

RSCDS SET & LINK

TORONTO ASSOCIATION

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

April has been a busy month! On April 8, at the very successful Children's Festival, it was delightful to see so many children participating, and to see how well they danced. The Youth and Children's Group teachers have to be congratulated for the standard of dancing witnessed by a large number of spectators. The event organisers, their helpers and the judges did a great job. That evening, the monthly dance was another night of wonderful dances and super music.

On April 22, we held our AGM. Prior to the dance, the Volunteer Committee and the Board held a reception for the recipients of the Toronto Association's first Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards. These awards, based on recommendations put forward by our Social Groups, recognize individuals whose efforts have supported Scottish Country Dancing in our area. Prior to the AGM, the recipients Rod Nicoll, Chris Smithers, Cathie White, David Wilson and Ishbel Thomson were presented with their certificates. At the AGM which followed, the Board presented their reports and the three previously published motions. The first motion regarding the donation of the Association's archival records was, after a short discussion, passed. The second motion to change the address of the Association's head office was passed. The third motion to automatically pass on to the members any subscription increase that may in future be decided by the Society in Scotland was passed after lengthy discussion and an explanation by the former Treasurer, Margaret Rieger.

I would once again like to thank the retiring board members for their dedication and hard work. To the new members of the Board, I extend a warm welcome.

Children's Festival 2006

By Colin & Fiona Philip, Children's Activities Convenors



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Whigmaleeries

Centre:
Oakville

Bottom:
Rosedale

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The Festival held on Saturday, April 8, was a showcase of the future dancers of the Toronto Association. Held at Crescent School in North York, there were 88 dancers from 6 Toronto Area groups who proudly demonstrated the dances they have been practicing in their weekly classes. The dancers and spectators alike were invited to participate in several social dances to emphasize the social aspect of SCD. Each team was adjudicated and de-briefed by Frances Gray and Carole Skinner, so that they could learn what they did well, and what they have to work on for next year.

As co-coordinators of the Festival, we would like to thank all who volunteered their time. Thank you to Carol Skinner, Frances Gray, Forbes and Marie Duncan, Jean Noble, David Booz, Suzanne Dubeau, Keith Bark, Rob Lockhart and everyone else who pitched in for set-up, clean-up and whatever needed to be done! Lastly, the most important people to thank are the children's teachers, the parents and the children themselves. You are



the future of SCD, and we appreciate your enthusiasm and support.

Be sure to check out the website to see more photos of the event!

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More fun at the festival .

Photos provided by
Rob Lockheart.

The awards were presented as follows:

INTERMEDIATE

Williamson Trophy for Effort in
SCD

Oakville

George C. Armstrong Trophy
– Spirit

Woodglen

Hillcrest SCD Group Award for
Teamwork

Weston

Rosedale SCD Group Award for
Excellence in Presentation

Rosedale

Malcolm MacGregor Crosby
Memorial Award (enthusiasm)

Woodglen

Elizabeth Thompson Award for
Excellence

Whigmaleeries

SENIOR

Frances Gray Award for Best
Strathspey

Rosedale

Hamish Falconer Memorial
Trophy (Spirit)

Whigmaleeries

RSCDS Toronto Association
Bobby Frew Memorial Award
for Excellence in Presentation
Emphasis on use of and keeping
time with music

Whigmaleeries

Erin Mills Group Award for
Excellence in Teamwork

Rosedale

RSCDS Toronto Association Bob
Blackie Memorial Award for
Excellence in Technique

Rosedale



Woodglen's Scottish Teas Are A Hit



On Saturday, April 1, the Woodglen Social Group raised over \$900, the bulk of it going to RSCDS Toronto Association Youth activities. How did they do it? With a lot of hard work and a lot of fun - so much that they are already thinking about their next event. The group organized an afternoon of Scottish teas at Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church, providing delicious sandwiches and homebaked goods to about 90 guests who were entertained by the dancing of Sandra Scott's and Moira Korus's children's groups.

