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Chairperson's Message

Maureen Graham

"A September to remember, an October full of splendor, a November to treasure." - La Prevenchere

On behalf of the Committee of Management, I would like to extend a warm welcome at all dancers to a new and exciting season. We have had a lively and well attended September with a number of new members taking advantage of the four introductory classes. Our first all-inclusive Wednesday evening class was met with enthusiasm and many complimentary comments were expressed.

Thanksgiving is over with its feasting and family gatherings, Hallowe'en and all its trappings has vanished for another year and autumn is truly well established, so we are well into fall activities.

Our first big event this year will be the Tartan and Taffeta Gala which will be held at the Polish Combatants Hall on November 19. This will be a new venture for our group and promises to be a unique event with live music, great food and a chance for people to show off their kilts and glamorous evening wear. This is a Branch event and as such we hope that as many members as possible will support this "Not to be Missed" occasion. Registration forms are available online or can be easily obtained, just ask any "COM" members and they will assist you.

The next event will be a Christmas celebration which will take place at the regular Friday Social Dance at Elmwood Presbyterian Church on December 16th. All are invited to attend. We will have seasonal refreshments and some familiar dances for all to enjoy. Then come out and help us bring in the New Year by celebrating Hogmanay on December 31 at Colborne United Church. Details to follow!

This is a busy and exciting time.

"Socrates learned to dance when he was seventy because he felt that an essential part of himself had been neglected." - Source Unknown



Branch News

Condolences



Former member, Douglas Soper, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 17, 2016.

Our thoughts go out to the Soper family during this difficult time.



Former member, Marjory Soper, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 5, 2016.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the family during this difficult time.

News from the Thrift Store

Janet Schreiber

The Thrift Store will be coming to class on **November 30th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.** Search your closets for items that have shrunk or that would be suitable for Scottish County Dancing. I will possibly have 2 men's kilts, sporrans, belts and kilt socks. There are a few short ladies kilts and 4 longer kilts. Well made crafts would also be welcome as they could be wonderful Christmas presents. All proceeds go to the Bursary Fund.

Don't forget to come early!!!!!!!



News from the Membership Secretary

Sheilagh Manning



Welcome back to all the returning members and a special welcome to our 8 new dancers!! Our numbers are down a little from last year...we currently have 66 active members, 4 associate members and 4 friends of the Branch. Membership cards are issued only to new members as we have had permanent cards and numbers for the past few years. If you've lost or misplaced yours...let me know so I can issue you another. Enjoy your year of dancing!!!

Branch Award Nominations

Marg Allan

Although many members make significant contributions to our Branch, there are some members who make contributions to the greater Scottish Country Dance community as well. Our Branch often presents a Branch Award to these individuals at the Annual Ball. Please read the following guidelines and decide if you would like to nominate a particular member for the award. Nominations are to be forwarded to Marg Allan or another Committee of Management member before December 31, 2016. The Committee of Management will consider the nominations at their January meeting.

Recipients of the Award will have done the following:

- Upheld the objectives of the RSCDS over a period of years
- Shown sustained and exceptional commitment to the promotion of Scottish Country Dancing
- Been responsible for some notable achievements in relation to Scottish Country Dancing and/or its music
- Not received a previous award as a member of our Branch



Summer Picnic

Brian Campbell

Good food, good company, but so-so weather.

This year's summer picnic at Bob and Linda's farm is a pleasant memory. Branch members, friends and spouses met on August 21st at Beechwood for an afternoon of socializing and a potluck meal. Bob fired up his BBQ and soon sausages, steaks and chops sizzled.

Unfortunately, the threat of heavy rain sent everyone scurrying for home before the evening bonfire could be lit.

A big thank you goes out to Bob and Linda Watson for hosting this favourite summer annual event. See you there next year!



Bursary Fund



Have you ever considered attending a workshop hosted by another branch or becoming qualified to be a Scottish Country Dance Teacher? Our London Branch has a bursary fund to help pay for you to attend workshops or teacher candidate classes and exams. You may apply for workshop subsidy once in a three-year period. All that we ask in return is a short write up for the Reel News to tell other members about the experience. Letters of application should include workshop dates and registration fees and be given to Margaret Allan.

Ailsa Craig Fall Frolic

Calla Mahon

After travelling the country roads in full fall colors against a pink/purple sunset, approximately 38 dancers attended the fabulous Fall Frolic held in Ailsa Craig on Saturday, October 22nd.

