



Branch Committee News

Reported by Tom Ward, Recording Secretary
February 2009

Events

Asilomar 2008: The final results from the 2008 Workshop at Asilomar have been totted up and presented to the Branch Committee in a very detailed report. Financially, the Workshop operated according to its budget, thanks to the diligence and expertise of Patti Cobb and her far-flung Event Committee. Comments from attendees were very positive, and our experiment in arranging for videography was conducted in line with expectations – we’re looking forward to the DVD! One of the most significant operating issues that came was the condition of the dance floors: they were very slippery for both plain and “gooped” ghillies. The Asilomar Event Committee, now under Fred DeMarse’s able leadership, will be working directly with the Asilomar management to specifically address this issue for the 2009 Workshop. The Branch Committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Patti Cobb for her excellent management of the Workshop, and offer Fred DeMarse our best wishes and encouragement in taking over the role of Event Chair.

Youth Weekend West 2009: Youth Weekend West is coming to the Bay Area May 29th to 31st, 2009, and the Event Committee has everything well in hand. Venues, dates, and schedules have all been settled, the workshop schedule and program have been finalized, and the teachers have been arranged, including Bill Zobel. Fiddlesticks & Ivory will be playing for the Tea Dance on the afternoon of Saturday the 31st at Veterans’ Memorial Hall in Oakland. The Tea Dance will be open to dancers of all ages, while the workshop will focus on the 12-to-30 age group. Flyers are circulating among the classes – mark your calendar and register to attend!

Reports

Treasurer: Louise presented an interim report on the state of Branch finances, which are in decent shape. Society dues have been paid to Scotland for 319 regular members and 20 lifetime/long-term members. There was an unexpected gap between Society dues collected from Branch members and the Branch’s payment of those dues to Scotland, because of the sudden and unforeseeable collapse in the value of the British pound sterling after dues were collected. We collected the pound-based Society dues when the pound was worth about \$2, but when time came to pay Scotland, the pound had lost about 25% of its value, reducing the amount of dollars we had to spend. After much discussion, the Branch Committee has decided to use the extra funds to support Branch Events and, if possible, reduce the costs of attendance for Branch Members.

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Notes from the Corresponding Secretary

By Donna Weidenfeller

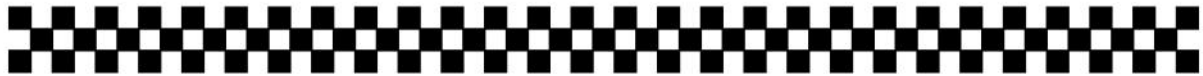
Welcome to “Homecoming Scotland 2009; an events program celebrating Scotland’s great contributions to the world. In 2009 join us to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Robert Burns’ birth, Scottish contributions to golf and whisky plus our great minds and innovation and rich culture and heritage.” This is the official advertisement for this event that will sponsor many activities this Spring and Summer. The Scottish government in partnership with VisitScotland are organizing various activities related to Scottish culture. So if you are planning a trip to Scotland check out the Homecoming website for activities that might be of interest and coincide with your trip. The RSCDS was asked to participate by sponsoring a dance and music composition contest. There were 93 dance entries and 22 tunes entered from around the world of Scottish dancers and musicians. The winning entry was chosen from a “blind” panel of judges. The winning dance was devised by Anne Thorn of Helensburgh, Scotland and will be named “The Homecoming Dance”. The selected dance will be accompanied by an original tune, “JJ’s Reel” composed by Scottish musician, George Meikle whom many of you have enjoyed his music. The performance of the dance and tune will occur at George Square in Glasgow on Burns’ Birthday, 25 January. The dance will be available on the RSCDS website starting 26 January, 2009 so check it out and hopefully some of our teachers will teach us this dance.

It’s also important to share with you a portion of the RSCDS press release, which I will quote as I could not paraphrase it better; “by way of a taster, a team of RSCDS dancers performed “The Grassmarket Reel” last month at Edinburgh’s Hogmanay celebration. The dance, which was submitted as part of the Homecoming competition, was devised by TIM

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The Santa Rosa Class

Presents

THE
BEGINNERS' BALL

To Honor the New Dancers of 2009



Music by

WILD ROSE

Saturday June 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Hermann Sons Hall

860 Western Ave. Petaluma



Monthly Parties

May Monthly Party
7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 2, 2009
San Rafael Masonic, Lootens Place at 4th Street, San Rafael
Hosts: Dunsmuir/Santa Rosa

Dance	Source	Type	Level
The Hollin Buss	24/8	32 J 2	B/I
Invercauld's Reel	11/10	32 S 3	B/I
Let's Have a Ceilidh+	Campbell/Glasgow Assem.	32 R 4	I
Cape Town Wedding	39/4	32 S 3	A
Broadford Bay+	RSCDS Lft32/3	32 R 3	I
Marian's Jig+	M.Harvey/leaflet	32 J 3	I
Staffin Harvest	4for78/3	32 S 4	I
Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	Goldring/14 for 2000	32 R 5	I/A
The Sheltered Cove+	Zadworny/Aye Afloat	32 S 2	I
The Engine Room	San Andreas coll	32 R 3	I/A
Light and Airy	4/5	32 J 3	B
The Glasgow Highlanders	2/3	32 S 2	I/A
Tarry a While+	Graded/20	32 J 2	B
The Langdon Knot	Wilson/Measures	32 S 3	I
The Reel of the 51st Division	13/10	32 R 3	B/I
+ new this month			

