



## Chair's Message



If you were not at the 44th Annual Tartan Ball at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel on Saturday, February 17, then you missed a wonderful evening of dancing, socialising with your fellow dancers, and rousing music provided by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. Why was Cathy Fraser Collins cringing every time she put the "pedal to the floor"? If you were at the Ball you know! If not, then all I will say is that she has a "tail" to tell you!

I thank all the Social Group teachers for preparing the dancers for the Ball, and all those who took the time to attend the Branch Ball practices in the weeks prior.

I was delighted to see that this year we received support from dancers from Blair, Grimsby, St. Catharines, Calgary, Montreal, Ottawa, Buffalo, Scotland, and Tokyo.

Unfortunately, a few people who were planning to join us found themselves under the weather on the Saturday of the Ball. We all send you our best wishes and hope that you are now feeling better.

The Tartan Ball Committee, who did a wonderful job this year, appreciate the support of all who attended this year's event and those who assisted with pre-event tasks.

The 2008 Tartan Ball will be a significant event as it will occur during the Association's 50th Anniversary celebrations. Over the years, Scottish Country Dancing has given endless pleasure to the people involved, and we hope that members and friends of our Association will mark their calendars and support their fellow dancers by making an extra effort to be present at the Tartan Ball on February 16, 2008.

I look forward to seeing you all at the "Beginners' Night" March 10.

*Jan*

## The West End Workshop — March 24, 2007



Janet Johnston

Elizabeth McMahon

Steve Coombs

The West End Workshop will take place at Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School, 10750 Chinguacousy Road, Brampton on Saturday, March 24, 2007. The teachers are Janet Johnston, Elizabeth McMahon, and Steve Coombs.

**Janet Johnston** from Edinburgh, Scotland, teaches highland and country dancing. She gained her Full Certificate in 1986 and has taught at St. Andrews since 1995, where she is Deputy Director of the summer school. She was elected to the Education & Training Committee, serves on the newly-formed Teachers Association Scotland Committee, teaches regularly in Stirling, and has taught workshops throughout the UK and Europe. This will be her first trip across the Atlantic.

**Elizabeth McMahon** began Scottish Country Dance with June Shore in Hamilton. She received her Full Certificate in 1975 from Miss Milligan, taught Basic and Intermediate classes in Hamilton, and danced on the Hamilton Demonstration team. She moved to Peterborough in 1995 and teaches all levels of dance as well as being the Demonstration Coordinator for the Peterborough Demonstration Team. Teaching Scottish Country Dancing shares a social joy and contributes to a profound personal accomplishment.

**Steve Coombs** began Scottish Country Dancing in sessions at the Gaelic College in Cape Breton. He enrolled in classes conducted by Duncan and Maggie Keppie, fell in love with our art form, and has been an enthusiastic convert ever since. He teaches two weekly classes in Burlington and instructs the Toronto Association Level 2 class. His aim is to make Scottish Country Dancing fun, whether in a class or a workshop.

Music will be provided by Bobby Brown, Laird Brown and Jim Darge. Bobby and Laird will play for the tea dance.

Contact Anna Rielly, 519-927-5502; [trielly@rogers.com](mailto:trielly@rogers.com)

## Special Workshop for Teachers

On Sunday, March 25, 2007, the day after the West End Workshop, Janet Johnston will lead a workshop for *certified teachers and teacher-candidates* at Cooksville United Church, 2500 Mimososa Row, Mississauga, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. \$15 (\$13 US).

Contact: Nora Sutherland, 905-276-2602; [nora.sutherland@rogers.com](mailto:nora.sutherland@rogers.com)

## April Monthly Dance

**Date:** Saturday, April 14, 2007  
**Time:** 8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
**Place:** **Hodgson Sr. Public School** (Please note change in location.)  
**282 Davisville Ave. (Davisville & Mount Pleasant)**  
**Music:** Bobby Brown & The Scottish Accent  
**Hosts:** Fallingbrook • Erin Mills (Friday) • Midtown  
 Please note that Hodgson School has a no-nut policy.

