

# *Light and Airy*



## **Scottish Country Dancers of Winnipeg**

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## From the Chair....

As I sit here to compose remarks for the last time, I reflect on some wonderful dancing events throughout the past year, which was also the 51st year of dancing for our branch in Winnipeg. Quite an accomplishment but also quite a challenge to keep the branch alive, healthy and strong in the times of our changing society.

Most recently, the Branch held its 43rd Annual Spring Workshop and Ball with the entire weekend at one location 'Seventeen Wing'. We were treated to the excellent teaching of our guest teacher Ruth Jappy and our very own Cheryl Durnin. The weekend's activities, which included a Friday evening ceilidh, Saturday classes, dinner and Ball and Sunday's class and brunch were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Our sincere thanks to the Workshop Committee, under the capable leadership of Jane Nattrass, for the time, energy and dedication to the branch in organizing this event. My thanks would not be complete without mentioning our wonderful band, Scotch Measure, under the capable leadership of Ken Nattrass. Dancing at the ball was magical with some of the dances on the program (devised by Peter) having a Winnipeg connection and recorded by the band on their CD. Thanks to everyone involved in the weekend. You all played a part in it being a great success!

There are a number of opportunities to participate in dancing over the next few months. Please see the Calendar of Events which follows this report. I encourage everyone to participate in these events as much as you are able.

Tuesday May 13 and 20 have been planned to help Sheila Careless prepare for the Teacher Candidate classes she will attend this summer in Denver. We look forward to a good turnout for these evenings in support of Sheila and we wish her all the best as she continues on her path to become a certified teacher of SCD.

Thank you to the members of the COM for their support throughout the past year.

See you all at the AGM. Have a great summer and Happy Dancing!

*Joyce Cormack*

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### 2013/14 Dance Season

<b>Tuesday, May 13</b>	Spring Dancing. St. Paul's 8pm \$2
<b>Tuesday, May 20</b>	Spring Dancing. St. Paul's 8pm \$2
<b>Wednesday, May 28</b>	Annual General Meeting 7:30, St. Paul's Church
<b>Tuesday, June 10</b>	Commonwealth Ceildih Practice 8 pm \$2 at the door
<b>Tuesday, June 17</b>	Commonwealth Ceilidh Practice 8 pm \$2 at the door
<b>Saturday, June 21</b>	<b>Commonwealth Ceilidh</b> <b>Silver Heights United Church</b> <b>7:30 pm – Doors open at 7</b> <b>FREE</b>
<b>August 10-16</b>	United Kingdom Pavilion

Please note: All dates are subject to change – please check the calendar each month. EvenTs are at St. Paul's Church Hall, North Drive and Point Road, at 8:00 pm, unless otherwise noted.

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## From the Editor...

Forecast for Winnipeg for the next couple of days:

Tonight, 13 May

A few rain showers ending this evening then cloudy with 30 percent chance of rain showers or flurries. Wind northwest 40 km/h gusting to 60 diminishing to 20 late this evening. Low zero.

Wednesday, 14 May

Cloudy. 30 percent chance of rain showers or flurries in the morning. Clearing in the evening. Wind north 20 km/h becoming light late in the evening. High 7.



Need I say more?

*Sheila Careless*

## ❖ **Branch News**

### ***Thank you!***

I would like to say thank you for the well wishes, flowers, cards, and visits that I received before and after my surgery. It was all greatly appreciated.

*Betty Poole*

### ***Memories from the Weekend Workshop***

*There will be more photos up on the photogallery soon. Thank you to Maureen Burnham for the photos.*



## ❖ *Upcoming Events*

### **Winnipeg Beach**

June 14, 2014

A festival is being organized at Winnipeg Beach on June 14. It will be a Traditional / Roots music, dance & arts festival showcasing the tradition music/dance/arts of the wide variety of cultures that make up Canada. Groups/performers will have a chance to do a demonstration/performance plus there will be instructional/participatory workshops, children's activities, themed vendors market etc.

We have been invited to provide a demonstration of our dancing and are welcome to do participation dancing with adults and/or children throughout the day. More details to come. Save the date - It could be a lot of fun if many of us go out for the day!

Something like when we went to Lower Fort Garry with the school children??

### **The Commonwealth Ceilidh**

June 21, 2014

To celebrate the Commonwealth games in Scotland, Creative Scotland has commissioned the RSCDS to create a 2 hour dance programme with three new, specially commissioned "Commonwealth Games" dances. *The Commonwealth Ceilidh* was launched officially by Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture & External Affairs, on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> in Edinburgh. It will be a mass event on June 21, 2014 starting at 7:30 local time and performed as widely as possible throughout the Commonwealth and elsewhere. More details to follow but save the date!

