# Light and Airy



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A Word from the Chair....

Our 'chair' is suffering badly with the travel bug at the moment. He will be returning later in the month. Don't worry. He will grace us with his words of wisdom next month. ©

#### 2014/15 Dance Season

Friday, November 21 John Drewry Social, St. Paul's 8-10pm \$5 charge

Tuesday, November 25 St. Andrew's Social (hosted by the Technique Class)\*\*At St.

Paul's Church 830 North Drive, \$10 members, \$5 Basic class

Week of December 8 Last Regular classes of Fall Term

Sunday, December 28 Betwixt & Between Social – Afternoon Tea Dance

Week of January 12, 2015 Winter Term **Regular** classes begin

Burns Dinner and Dance, Silver Heights United Church Saturday January 24

Friday, February 13 Valentine's Ceilidh

Monday, March 2 Spring Social (hosted by the Fort Garry Class)

Wind-Up Social (hosted by the COM and Teachers) Wednesday, April 1

Last Regular classes of Winter Term Week of April 13

Friday, April 24 Ceilidh

Friday-Sunday May 1-3 Workshop Weekend

Please note: All dates are subject to change – please check the calendar each month. Socials are at **Silver** Heights United Church - 199 Garrioch, at 8:00 pm, with admission of \$10.00, unless otherwise noted.

#### From the Editor...

Classes are now in full swing and I am certainly looking forward to the social coming up on the 25<sup>th</sup>!!. Hopefully we will see a good turnout (in more ways than one!) of experienced and basic dancers. Those of you who have never been to a branch social are in for a treat. We are privileged to dance to the wonderful music of Scotch Measure!

Just a reminder that this social is at St. Paul's. Cost is \$10 for members and \$5 for basic class dancers.

It looks like winter is here. The only good thing about it is that it means Christmas is coming!!

See you on the 25th.

Sheila Careless

#### \* Branch News

#### Fall Class Schedule – Registration forms can be found on our website

Mondays – Fort Garry Social Class

Term 1: Christine Wallace & David Kroeker

Term 2: Joyce Cormack Tuesdays – Technique

Term 1: Maureen Burnham

Term 2: Margaret Zadworny Thursdays – Basic Class

Term 1 & 2: Cheryl Durnin

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Peter McClure on his 25th anniversary as a member of TAC!

#### **Technique Class Report**

A big thank you to Maureen Burnham for taking over the class when Margaret Zadworny was unable to continue due to time commitments involved with her move to a new residence. This is appreciated as Maureen was planning to take the term off due to knee surgery last spring and her continued cat fostering. Falling back on her years of experience she has been working on improving our reels and footwork. She has introduced us to several lovely new dances including the Falls of Rogie and the Musical Ride.

Congratulations to Sheila Careless who likes to keep busy. This summer she passed level two RSCDS teachers' certificate at summer school in Greeley, Colorado after two hectic weeks. After being office manager at Hull's Book Store for years she is now busier than ever being the owner.

Attendance was lower than usual in September with several dancers having picking this as a good time for holidays. Joyce Cormack and Jan McPhail had a wonderful tour in Italy, a river cruise in Europe, and a self-guided tour to visit Joyce's niece in Bulgaria. Agnes Brydon and Donna Robinson who have travelled together before had a good time while they toured Liverpool, Isle of Man, Wales, Bath and Oxford. (We spent the longest time in Wales). . I had a cousin from England visit before we took the train to

Vancouver and flying to San Francisco to have a family get together with another cousin who took his tour guide job seriously. The morning following our arrival we were wakened at 6 in the morning with a knock on the door to get a good start to the day. You'd think we were on a bus tour. Scott McRae and his wife saw many antiquities on their Canada Seniors Tour to Greece and Turkey.

We are looking forward to hosting the St. Andrew's social on November 25. See you there.

Joan Curle

# Upcoming Events

#### John Drewry night

The evening to remember John Drewry is nearly upon us - Friday 21 November, 8 PM, St Paul's Hall.

There is a **door charge of \$5**, and refreshments have been arranged by COM.

Dances planned evening are as follows:

The Golden Boy (J)
Whiteshell Park (S)
The Kenora Reel (R)
The Hazel Tree (J)
The Snow Butterfly (J)
Seagreen (S)
Baldyquash (R)

Four have a local connection, two are from The Brodie Book, a collection in which John included dances that he thought particularly well of, and one is just a fairly easy dance with an interesting name. I think all of them have been taught in Winnipeg at one time or another. All the dances will be reviewed and walked through. Since we are fortunate to have music by Ken and Ron, we will be able to review "to music", which is always the best way. We may not manage them all, but we can hope!