The Isle*	8x32J	(Gr/15)
The Clansman	8x32R	(32/8)
I Canna Buckle To	8x32S	(24/7)
The Blooms of Bon Accord	4x32R	(Drewry)
Celebration Strathspey	8x32S	(43/2)
The White Heather Jig	4x40J	(Cosh)

### INTERVAL

The Gilly Flower	8x32J	(36/8)
Glasgow Country Dance	8x32M	(23/6)
The Dancers Wedding	8x32R	(41/3)
Major Ian Stewart	8x32J	(35/4)
Alltshellach	6x32S	(23/2)
The Reel of the Royal Scots*	8x32R	(Leaflet)

### EXTRAS

Haste to the Wedding	6x32J	(25/6)
Fight about the Fireside	8x32R	(1/10)

*\*Dances which will be briefed only.*

## Beginners' Night at the March Monthly Dance (Mar 10)

Members: \$20      Non-members: \$25      Spectators: \$3.25  
 Level 1 Association Class Members: \$3.25      Youth: 18-25: \$3.25  
 Children under 18 yrs: free

## Festival of Dance



*"Dance with your soul"* (Jean Milligan)

In the tradition of "Gala Day," Toronto is reviving the "Festival of Dance" for our social groups and Association classes to demonstrate a dance of their choice. All groups select and demonstrate a favourite dance using as many sets on the floor as they wish, but they must keep to one dance and fit the time limitation.

Until the 1980s, Gala Day locations were shared among Toronto, Hamilton, and London with dancers from Southern Ontario and beyond participating. Gala Day was designed to encourage dancers to dance to the best of their ability and to gain enjoyment from a well

executed dance. All levels, from beginners to advanced demonstration teams participated, providing entertainment to those who watched and encouraging dancers to aspire to higher levels.

The Festival of Dance is intended to show what each class can achieve and to kindle enthusiasm and infuse dancers with "The Spirit of the Dance." Come and join us – Scottish Country Dancing needs you. Contact Deirdre MacCuish Bark, barkd@rogers.com 905-822-1707.

**Festival of Dance • May 5, 2007 • 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at St. Leonard's Anglican Church, 25 Wanless Ave., Toronto**  
*Deirdre MacCuish Bark*

## Calvin's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

All Calvin dancers, former Calvin dancers, and associated Calvin dancers are invited to join the Calvin SCD Group as we celebrate our historic 50th anniversary with an end-of-season dance night.

**May 8, 2007**

**7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

**Calvin Presbyterian Church Hall**  
**26 Delisle Avenue, Toronto**  
**Music by Don Bartlett**

*Regular Tuesday evening admission fee*

If you plan to attend, contact one of the following:

- Douglas Smith, 416-481-8471, h.douglas.smith@sympatico.ca
- Isabelle MacPherson, 416-489-0988
- Frances Gray, 416-222-1556, n.gray@sympatico.ca
- Nancy Stokes, 416-425-2195, natisto@sympatico.ca

## Extension Class

Extension class at Eastminster begins April 12 and runs for 8 weeks. The class combines Level 1 and Level 2 and the emphasis is on dances from the 2007 Dancing in the Park programme. Cost is \$64 (GST incl.). All are welcome to attend. Eastminster Church is at 310 Danforth, 2 minutes from the Chester subway station.

## *Thank You, Stoooges*

The Teacher Candidates extend thanks to the many stoooges who dance at Broadlands each Sunday. Without you there would be no class! *The last Sunday for stoooging is April 1.*

## Errata

From the Feb. issue of *Set & Link*:

- In the learned opinion of a usually reliable source, the photograph published as *Tartan Ball 1968* was actually the 48th Highlanders' Ball of 1967.
- The Children's Festival on March 3 is now a Children's Day. All are welcome. See notice on page 4.
- The Woodglen Scottish Country Tea is on March 31, not March 1.
- The "Land of the Long White Cloud" (otherwise known as New Zealand) is correctly spelled *Aotearoa*.



## Letters to the Editor



*Margaret and Malcolm McClean are dancers formerly from Toronto, now living in New Zealand. Recently, Margaret asked if 'Set & Link' could be sent to her in New Zealand. She went on to say:*

I have a cousin close by who is a SCDancer so we have been to some dancing with her and her husband. Although it is summer, some of the dancers get together at various houses in the evening to do some dancing outside and then have coffee/tea and goodies. One of the girls I went through nursing training with is also a dancer and lives in the area, so I have been able to do some catching up with her.

We have been doing a little golfing, although I am a beginner so it takes me a long time just to play 9 holes. One of our other pastimes has been archery and we are slowly getting back into that. We have also spent some time at the beach as the weather has been great. Saturday our landlord took us out in his boat so we had fresh scallops for supper.

Hope the Ball went well and everybody enjoyed themselves.

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*Wilson Nichol, editor of 'The Reel' in London, England, wrote the following (excerpted):*

Thank you for continuing to send 'Set & Link' to the London Branch. We greatly appreciate it! We hope you are enjoying our 'Reel'.