June Monthly Party
6:30 p.m., Saturday, June 6, 2009
First Congregational Church, 900 High Street, Santa Cruz
Hosts: Monterey/Santa Cruz

Dance	Source	Type	Level
Marian's Jig	M.Harvey/leaflet	32 J 3	I
Sandy o'er the Lea+	MMM (2)	32 S 2	B
Let's Have a Ceilidh	Campbell/Glasgow Assem.	32 R 4	I
Jimmy's Fancy+	14/11	32 S 3	B
Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	Goldring/14 for 2000	32 R 5	I/A
The Chequered Court+	42/3	32 J 3	I/A
The Sheltered Cove	Zadworny/Aye Afloat	32 S 2	I
Broadford Bay	RSCDS Lft32/3	32 R 3	I
Dreamcatcher	45/9	96 S 4Sq	A
The Reel of the 51st Division	13/10	32 R 3	B/I
The Hollin Buss	24/8	32 J 2	B/I
Cape Town Wedding	39/4	32 S 3	A
Tarry a While+	Graded/20	32 J 2	B
The Glasgow Highlanders+	2/3	32 S 2	I/A
The Montgomeries' Rant	10/1	32 R 3	I
+ new this month			

How To Get There:

San Rafael Masonic

FROM 101 N: take the "Central San Rafael" exit. Continue straight on Irwin St. and turn left onto 4th St. Turn right onto Lootens Place

FROM 101 S: take the "Central San Rafael" exit. Stay straight on Hetherton St. and turn right onto 4th St. Turn right onto Lootens Place.

The Masonic is in the middle of the block on your right. Parking is plentiful.

First Congregational Church

FROM Highway 17 S: take Highway 1 north when you get to Santa Cruz. Turn right on Highland Ave. After two blocks, turn left on High St. The church will be on your right in less than one mile. Parking is plentiful.

RSCDS-SF CALENDAR OF EVENTS • 2009

Revised 2/1/2009 • Compiled by Dotty Lieber: dottyl@cruzio.com

FEBRUARY 2009

- 7, Sa: 1-5 PM VALENTINE'S BALL REHEARSAL with live music. At Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez at 23rd St., San Francisco. Info: 415-841-9456 or linnej@spursuits.com
- 13, Fr – 15, Su: ALOHA WINTER WEEKEND, a Scottish Country Dance Weekend in Honolulu taught by Bruce Herbold and David Newitt, live music by the Humuhumunukunua'pa'a and Strathspey Society Band of SF. Info at www.RSCDSHawaii.org or call Bruce McEwan at 808-538-7707
- 18, We: 7:45 – 9:45 CUPID'S BOW PARTY (Valentine's Ball Review), sponsored by Mountain View Class, with Live Music, at Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro St., Mountain View. Contact Sue Anderson: sue_stollberg@sbcglobal.net or 650-327-0762
- 21, Sa: VALENTINE BALL, "A Highland Ball" with music by Fiddlesticks and Ivory, Social, 7 PM, Grand March, 7:30 PM, Midnight Buffet, at Scottish Rite Temple, Oakland. Info: susan@celtic-lass.com

MARCH 2009

- 7, Sa: 1 PM: BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING, in Palo Alto. Info: 707-829-9775 or jpassage@sonic.net
- 7, Sa: 7:30 PM MONTHLY PARTY at Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Campbell Class and Red Thistle Dancers hosting. Info: dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 31, Tu: CROCKETT CLASS PARTY – all invited! Live Music! At Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona St., Crockett. For information: Sandee: sandra-sue@msn.com

APRIL 2009

- 4, Sa: 1 PM: BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING, place TBD. Info: 707-829-9775 or jpassage@sonic.net
- 4, Sa: 6 PM ANNUAL CLASS MANAGERS MEETING, light supper provided, at Alameda Masonic Hall, 2312 Alameda Ave., Alameda. witken@astound.net
- 4, Sa: 7:30 PM: MONTHLY PARTY at Alameda Masonic Hall, 2312 Alameda Ave., Alameda. Lafayette, Livermore classes hosting. dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 18, Sa: CHILDRENS' BALL in Livermore, by invitation only. For more information, 925-934-6148 or dancermcadam@att.net

MAY 2009

- 2, Sa: 7:30 PM AGM AND MONTHLY PARTY at San Rafael Masonic Hall, 4th and Lootens, San Rafael Santa Rosa/ Dunsmuir hosting. dancingsands@hotmail.com

- 16, Sa: SACRAMENTO WORKSHOPS AND BALL
Workshops 10:30 and 1:30 at YLI, 1400 27th St., Sacramento, taught by Fred DeMarse. Ball Review 3 PM at YLI TRAVELERS' BALL, with Grand March 7 PM at Central United Methodist Church, 5265 H Street, Sacramento. For information: <http://rscds-sacramento.org>
- 29, Fr – 31, Su: YOUTH WEEKEND WEST – SAVE THE DATES! for ages "12 – 30 ish" in Berkeley, with workshops, Ball and Tea Dance. For more information, call 510-528-6510 or catherineberner@aol.com
- 31, Su: 2-6 PM: TEA DANCE, music by Fiddlesticks & Ivory - open to all, at Lake Merritt Dance Center, 200 Grand Ave., Oakland. Info: fred1314@sbcglobal.net

JUNE 2009

- 6, Sa: **6:30 PM Note early Start time** MONTHLY PARTY at First Congregational Church, 900 High St., Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz/Monterey Classes hosting. dancingsands@hotmail.com

A Few Words About EVENTS ELSEWHERE

by Mimi Mueller

This calendar is a listing of interesting Scottish Country Dance / Music events beyond the Bay Area and our Branch. With help and luck I hope to approach the standard set by Dotty Lieber for so long.

