

***A Joint Newsletter of
the Northern Virginia
and Washington DC Branches of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society***



Summer Class Schedules

Baltimore Scottish Country Dancers will meet Thursday nights 8-10 pm, June 28 - July 26 and August 9 (no class August 2) at The Bryn Mawr School Dance Studio, 100 W Melrose Avenue, Baltimore 21210. A different volunteer devises the program each night and talks through dances. No formal instruction; may have some live music. On July 12, Marty King will teach, with music by Marty Taylor. **DIRECTIONS:** From Jones Falls Expressway - take Northern Parkway exit heading east; pass Roland Avenue; make a U-turn on Northern Parkway just past Bryn Mawr entrance and drive back to entrance. From N. Charles St. - go west on Northern Parkway and turn into Bryn Mawr entrance. Dance studio is down the walk that leads from circle at end of driveway. First building on left. June 28 in the "old gym" (building past dance studio at end of walkway).

Scottish Country Dance Society of Washington: Summer classes run Monday nights June 11 - August 20 at NIH T-39. Basic class begins at 8; general class begins at 8:15.

Saint Columba's Scottish Country Dance Group: Social classes start June 5.

Northern Virginia Branch RSCDS: Combined general and basic social class starts June 5. In the Durant Center until the renovations require otherwise – check with your local classes for announcements of location changes.

Oh, Those Summer Nights

Monthly Basic Social classes continue through the summer on selected Friday evenings at NIH T-39 in Bethesda. The Basic Summer series will present easy dances from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Sponsored by the Washington Branch and aimed at basic dancers, but open to all dancers at all levels so please come and bring a friend. June 15 we visit the 18th century; July 20 we review the 19th century; and August 17 we take a look at the 20th century. Please note that these are **THIRD** Fridays, not fourth, due to scheduling constraints. Class starts at 8:00 pm. \$3. Contact Ralph at 301-649-5666 or caberfei@aol.com.

Exams Are Over!

Many thanks to all who helped this past year with the Candidates' Class and the RSCDS exams held in April. These classes, and the resulting crop of new teachers, could not have happened without your assistance. **Special thanks ...** to Ellie and Mel Briscoe and to Elaine Brunken, class tutors; to Ralph Stoddard for handling administrative tasks and ensuring that a cup of hot tea was always available; to Stella Fogg and Kate Nealley for serving as mock examiners; to Carol Porter for care and feeding of the real examiners; to Jana Blue for supplying Krispy Kremes just when the carbo levels were falling off; to Pam Stephens for the comfy folding chairs; to Ellen Ternes for some truly amazing legwear; to Sheryl Griffith, Margaret Grandine, Beth Kingsley, and Ralph Stoddard for filling out the candidates' sets for the 24 prescribed dances (Scotch Circle again? Why, sure – no problem!); to those who came to stooze the nights of the exams and to Shelley Foote and Ralph Stoddard for teaching classes on those evenings; and to the dancers who gave up their Saturday afternoons week after week after week after week to stooze for yet another lesson introducing traveling pas de basque.



Happiness Right In Your Own Backyard

♪ **Birthday Bash 2001 (The Methuselah Hoedown), Saturday June 23, at 8 pm**

with Muriel Johnstone, Earl Gaddis and Ralph Gordon, plus Dan Emery, piper.

Whitby Gym, National Cathedral School, Washington. Contact Ellie at 703-461-7383 or

mail@briscoe.com. Flyers and cheat sheets at classes or at <<http://briscoes.home.mindspring.com/bash/>>

We who have "significant" birthdays this year invite you to join us in happy celebration. No charge, but bring delicious goodies to share. Birthday Girls and Boys are: Maria Adams, Mary Andrews, Mel and Ellie Briscoe, Dan Emery, Jane Filkins, Alastair Latamore, Anne Leslie, Jim McRae, Moire Queen, Woody and Judy Rankin, and Jenn Sawin Stoddard.

