

Island Fling



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This is the second to last newsletter before the AGM on April 20th and it is important that members of VISCDs attend if they want to keep abreast of goings on within the society. N.B. if you have any subject pro or con you must have it to the secretary by the 10th of April. No new business is taken from the floor.

In this Fling you will find the latest on the Workshop/Ball weekend which is going very well. This weekend is very important to the status of our society and will not run itself. I ask that members who attend our weekend, or will be attending in the future as they feel more comfortable in SCD, to offer their help and insight to the committee now at work. These committee members have worked many years at this prestigious event and now need a change. They will help oversee any problems and questions you may have.

We need two general members to volunteer as nominating committee to find replacements for President and Membership chairs, or even better any volunteers for these positions.

Lastly I wish to thank all those who send notes and phoned to see how Anne was when she went thru her "nasty" last month.

Jim Scott, President

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

SICK AND INJURED (and feeling better)

It has been great to see Jan Thorsen out and able to do some of our dances. At the time of this publication Jan and Ruth will be in Germany for another treatment. Speaking for us all we wish them both our very best.

Jean Lohr has stepped (maybe temporarily) down a class because of a foot injury and as I write this she has bronchial pneumonia. It's tough when you turn forty Jeannie.

Eva Pemberton is in the RJH (at the time of this writing 14th Feb) with a broken hip.

Ned Easton tells me his numbers all look good and he is feeling well these days.

VISCDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Second Notice – April 20, 2006

St. Martin In-The-Fields, 550 Obed Avenue. All members are encouraged to attend. Please submit any business and/or proposals for the AGM in writing to Heather Danks (Secretary) no later than April 10, 2006. No new business will be taken from the floor.



BURNS SOCIAL – A Wonderful Evening of Dancing!

The evening started with a report of a lost shoe and from there it progressed to a good night of fun and dancing. There were five sets plus a few extras; and the programme had something for all levels of dancing. As often stated, enough can never be said about the volunteers. The decorating volunteers put up nicely placed, and appropriate, decorations for the occasion. The food was great, again the volunteers did a great job; at this point it should be mentioned that Anne Scott cooked the haggis even though she was in the hospital, plus the President made egg salad sandwiches and somehow they were delivered in a timely fashion. I believe there is a story in this somewhere. The "Address to the Haggis" performed by Gordon Simpson, and his motley escort: Piper Jamie Orr, Swordsman Alice Anderson, Swordsman Alec McAuley, Haggis Bearer Bob Anderson, and Drink Tray Manager Howard Sturrock was, as always, stirring and truly fun. The evening ended off on a high note with **all** the dances being done including the "Extras," which were requested by some die hard dancers, and good for them. A big "Thank You" to Heather Hermanson and her hard driven crew of volunteers for giving us a most enjoyable evening.

Bill Greig

Did You Know ???

April 6, 2006 has officially been proclaimed **TARTAN DAY** by the BC Government?
... wear your Tartan and encourage your friends and co-workers to do the same!!

April 29, 2006 the worldwide family of the RSCDS will be celebrating the
WORLD DAY OF DANCE. Come to our Spring Fling Social and help celebrate!!

30th ANNUAL VISCDS WORKSHOP AND BALL WEEKEND

March 24-26, 2006

Registrations have been flowing in for our 30th Workshop and Ball Weekend. As of Monday, January 30th the Ball was sold out with a wait list started. **Note:** there is still room for non-dancers at the banquet. The Sunday social and brunch is now sold out as well. The Friday Welcome Dance and Ceilidh, Saturday morning and afternoon workshops, and Sunday afternoon concert still have room for more registrants. The choices and costs are listed on the registration form available on the www.viscdis.ca website or contact Rosemary Balfour at 250-598-6456 or rpbalfour@shaw.ca.

Our guest teachers, Mary Murray from Vancouver, David Queen from England, and Gary Thomas from California and our musicians, Muriel Johnstone from Courtenay and Keith Smith from England are all looking forward to the weekend and are promising us a wonderful Scottish Country Dance experience for dancers of all levels.

