

Light and Airy



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Important Dates

Dancing in 2025

Monday, September 8 – Open House & Registration evening **Churchill Park UC 7:30 – 9:30**

Monday, September 15 – evening classes start 7:30 – 9:30 at CPUC

Thursday, September 18 – afternoon classes start 1:30 – 3:30 at CPUC

Saturday, September 27 – Ceilidh Fundraiser for ALS Manitoba 7:30 at CPUC

Sunday, September 28 – Challenge Class

Monday, October 13 – no class. Thanksgiving Holiday Monday.

Sunday, October 26 – Challenge Class

Sunday, November 23 – Challenge Class

Monday, November 24 – St. Andrew's Social

Thursday, December 11 – last afternoon class of 2025

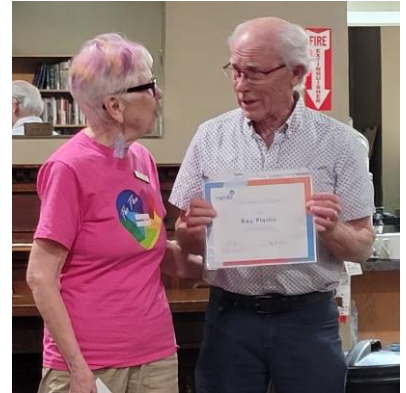
Monday, December 15 – last evening class of 2025

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

A Word from the Chair of COM

At the Annual Meeting of the Branch on May 22, 2025, I became the Chair person. I am pleased to undertake this work and hope to get to meet more dancers in the fall.

The meeting moved along smoothly with no contentious items arising. On a pleasant note, Ray Plaitin was presented with a certificate of Branch Life Membership for his dedication and his hard work over and above dancing! Ray has danced for many years and he brings his audio equipment for our social evenings for enhanced sound quality which is very much appreciated. We gave him a round of applause!



I hope to get out to a few Monday classes as I am part of the Thursday afternoon dancers.

The meeting ended with refreshments and tea and coffee.

I hope that you will all return this fall and also bring friends and family to the Open House on September 8!

Heather Robbins

Next COM meeting – August 5

News from COM

(Or should that be The New COM?)

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Have you heard?

Spring Workshop - April 26 - Some More Photos!!!



Manitoba Highland Gathering Demonstration – Sunday, June 22nd

The Manitoba Highland Gathering in Selkirk was the place where a team of ten dancers demonstrated how much we enjoy Scottish Country Dancing and of course the music. It's always a challenge to get the audience on the dance floor, but with some encouragement, several volunteers of all ages participated, with friends and family to cheer them on. Thanks to Sheila Careless for organizing a solid program and for giving the team the confidence to pull together the 2025 Highland Gathering demonstration.

It was good to be dancing and laughing together.



From the Classes ...

Classes will be back in September, on both Monday evening and Thursday afternoon. Pick your favourite or come out to both!

TAC Summer School 2025



Early Bird Registration starts
February 15
**SUMMER SCHOOL IN
CANADA!**
AUGUST 3-10, 2025
Bishop's University
Sherbrooke, Quebec
For dancers of all levels
Partial week attendance options

Teaching Staff
Rebecca Blackhall-Peters, BC Canada
Linda Henderson, California USA
Andrew Nolan, UK
Cecily Selling, Pennsylvania USA

Music Director
Gary Thomas, California USA



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
tac-rscds.org
Scottish Country Dance
Teachers' Association (Canada)

from the editor's desk ...

It's into summer mode – no weekly classes and a couple of extra weeks to prepare the L&A.

Folklorama is coming soon in early August. Watch for the email info and volunteer as you can.

September 8 is the Open House and Registration evening of dancing and mingling after the summer. Bring a friend or two to enjoy the love of dance!

A bit of fun posing at the Workshop social evening.



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Here and There...

Some Out of Town Events

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: August/September 2025 Deadline for submissions: August 19.

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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