

# Light and Airy



## Scottish Country Dancers of Winnipeg

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### ***Important Dates***

#### **Fall Term 2019**

Thursday, September 5 – Open House and Registration 8 – 10 pm

Week of September 9 – First Term Classes begin

Monday, October 7 – no classes - Thanksgiving

Monday, November 18 – St. Andrew’s Social hosted by the Fort Garry Class

Week of December 9 – First Term Classes end

Saturday December 28 – Fourth Day of Christmas

### **Winter/Spring Term 2020**

Week of January 6, 2020 – Second Term Classes begin

Saturday, January 18 – Burns Event

Tuesday, February 25 – February Social - hosted by the Tuesday Class

Thursday, March 26 – March Social - hosted by the Thursday Class

Week of April 6 – Second Term Classes end

May Spring Dancing 2020 – dates to be confirmed

- All dance events are at 8pm at St. Paul’s Anglican Church Hall unless otherwise indicated.

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

Our chair is off enjoying a vacation in Scotland and will return to his writing for the next issue.  
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Next COM meeting is September 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul’s.

### ***Open House and Registration***

#### **Come one, Come all!**

Mark Thursday September 5 on your calendar. That is the evening (8pm) for the Winnipeg Open House dance and registration event. Visit with friends, catch up on their summer activities, and enjoy some dancing.

The evening is free, so **Bring A Friend** to have some fun.

The registration form is included below and can also be found on the branch website at <http://www.rscdswinnipeg.ca>

Please note the form would not all fit on a single page of the newsletter.

# ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY (Winnipeg Branch)

REGISTRATION FORM July 1 2019 to June 30 2020



Registration forms and payment may be provided to the registrar:

- Mail to: Lorraine Watson 175 Greene Ave. Winnipeg MB R2K 0L5 ph. 204-661-0112
- Or drop off at the welcome dance or your first class.
- **Membership list will be published mid-October, please register by Sept. 30th.**

## REGISTRANT #1 INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone: (        )

E-mail:

## REGISTRANT #2 INFORMATION

Name:

Phone: (        )

E-mail:

## TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

### Registrant 1

- Dancer full term (\$115 class fee; \$60 membership fee)
- Dancer half term (\$ 60 class fee; \$60 membership fee)
- No post-dated cheques, 2<sup>nd</sup> payment due first class in January
- Membership Only

Fees:  
\$175.00  
\$120.00  
\$ 60.00  
\$ 60.00

### Home class:

- Basic
- Technique
- Social

### Additional class:

- Basic
- Technique
- Social

### Registrant 2

- Dancer full term (\$115 class fee; \$60 membership fee)
- Dancer half term (\$ 60 class fee; \$60 membership fee)
- No post-dated cheques, 2<sup>nd</sup> payment due first class in January
- Membership Only

\$175.00  
\$120.00  
\$ 60.00  
\$ 60.00

- Basic
- Technique
- Social

- Basic
- Technique
- Social

**Total Payable** to RSCDS Winnipeg Branch

(No refunds without the approval of the  
Committee of Management)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Receipts provided for cash only

- Cash
- Cheque

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:

Phone:

**Please ensure each applicant completes and signs all 3 fields below.**

I understand that participation in Scottish Country Dancing requires a reasonable level of physical fitness, and if I undertake any activity beyond my personal capability, I will not hold the Winnipeg Branch or the RSCDS responsible for any resulting injuries.

Registrant 1

Registrant 2

RSCDS Winnipeg has permission to include my name and the following information on the membership list distributed annually to members:

Registrant 1

Address    Phone number    E-mail

Registrant 2

Address    Phone number    E-mail

Permission is granted to the Winnipeg Branch to record and use my likeness, image and performance on film, tape, still images or otherwise.

Registrant 1

yes    no

Registrant 2

yes    no

## ***RSCDS SUMMER IN THE CITY***

### **Manitoba Highland Gathering, East Selkirk**

On Saturday June 22 the newly formed branch demonstration group was invited to participate at the Manitoba Highland Gathering in East Selkirk. It was a wonderful opportunity to share what we do with an audience who have an interest in all things Scottish. The performance was well presented and enjoyed by the audience. My thanks to all the dancers some of whom were performing for the first time.

Cheryl Durnin

### **TAC Teachers' Weekend and Summer School, Calgary**



Cheryl, Sheila, & Joyce at the TAC Teachers' Weekend Ball.

Summer School in Calgary this year was one of the best I have been to. The four teachers were all fabulous, the evening programs were very good, the accommodations were great, and everything was quite close so not as much walking as in past years.

Don, Joyce & I were all in different morning classes so please have a chat with them for their take on the week. There was also quite a variety offered for the optional afternoon classes - personal technique classes, music classes, Highland dancing, Ladies' Step Dancing, and Old Time Dancing. There were 10 classes offered each afternoon so too many to mention. Ask me about 'Running the Goat'. Don and Joyce took part in other classes so ask about their choices.



