good to see and visit with Margaret Jones and Gerry Mayes who we had not seen in some time.

John treated us to a few tunes on his bagpipes which sounded so great in the outdoors.

The afternoon concluded with some of us having a picnic under the tent.

Thanks to everyone who came out in support of this event and special thanks to John, Hilary, Ray, Sharron and Sheila for their efforts in making this a fun and pleasant afternoon of dancing.

Joyce Cormack







Name Tags

Branch members should have name tags, with their name and Branch affiliation. New members receive these tags **at no further charge** after their first membership is paid. A returning member who has

misplaced their tag can get a replacement by contacting the Registrar, Sharon Plaitin. The charge for replacements is \$8.

It is a courtesy to wear your name tag in any situation where not everyone may know you, e.g., when attending an “extra class” or a social.

The Branch on Facebook

Did you know that the Branch has a Facebook page? If you’re on Facebook yourself, why not visit us at [*RSCDS Winnipeg*](#), and “like” us.

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. 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. In the past, the Librarian has sent in Branch orders two or three times per year.

Scottish Country Dance Ghillies and Pumps

www.avriel.com Shoe shop for dancers.

Clan Info and Scottish Shop

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 to find contact information.

[RSCDS Winnipeg Branch](#)

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[RSCDS Calgary Branch](#)

[RSCDS Edmonton Caledonian Branch](#)

[RSCDS Medicine Hat Branch](#)

[RSCDS Vancouver](#)

[RSCDS Toronto Branch](#)

[RSCDS Montreal Branch](#)

[RSCDS St. John’s \(Newfoundland\) Branch](#)

[Teachers Association Canada](#) : for teachers of Scottish country dancing.

Strathspey 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 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.

Out of Town Events

6-8 October 2017

Dartmouth, NS

NS Branch 35th Anniversary Workshop and Ball

Details at www.rscdsnovascotia.ca/35th-Anniversary.htm

Note that this is the beginning of Celtic Colours week in Cape Breton.

6-9 October 2017

Canmore, AB

Calgary Scots Cultural Gathering

SCD and more!

Details at www.calgaryscots.org

Saturday, November 11, 2017 ~ 8:30am to 5:00pm

Toronto Workshop and Afternoon Dance

RSCDS Toronto Association celebrates its 60th Anniversary year:

<http://www.dancescottish.ca/Workshop.html>

17-19 November 2017

Pacific Grove, CA, USA

SF Branch Asilomar Weekend

Details at www.rscds-sf.org

Late 2017

Dancing tour of New Zealand

Visit www.toursbychris.com for contact info.

Important Dates

Next L&A: mid-October

Members are encouraged to submit articles, pictures or information of interest to Branch members. Until further notice, please send submissions for the *Light and Airy* to the Branch e-mail address: info@rscdswinnipeg.ca Deadline for submissions early October. This and past issues of *Light and Airy* are at: www.rscdswinnipeg.ca

Scottish Country Dancing

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
Winnipeg Branch



Open House Dance

Thursday September 7, 8:00 pm

St. Paul's Anglican Church

830 North Drive at Point Road

- lively music
- fun social activity
- no partner required
- qualified instructors
- no need to be Scottish
- casual clothing
- age is no barrier
- soft-soled shoes
- documented health benefits

Beginner's Classes Start

Thursday September 14

Information:

Gerri: (204) 488 7386
email: info@rscdswinnipeg.ca
Website: www.rscdswinnipeg.ca
Facebook: RSCDS Winnipeg

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY (Winnipeg Branch)
REGISTRATION FORM July 1 2017 to June 30 2018



Registration forms and payment may be provided to the registrar:

- Mail to: Sharon Plaitin 107 – 1185 St Anne's Road Winnipeg MB R2N 0A3 ph. 204-661-1257
- Or drop off at the welcome dance or your first class.
- **Membership list will be published mid-October, please register by Sept. 30th.**

REGISTRANT #1 INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone: ()

E-mail:

REGISTRANT #2 INFORMATION

Name:

Phone: ()

E-mail:

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

Registrant 1	<u>Fees:</u>	<u>Home class:</u>	<u>Additional class:</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dancer full term (\$115 class fee; \$60 membership fee)	\$175.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic
<input type="checkbox"/> Dancer half term (\$ 60 class fee; \$60 membership fee)	\$120.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Technique	<input type="checkbox"/> Technique
No post-dated cheques, 2 nd payment due first class in January	\$ 60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Social	<input type="checkbox"/> Social
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Only	\$ 60.00		

Registrant 2			
<input type="checkbox"/> Dancer full term (\$115 class fee; \$60 membership fee)	\$175.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic
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<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Only	\$ 60.00		

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 applicant completes and signs all 3 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:

- ☐ Address ☐ Phone number ☐ E-mail

Registrant 1

Registrant 2

Permission is granted to the Winnipeg Branch to record and use my likeness, image and performance on film, tape, still images or otherwise. ☐ yes ☐ no

Registrant 1

Registrant 2