

# *Light and Airy*



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## ***Important Dates***

### ***Dancing in 2023***

#### **Winter Term 2023**

**Week of January 9** – Second Term Classes begin

**Mondays** – evening class 7:30 – 9:30

**Thursdays** – afternoon class 1:30 – 3:30

**Saturday, January 21** – social evening Churchill Park UC 7:30

**Saturday, February 18** – social evening Churchill Park UC 7:30

**Saturday, March 18** – social evening Churchill Park UC 7:30

**Week of April 10** – Second Term Classes end

**April 21, – 23, 2023** – Winnipeg Anniversary Weekend Workshop

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

I am so pleased to have the opportunity to say "Thank You" to each and every one of our members who have made this a memorable year. We have enjoyed a wonderful first term and are grateful to Maureen Burnham and Cheryl Durnin for their time and patience preparing for and teaching our classes. A special thanks to Sharyl Eaglesham who has also shared in the teaching on Monday evenings. We were lucky to have Peter and Doug at our classes, not only to dance but also to manage the music. Our group has adapted well and worked through challenges and I am proud that we have the resolve to "keep calm and dance on." In typical fashion we ended the term with class parties held in the lounge at CPUC; a warm and cozy room. It was a time to visit and of course enjoy the lovely treats brought by class members. We were spoiled indeed.

We are looking forward to 2023 and the celebration of our 60th Anniversary, happy memories to share and new ones to be made.  
I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. May Peace fill our world, Love fill our homes and Joy fill our hearts at Christmas and always.

Shirley Tinsley  
Next COM meeting – Jan. 5.

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

### ***November Social Evening***

There was a good turn out at the November 19<sup>th</sup> social. Twenty-eight dancers came ready to dance and were very good to indulge me to participate in some of my favourite dances. It was very enjoyable for me to see dancers having fun and even have a couple of dances encored. The programme included some dances from previous St. Andrew's socials and ended with The Reel of the 51<sup>st</sup> division to commemorate Remembrance Day. I had so much fun watching that I forgot to take many pictures!  
Thank you to the social committee for the goodies and coffee and all who helped them. Isn't it good to have socials again?



Sheila Careless

### ***January Social Evening***

Mark your calendars to attend the January Dance Social on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (doors open at 7:15 pm) at Churchill Park United Church (525 Beresford Ave). Admission \$5.00 (members) or \$10 (non-members) at the door (cash only).

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

### ***Monday***

The last class on Dec. 5 was a lovely evening with dancing some of the dances learned through the term and then retiring to the lounge to enjoy goodies and treats of the season brought by dancers. Folks mingled and snacked and visited.

The end of the year 2022 and the Monday night class has been consistent with 12 - 14 dancers of all levels. Maureen has guided us through some old favorites De'il Among the Tailors, Fair Donald, Catch as Catch Can, and Mairi's Wedding, and introduced a new dance to us - "Burns Night". Double triangles was the formation to review and/or learn in recognition of St. Andrew's Day on November 30th. I was happy to see the

When is the employee Xmas party for self-check at Walmart???

figures flow together and the class danced Lord Rosslyn's Fancy with good transitions. Maureen has chosen some dances with many fond memories this term. It is not easy teaching a class with all levels. It does tend to make dancers look outward, to be individuals helping each other enjoy the dance together. Shirley, our chair said - "see what we can accomplish when we set our minds to it making it work?" Let's see what we can accomplish in 2023, our Anniversary year!

Sharyl

Ps. I think we are getting better at the Maple Leaf Rant. Ed.

## **Thursday**

Cheryl has been preparing the class for the festivities in store for us at the Anniversary Workshop next April. She had us travel on a Trip to Bavaria, had a Happy Meeting, enjoyed a Sheltered Cove, saw The Golden Boy, and dressed up for the Ball with Bow Tie Figures of 8 (in Isle of Tiree).

Another last class on Thursday afternoon, dancing some dances suggested as ones we'd like to try once more before the year turns over. As always there were more suggested dances than time to dance them. Dancers brought festive treats and the lounge made for a cosy venue once again.

Doug



## ***New Class Access Procedure !***

There has been a change for access to our dance classes at Churchill Park UC. The church has changed their door key system to a fob key. This means the door is locked at all times. When arriving for class, if another dancer is entering then come in when the door is open or someone may be attending the door. If the door is closed/locked, push doorbell button to the right of the door and someone will come to let you in. It has some glitches but we are getting better at it.

