

# *Light and Airy*



## **Scottish Country Dancers of Winnipeg**

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## From the Chair....

Now that summer has ended and we (hopefully) enjoy a couple of months of fall, we are well into our new season of Scottish Country Dancing.

We began the year with a most successful Open House Sept 5 and we thank Maureen for her program and leading us in the dancing. Thanks also to the social committee for the refreshments.

We welcome everyone back and especially welcome our new and returning dancers to the Thursday night class. We hope that everyone has great fun at all the classes and that the new dancers fall in love with this activity that we have enjoyed for many years. These new dancers are the future of our branch as we continue to work at keeping our group vibrant and strong.

The Committee of Management and its subcommittees are busy planning our special events of the year. The social committee is planning for our evening in celebration of Robert Burns on January 18 and the workshop committee is beginning to plan for our annual workshop for the weekend of May 2 -4, 2014. More details on these events will be forthcoming but in the mean time mark your calendars for the events as scheduled for the year.

The 84th Annual General Meeting of the RSCDS will be held November 2 in Perth and one of the items of business under Membership Subscriptions is as follows.

"Management Board proposes that for the year July 1, 2014, the basic full annual membership shall rise by 2£ to 18£, with other categories prorated as appropriate". The Committee of Management voted to advise our voting member to vote in favour of this motion. The committee felt that the Management Board would not have been asking for this change unless it was necessary and that it was important to support headquarters.

October is a month devoted to highlighting the importance of physical activity in the lives of everyone but especially senior citizens.

There are various events going on across Winnipeg throughout the month and some of our dancers have volunteered to participate in two Health Fairs. The first one is October 10 at Kildonan Place Shopping Center at 1PM close to the food court. The second one is Oct 30 at Bronx Park Community Club 131 Chelsea Place just off Henderson Hwy in East Kildonan Oct 30 at 11 AM. We will be doing a few simple dances to show the public what we do and how much fun we have. We will also be doing some participation dancing so that the public can give it a try. Any dancers are welcome to come out and join in. Just let me know if you are interested.

Happy Dancing!

*Joyce Cormack*

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## 2013/14 Dance Season

<b>Thursday, September 5</b>	Welcome Dance/Open House – No charge 8:00 pm
<b>Week of September 9</b>	Fall Term <b>Regular</b> classes begin
<b>Thursday, September 12</b>	Fall Term <b>Basic</b> classes begin
<b>Thursday November 21</b>	Last <b>Basic</b> class of Fall Term
<b>Tuesday, November 26</b>	St. Andrew's Social (hosted by the Technique Class)
<b>Week of December 9</b>	Last <b>Regular</b> classes of Fall Term
<b>Saturday, December 28</b>	Betwixt & Between Social
<b>Thursday, January 9, 2014</b>	Welcome Dance/Open House – No charge 8:00 pm
<b>Week of January 13</b>	Winter Term <b>Regular</b> classes begin
<b>Thursday January 16</b>	Winter Term <b>Basic</b> classes begin

**Saturday January 18**

**Monday, March 3**

**Thursday March 20**

**Thursday, April 3**

**Week of April 21**

**Friday-Sunday May 2-3**

Burns Dinner and Dance

Class Social (hosted by the Fort Garry Class)

Last **Basic** class of Winter Term

Spring Social (hosted by the COM and Teachers)

Last **Regular** classes of Winter Term

Workshop Weekend

Please note: All dates are subject to change – please check the calendar each month. Socials are at St. Paul's Church Hall, North Drive and Point Road, at 8:00 pm, with admission of \$10.00, unless otherwise noted.

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## From the Editor

Even though the change of colours mean that winter is coming, I love the scenery at this time of year. We have had wonderful weather this fall and I hope it sticks around for awhile.

