

Light and Airy



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Important Dates

Dancing in 2022

March 3 to May 19 – Thursday afternoon class at Churchill Park United Church 1:30 – 3:30

May 18 - AGM at Churchill Park United Church at 7:00

A Word from the Chair of COM

A friend of mine regularly sends me the newsletter of her son's RSCDS branch in California. It makes for interesting reading, and the photos included in the newsletter are a nice touch, especially when I spot a dancer or two whom I think I recognize from Summer School. That particular branch is currently able to hold classes and social events, a reminder of what we so look forward to enjoying once again and which your Committee of Management is preparing for. If conditions permit, we hope to resume the Thursday afternoon classes in March at Churchill Park United Church, and we even have their Church Hall (gym) booked for our Annual General Meeting on May 18th. Our thanks are extended to our Vice Chair of COM, Shirley Tinsley, for all her labours in negotiating rental space with Churchill Park United.

Receiving the California newsletters every few months means more than looking at a few photos and reviewing some interesting dance programmes. It reminds us that we belong to something much bigger than just the Winnipeg Branch. Our membership in the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society means that we hold membership in a world-wide organization. The annual Summer

**I am starting
to think
I will never
be old enough
to know better.**

Schools held in various parts of North America demonstrate so clearly the international flavour of our Society, as dancers come from all parts of our continent, from Great Britain, Europe, even South Africa, all for love of the dance and for the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new friendships.

Finally, not only are we an international organization, but we are also a Royal Society. King George VI bestowed the Royal designation on what was the Scottish Country Dance Society in 1951, and since her accession in 1952, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been our Royal Patron. It will be a great day when we can gather to raise a glass to toast the health of our Queen, and it would be even better if we are able to honour her in this her Platinum Jubilee year. Long may she reign!

Take care and all the best to you and yours until we meet again.

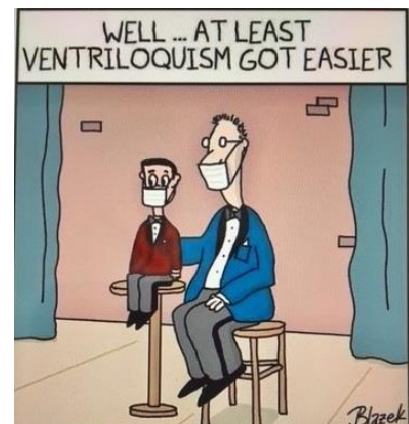
Don Johnson

Have you heard?

February Meeting of COM

There was a COM meeting February 2 held via meet.google. The current status of hall availability was the main topic discussed. We are able to continue dancing at Churchill Park United Church. It was decided to resume dancing on Thursday afternoons beginning March 3 and ending on May 19. Please see notice in *From the Classes* section.

Also discussed was a plan to hold an AGM – something we have not been able to do effectively for a couple of years. Tentative date for the AGM is May 18.



From the Classes ...

Thursday Afternoon

Save the date! **Thursday afternoon classes will start again on March 3rd** at Churchill Park United Church at 525 Beresford Ave, from 1:30 to 3:30. Unless restrictions are reduced, the classes will be held with the following safety precautions:

- You must wear a mask at all times in the building.
- You must provide proof of vaccination.
- Bring your own water bottle.
- If not feeling well, please stay home.

Hope you are anxious to be Scottish Country Dancing again. Teachers will adapt classes based on numbers. **Please confirm your attendance by return email before each class** (info@rscdswinnipeg.ca).

Classes for this term will run March 3 – May 19 (12 weeks). **The fee for this term, for those who have paid their 2021/22 membership fee, is \$60.00** or the option of a \$10.00/class drop-in fee (to a maximum of \$60.00). Note: If you have not already paid your \$60 membership fee in the fall this would also be owing.

COM realizes the afternoon class does not work for all, and evening class(es) will be scheduled again for the fall season.

Regards,
Committee of Management – RSCDS

Greetings from the teachers

It is with great delight that we are able to be together again dancing and sharing stories on Thursday afternoons at Churchill Park United Church starting on March 3rd.

I am also very pleased that Peter McClure and Sharyl Eaglesham have agreed to share the teaching duties of the class.

On behalf of us all I want to thank them, in advance, for sharing their knowledge and expertise to the class. Special welcome to Sharyl who is getting back into teaching and will no doubt gain some very valuable experience with our support.

Cheryl Durnin
Teacher Representative

Upcoming dancing ...

Summer School at St Andrews

24 July ~ 14 August

Three weeks of dancing fun and instruction in beautiful St Andrews. Directors Jim Stott & Janet Johnston.

**Morning classes at all levels, optional afternoon classes,
evening social dances, and serendipitous ceilidh evening fun.**

<https://www.rscds.org/events/summer-school-2022>

2022 TAC Summer School is scheduled for July 24 -31, 2022 at Mount Royal University in Calgary. A great line-up of teachers and musicians is organized.

Registration Opens Early March!



Get ready ... get set ... and plan to join the fun at

2022 TAC Summer School
Mount Royal University, Calgary, Canada
July 24-31, 2022

Welcoming, supportive classes
For dancers of all levels
Basic | Intermediate | Advanced

Daily classes | evening social dances | formal ball and banquet |
evening after parties | ceilidh | silent auction

Teachers
Raphaëlle Orgeret (France)
Robert McOwen (USA)
Jeanne Moody (USA)
Barbara Johnston (Canada)

Musicians
Judi Nicolson, Fred Collins,
Ian Muir, Kathy Fraser Collins,
not pictured:
Terry Traub, Mary Ross

 **tac-rscds.org**
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The poster features a background image of a dance floor with people in traditional Scottish kilts. There are two line drawings of a cowboy hat, one in the top right and one in the middle left. A small photo of four people (two men and two women) is in the bottom right corner, with a Scottish flag behind them.

From the editor's desk ...

AH. Spring cleaning is coming soon. Time to organize. It's even easier to help someone else organize their stuff. You can toss it all out with no emotional baggage to slow the cleansing process.

I can help you with this. Please book an appointment!

Stay safe, and stay healthy!

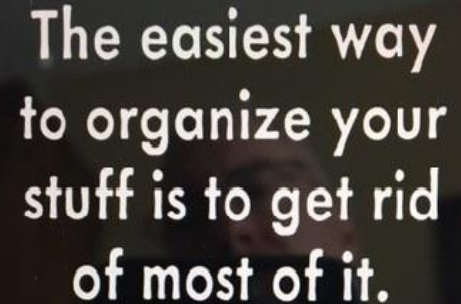
Doug Durnin, Editor

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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.



The easiest way
to organize your
stuff is to get rid
of most of it.

Spring, 2022 - dance classes hopefully resuming/continuing in various centers. Check local branch websites for specific details as restrictions permit dancing together in person.

Going to be in Toronto? – check their newsletter Set & Link for possible dance evenings.

April 2022 – Lethbridge Scottish Country Dancers Milestones Weekend and Ball – **postponed to Spring 2023**

June 10-12, 2022 – Beaver Dam, Wisconsin – Midwest Scottish Weekend

July 3 – 10 – Appalachian State University, Boone NC – Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School

July 8-16, 2022 – Boston, Mass. – Pinewoods Scottish Sessions

July 17 – July 30, 2022 – Mount Royal Univ. Calgary – TAC Teacher Candidates Course

July 22-24, 2022 – Mount Royal Univ. Calgary – TAC Summer Teachers' Conference Weekend

July 24 – 31, 2022 – Mount Royal Univ. Calgary – TAC Summer School

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: April 2022

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: March 12. This and past issues of *Light and Airy* are available at: www.rscdswinnipeg.ca