



Thoughts from the Chair

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My thoughts will be brief this issue, as if I didn't have enough to say in other articles that I submitted for this issue.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many donors who gave so generously to the stage fund. My hopes were to raise about half of the cost of the new stage but we greatly exceeded my expectations. \$13,400 was raised. The cost of the stage is about \$7000 and the trailer will be about \$6,500. A canopy is also being put together and should be at the Campbell Games and will cost less than \$2,000. The stages bring in about \$2,600 annually, though this year; the stage will also be used at the Sebastopol Celtic Festival bringing this year's revenues over \$3,000. The expenses for the new stages, assuming that little maintenance will be required on them for a few years, normally comes to about \$1,000 per year. This year's expenses will be a little higher because we had to rent a truck to transport the stage to the Livermore Games.

The following is the list of donors:

12 Panels

The San Jose Class

8 Panels

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4 Panels

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2 Panels

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Members of the Berkeley Classes

The Red Thistle Dancers

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1 Panel

New World Scottish Dancers

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The Livermore Class

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Larry Wakeman

Sid Kass and Susie Langdon Kass

The Santa Rosa Class

Branch Participation in Bay Area National Dance Week 2007

Submitted by Elizabeth Wright,

Coordinator of RSCDS-SF participation in BANDW 2007

Scottish dancing was featured in this year's Bay Area National Dance week in a number of ways:

- * One of Lori Howard's photos of a monthly party appeared in the BANDW 2007 Events Guide, with the indication Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, and the dates of our events – 4/22, 4/24 and 4/26.
- * The April 2007 issue of *Lafayette Today* ran a 2-page article with color photos and an interview with Kathleen McAdam, advertising the free April 26 class and the regular ongoing classes
- * 10 of the Branch dancers – Bruce Herbold, Cameron McDonald, Dotty Lieber, Elizabeth Wright, Joyce Bosc, Patti Cobb, Peter Radcliff, Roberta Poritsky, Sid Kass and Susie Langdon Kass – donned Scottish attire and did some Scottish steps in the Kick-off Conga Line around Union Square in San Francisco at noon on Friday April 20. We talked to press and bystanders, and were photographed and videoed.
- * On Sunday April 22, 10 new dancers showed up for Susie Langdon Kass' Youth and Adult Class at the San Francisco Richmond District YMCA. On Thursday April 26, the Branch had 3 events: 13-15 new adults, and 4-6 new children attended the Lafayette Scottish Fling, and a handful of adults continued in the new beginners' class started after the event; The New World Scottish Dancers gained 2 new beginners in the Basic Step Class; and 17 new dancers attended the San Francisco Class' Welcome to Scottish Country Dance, 3 of whom came back for a new beginners' class the following week.

Many thanks to all who participated, and to the Branch Committee for sponsoring these events!

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“Briefing At Major Events” Follow Up Preference Poll Results

by Larry Wakeman

This is a report of the results of the latest “Briefings at Major Events” preference poll. This was a poll of your preferences with regards to having dances briefed at Balls to gauge any change of opinion about the subject and to allow all interested members to express their opinion. These results have been made available to ball committees and are now being presented to the general membership through the Reel and Strathspeyper.

There were 182 responses to this poll, up from the 156 responses to the last poll in 2002, which was a decrease from the 184 responses from the first poll. This can be attributed to the fact that the poll was included with a poll on another issue that members wanted to comment on.

The following is a recap of the results of the prior polls. A full detail of the poll results can be found in the September 2002 edition of the Reel and Strathspeyper. This is available on the Branch Web Site.

In both Polls, the support was strongly for Reminder Briefings. Almost two thirds of the responses supported them. Full Briefings were supported by 14% of the respondents in 2000 and support for them grew to 23% in 2002. At the same time, support for No Briefings fell from 18% in 2000 to 11% in 2002.

On the question of which dances should be briefed, support for briefing all dances grew from 50% in 2000 to 63% in 2002. Support for briefing just the difficult dances decreased from 20% in 2000 to 12% in 2002.

The last question on the survey dealt with likeliness to attend the balls that had briefings. Support for More likely grew from 58% in 2000 to 69% in 2002 while support for Less likely decreased from 7% in 2000 to 3% in 2002.