There were 16 dances on the programme that ranged from very general to pretty specific patterns on the schedule. By the time we had danced them all, with some favorites twice, we had reeled, whirled and twirled the night away for over two hours!



The hall was festively decorated for fall and after the dance, a lovely lunch was served with cheeses (Oka...yum), biscuits, fruit and veggies, trays of dessert squares and Marie's famous shortbread (I hid 2 extra pieces for my coffee break the next day!).



Thank you all so much for planning this lovely event. What an excellent beginning to the fall dancing season!

Fall **F**rolic

The Story Behind a Dance

[CORRYVRECKAN](#) (J8x32) 3C (4C set) M Frost Silver Thistle Collection


The [Corryvreckan Whirlpool](#) is situated off the west coast of Scotland between the islands of Jura and Scarba. This natural wonder has intrigued sailors, locals and travellers alike for generations.

It is the 3rd largest permanent whirlpool on earth and one of the most dangerous stretches of water around the British Isles. The loud roar of the whirlpool can be heard up to 10 miles away, and it is thought to be caused by an intersection of tidal pathways colliding beneath the surface. Sometimes, with strong winds and spring tides, the whirlpool can produce waves reaching up to 15 feet and currents up to 10 knots. Check out the [video](#) to see what this whirlpool is like.



Tartan and Taffeta Gala Programme

Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
The Polish Combatants Association Hall, 80 Ann Street, London

1. A Wee Nothin'	J-6x32 2C(3C set)	Moments in Time	
2. The Lass of Richmond Hill	R-8x32 3C(4C set)	2nd Graded Book	
3. Wisp of Thistle	S-8x32 3C(4C set)	RSCDS Book 37-4	
4. St Andrew's Fair	J-8x32 3C(4C set)	5/82	
5. Round Reel of Eight	R-88 Square set	RSCDS Book 27-7	
6. Barbara's Strathspey	S-8x32 3C(4C set)	RSCDS Book 46-4	
7. Flora's Fancy	J-8x32 3C(4C set)	RSCDS Book 49-8	
8. Tomalena	R-5x32 5C set	San Francisco Collection 2	
9. Seann Truibhas Willichan	S-6x32 2C(3C set)	RSCDS Book 27-9	
10. Jennifer's Jig	J-8x32 3C(4C set)	Drewry Silver City Book	
11. Orpington Caledonians	R-8x32 3C(4C set)	RSCDS Book 49-2	
12. The Wind on Loch Fyne	S-3x32 3C triangular set	Dickson Dunedin 1	
13. Good Hearted Glasgow	J-8x32 3C(4C set)	Collins Pocket Ref	
14. The Button Boy	R-8x32 3C(4C set)	Allanton Collection	
15. Miss Nancy Arnott	S-32 R/R 3 facing 3	RSCDS Book 32-5	
16. Mairi's Wedding	R-8x40 3C(4C set)	Cosh 22 SCDS	

The briefs/video links for this dance programme as well as the Hogmanay programme can be found on the [RSCDS London Canada Branch website](http://www.rscds.com/branches/london-canada).

*You are cordially invited to attend the Tartan and Taffeta Gala being held at
The Polish Combatants Association Hall on
Saturday, November 19th, 2016.*

Come and enjoy the fantastic food, marvellous music and darling dance programme.

You don't want to miss this grand event!

--- Ticket deadline is Friday, November 11, 2016 ---



It doesn't matter if you have been bad or good. Everyone is invited to attend this year's Social Class Christmas Dance on Friday, December 16th at Elmwood Presbyterian Church. Tea and goodies will be served. Come and join the fun!



Hogmanay Programme

Saturday, December 31, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.
Colborne Street United Church, 711 Colborne Street, London

Circassian Circle		
The Edinburgh Castle Reel	R-8x32	3C(4C set)
Hooper's Jig	J-8x32	3C(4C set)
The Canadian Barn Dance	Round the Room	
Scarborough Castle	S-8x32	
<i>Draw</i>		
The Lochalsh Reel	R-8x40	3C(4C set)
The Dashing White Sargeant	Round the Room	
Neil M Grant	J-8x32	
192 Miles From Home	R-4x48	Square Set
The St. Bernard's Waltz	Round the Room	
<i>Refreshments & Draw</i>		
The Lass of Richmond Hill	R-8x32	3C(4C set)
The Bridge of Athlone	R-4x48	
The Swan and the Tay	S-3x32	
Sons of the Rock	Round the Room	
Maxwell's Rant	R-8x32	
<i>Bringing in the New Year</i>		
Auld Lang Syne		
Scottish Waltz		



Danny MacAskill's Wee Day Out

Watch as he travels the Scottish countryside on his day off doing amazing tricks on his mountain bike.

