

Light and Airy



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Important Dates

Dancing in 2024

Saturday November 23 – St. Andrew’s Social

Thursday, December 5 – last afternoon class

Monday, December 9 – last evening class

Dancing in 2025

Monday, January 6 – evening classes start 7:30 – 9:30 at CPUC

Thursday, January 9 – afternoon classes start 1:30 – 3:30 at CPUC

Saturday, January 18 – Burns Social

Note: all events are held at Churchill Park United Church (CPUC) 525 Beresford Ave. unless otherwise stated.

A Word from the Chair of COM

Mark your calendars and put on your dancing shoes (and smiles) for the next RSCDS social: November 23rd, 2024! We are celebrating St. Andrew, the official patron saint of Scotland, which has been noted and celebrated since before 1000 AD! There will be special Scottish country dances from around the world!

Sheila has prepared a lovely program of dances which is available on the RSCDS Winnipeg website. See you at the Social! Bring your friends and partners for a grand social evening.

Pat Clubb

Next COM meeting – November 7

Have you heard?

St. Andrew's & Dance Around the World Social - November 23

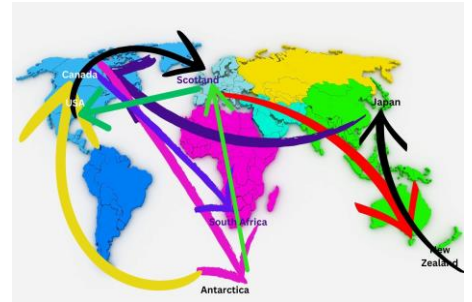
Next up on our social events calendar is our November Social – a combination of St. Andrew's celebration and RSCDS Dance Around the World. The program will take us around the world with lots of fun and excitement!

So pack your virtual bags and get ready to travel around the world.

Here is the map of our travel plan.

Don't forget your passport!

Sheila



Programme

Trip to Crinan	J8x32 3C (4C set)	Coast To Coast with Scotch Mist
Catch the Wind	R8x32 3C (4C set)	RSCDS Book 45
Triple Happiness	S3x32 3C	RSCDS Book 52
Currie Mountain	R8x32 3C (4C set)	New Brunswick Collection
Antarctica Bound	J4x32 4C set	Scotia Suite
Break		
Golden Boy	J8x32 3C (4C set)	Bankhead Book 1
Capetown Wedding	S8x32 3C (4C set)	RSCDS Book 39
St Andrew's Fair	J8x32 3C (4C set)	5 SCDs
Falkirk Lass	S8x32 3C (4C set)	RSCDS book 53
De'il Amang the Tailors	R8x32 3C (4C set)	RSCDS Book 14

Memorial Dance Night - Robin Lynch

On Monday October 7 a dance evening was held in memory of Robin Lynch who had been a long-time dancer, teacher and mentor in the Winnipeg Branch.

It was a lovely evening to dance some of Robin's favourite dances, share some stories and spend some time with a few of Robin's family, husband Mike, daughter Joanna and Mark were able to join us for the evening. A big thank you to Mike who suggested the dances (favourites of Robin) for the evening.

Thank you from Mike Lynch

On behalf of my family and myself, I wish to thank you and the Winnipeg Branch most sincerely for the lovely evening social in honour of Robin. It was a fitting tribute and she would have loved to have been there. It was a great pleasure for me to try a few dances again as I do not get much opportunity around here anymore.

Very best wishes to everybody,

Mike

Magaret Zadworny

We were very sad to learn that another branch teacher, Margaret Zadworny, passed away October 13th. Margaret was a Winnipeg Branch Life member, and an organizer of the very first Mug Pub. Not only was she a dancer in the early days of the branch, but also went on to become a teacher, dance deviser, and the Mother of Ladies Step Dancing in North America.

Margaret taught Scottish Country Dance classes and Ladies Step dancing for many years and was very well known around the world for the creative dances she devised. Her Aye Afloat book of Scottish Country dances with music composed by Muriel Johnstone was published in 2007 and dedicated to the town of Portnockie in Scotland where Margaret grew up. This past spring a compilation of her Step Dances, The Smitty Piper Collection, was published.

With the encouragement of Joan Cameron Muir, Margaret started the Braemar dancers to perform at various Scottish events. Not only did Margaret work dancers through the McNabb Collection of Dances, choreograph entrances and exits, step dances, etc. but also made all the costumes. She was also wonderful with children and her children's class was large enough that she put on an end of the year show. Again, Margaret sewed skirts and sashes for each child (custom fit).