This year’s results

This year I used a weighted tallying methodology where I counted the responses for some questions as having a total value of one and I gave partial value to multiple responses to these questions. The question on this poll that I weighted was the question on the Type of Briefing. The other method I used was that if the response to the first question was yes (Do you want dances at major events to be briefed as they currently are?) was answered yes, I filled in blank responses on the following questions as follows:

Briefings should be given at the Valentine’s/Mid-Winter, Kim McGarrity (Asilomar) Balls and other major Branch Events: - Yes

If dances are briefed, I would prefer that they be: - Reminder (brief) Briefings

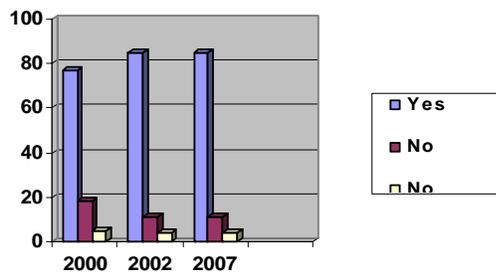
If dances are briefed, I would prefer that briefings be done

for (check all that apply): - All were checked

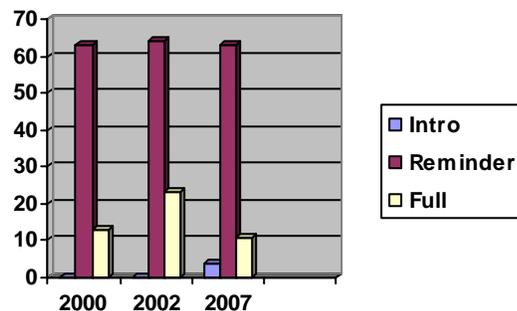
If any of these questions were answered, those answers were retained.

The first question was “Do you want dances at major events to be briefed as they currently are?”. 136 or 69% responded Yes while 46 or 23% responded No of 197 surveys returned. Of the 136 who responded Yes, 40 had responses to the next three questions.

The next question was “Briefings should be given at the Valentine’s/Mid-Winter, Kim McGarrity (Asilomar) Balls and other major Branch Events”. The weighted results were Yes – 168 or 85%, No – 21 or 11% and No Opinion – 8 or 4%. This shows virtually no change from the 2002 poll and some change from the 2000 poll.



The next question was “If dances are briefed, I would prefer that they be”. The results were Intro Briefings – 6.5 or 3%, Reminder Briefings – 105.5 or 56%, and Full Briefings – 19 or 10%. This would seem to indicate a drop in support for Reminder Briefings but the structure change of the survey makes comparison difficult. Of those that support Briefings, 4% supported Intro Briefings, 63% supported Reminder Briefings and 11% supported Full Briefings.



This would indicate that support has only changed for Full Briefings with support for Reminder Briefings remaining virtually constant.

The next question was “If dances are briefed, I would prefer

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Sacramento Branch RSCDS
 Ron Wallace's Wednesday Step Class

½ Panel

Barry & Eleanor Hotchkies
 Sacramento Valley Cape Breton Step Dance Class
 Eileen Ritchey and Mark Caplin
 The Campbell Class
 The San Francisco Class

¼ Panel

Bill and Pat Livingston
 Joyce Mann
 Lynn Sande
 Soquel Class

As always, the committee is interested in your thoughts and ideas. You may send all of us email at board@rscds-sf.org. We are also available by phone, snail mail, and at monthly parties and classes. Check the Volunteer Page in this issue of the Peyper or the branch web site (www.rscds-sf.org) for a list of the members of the committee. Our phone numbers and snail mail addresses are in the Branch Directory.

Speaking of the Branch Directory, Membership Renewals have been mailed out soon. Renew your memberships as soon as possible, when you get the renewal form if you can. I know that if I don't deal with something as soon as possible, that it can slip out of my mind and may not happen at all. We are affected by a shrinking membership as many other social organizations are. There are two actions we can take, insure that our member renew their memberships every year, and encourage new members to join the branch. New members are always encouraged to start dancing with the start of the class year (what I call the dancing year) in the fall. This is the major purpose of our participating in the Highland and Celtic Games in the area.