I had the chance to experience something new for me this past weekend. I took a road trip all by myself to a place where I did not know any other dancers. I had the opportunity to visit Saskatoon for their weekend workshop. I didn't know anyone else there except Ken & Ron who were too busy doing something or other to dance with anyone. Seriously though, they were quite busy providing the music for the classes and for the Saturday evening ball. You did very well gentlemen!! The teachers were Elaine Brunken from Washington, DC and Gordon Robinson from Victoria, BC. If you were at our workshop in May of 2012, you would have been under the teaching of Elaine. She alone was well worth the trip. I had never met Gordon before and he was a wonderful teacher but a bit quieter than Elaine 😊. I learned a number of new dances and some new formations. There were 17 dances on the ball program and 2 of them were danced twice (Ken & Ron were very, very busy)! It was a great weekend and if you're ever heading west, be sure to stop in on a Wednesday evening when they have their classes. Thank you to the Saskatoon gang for being so welcoming to this wandering stranger. One other good thing that came out of this trip was an awareness on my part of how it feels to walk into a situation where you don't know anyone. It made me think about how I treat visitors to our branch. Do I make them feel

welcome and glad they came? It's something that I need to pay attention to in the future.

*Sheila Careless*



*Ken & Ron doing what they do so well!!*



*Gordon Robinson & Elaine Brunken*

## **Branch News**

### **Prairie Gold**

Just a reminder about our 2013 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project "Prairie Gold". This book of Scottish Country dances and accompanying CD is available by contacting us through our website. The book and CD together can be purchased for \$30 plus shipping. The book alone is \$15 and the CD alone is \$20. Music is played by our own *Scotch Measure* who have been playing music for us for over 32 years. Since April 2013 we have sold books and CDs across Canada as well as to Japan, United Kingdom and United States. Please visit our website for more information about the CD and book as well as more information about *Scotch Measure* and the Winnipeg branch.

*Reg Curle*

### **It's a Girl!!!**



Olivia Mary Georgia Graham arrived at 8:56 am today. 7.45 lbs. She is already sleeping well and adjusting to the outside world. Marlene Wachko Graham played fiddle in *Scotch Measure* from 1997 to 2001. In 2001 she graduated from University of Manitoba with an Engineering degree and moved to Toronto where she and her husband Rob Graham have lived ever since. Their baby daughter was born earlier today.

### **Fall class information**

The teachers for classes starting in September 2013 are as follows:

Fort Garry Social Class (Mondays):

1<sup>st</sup> term: Maureen Burnham

2<sup>nd</sup> term: Peter McClure

Technique Class (Tuesdays):

1<sup>st</sup> term: Joyce Cormack

2<sup>nd</sup> term: Cheryl Durnin

Basics of Scottish Country Dancing (Thursday nights):

1<sup>st</sup> term: Cheryl Durnin

2<sup>nd</sup> term: Maureen Burnham

## **Class Reports**

### **Technique Class (Tuesdays):**

Joyce Cormack, our class teacher, has been spending the first few weeks attempting to get class members back up to speed after a summer away from regular classes. Dancing at summer festivals and public events is great fun but not the same as technique classes. Amazing how the feet and brain seem to be somewhat disconnected the first few evenings in September. Attendance has been sporadic the first two weeks with many of us still in the travel mode and closing up cottages. Joyce plans to work on some dances that are very challenging and interesting but not so well known. We recently worked on a dance called "Quarries Jig" which has a twelve bar phrase where the dancing couple turns their corner into the centre and corners become the active couple. After a few failed attempts we mastered the tricky bits and put the dance together. Not being a teacher I have a difficult time explaining the formation but now have a greater appreciation of the skill in devising such a dance. Set and link for three couples was one of the formations in a strathspey called "Gang the Same Gate"; a nice twist on the usual set and link for two couples. For those non Manitobans who read our newsletter please note that at the time of writing there is no frost on our pumpkins.

### **Basics of Scottish Country Dancing Class (Thursdays):**

Circle round & back, RH across, LH back, turn by the right, turn by the left, lead down the middle and back, cast down and cast back up, figure of 8, pas de basque, allemande ..... pant, pant, pant. This is what the basic class has learned in the short time since the class started. They have learned all of that in quick time and as of last night, most of that in Strathspey. They are such a fun, keen group that they just keep soaking up what Cheryl (and Maureen when she subs) throws at them. It is great place to be on Thursday nights. There is much laughter and as a branch member, I enjoy watching them as they learn and to see their faces when they

get through a new dance. It's been great too to see some regular members come out to make up sets and give support to the new dancers. I'm hoping that they will come out to the Social in November to meet other members and try out their new skills.