## ***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 the Committee of Management.

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

## ***2023 Winnipeg Anniversary Workshop***



### **“YOUR” 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY WORKSHOP AND BALL**

When: April 21-23, 2023  
Where: Victoria Inn, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
Why: Great company, Great teaching, Great music,  
Great dancing, Great food!  
A time to get together and have .....FUN!!!!  
How: On-line registration forms and information on Teachers  
and Musicians are on the RSCDS Winnipeg website

### **DRAW FOR A FREE FULL WORKSHOP AND BALL REGISTRATION**



Have you sent in your registration yet? Get your registration for the full package and your payment to us by February 10, 2023, and have your name put in



### **“THE BASKET!”**

It could be you who wins this special treat! It's like a lottery,  
**SOMEONE HAS TO WIN**

Your 2023 Workshop and Ball Committee

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

The branch library has a number of books for loan. A recent acquisition you might be interested in reading if you plan to wear a kilt to our January social is *So You Want to Wear the Kilt* which is a fun guide to the correct etiquette for wearing a kilt.

Though there were many suggestions at the November social for the name of the tartan contest there was no correct answer. I did help narrow down the name by saying it started with M. Still no correct guess. It was MacInnis. If you are looking for a kilt skirt for a special occasion it is still for sale.

I have selected another kilt skirt for our monthly contest. Any guesses on this one?

### **Contest-**



If you are the first to name the tartan of this featured skirt from our donation collection correctly you can pick a prize of a donated CD or tea towel. The kilt skirt has a ~33 inch waist and is 29 inches long and will be available for sale at the social for \$15.



Here is a photo of our Vice chair Lynn McClure holding a copy of one of her Waverley novels written by Sir Walter Scott she is willing to sell. The set includes famous historical fiction stories like Waverley, Ivanhoe, and Rob Roy. In each novel Scott attempts something new. His writing altered the view of Scotland's scenery from horrid to sublime and made it a tourist destination. We drove past his house Abbotsford while sightseeing in the borders many years ago. Contact Lynn if you are interested.



Joan Curle  
Librarian

## ***Burns Dinner***

The Robert Burns Club of Winnipeg is hosting their dinner in honour of Robert Burns. All our Robert Burns enthusiasts out there in Winter Wonderland, how about spending an evening with fellow comrades, enjoying Scottish fare consisting of Haggis, Neeps and Tatties. Listening to good music and having a sip of your favourite brew, be what it may...

Where: Holliday Inn South  
When: 25 January 2023  
Cost: \$85.00 per person  
Time: 19:00 - 22:00 hours

For more information and tickets contact Charles Cameron.  
Email at [ccameron49@gmail.com](mailto:ccameron49@gmail.com) or call 204-781-1757

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

Classes are finished for the fall season, the Christmas goodies have been sampled, and now it's time to settle in for a long winter nap. Ahhh.

There will be some changes coming up in the New Year! I hope to return to our system of having a class scribe to write a wee report each month about what the class has been doing. It's not a big job, and one that can easily be shared. This way I don't have to ask someone to do it each month or write a didley myself. Please think about stepping forward to take up the pen!

Banks should do a better job of keeping their ATM's filled. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> one I've been to that says "Insufficient Funds".

Have you registered for the 2023 Anniversary Workshop yet? I did using the online fillable registration form and followed up by paying via etransfer. It was so easy! Check the website for the forms.

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

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

If you have an internet connection, browse for RSCDS & city. 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.

**February 10 – 12, 2023 – Edmonton – 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Workshop and Ball**

**February 17 – 19, 2023 – Hawaii – Aloha Winter Weekend Workshop**

**May 26 - 28, 2023 – Toronto – 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Fling / Spring Fringe in North America**

**July 30 – August 6, 2023 – Halifax – TAC Summer School**

**August 13 - 20, 2023 – Prague – Prague Scottish Dance Week**

**Scottish Country Dancing and Walking Holidays – 5 tours scheduled in 2023. March, May, Sept., Oct., & Nov.** check <https://www.scottish-country-dancing-and-walking-holidays.com> for more information

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 2023 Deadline for submissions: January 12.

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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