<p><i>Machine Without Horses (32J3, Bk 12)</i> <i>Red House (40R2, Bk 7)</i> <i>Braes of Breadalbane (32S3, Bk 21)</i> <i>Mrs Stewart's Jig (32J3, Bk 35)</i> <i>The Trysting Place (32S2, Bk 35)</i> <i>The Irish Rover (32R3, Cosh 22+2)</i> <i>Sugar Candie (32S3, Bk 26)</i> <i>The Duke of Atholl's Reel (32J2, Bk 16)</i></p>	<p><i>Shifftin' Bobbins (32R3, Ormskirk)</i> <i>Neidpath Castle (32S3cSet, Bk 22)</i> <i>Ellie's Jig (32J3, Slip Knot)</i> <i>Monymusk (32S3, Bk 11)</i> <i>West's Hornpipe (32H4, 1965)</i> <i>Bonnie Stronshiray (32S3, Glas. Ass'y)</i> <i>Joie de Vivre (32J3, Bk 39)</i> <i>Sleepy Maggie (32R3, Bk 11)</i></p>
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♪ **Richmond "Simple Summer" Dance, Sunday, June 30 at 2 pm.**

Church of the Epiphany, 8000 Hermitage Rd., Richmond VA

Music by Waverly Station. Directions and cheat sheets available from: Stella Fogg 2010 Ridge Stone Court, Richmond, VA 23233 804-740-4404 or StellaF@worldnet.att.net

<p><i>Laird of Milton's Daughter (32J3, Bk 22)</i> <i>Fair Donald (32S3, Bk 29)</i> <i>The Dancing Bees (32R3, Goldring 24 G&S)</i> <i>White Heather Jig (40J4, Cosh 22+2)</i> <i>Delvine Side (32S3, Bk 2)</i> <i>The Duke of Atholl's Reel(32J2, Bk 16)</i> <i>Monymusk(32S3, Bk 11)</i> <i>J.B. Milne (32R3, Angus Fitchett Coll.)</i></p>	<p><i>The Wild Geese (32J3, Bk 24)</i> <i>Foggy River Reel (40R3, J. Blue)</i> <i>Asilomar Romantic (32S3, S Fran.2)</i> <i>Scotland's Gardens (32R3, Goldring)</i> <i>Quarrie's Jig (32J3, Bk 36)</i> <i>Culla Bay (32 S4sq, Bk 41)</i> <i>Flight of the Falcon (32J3, Anniv. 10some)</i> <i>Mrs. MacLeod (32R3, Bk 6)</i></p>
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♪ **Virginia Scottish Games Dance, Friday, July 27 at 8 pm**

Minnie Howard School, 3801 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA (across the street from Games).

Music by Terpsichore. Admission is \$15.00. For additional information contact Carol Porter, 703-379-5779, or Jay Andrews, andrewj@erol.com.

<p><i>Cutty Sark (32J3 Bk 40)</i> <i>The Flowers of Edinburgh (32R3 Bk 1)</i> <i>Invercauld's Reel (32S3 Bk 11)</i> <i>Light and Airy (32J2 Bk 4)</i> <i>The Sauchie Haugh (32S2 RSCDS L)</i> <i>Maxwell's Rant (32R3 Bk 18)</i></p>	<p><i>On the Quarter Deck (32H2 Harbour City)</i> <i>Miss Gibson's Strathspey (32S3 RSCDS L)</i> <i>The Starry-Eyed Lassie (32J3 Bk 23)</i> <i>Bratach Bana (32R3 Drewry: Bon Accord)</i> <i>Wisp of Thistle (32S3 Bk 37)</i> <i>Highlandman Kissed His Mother (32R3 MMM1)</i></p>
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♪ **Summer Workshop, Sunday, August 19 at 2 pm**

Dancers of Cumberland, MD, Frederick, MD, and Harrisburg, PA invite you to a 1-day workshop, pot-luck dinner, and party. at the Walkersville Town Hall, Walkersville, MD (Air-Conditioned!). Special guest teacher will be Ralph Stoddard. Admission is \$5.00 & a contribution to the pot-luck. For info or directions, call Valerie Hill, 301-663-1042, or email vlhill@juno.com.



Flowers of the Forest

Dance communities were saddened this spring by the passing of Mary Kay Friday. Active in many forms of dance and song, Mary Kay was a joy to know, a role model, a mentor and teacher. She suffered a stroke in March at the Wednesday English country dance; as some said, she went the way she would have wanted – dancing. Country and ritual dancers, musicians, singers and other friends came together for a memorial service in DC in April. Mary Kay, we will miss you.

New Book Workshop

Stella Fogg, Blaine Peet and **Ralph Stoddard** are still planning to offer us a workshop on the dances in RSCDS Book 41. Word from across the pond is that this year's publication may be a pocket book, so we can still call this a "new book" workshop....

AGM Reports

Washington Branch RSCDS: President Mielke reports that the usual suspects were reelected at the May 12th Washington Branch AGM. The final recount has just been completed; further challenges are moot. The same butterfly ballot will not be used next year (one of the candidates will not be eligible for reelection anyway). A new ballot will be devised. Otherwise, the dance was held without controversy and the music was great.

