

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

The final six hour meeting of our Trillium Task Force takes place on Saturday, October 29th. Except for a few minor items that need to be tidied up by the end of December, all the requirements of the grant will have been completed and all the funds will have been spent in accordance with the conditions specified by Trillium. I won't even try to guess at the number of man/woman hours that dedicated members of your Association have spent on this project since its inception. We owe all who have been involved a vote of thanks for a job well done!

The October Monthly dance was a super evening with wonderful, live music and a dance programme that even the faint-hearted would not have found difficult to handle. However, for whatever reason, attendance was not the best. What do you think the problem is? Is it the cost of admission (see September's Set & Link) The venue? Are we competing with a favourite Saturday night TV show? Please send our Programme Director a note if you have any comments or suggestions. We have to see if there might be a solution to this problem.

The next Monthly Dance is on the 12th of November, which also happens to be the date for the Toronto Association's Workshop. If you have not yet signed up for the Workshop, I would suggest you do so ASAP. If you cannot attend the Workshop, please try and come along to the Monthly Dance (pay at the door). We need your support.

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Social Group Scoop



Calvin
Scottish
Country
Dance
Group

The Calvin Scottish Country Dance Group was formed in 1957. For several years, it was the location of the Toronto Branch Monthly Dances until the hall could no longer accommodate the numbers of dancers. The purpose of the formation of this group was to provide fellowship and activity for members of the congregation as well as the community. Margaret Burnie, Forbes Brown and Ed Mason were inspired to start the group. Isabelle MacPherson, who is also a teacher at Calvin, is one of the charter members.

The teachers in the early days were Alex McGregor, Matthew Sutherland and Coll Black. Iain Macfarlane taught for the following twenty years. Since 1980, Frances Gray has taught the group. The musicians have been Ed Brydie, Alex Jappy, Stan Hamilton, Bobby Frew, Larry Pichko, Anna Robertson, Elma Grech and Don Bartlett. Many of the Past Chairmen

and members of the executive of the Toronto Branch/Association have been members of the Calvin Group.

The Calvin Group have been kept participants in all Gala Days, demonstrations at the C.N.E. and Skydome, performed at military institutions, retirement homes and churches over the years.

On Friday, September 23, 2005, the Calvin Scottish Country Dance Group were invited to be part of the Calvin Presbyterian Church's Eightieth Anniversary of the opening of that church. The event was celebrated with a buffet dinner and ceilidh. Members of the Calvin Group danced at this event. It was a delight to be part of this celebration.

The Calvin Scottish Country Dancers have met at Calvin Presbyterian Church each Tuesday evening from September to May from the year 1957. All are welcome.

~Douglas Smith, Chairman, Calvin

**THE TORONTO ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES A
GENERAL MEETING OF ALL MEMBERS TO BE
HELD AT THE JANUARY 14TH MONTHLY DANCE**

December Monthly Dance

Date: Saturday, December 10, 2005
Time: 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Place: Crescent School
 2365 Bayview Ave
Music: Don Bartlett and The Scottish Heirs
Hosts: Don Mills, Eglinton Assembly,
 Rosedale/Woodglen Children

Please note that Crescent School has a no nut policy

Le Papillon	J 8x32	Children-2
Wedderburn's Reel	R 8x32	Graded-18
12 Coates Crescent	S 4x32	Bk 40-5
Lady Catherine Bruce's Reel	J 6x32	Graded-7
Lady Glasgow	S 8x32	MMM1-27
Petronella	R 6x32	Bk 1-1
INTERVAL		
Joie de Vivre	J 8x32*	Bk 39-2
Round Reel of Eight	R 1x88	Bk 27-7
Birks of Invermay	S 8x32	Bk 16-2
The Dhoon	J 4x32	Children-1
Sally's Fancy	S 8x32	Bk 27-6
The Flowers of Edinburgh	R 8x32	Bk 1-6
EXTRAS		
Edinburgh Castle Reel	R 8x32	Children-8
The Highland Fair	J 6x32	Graded-6

* Tartan Ball dance

Family Night

The December Monthly Dance is Family Night. The fun begins at 7:30 p.m. to accommodate younger dancers and features dances from the children's books or other dances which they may be familiar with from class. It is always a festive night, being close to Christmas. Children and youth are most welcome to join the adults, and the admission for those under 18 is free.

