Light and Airy



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A Word from the Chair....

In our last edition of the Light & Airy, which was published in February, I reflected on the Burns Supper we had recently enjoyed, which included the wonderful music of Scotch Measure, under the leadership of Ken Nattrass, and the great tribute to the Immortal Memory given by Christine Wallace. None of us were to know that this would be the last time we would dance to Ken's excellent accordion playing, or ever share another Burns Supper with Christine. Their sudden deaths in the early days of March, Ken on the 5th and Christine on the 8th, have profoundly affected our Branch and we dearly miss their presence in our midst. We are so indebted to Ken and Christine for their myriad of contributions to Scottish dancing, Scottish music, and the preservation of Scottish customs and culture. Equally so, we miss, and will continue to miss, their friendship and their enthusiasm for Scottish Country dancing. Rest eternal grant unto them, O God, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Earlier this season we had set aside two evenings for Spring dancing at St Paul's Church. One of those dates was May 12th. The Committee of Management has decided to designate that evening as the *Christine Wallace Memorial Dance*. The date holds significance on a couple of levels. Christine's birthday is May 10th, and May 12th, 1937 was the Coronation date of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. As many will know, Christine

was a devoted monarchist and she would be delighted by this happy coincidence. I hope you will be able to attend this evening of thanksgiving and celebration of the life of Christine. The dance begins at 8:00 p.m. and there is no admission charge.

Classes have now ended for the season, and our thanks are extended to our teachers who led us through another enjoyable year of dancing. At the beginning of May is our annual Workshop, and in preparation for the Workshop ball programme, two evenings of dancing have been scheduled on April 21st and 27th, starting at 8:00 p.m. at St Paul's Church. And just a reminder that our Annual General Meeting is Wednesday, May 20th, also at 8:00 p.m.

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the joys of springtime.

Don Johnson

2014/15 Dance Season

Monday, April 27, 2015 Ball Rehearsal (\$2 at the door) St. Paul's Church 8	
Tuesday, May 12, 2015 Christine Wallace Memorial Dance St. Paul's Church 8 p	pm
Friday-Sunday May 1-3 Workshop Weekend	
Wed, May 20, 2015 AGM St. Paul's Church 8 J	pm
Tuesday, June 2, 2015 Spring Dancing (\$2 at the door) St. Paul's Church 8 p	pm

Branch News

Teacher Selection Committee

Long ago, there was an abundance of teachers in Winnipeg who wanted to teach one of the Branch classes. A fair and equitable way of dealing with the situation was to set up the Teacher Selection Committee.

The mandate of the TSC is to select teacher for classes for the upcoming year by assessing what the different classes need and who is best suited, and available, to fill that need.

The Committee is made up of 3 people: a teacher, a representative from the COM, and a dancer who has experienced all levels of classes in this Branch.

This year, the Committee members are Maureen Burnham (Teacher), Don Johnson (COM), and Betty Poole (member at large). If you have any questions/concerns, please call one of us.

Final decisions won't be made until early May.

Maureen Burnham

Teachers' Representative to COM

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

2015 Workshop Ceilidh Reminder

Last year's Ceilidh was a fun experience for performers and audience. We already know there is talent among us, but there's more I'm sure. For you seasoned artists here's another opportunity. If you've never done this before take the leap and share your artistic talents.

Contact Ray Plaitin at rayplaitin@gmail.com

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Out of Town Events

Budapest Scottish Dance Weekend and Ball

Apr. 24-26, 2015 Teacher Janet Johnston, music by David Cunningham's band. Optional tour of Hungary is available. Info: www.bstk.hu/ball2015.

TAC Summer School

July 26 – Aug. 2, Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia More info at www.tac-rscds.org/summer-school

46th Annual West Toronto Ball

Saturday May 9, 2015
Columbus Event Centre, Lawrence Ave. & Dufferin St.
Save the date for the 46th annual West Toronto Ball. NEW
LOCATION - The 2015 West Toronto Ball will be held at the
beautiful COLUMBUS CENTRE at Lawrence Avenue West and
Dufferin (www.columbuseventcentre.com)
Music by Scotch Mist. More info soon.

Saltzburg Workshop Weekend

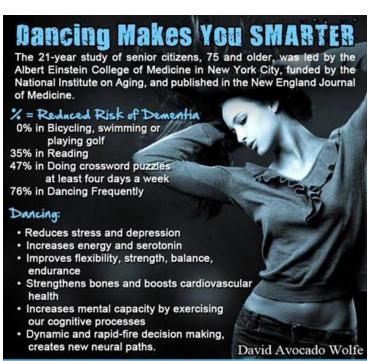
Aug 28-Sept 2, 2015 The Flying Scotsman SCD Group of Saltzburg will warmly welcome Ron Wallace, Liam Smith, James Gray, and you. Info: http://goo.gl/BJj9hf

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 May issue will be May 8, 2015.

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 <u>careless@mymts.net</u>
This and the past 11 issues of the *Light and Airy* are posted on the Branch website (rscdswinnipeg.ca).



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