

Light and Airy



Scottish Country Dancers of Winnipeg

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Important Dates

No Dance Events Scheduled As Yet

September 12 – 2nd Annual RSCDS Winnipeg Garden Party
at St. Paul's Anglican Church garden at 2pm.

A Word from the Chair of COM

Recently, as I was driving near Assiniboine Park, in the distance I could hear the welcome music (at least welcome to me!) of a pipe band. In those days before covid, the sound of a pipe band was delightful and entertaining, but in these days it seems to me that their music takes on a greater significance. Hearing the pipes and drums playing in the park was a sign to me that we are drawing closer to that time when restrictions will come to an end, and our daily life will not be focussed on masks and double vaccinations and case counts. A time when a pipe band playing in a park is not unusual, just good music!

Many of our former routines and practices are coming back to us. Restaurants are open, as are movie theatres and sports events. Your Committee of Management is as eager as you are for us to be back dancing, and to that end we are in consultation with St Paul's Anglican Church regarding future hall rental. We are not yet at the point of resuming classes and it is important that, for the sake of everyone's safety, we do not rush into indoor dancing without the appropriate protocols and plans. And of course it is equally important that when we do resume dancing, each of us, for the safety of all of us, are double vaccinated, with perhaps a booster shot if indicated.

Though we can't yet begin indoor dancing, we can gather together. The first event your COM has planned is a Garden Party on Sunday afternoon, 12th September in the yard of St Paul's Anglican Church. Beginning at 2:00 p.m., this is an informal gathering, solely with the intent of reconnecting with one another after a long time of separation. We invite you to bring your own lawn chair and come visit with your friends. If weather prohibits our gathering, we have set the following Sunday as an alternate date. I hope you will join us.

I know all of us long for the time when we can ask another dancer "would you like to dance?" Until then, let's make opportunities to keep in touch with one another and look forward to our return to the dance floor.

Stay well and take care, and see you on the 12th!

Don Johnson

Have you heard?

July Meeting of COM

YES! COM was able to hold a meeting in July!

The main feature of the July COM meeting was being able to be together again. It was wonderful!

The Chair had written a recommendation letter in support of a grant that is available for St. Paul's current campaign to refurbish the church kitchen.

The Vice-Chair reported she had been trying to be in contact with St. Paul's with regards to the opening up of their facilities.

The Secretary reported she had submitted our branch's yearly report on membership to RSCDS headquarters in Scotland.

Teacher Rep has e-mailed the teachers asking for input/thoughts for dance start up.

The Membership Registrar had forwarded the report to the Secretary to submit to Scotland. Thank you to the 47 members who registered last year.

The Social Secretary has resigned her position. Many Thanks to Linda for her dedication in that regard.

Otherwise, all other members of COM expressed their desire to continue in their respective positions.

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AND another meeting was held in August!

The Vice-Chair reported that St. Paul's is developing a plan for renters based on provincial and diocese suggestions. The RSCDS has been granted permission to use the parking lot and garden area. No access to building is allowed at this time.

Teacher Rep has met with the workshop group regarding dance workshops and recommends our workshop be postponed until 2023. This would be the 60th anniversary of the Winnipeg branch and 50th anniversary of the branch workshops. Good reason to celebrate in 2023!

COM approved the planning of a garden party at St. Paul's on Sunday September 12th for 2:00pm.

An email survey will be sent out to the membership as a welcome back for dancing, determining how many are planning to return to dancing, and inviting all to the garden party being planned for Sept. 12.

Once we return to dancing proof of vaccination and/or mask usage may be determined by the church policies for using their hall.

Next COM meeting to be held September 8.

The COM invites you to our

2nd Annual Garden Party

September 12th 2:00pm

St. Paul's Church garden

(Please bring your own chair; no access to building)

Rain date September 19th

We're looking forward to the time to visit and update you on the planning for the new dance season.

Stay well, enjoy the rest of the summer and we'll see you on the 12th.

The Most Useless Purchase of
2020 - a daily planner
2021 - a can of gas for my lawn mower

From the Classes ...

Getting to Know ...

Editor –Let's continue along those lines! I invite one and all to write a note about their experiences in SCD. You might include how you first heard about the dancing, when you started, what you most enjoy about SCD, and memorable times. And what have you been doing during this time away from dancing? Have you taken up a new hobby, or gotten back to one you had set aside? Did you work on any projects about the home or cottage?