Margaret's legacy is extensive and will live on for years and years to come.

Cheryl Durnin

From the Classes ...

Monday Evening

Teacher – Sheila Careless

Regular teacher Sheila was finally able to guide the dancers through an evening or two, then Thanksgiving weekend there was no scheduled class. Now (Oct. 21) the class will be held every week without interruption!

The class will be working its way through some dances on the upcoming St. Andrew's/Dance Around the World social. There will also be some teaching by our dance candidates Sharyl and James as they continue pursuing their teacher certification.

Thursday Afternoon

Teacher – Cheryl Durnin

The class has been working on steps and technique especially handing and phrasing (dance all 8 bars!). Dances on the programme for Robin Lynch were the focus until that dance evening, and now attention is turning to those on the upcoming St. Andrew's social.

Scottish Ceilidh Fundraiser for ALS Manitoba

Thank you to all who attended and/or contributed to the success of the ALS Ceilidh that was recently held on October 5th.

This event raised over \$3,000. for the ALS Society of Manitoba. The dancing was certainly enjoyed by all 60 plus attendees. The entertainment, silent auction, 50/50 and refreshments all added to the festivities. Until next year..... Thank you!

Cheryl Durnin

From the Library ...

Many of our donations of kilt skirts have found a new home. There are a number from perhaps younger, thinner days with a waist size of 28 inches. I would like to find a home for them and will bring them to the November social. They will sell for \$2.00 so they will be worth looking at. With a little creativity, such as moving the button over, perhaps you will find one you can't pass up.

The bag of donated dance slippers will also be available at the social if you need a pair - \$5 for tired ones and \$10 if they are in nearly new shape.

The library has added 6 cd's related to Scottish Country Dancing which will sell for the listed price:

After the Dance by John Taylor -\$14

The Hour of Pearl by Chris Duncan and Catherine Strutt-\$20

Something Old Something New by Steven Carcary and his band - \$16

Domino Five by Kenny Thomson and the Wardlaw Scottish Dance Band - \$23 .

Two cd's also bought at summer school which have been previously listened to are

Ceilidh Dance Party by Gordon Pattoulllos Ceilidh Band - \$5

Dances With a Difference, volume 1 Proce, Los Angeles Collection - \$5 .

Proceeds from library sales go to the branch to support branch activities.

Joan

Now for the tartan contest!

Do you recognize this tartan? Send me your answer if you recognize it.

It is a rare donation—a man's kilt with a 37 inch waist and 25 inches long. It will be at the next social for sale for \$75 . (Or make us an offer).



From the editor's desk ...

Well, we certainly had a lovely September but golf season has come to a close. Curling has begun and dancing is now high up on the list as the weather cools.

We have had a couple of special evenings in October and look forward to the social in November. There is lots of dancing to be enjoyed!

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Them: What inspires you to get out of bed every morning?

Me: My bladder mostly.

Here and There...

Some Out of Town Events

February 14 – 16, 2025 – Hawaii - Aloha Winter Weekend

February, 2025 – Edmonton – Workshop Weekend and Ball

August 3 – 10, 2025 – Sherbrooke, Quebec – 2025 TAC Weekend and Summer School

Planning to travel? If you have an internet connection, browse for RSCDS & city for dancing where you are going. For instance, RSCDS Toronto hosts workshops and monthly dances and has links to dancing events all over the world. Almost every city in Canada has an RSCDS group. Many have a Facebook site as well.

Here are links to some branch sites:

[RSCDS Winnipeg Branch](#)

[RSCDS Saskatchewan Branch](#)

[RSCDS Calgary Branch](#)

[RSCDS Edmonton Caledonian Branch](#)

[RSCDS Medicine Hat Branch](#)

www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org

[RSCDS Vancouver](#)

[RSCDS Toronto Branch](#)

[RSCDS Ottawa](#)

L&A Submissions

Next L&A: December 2024 Deadline for submissions: November 20.

Members are encouraged to submit articles, pictures or information of interest to Branch members.

Submissions for the *Light and Airy* can be sent to the Branch e-mail address: info@rscdswinnipeg.ca or to the editor at Douglas.Durnin@umr.umanitoba.ca

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