

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

As I write this message, the end of May is rapidly approaching and the opening night for Dancing In The Park is only a few weeks away. Hopefully the weather will be a bit warmer by then! Although Dancing In The Park tends to remind us that the 2005/2006 dancing season is coming to an end, it also reminds us that summer must be just around the corner.

For those of you who attended the West Toronto Ball on Saturday, May 13, I am sure you will agree that the organisers of this event did a wonderful job. The music, the dances, the company and the venue made this a most enjoyable evening for all who were present. I was delighted to see many beginners in attendance and to learn that 234 people were at the Ball, including 13 youth.

Of course, dancing by no means comes to an end during the summer months. Every Thursday evening from June 22 to August 3, dance with the Trinity Group in Seeley Hall (contact Paul Barber 416-534-0516). For information about the TAC Summer School in Waterloo, August 6 to 13, visit our website or call Registrar, Marie Ziccarelli, at 716-826-2614.

This is the last newsletter until September so I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable summer. Relax, have fun, and come back rested and ready to dance when the new season begins.

Oh! Don't forget entries for the 50th Anniversary Logo Competition should be submitted to Jane Robinson by September 30, 2006.

Jane

Social Group Scoop

By Ron Baker; Photo By Rob Lockhart



The colourful folks of Woodglen at their Hallowe'en Dance.

The Woodglen Group was founded by Vi Knight in the mid 1980's at Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church. The group grew in numbers and in quality through Vi's excellent teaching. Members at that time have many fond memories of annual Burn's night programs at the Church and many demos in the community.

With the passing of Frank Knight followed quickly by Vi's declining health in the early 1990's, Vi asked the group to carry on as a committee-run social group. The founding committee (Betty Baker, Lisa Mitchell, Jim & Liz Stark) successfully responded to the challenge.

For the first few years, the group was taught by many excellent teachers including Lorna Larmour, Sheena Noble and David Booz. For the past several years, the group has continued to flourish with the teaching shared by Sandra Scott and Deirdre Bark.

A children's group was created in 2002.

Each year, from September to May, the group dances on Fridays, with monthly "pub nights" held in members' homes on the last Friday of the month. Woodglen has a tradition of welcoming beginners. A brief step and formation practice is provided each week. As well as contributing to the annual Burn's Supper, this year, we planned and held our first Hallowe'en Dance and first Scottish Tea. The members are deservedly proud of their accomplishments.

We are also proud of our members serving on the Toronto Association Executive.

As our group continues to thrive, we extend a warm welcome to all dancers to join us at any time for an evening of dancing and fun. Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church is located on Kingston Road a few blocks east of Victoria Park.

Please send all submissions for SET & LINK to the Newsletter Committee. e-mail: setandlink@rscdsoronto.org or contact the Communications Director directly.

Headquarter News

Winter School 2007

Winter School 2007 (Royal Scottish Dance Society) will take place February 22-27, 2007 at Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry, Perthshire. Application forms will be available to download from the RSCDS website on Monday, June 5. Applications will close on Friday, July 14, but will not be processed until September. Please note that applications will be handled at Headquarters only - they will not be accepted at Summer School. If you have any queries, contact Jill Henderson at Headquarters; jill.henderson@rscds.org.

Requests for Nominations for the Scroll of Honour

The Society Scroll is awarded 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. Nominations should be addressed to Brenda Hurst, Secretary of the Toronto Association, should be confidential, and should be received prior to November 1, 2006.

RSCDS Constitution Revision

Documents for consultation with Branches and members regarding proposed revisions to the RSCDS Constitution are all available to download at: <http://www.rscds.org/members/consultation-with-branches-and-members/>

Access to the web site for members is username - monymusk; password - petronella.

Volunteer Recognition Awards

Immediately prior to the AGM on April 22, Association chairman Ian Paterson presented the inaugural awards to the following five outstanding volunteers:

Rod Nicoll for his ten years as chairman of the Scarborough group, help at Dancing in the Park as well as with the decorations at the Tartan and St. Andrew's Balls

Chris Smithers for his help at Tayside, including a stint as treasurer, plus his help with the Association financial reports and Finance Committee

Cathie White for her help with regular and special events at Erin Mills, plus two years supervising monthly dances and sitting on the Association Executive

David Wilson for his key role in organizing and running the Alliston group, instilling a sense of warmth and fun there while actively supporting the volunteer work of others



Ishbel Thomson for her support of the children at Whigmaleeries, even driving dancers when parents cannot, working with her husband as treasurer and registrar of the West End Workshop and sometimes even teaching at Bloorlea (Ishbel couldn't attend on April 22, but will receive her award at a subsequent event).

Submitted By Don Large, Photo By Rob Lockhart

For several years, the RSCDS Toronto Association has hired students of teacher, Natalie Knupp-Croucher, to fold, insert into envelopes and post the monthly newsletter. We appreciate the wonderful job they do for us.



Dear RSCDS Membership,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and to introduce ourselves. We are the students of Newmarket High School's Community Class who are responsible for preparing your monthly newsletter, SET & LINK. We'd like the membership to know how much we appreciate doing the newsletter and the great things we've been able to do because of it such as: theatre productions at the Newmarket Theatre (Oliver, Beauty and the Beast, Cats,) class luncheons, (Swiss Chalet, Tim Horton's,) and field trips (Kortright Centre, ROM.) Thanks again for this wonderful opportunity and we wish everyone a safe, happy summer.

The students of Newmarket High School

Upcoming Events

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. 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 17, 2006, Kitchener- Waterloo's Crystal Ball. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Dinner 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dancing 8:00-past midnight. Tickets \$65. Contact Bob Kerr (519) 576 2378 or visit rscds.kitchener.on.ca

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.