What events are included / not included?

Scottish Country Dancers are so active in so many places I cannot hope to cover everything, nor would you want to read through such a listing. Here are the events I try to include:

- events in which our local teachers or musicians will be participating.
- weekend workshops in the U.S and Canada
- week-long workshops or schools anywhere
- major balls and one-day workshop-&-ball events in the West, including some in the Canadian west

The list is intended to be a referral, not a reference. I will try to give enough detail so you can decide whether to go to the internet listing or otherwise seek more information, but I will try to keep it a manageable length. This list is for your convenience; most of what is here and much, much more may be found at www.intercityscot.org and the individual sources cited.

I welcome sources or information I may have missed -- just contact me at mimimueller@juno.com.

RSCDS EVENTS ELSEWHERE • 2009

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Limited information only. For more information on these and other events, try the Inter-City Scot: www.intercityscot.org/eventList.php and individual contacts noted.

FEBRUARY 2009

13-15, Fri-Sun. **Honolulu (HI) Aloha Winter Weekend**
"Kekokia" Sponsored by Hawaii, RSCDS Branch.. Fri: social 7-9 pm; Sat: class 9am-2pm, ball 5:30pm; Sun: class 10am-noon, ceilidh 5:30pm. Teachers are **Bruce Herbold & David Newitt**. Music by **Humuhumunukunukuapua'a & Strathspey Society Band**. US\$165/180. Contact Bruce McEwan 808-538-7707 bemac@hawaii.rr.com or Melissa Lindsay 808-256-3347 808-261-3311(fax) MLindsay@hawaii.rr.com.
[\[www.RSCDSHawaii.org\]](http://www.RSCDSHawaii.org)

Feb 27-Mar 1 Fri-Sun **Edmonton (AB). RSCDS Edmonton Caledonian Branch Annual Workshop and Ball** Sponsored by RSCDS Edmonton Caledonian Branch. Fri. Ceilidh 7:30pm. Sat. Classes 8:45am, Banquet & Ball 6:00pm. Sun. Social Dance 10:00am. Teachers: Ruth Jappy, Muriel Johnstone & Bill Zobel. Music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. Cdn\$120. Contact Ball Chair rscdsedmonton@live.com. [\[www.rscdsEdmonton.org\]](http://www.rscdsEdmonton.org)

MARCH 2009

14 Sat. **Portland (OR) 30th Annual Workshop and Ball**, Portland, OR. Sponsored by Portland Oregon Branch, RSCDS. Teachers: Marjorie McLaughlin, Bill Zobel. Music: Muriel Johnstone and Calum MacKinnon. Contact Debbie McRobert 503-620-3034 mdmcrub@verizon.net or www.portlandscottishdancers.org

14 Sat. **Redding (CA) SCD Workshop**. Morning/afternoon workshop. Teacher: **Ron Wallace**. Live music. Contact Margaret Schlobohm margaret37@frontiernet.net

20-21 Fri-Sat, **Cocoa Beach (FL) Space Coast 26th Annual Spring Fling**. Sponsored by Space Coast and Brevard Scottish Country Dancers. Teacher: June Templeman (Pitlochry, Scotland). Music by John Stuart (Pitlochry, Scotland).. US\$45 Contact James Kutzner .321-255-2756 jkutzner@earthlink.net.

27-29 Fri-Sun **Victoria (BC) 33rd Annual Workshop and Ball Weekend**. Sponsored by Vancouver Island SCDS. Fri: Ceilidh 7pm; Sat: classes 9-3pm, Ball 7-10:30pm; Sun: Social 9:30am-12:45pm. Teachers: Rebecca Blackhall-Peters & Patrick Fly. Music by Julie Smith (trio) & Mary Ross. Cdn\$145. Contact Jill Leslie (Registrar) 250-391-3908 jleslie@uoguelph.ca. [\[www.viscds.ca/springball.html\]](http://www.viscds.ca/springball.html)

APRIL 2009

Fri-Sun, April 3-5 **Lethbridge (AB) Lethbridge Scottish Country Dance Club Dance & Music Workshops & Ball** Sponsored by Lethbridge Scottish Country Dance Club. Dance teachers: David Booz (Toronto), Elinor Vandegrift (Seattle) & Susan Wood (Nashville). Music teacher: Muriel Johnstone. Music by Muriel Johnstone, Jim Lindsay, Ron Krug & Ken Natrass..

