

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

As I sat down to compose my first letter of the new dance season, a couple of things immediately came to mind. First, where has the summer gone? Second, Whew!... What record breaking temperatures we have had this year! With regards to the latter, I recently passed a sign on the lawn of an Anglican Church which put things in perspective. It read

"Hey! So you think it is hot here?
~ Signed, God".

Dancing in the Park was a successful event again this year. Perhaps the overall attendance was down slightly, due to the continuous heat and threat of thunderstorms, but all in all, things worked out very well. It was unfortunate for the organizers, who did such a super job, that on the last evening [Media night] rain put a bit of a damper on things.

I would like to congratulate John Christie, who has been awarded the Scroll of Honour. His 42 years of dedication to Scottish Country Dancing is a tremendous achievement and he is well deserving of this honour.

Levels I, II, III, & combined level I/II, Branch Classes begin in Toronto at the end of September. Please encourage your friends, family members, and companions to come along to the appropriate class. Better still, why don't you accompany them, at least, to their first class? Sometimes a little personal touch can help them to overcome that initial shyness.

Hope you have all had a wonderful summer and, like me, are looking forward to another dancing season.



John Christie Honoured

The RSCDS Toronto Association is delighted to announce that John Christie has been awarded the RSCDS Scroll of Honour, and wishes to inform you that the date and venue for the formal presentation, which will be in the Toronto area, will be announced in the near future. Please watch for details in upcoming issues of Set & Link and on our web site.



Social Group Scoop

This is a new feature in SET & LINK. Each month will highlight a Toronto Association affiliated Social Group. This month we introduce the newest group to be affiliated with the Toronto Association.

The Highlands of Durham Scottish Country Dancers was/were formed in 1999 and have met regularly since then on Thursday nights in Memory Hall, Utica. This hall, with a wonderful sprung wooden floor, is located on Durham Road 21 (the Goodwood Road) about halfway between Uxbridge and Port Perry but members come from as far away as Bowmanville.

We are fortunate to have Carole Skinner as our regular teacher and we appreciate guest teaching visits from Janette Todd, Robin Wood and Ian McHaffie.

We dance as well on most Monday nights – these are extra practices for special events or simply for anyone who would like to dance more often than once a week!

We have demonstrated the joy of Scottish Country Dancing at various community events in Port Perry, Uxbridge, Whitby, Oshawa and the Sunnybrook Veterans Residence. At these demos the ladies proudly wear matching sashes made from the Highland of Durham tartan.

One of our happiest events was “dancing” the residents of the Port Perry nursing home through “The Highland of Durham Strathspey” in their wheelchairs. We were honoured to have this dance written for us by Ann Campbell.

The highlight of our year is the WHITE HEATHER BALL in July and dancing at the Highlands of Durham Games with members from other clubs joining us. We also host an annual HOGMANAY party and a ROBERT BURNS DINNER & DANCE. These events are also attended by non-dancing folk who simply love the Scottish music and traditions.

We invite members of the Toronto Association to visit us and enjoy an evening of Scottish country dancing!

For complete directions call Marjorie Mason at 905-649-3532 or email at mmason@bellnet.ca.

September Monthly Dance

Date: Saturday, September 10, 2005
Time: 8:00 pm
Place: Crescent School
 2365 Bayview Ave
Music: Bobby & Laird Brown
Hosts: Fallingbrook, Tayside, Woodglen
Please note that Crescent School has a no nut policy

St. Andrew's Fair	J 8x32	5 for 82-2
Happy Returns	R 8x32	MMM 2-11
Sugar Candie	S 8x32	Bk 26-9
The Wild Geese	J 8x32	Bk 24-3
12 Coates Crescent	S 4x32	Bk 40-5
Edinburgh Castle Reel	R 8x32	Children-8
INTERVAL		
The Happy Meeting	J 6x32	Bk 29-9
Jessie's Hornpipe	R 8x32	Bk 8-9
Adieu Mon Ami	S 8x32	Bk 24-11
The Duke of Atholl's Reel	J 6x32	Bk 16-3
Bridge of Nairn	S 8x32	Bk 13-11
Shifftin' Bobbins	R 8x32+	Ormskirk
EXTRAS		
Mrs MacLeod	R 8x32	Bk 6-11
Mrs Stewart's Jig	J 8x32	Bk 35-1

+Non-RSCDS

FALL ASSOCIATION CLASSES

Be an early bird and put these dates on your calendar -it's fun to improve your skills while meeting new people and new teachers.

At Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth, 2 minutes from Chester station:

Level 1 - basic level for inexperienced dancers

Thursdays for 10 weeks starting September 29, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. with teacher Lorna Larmour

Level 2 - for dancers wishing to improve their knowledge of basic formations, continue step practice and expand their dance experience

Thursdays for 10 weeks starting September 29, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. with teacher Kathleen Kynoch

At Swansea Town Hall, 95 Lavinia, 7 minute walk from Runnymede Station

Levels 1/2

Wednesdays for 10 weeks starting September 21, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. with teacher David Booz.

Technique - for all experienced dancers to enable them to fine tune their footwork and dance technique and broaden their dance background. Thursdays for 10 weeks starting September 22, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. with teachers Deirdre and Keith Bark

Cost for all classes is \$75 + GST. Cheques preferred; payable to RSCDS Toronto.

Please call Carole Bell at 416-221-1201 or e-mail her at carolewbell@sympatico.ca with any questions about classes, locations and registration.

ON SALE!

At the September Monthly Dance Attractive dark green or navy golf shirts, both ladies' and men's styles, with our new embroidered logo \$34.00 + tax = \$39.10 exact cash or cheque. Other colours may be ordered but must be paid for with order.

RSCDS TORONTO WORKSHOP

November 12, 2005, Crescent School, 9:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

The dance season is quickly approaching and with it comes the Toronto Workshop. We are very excited about all that we have planned for you! Two of the teachers, Ellie and Melbourne Briscoe, will be coming in from Northern Virginia. You may already know Ellie since her dance "Follow Me Home" has been on many programs recently. One of her favourite aspects of SCD is the way the music helps the covering and phrasing, as well as the way people grin when they "get it." Mel has also written dances, his "Ellie's Jig" was on the last Montreal ball program and features the unique formation called the "Slip Knot". His favourite dances are those that are done well, especially when the dancers are having fun and the music is great. J'ina Middleton teaches just down the road in Hamilton and it is fabulous to have her join us for the workshop. As a 12-year-old Girl Guide, her team won a competition adjudicated by Miss Milligan. She has taught all levels of dance and is currently teaching the Hamilton Basic class.

Once again we are honoured to have Bobby and Laird Brown playing for our classes. You all know how great they are so enough said! They will be joined by Fred Moyes, from London, Ontario, who has played for branch classes in Hamilton, TAC Summer School and the Summer School at St. Andrews, Scotland.

We do hope you will all join us for this great day of dance and music. See included flyer for details.

Theresa Malek (convenor) theresamalek@rogers.com 416-535-4447

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 10, 2005, 8:00 p.m., The Toronto Association's Monthly Dance at Crescent School. Music by Bobby and Laird Brown. Contact Dianne Lask 416-751-4850; diannelask@rogers.com.

OCTOBER 1, 2005, 8:00 p.m., The Toronto Association's Monthly Dance at Crescent School. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Contact Dianne Lask 416-751-4850; diannelask@rogers.com.

OCTOBER 8-9, 2005, Teachers' Workshop, Halifax, NS. There will be a Teachers' Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 8 and a general Scottish Country Dancing class on Sunday, October 9. Teacher is Linda Gaul, Pitlochry, Scotland. Information and registration form is available at www.accesswave.ca/~lydiahedge/Oct2005.htm.

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 Dave Coutts 416-787-1271; dcouttsca@hotmail.co, also 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.

NOVEMBER 12, 2005, 8:45 a.m. to 3:45

p.m. The Toronto Association's Annual Workshop. See enclosed flyer for details. Contact Theresa Malek 416-535-4447 (home) 416-767-9289 (work); theresamalek@rogers.com.

NOVEMBER 12, 2005, 8:00 p.m. The Toronto Association's Monthly Dance at Crescent School. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Contact Dianne Lask 416-751-4850; diannelask@rogers.com.

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.

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, Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry,

Scotland. Applications should be completed and returned 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.

If you have an event that you would like posted in our Upcoming Events, contact Christine Bowers.