JUNE 24, 2006, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., RSCDS New York Branch presents Summerdance XVII at the United Nations General Assembly Lobby where the New York branch has been dancing for the benefit of UNICEF since 1989. Minimum contribution of \$15 US - all proceeds go to UNICEF. Warm-up dance at 12:30 p.m. Contact Sheila Wilson 212-744-1470; info@rscdsnewyork.org or visit www.rscdsnewyork.org.

JULY 1, 2006, Canada Day Dance, 7:00 - 11:00 p.m., near Oxford, UK. Contact Ron & Carole Bell 416-221-1201 or ajbarnes@ntlworld.com.

JULY 2-7 2006, Thistle School of Scottish Country Dance, Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, North Carolina. The week at Thistle School culminates with a Highland Ball, which is part of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Teachers are Jimmie Hill, UK; John and J'ina Middleton, ON; Frances Gray, ON; Keith and Deirdre MacCuish Bark, ON; Elizabeth Lee Barnes, DC. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Contact Elizabeth Lee Barnes 202-966-3595; thistledance@starpower.net.

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.haliburtonschoolofthearts.ca.

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

JULY 19, 2006, Highlands of Durham Games 13th Annual Tartan Golf Classic at Royal Ashburn Golf Club. Contact Jim Davidson 905-985-7399 or visit www.highlandsofdurhamgames.com.

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.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2006, The Tartan Scramble at Calerin Golf Club, Erin. A fun day for the golfer and non-golfer. Check the Association web site for further details. Contact Ian Paterson 416-346-9628; ianpat@cogeco.ca.

SEPTEMBER 1-10, 2006, Scottish Country Dance Holiday in Russia with the Kuban Scottish Dancers. This young and very energetic dance group, which was started by Ilona Velichko on her return from a year working in the UK, dances in the Palace of Culture, and has appeared on Russian television and at Festivals of Scottish Music. There will be time to explore the countryside as well as share dancing expertise. Contact

Fiona Grant fiona@dancetour.co.uk; Dance Tour Ltd, 7 Maurice Road, St Andrews Park, Bristol, BS6 5BZ, UK or Ilona Velichko ilona@dancetour.co.uk

OCTOBER 21, 2006, Lunenburg NS South Shore Scottish Country Dancers Fall Workshop, Dance & Ceilidh. Teacher Duncan Keppie, NS. Music by the Macadians. All events \$70. Contact Barb Carthew 902-766-0334; hb.carthew@ns.sympatico.ca or Sue Kashanski 902-634-4616; skashanski@ns.sympatico.ca or visit www.rscdsnovascotia.ca

OCTOBER 13 - 15, 2006, Hamilton Branch Weekend 2006, Hilton Garden Inn, Niagara-on-the-Lake. Teachers are Irene Bennett, UK; Ian Paterson, ON and John Walton, ON. Music by Elma Grech and Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Contact John Dinsmore 905-945-5744; dinsmore@bserv.com or visit www.hamiltonrscds.org.

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.

NOVEMBER 3 - 5, 2006, 77th Annual Conference Weekend and AGM (November 4) for the Royal Scottish Dance Society in Aberdeen, Scotland. Contact Brenda Hurst 416-925-6982; brenhurst@hotmail.com.

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 Ann Campbell 905-459-5213; acampbell@idirect.com.

FEBRUARY 22 - 27, 2007, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's Winter School 2007, Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry, Perthshire, Scotland. Contact Jill Henderson jill.henderson@rscds.org.

JULY 25 - 29, 2007, International Scottish Country Dance School, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS. Teachers are Mary Murray, BC; Robert McOwen, MA; Joe Wallin, NS; Duncan & Maggie Keppie, NS; Merrill Huebach, NS. Music by Tullochgorum, MA and The Macadians, NS. Contact Lydia Hedge 902-827-2033.

Candidate Classes

The Toronto Association is looking at running candidate classes this winter leading up to the examinations occurring in April, 2007. The new RSCDS exam system has been fully implemented into a modular system. Anyone considering taking the teaching certificates needs to contact either the Toronto Tutor, Jean Noble, 416-449-8070, or the Communications Director, Carole Bell, 416-221-1201; carolewbell@sympatico.ca, by the middle of August. The candidates must take a written exam, which is next scheduled for October 21, but the application has to be in Edinburgh by September 9. This written exam is designed as self-study, however the tutor will help and advise. The unit 2 (Dance) and unit 3 (Teaching) are sat at the end of the course in April of next year. The second level teaching course (Units 4 and 5) will also be offered. Contact Deirdre MacCuish Bark 905-822-1707; barkd@rogers.

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.

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.

Dance Shirts!

The Toronto Association Ladies' shirts can now be ordered in the following new colours: Powder Pink, Powder Blue, Cornsilk Yellow, Sand
For more information, contact Carole Bell, Communications Director.

Bobby Brown and the members of The Scottish Accent would like to thank all who came to the launch of their new CD. Special thanks go to Carole Skinner, Barbara Taylor and the members of the Erin Mills Group who made the evening a success.

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION NEWS

Many thanks to the 20 people who submitted dances. We are working on the difficult task of choosing just one. Remember to work on those logos for September!

Also, if you have any memorabilia, please contact Isabelle MacPherson at 416-489-0988. We need material for displays and for the Booklet.



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Congratulations to SCD teacher Teresa Kowalczyk and webmaster Rob Lockhart on their marriage on May 12. We wish them much happiness in this 'marriage made in dancing'. (Teresa and Rob met while stooging for teacher-candidate classes!)

don't forget...

- Deadline for September Newsletter is **August 10th**
- TAC Summer School
- Dancing in the Park

EDITOR'S NOTES...

SO LONG, FAREWELL ... THIS IS MY LAST ISSUE. BEST WISHES TO THE NEW EDITOR.