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that briefing be done on" indicating Easy, Medium, and Difficult dances. This question was not weighted as multiple responses were encouraged. Easy dance briefings were supported by 154 or 78%, Medium dance briefings were supported by 162 or 82%, and Difficult dance briefings by 170 or 86%. 141 or 72% supported briefing all dances. This does show an increase in support for briefing all dances.

The final question asked "If I knew in advance that dances would be briefed at Balls, I would Be more of less likely to attend". Since only one respondent answered less likely, the effect of having dances at the balls briefed is very small.

I would like to answer a few comments.

Two comments said: "Please stop asking this question" and "Too many times [on polling again]". The poll itself stated that its purpose was to evaluate a change in opinion in the branch. Since the results of the prior polls have not shown much change, the Branch Committee will examine whether continuing these polls on a periodic basis is required.

Other comments include "On reminder briefings - All MCs in the branch could use a "refresher course" on what a "reminder briefing: is :). Please share this though with the Teachers committee." and "Briefings have varied in quality. I would like the briefings to be concise, accurate and clear and maybe the teacher's committee needs to work to ensure that they always are". This is a comment that has been heard many times and it will be taken to the Teacher's Committee at their next meeting.

One other comment that I would like to address is "What is a 'major branch event'? I though there were only two of these: Vball and Asilomar.". We have had several other major events, the latest was the Branch 40th Anniversary Ball or the "Dance of the Decade". I am sure that a similar event will occur in 2015 for the 50th anniversary. We also had a ball to celebrate the 75th anniversary of RSCDS. Another event that I heard of though I didn't attend was a dance when Stan Hamilton visited the Bay Area. There are other major events besides the Valentines Ball and the Kim McGarrity Ball at Asilomar.

Class Reports

Red Thistle Dancers

by Sue Anderson

It's been another busy year. With many other enthusiastic classes and demonstration teams we helped to keep the dear old dance platform warm at various Bay Area Scottish Games—and were happy to help support the drive for the new one.

On October 14 we threw ourselves a Happy 30-Something Birthday party/dance and were delighted at the number of people who came to help us celebrate. During the evening we danced the debut performance of Jennifer Kelly's new medley, Olga's Dance, written for long-time and very loyal member, Olga Sommer, who, sadly, died in mid-December.

December 16 found us again joining the Dickens Faire at the Cow Palace, making further good use of all the Victorian sewing of the previous year. And threaded through all the performing during the fall and winter was the vigorous preparation for our new filming effort—remaking and improving our first teaching video with the aid of newer technology so it can be reformatted for DVD. In March we filmed the fast-time segments at Woodside High School's new Center for the Performing Arts, using cameras which captured both close-up and long range shots. The latter camera was suspended on a boom which reached the ceiling of the auditorium—practically providing aerial views!

The same theater was again used April 21 and 22 for our second offering of Dancing Feet From Around the World. In the Red Thistle hosted performance we were joined by the Barbary Coast Cloggers, belly dancer Elizabeth Strong, Gen Taiko drummers, and two Argentine tango couples, Hung-Yat and Hwayi on Saturday, and Marina and Marcelo on Sunday. The combined talent and enthusiasm created a good time for audience and performers alike.

Jennifer and John Kelly continue to artistically direct and choreograph for the group, assisted while they travel (exploring Italian real estate and wildflower book publishing) by a host of member teachers which could probably make up a four-couple set. Musicians Lyle Ramshaw (with electronic pianos Stan and Ollie), Susan Worland (with fiddle), and Michael Bentley (bodhran, voice, et al) play for us when they can and provide wonderful recorded music when they are not available.

Lafayette Class

by Witsie McKelvy

Come rain, shine, rent increases and earthquakes, the Lafayette class dances on! We continue to adjust to dancing in the new Hall, and even the earthquake centered in Lafayette caused only a momentary pause in class. We had a good family turnout for our Tween party last December with live music by Plaid Attitude. Our 5th Thursday party at the end of March featured live music by Andy Imbrie and Janet Kurnick.

Our children continue with three levels of classes. They enjoyed performing at the Pleasanton Games, Livermore Games and Dunsmuir Games. A special event was their performance for the International Night at Lafayette Elementary School in January. The Ninth Annual Children's Ball in April was a huge success with children coming from all over the area to dance and to enjoy the beautiful music provided by Andy Imbrie and his band. The Grand Marshal this year was Alan Mair, former Chairman of the RSCDS.