Enjoy the [video](#).



Mark your 2017 calendars for a fun time at the **London Branch Ceilidh and Workshop Weekend being held on February 25th and 26th**. The teachers this year will be Clair Collier from Lewiston NY who teaches in Burlington and David Booz from Toronto. Live music will be supplied by the wonderful Laird Brown and Don Woods.

The Friday night ceilidh is always great entertainment and a chance for members to share their talents. Who can forget the synchronized swim team from last year! So start thinking about

possible acts for 2017. This is also a great time to bring along friends and family, so that they can see just how much fun we have!!

For beginner dancers, this is a fantastic opportunity to learn from different teachers and get to know other dancers from outside the Branch.

Forms will be available shortly!



Dear Miss Millie Ganz,
I keep all your articles so that I can remind myself about what I should and shouldn't be doing during a dance. The one regarding the proper way to give your hand(s) to someone has gone missing. I was hoping that you could reprint it as I think it is something that everyone could use a refresher course on.

Print it again Patty

Dear Print it again Patty

You are correct. Both new and experienced dancers would benefit from a reprint of that column.

Miss Millie Ganz

Dear Miss Millie Ganz,

When I have to give my hand(s) to someone, I never know whether they should be palm up or palm down. I don't want to feel awkward out on the dance floor, so is there a rule about this?

Baffled Betty

Dear Baffled Betty,

Generally speaking, men's palms are up and ladies' palms are down. When two men or two ladies dance in line, the second couple graciously offers palms up to the dancing couple. When there are three dancers in a line (i.e. six hands round, advance and retire, setting), the centre person offers their hands palm up. There is a lot to remember, but with practice things become easier and soon you'll be doing them without even thinking about them. Don't forget to smile too!

Miss Millie Ganz

If you have a question for Miss Millie Ganz, just send it to kmacrone@rogers.com and I'll be sure to forward it on to her.



Dancing Around the World




International Branch Weekend, Pafos, Cyprus April 28 - May 1, 2017

The 6th Annual International Branch Workshop Weekend will be at the beautiful Avanti Hotel. Teaching the classes will be Ellie Briscoe (USA), Jean Dodds (Australia) and William Williamson (Scotland). Music will be provided by James Gray (Norway), Ian Robertson (England) and Andrew Lyon (England). You also have the option to combine this with an organized holiday 4 days before the Workshop Weekend and 3 days after. Day trips

include visits to an ancient monastery on the coast, the Baths of Aphrodite, the Templar castle, the Roman mosaics of Pafos and other fascinating sights. Check out their [website](#) for more information.

Upcoming Out of Town Events

Nov 12, 2016	Toronto Workshop & Afternoon Dance
Nov 12-13, 2016	44th Annual Jeannie Carmichael Ball & Brunch (West Point NY)
Dec 3, 2016	Hamilton Christmas Dance
Dec 10, 2016	Christmas Dance (Kitchener)
Jan 28, 2017	Burns Supper (Kitchener)
Feb 10-12, 2017	Edmonton Caledonian Ball
Feb 11-12, 2017	Ardbrae Dancers of Ottawa Ball
Feb 12, 2017	Tea Dance (Windsor)
Feb 17-19, 2017	Aloha Winter Weekend (Hawaii)
Feb 18, 2017	The 54th Tartan Ball (Toronto)
Mar 4, 2017	Hamilton Workshop & Tea Dance
Mar 11, 2017	St. Giles Workshop & Ball (Calgary)
Mar 25, 2017	West End Workshop & Tea Dance (Brampton)
Mar 25, 2017	Border Cities Workshop (Troy MI)
Apr 29, 2017	RSCDS Hamilton Branch Spring Ball



A Full Dress Outfit made up of the following:

- 1) a custom made eight yard Turnbull dress kilt (35" waist, 22" in length, 100% pure new wool by Lochcarron) \$200
- 2) a 2-1/4" wide leather belt with ornamental buckle \$20
- 3) a plain leather three tassel sporran \$50
- 4) a size 40 (S), Prince Charlie Jacket (100% wool by Raymond of Downe & Lochcarron) \$150
- 5) Turnbull hose flashes that go with kilt

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