Cdn\$99. Brochure and Registration form at web site. Contact Fiona Miller 403-329 3582 fiostirlingmiller@yahoo.ca or Gail Michener 403-732 4630 michener@uleth.ca.
[\[www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org/Workshop.html\]](http://www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org/Workshop.html)

17-19 Fri-Sun, **Kensington (MD) A Capital Weekend**. Sponsored by Washington DC Branch of the RSCDS. Teacher: Marjorie McLaughlin. Welcome Dance music by Waverley Station, Saturday music by The Music Makars.. Students half price for all events. Contact Pam Stephens (Chair) 301-587-2687 pamvictor@verizon.net or Jenn Mayrovitz (Registrar) 410-381-3948 jmayrovitz@verizon.net.
[\[www.capitalweekend.org\]](http://www.capitalweekend.org)

24, 25, 26 Fri, Sat, Sun **SF Scottish Fiddlers Concerts**. 24th at Holy Names, Oakland; 25th at Sherwood Hall, Salinas; 26th at Lincoln Theater, Yountville www.sfcottishfiddlers.org

MAY 2009

16 Sat **East Sacramento, CA Sacramento Spring Workshop and Travellers Ball**. Workshops Sat.10:30-12, 1:30-3, Ball review 3 PM, Ball 7 PM. Workshop teacher **Fred DeMarse**. Music by Thistle Glen..Ball, workshops, & supper \$55, Student \$40, Ball & supper only \$40, Workshops only \$40, Spectator & supper \$15. Prices higer after 4/1/09 and at door; see website for details. ContactPeggy Hamilton 209-956-6676.www.rscds-sacramento.org

15-17 Fri-Sun, May **Hopewell Junction (NY) New York "Pawling" Weekend**. Sponsored by RSCDS New York Branch. Teachers: Eric Finley, Pat Coyle & Terry Harvey. Music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. Details will be posted on the website. Contact Sheila Wilson 212-849-8282.
[\[www.rscdsnewyork.org\]](http://www.rscdsnewyork.org)

JUNE 2009

12-14 Fri-Sun, **Salt Spring Island (BC) Simply Scottish on Salt Spring Island** Teachers: Jean Dodds, Simon Scott & Bill Zobel. Musicians: Muriel Johnstone, Calum MacKinnon & Mary Ross. The Harbour House [\[www.SaltSpringHarbourHouse.com\]](http://www.SaltSpringHarbourHouse.com) is the host hotel and along with Seabreeze Inn [\[www.SeabreezeInns.com\]](http://www.SeabreezeInns.com)and Salt Spring Inn [\[www.SaltSpringInn.com\]](http://www.SaltSpringInn.com)will hold rooms until **1 April 2009**. Other accommodation information can be found at [\[www.SaltSpringIsland.org\]](http://www.SaltSpringIsland.org) or [\[www.SaltSpringTourism.com\]](http://www.SaltSpringTourism.com). Registration forms available from Rita Robertson, 2121-135 Brinkworthy Rd, Salt Spring Island, V8K 1S3, BC. Contact Rita Robertson (Registrar) struan2@telus.net. [\[www.SaltSpringScottishDancers.org\]](http://www.SaltSpringScottishDancers.org)

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27-28 Sat-Sun, **Truckee Workshop, Dance Party, & Hike.**
Truckee, CA. Teacher: Terry Harvey (Delaware Valley
Branch). Contact Dave Wilson allenortep@gmail.com

JULY 2009

July 19–Aug 16 4 one-week sessions. **RSCDS Summer
School** University Hall, St. Andrews, Scotland
www.rscds.org Application & deposit due there by **Feb.1,
2009**

3 -5 Fri-Sun **Geneva (Switzerland) SCD Kaleidoscope** . Fri:
registration 2pm, reception 5pm, dinner 6pm, networking
8pm; Sat: classes 9am-5pm; dance 8pm; Sun: classes 9am-
5pm. SCD Kaleidoscope is a new type of worldwide event
for Scottish Country Dancing enthusiasts. It consists of
presentations, discussions, a sales exhibition, dancing, and
time for informal networking with dancers, teachers and
musicians from around the world. €55 conference; €255 per
person accommodation and meals (with wine) in a twin
room. Contact (SCD Kaleidoscope Organizing Committee)
scd.kaleidoscope1@yahoo.com.
[scdkaleidoscope1.strathspey.org]

July 26 – Aug. 2 Sun-Sat **TAC Summer School** Shawnigan
Lake, BC. Musicians Muriel Johnstone and Jim Lindsay
(Sat. night ball) plus **Deby Grosjean** and **Lisa Scott**. See
TAC website and click on Summer School for details and
registration form. www.tac-rscded.org (**Apr 1 deadline for
Scholarship** Fund application.)

AUGUST 2009

Scottish Dance Week in the Czech Republic. Sponsored by
Dvorana Dance. Teacher: **Ron Wallace**. Musicians:
Gary Thomas, Micah Reinhold. 8-14 Sat-Fri. **Pra-
gue** Dance lessons. 14-19 Sat-Wed. **Domazlice**. Festi-
val. **Dunsmuir Dancers** participating. For more informa-
tion see SF Branch website rscds-sf.org or
dvorana@dvorana.cz

SEPTEMBER 2009

_18-20 Fri-Sun **Santa Fe (NM) New Mexico RSCDS
Branch Scottish Country Dance Workshop and Ball.**
Sponsored by New Mexico, RSCDS Branch Fri: concert;
Sat: classes & [Dancing Proficiency Assessments](#), Ball;
Sun: classes. Teachers: Elinor Vandegrift & Bill Zobel.
Music by Muriel Johnstone & Keith Smith. Contact Ei-
leen Green 505-672-9763 eileen_green@cybermesa.com.

