

Island Fling



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Congratulations and thank you to the Thursday Intermediate Class and teachers for hosting our October Harvest Social. It was a truly grand evening of social dancing with colourful seasonal décor and of course a tasty assortment of snacks as well as beverages to boost our stamina for more dancing! Our "Waste Reduction" program was also introduced this evening.

A committee is continuing to coordinate the "new" Ball and Brunch/Social weekend in March 2010. We will need volunteers to help with sundry duties and hope some members will consider contributing a wee bit of their time. You will find updated information in the Executive column to follow.

Registrations continue to come in slowly. Riki Sato, our Membership Chair, has been diligently processing and updating class lists as they are received. To date, membership has declined 15% overall from April 2009. Unfortunately, this is partly due to the ongoing loss of long-time members who are physically unable to continue with dancing now. On a positive note, we have 10 new members whom we enthusiastically welcome to our club and I hope that the fun, friendship and enjoyment of Scottish Country Dancing is an enriching experience for you.

Happy dancing,
Joan McIntosh, President

EXECUTIVE COLUMN

Class Information

Class	Day	Class Representative and Alternate	Last Class	2010 Start
Experienced Social	Monday	Jane Matthews, Catherine Mick	Dec. 7	January 11
Daytime Social	Tuesday	Irene Booth, Mary Roberts	Dec. 1	January 12
Basic	Tuesday	Susannah Andersen, Sheila Eaglestone	Dec. 1	January 12
Advanced	Wednesday	Linda Foley, Michelle Campbell	Dec. 2	January 6
Intermediate	Thursday	Jenny Laing, Leona Brown	Nov. 26	January 7

Waste Management at Socials

I wish to extend a hearty thank you and congratulations to the many Harvest Social attendees who supported our new "Waste Reduction" plan and I'm happy to report that we had a 66% success rate of those who brought their own reusable cup, plate and napkin.

An email was sent prior to our Harvest Social to inform members that the waste management program would be introduced at this event and described how it would be carried out. For those who do not have email, set out below is the program that will be routinely implemented at all VanIsle socials:

VISCDS is reducing waste at our socials in accordance with the special motion accepted by the membership at our last AGM.

To help the Society, please bring your own reusable cup, plate and napkin to all socials. Each person using their own supplies will receive a special green draw ticket at the break. There will be an extra door prize draw for these special tickets.

Also, when you have finished your snack, there will be separate and labeled bins for compost and recyclables. Please use these bins rather than putting any waste into the garbage.

Remember REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE – VISCDS Social style!

Thank you for your cooperation, and your commitment to the better use of our precious resources.

Joan McIntosh

Newsletter

Please send submissions for the next newsletter by November 24, 2009 to gael@shaw.ca. I intend to add a new feature to the newsletter with a spotlight on a VISCDS member. Please send suggestions for this feature.

34th Annual Ball and Sunday Social, March 27 and 28, 2010

The following is an update of details from the Ball committee:

	<i>BALL</i>	<i>SOCIAL & BRUNCH</i>
Date	Saturday, March 27, 2010	Sunday, March 28, 2010
Location	Victoria Edelweiss Club, 108 Niagara Street	C & P.O.'s Mess, CFB Esquimalt, 1575 Lyall Street
Time	7:30 pm	9:30 am
Registration Fee:		
Early Bird to Feb. 10, 2010	\$40	\$25
February 10 – March 26	\$45	\$30
Students	\$30	\$20
Musicians	Muriel Johnstone & Callum MacKinnon	

The committee welcomes Maureen Orr, who has taken on the role of Registrar for our 34th annual Ball/Brunch. The flyer and registration forms will be distributed with the December newsletter and posted to our website at www.viscnds.ca - including the Ball Program with dance instructions. Please mark these dates on your calendar and register early.

Workshops

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010

Location: St Martin in the Fields Hall

Levels: Experienced (9am to 11:30am); Basic/Intermediate (1:30pm to 3:30pm)

Teacher: Ruth Jappy (Vancouver)



October Harvest Social

The Harvest Social, hosted by the Intermediate Class, was a rousing success by any standard. The program was fabulous, with a good mix of Basic, Intermediate and Advanced dances. Seven sets stood for most of the dances, completed by dancers of all levels and experience. It was a real joy to see so many dancers from the Basic class, particularly those who just started this year, and very gratifying (though not unexpected) to see how much encouragement and good-humoured help they received from more experienced dancers.

The Harvest Social was the first “Green Social” for the Van Isle Society. VISCDS has asked members to bring our own cutlery, crockery and napkins to the socials, cutting down on waste and adding to our joy by ensuring that we’re not adding to the landfill. That experiment was another success of the evening – more than 2/3 of the people who came brought their own dishes and cutlery, and those who didn’t said they’d be sure to do so next time. We were able to fill a recycling tub and one and a half composting bins, but barely left any garbage behind at all! Congratulations are due to the Society for the impetus to help us to change our habits, and to everyone who readily bought in.

