Branch Committee News
by Tom Ward, Recording Secretary, April, 2009

Events
Valentine’s Ball 2009: This year’s Ball was attended by 198 dancers. Once again, Susan Spiegel and the Ball Committee organized an excellent evening, with stupendous music in our favorite setting. The ladies were Beautiful, the gentlemen were Dashing, and Fiddles & Ivory was Brilliant. Financially, the event came in close to its budget, and the Branch Committee thanks Susan most profusely for running such a tight ship. We wish to give our warm welcome and thanks to Janet Kitajima, who is stepping into the role of Ball chair for the 2010 Event. If you can, please volunteer to help Janet fill Susan’s shoes – a tough act to follow!

Reports
Treasurer: Louise presented, and the Branch Committee has approved, a budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. For now, the coming year’s budget will be similar to that for the 2008-2009 FY. It is difficult to say precisely how our current Economic Downturn will affect Branch finances, but we have some additional reserves from last year that should give us the “wiggle room” to get through the coming year. Our Monthly Party venue coordinator reports that costs for our halls are going up, but we’re hoping to “hold the line” on Party ticket costs for now.

Corresponding: Donna reports that our Branch is one of three that has been invited to participate in a pilot project to assess potential responses to the New Zealand Branch’s proposal to separate Branch and Society memberships. Apparently we made an impression on Alex Gray when he visited us last fall, and he’s interested in continuing the dialog, and in establishing a model for continuing dialog with the Society’s far-flung Branches. This effort should be forming up this spring, as the Society prepares for the AGM in the Fall. And, speaking of the AGM, if any of our members are planning to be in Scotland at the time of the AGM, and wish to act as a delegate for the Branch, please contact Donna or any of the other Branch Committee members.

Teachers: The Teachers of the Branch are trying something new: Pre-Party Walk-Throughs. These are being offered at 6:45 PM on the evenings of the Monthly Parties, and are open to any and all dancers who would like a last-minute refresher on a tricky figure or dance. We’ve tried this at both the March and April parties, and they were well attended. Our hope is to reduce the “barrier to entry” for new dancers, and to provide a last-minute warm-up for experienced dancers who have missed a class or two. Please give one of these sessions a try, and let us know what you think.

2009 Asilomar Update
Fred DeMarse, Committee Chairman

The new Asilomar Committee is already hard at work planning for this year’s event! As the new chairman of the Committee, I have high expectations to fulfill because of the huge success of previous Asilomars. I am fully aware of the high reputation the Asilomar weekend has in Scottish Country Dance circles, so please be confident that this year’s Committee is working hard to insure a high-quality and fun-filled event in 2009!

Thank you very much for your feedback on the 2008 weekend. We have reviewed all the comments and are using them to help fine tune our planning for this year. I’m very fortunate (or intelligent, depending on how you view it) to have a very experienced committee working with me!

Slippery floors – The slippery floors were the area of biggest concern from last year’s attendees. We are already in discussion with Asilomar trying to figure out a plan to make the dance floors less slippery. I’m conducting an experiment in the East Bay trying out “lip stop” on the dance floors for the Monday and Friday night Berkeley classes, both of which are known for their slippery floors. So far I’ve had good success and favorable responses both from people with gooped and non-gooped shoes. If your weekly class has a slippery floor and you’d like to try out this “lip stop”, please contact me. It does not harm the floors and does not leave a mess if applied judiciously!

Food during classes on Saturday and Sunday and at the Friday and Saturday night after-dance events – Food, AGAIN, was a popular area for feedback. In general, dancers want more fresh fruit and healthier food options. Fresh fruit, in particular, is the most expensive item on the Asilomar catering menu. A

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## 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

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### 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.