Ball Practices

On Wednesdays, March 1, 8 and 15, Ball Practices will be held at 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin In-the-Fields Church Hall on Obed Ave. The cost will be \$3.00 per session and open to all registrants of the Ball. The programs for these nights are as follows:

March 1

The Dream Catcher
The Bees of MaggieK
The Button Boy
Autumn in Appin
Catch the Wind x1
Blooms of Bon Accord
Westminster Reel
MacLeod's Fancy

March 8

Angus MacLeod
MacLeod's Fancy
Bonavista
The Dream Catcher
The Gentleman
Westminster Reel
Bonny Stronshiray
Follow Me Home

March 15

Angus MacLeod
Cherrybank Gardens
Polharrow Burn
Bonavista
The Gentleman
Montgomery's Rant
Autumn in Appin
Follow Me Home

These are "practice" sessions and not "teaching" so dancers should be at least familiar with the dances. If you have any questions please call Una Lennam at 598-2225. There will also be a Ball Walk through at the Saturday afternoon workshop for out-of-town registrants.

Volunteers

As in all large events volunteers are always welcomed and needed. If you can spare some time on the afternoon of Friday the 24th to help decorate for the Ceilidh or to help in the evening at the registration desk, the raffle or at any other time during the weekend please call Rosemary Balfour 598-6456 or Janet Rice 652-0235, gjrice@shaw.ca.

This is the final year for many members of the Workshop and Ball Committee. This wonderful event is looked forward to by dancers from Victoria and many other places every year. The format for putting the Weekend together is well structured and with a strong committee goes along quite smoothly. Please consider joining this committee for next year and keep up the 30 year celebration of Scottish Country Dancing. Please contact me at the above phone number or email with any questions.

We hope to see many of our members at one or all of the events of this fabulous weekend.

Janet Rice, Coordinator

Workshop & Ball Weekend Raffle

Thank you to all the class reps for distributing raffle tickets. Hopefully, your classes will help you out by taking books to sell. We always have a great selection of prizes, which are donated by our wonderful members and friends. We cannot have a raffle without this help so please think about something you would like to donate and support our Ball Committee by selling some tickets. Our Ball weekend is fast approaching and will be here in no time at all!

Heather and Ian Danks

THISTLE BALL UPDATE - May 13, 2006

The RSCDS Victoria Branch is asking for your help in spreading the word about the upcoming Thistle Ball on May 13, 2006. We are bringing in the very exciting and dynamic band "The Music Makars" from Pennsylvania to provide you with a spectacular evening of Scottish Country Dancing. Details can be obtained from our website www.rscdsvictoria.org and a printable format letter size poster can be printed by clicking <http://www.spatial-online.com/RscdsVictoria/2006ThistleBallPrintable.htm>

There are presently 140 ticket sold for this event. Our break even budget point is 200 tickets sold. We have set the time frame for ticket sales cut off for March 13, 2006 - at which time the Ball will go ahead if the 200 ticket target is met, or cancelled if the ticket sales are below 200.

Please help us with the publicity for this special Scottish Country Dance event, and show your support by purchasing a ticket.

Thank you

Kathryn Knowles
Victoria Branch President

PORT ALBERNI ST. PATRICK'S DAY PROGRAMME - March 11, 2006

United Church Hall / Time, cost, dinner information not available at newsletter publication.
If interested contact Jim Scott at 370-2359 and he will forward information once he receives it.

The Ferryboat	(R32)	Circle Dance C Hunt Let's All Dance
Fort Warden Fun	(J8x32) 3C	Fort Warden XX #5
Lord Elgin's Reel	(S8x32) 3C	RSCDS Bk 26
Corn Rigs	(R8x32) 2C	RSCDS Bk 4
June Festival	(J4X32) 4C	Let's All Dance, Too
Lady Glasgow	(S8x32) 3C	MMM 1
The Australian Ladies 1	(R8x32) 3C	R M Campbell Glasgow Assembly
The Wild Geese	(J8x32) 3C	RSCDS Bk 24
The Enchanted Garden	(S8x32) 3C	I Boyd World Around the Corner
Catch The Wind	(R8x32) 3C	R Butterfield RSCDS Bk 45
The Ayr Promenade	(J4x32) 4C	R Goldring 24 G & S Dances
The Wind On Loch Fyne	(S3x32) 3C	J Dickson Dunedin 1
The Whistling Wind	(R8x32) 3C	E Goosen RSCDS Bk 36
Woodhaven Chase	(J4x32)	Douglas '87
Langholm Fair	(S3x32) 3C	J Attwood Alexander Bk 3
The White Cockade	(R8x32) 3C	Preston RSCDS Bk 5

