

# Light and Airy



## Scottish Country Dancers of Winnipeg

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### ***Important Dates***

#### **Winter/Spring Term 2019**

Saturday, January 26 – Burns' Night Gala at the Masonic Memorial Centre

Monday, February 4 – Afternoon Class begins

Tuesday, March 5 – no dance class - hall unavailable

Tuesday, March 12 – March Social - hosted by the Tuesday Class

Thursday, April 11 – Spring Social - hosted by the Thursday Class

Week of April 15 – Second Term Classes end (no class April 18)

Monday, April 22 – Afternoon Class ends

Friday to Sunday, April 26 - 28, 2019 – Spring Dance Workshop

\*see workshop brochure on website\*

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21 – Spring Dancing 2019

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

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

***Well, we have started off our new dance term with a bang!***

**Socializing** (which we all do well):

- In Celebration of their **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, the Fort Garry Social Class hosted an evening of dance, conversation, great memories and of course tasty treats! A special thank you to everyone for coming, as well as the individuals involved in setting up the whole evening event!



- Next up will be our **Burns Dinner and Dance** on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 so I sure hope you have your tickets!

### **Business**

- The **Afternoon Class** is a GO! At our January meeting COM passed a motion to proceed with this class. We had 18 interested individuals. This class will be at St. Paul's Anglican Church, starting Monday, Feb. 4/19, from 1:00-3:00 PM. It will run for 12 weeks, ending April 22/19. The cost is \$50 for the 12 weeks. The teachers will take turns sharing their knowledge and skill over this period of time. Because this is a new venture, the hall rental and teacher honorarium are not covered by your annual membership, everyone attending will be expected to pay the \$50 fee. **There will be no "Drop In" attendance allowed.** Thank you for your interest in this class and support of this new venture. If successful, this may be a possibility for the future as part of our class structure.
- The **Festival du Voyageur** is coming up in February and we will be looking for volunteer dancers to come out and assist with participation dancing. A positive response would be most helpful for those individuals who are organizing this event.
- An Ad Hoc Committee will continue the **Revision of the Bylaws** in February/March 2019, and hope to put this to the membership at our annual meeting in May.
- An email from Headquarters suggested sending in a short summary and photos of special events happening within our Branch. We will be sending in something about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as well as our new afternoon class. If you have any brilliant ideas please let us know.

### **News**

- We just received word that Margaret Fentum has passed away on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. For the last 10 months she has been living at Deer Lodge Centre in Winnipeg.
- Margaret Zadworny fell and broke her hip the middle of January. Presently, she is at Concordia Hospital. We have sent a card with many get well wishes from our membership.

Jane Nattress

Next COM meeting is February 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's.

## ***Burns' Dinner Celebrations - January 26***

### ***Programme***

The Gay Gordons		
Waltz Country Dance	40W2	RTR Book 4 8
Maxwell's Rant	32R3	Book 18 10
Quickstep		
The Silver Tassie	32S3	RSCDS Leaflet
Burns' Hornpipe	32HP4	Book 27 4
Waltz		
Bramble Circle	32R2	RTR LAD 1
Ha! Ha! The Wootin' O' It	32R2	Misc 1
Just as I was in the Morning	40J2	Book 19 3
Polka		
A Man's a Man, for a' That	32S3	Book 30 5
Tam O' Shanter	32R3	LAD 2
Last Waltz		
Auld Lang Syne		

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

**How Winnipeg! Branch snow policy.** The winter weather can sometimes cause havoc on the streets. Check the website or October issue of L & A for the branch snow policy for classes.

### ***The Third Day of Christmas***

RSCDS Winnipeg Branch hosted a social between Christmas and New Year's on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. Lovely dances and music, prepared and led by Maureen Burnham, were enjoyed by 23 dancers, spouses, friends and grandchildren! Some of the dances kept with the festive season and were danced to Christmas tunes. As usual, the branch members prepared an amazing "tea" with everyone's favourite Xmas goodies to share.

This social has become a Branch tradition - a relaxing event to renew friendships and get the heart rate up after all the brunches, dinners and treats enjoyed through the Xmas season!

### ***Afternoon Class***

This class is a new venture being offered at St. Paul's Anglican Church, starting Monday, Feb. 4/19, from 1:00-3:00 PM. It will run for 12 weeks, ending April 22/19. The cost is \$50 for the 12 weeks. The teachers will take turns sharing their knowledge and skill over this period of time. It will be a class for all dancers regardless of abilities. If this is a class that interests you,

and you have not already contacted me to say you are interested, please do so now so we can include you. My phone number is 204-253-4213 or email at [durninch@gmail.com](mailto:durninch@gmail.com)

Cheryl Durnin

### **Winnipeg Branch 2019 Weekend Workshop Reminder**

Plans are well underway for the Weekend Workshop in Winnipeg. The brochure and registration forms are on the website and it is never too early to get your registration form to our registrar, Glen Colquhoun. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact any of us on the committee.