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

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New Membership Categories

*By Witsie McKelvy, Membership Committee*

Beginning July 1st, you will see new membership categories available. Our parent organization in Scotland, RSCDS, has implemented new categories for young dancers. Our San Francisco Branch will be following suit, not only for practical reasons, but because we want to say to our youth, “You’re valuable! Please join us!” The new categories will not, of course, be a requirement for children to dance in our children’s classes. But some parents – and their children – may welcome the new categories as an opportunity to join RSCDS. Parents may also want to know that there are discounts at St. Andrew’s Summer School for young dancers.

In prior years, adult memberships were offered to those 16 and over. Now there will be a Youth category (12 to 17) and a Young Adult category (18 to 24). Regular adult memberships will start at age 25. There will also be a new category for Adult Joint, for two people residing at the same address.

Another new category will be a half-year adult single membership, which will replace our old Affiliate membership. It will be offered to new members only, and will run from January through June. It will carry voting and other privileges.

Our old friend, the Senior discount, will remain for those 65 and over.

All the new categories for younger dancers will carry discounts from the regular adult subscriptions. The Branch Committee and the Membership Committee are working out the details. In the meantime, there is more good news in that the exchange rate has improved in our favor from last year and we expect our dues will see a reduction, even without the new discounts!

For the latest details, please talk to your Class Manager, a member of the Branch or Membership Committees, or watch the Branch website.
RSCDS-SF CALENDAR OF EVENTS • 2009
Revised 4/3/2009 • Compiled by Dotty Lieber: dottyl@cruzio.com

APRIL 2009
4, Sa: 1:30 PM: BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING in Oakland. Info: 707-829-9775 or jpassage@sonic.net
4, Sa: 6:45 – 7:15 WALKTHROUGHS OF MONTHLY PARTY DANCES, conducted by teachers from the hosting classes, at Alameda Masonic Hall, 2312 Alameda Ave., Alameda
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
28, Tu: 7-9 PM CROCKETT CLASS PARTY –all invited! Live Music! At Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona St., Crockett. For information: Sandee: sandra-sue@msn.com, Lori: fireknight1@aol.com

MAY 2009
2, Sa: 6:45 – 7:15 WALKTHROUGHS OF MONTHLY PARTY DANCES, conducted by teachers from the hosting classes, at San Rafael Masonic Hall, 4th and Lootens, San Rafael.
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
26, Tu: 7-9 PM CROCKETT CLASS PARTY –all invited! Live Music! At Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona St., Crockett. For information: Sandee: sandra-sue@msn.com, Lori: fireknight1@aol.com

27, We: 7:30 - 10 PM: END OF YEAR PARTY IN MOUNTAIN VIEW to honor JO HAMILTON, with dances written by and for her. For details, Sue Anderson: 650-327-0762 or sue_stollberg@sbcglobal.net
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: 5:45 – 6:15 15 WALKTHROUGHS OF MONTHLY PARTY DANCES, conducted by teachers from the hosting classes, at First Congregational Church, 900 High St., Santa Cruz.
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
18, Th: 7:45 PM: SAN FRANCISCO CLASS SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY, with Live Music, At Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez at 23rd, San Francisco. Info: 415-841-9456 or linneaj@spursuits.com
20, Sa: 7 PM: BEGINNERS BALL at Hermann Sons Hall, Petaluma, sponsored by Santa Rosa Class. sandracraig47@yahoo.com
27, Sa–28, Su: TRUCKEE WORKSHOP, DANCE PARTY AND HIKE. Workshop taught by Terry Harvey of Delaware Valley Branch. Info: Dave Wilson, allenortep@gmail.com

AUGUST, 2009
15, Sa 6 PM Note early start time! SUMMER BY THE SEA DANCE , at First Congregational Church, 900 High St., Santa Cruz Information: Karen at 831-247-0544 or macquarrie2007k@yahoo.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.

