

Light and Airy



Scottish Country Dancers of Winnipeg

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Important Dates

No Dance Events Scheduled As Yet

September ?? – another gathering with dancing at St. Paul's garden?

A Word from the Chair of COM

In many ways September is a month of new beginnings. By this time of the year, summer holidays are over, schools and colleges and universities are back in session, and most of us settle into a more predictable routine.

Of course, as RSCDS dancers, an important part of that routine is a return to classes and a resumption of all those aspects of Scottish Country dancing that brings us such joy and good exercise. It seems like we are getting closer to that possibility of putting on our dancing shoes and moving to the music, but not quite yet. And as soon as conditions allow us to gather together, your Committee of Management will send out the word that we are back in business.

In preparation for our much hoped for return, we are encouraging all of you to renew your membership for this coming year. Although we are not currently paying hall fees, there are still membership expenses that must be met, including our financial responsibility to RSCDS Headquarters in Edinburgh. The cost of this year's membership does not currently include class fees. Those will be assessed once classes resume.

In our part of the world, this is harvest time and while we are so grateful for the bounty of the land and the produce of our own gardens, we remember our farmers whose crops and livestock suffered so much during this summer's drought. We are all connected together, and if one part of our community or nation suffers, we cannot be indifferent to their pain and loss. So this year especially we give thanks for

all who play their part in producing food for everyone, and we hope for a better growing season next year.

This September also brought an unexpected, and some would say unwanted, federal election. By the time you read this you will be aware of the outcome. So, with tongue firmly in cheek, I wish to conclude with these two verses from a hymn written in 1772, whose words, while proclaiming the glory of the harvest, are not intended as an unpaid political endorsement!

“For the blessings of the fields, for the stores the garden yields,
Flocks that whiten all the plain, yellow sheaves of ripened grain:

All that spring with bounteous hand scatters o’er the smiling land,
All that *liberal* autumn pours from its rich o’erflowing stores.”

May all the blessings of this autumn season be yours to share with those whom you love.

Don Johnson

Have you heard?

September Meeting of COM

The Committee of Management met again to further plan ahead for the resumption of dancing.

St. Paul’s is organizing for re-opening their building for services and hall renters. Once we receive the clearance for us to be in the hall we will inform our dancers.

The teachers have been making plans for dancing. They have contingencies for varying numbers of dancers and evenings to keep the us safe and comfortable in gathering.

The results of the survey were discussed. Thanks were expressed for all those who completed the survey. We were pleased with the number of responses (40) and the overwhelming interest to return dancing.

Membership registration will proceed as it did last year with only membership fees collected at this time. Class fees will be decided upon once we are able to resume dancing in the hall. The registration form will go out with the October Light & Airy and also be posted on the branch website.

Discussion took place and decision made to require Covid-19 vaccination to participate. We will also be following the Covid-19 protocols from governments and St. Paul’s Church.

Barbara Lambert accepted COM’s proposal to move to the Social Secretary position, thus leaving the Asst. Soc. Sec. position as vacant.

Committee of Management 2021/22

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Wasn't it Great?

2nd Annual Garden Party

Sunday afternoon, September 12th, a beautiful sunny day, 33 members of the Winnipeg Branch gathered in the garden at St. Paul's Church for our 2nd Annual Garden Party. It was one year ago when we met at Assiniboine Park for such an occasion and my what a year it has been. The lilting music in the background set the tone for the afternoon and we were delighted to see so many familiar faces (even with masks) enjoying the opportunity to reconnect and visit. Also, it was wonderful having Monique Henderson and her daughter Elaine join us. Monique is a long time member and for many years a teacher in the Branch.

We were pleased that we could share the most current information relative to our return to classes. Positivity and enthusiasm were in good supply and we are encouraged by your support.

Many thanks to everyone who came out and hopefully we can meet again (weather permitting) and perhaps try a dance or two. We will keep you informed.

Shirley Tinsley





Membership ...

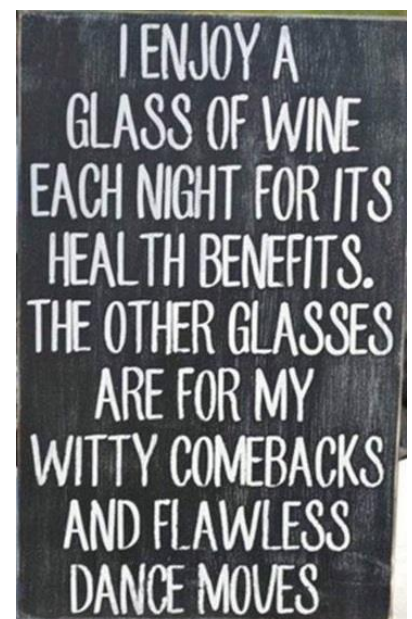
As indicated in the report on the COM meeting, the registration form is now prepared and is included in this Light & Airy issue, as well as being posted on the branch website (<http://www.rscdswinnipeg.ca/>).