*A family that strathspeys together,
stays together.*

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Membership News

I hope everyone enjoyed the new magazine from Scotland. This is a benefit of last year's membership so new members will not have received one. Please let me know of any address errors so that I will have the information to send Scotland when they are ready to update.

Also, please keep the plastic name tag holders and re-use them. You should receive a new insert with the year on it along with your book and membership card.

Teachers of social groups should have received a copy of the new member package either last spring or this fall. This is a sample only. Please let me know if there is anything else you think we should include. We will try to get them out later this fall.

~ Jane Robinson,
Membership Director

Stan Hamilton— Recipient of the Scroll of Honour

Stan Hamilton was brought up in a small town called Auchencruive, near Ayr, Scotland. When Stan and Bobby Frew arrived in Canada, they joined forces with three very talented musicians called Bobby Brown, Alex Martin and Clare Nichol, to form the well-known band called "The Clansmen". Stan and his lovely wife Ann, presently live in Orangeville, Ontario.

I was delighted to be present at the Hamilton Weekend, October 14 to 16, 2005, when the London Branch presented Stan with the Scroll of Honour. The dance floor on the Saturday night was absolutely packed to capacity with those who wished to be part of the tribute to a long-time friend and great musician. (I suspect that a few "absent friends" were also present). There was so little room on the floor that some dancers must have found themselves reeling in adjoining sets!

Etienne Ozorak (The Music Makars) who had travelled from Meadville, Pennsylvania, added a third accordion and another dimension to the wonderful music provided by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. The chandeliers were shaking and the dancers were reeling, when, at one very memorable moment, the master of the keys, Stan Hamilton, teamed up with Kathleen Fraser-Collins on the keyboard. This was a very emotional and tearful moment for many of the dancers, particularly those who had fond memories of Stan's tremendous keyboard talent.

~ Ian Paterson

Social Group Updates

- Fallingbrook Friday night group has changed their start time to 7:45. The ending time will remain 10:00 p.m.
- There will not be a class at Fallingbrook on Friday, November 11th.
- Aurora's Friday morning class is now held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- St. Clement's will be one of the hosting groups at the November Monthly Dance, replacing St. Andrew's Whitby.

Upcoming Events

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. For more information, contact 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 brubakerjp1@aol.com.

DECEMBER 12, 2005, Scarborough Scottish Country Dancers dinner dance at Q-ssis Place, 3474 Kingston Road. Music by Fred Moyes. Cost \$39.00. For tickets call Margaret 416-283-4790.

DECEMBER 14, 2005, St. Andrew's of Brampton's Christmas Dance at Central Public School, Alexander St., Brampton. Cost is \$5 and programme TBA. Contact Ann Campbell 905-459-5213; acampbell@idirect.com.

DECEMBER 31, 2005, Erin Mills Hogmanay Ball 2005, Clarke Hall, Lakeshore and Mississauga Rd, Mississauga. \$65 per person. Contact Keith or Deirdre Bark 905-822-1707; barkk@rogers.com.

JANUARY 28, 2006, Highlands of Durham SCD's Burns Supper and Dance at Scugog Community & Recreation Centre, Reach Street, Port Perry. Contact Marjorie Mason 905-649-3532; mmason@bellnet.ca or Stewart Bennett 905-985-6573 or tartanshop@on.aibn.com

FEBRUARY 11, 2006, St. Catharines Valentines Dance with Fred Moyes. Contact Jere Brubaker brubakerjp1@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; mjewalton@sprint.ca.

APRIL 8, 2006, Toronto Association Children's Festival.

MAY 6, 2006, Toronto Association Youth Ball, Newtonbrook United Church.

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

JULY 29, 2006, Highlands of Durham SCD's 5th Annual White Heather Ball at Scugog Community & Recreation Centre, Reach Street, Port Perry. Special guest is Moira Kerr. Dancing to Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Contact Marjorie Mason 905-649-3532; mmason@bellnet.ca or Stewart Bennett 905-985-6573 or tartanshop@on.aibn.com

Are You Interested in Teaching SCD?