## ❖ *Here and There...*

### ***Note from Headquarters:***

Headquarters has decided to postpone the vote regarding the re-structure until November 2014.

### ***Scottish Diaspora Tapestry Project***

The Scottish Diaspora Tapestry Project involves the creation of an embroidered tapestry comprised of 150-200 panels depicting Scotland's diaspora and their influence around the globe. Scots have migrated all over the world and have often had a profound impact on the areas where they settled. Originally, 25 communities (including Winnipeg) were invited to document their Scottish connections on a series of embroidered panels. As word of the project spread, more communities became involved in the project.

The panels will be created by hundreds of volunteers around the world. Once completed, they will be assembled and displayed in Scotland as part of the 2014 Home Coming celebrations and then displayed around the world in the following year. The first exhibition will be on May 31, 2014 in Prestonpans. The tapestry will be completed in stages, as completed panels are submitted.

The Scottish Heritage Council of Manitoba was contacted to develop panels for the Winnipeg site. John Perrin, Harry Duckworth and Heather Ferguson developed a list of themes that could be used and forwarded them to organizers of the project in Scotland, where artist Andrew Crummy developed them into seven beautiful panels. After the designs were reviewed for historical accuracy, they were returned to be finalized. We have now received kits for all seven projects. Each kit contains a 50 cm x 50 cm linen panel with the design, a full-size coloured copy of the design, and wool for stitching.

We are looking for individuals or groups who are interested in working on the Winnipeg panels. Stitchers can work on a small section of a panel or larger sections, depending on their availability and skill. People of all ages and skills are invited to participate. A member of the Winnipeg Embroiderers' Guild is assisting with identifying appropriate stitches to be used in various sections of the panels. Our goal is to complete the seven panels before the summer.

If you are interested in participating in this exciting project, please contact Heather Ferguson at 204-795-2337 or [heather.ferguson@gov.mb.ca](mailto:heather.ferguson@gov.mb.ca). More information is available on the project website

[www.scottishdiasporatapestry.org](http://www.scottishdiasporatapestry.org)

### **Winnipeg Scottish Festival**

The Winnipeg Scottish Festival is looking for volunteers to work a bingo at Club Regent on Monday May 19 at 4:30. If you are able to help please contact Craig Weston at [craig.weston.jr@gmail.com](mailto:craig.weston.jr@gmail.com)

### **Winnipeg Police Pipe Band**

Winnipeg Police Pipe Band annual Scotch Tasting night will be held on Sunday, May 25 at the Metropolitan Entertainment Centre (the MET). This is a very popular event and always sells out, you will want to get your tickets early! Contact Dan Sloan at [DSLOAN@MONARCHINDUSTRIES.COM](mailto:DSLOAN@MONARCHINDUSTRIES.COM) for more information.

### **Comhaltas Winnipeg Inc. Presents *Reels on Wheels***

**Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>: 7:00pm**

A series of 3 house concerts in River Heights\*  
featuring an evening of Irish music, song, and storytelling, with artists

#### ***Curraugh, Oran Mor & Rinn***

Only 90 tickets, 3 lots of 30, will be sold. Each audience of 30 will start at one location, hear a 30 minute performance, and move on to the next concert. Refreshments will be served at the end of the third concert.

Tickets are \$15 each and are available by contacting Al Amyot, [aamyot3@gmail.com](mailto:aamyot3@gmail.com), 204-488-7911 or Rae Harris, [raeh@mymts.net](mailto:raeh@mymts.net), 204-774-4423

Addresses and starting points will be on each ticket

*Don't miss out on a great evening of entertainment!*

### **Saturday June 14, 2014**

Lord Selkirk RFM Pipe Band Yard and Bake Sale takes place  
Crestview United Church, 316 Hamilton Ave.

9:00a.m. – Noon

BBQ and baked goods available!

The band will practice outdoors weather permitting.

If you have any items you would like to donate for the sale, please contact Gabi Chennells at [gbeda@mymts.net](mailto:gbeda@mymts.net)

### **Scottish Country Dance Ghillies and pumps**

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

Your one stop shoe shop for all your dancing needs. H11's and H splits are on sale now.

### **Scottish Screen archive of the Nat'l Library of Scotland**

<http://ssa.nls.uk/film> (Note that there is no "www" in the url.)

A huge archive of historical videos on all things Scottish. Some, but not all, can be viewed on your screen.

To see a particular film, you add a number to the url above. For a general film about Scottish dancing, add /2224 to the above; I think this is something some of us have seen before.