We were pleased and proud last Fall when one of our own, Linda Henderson, became a fully certificated teacher at St. Andrews. Mentored by Kathleen McAdam, Linda was in the first group to pass examinations under the new rules. Since then she has often assisted Kathleen with teaching the intermediates.

The Bay Area National Dance Week celebrations brought us a crop of new beginner dancers, so Kathleen will teach the new beginner group. Eugene Bissell gave his "old" beginner group an early graduation and has merged them into the intermediate group.

A few of our dancers have had to suspend dancing for awhile, due to knee and foot injuries and other medical needs. But they have come to visit even when they can't dance! Our sympathies to Lisa Holmes and Jane Turton. We're glad to see Stan Bishop dancing again after his eye surgeries.

Lafayette is one of the classes which dance all summer long. Come and join us on a balmy Thursday evening!

Annual Ball Name Preference Poll Results

by Larry Wakeman

This a report on the results of the pool that was included in the last Branch Committee Ballot about the name of the Annual San Francisco Branch Ball, the ball previously known as the “Valentines Ball”.

Last year, the Valentine’s Ball committee approached the Branch Committee and asked that they be allowed to change the name of the Valentine’s Ball. The reason given was that they felt that some members of the dancing community were being left out as they felt that the name of the ball encouraged attendance by couples. After some discussion, the committee approved the name “Mid-Winter Ball” with one dissenting vote. After that time, comment from members of the branch reached members of the Branch Committee and one of the actions that was taken was to poll the members in conjunction with the 2007 Branch Committee election.

The Branch Committee determined that this poll would be binding and that the name that was selected by a plurality of the respondents (the name receiving the most responses without requiring a majority of the responses) would be the name the ball would be known by. 197 polls were returned.

The first question was “What would you suggest for a name for the ball?” The results are as follows, with the Raw results indicating the ticks for each name and the Weighted results giving partial scores to those polls where more than one name was ticked:

Name	Raw	Weighted
The San Francisco Branch Annual Ball	13	11.5
Highland Ball	10	8.166667
Golden Thistle Ball	25	23.16667
Valentine’s Ball	123	121
Mid-Winter Ball	19	15.16667
Other	3	3

Other names suggested were “Tartan Ball”, “The Monster McAfee AT+T Ball!”, “Any name whatever!”, and “I don’t have an opinion, any name is fine” from a respondent who didn’t select any of the options.

Based on an preliminary count of the polls, Witsie McKelvy announced at the AGM that the ball’s name would revert to the “Valentine’s Ball”.

The other two questions on the poll dealt with the effect the ball name would have on attendance. The first was “Would you attend the ball if it were not named ‘The Valentine’s Ball?’” 161 responses said yes, 16 said no and 20 had no response. The second question was “Would you attend the ball if it were named ‘The Valentine’s Ball?’” 163 said yes,

21 said no and 13 had no response.

One of the comments that were received is,

The name is irrelevant to the real reason I imagine folks would travel from other lands to the SF Branch, in WINTER, that is, a vibrant, welcoming event. Internecine squabbles surely don't impress anyone and don't make US a happy set of dancers.

I have actually skipped the Valentine's Ball once or twice because of the association with Valentine's Day... I'm somewhat happier with not having that reminder, although correctly it's not a big deal to me. I would say that I'm less likely to attend the VB

I admit to having been somewhat put off by the idea of "coupleness" implied by the "Valentines Ball", but, after all of the ruckus, I don't think the name really matters. The cost, distance, and late hour are deterrents.

There were several other comments that expressed this viewpoint.

Other comments that were received were:

“I was sad that the name of the ball was changed this year. This is a well known name with such a history Please change it back to VALENTINES”

” Other Branches know this event by this name [Valentines Ball]”

“It doesn't really matter - ALTHOUGH, if it is going to be on the weekend closest to Valentine's Day, it would be silly to NOT call it the Valentine's Ball.”

Other interesting notes about the survey results, seven of the responses indicated that they did not plan in attending the ball. Two each voted for “The San Francisco Branch Annual Ball”, “Valentine’s Ball” and “Mid-Winter Ball”. The one that didn’t select a name commented “No Preference. I don’t plan on attending because of the distance/time involved. I save \$/Vacation time to attend and stay at Asilomar weekend as my ‘big’ dance event for the year.”