#### **PROGRAMME**

THE HIGHLAND FAIR (J8x32) 2C (4C set) Bk of Graded SCDs LORD SELKIRK (S8x32) 3C (4C set) Prairie Gold BILL CLEMENT MBE (J8x32) 3C (4C set)

J Wilkinson RSCDS Bk 47

THE KISSING BRIDGE (R8x32) 3C (4C set)

Butterfield RSCDS Bk 47

BEDRULE (S8x32) 3C (4C set) Grant RSCDS Bk 33 THE WILD GEESE (J8x32) 3C (4C set) RSCDS Bk 24

~ INTERMISSION ~

ST ANDREW'S FAIR (J8x32) 3C (4C set) R Goldring 5 SCDs SHIFTIN' BOBBINS (R8x32) 3C (4C set)

R Clowes Ormskirk 6

LADY LUCY RAMSAY (S8x32) 3C (4C set) MMM 2
RIVERSIDE LEAFLET

CRIB NOTES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE



RSCDS Winnipeg Workshop and Ball 2015

May 1-3, 2015
17 Wing Air Force Base, Bldg #76
Whytewold Rd., north of Ness Ave.
Teachers:
Sharon Barker, Calgary, Alberta
Bob Anderson, Victoria, BC

Put the dates on your new, 2015 calendar and get ready to boogie!

Your workshop committee has been hard at work already!

In consultation with the Teacher Committee and with the support of the Committee of Management, we have decided to go with two out of town teachers for this year's workshop. Evaluations indicated that although we love our local teachers, it is refreshing to have instruction from someone who we don't see on a weekly basis. The whole weekend of dancing, dining, socializing and being entertained will cost you \$150. Put aside \$25 a month from now till May and you will have the \$150, just like that!

We are hoping this will entice you to sign up for a weekend of festivities, starting with the Ceilidh in the 17 Wing Bar on the Friday evening and continuing Saturday with dance classes morning and afternoon, ending with a sumptuous supper and Grand March and Ball. Sunday morning we will dance and dine, having a Brunch at the end of the morning session. Watch for the brochure and registration form which should be on the website by end of January, 2015.

Questions or comments may be directed to Jane Nattrass, Coordinator of the Workshop Committee.

#### **Report of Demonstration Secretary November 5, 2014**

#### Completed demos

Aug. 23/14 Midwinter Heritage Museum

o/s

Multicultural/Centennial Celebrations In East Braintree

Sept. 10/14 Boni-Vital o/s Oct. 29/14 Prime – Deer Lodge St. James \$75.00

#### Total Revenue Upcoming demonstrations:

<u>\$75.00</u>

June 20, 2015 Highland Games, Selkirk

**Practices Held:** Oct. 22

#### **Upcoming practices**

Nov. 12, 19, 26, 2014 Dec. 10, 2014 Jan. 14,21,28, 2015

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

#### **Scotland's Most Popular Painting**

On a spring Wednesday the Winnipeg Art Gallery had an Art for Lunch program on a painting voted Scotland's most popular painting. Christ of the Cross of St. John. It was painted by Dali in 1951 and was purchased for f8,200 which also included the copyright. The purchase was controversial. It was made despite petition against the purchase arguing that the money should be spent on exhibition space for local artists was submitted.. It went on display in Glasgow's Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in 1952. It won a poll to decide Scotland's favourite painting in 2006 with 29% of the votes. Since it included the copyright it has earned Glasgow Museums back the original cost many times. The Spanish government is said to have offered f80 million pounds for the painting which was turned down

Not long after the Winnipeg Art Gallery program a copy of the painting was on display in the window of a Winnipeg second hand store which was up for auction. With encouragement from a few friends who said the opportunity to buy it would never come up again I put in a winning bid. It will be on display with other Scottish memorabilia at the St. Andrew's social.

Joan Curle

#### Pumpkin Ceilidh!

A good time was had by all at the annual Pumpkin Ceilidh. Apparently they even did a dance to Elvira!! Would have loved to have seen that! \$260 was raised for **ALS Brummitt Feasby House**.

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# 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

#### 18th Annual Failte Dance

December 6, 2014 The Celtic Junction, St. Paul, MN Grand March at 6:30pm

Full details at <a href="http://www.rscds-">http://www.rscds-</a>

twincities.org/failte.html

The Failte Ball Dance is our annual beginner-friendly event, an evening of social dancing featuring dances that are accessible to newer dancers -- and enjoyable for everyone -- plus live music by Thistledown Band and a fabulous dessert buffet.

Tickets are just \$25/person, with a \$5 discount for those attending their first SCD ball.\* Non-dancers are welcome to come and listen and enjoy refreshments for \$10/person.

Registration is available online via <a href="http://www.rscds-twincities.org/failte.html">http://www.rscds-twincities.org/failte.html</a>

#### Arbrae's Winterlude Weekend & Ball, Ottawa

Feb 6 – 8, 2015

Experience Winterlude in Ottawa, and music by Torridon.

Welcome dance, Sight-seeing, Slow Jam, and Ball in the beautiful Glebe Centre.

Tickets: ewoodbury@sympatico.ca 613 746 5466 or visit www.ardbrae.org

#### **Annual Aloha Winter Weekend**

February 13-15, 2015

RSCDS Hawaii

Teacher: Linda Henderson

Music: Humuhumunukunukuapua'a & Strathspey

Society Band

www.rscdsHawaii.org

#### **Annual West End Workshop**

Mar 28 – 30, 2015 RSCDS Toronto Teachers: Ron Wallace (California), Scott Reid (Hamilton),

Keith Bark (Mississauga).

# 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 December issue will be **December 7, 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 <a href="mailto:careless@mymts.net">careless@mymts.net</a>
This and the past 11 issues of the *Light and Airy* are posted on the Branch website (rscdswinnipeg.ca).