

*A Joint Newsletter of the
Northern Virginia and*

Washington DC Branches of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

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Welcome To A New Year Of Dancing!

Our area classes would like to extend a warm welcome to new and returning dancers. Scottish country dancing is social, party dancing, with the emphasis on friendly spirit as 2-5 couples dance as a team – very different from the solo performance style of Highland dance! Some of us began dancing as children or teens, others first found Scottish country dancing at university, in their 40s or 50s, or even after retirement! It's never too soon or too late to start. A full schedule with contact information for all area classes appears later in this newsletter.

- The Northern Virginia branch is running a combined class while Durant Center renovations are continuing. Fall classes begin on Wednesday, Sept. 4 at Jefferson-Houston school, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria VA (next door to Durant Center). Class begins at 7:30 with lessons and dances appropriate for the basic class. At 8:30, we break for refreshments. After the break, we continue for 15 - 20 minutes with basic skills and then move on to lessons and dances meant for the general class. Basic class members are encouraged to stay and watch the general class, but are expected to sit out dances from about 9:00 on.
- The Scottish Country Dance Society of Washington resumes classes, both general and beginner, at NIH, Bldg. T-39, on Monday, Sept. 9. We anticipate another year of intriguing dances, camaraderie and laughter and periodic planned evenings of social dancing. If you haven't visited lately, be aware that only the South Drive entrance off of Rockville Pike (Rte. 355) is currently open. It is necessary to go through the inspection station. Plans are being made for Bobby Brown and his band to play for a dance late next spring -- details soon.
- St. Columba's Scottish Dance Group ("St C's") invites all new and experienced dancers to another year of classes and parties at the Greenbelt Community Center in Greenbelt MD, a few minutes off the Capital Beltway, starting Tuesday, Sept. 3. We have warmup exercises or a dance-for-all in our downstairs dance studio at 8, then split into Basic and General classes. At 9:30, the two classes recombine for easy social dancing. Live music for class once a month and yearly parties at Halloween and Valentine's Day. All are welcome -- young and old -- several families with kids and teens dance with us regularly. Try us out! Pickup at nearby METRO can often be arranged with advance notice.
- Baltimore Scottish Country Dancers spent their summer testing alternative class locations and start times. We begin our fall semester dancing at the Westchester Community Center in Oella, MD on Monday, Sept. 9 at 7:45. Each session begins with a 15-minute stretch and warm-up session led by a member of the group. Teaching begins promptly at 8. Twice a month, area musicians such as Liz Donaldson, David Knight and Julie Gorka will provide music for our class. We look forward to an interesting year with area teachers such as Ellen Ternes, Rosalie Langelan, Jay Andrews, Ralph Stoddard, Betty Lee Barnes, Mary Ann Williamson, Pam Stephens, Stewart MacLeod and Margaret MacLeod providing instruction. We are planning a Social Dance with live music on the last Monday before Christmas.



Dancing Down Under

From Ellie Briscoe (Northern Virginia).

"If you learn to do Scottish Country Dancing, you can dance with groups all over the world!" Mel and I are here to say that's true. We spent a week in July in Australia at the Sydney Branch's Winter School, and were delighted to find ourselves very much at home: friendly people doing the same dances we do, thanks to the organizers who built their programs primarily from RSCDS materials! The scenario was familiar: classes in the mornings, dance parties at night, great live music (Muriel Johnstone and Chris Duncan, to name two of the musicians), and lots of laughter and jokes. There were people whose names we recognized, and even some we already knew! We finally met Keith Napier, who for years has provided RSCDS teachers all over the world the invaluable service of an index of dance sources and formations.

The age range was stupendous. The youngest dancer was in her teens, the oldest one was 92—both of them keen dancers and excellent partners.

Mind you, this was definitely WINTER school. The college campus where the school was held, like most buildings in "Oz," did not have central heating. It didn't help when the folks from Darwin (where it's always tropical) would exclaim indignantly, "It's five below out there!" —a quick conversion from Celsius was needed. And we never did get used to the sun's arc being low in the sky to the north. We also learned some new vocabulary. "Brekkie" is the first meal of the day, and "dinner" was the evening meal, not to be confused with "supper," which was tea and treats after the evening dance party. "Sunnies" are those dark glasses you need when it's bright outside. And don't draw too much attention to yourself; nobody likes a "tall poppy."

You don't have to take a 20-hour trip to dance with new friends and great music, of course. Just drive down to Charlottesville or Richmond, or up to Baltimore or Philadelphia!