To see Rakes of Glasgow, add /0313.

To see The River Cree, add /0850.

And for a short look at The Duke of Perth, add /3270. This also shows a really nice view of a formal ball "back in the day". Note the speed of the music!

There may be other SCD clips as well, but it will take some searching to find them. There are also SCD references, e.g., Mrs MacLeod, for which the video is apparently not available on screen.

### **❖ Out of Town Events**

#### **Jersey, Edinburgh**

May 22-25, 2014

RSCDS Edinburgh

Jersey Caledonian Dance Weekend.

Tickets: Joy Carry 01534 862205 [chanjoy@jerseymail.co.uk](mailto:chanjoy@jerseymail.co.uk)

or Alan Nicolle 01534 484375 [alan.nicolle88@gmail.com](mailto:alan.nicolle88@gmail.com)

<http://scottishcountrydancingchannelislands.blogspot.com>

## **Leeds, England**

*July 12, 2014*

RSCDS Leeds

White Rose Festival

60th anniversary of the Festival of Scottish Country Dancing

The Festival is held just outside Leeds on the playing fields of Gateways School in a rural setting opposite to the Harewood estate. There will be massed open air dancing for adult and junior teams, opportunities for demonstrations of pre-selected dances and ladies' and men's Highland displays, and an evening social dance. Dancing will be to Luke Brady and his Scottish Dance Band with piping from Alan Harrison. Ian Slater will play for the juniors if the event is held indoors because of wet weather.

Full details of the dances and additional information can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/owonk3e> or contact our Secretary Irene Dracup [glyn.cup@virginmedia.com](mailto:glyn.cup@virginmedia.com) <<mailto:glyn.cup@virginmedia.com>>

## **Kitchener/Waterloo, ON**

*June 14, 2014*

RSCDS Kitchener/Waterloo

Bi-annual Ball

The Grand Ballroom, The Crowne Plaza KW

Music by Scotch Mist

For more information contact:

David Murison (519) 576--4262

Susan McTavish (519) 743--4143

Email: [kwball2014@rscds.kitchener.on.ca](mailto:kwball2014@rscds.kitchener.on.ca)

## **TAC Summer School, Greeley, Colorado**

*July 27- Aug. 3, 2014*

The University of Northern Colorado will be home to TAC Summer School in 2014. Teachers: Keith Bark, Tim Wilson, Helen Russell, Graham Donald, and Marjorie McLaughlin.

Music: Marian Anderson, Keith Smith, Judi Nicolson, Max Ketchin, Steve Carcary, Graham Bell, and Isobelle Hodgson.

A full week course for musicians on how to play for Scottish Country Dancing. Candidate classes for Units 2/3 and 5 are offered.

[www.tac-rscds.org/summer-school](http://www.tac-rscds.org/summer-school)

## **Scotch On The Rocks**

*Aug 18- 22, 2014*

RSCDS Nova Scotia

Presents a week of Scottish Country dance (5 half-day classes & a dance with live music); half-day excursions and a 1-hour massage. In Wolfville, NS.

Your teachers are Maggie and Duncan Keppie.

[www.rscdsnovascotia.ca](http://www.rscdsnovascotia.ca)

## **Canberra, Australia - Winter School**

*Sept. 28-Oct 4, 2014*

RSCDS Canberra & District Branch

Teachers: Eric Finley (Scotland), Doug Mills (New Zealand), Martin Mulligan (Canada), Jeanette Stephen (Sydney)

Musicians: Jane Ellis (New South Wales), James Gray (Scotland/Norway), George Meikle (Scotland), Bob McInnes (New South Wales), Kate Scott (Canberra)

Contact: Jack Arthur - [jarthur@apex.net.au](mailto:jarthur@apex.net.au); [www.rscds-canberra.org](http://www.rscds-canberra.org)

## **Fall Workshop Weekend**

*Oct 18-19, 2014*

RSCDS Nova Scotia

A half-day workshop with Marjorie McLaughlin

(San Diego, CA) and Maggie Keppie (Wolfville, NS) followed by an afternoon social with live music; Sunday afternoon Challenge Class with Marjorie.

[www.rscdsnovascotia.ca](http://www.rscdsnovascotia.ca)

### ❖ ***Important Dates***

**COM meetings:** COM meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month from October to May.

**Next L&A:** Deadline for the March issue will be ***July 5, 2014.***

Members are encouraged to submit articles, pictures or information of interest to Branch members. Please send submissions for the *Light and Airy* to Sheila Careless at [careless@mts.net](mailto:careless@mts.net)

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