

# *Light and Airy*



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## ***Important Dates***

### **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

Sunday, January 12 – challenge class (7:00 -9:00)

Saturday, January 18 – Burns Social – 7:30

Sunday, February 9 – challenge class (7:00 -9:00)

Saturday, March 15 – Spring St. Patrick’s Social

Sunday, March 23 – challenge class (7:00 -9:00)

Monday, April 7 – last evening class

Thursday, April 10 – last afternoon class

Sunday, April 13 – challenge class (7:00 -9:00)

Saturday, April 26 – Dance Workshop

Monday, May 12 – Wind-Up Social

Thursday, May 22 – AGM

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

## ***A Word from the Chair of COM ....***

The COM (Committee of Management of the RSCDS) wishes everyone a season of joy and giving! And of course, best wishes for the next year 2025!

Thank you to the members who indicated their interest in the certification program offered by the St. John's Ambulance in basics CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) and use of the Automatic Defibrillator (AED). Unfortunately, it is not covered by the RSCDS and will be \$110.00 per person.

There will be more news about the program in the New Year!

Happy New Year!

Pat Clubb

Next COM meeting – January 9 (via Zoom)

## ***Have you heard?***

### ***From the Classes ...***

#### **Monday Evening**

Some dancing and always goodies after the last class!!!

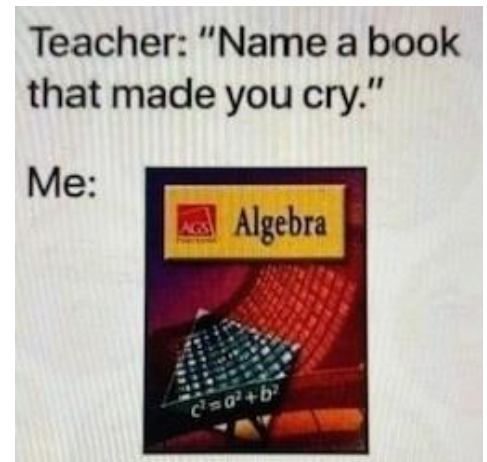


#### **Thursday Afternoon**

Most of us have known Cheryl a long time, but how many of us knew that she had an obsession with foot fiddles? This startling fact was revealed when she devised a foot fiddle practice for us. This writer, being not so nimble of foot, had to cheat. The dance, *A Jig for Mrs. Dunn*, had a great story behind it, which always makes a dance memorable. Cheryl's encounter with Mrs. Dunn was during her training years, as Mrs. Dunn was an adjudicator and struck fear into Cheryl's heart despite her wee height.

Mrs. Norah Dunn lived to be 101 yrs old – a testament to many years spent dancing. Sharyl did a great job of helping us to navigate 16 bars of petronella and a half pousette which enabled us to enjoy the beautiful dance The Lea Rig. With Dec 25th on the radar, Christmas tunes filled the air and we flew through a dance of Cheryl's devising, here named, *The Peg City Jig* – although it may not be a jig – but I needed something snappy to complement the dance. Other suggestions are welcome!

The last class in December continued to stir up some seasonal dancing spirit with a few Xmas tunes thrown into the mix. Cheryl included dances she had taught in the fall, probably hoping that we would all fly through them, but a little review was in order. One of my favourites is Susanne's Strathspey due to the petronella figure at the beginning. Some of us got carried away in the Cabrach, determined to include all dancers in the set for the last fling before munchies – so I think we attempted a 4-couple allemande. This writer had to leave early to pick up grandkids, but I managed a few sly nibbles from goody table.



See you all next year.  
- Hilary Hayles

### **Challenge Class**

We have held 2 challenge classes so far this dance season.  
At our last class it was decided to continue into 2025.

The gym at Churchill Park United Church has been booked for the following Sundays in the New Year:

January 12, 7-9 pm

February 9, 7-9 pm

March 23, 7-9 pm

April 13, 7-9 pm

Looking forward to the continued progress in the class.

- Cheryl Durnin

### **From the Library ...**

The Library will be available for browsing at the Burns Social on January 18. You can spend your leftover Christmas monies with the bonus of NO taxes! (There are never taxes on the library materials.)

- Joan

## *Upcoming dancing*

### *Burns Social Saturday January 18*

#### *Programme*



St. Andrews Fair	J32 3/4	RSCDS 5 Dances
Corn Riggs	R32 2/4	Book 4
Lea Rig	S32 2/4	Book 21
Machine Without Horses	J32 3/4	Book 12
Red Rose	S32 4/4	Dunfermiline 90th
Ha! Ha! The Woin' O' It	R32 2/4	MMM 1
Linton Ploughman	J32 2/4	Book 5
Silver Tassie	S32 3/4	Leaflet
Toast to the Mousies	R32 3/4	Book 53
Deil Amang the Tailors	R32 3/4	Book 14

If the weather outside is frightful,



And the roadways all are snow full,

There's really no place to be,

Just stay home with your cozy tea.



## **CANCELLATION POLICY FOR SNOW DAYS**

The COM has agreed to the following policy for cancellation of classes, when necessary because of inclement weather conditions:

- A decision to cancel that day's class will be made no later than 3:00 pm on Mondays & 9:00 am on Thursdays.
- An email will be sent out to all members as soon as possible.

**IF THE WEATHER IS NASTY, PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL BEFORE HEADING OUT TO CLASS.**

If you do not have access to email, please let your class teacher know and leave a phone number where you can be reached. If in doubt, please call your class teacher. If you cannot contact your teacher, then call the chair of COM.

Note: This policy will also apply to extra or special classes and socials that are not on a class day.

### ***From the editor's desk ...***

I am finishing up this issue of the Light & Airy before I pack my bag to fly to Newark for a family Christmas! This is the first time I have EVER been away for Christmas! All the family will be at our daughter's for the celebrations!

A big Thank You to Hilary and Elise for their notes from the classes.

Hope all have a wonderful Holiday Season and Happy Hogmanay!

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**I've learned that people will forget what you said,  
people will forget what you did,  
but people will never forget how you made them feel.  
- Maya Angelou**

## ***Here and There...***

### ***Some Out of Town Events***

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

**February 14, 2025 – Edmonton** – 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual 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](http://www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org)

[RSCDS Vancouver](#)

[RSCDS Toronto Branch](#)

[RSCDS Ottawa](#)

## ***L&A Submissions***

**Next L&A:** February 2025 Deadline for submissions: January 22.

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](mailto:info@rscdswinnipeg.ca) or to the editor at [Douglas.Durnin@umr.umanitoba.ca](mailto:Douglas.Durnin@umr.umanitoba.ca)

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