

Light and Airy



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A Word from the Chair....

Summer is definitely upon us and I hope everyone is enjoying a break from whatever you may be doing to enjoy it.

This edition of *the Light & Airy* is a wee bit delayed. It seems that it is more difficult to get a new Committee of Management up and running than I anticipated. Welcome to the returning members of the COM, and especially to our new members, Vice Chair, Jane Natrass, Librarian, Sharron Bettess,

Assistant Social Convener, Pat Clubb, and *Light & Airy* editor, John Hayles. Cheryl Durnin is the new Teacher's Rep. Thanks to all of you for taking this on.

So far we have concentrated on getting the schedule of classes and socials organized for the fall. Classes will start the week of September 11th with the **Open House planned for September 7th**. Further information will be distributed and we hope that all members will take on the challenge of inviting friends and family to join us. A personal invitation is the best way to get others interested, whether "face to face" or on Facebook.

Please note the main change this year is that the **Basic Class** will move back to **Thursday** nights. The first class will be September 14th. Some extra classes or special events will be planned for some Wednesday evenings.

The COM has also started on the budget discussions which should be finalized at the July meeting. Information on fees and the use of Branch funds will be provided when these issues, which were discussed at the AGM, are resolved.

Happy summer and see you in the fall!

Gerri Stemler

2017-2018 Dance Season – Possible Dates

I have made up a schedule based on 14 weeks for each session. These dates are tentative dates to be decided upon at next COM meeting. Events are at St Paul's Hall except as noted. Events will be added to the Calendar as they are scheduled.

Open House – Thursday September 7, 2017

First Term

Classes start the week of September 11th

First term ends the week of December 11th – The Monday Class could end December 18th

No classes Monday October 9th – Thanksgiving and Thursday, October 12.

Second Term

Classes Start – Week of January 8th and ends the week of April 9th

No classes Tuesday Feb. 12/18 and Thursday March 29/18.

A possible extra class for the Technique class April 17, 2018 – Make up class for Shrove Tuesday

Possible Extra classes April 19 & 26 depending on Workshop Dates.

May Dancing 2018 – possible dates include 10, 17, 24

Socials

St Andrews – Fort Garry Class – November 27th

Mid-Winter/ Spring – Technique Class – February 27th

Wind Up Social – Basics Class & COM – April 5th

Extra Classes during the season could include: The last Wednesday of each month and could be a variety of theme evenings

Cheryl Durnin

Class Notes

Suspended for the summer.

Branch News

Committee of Management

The Committee of Management (COM) meets, usually the first Wednesday in the month, at St. Paul's at 7:00 pm. A tentative schedule will be published in *the Light & Airy*. Changes however, may be made if required during the year.

The meeting is open to any Branch Member; however you would not participate in the discussion or vote. If anyone wants to bring a proposal or issue to the COM, the intention should be provided to the Secretary, Agnes Brydon, at least two weeks in advance to be included in the agenda.

The Chair will endeavour to include a report on the discussions of the COM in the *L & A* on a monthly basis.

Dancing in the Park June 25 2017

For the benefit of those members who did not attend the AGM and as a reminder to those who were in attendance, there will be Scottish Country Dancing at St Vital Park June 25th between 1 and 4PM. This event is being organized by Sheila Careless and Joyce Cormack who thought that in recognition of Canada's 150th Birthday and to gain exposure for our activity at a public venue, it would fun to dance in the park.

Following is an announcement that will be in the Bill Board section of the Free Press June 16th and 23rd.

"The Scottish Country Dancers of Winnipeg are celebrating Canada's 150th Birthday at St Vital Park Site#1 Sunday June 25th between 1:00 and 4:00. Come and see what this social dancing is and experience it by dancing with us. The afternoon will end with a picnic so bring a lawn chair, food and beverages if you wish to join us. Scottish Country Dancing is great fun and we look forward to seeing YOU! (no partner required)."

We are hoping for the support of branch members who are encouraged to tell their friends and family about the event as the program will included dances for non dancers and for experienced dancers. Attached is a poster with details which you can print and post if you know of a suitable spot or attach it to an email if you are spreading word of the event to your contacts via email.

We have the site from 12:30 to 4:30 and will need some help in setting up at 12:30. We need to set up our sound system and run a cord to the power supply. We are hoping to put up 2 flags (the Saltire and the Maple Leaf) as well as our banner if logistics permit. Let us know if you can help with this.

Finally we understand that not everyone will be able to attend this event. So that we have some idea about how many members (and friends and family of members) plan to attend could you let us know by replying to Joyce/Sheila?

Thank you and we hope you are as excited about this event as we are!

Joyce 204 224 2291 - rljcormack@gmail.com Sheila Careless 204 794 2092 careless@mts.net

Name Tags

Branch members should have name tags, with their name and Branch affiliation. New members receive these tags **at no further charge** after their first membership is paid. A returning member who has misplaced their tag can get a replacement by contacting the Registrar, Sharon Plaitin. The charge for replacements is \$8.

It is a courtesy to wear your name tag in any situation where not everyone may know you, e.g., when attending an “extra class” or a social.

TAC Summer School

The time is coming to think about attending the TAC Summer School. Registration begins Feb. 15th. It's a wonderful week of dancing, dancing and more dancing! Come out and meet dancers from all over the world, learn from great teachers and dance to live music in every class and every evening! Information can be found at <https://www.tac-rscds.org/index.php/tac-summer-school/summer-school-2017>. Who would not want to spend a week on the beautiful UBC campus??

Summer School offerings include an opportunity to try for the Dancing Achievement Award, which was described in a previous issue of this newsletter. For more information and to read the requirements and expectations check the RSCDS website: www.rscds.org/article/dancing-achievement-award-daa

The Branch on Facebook

Did you know that the Branch has a Facebook page? If you're on Facebook yourself, why not visit us at RSCDS Winnipeg, and "like" us.

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

Your one stop shoe shop for all your dancing needs.

Clan Info and Scottish Shop

www.scotclans.com

SCD Online

In case you didn't know about these sites:

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.

Inter-city Scot www.intercityscot.org for travellers; lists of classes and events in places that you might be visiting in North America. For other parts of the world, use the link to SCD groups on the Strathspey site to find contact information.

There may be other useful sites that we don't know about. Let us know!

Out of Town Events

23-30 July 2017

UBC, Vancouver, BC

TAC Summer School

Details at www.tac-rscds.org

Discount for registrations paid by 15 April

6-8 October 2017

Dartmouth, NS

NS Branch 35th Anniversary Workshop and Ball

Details at www.rscdsnovascotia.ca/35th-Anniversary.htm

Note that this is the beginning of Celtic Colours week in Cape Breton.

6-9 October 2017

Canmore, AB

Calgary Scots Cultural Gathering

SCD and more!

Details at www.calgaryscots.org

17-19 November 2017

Pacific Grove, CA, USA

SF Branch Asilomar Weekend

Details at www.rscds-sf.org

Late 2017

Dancing tour of New Zealand

Visit www.toursbychris.com for contact info.

Important Dates

Next COM meeting: July 5.

Next L&A: mid-August.

Members are encouraged to submit articles, pictures or information of interest to Branch members.

Until further notice, please send submissions for the *Light and Airy* to the Branch e-mail address:

info@rscdswinnipeg.ca Deadline for submissions August 7.

This and past issues of the *Light and Airy* are posted on the Branch web site www.rscdswinnipeg.ca.