Scottish Week in Prague

By Gary Thomas

If you have visited our Branch website recently, you will find a link to Dvorana, a folk dance company from the Czech Republic, that is once again sponsoring a Scottish Dance week with teacher Ron Wallace and music by Gary Thomas and Micah Reinhold. There is also a touring week during which the Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers will be performing at the Domazlice Festival. In 2005, Dunsmuir performed in Klatovy to the delight and surprise of many, many European dance companies and the visitors to the festival. Following is an article written by Kathy Faherty of the Santa Rosa Class who attended the workshop week...

Three dancers from the Santa Rosa classes joined Ron Wallace, Gary Thomas and the Dunsmuir Dancers for the last stop on their summer tour. Kathy Faherty, Edmond Bridant and Sheila Madden-Bridant flew to Prague in time for the Dvorana Scottish Country Dance week (July 9-16), which consisted of daily lessons, and tours, performances and outings that gave us all a taste of the Czech Republic.

Hosts and organizers Jitka, Katka, Anna and Jan shepherded the group of dancers from Great Britain, Australia, Holland, Canada, Austria, Monaco and the USA through tours of the city, bus and boat trips to visit castles and the glass factory, and a memorable day at Jitka's family farm, where her father-in-law taught Czech dancing. "In dancing man must lead; in home - woman!"

The entertainments were many and varied. We laughed through thunder and lightning as we huddled for nearly an hour under stone arches during our tour of the Hrad Praha (Prague Castle).

Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the noontday sun
But touring Scottish dancers
Think rain and hail are fun

The next day we slogged through a muddy park and gate to see a star-shaped hunting lodge where we were entertained by one of the most amazing vocal groups we had ever heard, followed by a tram ride to see a Laurel and Hardy film. One evening, we were treated to stunning performances by the Dunsmuir Dancers and the local Czech-Scottish Dancers. You haven't lived until you have seen the "Reel of the 51st" performed by 10 kilted Eastern European men wearing combat boots!

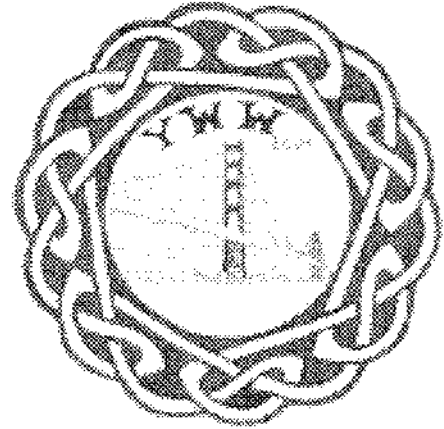
The meals were tasty and served as the backdrop for getting to know dancers from all over the world. We learned how to say "dumplings" in a few different languages! As the hotel was "bed and breakfast" we found ourselves eating with both strangers and friends, and laughing about beds as hard as box-springs, and showers that drifted from scalding to freezing without any warning. On our own for meals, we discovered excellent Czech beer at amazingly low prices.

All in all, we came away from the week vowing to spend more time in the Czech Republic. We were fortunate to have hosts who took us beyond the central, easy-to-find tourist centers, and introduced us to the real people of the country. And if we didn't have time to develop even a conversational mastery of the language, we learned the phonetic pronunciation of important phrases: "de-que-yem" (please), "pros-seem" (thank you) and "dor-cha-ne-pivo" (draft beer)!

YOUTH WEEKEND WEST

youthweekendwest.com

in association with the RSCDS-San Francisco Branch
presents



A Tea Dance

Celebrate the continuity of Scottish Country Dancing by
joining young people from around the US & Canada!!

Sunday, May 31, 2009 2:00 – 6:00
Lake Merritt Dance Center/Oakland Veterans' Hall
200 Grand Ave, Oakland California

Music by Fiddlesticks & Ivory

Pelorus Jack	32J3 Bk 41-1	Festival Interceltique	40R single circle w/partner
Silver Tassie	32S3 Drewry (RSCDS Leaflet)		RSCDS Leaflet 2008
Catch the Wind	32H3 Bk 45-5	Minister on the Loch	32S3 Goldring –
1314	64S/64R square set John Drewry		24 Graded & Social
Fair Jenny's Jig	32J3 Wallace (From the Redwood Forest)	Postie's Jig	32J4 Roy Clowes Ormskirk Bk. 5
Seann Truibhas Willichan	32S2 Bk 27-9	Pinewoods Reel	32R3 The Yankee Sampler
Reel of the 51st Division	32R3 Bk. 13-10	Blue Bonnets	32J2 Bk. 3-5
		Balquidder Strathspey	32S3 Bk.24-2
		De'il Amang the Tailors	32R3 Bk.14-7

Waltz

Polka out the door to tea!