Stay warm and enjoy the dancing season!

Lynn and Shirley  
Workshop Committee

### **Fort Garry Social Class 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Wasn't that a party!

January 14, the special evening celebrating 50 years of dancing for the Fort Garry Social Class was well attended. Thanks to Jane Nattrass, Pat Clubb and Barbara Lambert as they provided flowers, balloon and a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake adding to the atmosphere of the evening. Peter's program was so appropriate for the occasion beginning with The Happy Meeting, Annie Douglas devised by Monique Henderson, Currie Mountain a favourite of Gerry Mayes, former teacher of the social class, and lastly in keeping with the joyful spirit of the evening Joie de vivre.



Following the dancing and some background information by Monique who helped found this class back in 1969, we enjoyed cake and visiting with members some of whom we had not seen in quite some time. It was certainly a special honour to have Rena Laird and Monique Henderson there with us along with Monique's daughters Camille and Elaine. A very memorable evening it was and thank you to all who made it so special for us!

Marilyn Piniuta

## Summer School 2019

Well, Summer is coming...really. And so is TAC Summer School. Registration starts March 1st. It is in Calgary this year so in Canadian dollars (yay!). You can go to the TAC website at <https://tac-rscds.org/index.php/tac-summer-school> to get the details. It is a ton of fun! You will meet people from all over the world, get great teaching from some of the best teachers out there and get to dance to live music every day!

Who is going to join me on the dance floor in Calgary?

Below is the picture from last year. You'll need a magnifying glass but see if you can find Joyce Cormack, Sharron Bettess, Jan McPhail and Sheila Careless. Happy hunting.

Sheila Careless



## *Class Reports*

### **Fort Garry Social Class**

WOW! Our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and this popular, sociable and fun class of ours is still going strong! That says it all and we are so fortunate.

I'm sure you were all as eager as I was to return to dancing in the New Year and burn off some of those extra unwanted calories consumed over the holidays! Our first class of 2019 was a snowy evening but that did not stop 12 intrepid dancers from venturing out. Getting there however was not without a challenge for a couple of us including myself as we both got stuck in

the snow. We soon forgot our misfortune though as Peter (our teacher for this term) treated us to some welcoming dances to usher in the new year including New Year Jig, Many Happy Returns, Minister on the Loch and an all time favourite Mairi's Wedding.

Marilyn Piniuta

### **Technique Class**

The new dancing term has started well. Maureen took the first class as Cheryl had a work commitment. A few of our dances have been Trip to Timber Ridge, Catch the Wind, and The Treasurer. The Treasurer brought a chuckle for our branch treasurer was dancing that evening. This dance comes courtesy of Sharron Bettess who shared her dance book Bannockburn 700 with Cheryl. It comes from the RSCDS Stirling branch and was published to commemorate the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. Sharron's family originated in the area so she had added the book to her collection.

Doug Durnin

### **Basics Class**

We are in the middle of a cold freeze. Many friends have been fortunate to escape to warmer weather Mexico, Cuba etc. The rest of us remain with the colder weather. There have been some injuries from slides and falls on the ice.

The Third Day of Christmas dance brought us together with other more advanced dancers and the great artistic talent displayed!

How can we leave for the warmer weather when the music and dancing bring such joy and warmth to our hearts and souls!

We dance on looking for the challenge of the Thursday class. Sheila Careless is the instructor for this term. We are learning dances to get ready for the Burns evening.

Gratitude and thanks go to the great sports that know the dances and come to help us learn.

Donna Daniels

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

Please note the date changes for the class socials. Because there is no dancing on March 5, the Tuesday Class Social has been moved to March 12. As well, the Thursday Class Social has been moved to April 11.

It's great that our snowfall did not deter the folks of the Fort Garry Class on their first dance evening of the term. Bravo!

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.

February 9, 2019 - Vancouver - Love to Dance Workshop and Dance

February 15 – 17, 2019 - Edmonton - Annual Workshop & Ball

February 16, 2019 - Toronto - Tartan Ball

March 23, 2019 - Vancouver - Heather Ball

April 6, 2019 - Victoria - Vancouver Island SCDS Workshop & Ball

April 12-14, 2019 - Lethbridge - Dance, Music Workshops and Ball

April 13, 2019 - Ottawa - Ottawa Branch Annual Ball

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

**Next L&A:** March

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: February 16. This and past issues of *Light and Airy* are at: [www.rscdswinnipeg.ca](http://www.rscdswinnipeg.ca)