It is incredible to be on the dance floor with so many people at one time. It is also great to reconnect with friends that you only see once a year. I am already looking forward to next year. I have pamphlets that I can hand out. So start saving your nickels now!

Sheila Careless

### **Folklorama, Scottish Pavilion - August 11-17, 2019**

This year the Scottish Pavilion was at new venue, St. Demetrius Greek Orthodox Church on Grant Avenue, and brought with it new arrangements. We had our RSCDS Display, with volunteers sitting at the table answering questions and handing out information about our Open House, and trying a little participation dancing. The display was in a good location for handout distribution.

We provided participation dancing for the first three nights. Times and space for dancing were not ideal for viewing or participation. Perhaps some demonstration dancing might be a better option. The Lads and Lasses also performed demo dances three evenings.

Thank you to all 28 folks who volunteered for supporting RSCDS and helping to publicize our love of dance.

Jane Natrass, Assistant Publicity Rep

### **Swords & Sabres, Coronation Park**

The Branch was invited to again join in at the Swords and Sabres event at Coronation Park on August 17, a day celebrating Vikings, Pirates, and all things Medieval.

The RSCDS had an information table and banner up, thankfully in the shade. Joyce had Open House flyers and music ready to go. Branch members, directed by Cheryl, performed in the stage area and did an impressive program of dances. They did us proud.

Joyce had been ready to lead some participation dancing, but the opportunity never presented itself.

There is a connection between the Scots and the Vikings. The Vikings used to invade northern Scotland all the time to "rape and pillage". This led to the custom of "first footing" in Scotland. The first person to enter your home on New Year's Day should be a dark haired man, to ensure a good year to come. If it is a blond person: Vikings!!

The Branch would like to thank Joyce, Cheryl, the table assistants, and the dancers for raising our profile.

Maureen Burnham

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

Summer is quickly coming to a close and the fall dance season will begin very soon. Our Open House and Registration night is September 5. Come out to register, chat about the summer, and dance with friends – both old and new! The registration form and dancing dates for the season can be found at the beginning of the L & A, and on the website

<http://www.rscdswinnipeg.ca>

I hope you had a great summer and look forward to a great dance year.

Doug Durnin, editor

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

### ***SCD Books and Music***

Anyone interested in buying books of Scottish country dances or recordings of SCD music should be aware of TACBooks and TACSound, two services maintained by Teachers' Association Canada (TAC). You can look at their catalogues on the TAC web site [www.tac-rscds.org](http://www.tac-rscds.org). If you want to order any items, please do it via the Branch Librarian, as there are discounts available to Branches, but not to individuals. In the past, the Librarian has sent in Branch orders two or three times per year.

### ***Scottish Country Dance Ghillies and Pumps***

[www.avriel.com](http://www.avriel.com) Shoe shop for dancers.

### ***Clan Info and Scottish Shop***

[www.scotclans.com](http://www.scotclans.com)

### ***SCD Online***

In case you didn't know about these sites:

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Edinburgh, Scotland: <https://www.rscds.org>

A great site to link to other branches and everything in the world of Scottish Country Dancing.

[The Inter-City Scot](#) - lists events across Canada and the United States. For other parts of the world, use the link to SCD groups on the Strathspey site [www.strathspey.org](http://www.strathspey.org) to find contact information.

[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](#)

[RSCDS Montreal Branch](#)

[RSCDS St. John's \(Newfoundland\) Branch](#)

[Teachers Association Canada](#) : for teachers of Scottish country dancing.

Strathspey [www.strathspey.org](http://www.strathspey.org) has a database where you can search for info about dances (including cribs and videos when available), music (some clips), people and more. Also, there is a link to the Strathspey e-mail list, in case you'd like to join an online mailing list about SCD.

SCD Dictionary [www.scottish-country-dancing-dictionary.com](http://www.scottish-country-dancing-dictionary.com) has info about steps and formations. We don't really need that, we get it in our classes; however, sometimes a video may help, and SCD dictionary has videos for steps and formations. Also, there is info about dances, as on Strathspey.

### ***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.

September 20 & 21 – Mississauga – SCD ceilidh with Maggie and Duncan Keppie

October 5 – Montreal – RSCDS Montreal Fall Workshop & Dance

October 11 – 13 – Canmore, AB – Calgary Scots Gathering

November 9 – Toronto – Toronto Workshop

November 23 – Edmonton – St. Andrews Workshop

November 30 – Toronto – St. Andrew's Ball

December 8 – Vancouver – 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Gleneagles Ball

February 14, 2020 – Edmonton – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Caledonian Ceilidh, Workshop & Ball

February 15, 2020 – Toronto – 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Tartan Ball

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

**Next L&A:** October

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 [Doug.Durnin@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Doug.Durnin@umanitoba.ca) Deadline for submissions: September 14. This and past issues of *Light and Airy* are available at: [www.rscdswinnipeg.ca](http://www.rscdswinnipeg.ca)