We are collecting only the registration fee of \$60 at this time. Class fees will be determined once dancing resumes.

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?



Iona McPhee 1927 – 2021

Recently we lost a long time friend to many of us and a former Scottish Country Dancer with the Winnipeg Branch. Iona McPhee passed away August 28, 2021 at the age of 93.

Iona joined the branch in 1974 and was in the beginners' class taught by the late Mary Nixon. She was very active in the branch, dancing in the technique classes, Fort Garry social class and with the Scottish Entertainers. She served on the Committee of Management in various capacities over the years including chair. She supported and volunteered at Mug Pub even serving as Mayor. Iona was an avid volunteer for many organizations including the WSO and the Manitoba Music Festival, evidence of her passion for music and dance. It was at the Manitoba Music Festival where I first met Iona, she as a volunteer and I as a participant playing the piano, completely unaware that some 30 years later she would become a good friend and fellow dancer!

Iona is an example of the impact that Scottish Country Dancing has had on me and on many other members and the resulting nearly life long friendships that have developed due to a common bond – the love of music and dance. Iona was one of “the girls” right up until just before her passing. This was, and still remains, a group of friends originating from within the branch. We enjoyed many get togethers, birthday celebrations, other special occasions we celebrated and, when unable to get together in person due to the pandemic, we visited via zoom even as recently as this summer. Iona enjoyed traveling to workshops I have mentioned in the past – Regina and Kenora. Iona was a petite fun loving lady with a positive attitude, a witty sense of humour and was always “dressed to the nines”, being totally color coordinated from head to toe. I don't ever remember a time when she was not! We would often joke about the numerous pairs of shoes and earrings she had to match her many very stylish outfits.

In closing I would like to emphasize as I have in the past that SCD is not only about the music and the dance but something even greater. It's about the people and the many long time friendships that have developed as a result, and I know there are many! Thank you Iona for all the good times, the wonderful memories and thank you to the Winnipeg branch of the RSCDS for being the stimulus for these friendships to form and to flourish!

Marilyn Piniuta

Music for us to Enjoy ...

A note from Jane Nattrass, Workshop Coordinator
After being in touch with Mary (Ross – accordion, musician) about our change of plans for our Workshop and Ball, she sent me this link and suggested I might enjoy it. I certainly did.

“As most of you know, the events should have been live in Calgary, but fingers are crossed for summer 2022. The concert is approx. one hour and the content is a variety of Scottish music and other genres.

I hope that you enjoy the concert.” Mary Ross

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLVbX_cWB7g

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!!

A beautiful day for a Garden Party! We had no idea how many might come on September 12 to see each other and visit. There were some familiar faces, some not as known, and sometimes a guessing game for “who might that be behind the mask?”

Did you take note of David's tree in the garden? It was mentioned in an article in the last L&A.

The registration form is now available with this L&A issue and on the branch website.

Hope to see you again soon! Perhaps in the St. Paul's Garden again?

Doug Durnin, Editor
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“You'll be in charge of the music down here.”

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: November

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: October 15. This and past issues of *Light and Airy* are available at: www.rscdswinnipeg.ca

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY (Winnipeg Branch)
REGISTRATION FORM July 1 2021 to June 30 2022



Registration forms and payment may be provided to the registrar:

- Mail to: Doug Durnin 11 Pembridge Bay Winnipeg MB R2M 4H1 ph. 204-253-4213
- Or drop off at your convenience.

REGISTRANT #1 INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone: ()

E-mail:

REGISTRANT #2 INFORMATION

Name:

Phone: ()

E-mail:

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

Registrant 1

Fees:

Home class:

Additional class:

Membership Only

\$ 60.00

- Basic
 Technique
 Social

- Basic
 Technique
 Social

Note: Fees for classes will be determined at such time as we can resume regular dance classes. Only membership fees are being collected at this time.

Registrant 2

Membership Only

\$ 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 registrant completes and signs both 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.

Out of respect for my fellow dancers, I have been fully vaccinated for the Covid-19 virus.

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

Registrant 2

Address Phone number E-mail

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