Of those who selected “Valentine’s Ball” as the name for the annual ball, nine said they would not attend the ball if it were not named the “Valentine’s Ball” with two of those also indicating that they would not attend the ball if it were. Of those who did not select “Valentine’s Ball” as the name, nineteen stated that they would not attend the ball if it was named the “Valentine’s Ball” with seven of these indicating that they would not attend the ball if it wasn’t. One of these members commented:

I am also disappointed that our members care more about tradition than the feelings of other members. Even if only 2% of the membership is uncomfortable with the Valentine Ball name, shouldn't that be enough to change the name so everyone is.

If you would like to see all of the comments or share an opinion on this subject, drop me a line, preferably email (lcwakeman@sbcglobal.net). You may also share your opinion with the entire Branch Committee by email at board@rscds-sf.org.

Branch Committee Activities

The June meeting, and other recent meetings, have seen the Branch Committee tackle issues as diverse as the new low stage, jumping up and down to test a prototype (which resulted in a second prototype), and resolving the recent controversy regarding the name change to the Valentine's Ball (which has now reverted to its historical name of the Valentine's Ball).

Keeping an eye on Branch finances is one of our important responsibilities. In order to break even on events, we have approved a small increase in monthly party fees and also for next year's Valentine's Ball. Our membership fees also will increase a small amount for our next fiscal year, which runs July 1 through June 30th. We authorized the payment of registration fees for participating classes in the Bay Area National Dance Week celebrations, and feel the resulting publicity will help to publicize Scottish Country Dancing in the Bay Area.

A new insurance carrier had to be found. Kathy Allen and Jim Passage researched and arranged for this important function, and the new policy is now in place.

We were pleased to present Certificates of Appreciation this year to Mike Hird, Jim Passage, Greg Reznick, and Elizabeth Wright.

Joint efforts were made to catch up on minutes in arrears. This has been completed and all meeting minutes are now posted on our Branch website.

Officers elected for the coming year are:

Larry Wakeman: Chair
 Dotty Lieber: Vice Chair
 Treasurer: Louise Brewer
 Corresponding Secretary: Donna Weidenfeller
 Recording Secretary: Tom Ward

Our next Branch Committee meeting will be held October 6th in the Oakland area. Prior to the meeting, the agenda and location will be posted on our website. If you're interested in attending you are most welcome.

A New Hand at the R&S

With this issue, the *Reel & Strathspeyer* has a new editor. I don't bring any particularly relevant skills to the task, but I've got the gear for the job. One thing I'm especially unprepared for is gathering content to fill the newsletter, so I'm dependent upon you to send me material. Please feel free to send me anything you think the membership would find interesting. (And people really do want to know what your class did this summer!)

Deadlines remain the same: please get your items to me by the first day of the even months. Send them to:

randsnewsletter@rscds-sf.org.

Or mail them to me at:

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Finally, I ask for your patience and understanding as I come up to speed on this new task.

Greg Reznick

RSCDS-SF CALENDAR OF EVENTS • 2007

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JUNE 2007

- 15, Fr: 8 PM BERKELEY CLASS END OF SEASON BASH at Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar St. Berkeley Zoe: paloma1256@earthlink.net
- 16, Sa: All day – CAMPBELL HIGHLAND GAMES. Info: Sparky Gregory, sparkyg@pacbell.net
- 16, Sa: 7:30 PM BEGINNERS' BALL at Hermann Sons Hall, 860 Western Ave. Petaluma, sponsored by Santa Rosa Class. Kathy Faherty: kfaherty@mac.com
- 21, Th. SAN FRANCISCO CLASS SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY at Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez at 23rd St., San Francisco Linnea: linneaj@spursuits.com
- 29, Fr: 7:30 – 10 PM CAMPBELL CLASS END OF YEAR PARTY at the Dance Affair, 850 N. Winchester Blvd., San Jose. Call Kathy 408-252-8406 for info.
- 30, Sa: TRUCKEE WORKSHOP AND DANCE. Linda Henderson of SF Branch teaching. Information: Dave: allenortep@gmail.com