Officers:

President – Jim Mielke

Secretary – Joan Rubin

Vice President – David Gilliam

Treasurer – Fred Eustis

(The rest of the Washington Branch board is comprised of representatives from constituent groups.)

Northern Virginia Branch RSCDS: New officers for Northern Virginia (following the AGM April 18th) are:

Officers:

Chairman – David Chase

Vice Chairman – Jim McRae

Secretary – Margaret (Peg) Collier

Treasurer – Jeffrey McLean

At Large Board Members:

Teresa Allen

Patti Justice

Don McKenzie

George McPherson

Nominating Committee:

Evan Duncan

Jay Andrews

Leon Hicks

(O-T-H₂O editor's note: The NoVa Treasurer for the coming year is Jeff Senior, not the new baby. Congratulations to the whole McLean family on bringing a new dancer into the world!)

Scottish Country Dance Society of Washington: AGM held May 21st.

President – Mary Ann Williamson

Secretary – Blaine Peet

Vice President – Laura Gilliam

Trustee – John MacLeod

Treasurer – Denise Peet

Non-Teaching Rep to Teachers' Committee – Sally Beth Buckner

Saint Columba's Scottish Country Dance Group: AGM held May 22nd and 29th.

President – Deidre Heyser

Secretary – Danni Downing

Vice President – Jennifer Mayrovitz

Trustee – Jay Andrews

Treasurer – Michael Newman

Non-Teaching Rep to Teachers' Committee – Linda Newman

Baltimore Scottish Country Dancers: AGM will be held about 2:00 pm, June 23 around Merle and Dorothy Waugh's pool. The meeting will include potluck meal, potluck dance, and maybe a Celidh.



What's Up In Edinburgh?

In October/November 2000, the Society's Youth Subcommittee issued a newsletter and Code of Practice for Branches to use in setting up their children's and youth classes. Sets out some useful guidelines and available through the RSCDS website, although perhaps not stringent enough for the overly-litigious US...

In March, RSCDS Chairman Alan Mair sent Branch secretaries a Newsbrief to give out to members. It described proposals to modernise RSCDS management and membership. The working group could not decide on only 1 proposal, so it gave 3 options to the RSCDS Executive Council in May. The Exec Council then chose, from the 3, the one option that will be put to the RSCDS AGM in November. SCD grapevine reports that the Exec Council chose Option 1 (status quo), but Option 3 (2-tier) was a close runner-up. Remember, there's been no change yet – that cannot happen until November's AGM. Here's a summary.

RSCDS Management –

Management Board would be smaller and meet more often. “Staggered board” (other than Chair and Chair-Elect, 1/3 of the officers and other board members leave office each year to ensure continuity)

Management Committees would be fewer (3 instead of 6). Also would have staggered boards, and could set up subcommittees or working parties for specific projects.

RSCDS Membership –

Option 1 (the “most like status quo” option)

Membership as now: Members pay Branch, which forwards \$\$ to HQ. Books, etc distributed via Branches.

Nomination and Election for Mgmt Board/Committee:

- Any member can run. Nomination from member, supported by 10+ add'l members.
- Branch AGM delegates vote for Mgmt Board and Committees. # of Branch delegates to increase (<100=2 delegates, +1 for every +50 members)

Motions to AGM:

- Only delegates vote, but members can attend/observe. Motions from Mgmt Board or Branch

Members' Forum:

- Format of open forum for all members to be changed/expanded

Advantages/Disadvantages:

- ✦ No dues increase other than to meet annual costs
- ? Limited # members participate in RSCDS management. No direct member contact. Members don't vote.
- ? Total # AGM delegates could >500, which = time & effort for HQ staff.
- ? Distribution of materials still through Branches, which = delays and cost to branches.

Option 2 (the “one-person-one-vote” option)

Membership would operate through HQ:

- Dues increase £3 per year to cover membership database, voting system, 1 mailing/yr. Plus annual increases
- Books, etc mailed direct to all members

Nomination and Election:

- Eligibility to run for office and nomination process same as Option 1
- All members vote for Mgmt Board and Committees at AGM – postal voting to be arranged

Motions to AGM:

- AGM open to all members. Motions to AGM submitted from Mgmt Board, from member with 50 supporters, or from Branch (in the name of member and needs 50 supporters)

Branch Convention:

- To be set up -- Branch reps can discuss matters of interest, forward proposals to Mgmt Board

Advantages/Disadvantages:

- ✦ Democratic – each member votes. Enfranchises HQ members (>10% of members) who have no voice now. Members get equal opportunity to participate in governance. RSCDS communicates directly = less breakdown, members feel more involved
- ✦ HQ admin reduces work and distribution costs for Branches; more time for local projects
- ✦ Branch Convention offers important opportunity for generation & exchange of ideas
- ? **Perceived** diminished of role of Branches
- ? Increased costs to members (direct mailing); may need more HQ staff to service membership

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[RSCDS Membership options, continued]

Option 3 (the “two-tier” option)

Membership would have new structure:

- Two membership packages offered – (1) Full RSCDS membership; (2) Local (Branch level) RSCDS membership.
- Full members pay high (possibly £20) dues to HQ plus join local branch. Life/Long-term members who want to be “full members” would pay the HQ dues. Books, etc sent from HQ.
- Branch determines what “package of services” it wants to offer local members. Dues to HQ depend on what’s in this package. Pay branch, get books, etc through branch as now.

Nomination and Election:

- Eligibility to run for office and nomination process same as Option 1, but only for full members.
- Voting process same as Option 2, but only for full members.

Motions to AGM:

- Same as Option 2, but only for full members.

Branch Convention:

- Same as Option 2.

Advantages/Disadvantages:

- + 2 membership types = members choose own level of contribution to RSCDS
- + Fewer, but more committed, full members. Cost savings (fewer members).
- + More chance for full/local members to use talents/skills to serve at local or international level
- + Branch Convention offers important opportunity for generation & exchange of ideas
- ? May be **perceived** as creating two “classes” of member
- ? Can’t predict #s full vs local members. Fewer full members = lose economy of scale (publication runs)

New Book Project

Now that the Candidates’ Class is over and they can reclaim their lives, **Jenn Stoddard** and **Jana Blue** are reviving last year’s project to celebrate 50 years of dancing in the area with a new dance book. (Jenn says if she could be 29 for a whole decade, we can celebrate a 50th anniversary for at least 2 years.) We have several submissions already; if you submitted and want to edit anything, contact Jenn at 301-649-5666 or SawinJ@sec.gov. If you have a late entry, please do likewise –be sure to specify jig, reel, strathspey, etc. We will likely need to “field test” the dances to recorded music; if you want a particular recording, please identify it with your submission. Musicians -- If you want to play (volunteer) for dance testing, speak up, please! (For conflicts reasons, during the testing process no one will teach, dance or play for his/her own submission.)

Music Makars: “Live and Well”

Music Makars have just announced the release of their third recording for Scottish country dancing: "Live and Well". The cost is US\$15.00, plus \$2.50 for s/h. Orders through Etienne Ozorak at etozorak@toolcity.net or through Highlander Music, Inverness, Scotland.

Ye’re Welcome Charlie Stuart (4x32R)	Ellie’s Jig (8x32J)	J. B. Milne (8x32R)
La Flora (8x32J)	Mary Hamilton (4x32S)	Sugar Candie (8x32S)
Sauchie Haugh (8x32S)	Davy Nick Nack (8x32H)	De’il Amang the Tailors (4x32R)
Reel for Andersons Rant (8x32R)	Collichur (8x32J)	Waltz

September Newsletter Deadline and Notice to Groups

Submissions for the next issue of Over The Water go to Jenn Stoddard at SawinJ@sec.gov (specify “Newsletter” or “O-T-H2O September” in the header), or by USPS to 1709 Alberti Drive, Silver Spring MD 20902. Email in Microsoft Word preferred.

*Items for the September issue must be received by **Monday August 12, 2001**. LOCAL GROUPS, PLEASE SEND IN WHATEVER INFORMATION YOU WANT PUBLISHED ABOUT YOUR FALL CLASS SCHEDULES, LOCATIONS, TEACHERS, FEES AND MEMBERSHIP, DEMO TEAMS, AND CONTACT INFORMATION.*

As always, thanks to Jay Andrews for the Calendar and distribution.