NANOOSE SPRING GALA - April 8, 2006

Qualicum Beach Community Hall, Memorial Avenue at Veterans' Way, Qualicum Beach
 Doors open at 6:00pm - A light Buffet supper, with wine, at 6:30pm
 Dancing to the music of Mary Ross 7:30 - 10:30pm
 Desserts, tea & coffee 10:30pm
 Cost: \$25.00 for Dancers \$15.00 for Non Dancers

1)	Grand March			
2)	Progressive Dance - Nice to See You	R.	(5X32)	Book 40
3)	Flowers of Edinburgh	R.	(8x32)	“ 1
4)	Monymusk	S.	(8X32)	“ 11
5)	Blackwater Reel	R.	(8X32)	“ 41
6)	12 Coates Crescent	S.	(4X32)	“ 41
7)	Alan J. Smith	J.	(8X32)	“ 45
8)	Tartan Plaidie	S.	(8X32)	“ 7
9)	McPhail's Rant	R.	(8X32)	W. Clindinning
10)	Frae a' the Airts	M.	(8X32)	Leaflet
11)	Balmoral Strathspey	S.	(4X32)	Book 22
12)	The Fisherman's Reel (square set)	R.	(5X32)	Leaflet
13)	Sands of Morar	S.	(8X32)	Book 45
14)	Seton's Ceilidh Band	J.	(4X64)	Leaflet
15)	Royal Deeside Railway	R.	(8X32)	Book 40
16)	Maxwell's Rant	R.	(8X32)	“ 18
	St. Bernard's Waltz			

For tickets contact: Ann Kullman @ akullman@shaw.ca or 250 752-9104

NANAIMO ONE-DAY WORKSHOP AND AFTERNOON TEA DANCE - April 29, 2006

Saturday, April 29th at Dover Bay Secondary School, 6135 McGirr Road, Nanaimo, BC
 Teachers: Ruth Jappy, Rebecca Blackhall-Peters
 Musician: Alex Jappy
 Tea Dance and Afternoon Tea \$10.00
 Workshop and Tea Dance \$40.00 (includes 3 classes, juice break, lunch, dance & afternoon tea.)

Registration closes April 22, 2006 (No refunds after that date)
 Contact Marguerite Bell at: 250-756-9836 or mhjbelle@telus.net or www.nanaimoscd.00it.com

Classes are for basic and intermediate dancers. There will be one class for jigs, one for reels, and one for strathspeys. Ruth and Rebecca will alternate between the classes. The three core dances being taught at the basic class will be the jig, reel and strathspey which will start the Tea Dance.

Jubilee Jig	RSCDS Leaflet	32/J/3
Monymusk	Book II	32/S/3
Corn Rigs	Book 4	32/R/2
The Hollin Bus	Book 24	32/J/3
The Gathering Place	TAC Leaflet	32/S/3
Deil Amang The Tailors	Book 14	32/R/3
The Isle	Graded Book	32/J/3
Balmoral Strathspey	Book 22	32/S/4
Davy Nick Nack	Glasgow Assembly	32/R/3
Piece of Cake	Leaflet	32/R/4
Saint Bernard Waltz		

YOUTH WEEKEND WEST 2006 - May 26-28, 2006

Plans are well underway for the fourth annual SCD Youth Weekend West, to be held right here in Victoria this May. Registrations have already been received from young dancers from Washington State, Mississippi, and Finland! Local youth won't want to miss out on this event, so please spread the word to your kids, grandkids, friends and relations: if they don't dance yet, YWW is their chance to take a crash course in Scottish Country Dancing with a friendly and enthusiastic crowd! Whether you're an absolute beginner, a Highland dancer, or an Irish step dancer, if you're between the ages of "12ish" and "30ish", we hope to see you at Youth Weekend! Parents and teachers are also welcome to accompany young dancers attending the weekend.

YWW will start off with a social on Friday night, May 26th. There will be classes on Saturday and Sunday with Mairi Hand (Boise, Idaho), Fred DeMarse (San Francisco), and Ruth Jappy (Delta), and a ceilidh on Saturday night. Details of classes, electives, and youth hostel accommodation are available at www.youthweekendwest.com, along with online registration.

The whole dance community is invited to the **YWW Tea Dance** on Sunday May 28th, featuring the fantastic music of **Muriel Johnstone!** The Tea Dance will be held at St. Andrew's Kirk Hall, 680 Courtney St., beginning at 3pm. Tickets are \$15.00. Dancers of all ages are also invited to the elective session on *How to Start a Family SCD Class from Scratch*, which Mairi Hand will present on Sunday from 10:45am to 12:15pm at South Park School.