Tickets (includes tea after the dance): \$ 25 adults/\$12 youth (14 & under)
\$ 30 adults/\$12 youth (14 & under) after May 15th
\$ 9 spectators (includes tea)

This event is part of Youth Weekend West. Started in 2003 by a group of young dancers in British Columbia, Youth Weekend West is a dance program that engages youth from all over North America in a fun and intensive weekend of Scottish dance and technique, with a Ceilidh and an elaborate dance for dancers to try out their new knowledge.

(please see other side for contact info, directions and ticket order form)

Information:

Fred DeMarse	(510) 522 3013	fred1314@sbcglobal.net
Kathleen McAdam	(925) 934 6148	dancermcadam@att.net
Mary McQuilliams	(415) 716 7999	boldmary@aol.com

Directions to the Lake Merritt Dance Center/Oakland Veteran's Hall:

BART: Exit at 19th Street/ Oakland Station

From San Francisco: Take 80 Bay bridge to 580 Hayward, exit 580 at Harrison Street, turning right onto Harrison Street, turn left onto Bay/27th, turn right into the parking lot

From North Bay: Take 80 Bay bridge to 580Hayward, exit 580 at Harrison Street, turning right onto Harrison Street, turn left onto Bay/27th, turn right into the parking lot

From South Bay: Take 880 North to 238 to 580 Oakland, exit 580 at Harrison Street, turning left onto Harrison Street, turn left onto Bay/27th, turn right into the parking lot

Tickets (includes tea after the dance): \$25 adults/\$12 youth (14 & under)
 \$30 adults/\$12 youth (14 & under) after May 15th
 \$ 9 spectators (includes tea)

TICKET ORDER FORM

Please make check payable to RSCDS – SF Branch
 Mail form & check to Mary McQuilliams, 36 E. Pier, Sausalito, CA 94965
 Tickets will be held at the door

Name(s):	Adult/Youth	Amount

Total: _____

email and/or phone # in case we need to contact you: _____

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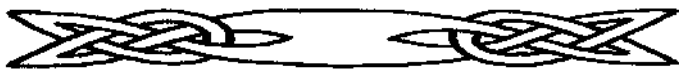
Corresponding: The Society Management Board has hired a new Executive Officer, Elizabeth Foster, and she has now taken up her post. The Management Board has committed to a nearly-balanced budgetary outcome, excluding unplanned items, to within £10,000. A more formal budgeting process has been adopted by the Society, and the expectation is that there will be no surprises in the financial execution of routine Society Events and activities. The Management Board has committed to enhanced communications with the Branches, starting with attendance of Society leadership at the Regional Conference co-scheduled with the New Zealand Summer School.

Membership Committee: The Membership Committee will be meeting this spring, once the final minutes of the Society's AGM have been published, to review our existing membership categories and structure. Their goal will be to recommend ways to make Branch membership categories compatible with the Society's new Youth, Young Adult, and Adult Joint categories.

Other Items

Branch Committee Membership: We are actively seeking volunteers to serve on the Branch Committee. We'll be attempting to fill at least two vacancies through the election at the Annual General Meeting in May. At the moment, the Branch is "humming along" pretty well – finances are sound, Events are being well-managed, dance classes are well-attended, and we're all still having fun dancing – the most important part! As such, this is a pretty good time to "get your feet wet" in Branch management. If you can spare eight Saturday afternoons a year for the sake of the Branch, please contact anyone currently on the Branch Committee – we'd be glad to have you On Board!

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Branch Committee will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 7, 2009, in Palo Alto. Those interested in participating in setting the course for the Branch's future are invited to attend.



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WILSON of San Francisco" Congratulations Tim!! As far as I know your dance was the only other acknowledged so guess that places you as a "runner up"!! Tim's dance is great fun; check it out!! and dance it sometime!

Elizabeth Wright, now in France, sent out a correction to the BANDW website..www.bayareandw.org. Hopefully Scottish dancers will participate in this fun Bay Area dance event. Speaking of Elizabeth, she is enjoying her life in France. Luckily we both have Skype so we can have conversations rather than just email.

Finally, a quick reminder to make plans to attend the Valentine's Ball February 21st. Here's another great opportunity to dance to the fabulous music of "Fiddlesticks and Ivory".

"Dance, then, wherever you may be..."

Beginner's Ball 2009

by Sandra Craig

I hope you haven't made plans yet for June 20, 2009. This is the date of this year's annual Beginner's Ball in Petaluma. The Ball is hosted by the Santa Rosa Class and is touted by some as "my favorite dance of the year".

As usual, there will be a wonderful program, with music by Wild Rose. It will be a beginner friendly program, which will be danced in the lovely Hermann Sons Hall. The Ball is a good place to take part in the elegance and grace of Scottish Country Dancing, in a festive, relaxed setting, with the emphasis on having a good time, meeting new people and greeting old friends.

Tickets are the same prices as last year, \$25.00 for adults and \$10 for those 16 and under. Register early, as the cost is a little higher after June 13th. Petaluma is forty miles north of San Francisco, in the wine country. You might want to stay over Saturday night and do some wine tasting, hiking or antique hunting. We can help you find a place to stay, including, hospitality with local dancers.

There should be flyers on the brochure table at the next monthly party, at your local dance class or on the branch Web site. For more information, contact Sandra Craig by phone at 707-542-4503 or email at sandracraig47@yahoo.com.

We hope to see you there!