*Sheila Careless*

### ***Greetings from Megan!***

Hello everyone!

It's Megan from dancing. I hope all is well with everyone! Sorry it has taken me so long to send out an e-mail. Things have been very busy and I'm finally settling down into a bit of a routine. I had a great time this summer traveling around Europe with my aunt, and now I am living in York. I've been here for about a month and a half now and I love it. It took me a little while to find a place to live but I now have a house with a couple of other people just outside the city walls. I also just got offered a job so by the end of the month I will be working full time at the National Railway Museum as a Visitor Experience Fundraiser. I am very much looking forward to it. On another note, I have been Scottish Country Dancing a few times here with the York Branch. It is a big and friendly group and they have been very welcoming to me. They have a few socials coming up in the next couple of months so I am going to do my best to make them.

*Megan Cordeiro*



### ***Health Fair at Kildonan Place***

Some time ago, the Activities Director of Access Transcona asked if the Scottish country dancers could give a presentation at a Health Fair at Kildonan Place. Members of the branch were

subsequently invited to take part. On October 10 a small number of dancers gave an informal presentation which was well received by those people in attendance. A number of the Transcona ladies, who regularly attend a class Thursday afternoons at the Transcona Senior Centre, joined us in dancing of The Selkirk Settlement. They and some members of the audience also joined in the dancing of a circle dance and the Gay Gordons. It was a very enjoyable event and perhaps may result in new dancers coming out to the Transcona class. Other activities that were represented were Tai Chi, Zumba and Smart Exercise. There was also supposed to be a demonstration of Pickleball (which I was interested to see) but it did not happen while we were there.

Thanks to David Kroeker, Sheila Careless, Bob Poole and Heather and Glen Colquhoun for participating. We will also be participating in a Health Fair at Bronx Park CC on Henderson Highway at Chelsea October 30 at 11AM. If any members are interested in coming out, give me a call.

*Joyce Cormack*

### ***To our long time members:***

Les Balneaves passed away on Tuesday, October 8/13. Funeral will take place on Tuesday, October 15th at 1:00 pm at Thomson in the Park, McGillvray Blvd. Les & Georgie danced with us for many years and were always very involved in Mug Pub.

### ***Upcoming Events***

#### **PUMPKIN CEILIDH**

Saturday November 2, 2013 7:30 pm

At St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall - Point Rd. & North Drive

An evening of fun for the whole family featuring Scottish Country & Ceilidh Dancing, Old Time Dancing & Entertainment

Silver Collection at the door

Light refreshments will be served

For information contact Cheryl Durnin at 204-253-4213

Proceeds from this evening to ALS Brummitt Feasby House



## St. Andrew's Social

Hosted by the Technique class. Tuesday, November 26, 2013. St. Paul's Church. 830 North Drive. 8pm to 10pm. Cost is \$10 for members and \$5 for Basic Class dancers. Live music by Scotch Measure. Crib notes will be on the website soon.

### ST ANDREWS SOCIAL PROGRAM NOVEMBER 26, 2013

ST ANDREW'S FAIR	32J3	5 SCDs 1982
LADY LUCY RAMSAY	32 S3	MMM 2
REEL OF THE ROYAL SCOTS	32R3	Leaflet 7
SCOTTISH REFORM	32J2 (6X)	Bk 3
SANDS OF MORAR	32S3	Bk 45
THE WHITE COCKADE	8x32	Bk 5

#### INTERVAL

CATCH AS CATCH CAN	32J4	LAD
CA' THE EWES TAE		
THE KNOWES	32S2	BK 16
THE MONTGOMERIES' RANT	32R3	Bk 10
GOOD HEARTED GLASGOW	32J3	Collins Pocket Ref