Each other once again!!!

Come to the Garden Party on September 12 at St. Paul's.

David's Tree!

In the area on the North Drive part of St Paul's Church there is a Rowan Tree that was planted in memory of David Stevenson.

David joined the Branch in 1985. I was the Basic Class teacher, and apparently excited to have a physically fit young man in the class.

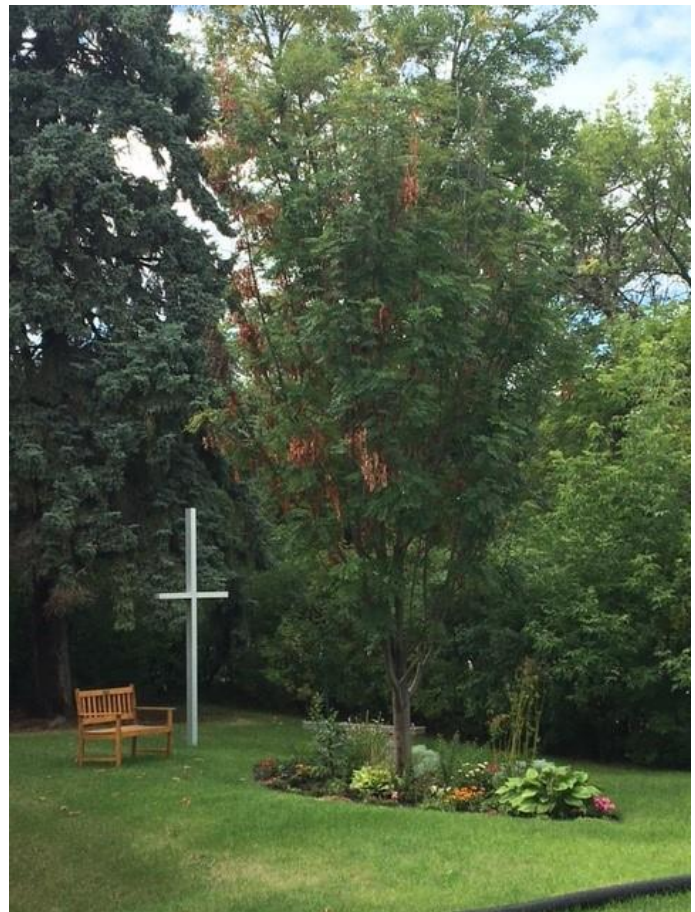
David became involved in all the Branch functions, and often brought his brother and mother out to the "special events". He attended all the Workshops, joined the Demonstration class. was on the Committee of Management, always supportive and always a smile. His favorite out of town Workshop was in Saskatchewan.

He will be remembered for:

- bringing cowboy boots for the cowboy song segment at Workshop Ceilidh.
- every year he took a different route to the Qu'Appelle Valley workshop, but never found the correct one.
- winning the most prizes at the silent auctions.
- his party piece: an accountant's version of The Shooting of Dan McGrew.

David was diagnosed with a lymphoma, and after an extended hospitalization passed away on August 30, 2005 at the age of 51.

Every Spring I visit David's Tree to see how it's growing. Reg Curle is our local arborist and tends to the tree. I go there often, for a quiet time of reflection, as do others.



That area is now St. Paul's memorial garden. But it started with David.

Maureen Burnham

Online dancing

Return to Dancing in Scotland – August update for Branches and Affiliated Groups from Headquarters. See The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society info@rscds.org for more information.

From the editor's desk ...

I am so excited to have some local news for the Winnipeg Branch dancers!!

The branch COM has held two meetings and are planning to get dancers back together now that the Covid restrictions are easing. We are surveying members to get an idea of numbers for dancing, and the teachers are looking ahead to what our class format might be (depending on those numbers).

And St. Paul's has granted permission to use their parking lot and yard space, so COM is planning a Garden Party as a chance to get together after all these months in our isolation pods.

Thanks to Maureen for the history of David Stevenson and his tree in St. Paul's Memorial Garden.

Hope to see you soon!

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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.

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.

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.

Fall, 2021 - dance classes hopefully resuming in various centers. Check local branch websites for specific details.

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: 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 or to the editor at Douglas.Durnin@umr.umanitoba.ca Deadline for submissions: September 15. This and past issues of *Light and Airy* are available at: www.rscdswinnipeg.ca