Many thanks to Sue and Rob Langridge and Una Lennam, who briefed the dances, encouraged our laughter and our joy in the dance, and just generally made the evening a great success. A special Thank You to the members of the Intermediate Class who helped out in the kitchen and with the decorations. Without their constant work behind the scenes it would have been a very sorry affair. There’s a rumour that Gordon Robinson was doing the washing up, proving that he is indeed a man of many talents. And of course, thanks are due to the many people who brought the food, providing us with a marvellous break.

Jenny Laing



Saturday, December 5, 7:30 p.m. at Cadboro Bay United Church, \$10 hosted by VISCDS

Mrs. Stewart’s Jig	8 x 32 Jig	RSCDS Book 35	
Catch the Wind	8 x 32 Reel	RSCDS Book 45	
Cherry Bank Gardens	3 x 32 Strathspey	John Drewry, Bankhead Book	
Quarries Jig	8 x 32 Jig	RSCDS Book 36	
Mairi’s Wedding	4 x40 Reel	James Cosh 22+2 Dances	
Rose of the North	8 x 32 Strathspey	Roy Goldring Leeds 25 Anniversary	
White Heather Jig	4 x 40 Jig	James Cosh 22+2 Dances	
Old Man of Storr	8 x 32 Reel	Dances for Children, Roy Goldring	
Tribute to the Borders	8 x 32 Jig	RSCDS Leaflet	
Autumn in Appin	4 x 32 Strathspey	RSCDS Book 31	
Immigrant Lass	4 x 32 Jig	RSCDS Book 39	
Peat Fire Flame	8 x 40 Reel	John Drewry, Bon Accord Book	
Sands of Morar	8 x 32 Strathspey	Barry Priddy	
Blackadder Jig	8 x 32 Jig	Muriel Johnstone, Blackadder Collection	see page 5
Bratach Bana	8 x 32 Reel	John Drewry, Bon Accord Book	
Reel of the Royal Scots	8 x 32 Reel	RSCDS Leaflet	

Volunteers are needed for decorating, bringing food, and cleaning up.



Burns Social and Ceilidh
Saturday January 23 2010
730pm to 11pm
St. Martin in the Fields Hall

Joe MacDiarmid's Jig	4 x 32 J	B	Core
A Reel for Alice	5 x 32 R	B	Core
The Lea Rig	6 x 32 S	I	Core
The Three Creek Shore	8 x 32 J	B	Core
Jessie's Hornpipe	8 x 32 R	B	Core
12 Coates Crescent	4 x 32 S	I	Core
Mrs Stewart's Jig	8 x 32 J	I	Core
The Piper and the Penguin	1 x 88 R	I	Core
The Silver Tassie	8 x 32 S	I	Core
The Laird of Milton's Daughter	8 x 32 J	I	Core
Bonnie Stronshiray	8 x 32 S	I	Core
Let's Have a Ceilidh	4 x 32 R	I	Glasgow Assembly
The White Heather Jig	4 x 40 J	I	Core
The Sands of Morar	8 x 32 S	A	Core
Polharrow Burn	5 x 32 R	A	Core

Hosted by Advanced Social Class



Books 1 to 35; Many core dance books and up to date to last year; other books of instruction and more dance books; CD of dances for the computer - this is hard to come by and produced by someone in Vancouver. All of this for \$25. Please contact Ann Whittaker at annwhittaker@shaw.ca

Used ghillies, women's - fit size 6 1/2 to 7 narrow to medium width, Capezio brand, in good condition, sole measures 9", \$25. Please contact Georgina Kirkman at 250 386-5307

Family Dance Class

Our Family Class is off to a great start, with kids aged 5 to 14, dad, moms, and grandmas all enjoying dancing together! Penny Catton and Mary Howarth are doing a wonderful job, with classes to appeal to all ages and stages. We invite other dancers to bring their families and join us on Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:30 at the Lutheran Church (3787 Cedar Hill Rd.) Future dates this term are Nov. 14, Nov. 28, and Dec 5. Remember, adults must be accompanied by a child! Boys, dads, and grandpas are especially welcome. We hope to see you and yours there - the more, the merrier!
Sarah Kell

On the road

I have my usual two radio stations that I listen to in the vehicle and I have found myself wondering lately what station the other VISCDS members usually tune into and why. So I invite you to partake of this informal survey and send me an email (gael@shaw.ca) or a slip of paper with the call numbers and letters of your usual airwave and any other pertinent details you wish to add. I will report back in the January Island Fling. All submissions will be handled with the utmost care for confidentiality. Please respond by December 7, 2009. Paper submissions can be left in the box with the newsletters at the hall.

