

Light and Airy



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A Word from the Chair....

After two years of regularly writing *A Word from the Chair* for the Light & Airy, the time has now come for me to offer my last word as the Chair. Soon my term as Chairperson of the Committee of Management will end and Scott MacRae will assume the duties of this position. I wish Scott and the members of the COM every success in the coming year.

I have enjoyed these two years and I have been honoured to serve as your Chairperson. I wish to thank my fellow members of the COM for their cooperation, ability and good humour during these past two years. Our branch is indeed fortunate to be served by this faithful group who gather month by month to plan, coordinate and encourage Scottish Country dancing in our city. We are indebted to them, and to our teachers, for all the opportunities we have enjoyed throughout the year for dancing and fellowship, for learning and for fun.

Our regular season has now ended. We have two Wednesday evenings of dancing still to come in May and our Annual General Meeting is on the 24th of May. Looking ahead, we are hosting an evening with Anne Taylor, a teacher from Scotland, on Wednesday, 6th July from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall. This should prove to be an evening well worth attending.

After my first year as Chair, I concluded my remarks with the following. What I said then, I offer to you once again.

Until we meet again, may peace and joy be your daily companions, and may you move through the summer with safety and good health... And may this Gaelic blessing be yours this summer and always.

*Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.*

Don Johnson

2015/16 Dance Season

4, 11, 18 May, Wednesdays	General classes, St Paul's hall, 8-10 PM	no charge
24 May Tuesday	Branch AGM, St Paul's hall, 7:30 PM	
6 July Wednesday	Class with Anne Taylor, St Paul's, 8 PM	no charge

Events will be added to the Calendar as they are scheduled.

Branch News

45TH ANNUAL SPRING WORKSHOP AND BALL

Wasn't that a party!!! Report to follow at the AGM

General Dancing in May

The first of these make-up classes in May had a nice attendance, with members from all the classes participating. At time of writing, two more to go (11th and 18th). Don't miss these opportunities!

Branch AGM

The Branch AGM takes place Tuesday 24 May, at St Paul's Hall (our favourite venue). Doors 7 PM, meeting at 7:30. This is a requirement of our participation as a Branch of the RSCDS. It is also your opportunity to voice your opinion about what's going well (we hope!) or what needs improving as our Branch conducts its affairs. Quorum is about 20 members – don't shoot the editor if that's not exact – so please come out, listen, and speak.

Special Class With Anne Taylor

Mark your calendar for a special class on 6 July. Anne Taylor comes from Buckie in northeast Scotland and belongs to the Banffshire Branch of RSCDS. She will be visiting Winnipeg with a group of Highland dancers in July, for the 2016 SCOT DANCE Highland dance competition. She is also a SCD teacher with a wide experience, including the RSCDS summer and winter schools in Scotland. She has kindly agreed to take a class with us on Wednesday 6 July; usual time and place (St Paul's Hall, starting at 8 PM). The Branch Executive has decided that there will be no charge for this event, and there is a rumor that there will be refreshment! Another opportunity not to be missed.

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...

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

Out of Town Events

24-26 June 2016

Beloit College, Beloit, WI
Midwest Scottish Weekend

Info at

<http://sites.google.com/site/midwestscottishweekend/>

9 July 2016

Leeds, UK

Leeds White Rose Festival

If you might be in the area at that time, and would like to experience a SCD festival as they are held in UK, visit the web site www.whiterosefestival.uk for more information, programmes, and booking forms.

**44th TAC Summer School - Bishop's University
Sherbrooke, Quebec July 31st to Aug. 7th.**

Dance Teachers: Fred DeMarse, USA;
Mary Murray, CAN; Janet Walker,
USA; William Williamson, UK
Musicians: Ian Muir, UK; Judi
Nicolson, USA;
Laird Brown, Fred Collins, Kathy
Fraser-Collins, Don Wood, CAN

Where can you go to get instruction from top notch teachers (other than Winnipeg of course ☺)? Where can you go to enjoy dancing to a band every evening? Where can you go to experience dancing in a ballroom with over 100 other dancers? Summer School!! Not only do you get to experience what's already been mentioned but there are options of other classes in the afternoons and if you have the energy, the after party every night. It's great to meet with other dancers from all over North America (and sometimes other parts of the world). You can find out what's happening at other branches of RSCDS and see the talent from others at the Friday night ceilidh. I'm going and I can hardly wait. Who's coming with me? More info at www.tac-rscds.org

Sheila Careless

15-19 August 2016

Wolfville NS

Scotch on the Rocks: dancing and excursions!
Info from Duncan Keppie keppie@eastlink.ca

28-30 October 2016

Asilomar, CA, USA

RSCDS San Francisco Branch

Asilomar Weekend

Details and forms at www.asilomar.rscds-sf.org

Important Dates

COM meetings: Next meeting tentatively 8 June 2016.

Next L&A: Deadline for the June-July issue will be 10 June 2016; may be extended, depending on decisions taken at the COM meeting.

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 joptmc@cc.umanitoba.ca. This and several past issues of the *Light and Airy* are posted on the Branch website www.rscdswinnipeg.ca