

Light and Airy



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Important Dates

Fall Term 2019

Saturday December 28 – Fourth Day of Christmas – CANCELLED – hall not available

Winter/Spring Term 2020

Week of January 6, 2020 – Second Term Classes begin

Friday January 10 – last day for tickets to Burns Celebration

Saturday, January 18 – Burns Celebration

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

Friday April 17 – Sunday April 19, 2020 – Winnipeg Weekend Workshop

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

This time of year is very special to us in the Scottish Community. We are so busy with preparations and attendance at windup parties, family and church events. The Social Class Wind up on December 9th was made very special by the fact that we were able to share in Quinton's BIG birthday; all of us look at him and hope we can be as agile and active as he is at his age. Quinton, you are very special to all of us in RSCDS Winnipeg; you are the emblem of everything that is best about Scottish Country Dance. You are more than a good dancer, you are a gentleman and friend and inspiration to so many of us.

Thank you to the Burns Committee for getting everything in place for the January 18th Robbie Burns event. Ticket sales are brisk and I would encourage you to get yours ASAP. Second term classes begin the week of January 6th. And those of us going to Edmonton's Workshop and Ball on Valentine's weekend are polishing our steps in anticipation. Following that will be our February Social on February 25th hosted by the Tuesday Class.

So lots of activity on the horizon, good thing I am retired to summon all the energy it takes to participate.

Finally, let me wish you all a merry Christmas season and a happy New Year.

John Giesbrecht

Next COM meeting is January 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Anglican Capital Fund Initiative

St. Paul's Anglican Church is celebrating their 100th anniversary and have launched a Capital Funds Initiative to raise a total of \$120,500 to address a number of needed upgrades in their church facility. A collection box has been arranged and will be made available at our social events so members may contribute as they wish.

John Giesbrecht

Burns Celebration

Our Winnipeg Branch is celebrating the birthday of Robert Burns, Scotland's finest poet, on Saturday January 18th 2020, at St Paul's Anglican Church Parish Hall.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with supper beginning at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to follow at 8:00 p.m. The buffet supper includes Haggis & Neeps, Shepherd's Pie, Vegetable Lasagna, sausage rolls, chicken skewers, salads, fresh vegetables, buns & butter. Dessert will be a selection of dainties.

Tickets are \$30.00 and available at the classes until January 10th 2020. If you wish tickets and are unable to attend your class, please contact Barbara Lambert (204-256-8738) or Linda Wingert (204-889-6319). All are most welcome to attend. Please feel free to invite your friends and family.

On behalf of the Burns Planning Committee,

Don Johnson

Burns Programme

January 18, 2020

Gay Gordons

Burns Hornpipe 32-R-4 couple sets Bk 27-4

Ha! Ha! The Woon O' It 32-R-2 (3 couple sets) MMM1

Quickstep

The Silver Tassie 32-S-3 Leaflet #1

My Love She's But a Lassie Yet 32-R-2 (round the room) Bk 9-4

St Bernard's Waltz

The White Cockade 32-R-3 Bk 5-11

Corn Riggs 332-R-2 Bk 4-12

O Whistle and I'll Come to Ya 32-J-3 Bk 24-6

Polka

The Red Rose 32-S-4 couple sq sets Dunfermline

Tam O'Shanter 32-R-3 LAD Too

Last Waltz

Auld Lang Syne

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 4:00 pm.

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.

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

Have you heard?

WORKSHOP 2020

Despite the cool weather and presence of snow we don't want you to forget about spring and the mid-April dates for the 49th Weekend Workshop April 17-19th 2020 at St Paul's Anglican Church and the Holiday Inn West. Our teacher Ruth Jappy and musicians Ron Krug and Dennis Orr are organized and final touches are being put into place. The workshop brochure and registration form will soon be available on the branch web site.

So in the anticipation of the Winter Solstice.....think SPRING and the joys of the Workshop!

Lynn and Shirley
Workshop 2020 Co-chairs

Quinton McNaught

Quinton McNaught recently celebrated his 90th birthday with SCD friends with dancing and cake. Quinton joined the Branch in 1973, never having danced before, and has been a keen dancer ever since.

He was involved in dancing at Folklorama and was Mayor of the British pavilion Mug Pub (under the RSCDS) on two occasions. He attended the RSCDS summer school in St. Andrews, Scotland, in 1977. Quinton has twice served as chair of the Branch.

He obtained his teacher's certificate in 1983, and was an active teacher for 17 years. During this time, he was the teacher's representative to the Committee of Management on a number of occasions. As teachers' rep he represented the Branch teachers at conferences of the Teacher's Association of Canada (TAC) at Brock University, and at San Francisco.

Over the years, he was a member of the demonstration team, and with other dancers, was honoured to dance for the Queen on the occasion of her visit to Winnipeg in 1984.

After 46 years of dancing, Quinton continues to enjoy his participation with the Branch in the Monday social class.



