

Light and Airy



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Important Dates

Dancing in 2026

Saturday, October 3 – Ceilidh Fundraiser for ALS Manitoba 7:00 at St. Paul's Hall

Sunday, October 4 – Essentials class 7:00 at St. Paul's Hall

Sunday, October 11 – Challenge class 7:00 at St. Paul's Hall

Monday, October 12 –no class. Thanksgiving Holiday Monday

Sunday, October 18 – Demonstration class 7:00 at St. Paul's Hall

Sunday, October 25 – Step Dance class at St. Paul's Hall - time- to be confirmed

Sunday, November 1 – Essentials class 7:00 at St. Paul's Hall

Sunday, November 8 – Challenge class 7:00 at St. Paul's Hall

Sunday, November 15 – Demonstration class 7:00 at St. Paul's Hall

Sunday, November 22 – Step Dance class at St. Paul's Hall - time- to be confirmed

Sunday, November 29 – Walk Scottish class 7:00 at St. Paul's Hall

Saturday, December 5 – St. Andrew's Social at St. Paul's Hall

Note: **Monday** events are held at **St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall** (830 North Drive at Point Road)
Thursday classes are held at **Harrow United Church** (955 Mulvey Ave. at Harrow St.)

A Word from the Chair of COM

Hurray, we are back dancing!

Our Open House was a great success with more than sixty folks out for the evening. We were treated to a wonderful evening of live music played by Karen Steven on violin and Alister MacDonald on accordion. Our musicians got into the spirit of the dances, especially Star Trek.

Cheryl & I had extra musical enjoyment as we hosted Karen and Alister and heard a rehearsal of the evening dance program as well as lots of other tunes as Alister played through dance books from Cheryl's collection.

Classes have started with good attendance and some new faces on the dance floor. We are settling into our new hall spaces. Congratulations to Sharyl Eaglesham as our newest certificated teacher takes her place at the head of the hall.

Coming up soon is the fundraising Ceilidh for ALS Manitoba. Mark Saturday October 3 on your calendar.

Doug Durnin

Next COM meeting – Oct. 7

**Owning a dictionary with no pages is ...
meaningless**

News from COM

COM Members

The Committee of Management for the RSCDS Winnipeg Branch has the upcoming season up and dancing. If you have any questions or suggestions, be sure to speak to one of them. The COM members are:

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Halls for Dancing

Just a reminder we are dancing in two halls this year, both with wooden floors.

St. Paul's Anglican Church - Monday evenings at 8 - 10 pm

Harrow United Church - Thursday afternoons at 1:30 – 3:30 pm

In addition to these regular classes on Mondays and Thursdays there will be additional classes on Sunday evenings with each class focussing on a different aspect of dancing.

St. Paul's Anglican Church - Sunday evenings at 7 - 9 pm

Addresses for the dance venues are given under the “Dancing Dates” on page 1.

Doug Durnin
Chair

From the classes ...

Have you Registered?

It's easy to do – either in person, by mail, or online.

The **registration form** is available on the website (<http://www.rscdswinnipeg.ca>) in both downloadable and fillable formats.

Update on Sunday Halls ...

It appears we are not able to have St. Paul's hall on the fourth Sunday in the evening for the Step Dance Class due to another group's regular booking. The teachers are in discussion about other options which could include - finding a different space or hosting the class at St. Paul's in the open time that day which is 5-7 pm.

Stay tuned for further developments.

Cheryl Durnin

Monday

Welcome back to another season of dancing! Our first Monday class on Sept 21 in a familiar location (to some of us) – St. Paul's Church. A strong attendance of about 20+ dancers with 5 new people. We launched right into basics – galloping to quick-time reel music and learning *The Ox*, *Tartan Plaidie* and *The Honeymoon* dances. The experienced dancers are challenged to firm up their steps and formation skills – remember the new dancers are watching!

Dancing is an amazing opportunity to learn something new, keep active, socialize and laugh! Looking forward to more Monday night dancing shenanigans with you!

