

Light and Airy



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A Word from the Chair....

Scott is enjoying a brief vacation.

2016/17 Dance Season

23 March Thursday	Extra General Class
29 March Wednesday	Branch social
Week of 10 April	Last Winter term classes
21-23 April, Friday – Sunday	Weekend Workshop at 17 Wing
27 April Thursday	Extra General Class
24 May Wednesday	Branch AGM Time TBA

Events are at St Paul's Hall except as noted. Events will be added to the Calendar as they are scheduled.

Class Notes

Deafening silence this month ... However, many members enjoyed the social dance hosted by the Fort Garry class on 27 February. A good dance programme, followed by a nice variety of things to sample on the supper table. A nice turnout, with all classes represented. These socials are an opportunity for members from different classes to meet; good to see people taking advantage.

Branch News

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

It's **your** turn! **You** can make a difference in the running of the RSCDS Winnipeg Branch!

Classes for the second term are well underway and we are approaching the end of our dancing season (already!), with the Annual General Meeting scheduled for late May. At that time a new Committee of Management will be voted in for the 2017-2018 year.

There are four vacancies to fill:

Vice-chair,

Social Assistant,

Editor for the *Light & Airy*, and

Librarian

COM meetings are usually held the first week of the month and run for about two hours. Please consider getting involved in the management of the Winnipeg Branch by submitting your name and which position(s) you are interested in. Alternatively, if you know of someone you think would be good for one of these positions, give her/him a nudge, or make a suggestion to the Nominating Committee via the undersigned.

Full job descriptions can be made available or submit questions or concerns to the undersigned.

Please join us (we don't bite!) We try to keep the time commitment to the minimum possible and accommodate required absences for travelling etc.

Gerri Stemler

Chair, Nominating Committee

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Branch Social Dance Wednesday March 29 2017

HOSTED BY THE BASICS OF SCD CLASS AND THE COM

This is a tribute to the 150 years of Canada's Confederation

There will be cake!

Leaving York Factory	J 3X32	Prairie Gold / 5
The Kenora Reel	R 8X32	Bankhead 2 John Drewry
The St John River	S 4X32	Centennial Collection
The Maple Leaf Rant	R 8X40	Leaflet
A Prairie Crocus	S 3X32	Prairie Gold / 12
The Wild Geese	J 8X32	Book 24 / 3
Interval		
The Golden Boy	J 8X32	Prairie Gold / 1
Lord Selkirk	S 8X32	Prairie Gold / 14
Promise of Spring	R 8X32	Martello Tower Ruth Taylor
Joie de Vivre	J 8X32	Book 39 / 2

A "dance list" for this programme has been prepared on the Strathspey web site. To see it, go to strathspey.org, click the link for "database", then look at the "dance lists" category. If you don't see mention of Winnipeg Branch Social right away, click "more lists" and filter on Winnipeg. Once you get to the list, use the tabs at the top to get cribs, link to videos (not available for all dances), etc.

CD Launch

Speaking of ECD, Elizabeth Goossen, who is an RSCDS qualified SCD teacher, now spends her creative energy in English Country Dancing and music. She writes both dances and music, and a recording of music for fifteen of her tunes has been made by a prominent ECD band, The Flying Romanos. Great for both listening and EC dancing. The CD, titled *Daisies in the Wind*, vol 7, *Dancing With Friends*, will launch on 29 April 2017 at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 603 Wellington Crescent. Tickets are \$15, and will be available at McNally Robinson Booksellers, Grant Park.

Spring Dance Workshop and Ball

April 21 – 23, 2017

17 Wing, Winnipeg, Manitoba



Where is this, that is the question? In Scotland somewhere!

What is the flower?

There could be a reward, if you guess correctly!

Where is all this leading?

A reminder, that our is coming soon!

This year we have two out of town teachers, Barbara Johnston, from Edmonton and David Booz from Toronto. We also have Ron Krug and Dennis Orr as our musicians, for both classes and as a two piece Band for the Ball. Dennis is from Medicine Hat and became acquainted with Ron and Ken when they were playing the workshops in Alberta. Dennis and Ron were going to play the Ball in Saskatoon this Fall, until Ron became ill. After a recuperation period, Ron is feeling well enough to play with Dennis in Lethbridge at the beginning of April and they have both happily agreed to play the Ball Program at our Spring event.

Please note that further information is available on the website. The brochure and registration form are also on the website, as well as the dance program and crib notes. Save \$25 a week for the next 5 weeks and your weekend will be paid. Please get your registration forms in ASAP. The deadline is April 12th! Get them in sooner rather than later. There is a prize for the first registrant! Looking forward to dancing with you all!

By the way, it was a great Burns Social, just a glimpse of what is to come!!

Your Workshop Coordinator, *Jane Natrass*

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 this beautiful 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...

Publicity?

Joyce has reminded me that a few weeks ago, members of the Ottawa Branch organized a flash mob at a Senators hockey game. To see video, start Youtube and type "Ottawa Senators Scottish dancing flash mob" (you don't need the caps) in the search box. Video of the event should appear at or near the top of the resulting list.

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 I don't know about. Let me know!

Out of Town Events

25 March 2017
Regina, SK
Saskatchewan SC Dancers Spring Workshop & Ball
Details at www.rscdssask.org

25 March 2017
Victoria, BC
VanIsle Workshop & Ball
Details & forms at www.viscds.ca

1 April 2017
Minneapolis, MN
41st Grand Ball & Dinner
Details at www.rscds-twincities.org

7-9 April 2017
Lethbridge, AB
Dance and Music Workshops and Ball
Details at www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org

19-21 May 2017
Berkshire Hills, Copake, NY, USA
New Pawling Weekend
Details & forms at www.rscdsnewyork.org

9-11 June 2017
Beaver Dam, WI
Midwest Scottish Weekend
Details at <http://sites.google.com/site/midwestscottishweekend>

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.

Late 2017
Dancing tour of New Zealand
Visit www.toursbychris.com for contact info.

Important Dates

COM meetings: Next meeting 5 April 2017.

Next L&A: Deadline for the next issue 7 April 2017.

Members are encouraged to submit articles, pictures or information of interest to Branch members. Please send submissions for the *Light and Airy* to Peter McClure john.mcclure@umr.umanitoba.ca. This and several past issues of the *Light and Airy* are posted on the Branch website www.rscdswinnipeg.ca

