

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

By the time you receive this, we very well may have held the second Monthly Dance, Branch Classes will certainly have started at Swansea and Eastminster, and Social Group Classes will have opened their doors for another season of dancing. You could say that we are back in the "full swing" of things!

On that subject, don't forget to encourage your friends to join us for our fund raising event "The Do-Wop Kings" on October 21st. This is one of the few chances that we get to show our friends and family members what good company Scottish Country Dancers are and who knows, with some gentle persuasion from you, we may "swing" a few more recruits in the way of our Branch Classes.

We have held our first Board meeting of the season and your Trillium "Task Force" have scheduled two Workshops in October to complete the final requirements for The Trillium Foundation Grant.

Included in these final tasks was a need for us to commission a study on the health benefits of Scottish Country Dancing and how it relates to some of the other Low/High Key Aerobic activities that we hear so much about these days. This study will take place in October at one of the Adult Social Group Classes and one of the Children's Classes. It is planned to publish this report in "Set & Link" as soon as it is available.

Jean

Social Group Scoop



Hillcrest Scottish Country Dance Group

In September of 1975, a set of new dancers arrived at a new class to be started by a very new holder of the RSCDS Preliminary Teachers Certificate, Jean Noble. In January of 1976, the class moved to a new location at the Hillcrest Public Library, North York, and became known as the Hillcrest Scottish Country Dance Group. The group started to grow rapidly and eventually had to move to larger premises at Seneca Hill Public School, where they danced for many years. After another couple of location changes, this group is now very happily located at The Toronto French School at Lawrence Ave East & Bayview Ave.

Starting dancing again in September 2005 brought back many happy memories of Hillcrest Dinner Dances, Burns' Suppers, Ceilidhs, Demonstrations and all the friendships that have been made over thirty years. Some of the original members of the group still dance with us on a regular basis and many of our dancers attend other groups and support Toronto Association functions.

A number of Hillcrest members have served on the Toronto Association Executive, and we as a group appreciate all the hard work and dedication involved.

Each year, from September to May, we meet and try to become familiar with dances for various programmes, try some new dances, improve our dancing skills and MOST IMPORTANTLY - ENJOY DANCING.

A warm welcome awaits you any Tuesday evening you would like to join the "Happy Dancers" of the Hillcrest Group.

~ Jean Noble

Renew Now!

This is the last issue of SET & LINK that you will receive if you have not submitted your 2005-2006 Membership Renewal Form. If you need a renewal form, contact Jane Robinson at 416-463-5016; janer1@sympatico.ca or download a form from our website.

October Monthly Dance

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2005
Time: 8:00 pm
Place: Crescent School
 2365 Bayview Ave
Music: Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent
Hosts: South Simcoe, Petronella,
 St. Andrew's of Whitby

Please note that Crescent School has a no nut policy

Mrs Stewart's Jig	J 8x32*	Bk 35-1
The Sailor	R 8x32*+	Bk 24-4
The Glasgow Highlanders	S 8x32*	Bk 2-3
Blue Bonnets	J 6x32*	Bk 3-5
The Gentleman	S 8x32	Bk 35-5
Struan Robertson's Reel	R 8x40*	Bk 16-7
INTERVAL		
Light and Airy	J 8x32*	Bk 4-5
Festival Fling	R 8x32*	Bk 44-7
Bonnie Stronshiray	S 8x32	Glasgow Assembly
The Gilly Flower	J 8x32	Bk 36-8
Up in the Air	S 8x32	Bk 20-2
Reel of the Royal Scots	R 8x32*	Leaflet
EXTRAS		
General Stuart's Reel	R 8x32	Bk 10-3
Linton Ploughman	J 6x32	Bk 5-6

* Tartan Ball dances + Dances featured by the Society for 2005-6

We Need You!

It's true, prices are rising all around us – gas prices, food prices, travel prices and yes, dancing costs. Several social groups have increased their fees this year and the programs of the Association are no exception as our own costs have increased dramatically. For example, The Toronto Association is responsible for paying over \$2200 per month for our monthly dances (facility, musicians, coffee/tea, printing, etc.). This means that we need 150 dancers each month just to cover our expenses. We want to keep fees for dancing as affordable as we can, but without your support, there are fewer people to share the costs. We have kept the monthly dance fees at the same rate (\$15 for members) despite a 10% increase in our expenses. This is one of the reasons why we can no longer offer dancers a 7% discount on fees by absorbing the GST. So, if there is a Saturday night when you might be tempted to stay home, come out and have some fun, enjoy a great program of dances, with terrific live music and know that together with your dancing friends, you are supporting Scottish Country Dancing through the Toronto Association.

Let the music move you!

~ Lisa Mitchell, Program Director

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Sundays at Broadlands:

Come and have fun learning new dances!