We hope you had a great time in New Zealand although the weather in Dunedin was not up to scratch according to our son who was at the summer School too... We have visited New Zealand frequently

and danced a lot there - what a friendly lot they are!

... Congratulations from the London Branch to the Toronto Branch on reaching their 50th anniversary. This year is our 50th wedding anniversary too. We spent our honeymoon at the St Andrews Summer School. How's that for dedication!

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*Last issue we printed a picture of the Canadian flag proudly flying from Knox College, Dunedin, NZ. There was brief mention of a 'mock court'. We received a missive from a fellow Summer School participant, Lydia Hedge of Halifax:*

I'll have you know that several of us poor Canadians had to PAY for the raising of the Cdn flag!!!! At Mock Court on the Friday, we were all called up in front of the court, but only 3 of us were there. We were to be hanged for SOMEone's treasonous behaviour!!! At the last minute, we were reprieved and made to sing the NZ National Anthem instead - in English AND in Maori!!!!"

*So the real perpetrators of this Canadian coup got away 'scot free'. We apologize to Lydia, Vic, et al who had nothing to do with it!*

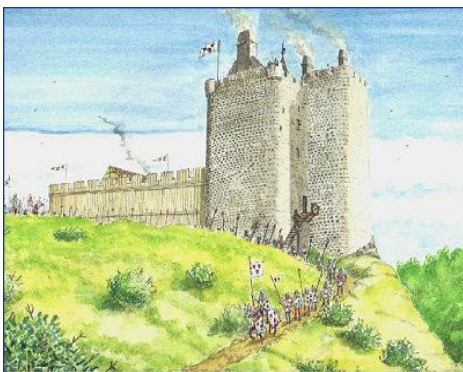


**Back row:** Ron Bell, Michael Taylor, Ken Adamson, John Holmberg, Rod Comrie

**Front row:** Barbara Taylor, Carole Bell, Evelyn Holmberg, Denise Comrie, Glenna MacDonald

## What's in a name? Neidpath Castle

As you pass through the Royal Burgh of Peebles in the Scottish Borders Region, stop by Neidpath Castle. It is 2 km out of town, overlooking the River Tweed.



As a feature of British History, Neidpath Castle is known by English schoolboys as one of the places that "Cromwell knocked about a bit!" Its history dates to the mid-1200s. It was built by Sir Simon Fraser, centuries before the eponymous Vancouver University was created. Despite Oliver Cromwell's destructive cannon-fire, the castle was rebuilt shortly thereafter. It has long been a busy tourist attraction, although still owned by a Scottish aristocrat, the Earl of Wemyss.

In 1963, a prominent Scottish Country Dance deviser, Derek Haynes, created *Neidpath Castle* as a lovely three couple strathspey (Book 22). RSCDS mourned Derek's death from cancer in 2005. Other great dances he devised include *The Clansman* and *Miss Gibson's Strathspey*.

Barry Pipes



## Be a Friendly Face

We are always looking at ways to make the Toronto Association a friendly place for all of us and particularly for newcomers and guests. One way to do that at Monthly Dances is to have a few dancers volunteer to make sure that nobody is sitting out through lack of a partner. It is intended that each volunteer only be involved for a few dances at one Monthly Dance of their choice in the year. We will include 'Be a friendly face' on the volunteer section of the 2007-8 Membership Form. Do consider signing up. In the meantime, how about trying it out informally for March and April?

Jane Robinson, Vice Chair

## Marking our 50th Anniversary

### Last Call...

*for the 50th Anniversary book:*

There's still time to submit your interesting stories, photos, and memorabilia. Contact Judy Williams, 416-924-3658, [junit@pathcom.com](mailto:junit@pathcom.com) or Jane Robinson, 416-463-5016, [janer1@sympatico.ca](mailto:janer1@sympatico.ca)

*for the 50th Anniversary cookbook:*



The submission deadline is March 10th, 2007. There are some dancers collecting recipes in classes, or bring them to the Monthly Dance. Contact: Theresa Malek 416-535-4447, [theresamalek@rogers.com](mailto:theresamalek@rogers.com) or Theresa Malek, 403 Sunnyside Ave, Toronto, M6R 2S2. The recipe form is also posted on the website, Home Page.

## 50th Anniversary Celebration and Dance

*Mark your calendar!*

**September 15, 2007**

Rameses Temple, 3100 Keele St.

**Afternoon:** Social with tea and memorabilia

**Evening:** Dance with Bobby Brown & the Scottish Accent

Tickets go on sale at the March Monthly Dance.