The YWW 2006 committee is also looking for volunteers (of any age!) to help out with ...

- Coordinating catering for the Tea Dance
- Billeting visiting teachers and dancers (parents and youth)
- Printing or photocopying: We've already spent half our promotion budget, so if your business would like to be a sponsor of YWW and allow us to make use of your printer or photocopier, we would love to hear from you! Sponsors will be acknowledged in participants' registration packages, and in the Tea Dance programmes.
- Postage: YWW would also be happy to receive donations of any leftover Christmas stamps!

For more information, to volunteer, or to order your Tea Dance tickets, please contact Frankie Chao at tuba_frank@hotmail.com or (250) 661-5522.

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

Mar 10 '06 OLD-TIME DANCE FUN SOCIAL sponsored by Sons of Scotland, 8:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5 (plus goodies to share). For tickets/information contact Keith at 652-5773 or kifeir@shaw.ca

Mar 17 '06 VICTORIA BRANCH SPRING BREAK SOCIAL 7:30 p.m. St. Martin
In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed

Mar 24-26'06 VISCDs 30th ANNUAL WORKSHOP AND BALL WEEKEND
Contacts: Janet Rice, gjrice@shaw.ca (250-652-0235); Rosemary Balfour, rpbalfour@shaw.ca (250-598-6456). Music by Muriel Johnstone & Keith Smith. Teachers will be David Queen from the UK, Gary Thomas from California & Mary Murray from Vancouver. Friday Ceilidh, Saturday workshop classes and ball, Sunday morning social dancing, brunch and afternoon concert. Registration forms and information booklet at www.viscds.ca.

- Apr 01 '06** **TARTAN BALL** sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council at the Edelweiss Club, 108 Niagara St. Cocktails 6:00 pm. Dinner 7:00 pm. Live Music. Cost \$38. For tickets/info, contact Katie at 598-6547 or Irene at 652-5773.
- Apr 02 '06** **KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN** sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council Fairfield United Church. Details to follow.
- Apr 06 '06** **TARTAN DAY** officially proclaimed by the Government of BC - wear your Tartan and encourage your friends and co-workers to do the same.
- Apr 07 '06** **OLD-TIME DANCE BALL 2006** 5:45 PM to midnight at McMorran's.
- Apr 08 '06** **RSCDS VICTORIA BRANCH ANNUAL BEGINNERS' DANCE**
7:30 p.m. White Eagle Hall, 90 Dock Street. Cost is \$15 / Students \$10.
Music: Alex Jappy. Contact Sheila McCall 721-4078 or sheilamccall@shaw.ca.
- Apr 14 '06** **OLD-TIME DANCE BALL 2006** sponsored by Old-Time Dance, Victoria
5:45 pm -12:00 pm at McMorran's. Cost: \$42.00 per person. For tickets & information, contact Willie or Hazen at (250)743-5312 or wmb@shaw.ca
- Apr 18 '06** **THROONIE NIGHTS START** and go to May 30 (7 nights) Details to follow.
- Apr 20 '06** **VISCDS AGM** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- Apr 29 '06** **VISCDS SPRING FLING** St. Martin In-The-Fields Hall, 550 Obed
- May 13 '06** **THISTLE BALL** at Saanich Commonwealth Place. Music: The Music Makars from Pennsylvania. Doors open/cocktails 6:30 pm - Dinner 7:00 pm - Dancing 8:30 pm. Buffet dinner includes a complimentary glass of wine. No-host bar. Cost \$80 for RSCDS members and \$90 for non-members. Contact Mary Cooper (ticket seller) malahatmary@shaw.ca or 250-743-1488.
- May 26-28'06** **YOUTH WEEKEND WEST 2006** www.youthweekendwest.com
St. Andrew's Kirk Hall, 680 Courtney Street, Victoria, \$98 with accommodation / \$49 without, Instructors: Fred DeMarse, California; Mairi Hand, Idaho; Ruth Jappy, BC, Music: Alex Jappy, Muriel Johnstone, Mary Ross, BC. Online registration available. Contact Frankie Chao: 250-381-4756; tuba_frank@hotmail.com; or smkell@telus.net.
- May 28 '06** **YOUTH WEEKEND WEST TEA DANCE** St. Andrew's Kirk Hall, 3:00 pm
\$15 (VISCDS gave \$250 towards event)

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Feb 23-28'06** **RSCDS WINTER SCHOOL** Pitlochry, Scotland
- Mar 04 '06** **BURNABY ANNUAL DANCE** at Eastburn Community Centre, 7435 Edmonds St. 8pm. Sponsored by Burnaby SCD Club. Music by Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra. Cost: \$15. Contact Rosemary Coupe 604-298-6552.
- Mar 05 '06** **WHITE ROCK WORKSHOP** at Sullivan Hall, 6306-52nd Street, Surrey, BC
\$5 per class; Beginners 10-12, Intermediate/Senior 1-3. Teachers: Maureen Lyon and Marie Disiewicz. Bring a bag lunch. Register: 604-531-4595 Gerda Barwieck.