Here is a comment from one of the guests: "I really enjoyed the Tea. I loved the decor ..the pink tablecloths with the REAL heather .. and the sandwiches and sweets were sublime. The dancing was delightful. What a treat!"

Submitted by Carole Bell

Upcoming Events

MAY 5, 2006, 7:30 p.m., South Simcoe Scottish Country Dancers' Alliston Spring Dance, at Knox Church, Alliston. Music by Fred Moyes. Tickets \$15 in advance or \$17 at the door (light supper included). Contact David Wilson 705-435-2361 or Grace Graham 705-435-3689.

MAY 5 - 7, 2006, Boston Highland Ball. Contact Joan Hill 617-868-4578 or Ron MacDougald 781-259-0883; Hillwalden@aol.com.

MAY 6, 2006, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., Toronto Association's Youth Ball, Newtonbrook United Church, 53 Cummer Ave. Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained from any of the teachers of Children's Classes or Deirdre McCuish Bark 905-822-1707; barkd@rogers.com.

MAY 6, 2006, St. Catharines Spring Dance. Music by Don Bartlett. Contact Jere Brubaker brubakerjp1@aol.com.

MAY 10, 2006, 8:00 p.m., Glenview SCD Spring Dance, Lawrence Park Community Church, 2180 Bayview Ave. Music by Fred Moyes. \$10 at the door. Contact Brenda Nunes 416-691-1764.

MAY 13, 2006, The Thistle Ball in Victoria, BC. Contact Kathryn Taylor 250-598-3490; kathryntaylorthomson@shaw.ca.

MAY 13, 2006, West Toronto Ball, Ramses Temple. Reception, dinner and dancing. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. For tickets, contact Anna Rielly 519-927-5502; t.rielly@rogers.com.

MAY 19 - 21, 2006, Pawling Weekend, Circle Lodge, Hopewell Junction, NY. Musicians are Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent and Jim Stevenson-Mathews. Teachers are Robert McOwen, MA; Elinor Vandergrift, Washington; Les Lambert, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Contact Sheila Wilson 212-849-8282 or visit www.rscdsnewyork.org.

MAY 23, 2006, 8:00 - 11:00 p.m., The Hillcrest Group's 30th Anniversary Dance at Crescent School. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Dancing 8:00 - 10:00 p.m., refreshments 10:00 - 11:00 p.m. Tickets \$25. Contact Jean Noble 416-449-8070.

MAY 26 - 28, 2006, Peterborough Scottish Country Dance Society's May Weekend Workshop, Stoney Lake. Teacher is Anne Harrison. Music by Fred Moyes. Contact Colin Campbell 705-652-3576; neoblivis@sympatico.ca or visit www.pscds-on.org.

MAY 26 - 28, 2006, 4th Annual Youth Weekend West in Victoria, BC. Cost is \$98 for accommodation and all events. Teachers are Mairi Hand, Boise, ID; Fred DeMarse, San Francisco, CA; Ruth Jappy, Delta, BC. Musicians are Muriel Johnstone, Alex Jappy, Mary Ross & UVic's Ad Hoc Ceilidh Band. Contact Frankie Chao 250-381-4756; tuba_frank@hotmail.com or visit www.youthweekendwest.com.

MAY 30 - June 27, 2006, 10:30a.m - noon. Join the Tayside Dancers every Tuesday at Westview Presbyterian Church as they rehearse the Dancing in the Park programme dances. Cost \$3.00 which includes coffee and cookies. Contact May Macfarlane 416-757-7846; maymacl@sympatico.ca.

JUNE 2, 2006, 8:00 - 10:30 p.m., Erin Mills Scottish Country Dance Group's "Remembering Betty Grant" End of Season Dance at Cooksville United Church, Mississauga. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Tickets are \$18 which includes light refreshments. See the Association website for the programme. Contact Gordon S. Hamilton 905-566-9599.