Sharyl Eaglesham

Thursday

The Thursday class dance season started on a beautiful sunny warm Thursday afternoon. I was surprised that 12 dancers came out to class instead of enjoying the warm September afternoon outside.

It was nice to get our brain and feet reacquainted with the steps and some figures required for dancing. We worked on the necessary step transitions for the dances and danced the Findlay's Jig by Roy Goldring, Scottish Rambler from Book 5, finishing with Black Donald from the Carnforth Collection by Derek Haynes.

If you are able, come on out and enjoy a Thursday afternoon time of dancing and socializing.

Cheryl Durnin

Upcoming Events

Fundraising Ceilidh for ALS Manitoba

Bring out your friends & neighbours for a fun time!

And support a good cause.

Mark your calendars for October 3 to come to the fundraising ceilidh in support of ALS Manitoba. It's happening at St. Paul's Church hall on Point Road beginning at 7:30.

There will be dancing, singing, entertainment and food!

Admission is by free-will donation to ALS Manitoba.

The poster for the ceilidh is at the end of the newsletter.

Have you heard?



Open House

What a wonderful way to kick off our dance season!

A ceilidh-style dance with live music!



There were more than sixty people out and on the dance floor to enjoy live music by Karen Steven and Alister MacDonald on Monday September 14.

Thank You to Sheila Careless who organized the programme and met earlier with Karen and Alister to agree sort the music.

And Thanks to all who helped out with setting up, putting away, bringing food goodies, and eating those same goodies. Yum!



from the editor's desk ...

The Open House was a great time and Alister got into the role for the dance Star Trek! They had passed through the Alberta town of Vulcan on their travels out west and had souvenirs.



As hosts to Karen and Alister, Cheryl and I were the benefactors of an afternoon concert as our guests ran through the music for the evening program.



We are now into our regular classes on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons. So far things are going well and there's lots more dancing to come.

Doug Durnin, Editor
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The PUN / FUN Corner:

**This is stupid.
I just tried to make my own hand sanitizer
and it came out as a rum & coke.~~~~~**

**Looking forward to winter?
Today's Weather? Room temperature.**

***I'm as bored as an Amish electrician.
Hey - Maybe try Scottish Country Dancing!***

Here and There...

Some out of town events

February 12 - 14, 2027 - Honolulu, Hawaii -Aloha Winter Weekend

Planning to travel? 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](#)

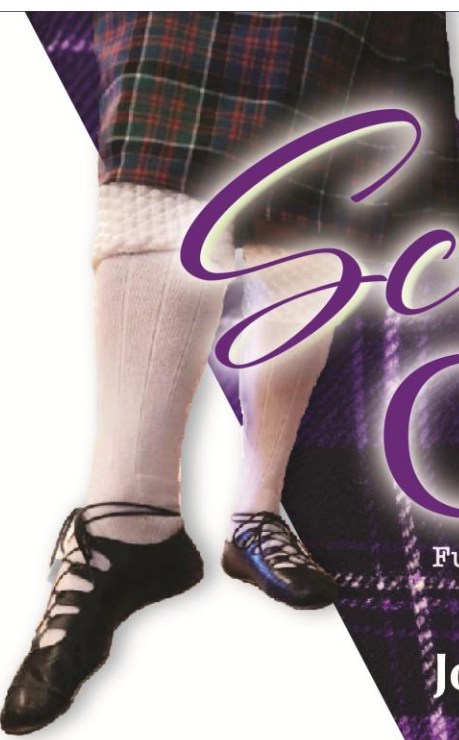
L&A Submissions

Next L&A: November 2026 Deadline for submissions: October 23.

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

This and past issues of *Light and Airy* are available at: www.rscdswinnipeg.ca



*A Night of Dance, Music
& Scottish Cheer!*

Scottish Ceilidh

Fundraiser in memory of Doreen Mennie

Join us for the silent
auction, and light
refreshments. An all
ages event that's fun
for the whole family!

**St. Paul's Anglican
Church**
830 North Dr., Winnipeg

Admission:

Donation to the ALS Society of Manitoba
The event is wheelchair accessible.

Saturday,
October 3rd

7:30 pm to 10:30 pm