A note from Quinton

I would like to thank my fellow dancers for the surprise gathering celebrating my 90th birthday. Your good wishes and cards were much appreciated. Special thanks to our teacher, Maureen, and to those who worked so hard to bring this about.

Quinton McNaught.

Class Reports

Fort Garry Social Class

Well, it has been a very busy and exciting month for our class since my last report, beginning with the St. Andrew's Day social which we hosted. It was well attended and we were so fortunate to have had several out of town guests - Alex and Jan Coates (Kenora), Jason and Tiffany Stoeke (Minneapolis), and Ann MacDonald (Edmonton). Thank you for attending! It was great seeing our new members as well and Maureen's program appealed to all levels of dance. Of course the evening concluded with the usual large array of goodies.

The following week we were again treated to having an out of town guest, this time teaching the class! This was our much loved former teacher Robin Lynch and her husband Mike who now live on Quadra Island, BC. Several long time members who remember Robin, as well as our former teacher Liz Goossen joined us and it was so enjoyable to experience Robin's teaching once again. Among the dances was one of Robin's favourites, "The Wee Cooper O' Fife" by Hugh Foss, a 40 bar jig comprised of 10 bar phrases and "Thursday Morning" written by Shirley Wallace of Quadra Island. Thank you Robin and thank you to Maureen for arranging this special treat for us. The class concluded traditionally with tea, coffee, cookies and conversation.

On our final evening of class which was our Christmas get together we celebrated another wonderful occasion – Quinton McNaught's milestone birthday and what an evening it was! We again enjoyed having members from other classes and Liz Goossen join us for our party. This was secretly planned by Jane Natrass, Quinton's wife Maureen McNaught and their son Ian and daughter-in-law Alanna who were also all present. We were able to keep this a surprise from Quinton right up until the dance portion of the evening concluded. It helped that this was our Christmas wind up party too as people were in and out of the kitchen signing a card etc so Quinton suspected nothing. Of course again more food followed the dancing. Maureen McNaught brought three wonderful cakes and class members brought food as well. Maureen our teacher brought her usual singing Christmas decorations to add a festive touch. It was such a special way to end this season of dance!

A big thank you Jane, Maureen McNaught and family, and Maureen Burnham our teacher for providing us with evenings of fun dancing of both old favorites and new, and last but not least Quinton for continuing to dance with us and giving us this reason to celebrate!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Marilyn Piniuta

Maureen's Rules

1. Set size
2. Step in & up
3. Taller lady to men's side
4. Adapt for handicap/abilities - no corner partner corner partner in quick time
5. People leave so adjust program
6. Nothing new after 9:30

Technique Class

Why are we in Technique Class? In the final leg of our journey, Cheryl continued to remind us, keep our heads up (there's nothing to see on the floor), feet start before hands come up, be mindful of our timing (phrasing) (don't diddle!), keeping count, more work on that Scottish Highland Schottische step, double figures of 8, all round poussettes and rondelles. All the while prompting us to remember the dances with a minimum of walk throughs. All this with interesting fun dances like Cranberry Tarts, Sauchie Haugh, Twizell Bridge, O Whistle and I'll Come to ya (tried that at home, no response) and celebrating our Grey Cup win with Scarlet (Blue) and Gold, and the Celebration Strathspey.

We opened our last class of the season with a Bramble Circle warm up with Christmas music-Sleigh Ride- by Leroy Anderson. We must have been good students as Cheryl spared us of technique and treated us to fun dances. The evening ended with tea, coffee and an abundance of baking creations. Yummy.

Special thanks to Cheryl for making the classes fun and skillfully guiding us through the season on our road to becoming better dancers.

Ray Plaitin

From the editor's desk

We are into the season of celebrations and merriment! Hope you have a wonderful Christmas and all the Best for the New Year!

Our Burns celebration is coming up on January 18th. Tickets must be purchased by January 10, that is the first week of dance classes in 2020.

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. 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 Shoe shop for dancers.

Clan Info and Scottish Shop

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 to find contact information.

[RSCDS Winnipeg Branch](#)

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www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org

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[RSCDS Montreal Branch](#)

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

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

Strathspey 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 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 14, 2020 – Edmonton – 50th Anniversary Caledonian Ceilidh, Workshop & Ball
– Hawaii – Workshop in a warmer climate

February 15, 2020 – Toronto – 57th Annual Tartan Ball

March 14, 2020 – Calgary – One Day Workshop

March 22, 2020 – Vancouver – Love to Dance Scottish Workshop & Dance

June 2020 – Edmonton – Summer Solstice Ceilidh

July 26 – August 2, 2020 – Calgary – Teachers' Conference AGM and Summer School

We have received information for Summer School. Contact editor Doug for more.

December 4 – 6, 2020 – Portugal – Curia 2020 – some dancing in Europe?

L&A Submissions

Next L&A: February

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 Doug.Durnin@umanitoba.ca Deadline for submissions: January 18. This and past issues of *Light and Airy* are available at: www.rscdswinnipeg.ca