JUNE 10, 2006, Orillia Scottish Country Dance Group's Banks O' Couchiching Scottish Ball. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Tickets are \$35 including a light buffet. Contact Gary Maidlow 705-756-2067; edmund@idirect.com.

JUNE 22 - August 3, 2006, Every Thursday from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m., The Trinity SCD Group will have summer dancing in Seeley Hall. For more information, visit www3.sympatico.ca/barber.malcolmson/ or contact Paul Barber (home) 416-534-0516; (cell) 416-807-2306.

JULY 3 - 7, 2006, Haliburton Summer School at Sir Sandford Fleming College. Instructors are Maggie and Duncan Keppie, NS. Call 1-866-353-6464 or visit www.haliburtonsch oolofhearts.ca.

JULY 3 - 7, 2006, English-Scottish Pinewoods Session, Pinewoods Camp, near Plymouth, MA. Contact Marianne Taylor 603-463-7771.

JULY 16 - AUGUST 13, 2006, RSCDS Summer School at University Hall, Kennedy Gardens, St. Andrews, Scotland. Scholarship application forms are available from Brenda Hurst brenhurst@hotmail.com or by the Society's Bulletin or www.rscds.org.

JULY 29, 2006, Highlands of Durham's White Heather Ball, Scugog Community & Recreation Centre, Reach St., Port Perry. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Guest speaker is Moira Kerr. Tickets are \$60 for dinner, entertainment and dancing. Contact Marjorie Mason 905-649-3532.

AUGUST 6 - 13, 2006, T.A.C. Summer School, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON. The T.A.C. welcomes dancers from all levels from Basic to Advanced. Teachers are Ruth Jappy, Robert McOwen, and Rebecca Blackhall-Peters. Musicians are Bobby and Laird Brown, Mara Shea and Jim Stevenson-Mathews. Contact Ian or Pat Souter 905-578-0289; isouter@cogeco.ca or visit www.tac-rscds.org and click on "Summer School" to download the Brochure and Registration Form.

AUGUST 12 - 25, 2006, The Highland & Islands of Scotland Tour led by Marjorie Mason and Stewart Bennett of the Highlands of Durham Group. Contact Lorna Bates, Carlson Wagonlit Travel 905-683-8411; lbates@on.aibn.com.

OCTOBER 21, 2006, the Peterborough SCDS's 3rd annual 'Lift Lock Linkin'. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Visit www.pscds-on.org for details or contact Colin Campbell 705 652-3576. (From the Burns' glossary - 'LINKIN'- Tripping and dancing with the utmost possible activity.)

NOVEMBER 11, 2006, 9:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m., Toronto Association Annual Workshop. Teachers: John Wilkinson, Berwickshire, Scotland; Carol Howe, Grimsby, ON; Georgina Finlay, Weston, ON. Musicians: Bobby Brown, Laird Brown and Don Bartlett. Contact Theresa Malek 416-535-4447; theresamalek@rogers.com.

Creativity Wanted!

Be a part of the Communications Team!

We are looking for a Document Manager who would be responsible for producing promotional material for Association events. You will work closely with the Communications Director to design, produce and arrange the printing of flyers, pamphlets and stationery. If you have a flare for design, a keen eye for detail, can work to a deadline and are confident using a computer - you have the job! Please contact Carole Bell, Communications Director.

Tartan Ball Survey

The members of the Tartan Ball Committee ask that you take a few minutes to fill out the Tartan Ball Survey enclosed with this issue and return it to Sandra Scott. Your feedback will help them to continue to bring you the best event possible.

Social Group Teachers and Contacts

Please update your information for the 2006 - 2007 Social Group and Children's Group Listings by contacting John Clark, Membership Director.

don't forget...

- Youth Ball May 6th
- West Toronto Ball May 13th
- Deadline for June Newsletter is May 17th
- TAC Summer School

Do You Have News?

*Please send all submissions for SET & LINK and the website to our new Communications Director, Carole Bell
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Photos from the April Monthly Dance. Thank you to Rob Lockhart for submitting them, along with the picture from the Woodglen Tea.



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