There is a new examination structure in place. The Society has made it compulsory to pass a written examination before embarking on Unit 2 Dancing and Unit 3 Teaching. Jean Noble, tutor, will assist you in preparing for the Unit 1 exam scheduled for either May or October, 2006

If you are interested in joining this class, which will be sponsored by the Toronto Association, please contact Jean Noble, 416-449-8070.

Sundays at Broadlands:

Come and have fun learning new dances!

This fall we are offering single classes at Broadlands Community Centre, 19 Castlegrove Ave., every Sunday starting October 23 until December 11 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 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.

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

November 13 Nora Sutherland will teach 'Circles, Rectangles and Triangles' to Intermediate dancers.

November 20 Ian Paterson will teach a selection of dances by Bob McMurtry to Intermediate and Advanced dancers.

November 27 Steve Coombs will teach 'From the Archives' to Intermediate dancers.

December 4 Ian MacHaffie will teach 'Scottish Dances from Six Different Countries' to Advanced dancers.

December 11 Donalda McDonald will teach Roy Goldring dances to Intermediate and Advanced dancers.

Call Carole Bell at 416-221-1201 if you have any questions.

The Dundee Wheeler

Yes! We know that there is a dance called The Dundee *Whaler*. No! This is not a misprint.

“The Dundee Wheeler” celebrates the life of Rod Nicoll, a Dundonian who, as an accomplished Scottish Country Dancer, emigrated to Canada in 1966 with his young family, and quickly became a valuable part of the RSCDS Toronto scene, both as a member of the Scarborough Social Group and as a Demonstration Dancer of note.

In his younger days in Scotland, Rod could always be found on wheels of one kind or another...for example, cycling around the Highlands. He can regale you with stories about the joys of powering his way on two wheels, up the steep and never-ending climb from Tarbet to “Rest and Be Thankful”, with other members of his cycling club on their way to “Inverary”.... and in later years, covering the same “Winding Road” on a motorcycle with wife Muriel on the back. Switching to four wheels before coming to Canada, Rod became an Inverness-based rep in the medical supply business, and successfully wheeled his way around the length and breadth of Scotland. Truth be known, at some point or another, it is likely that Rod has even tried Scottish Country Dancing on roller skates.

Regrettably, Rod is no longer physically able to dance, but he is still to be found on wheels, happily tooling his way around Scarborough managing the controls of a motorized wheelchair. His love of Scottish Country Dancing remains unabated however, and he can often be seen at a Monthly Dance or in one Social Group or another, or at the AGM, chatting with other veterans of RSCDS Toronto.

To celebrate Rod’s 70th birthday, his daughter Carole Skinner devised a 32-bar Jig called “The Dundee Wheeler” in recognition of Rod’s long and varied past. This dance has already been performed by both the Petronella (Thornhill) and Highlands of Durham Social Groups where Carole teaches.

Rod remains content in the thought that with wife Muriel, daughter Carole, and granddaughter Amanda, there are three generations of the Nicoll family still dancing as members of RSCDS Toronto.

Happy Birthday, Rod!

~Submitted by Barry Pipes



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RSDCS Toronto Workshop

Saturday, November 12, 2005
Crescent School, 2365 Bayview Ave
9:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Teachers: Ellie Briscoe, Mel Briscoe & J'ina Middleton

Musicians: Bobby Brown, Laird Brown & Fred Moyes

There are spaces available, so sign up now! Deadline November 8, 2005.

Youth are encouraged to join the adults and attend either the basic or intermediate class to learn more technique and improve their dancing. A special rate of \$28 for youth under 18 includes the workshop, lunch and Saturday Dance or \$25 for workshop and lunch.

Golf shirts will be on sale at the workshop. Please make your cheque payable to RSCDS Toronto for \$39.10 or bring exact change if paying cash.

We expect a great day of dance and look forward to seeing you there.

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don't forget...

- Deadline for December Newsletter is November 18th
- Monthly Dance November 12th
- Send in your membership forms
- Children's Workshops November 14th and 19th

EDITOR'S NOTES...

In last month's issue, the Monthly Dance program was mislabelled. My apologies for any confusion this caused.