Gael Forster

2010 Dancing Kickoff with the Basic Class

The kickoff for dancing in 2010 will take a slightly different form from previous open houses. Rather than dances aimed at total beginners, the evening will be a social with a program of easy dances, mainly familiar and certainly dance-able by all of our dancers including new members of the Basic Class. The intention is to provide an opportunity for all members to meet and dance including newer members who may not feel completely confident about attending our regular socials.

We currently have a good class of newer dancers and are not focusing on attracting more beginners at present. Having said that if members know of potential new dancers they are certainly invited to come along and will be included both in the dancing on January 5 and in Basic classes for the balance of the year. We also appreciate any experienced dancers who would like to join us at regular Tuesday classes both to help new dancers get oriented as well as to demonstrate that everyone makes mistakes from time to time and needs time to learn new dances.

Mark the date on your calendar. Regular classes will commence on the first class night following the Open House.

Gordon Robinson

Correction

The instructions for Ferla Mor in the printed October Fling had an error. This is the correction for bars:

17-24 1st couple in tandem and 2nd corners dance diagonal reel of 3, RS to 3M to begin.

On bars 23 & 24, 1L, as she dances down the centre, pulls LS back to face partner. 1st couple turn LH to face 1st corners.

The posted October Island Fling has been corrected.

Blackadder Jig

Devised by Muriel Johnstone

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| 1-4 | 1C set and cast off 2 places (2C+3C step up on 3-4) |
| 5-8 | 1C turn RH |
| 9-12 | 3C+1C set and link |
| 13-16 | 1C+3C dance four hands round to left |
| 17-20 | 2C+1C set and "reversed link" (right hand person dance down or up middle and curve into place, left hand person cast pulling back left shoulder) |
| 21-24 | 1C+2C dance four hands round to right, finishing for |
| 25-32 | 1C+2C poussette |

COMING EVENTS - LOCAL

All local events held at St. Martin in-the-Fields Hall, 550 Obed 7:30pm unless otherwise noted

2009

- Nov 21** **VISCDS St Andrews Social**, Hosted by the Advanced Class. Program in the October Fling. Bring your own cup, plate and napkin.
- Dec 5** **Joint Christmas Social**, Cadboro Bay United Church 2625 Arbutus Rd. \$10. Bring your own cup, plate and napkin. Program in this Fling.
- Dec 31** **RSCDS Victoria**, The pot-luck dinner starts at 6:30pm. Bring your own plates, cutlery etc.; then spend the evening dancing. \$8 each plus a potluck donation: salad, entrée or dessert. For more information, contact Edith Chapman at 592-0143

2010

- Jan 5** **VISCDS Open House Social**
- Jan 23** **VISCDS Workshop, Burns Social and Ceilidh**, Program in this Fling.
- Jan 31** **Burns Memorial Tea and Concert**, sponsored by the Victoria Joint Scottish Council
- Feb 6** **RSCDS Victoria Olympic Fever**
- Feb 20** **VISCDS Valentine's Social**
- Mar 13** **RSCDS Victoria** \$15 music by Muriel Johnstone
- Mar 27-28** **VISCDS 34th Annual Ball and Sunday Social**, details in this Fling
- Apr 10** **RSCDS Victoria**, \$12 music by Mary Ross
- Apr 11** **Kirkin of the Tartan**, St. Aidan's United Church, details tbd
- Apr 24** **VISCDS Spring Fling**

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

- Dec 5** **Port Alberni SCD Christmas Dinner/Dance**, Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 55) 3031 - 4th Ave Port Alberni. Doors will open at 5.30pm and dinner will be served at 6pm. \$28
- Dec 13** **Gleneagles 46th Annual Ball**, Vancouver Fairmont Hotel, Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra, 1:30pm \$90 contact 604-929-2944 or mamcdevett@shaw.ca
- Dec 29** **Betwixt and Between**, Scottish Cultural Centre, Vancouver, 7:30pm \$15/\$20, Music by Mary Ross
- Feb 13** **Comox Valley Valentines Dance**, Muriel Johnstone and Keith Smith playing. More info at <http://cvscottishcountrydance.org/>
- Feb 19-21** **Edmonton 40th Annual Workshop and Ball**, teachers: Pat Coyle, Mary Murray, Elinor Vandegrift, Ron Wallace. www.rscdsedmonton.org
- Mar 13** **Port Alberni SCD St Patrick's Dinner/Dance**
- Mar 20** **Oceanside Spring Gala**. Qualicum Beach Community Hall, 644 Memorial Ave.
- Jul28-Aug1** **Windsor NS ISCDs 2010**, www.rscdsnovascotia.ca/ISCDs_2010/ISCDs10

NOTE: Dance Programs for many of the listed events are available from the VISCDS newsletter editor or the listed contact/websites.