

RSCSD St. John's Branch Winter 2014 Newsletter



Message from the Chair

Happy New Year everyone! Hope your Christmas was good and you are recovered and rested and ready for another dance season. We were lucky this fall to include a small workshop into our session.

Bill and Sue Scott obliged by including it in their trip to St. John's. The workshop itself was well attended, our afternoon "Tea Dance" was most enjoyable with Corryvreckan turning out to play for us, and to top it off Penny and Stuart Gillies graciously offered their home for an evening pot luck. Thanks to everyone.

In September we had a few new dancers join us and Kathy was able to put on a beginners class. Recently our numbers in that area have dwindled but with any luck they may rejoin us again in the future.

See you all soon.

Denise
Chair RSCDS

January 13th, 2014	First night of Monday classes
January 16th, 2014	First night of Thursday technique classes
January 18th, 2014	12th Night Social
January 25th, 2014	Burns Supper
March 15th, 2014	St. Patrick's Day Social
April 24th, 2013	Last night of Thursday classes
April 28th, 2014	Annual General Meeting and last night of Monday classes

Scottish Country Dancing and Girl Guides

Anyone who attends the technique classes at St. David's is aware that we share the space with a troupe of girl guides. Some may find it interesting that the RSCDS has developed a Scottish Country Dance challenge in partnership with Girlguiding Scotland. The following is a brief description of the early connections between the RSCDS and Girl Guiding in Scotland:

Almost 100 years ago in the 1920's Mrs Ysobel Stewart of Fasnacloich, then County Commissioner for Argyll, decided that Guides in Scotland should include Scottish country dances in their programmes. To make that possible, she wrote (in a notebook!) the Scottish dances which she had danced all her life, along with the accompanying music. In the autumn of 1923 a book of twelve Scottish country dances was published and the Scottish Country Dance Society was formed on 26th November 1923. In 1951 the title "Royal" was conferred upon the Society and since 1952, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 has been the Society Patron. Since its early beginnings, the RSCDS has evolved into a worldwide organisation, with approximately 13,000 members. It has a network of 164 Branches and 335 Affiliated Groups. Its administrative office is in Edinburgh. We are sure Mrs Stewart would be proud to know that the RSCDS and Girlguiding Scotland still have connections after 90 years.

The RSCDS have developed fourteen possible tasks and different aged girls have to complete a different number of these activities to complete the challenge. Tasks include: learning about the history of Scottish country dancing; learning and performing scottish country dances; learning the basic steps and foot positions; learning about the music used in Scottish country dancing; and even writing their own dance. This program seems to be a great way to interest new dancers in Scottish Country dance at a young age. More information is available at <http://www.rscds.org/images/stories/pdfs/3839>

Contributing to RSCDS St. John's Newsletter

If you have anything that you feel may be of interest to other dancers it would be greatly appreciated for future newsletters or if you have pictures taken at local (and non-local) events at which you have participated or attended please email Angela at acartermcauslan@mun.ca.

12th Night Social

On the 18th of January all dancers are cordially invited to an evening of social dancing. This event will take place at Wesley United Church with dancing beginning at 8pm. Live music will be provided by Corrievrecken. Please arrive in time to put on your shoes and warm up. Bring along some nibbles to share at the end of the evening. The evening's program is listed below and dance booklets are now available.

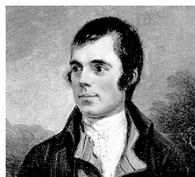
Wild Geese	32J 3C	RSCDS 24-3
Maxwell's Rant	32R 3C	RSCDS Bk. 18-10
Monymusk	32S 3C	RSCDS Bk. 11-2
Laird of Milton's Daughter	32J 3C	RSCDS Bk. 22-10
Strathcare	32S 3C	Skye Collection
Rory O'More	32J 2C	RSCDS Bk 1-9
The Sailor	32H 3C	RSCDS Bk. 24-4

Intermission

Up the Pond	32J 3C	All Around the Circle v.1 p.14
Miss Gibson's Strathspey	32S 3C	RSCDS Leaflet 10
Australian Ladies	32R 3C	Glasgow Assembly
Trip to Glasgow	32J 2C/3C set	RSCDS Leaflet 21
MacDonald of the Isles	32S 3C/3C set	Glandarroch
Reel of the Royal Scots	32R 3C	RSCDS Leaflet 7
Avalon Waltz	Circle Dance	Dance Around This One v.2

Burns' Supper

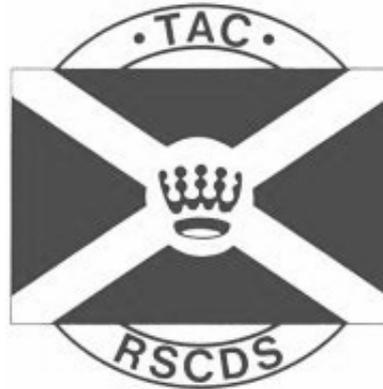
The Annual Robbie Burns' Supper hosted by the St. Andrew's Society of Newfoundland will be taking place on the 25th of January, 2013 at the Pleasantville Legion. As in previous years this event will consist of a lovely traditional roast beef dinner. The dinner will be followed by the recitation of Burn's poetry, music, and dancing. The night will be capped off by some lively ceilidh dancing to music provided by the wonderful Corrievrecken!



Tickets are available for \$50 and can be purchased from Robert MacIssac or Angela Carter-McAuslan.

TAC Summer School

This summer the Teacher's Association of Canada summer school is being held at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado from July 27th to August 3rd. Classes will be offered for dancers of all levels. Accommodations at the university will be available.



Registration opens the 1st of January and in the past there has been a discount for those who register early. More information can be found at <http://www.tac-rscds.org/summer-school> or email the summer school director at ssdirector@tac-rscds.org.

Committee of Management for 2013-2014 elected at the Annual General Meeting in April, 2013

Denise Sharpe	Chair
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