Social Group Updates

The Fallingbrook Group are not able to meet on October 14th and November 18th as the church has other events being held on these dates.

The Friday Morning Aurora group will be starting classes on September 23rd. Contact Agnes Vallejo 416-841-2747.

October Monthly Dance

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2005
Time: 8:00 pm
Place: Crescent School
 2365 Bayview Ave
Music: Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent
Hosts: Calvin, Highlands of Durham, Nobelton
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Machine Without Horses	J 8x32*	Bk 12-2
College Hornpipe	R 8x32	Bk 20-12
Dalkeith's Strathspey	S 8x32	Bk 9-6
EH3 7AF	J 8x32	Bk 40-6
The Silver Tassie	S 8x32*	Leaflet
Maxwell's Rant	R 8x32*	Bk 18-10
INTERVAL		
Lamb Skinnet	J 8x32	Bk 14-2
The Whistling Wind	R 8x32*	Bk 36-5
Miss Gibson's Strathspey	S 8x32*	Leaflet
Haste to the Wedding	J 6x32	Bk 25-6
Neidpath Castle	S 3x32*	Bk 22-9
De'il Amang the Tailors	R 8x32	Bk 14-7
EXTRAS		
Shifin' Bobbins	R 8x32+	Ormskirk
Joie de Vivre	J 8x32*	Bk 39-2

+Non-RSCDS *Tartan Ball Dance

Stan Hamilton Honoured

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society London (Canada) Branch is delighted to announce that J. Stan Hamilton has been selected as a recipient of the Scroll of Honour in 2005. Thank you to all who sent letters of support to our Branch in support of Stan's nomination, and for your very positive response. It is proposed that the formal presentation of the Scroll of Honour will be made on Saturday, October 15, 2005 at the Hamilton Branch Weekend following the formal dinner and prior to the Ball. We hope you will be able to come to the weekend and help to make this a special time for Stan and Ann.

Excerpt from letter by Judith V Cooper London(Canada) Branch

Please see Upcoming Events for more information about the weekend.

GST Review

It has been two years since the Toronto Association has collected GST on its programmes, classes and of course, its sale of shirts. Our auditors reviewed the regulations and feel we do not have to collect GST on our membership fees. Dances, classes and all our other activities still require the GST to be added.

The Toronto Association has included the GST in the overall fees for these two years. With rising costs, we can no longer absorb these charges. The Board approved adding the GST to the price of classes, dances, balls, etc. with the start of the dancing season in September. For example, the monthly dance fee will now be \$15 plus GST. Please remember to bring the extra loonie with you in September.

~ Margaret Rieger, Treasurer

Requests for Nominations for the Scroll of Honour

The Society Scroll is awarded only to a limited number of people and is given for outstanding service. If you wish to nominate someone, a detailed case should be made to meet the following criteria: Outstanding service in preserving the standards and traditions of Scottish Country Dancing; Encouragement in others of the knowledge and enjoyment of Scotland's heritage of dance and music. Long service in the Society, while being taken into consideration might not, in itself, merit the award. Such nominations should be addressed to the Secretary of the Toronto Association, should be confidential, and should be received prior to November 1, 2005.

Monthly Dance

This year we are doing something a little differently at monthly dances: we have split the connection between host groups and briefers. Host groups are independent of the briefers, in that their function is to host the "coffee hour" by providing goodies and helping to serve, and to help greet people at the door. The briefers are ANY certified Toronto area teacher (regardless of whether or not they teach a social group). This is an effort to include all teachers, including teachers of Branch classes, and to avoid duplication of teachers who have more than one social group. The idea is to involve as many people as possible from the social groups and beyond in monthly dances. So as a member of a host group, be sure to come out and support the monthly dances.

~Lisa Mitchell, Program Director

Some of the 25 members of the Toronto Association who attended the 2005 TAC Summer School on Vancouver Island, BC. Photo submitted by Keith Bark



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don't forget...

- Deadline for October Newsletter is September 16th
- Next Monthly Dance after Sep 10 is October 1, 2005.
- Do-Wop Kings Fundraiser Dance October 21st

EDITOR'S NOTES...

It amused me to no end that there is a no nut policy at the Monthly Dance but Margaret asks us to bring an additional loonie this year.