This fall we are offering single classes at Broadlands Community Centre, 19 Castlegrove, every Sunday starting October 23 until December 11 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$8 (including GST) per class for members and \$11 (including GST) for non-members. Please bring your membership card.

Advanced level classes are for experienced dancers who have a sound knowledge of advanced formations.

Intermediate level classes are for experienced dancers who are competent in the standard formations but may require some review of the more advanced formations.

Please talk to your Social Group teacher about which level is appropriate for you.

October 23 Carole Skinner will teach dances that she has devised to Advanced and Intermediate dancers.

October 30 Frances Gray will teach RSCDS Featured Dances 2005-6 to Advanced dancers only.

November 6 Georgina Finlay will teach John Drewry dances to Intermediate and Advanced dancers.

The remaining schedule will be published in next month's newsletter and will be on the website. Call Carole Bell at 416-221-1201 if you have any questions.

Shirt Sales

Our new collared shirts will be on sale at all our Monthly Dances and Workshops this year. Don't forget to check out our website to review the styles and colours that are available. Please make your cheque payable to RSCDS Toronto for \$39.10 or have the exact change if paying cash. (Money must accompany an order.) The shirts will make great Christmas gifts as the shirts are excellent quality and look very smart!

~ Carole Bell

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 14-16, 2005, Hamilton Branch Scottish Country Dance Weekend, Prudhommes Landing, Vineland Station. Teachers are Jimmie Hill, UK; Sheila Keller, Bloomfield, ON; Sandy Bain, ON. Music by Elma Grech, Bobby Brown, Laird Brown and the musicians of The Scottish Accent. Contact John Middleton 905-522-2151; jjceilidh@sympatico.ca. Registrar Dora Robertson 905-575-4403.

OCTOBER 16, 2005, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Swing Lessons featuring Al Kurtz & Lana duBois at Broadlands Community Centre, 19 Castlegrove Av., just north of Lawrence and east of DVP. Come learn some basics of swing dancing and get ready to dance the night away to the music of the Do-Wop Kings on October 21st. Contact Lisa Mitchell 416-699-2480; ldmitchell@sympatico.ca.

OCTOBER 21, 2005, 8:00 p.m. The Toronto Association's Fund Raising evening of dancing to the music of the 50's at the Argonaut Club, 1255 Lakeshore Blvd. W., Music by the Do-Wop Kings. Tickets are \$25 and are available from David Coutts 416-787-1271; dcouttsca@hotmail.com. Contact Lisa Mitchell 416-699-2480; ldmitchell@sympatico.ca

OCTOBER 22, 2005, 8:00 p.m. The Peterborough Scottish Country Dancers will be celebrating Peterborough's 100th Anniversary at The Lift Lock Linkin 2. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Contact Ernest Morrison 705-741-0857; morriseb@auracom.com.

OCTOBER 25, 2005, St. Catharines Halloween Dance. Music TBA. Contact Jere Brubaker brubakerjpl@aol.com.

OCTOBER 29, 2005, 8:00 p.m. Woodglen Halloween Dance at St. Nicholas Church, 1512 Kingston Rd., 1 block east of Warden. Dance and buffet \$10. Prizes for costumes based on a SCD dance. Contact John Clark 416-266-3609 for tickets and information.

NOVEMBER 12, 2005, 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The Toronto Association's Annual Workshop. Teachers are Ellie Briscoe, Mel Briscoe and J'ina Middleton. Music by Bobby Brown, Laird Brown and Fred Moyes. Contact Theresa Malek 416-535-4447 (home) 416-767-9289 (work); theresamalek@rogers.com.

NOVEMBER 12, 2005, Burlington Branch 32nd Annual Dance. Music by Don Bartlett and The Scottish Heirs. Tickets \$18 for dancers and \$10 for non-dancers. Contact Gillian Young 905-639-8782.

NOVEMBER 14 & 19, 2005, Toronto Association Children's Workshops. The West End workshop is in the evening of the 14th and the East End Workshop is on the morning of the 19th. Look for more information in next month's Set & Link or call Fiona Philip 905-785-8983.

NOVEMBER 15 & 22, 2005, 7:30 p.m. St. Andrew's Ball Practices at Moss Park Armoury, 130 Queen St. E.

NOVEMBER 18 - 19, 2005, Victoria Branch Fall Workshop. Teachers are Fran Caruth and Rosemary Coupe. Music by Mary Ross. Contact Howard Benten 250-595-4220 or Edith Chapman enchapma@telus.net

NOVEMBER 26, 2005, St. Andrew's Ball at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto. Contact Michael Noble 416-449-8070 or Grace Harris 416-431-9653; grace_colin50@hotmail.com.