## Out of Town Events

### Medicine Hat, AB

October 25 to 27, 2013

RSCDS Medicine Hat Branch

38<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop, Banquet & Ball

Medicine Hat, AB

Teachers: Ian Souter from Hamilton, ON,  
Bernadette Thill from Edmonton, AB & Tim Wilson  
from San Francisco, CA

Music: Ron Krug, Ken Natrass & Dennis Orr from  
Seven Persons, AB

Contact: [rscdsmh@gmail.com](mailto:rscdsmh@gmail.com)

### Pacific Grove, CA

November 1-3, 2013

RSCDS San Francisco Branch

Asilomar Weekend Workshop

Dance & Ceilidh, Classes, and Ball

Teachers: Barbara Johnston, David Newitt,  
Jennifer Reiner, Mervyn Short, Ron Wallace.

Music: Red Thistle Music, Ian Muir Dance Band

Contact: Julee Montes (650-722-0473 or

[julm-hcs@pacbell.net](mailto:julm-hcs@pacbell.net))

### Kingston, ON

November 1-3, 2013

RSCDS Kingston

47<sup>th</sup> annual weekend Workshop and Ball

Teachers: Pat Coyle (Uxbridge, ON), Tine MacKay  
(Mountville, PA), Joan & John Reeves  
(Peterborough, ON)

Music: The Scottish Accent

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

### Twin Cities (Minneapolis/St. Paul) MN

November 15-17, 2013

RSCDS Twin Cities

Scottish Country Dance Workshop

Guest teacher: Robert McOwen of Boston, MA

Music: fiddle player Katie McNally, also of Boston,  
MA.

[www.rscds-twincities.org/workshop2013.html](http://www.rscds-twincities.org/workshop2013.html)

### Vancouver, BC

December 8, 2013

RSCDS Vancouver

50<sup>th</sup> Annual Gleneagles Ball

Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

24 Piece Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra

Susan Haug at [normhaug@shaw.ca](mailto:normhaug@shaw.ca) or (604) 984-  
7458.

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

## Here and There

### Children's Scottish Country Dance classes

Children's classes are held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 pm in the Windsor Community Club 99 Springside Drive in St. Vital. Classes are for children and teens. Fall term begins October 6, 2013. Registration dates at Community Centre are September 11 & 14.

### Note from Headquarters:

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

### Kilt for sale

Hunting Chisholm

Waist: 48"

Bottom: 72", pleated, 17' open/flat

Width: 32"

Please contact Anne Lindsay at [malindsay@shaw.ca](mailto:malindsay@shaw.ca)  
if interested.

### 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.

## **New Zealand Summer School – St. Peter's School, Cambridge**

*Dec. 28, 2013 – Jan. 5,, 2014*

RSCDS New Zealand

Contact: Wayne McConnel

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## **Honolulu, Hawaii**

*Feb. 14-16, 2014*

RSCDS Hawaii

"Palaka" Aloha Winter Workshop 2014

Guest instructor: Jack Raines

Music: Humuhumunukunukuapua'a & Strathspey Society Band

Contact: Melissa Lindsay (808-256-3347 or

[MLindsay@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:MLindsay@hawaii.rr.com))

## **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)



## **Bannockburn Live: A feast of food, music and history**

**700 years after Scotland's most famous battle, experience the biggest ever re-enactment of the Battle of Bannockburn at Bannockburn Live.**

The National Trust for Scotland's three day spectacular takes place on **Saturday 28, Sunday 29 and Monday 30 June 2014** and, as well as a brutally realistic re-enactment of the battle, features an array of themed villages, where visitors

can enjoy everything from Scottish food and drink to sports, crafts and literature, exciting outdoor activities, an action packed children's programme, a main contemporary music stage and more. See, taste, smell, hear and discover medieval life in the historical encampments, then watch Robert the Bruce and Edward II lead their armies to battle at Bannockburn Live.

**Further information for groups and clans can be found [here](#). For more information and to buy tickets, visit [www.bannockburnlive.com](http://www.bannockburnlive.com)**

Be sure to check the Inter-City Scot website for more information on dancing events in other cities (there is a link on the Winnipeg Branch website).

## **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 November issue will be November 9, 2013.

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)

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