JULY 2007

- 1, Su: DUE DATE FOR BRANCH MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS -
Please send in your renewal now!
- 7-8, Sa., Su: MONTEREY HIGHLAND GAMES saragratiot@aol.com
- 14, Sa –15, Su: DUNSMUIR HOUSE HIGHLAND GAMES
- 20, Fr: 8 PM Berkeley Class OLDIES BUT GOODIES PARTY! Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar St., Bkly. Sandee: sandra-sue@msn.com
- 21, Sa: 1:30 Video, 2 PM start: TEACHERS COMMITTEE MEETING at Kathy Allen's. Kathy Allen: Kathy_allien@gmail.com

AUGUST 2007

- 3, Fr: 8 PM HUMUHUMUNUKUNUKUAPUA'A AND STRATHSPEY SOCIETY BAND plays and teaches at Berkeley summer class! Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar St., Berkeley. Sandee: sandra-sue@msn.com
- 10, Fr: DEADLINE FOR HAVING YOUR NAME LISTED IN THE RSCDS-SF 2007-08 BRANCH DIRECTORY! Send in your membership renewal by this date.

SEPTEMBER 2007

- 1, Sa and 2, Su: PLEASANTON HIGHLAND GAMES
- 1, Sa: evening: JEAN PATRICK MEMORIAL DANCE at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Info: gregg128@comcast.net

- 21, Fr: 8 PM. BERKELEY ADULT CLASS FREE LESSON at Grace North Church Fellowship Hall, 2138 Cedar at Walnut. Jane: 707-746-0810 or arvilla-jane@aol.com
- 22, Sa: 1:30 Video, 2 PM start: TEACHERS COMMITTEE MEETING at place TBD. Kathy Allen: Kathy_allien@gmail.com

OCTOBER 2007

- 6, Sa: 1 PM. BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING, place TBD. Info: 831-423-6165 or dottyl@cruzio.com
- 6, Sa: MONTHLY PARTY at Alameda Masonic Hall, 2312 Alameda Ave., Alameda. San Francisco Class hosting. dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 13, Sa: 1-5 PM ASILOMAR BALL PREVIEW, Palo Alto Session 1, Paula Jacobson teaching, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto 94306 Info: Ellen – elovell2001@yahoo.com
- 14, Su: 1-5 PM ASILOMAR BALL PREVIEW Concord Session 1, Sheena MacQueen teaching, at Concord Veterans Hall, 2390 Willow Road, Concord 94520 Info: Ellen – elovell2001@yahoo.com
- 21, Su: 1-5 PM ASILOMAR BALL PREVIEW Concord Session 2, Sheena MacQueen teaching, at Concord Veterans Hall, 2390 Willow Road, Concord 94520. Info: Ellen – elovell2001@yahoo.com
- 27, Sa: 1-5 PM ASILOMAR BALL PREVIEW, Palo Alto Session 2, Paula Jacobson teaching, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto 94306 Info: Ellen – elovell2001@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 2007

- 2-4, Fr.-Su. 39TH ANNUAL ASILOMAR WORKSHOP AND BALL by preregistration only, in Pacific Grove, CA For information: Julee, 650-722-0473 or julm-hcs@pacbell.net
- 10, Sa: 1 PM. BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING, place TBD. Info: 831-423-6165 or dottyl@cruzio.com
- 10, MONTHLY PARTY at Cubberly Community Center Auditorium, 4000 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Red Thistle and New World hosting.. dancingsands@hotmail.com

DECEMBER 2007

- 1 Sa: 1 PM. BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING, place TBD. Info: 831-423-6165 or dottyl@cruzio.com
- 1, Sa: MONTHLY PARTY at Mountain View Masonic Hall, 840 Church St., Mountain View, Mountain View Class hosting. dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 15, Sa: BERKELEY CLASSES HOLIDAY PARTY at Arlington Community Church. palo-

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

Visit: www.rscds-sf.org or www.rscds-sacramento.org for more information about classes and other events.

The symbol, "&", indicates that classes meet in separate rooms at the same location.