APRIL 2009


[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 pmvictor@verizon.net or Jenn Mayrovitz (Registrar) 410-381-3948 imayrovitz@verizon.net. [www.capitalweekend.org]


24th at Holy Names, Oakland; 25th at Sherwood Hall, Salinas; 26th at Lincoln Theater, Yountville www.sfscottishfiddlers.org

MAY 2009

1-3  Fri-Sun   Boston (MA) The Boston Branch Highland Ball  Sponsored by Boston Branch RSCDS. Fri: Welcome Dance 8pm; Sat: reception 5:30pm, dinner 6:30, ball 8:15; Sun brunch/dance. Various locations. Welcome dance music: Peter Macfarland & Suzie Petrov. Ball music: A Parcel of Rogues with piper Matt Petrie. Friday dance $10 members/$12 nonmembers; Saturday prices: full-time students $45, RSCDS or Boston branch members $60, non-members $65, non-dancers $50. The Boston dancers will make every attempt to provide hospitality for those wishing it. Contact Bob Littlehale 781-324-2708 bob_littlehale@comcast.net or Polly Birdsal 802-897-2572 birdsalliski@yahoo.com.

16  Sat   East Sacramento, CA Sacramento Spring Workshop and Travellers Ball  Sponsored by Sacramento Branch. Workshops Sat. 10:30-12, 1:30-3, Ball review 3 PM, Ball 7 PM. Workshop teacher Fred DeMarse. Music: Thistle Glen. Ball, workshops, & supper $55, Student $40, Ball & supper only $40, Workshops only $40, Spectator & supper $15. Prices higher after 4/1/09 and at door; see website for details. Contact Peggy Hamilton 209-956-6676. [www.rscds-sacramento.org] or Larry at 925-283-3908 or larry@diabloresults.com


22-24  Fri-Sun   Lakefield (ON) 25th Stoney Lake Weekend  Sponsored by Peterborough SCD Society. Fri: social dance 8pm, Sat: classes 9am-noon, 2:30-3pm, Wine & cheese 8:30pm; Ball 9pm. Teacher: Mel Briscoe. Music: Fred Moyes. Cdn$45. Irwin Inn (weekend site) accommodation ranges $200-$295 per person including dinner, breakfast and lunch (2 nights, 5 meals). Contact Ernest Craig 705-760-9342 ernest.craig@sympatico.ca. [www.pscds-on.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 is the host hotel and along with Seabreeze Inn and Salt Spring Inn will hold rooms until 1 April 2009. Other accommodation information can be found at www.SaltSpringIsland.org or 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]


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There is a hike Sunday morning for all who would like to join. Contact Dave Wilson 775-825-6867 alenortep@gmail.com or Patti Bakker 775-747-5054 patricia.bakker@sbcglobal.net. www.rscds-sf.org/pdf/TruckeeFlyer09.pdf

JULY 2009
3-5 Fri-Sun  SCD Kaleidoscope - Geneva (Switzerland). 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. Presenters include Armin Busse, Bruce Hamilton, Bruce Herbold. €55 conference; €255 per person accommodation and meals (with wine) in a twin room. Contact (SCD Kaleidoscope Organizing Committee) sccd.kaleidoscope1@yahoo.com. [scdkaleidoscope1.strathspey.org]

12-18 Sun-Sat  34th Australian Winter School. Kiama, NSW, Australia. Sponsored by Sydney Branch RSCDS. Contact Clare Haack email:winterschool2009@rscds.org.au

July 19–Aug 16 4 one-week sessions. RSCDS Summer School University Hall, St. Andrews, Scotland www.rscds.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-rscds.org  (Apr 1 deadline for Scholarship Fund application.)

AUGUST 2009

8-14 Sat-Fri  Prague Dance lessons.