VOLUNTEERS

Cheers to all our volunteers, those listed below, other committee members, our class managers, and other helpers not listed. Your commitment, effort, and time given to Scottish Country Dancing in the Bay Area is invaluable! Thank you.

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SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLASSES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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The symbol, "&", indicates that classes meet in separate rooms at the same location. . SEND CHANGES TO SUSIE BY MARCH 28

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH CLASSES

Berkeley

MONDAYS: **Intermediate Technique:** 8pm; St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 2837 Claremont Blvd. at Russell near Ashby. Call Lynn Sande 510-332-4530. Teacher: Bruce Herbold.

FRIDAYS: **Basic:** 8pm; Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar at Walnut. **Intermediates:** 8:10pm; All Souls Episcopal Parish, 2220 Cedar at Spruce. Call Jane Samuelson 707-746-0810 or Irene Harrison 510-527-9097. Teachers: David Newitt, Sandee Schultz, Fred DeMarse, Linda Henderson. • **Youth: Intermediate:** 6:30pm; **Beginners:** 7:15pm; All Souls Episcopal Parish. **Advanced:** 7:15 pm Grace North Church. Teachers: Mary McQuilliams, Dwayne McQuilliams, Christopher Berner. Call Mary McQuilliams, 415-716-7999.

Campbell Class (in San Jose)

FRIDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:15pm; **Intermediates:** 8:30pm; The Dance Affair, 850 N. Winchester Blvd, at Pruneridge/Hedding. Call Rebecca Davis, 408-378-3817, or Kathy Allen, 408 252-8406. Teachers: Rebecca Davis, Kathy Allen, Armin Busse.

Crockett

TUESDAYS: **Beginners:** 7pm; **Intermediates:** 8pm; Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona Street. Call Lori Howard, 925-934-1928, or Sandee Schultz, 510-549-9224, teachers.

Lafayette Class (In Walnut Creek)

THURSDAYS: **Beginners & Intermediates:** 8pm. Teachers: Eugene Bissell, Kathleen McAdam, Cathy Bertics, Linda Henderson. Call Witsie McKelvy 925-676-3637. **Youth** (7 yrs. & up) (3 Levels): 5pm; Call Kathleen McAdam 925-934-6148. Teachers: Kathleen McAdam, Cathy Bertics. All Classes meet at St. Stephens Parish Hall, 1101 Keaveny Court, Walnut Creek.

Livermore

MONDAYS: **Beginners & Intermediates:** 8pm; Veterans Hall, 522 South L Street.

FRIDAYS: **Family & Youth Class: Beginners:** 7pm, **Intermediates:** 8pm; Valley School of Dance Theatre, 2247 Suite B Second Street. Teachers: Sheena MacQueen, Don MacQueen. Call Margaret Ward 449-5932.

Monterey

MONDAYS: **Beginners:** 6:30pm; **Experienced:** 7:30pm; Monterey Senior Center, 280 Dickman at Lighthouse. Call Kathy Wendell or Kim Jorgensen 831-663-3227. Teacher: Sara Gratiot.

Mountain View

WEDNESDAYS: **Basic Skills & Experienced:** 7:45pm; Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro St. Call Michelle Cale 650-327-4402 or Sue Anderson 650-327-0762. Teachers: , Armin Busse, Jo Hamilton, Paula Jacobson, Lin Pettengill, Alan Twhigg

San Francisco

THURSDAYS: **Beginners & Experienced;** Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. at 23rd St. Call Linnea Johnson 415-841-9456. Teachers: Tim Wilson, Trina Merriman, Bruce Herbold.

SUNDAYS: **Youth** (7.5 yrs. & up): **Beginners:** 4:30pm **Experienced:** 5:15pm; Richmond District YMCA, 360 18th Ave. Call Susie Langdon Kass, teacher, 415-333-9372.

San Jose

MONDAYS: **Beginners/Experienced:** 7:30pm: American Legion Hall, 1504 Minnesota Ave. Call Sparky Gregory 408-257-2294 or Jonathan Lovell 408-924-4437. Teachers: Marianna Harvey, Bob McMurtry, Kathy Allen.

Santa Cruz

WEDNESDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:30pm, **Experienced:** 8:30pm; First Congregational Church, 900 High St. Call Karen MacQuarrie 831-247-0544. Teachers: Juliet Davoren, Sara Gratiot, Paula Jacobson.

THURSDAYS: **Youth:** 3:30pm; Branciforte Small Schools Campus, 840 N. Branciforte Ave. Call Lynn Rollins 831-440-9239 or Paula Jacobson, teacher, 831-688-8295.

Santa Rosa

Jan 5—New Class Location!

MONDAYS: **Beginners & Intermediates/Advanced:** 7pm; Monroe Hall, 1400 West College Ave. Call Mark Satterland 707-823-4800. Teachers: Gary Thomas, Ron Wallace, Emily Evans.

WEDNESDAYS: **Youth:** 10:15am; Monroe Hall, 1400 West College Ave. Call Ron Wallace, teacher, 707-795-2185.

SUNDAYS (2x/month): **Vintage Dance** (Mazurkas, Waltzes, Polkas, Quadrilles): 1:30pm; Monroe Hall. Call Gary Thomas, teacher, 707-795-2185 for dates.