DECEMBER 10, 2005, St. Catharines Christmas Dance with Bobby Brown. Contact Jere Brubaker brubakerjpl@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 11, 2006, St. Catharines Valentines Dance with Fred Moyes. Contact Jere Brubaker brubakerjpl@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 18, 2006, The 43rd Annual Tartan Ball at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto. Contact Sandra Scott 416-447-0157; setandlink@hotmail.com.

FEBRUARY 23-28, 2006, RSCDS Winter School, Pitlochry, Scotland. Applications should be submitted to Headquarters by October 17, 2005. Contact Brenda Hurst 416-925-6982; brenhurst@hotmail.com.

FEBRUARY 25, 2006, The Oakville Scottish Country Dance Group's 50th Anniversary Ball at Le Dome in Oakville. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Contact Liz Walton 905-338-0798; mjewelton@sprint.ca.

MAY 13, 2006, The Thistle Ball in Victoria, BC. Tickets go on sale on October 15, 2005. Contact Kathryn Taylor 250-598-3490; kathryntaylorthomson@shaw.ca

St. Andrew's Ball		
Saturday, November 26, 2005		
Espie McNabb	J 8x32	MMM1
The Silver City	S 8x32	Drewry
Angus MacKinnon	H 8x32	Dickson
Haste to the Wedding	J 6x32	Bk 25-6
Inveraray	S 8x32	MMM1
The Highland Rambler	R 8x40	Goldring
Twa Rogueish Een	J 8x40	Drewry
Crossing the Bay	S 8x32	Haynes
The Clansman	R 6x32	Bk 32-8
The Glasgow Highlanders	S 8x32	Bk 2-3
Miss Hadden's Reel	J 8x32	Bk 23-5
The Silver Spirtle	R 8x32	Robin Wood
General Stuart's Reel	R 8x32	Bk 10-3
Sugar Candie	S 8x32	Bk 26-9
Follow Me Home	J 8X32	Bk 38-3
The Belle of Bon Accord	S 4X32	Drewry
The Montgomerie's Rant	R 8X32	Bk 10-1

Volunteer News

Your volunteer committee has been hard at work preparing for the coming season of dancing. Have you renewed your RSCDS membership yet? When you do, be sure to complete part 8 of the new, improved form, which tells us if you would like to participate in your Association's activities, and if so, which ones interest you. This information will become part of the new Association database, which will make it easier to organize events and the people needed to support them.

For those who may not know just how much we depend on volunteers for the success of all our activities, we are developing a brochure explaining volunteer activities and how to become involved. This, as well as other volunteer information, will soon appear on the RSCDS website.

~Volunteer Committee

Society Featured Dances

One of the benefits of belonging to the Toronto Association is knowing that you are part of a world-wide network of branches of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. All around the world, thousands of dancers just like you are learning the same steps, the same formations and many of the same dances. There is nothing like walking into a class in Vienna or Budapest and hearing them announce the next dance "Mrs MacLeod"! Or listening to a teacher in Germany explain "all around poussette"! Each year, the Society publishes a list of dances that it is featuring for the year, dances from the Society's own publications, in an effort "to provide consistency and familiarity between branches". Several of this set of dances will be featured during the year on our dance programmes. They are marked on your crib sheets with " + " and also on the programme listing in Set & Link. So when you are dancing, be sure to notice the "Society Featured Dances" and think about all the other dancers around the world who might be dancing that same dance!

~ Lisa Mitchell, Program Director

50th Anniversary Committee Logo Competition!

The Committee believes that, being a special anniversary for the Toronto Association, it would be appropriate to have a logo created for use on all materials relating to this event. Rather than soliciting designs from a professional artist, we would like to see if we can draw from the talent that we believe exists within our membership. We will be providing details of the competition for the best entry and will provide the design parameters needed for the logo. In the meantime, put on your thinking caps!

Money Matters

In the September issue of Set & Link, it was explained that the Association is required to collect GST and can no longer absorb the cost. This results in the following fees for monthly dances:

Members \$14.95 + GST = \$16
Non-members \$20.10 + GST = \$21.50
Children \$3.03 + GST = \$3.25
Spectators \$3.03 + GST = \$3.25

If you are looking for a great saving, consider the advantage of becoming a member of the Toronto Association. For the \$50 Basic Adult Membership, you save \$5.50 at each of the eight monthly dances, \$15 at the Association Workshop, \$3 per Sunday class, and a reduced price for the Tartan Ball. All this and you receive ten issues of Set & Link. There are not many places where you can get such good value for your money.

Send in your membership and start saving now.

don't forget...

- Deadline for November Newsletter is October 10th
- Send in your application for the Toronto Association Workshop on November 12th
- November 12th Monthly Dance
- Do-Wop Kings Fundraiser Dance October 21st
- Renew your membership



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Membership has its rewards - a quality newsletter.