14-19 Sat-Wed  Domazlice. Festival. Dunsmuir Dancers participating. For more information 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 Eileen Green 505-672-9763 eileen_green@cybermesa.com. [www.losalamos.com/nmrscds]
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
THE BEGINNERS’ BALL
Saturday June 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Hermann Sons Hall, 860 Western Ave, Petaluma

THE PROGRAM

Happy Meeting – 32J2 29:9  Light and Airy – 32J3 4:5
Balquidder Strathspey – 32S3 24:2  Invercauld’s Reel– 32S3 11:10
The Sailor – 32H3 24:4  The Grassmarket Reel 32R3 3 RR Wilson*
Lady Glasgow – 32S3 MMMI  Butterscotch and Honey – 32S4 Alexander
The Royal Deeside Railway – 32R3 40:9  Leaflets 24
The Sheilain Sheppardess – 32J3 The San  Flowers of Edinburgh – 32R3 1:6
Andreas Collection  The Jubilee Jig – 32J3 RSCDS L.11
The Sheltered Cove – 32S2 Aye Afloat  The Dundee Whaler – 32S4 Ormskirk
Round Reel of Eight - 88R4 Square 27/7  Scottish Dance Books 1

*The Grassmarket Reel: 32 Bar Reel for three facing three round the room
1-8 Circle six hands round and back
9-12 Center person dance right hands across with two people on right
13-16 Center person dance left hands across with two people on left
17-20 Outside people advance and retire on the diagonal
21-24 Center people dance back to back
25-28 Lines of three pass vis-a-vis with right hands, pass the next line with left hands
29-32 Lines of three turn the next vis-a-vis with right hands once round

Refreshments: After-Ball Buffet
Attire: Festive to Formal (a changing room is available for ladies)
Tickets: $25 adults/$10 youths (16 and under)
         $30 adults/$12 youths after June 13th
         $8 spectators (includes buffet)
Hospitality: For information about hospitality with local dancers or local hotels and accommodations, contact Connie Beall, 707.546.5103, e-mail cabeall@earthlink.net
Directions: Petaluma is about 40 miles north of San Francisco and about 20 miles south of Santa Rosa on Highway 101. From Highway 101 take the E. Washington Ave. exit; go west on Washington for about 1 mile. Turn left on Petaluma Blvd., go 1 block. Turn right on Western Ave. The Hall is about 1 mile west on the right side of the street, at the corner of Western and Webster.

Tickets will not be mailed, they will be held at the door. If you have questions, please contact Sandra Craig sandracraig47@yahoo.com (707.542.4503)

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Please make checks payable to: RSCDS-SF-Santa Rosa
Mail to: Lisa Strouse 5625 Occidental Road Santa Rosa, CA 95401  Total


Open Dance Practice
March thru May.

Are YOU...

... interested in performance dancing, or think you might be in the future?

... curious to get an inside look at performance choreography in the making?

... keen to sharpen up your own dance technique and expand your dance repertoire?

... ready for a new experience?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, keep reading....

The Red Thistle Dancers are looking for additional members and invite you to participate in their class as a visiting dancer anytime during March-May. You can attend for all three months or for some portion of the three months, but we recommend that you attend for at least 4 consecutive weeks to gain the most benefit and to see if it’s a good fit for you.

The pre-requisites are a real working knowledge of all the standard SCD figures and formations (they are not taught in class, it’s assumed you know them) and the stamina to dance two full hours with concentrated effort.

Class meets Thursday evenings, 8:15 – 10:15 pm at Cubberley Dance Studio Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA
First two visits are free, then $3.00 per class.

Questions? Call Jennifer Kelly, Artistic Director/Teacher, 650.327.1350
Directions to CUBBERLY COMMUNITY CENTER:
4000 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto 94303-4739

Take highway 101 to San Antonio Road, go south on San Antonio Road (towards Los Altos) to Middlefield Road (3 Stop Lights), turn right onto Middlefield Road (west), get over to the left right away, turn left at the next stop light (opposite Montrose) into the Cubberly Center. Follow the road between the buildings to the back of the Center, where the athletic fields are located. Turn right along side the buildings; the dance studio is located where the buildings make an "L".

Take highway 280 to Page Mill Road East (Page Mill becomes Oregon Expressway). Cross El Camino Real and drive through underpass Turn right onto Middlefield Road. Travel approximately 2 miles past East Meadow and past Charleston Turn right at first traffic light into parking lot, opposite Montrose. Follow the road between the buildings to the back of the Center, where the athletic fields are located. Turn right along side the buildings; the dance studio is located where the buildings make an "L".