# Upcoming Events

## NEAR

MARCH 3, 2007. **Children's Day** at St. Joseph's S.S., 5555 Creditview Road, Mississauga. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. A \$4 donation is suggested for spectators; children are free. Encourage young dancers as they demonstrate what they've learned. Bring your dancing shoes for participation dances. Contact Colin Philip, 905-785-8983, thephilipclan@sympatico.ca



MARCH 24, 2007. **Blair Spring Ball** hosted by Blair Scottish Country Dancers, Cambridge. Music: Bobby Brown & the Scottish Accent. Cocktails at 5:00, dinner at 6:00, dancing at 8:00. Dancers \$55, non-dancers \$30. Contact Carolyn Edwards, ceds64@hotmail.com or 519-743-9215.

MARCH 31, 2007. **Woodglen Scottish Country Tea** in support of dancing youth. Join us for tea, home-baked treats and demos by young dancers from Woodglen and Rosedale. Two sittings: 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tickets \$10/person from Ron Baker, 416-286-9755.

APRIL 21, 2007. **3rd Annual Youth Ball** at Newtonbrook United Church. Dancers 11 years of age and older welcome. Music: Don Bartlett and the Scottish Heirs. \$25 per dancer. Contact Margaret Anne Hunter, 416-651-7137, hunterm@rogers.com

APRIL 28, 2007. **West Acres Group Spring Dance**, 65 Hinton Road, Etobicoke. 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Music: The Reel Thing. Cost: \$12. For programme and information contact Nora Sutherland 905-276-2602, nora.sutherland@rogers.com For tickets contact: Jim Archibald 905-792-4383

MAY 12, 2007. **West Toronto Ball** at Rameses Temple, 3100 Keele St., Toronto. Reception at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30, dancing 8:30-12:30. Music by Bobby Brown & the Scottish Accent. Dances will be briefed, but not walked. Contact Anna Rielly, 519-927-5502: trielly@rogers.com

MAY 25-27, 2007. **Scotland at Carassauga** at the Rivergrove Community Centre, Streetsville presented by A.S.T.A. Support your heritage at a wonderful weekend at Carassauga. Ongoing entertainment, Scottish food, Tartan Beer and Malt Scotch. Contacts: Margaret Shortt, 905-257-0941 & Angela Mooney, 905-821-9732.

## FAR

MARCH 30 - APRIL 1, 2007. **RSCDS Youth Spring Fling**, Oxford, England. Calling all dancers between 16 and 35, for a residential weekend course organised by young people for young people, offering SCD classes from beginners to advanced, Highland, Ladies Step and Quadrilles, with primary emphasis on having fun. Visit [www.rscds.org/springfling](http://www.rscds.org/springfling) for application.

APRIL 28, 2007. **48th Annual Montreal Ball** at Sarto-Desnouyers Community Centre, 1335 Lakeshore Rd., Dorval. Music: Laura Risk & Les Joueurs de Bon Accord. RSCDS members, \$65, non-members, \$70. Visit [www.scdmontreal.org](http://www.scdmontreal.org) or contact Don Nemiroff, 514-288-0992 ball@scdmontreal.org

JULY 6-14, 2007. **Pinewoods 2007** sponsored by SCDS Boston Branch. July 6-9, Session I. July 9-14, Session II. Information and application forms at [www.rscdsboston.org/events-pinewoods.html](http://www.rscdsboston.org/events-pinewoods.html)

JULY 22, 2007-AUG. 19, 2007. **RSCDS Summer School, St. Andrews, Scotland** For application details contact Brenda Hurst brenhurst@hotmail.com or 416-925-6982 or visit [www.rscds.org](http://www.rscds.org)

JULY 25-29, 2007, **International Scottish Country Dance School**, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS. Contact Lydia Hedge 902-827-2033.



JULY 29-AUGUST 5, 2007. **T.A.C. Summer School 2007**. Details on the T.A.C. website <http://tac-rscds.org>

SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2007. **Weekend of SCD in Tallinn, Estonia** sponsored by International Branch of RSCDS. Contact the International Branch website at: [www.rscds-ib.org](http://www.rscds-ib.org)

### For Sale

Black Montrose Jacket (men's 38) with lace jabot and cuffs. Also selection of ball gowns size 10/12. Please call Nicoll 416-439-3293.

### Remember...

- West End Workshop is March 24.
- Woodglen Scottish Country Tea is March 31. Sittings at 1:00 & 3:00.
- Monthly Dance is April 14.



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