South Bay Youth Class

MONDAYS: 3:45pm; Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1715 Grant Road, Los Altos. Call Michelle Cale 650-327-4402. Teachers: Jo Hamilton, Kathy Allen, Juliet Davoren

PERFORMANCE TEAMS

Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers

TUESDAYS: **Advanced** (by invitation only), 7:30pm, San Pablo. Call Shari Salis, 510-558-8644, or Ron Wallace, director, 707-795-2185.

New World Scottish Dancers

THURSDAYS: **Advanced** (by invitation only): 8pm; Pleasant Hill. Call Lori Howard, director, 925-934-1928.

Red Thistle Dancers

THURSDAYS: **Advanced** (by invitation only), 8pm, Palo Alto. Call Jennifer Kelly, director, 650-327-1350.

Santa Rosa Scottish Dancers

FRIDAYS: **Advanced** (by invitation only), 7pm, Cotati. Call Gary Thomas, director, 707-795-2185.

SACRAMENTO BRANCH CLASSES

Sacramento

FRIDAYS: **Adult/Family: Basic:** 7:30pm; **Intermediate/Advanced:** 8:15pm. Call Martha McCorkell 916-362-8813. Teachers: Peggy Hamilton, Sandra Kesler.

SATURDAYS: **Youth classes** (8-18 years): **Children K-6:** 9am; **Teens & Continuing:** 10am; **Advanced/Technique** 11am; • 1st & 3rd SATURDAYS: **Ladies & Twosome** 12:30pm. Call Lynne Lockwood, teacher, 916-716-3696. • All classes: YLI Clubhouse, 1400 27th St. **PERFORMANCE TEAMS: Glen Mohr:** Contact Peggy Hamilton, director, 209-956-6676; **White Heather Dancers:** Contact Lynne Lockwood, director, 916-716-3698

OTHER CLASSES

Arcata (Humboldt Scottish Dancers)

FRIDAYS: **Experienced Social:** 4pm. Arcata Presbyterian Church, 11th & G Streets. Call Ann McClary, teacher, 707-

822-2219, or Helen MacPherson 707-822-3056. Beginners: anytime.

Grass Valley

MONDAYS: **Beginners/Experienced:** 7pm. Call Ed Johnston, teacher, 530-622-1519, or Jean Hoy 530-265-9714. **Beginners:** anytime.

Mill Valley

FRIDAYS: **Beginners:** 7pm; **Experienced Social:** 8:15pm; Almonte Hall, Wisteria Way at Almonte. Call Mike Hird 415-884-2716. Teacher: Marghie Goff.

Rancho Cordova

TUESDAYS: **Beginners/Experienced:** 7:30pm. Call Ed Johnston, teacher, 530-622-1519, or Rec. & Park District 916-362-1841. **Beginners:** anytime.

Redding

THURSDAYS: **Beginners:** 6:30pm; **Experienced:** 7pm. Call Margaret Anne Schlobohm, teacher, 530-472-1154. **Beginners:** anytime.

Reno, Nevada (Silver State Dancers)

WEDNESDAYS: **Call to confirm. New Dancers:** 7:15pm **Basic/Experienced:** 7:30pm. Fascinating Rhythm Dance Studio, 9736 So. Virginia St. Unit E. Call Marian Stroh, teacher, 775-825-1224 or Debbie Dahlstrom 775-324-1999. THURSDAYS: **Intermediate/Advanced:** 7:30pm; Nevada Dance Academy, 1790 W. 4th. Call Dave Wilson, teacher, 775-825-6867.

San Luis Obispo

THURSDAYS: **Beginners/Intermediates:** 7pm; Call (805) 528-8280, or (805) 466-4631 Barry Lewis, teacher. See www.ccsdancers.com

STEP DANCING CLASSES

Atherton/Menlo Park

TUESDAYS: **Intermediates:** 7pm; **Beginners:** 8:15pm. THURSDAYS: **Experienced:** 8pm. Call Jo Hamilton, teacher, 650-328-0474.

Berkeley

2nd SUNDAYS: Cape Breton Step: **Beginners:** 1pm; **Experienced:** 2pm. Ashkenaz Dance Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Call Gail Erwin or Bob Schultheisz, teachers, 209-745-9063.

Cotati (Santa Rosa)

THURSDAYS: **Hard Shoe:** 7pm; **Ladies' Step:** 8pm. Call Ron Wallace 707-795-2185.

Galt (south of Sacramento)

Third SUNDAYS: Cape Breton Step: **Beginners & Intermediates:** 1-5 pm. Call 209-745-9063 for directions. Gail Erwin & Bob Schultheisz, teachers.

Pleasant Hill

THURSDAYS: **Beginners:** 6pm; **Intermediate/Advanced:** 7pm. Call Lori Howard, teacher, 925-934-1928.

Sacramento

New Class!

WEDNESDAYS: Cape Breton Step: **Beginner and Experienced:** 5:30pm. Sierra 2 Community Center, 2791 24th St. Call Gail Erwin or Bob Schultheisz, teachers, 209-745-9063

San Pablo

WEDNESDAYS: **Beginners:** 7pm; **Experienced Step** (with permission): 8pm; **Experienced Cape Breton** (with permission): 8:45pm; San Pablo Sportsmen's Club, 5220 Glen Ave. Call Ron Wallace, teacher, 707-795-2185.

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