Alternate from Highway 280 – Take El Monte Road exit towards Los Altos. Turn left onto Foothill Expressway. Turn right onto San Antonio Road, Turn left onto Middlefield Road. Turn left at first traffic light into parking lot, opposite Montrose. Follow the road between the buildings to the back of the Center, where the athletic fields are located. Turn right along side the buildings; the dance studio is located where the buildings make an "L".

DRESS:
Dress comfortably; men usually wear shorts and T shirts; women usually have knee length skirts. Tights are also acceptable.
Membership: Easily one of the more complex issues we’ve been dealing with is restructuring of the membership categories for the Branch. The Society adopted a new membership structure at AGM 2008 in Scotland, and we have decided to “Petronella in Tandem” with Headquarters, with some “Adjustment”. Under the new system, the “basic membership” will be the “Adult Single” membership category. However, the age range for this category will be 25 years and up. The new categories of membership, and adjustments off the Adult Single dues, will be:

- Youth, ages 12 to 17: Branch dues at 50% discount, Society dues at 50% discount
- Young Adult, ages 18 to 24: Branch dues at 20% discount, Society dues at 20% discount
- Senior, ages 65 and up: Branch dues at 20% discount, no discount for Society dues
- Adult Joint, for two adults with the same address receiving only one print of the Scottish Dancer magazine: Branch dues with no discount, Society dues at 20% discount each; this discount would be cumulative with the Senior discount
- Adult Half-Year, for new members joining in January: Branch and Society dues at 50% discount

All categories of member will receive a Society membership card and the Scottish Dancer magazine. All categories except Youth will have voting privileges at the Branch AGM, and will be eligible to serve on the Branch Committee. The addition of the Youth category brings membership opportunities to the younger generation, and I see that the most recent Scottish Dancer has some new features focused on Youth interests.

Historically, our Children’s classes have applied a $5 Registration Fee that went to the Branch, originally related to our insurance structure. As our insurance has evolved, registration of Children at the Branch level is no longer required, so we’ve decided to leave it, and the funds, to the discretion of the Children’s Class Managers and Teachers.

The Society has not yet taken up the concept of a Senior discount, for a variety of cultural reasons, but we’ll push for one when the opportunity arises.

As you can imagine, managing these new categories will be a bit more complex than with our old system, but we feel these changes make the Society and the Branch more responsive to the demographics of the dance community. If you are currently a Member of the Branch, you’ll receive a renewal statement in May that will attempt to place you in the correct category based on our records. Please review the statement carefully and, if there are any problems, please patiently contact the Membership Registrar, Larry Wakeman, to Set the Record Straight.

Next Meeting: The Branch’s Annual General Meeting of the membership will be on Saturday, May 2nd, in San Rafael at the venue of the Monthly Party. Members should have received a ballot for election of Branch Committee members. We have five openings this year and, in a surprising twist, we have more candidates than slots. Seven Gracious Volunteers have been nominated for your close consideration, so consider your ballots carefully. If you have not received a ballot in the mail by now, please contact the Recording Secretary, and we’ll make sure you get one in time.

Weekend cost – There has not been an increase in cost to attend the Asilomar weekend since 2006! However, Asilomar costs for rooms and catering go up every year! The Asilomar Committee is committed to running a weekend event that is close to budget. To that end, we will have to increase the cost to attend Asilomar. I am fully aware of the current tough economic times, so please be confident we are not being cavalier and nonchalant about this issue. Please understand that there needs to be a cost increase to keep pace with the increase in costs for the goods and services that we provide during the weekend.

Stay tuned for further updates from the Asilomar Committee. The application forms for 2009 will be available in April. Information about the weekend may be found on the new Asilomar webpage, which may be accessed from the SF Branch website. Many thanks to Larry Wakeman for setting that up for us. If you have any feedback or questions, please contact me at my home phone – (510) 522-3013 – or via e-mail cordc1314@sbcglobal.net.