➤ Changes for R&S due **July 25**

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH CLASSES

Berkeley

MONDAYS: **No summer classes.** Resumes 9/10. **Intermediate Technique:** 8pm; St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 2837 Claremont Blvd. at Russell near Ashby. *Call Lynn Sande 510-332-4530.* • FRIDAYS: **Combined class with Summer Guest Teachers,** 8pm, All Souls Episcopal Parish, 2220 Cedar at Spruce. **Fall: Basic:** 8pm; Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar at Walnut. **Intermediates:** 8pm; All Souls Episcopal Parish. *Call Jane Samuelson 707-746-0810.* **Beginners: 9/21.** • Youth: **No summer classes.** Resumes 9/21. **Experienced:** 6:30pm; **Beginners:** 7:15pm; All Souls Episcopal Parish. *Call Mary McQuilliams, teacher, 415-716-7999.*

Crockett

TUESDAYS: **Beginners:** 6:30pm; Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona Street. *Call Lori Howard, teacher, 925-934-1928.* **Beginners: 9/11.**

Fremont

SUNDAYS: **Beginners:** Possible new class TBA.

Lafayette

THURSDAYS: **Beginners & Intermediates:** 7:30pm; *Call Witsie McKelvy 925-676-3637.* • Youth (7 yrs. & up): (3 Levels): **No summer classes for youth.** 5pm, 5:45pm; *Call Kathleen McAdam 925-934-6148.* New Veteran's Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Teachers: Eugene Bissell, Kathleen McAdam, Cathy Bertics. **Beginners: 9/13.**

Livermore

MONDAYS: **Beginners:** 7pm; **Intermediates:** 8pm; Odd Fellows Hall, 2160 First Street. **NO Class first Monday of Month.** 5pm, 5:45pm; *Call Michael Gregg 925-606-9392.* • FRIDAYS: **Family Class:** 7:30pm; call for location. • SUNDAYS: **Youth Class: Beginners:** 6pm; Triple Threat Performing Arts (TPA), 315 Wright Brothers Way. *Call Sheena MacQueen 925-447-1833.* Teachers: Sheena MacQueen, Don MacQueen. **Beginners: 9/10, 9/14, 9/16.**

Monterey

MONDAYS: **Beginners:** 6:30pm; **Experienced:** 7:30pm; Monterey Senior Center, 280 Dickman at Lighthouse. *Call Kathy Wendell 831-663-3227 or Brian Campbell 831-656-9923.* Teacher: Sara Gratiot. **Beginners: 9/17.**

Mountain View

WEDNESDAYS: **Dancing in the Park:** thru 6/20, 7pm. **No summer classes.** **Basic Skills & Experienced:** 7:45pm; Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro Ave. *Call Jo Hamilton, 650-328-0474 or Anita Geleynse 408-262-9705.* Teachers: Alan Thwigg, Armin Busse, Bruce Hamilton, Fred De Marse. **Beginners: 9/5.**

San Francisco

THURSDAYS: **Combined class with Summer Guest Teachers:** 8pm; Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. at 23rd St. *Call Linnea Johnson 415-841-9456.* **Beginners: 9/6.** • SUNDAYS: **Youth (8 yrs. & up): No summer classes.** **Beginners/Experienced:** 5:15pm; Richmond Dist. YMCA, 360 18th Ave. *Call Susie Langdon Kass, teacher, 415-333-9372.* **Beginners: 9/9.**

San Jose

MONDAYS: **Summer social class** (no teachers). **Beginners/Experienced:** 8pm; 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. **Beginners: 9/10.**

San Jose ("Campbell Class")

FRIDAYS: **Beginners:** 7pm; **Intermediates:** 8:30pm; The Dance Affair, 850 N. Winchester Blvd. at Prunridge/Hedding. *Call Rebecca Davis, 408-378-3817.* Teachers: Rebecca Davis, Kathy Allen. **Beginners: 9/7.**

Santa Cruz

THURSDAYS: **No classes June & July.** Resumes August. **Intermediates/Beginners:** 8pm; First Congregational Church, 900 High St. *Call Karen MacQuarrie 831-247-0544.* Teacher: Juliet Davoren. **Beginners: anytime.**

Santa Rosa/Cotati

MONDAYS: **Summer social class.** **Beginners:** 7pm; **Intermediates:** 8:30pm; Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple St. *Call Emily Evans 707-874-2512.* Teachers: Gary Thomas, Ron Wallace, Emily Evans. • WEDNESDAYS: **Youth Class:** 11am; Monroe Hall, 1400 West College Ave. *Call Ron Wallace, teacher, 707-795-2185.* • FRIDAYS: **Advanced** (with permission): 7pm. Cotati. *Call Emily Evans 707-874-2512 or Gary Thomas, teacher, 707-795-2185.* **Beginners: 9/10.**

Soquel: CLASS CANCELLED!