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT DESCRIPTION <i>(NOTE: details for many local events are elsewhere in this issue)</i> For more, see the Inter-City Scot at < http://members.tripod.com/~InterCityScot >.
June 9-10, 2001	Potomac Celtic Festival. Leesburg, VA
June 15, 2001	Washington Branch Basic Social Dance Class, 8:00 pm Easy 18 th century dances. NIH Aerobics Center, Bethesda, MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard.
June 22, 2001	Muriel Johnstone Scottish Music Workshop, 8:00 pm Glen Echo Town Hall. Contact Sonja Bensen at 703-931-5586.
June 23, 2001	SCD Birthday Bash 2001, 8:00 pm See article in this issue
June 30, 2001	Richmond Simple Summer Dance, 2:00 pm See article in this issue
July 2-6, 2001	Pinewoods English-Scottish Session. Plymouth, MA Sponsored by CDS Boston Centre and Boston Branch of the RSCDS. Classes in ritual and country dance, evening socials of mixed English Country and Scottish Country Dancing. Contact Howard Brezner (registrar) at hsbresner@gw.dec.state.ny.us .
July 6-14, 2001	Pinewoods Scottish Sessions. Plymouth, MA Sponsored by the Boston Branch of the RSCDS. Session I: Friday July 6 - Monday July 9. Session II: Monday July 9 - Saturday July 14. Teachers: Elaine Brunken, Bruce Hamilton and Fiona Miller for Country Dance; Maggie Carchrie for Highland and Cape Breton; and Pat Clark for a Music Class. Contact MaryEllen Scannell at 781-593-5949, scannell@gis.net or Betty Allen at 781-849-3512, eallenscd@aol.com
July 8-13, 2001	Thistle School. Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, NC. Teachers will be John and J'ina Middleton, Frances Gray, Gary Morris, Mary McConnell, and Elizabeth Lee Barnes; Bobby Brown for the music apprentice program. Classes on five levels, including teacher candidate training. Contact Betty Lee Barnes at 202-966-3595 (fax 202-362-3623), thistledance@erols.com .
July 14	Grandfather Mountain Gala Ball. Music by the Scottish Accent Contact Betty Lee Barnes at 202-966-3595, thistledance@erols.com .
July 20, 2001	Washington Branch Basic Social Dance Class, 8:00 pm Easy 19 th century dances. NIH Aerobics Center, Bethesda, MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard.
July 27, 2001	Virginia Scottish Games Dance, 8:00 pm See article in this issue
July 27-29, 2001	Northern Virginia Scottish Games. Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA.
July 27-29, 2001	TAC Annual General Meeting. University of Waterloo, Ontario.
July 29-Aug. 5, 2001	TAC Summer School University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Teachers: Ellie Briscoe, Gary Morris and Bill Zobel. Contact Catherine Shaw at celliot@uwo.ca or < www.tac-rscds.org >

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Aug. 17, 2001	Washington Branch Basic Social Dance Class, 8:00 pm Easy 20 th century dances. NIH Aerobics Center, Bethesda, MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard.
Aug. 18, 2001	Cumberland/Frederick Workshop See article in this issue
Aug. 23, 2001	City of Alexandria Music at Twilight Concert All Scottish Night, 7:00 p.m. Venue: Fort Ward Park Amphitheater, Alexandria, VA. Northern Virginia Branch Demo team will perform along with the Alexandria Pipes and Drums.
Sept. 21, 2001	Scottish Heritage Festival, Fort Ward Park, Alexandria
Sept. 21-23, 2001	Scottish Weekend at Camp Ramblewood, Darlington, MD. Dance teachers: Catherine Shaw, Bob Grant, and Elaine Brunken. Music teacher and Guest Musician: John Taylor Music by Scottish Weekend Ensemble (Liz Donaldson, Dan Emery, Earl Gaddis, Ralph Gordon, Steve Hickman, David Knight, Marty Taylor, Susie Petrov, and Dave Wiesler). Contact Fred Eustis at 410-922-6369, feustis@starpower.net . See <www.ScottishWeekend.org> for registration forms, <u>on-line registration</u>, <u>cheat sheets for the evening dances</u>, etc!!
Oct 7, 2001	Frederick Scottish Country Dance Party 2:30 pm Walkersville Town Hall, Walkersville MD. Music by Alexander Mitchell and Becky Ross, fiddles; Liz Donaldson, piano. \$12.00. Contact Valerie Hill; vlhill@juno.com
Nov. 2-4, 2001	Argyle Weekend. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Branch of the RSCDS. Trinity Presbyterian Church. Fri. night 8-11, Sat. classes 9-4, Ball 8-12, Sun. brunch. Teachers: John Middleton, Mel Briscoe, and Brad Saylor. Music by Findhorn and Terpsichore with Earl Gaddis. Live music for all classes. Sunday teachers' class by noted tutor John Middleton. Saturday special: English dance class with Brad Saylor and music by Dave Wiesler and Earl Gaddis. Contact Ellie Briscoe, 703-461-7383, mail@briscoe.com or Jay Andrews, 703-719-0596, andrewj@erols.com .

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