- Mar 11 '06** **PORT ALBERNI ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE** Alberni Valley United Church, 3747 Church St. Contact Linda Gallacher 250-723-7115.
- Mar 18 '06** **DELTA SPRING FLING** Gizeh Temple, 3550 Wayburne, Burnaby 6:30 pm. Cost: \$50. Music: Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent Tickets: 604-946-2448 or 604-594-6807.
- Mar 25 '06** **GLENAYRE DANCE** at St. Laurence Church Hall, 825 St. Laurence St, Coquitlam, 8:00 p.m., \$15, Music: Alex Jappy
- Apr 01 '06** **GLENEAGLES SPRING DANCE** at St. Catherine's Anglican Church, 1858 Ridgewood Drive, North Vancouver, 8:00 p.m. \$10
- Apr 08 '06** **NANOOSE SPRING GALA** at the Qualicum Beach Community Centre, Memorial Ave. Cost \$25. Doors open 6:00 pm. Light buffet dinner + dancing. Music: Mary Ross. Contact: Ann Kullman akullman@shaw.ca or 250 752-9104.
- Apr 22 '06** **SACRAMENTO (CA) 25th Anniversary Chocolate & Champagne Ball and Workshops** at St Francis School, 1112 26th St. Classes 9:30-10:45, 11:00-12:15, & 1:45-3:00. Ball Review 3:30-4:45 Ball 7:30-midnight. Sponsored by RSCDS - Sacramento Branch. Teachers are Elaine Brunken & Janet Walker. Music by Thistle Glen. Snacks throughout day. US\$15-\$55 depending on package. Contact Sandra Kesler 530-295-4989 dancweav@pacbell.net. [www.rscds-sacramento.org]
- Apr 29 '06** **NANAIMO WORKSHOP AND TEA DANCE** Dover Bay School, Nanaimo 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Live music for the classes and for the Tea Dance. Teachers: Rebecca Blackhall-Peters and Ruth Jappy. Music: Alex Jappy. Contact Marguerite Bell (250) 756-9836.
- Apr 30 '06** **WHITE ROCK SPRING TEA** at Star of the Sea Hall, 15262 Pacific Ave., Mary Ross (Victoria) Accordion & Celia Collin (White Rock) fiddle. 2:00 p.m.
- May 06 '06** **PEARL HOLMBERG WORKSHOP DANCE** informal Saturday evening dance open to all visiting and local dancers. 8:00 p.m. Tickets available at the door. Music by Elke Baker (fiddle) and Liz Donaldson (keyboard). Scottish Cultural Centre, 8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver. Part of May 5-7 Pearl Holmberg Workshop for Teachers and Musicians.
- May 12-14'06** **WINNIPEG WEEKEND WORKSHOP** at Mennonite University, Shaftsbury Ave. Fri: dance; Sat: classes 9am-3.30pm, Dinner & Ball & Ceilidh; Sun: class 10am-noon. Sponsored by Winnipeg Branch RSCDS. Teachers are Mary Murray (Vancouver) and Liz Goossen (Winnipeg). Music by Ron Krug and Ken Natrass for class & Scotch Measure for Ball. Cost \$140. Contact Jean Highmoor 204-832-8117 jeanhigh@mts.net.
- Jul 16 -** **RSCDS SUMMER SCHOOL** St Andrews, Scotland, 4 one-week sessions
- Aug 13 '06** Application forms must be returned by March 1, 2006.
- Aug 4-13'06** **2006 AGM AND TAC SUMMER SCHOOL** at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario.
- Sep 8-10'06** **FT. WORDEN 2006** RSCDS Seattle Branch's Annual Weekend Workshop Applications available in April from website <http://www.rscds-seattle.org>.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER, March 20, 2006

Send your submissions to the newsletter editor

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