South Bay Youth Class

MONDAYS: **No summer classes.** 3:45pm; Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1715 Grant Road, Los Altos. *Call Louise Perry 408-374-1969, or Jo Hamilton, teacher, 650-328-0474.* **Beginners: 9/17.**

DEMONSTRATION TEAMS

Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers

TUESDAYS: **Advanced** (by invitation only), 8pm, 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, Santa Rosa. *Call Gary Thomas, director, 707-795-2185.*

SACRAMENTO BRANCH CLASSES

Sacramento

FRIDAYS: **Adult/Family: Basic:** 7pm; **Intermediate/Advanced:** 8:15pm; *Call Margo Glenn-Lewis 530-753-7213 or BJ Bailey 916-482-1158.* Teachers: Peggy Hamilton, Lynne Lockwood, Sandra Kesler. • MONDAYS: **Adult Technique/Demonstration Class:** 7:30pm; *Call Carol LaRussa 530-753-7567.* • SATURDAYS: **Youth classes** (8-18 years). **Basic:** 9am; **Intermediates:** 10am; **Advanced/Technique:** 11am; *Call Carrie Leeman 916-783-9675.* Teacher: Lynne Lockwood. All classes: YLI Clubhouse, 1400 27th St.

Stockton

WEDNESDAYS: **No summer classes.** **Experienced/Beginners:** 7:30pm; Unitarian Church, Bristol & Pacific. *Call Charles Wood 209-465-8871.* Teacher: Don MacQueen. **Beginners: anytime.**

OTHER CLASSES

Arcata

FRIDAYS: **Experienced Social:** 4pm; Arcata Presbyterian Church, 11th & G Streets. *Call Helen MacPherson 707-822-3056.* Teacher: Ann McClary. **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: **No summer classes.** **Beginners:** 7pm; **Experienced Social:** 8:15pm; Almonte Hall, Wisteria Way at Almonte. *Call Mike Hird 415-884-2716.* Teacher: Marghie Goff. **Beginners: 9/7.**

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.**

San Mateo: CLASS CANCELLED!

Reno, Nevada (Silver State Dancers)

WEDNESDAYS: **Basic/Experienced:** 7:30pm; Fascinating Rhythm Dance Studio, 9736 So. Virginia St. Suite E. **Call to confirm.** *Call Marian Stroh, teacher, 775-825-1224.* **Beginners: anytime.** • THURSDAYS: **Intermediate/Advanced:** 7:30pm; Nevada Dance Academy, 1790 W. 4th. *Call Dave Wilson, teacher, 775-825-6867.* **Beginners: 9/5.**

STEP DANCING CLASSES

Atherton/Menlo Park

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

Cotati

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

Pleasant Hill

THURSDAYS: **Beginners:** 6pm; **Intermediate:** 6:45pm; **Intermediate/Advanced:** 7:15pm. *Call Lori Howard, teacher, 925-934-1928.* **Beginners: 9/6.**

Sacramento

WEDNESDAYS: **Cape Breton Step: Beginners/Experienced:** 6pm. • Third SATURDAY every month: **Cape Breton Step: Beginners:** 9am; **Intermediates:** 10:30am; **Advanced:** 12pm. St. Francis Elementary School, 2500 K St. *Call Gail Erwin or Bob Schultheisz, teachers, 209-745-9063.*

San Pablo

WEDNESDAYS: **Beginners/Intermediates:** 7pm; **Advanced Soft Shoe Step** (with permission): 8pm; **Advanced Hard Shoe Step** (with permission): 8:45pm; San Pablo Sportsmen's Club, 5220 Glen Avenue. *Call Ron Wallace, teacher, 707-795-2185.*

Scottish Step and/or Cape Breton Step classes are held also in Monterey, and Sacramento. *Call Sara Gratiot 831-384-4783, or Peggy Hamilton 209-956-6676.*

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