A Few Words About EVENTS ELSEWHERE by Mimi Mueller

This calendar is a listing of interesting Scottish Country Dance / Scottish Dancer 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.
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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RSCDS-SF BRANCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2008–2009

If you have any concerns about the S.F. Branch, or would like to attend a Branch Committee (Board of Directors) meeting, please contact one of the members. Branch Committee meetings are usually held in the afternoon before Monthly Parties.

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Please consider running for the Branch Committee, or suggest candidates. Come to a meeting to see what it’s like. Contact: Dotty Lieber: 831-423-6165.

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CHANGES DUE MAY 26
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLASSES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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

The symbol, "&", indicates separate classrooms at the same location. New classes for beginners start in September * Send changes to Susie by May 26

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH CLASSES

Berkely

San Francisco

Santa Cruz
WEDNESDAYS: Beginners: 7:30pm, Experienced: 8:30pm: First Congregational Church, 900 High St. Call Karen MacQuarrie 831-247-0544. Teachers: Julie Davoren, Sandra Graziano, Paula Jacobson.

Tuesdays/Thursdays: Beginners/Intermediate: 3:30pm; Brancforte Small Schools Campus, 840 N. Brancforte Ave. Call Karen MacQuarrie 831-440-9293, or Paula Jacobson, teacher, 831-688-8205.

Santa Rosa

South Bay Coast Cls
MONDAYS: 3:30pm; Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1715 Grant Road, Los Altos. Call Michelle Cale 650-327-4402. Teachers: Jo Hamilton, Kathy Allen, Juliet Davoren.

Walnut Creek (see Lafayette)

PERFORMANCE TEAMS

Dunamuir Scottish Dancers


Performing Teams:
Glen Mohr; Contact: Peggy Hamilton, teacher, 909-956-6676; White Heather Dancers: Contact Lynne Lockwood, teacher, 916-716-3696.

OTHER CLASSES

Arcata (Humboldt Scottish Dancers)

Grass Valley

Mill Valley
FRIDAYS: Beginners: 7pm; Experienced Social: 8:15pm; Almonte Hall, Victoria Way at Almonte. Call Mike Hird 415-884-2716. Teacher: Margie Goff.

Rancho Cordova

Redding
THURSDAYS: Beginners: 6:30pm; Experienced: 7pm. Call Margaret Anne Schobloch, teacher, 530-472-1114. Beginners: anytime.

Reno, Nevada (Silvery State Dancers)

San Luis Obispo

STEP DANCING CLASSES

Atheron/Menlo Park
TUESDAYS: Beginners: 7pm: Beginners: 8:15pm; THURSDAYS: Experienced: 8pm: Call Jo Hamilton, teacher, 650-328-0474.

Berkley
2nd SUNDAYS: Cape Breton Step: Beginners: 7pm: Experienced: 2pm. Ashkenaz Dance Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Call Gail Erwin, or Bob Schudheisz, teachers, 209-745-0663.

Cotati (Santa Rosa)

Galt (south of Sacramento)

Pleasant Hill
THURSDAYS: Beginners: 6pm; Intermediate/Advanced: 7pm; Call Lori Howard, teacher, 925-954-1928.

Sacramento
WEDNESDAYS: Cape Breton Step: Beginner & Experienced: 5:30 pm. Sierra 2 Community Center, 2791 24th St. Call Gail Erwin or Bob Schudheisz, teachers, 209-745-0663.

San Pablo
WEDNESDAYS: Beginners: 7pm; Experienced Step (w/presentation): 8pm; Experienced Cape Breton (w/presentation): 8:45pm. San Pablo Recreation Center, 5220 Glen Ave. Call Ron Wallace, teacher, 707-795-2165.

Scottish Step and/ or Cape Breton Step classes are held also in Menlo Park, and Sacramento. Call Sara Gratia 916-384-4783, or Peggy Hamilton 909-956-6676.

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* Enter changes for website listing on website class dates form

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