Argyle Weekend: Friday - Sunday, November 1-3, 2002

NOVA Branch hosts its annual Argyle Weekend at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arlington VA.

Friday night starts the weekend with a Welcome Dance featuring the music of Dave Wiesler and David Knight, joined by Earl Gaddis. **Saturday** -- Excellent music, excellent teachers, variety, good programs, and friendly faces are just some aspects of Argyle Workshops! Beth Murray joins us from the Boston area. Beth has taught Scottish country dancing through out the northeast and Hawaii. She is also an active musician in the contra dance world as well as for English dancing, and many will recognize her from the Scottish Weekend music staff. Kate Nealley joins us from the Philadelphia area. Kate danced for six years with the Miami Ballet Company and was selected to be on the RSCDS demonstration teams for summer school at St. Andrews in country dance and ladies highland dance. Saturday morning features Basic and General classes; Saturday afternoon, Kate will introduce us to step dancing and then we'll have a review session to go over dances for the Saturday night Argyle Ball. At Saturday night's Ball we dance to the music of Terpsichore (Elke Baker, fiddle; Liz Donaldson, piano; Ralph Gordon, bass and cello) joined again by Earl. Then put your feet up and relax at the after party hosted by Carol Porter. **Sunday morning** finishes the weekend with a pot-luck Brunch.

New dancers get a reduced price! We don't expect dancers with fewer than 6 months' experience to be able to dance EVERYTHING in the evenings, so you get a discount. Everyone who registers before October 20 gets a discount and a nametag. If you can't attend the entire workshop, register for the parts you CAN come to. Another way to enjoy the weekend is to offer to host an out-of-town dancer. A few fun folks always travel a long way to dance with us. If you can help (you don't have to be a NoVA branch member), contact Pame McFarlane at (703) 981-1147. Pick up a flier at class, or check the Web site at www.argyle-weekend.org for details, registration form, and cheat sheets. If you need a flier mailed, contact Jeff McLean at 703-533-0032 or Jeffrey@clanMcLean.org.



Class Schedules

Mondays

SCDS Washington: Mondays 7:45pm. NIH, building T-39, Bethesda MD (METRO: Medical Center). Fall classes begin Sept. 9. General and Basic classes. Use South Drive entrance to NIH campus (off Rt 355) and be prepared for security car search at the inspection station.

Contact Mary Ann Williamson at 202-686-9591 or Belinda Acre at bebac@earthlink.net.

NEW LOCATION

Baltimore: Mondays 7:45-9:30pm. Westchester Community Center, Oella, MD. Fall classes begin Sept. 9. General (mixed levels) class. Live music twice a month.

Directions from DC area: I-95 North to I-195/MD-166 exit. Go left off exit and follow signs to 166 North. Take 166 North (South Rolling Rd) to Frederick Road. Turn left on Frederick. Go past light at North Rolling Rd. Turn right on Oella Ave. Go straight at stop sign at Old Frederick Rd, turn left at stop sign at Westchester Ave. Community Center is on the right. More directions at http://rscds-greaterdc.org/balt_info.html
Contact Fred Eustis at 410-922-6369 or feustis@starpower.net.

Tuesdays

Saint Columba's: Tuesdays 8-10 pm, Greenbelt Comm. Ctr, Greenbelt MD. Fall classes begin Sept. 3. General and Basic classes; beginners welcome any time. Live music monthly for the General class.

Contact Jenn Mayrovitz at 410-381-3948 or rjmayro@erols.com.

Charlottesville: Tuesdays 6:30-9 pm, St. Paul's Epis. Church, Ivy VA. Mixed class; beginners welcome any time, but please call ahead. Contact Celia or Bob Belton at 804-979-0939 or trouto@ntelos.net.

Richmond: Tuesdays 7 pm, Richmond Comm. Sch., corner of Patterson & Libbie Aves, Richmond VA. Beginners welcome any time. Contact Stella Fogg at 804-740-4404 or stellaf@attbi.com.

Wednesdays

Northern Virginia Branch RSCDS: Wednesdays 7:30pm. Jefferson-Houston Elem. Sch. (next door to Durant Center), 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria VA (METRO: King Street). Fall classes begin Sept. 4. Combined (mixed levels) class – starting at 7:30 with material appropriate for Basic class and finishing the evening with lessons/dances for General class. Contact Carol Porter at 703-379-5779; Ellie Briscoe at 703-461-7383 or mail@briscoe.com; David Chase at 703-780-8616 or David_E_Chase@hud.gov.

Annapolis: CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM WHETHER AND WHERE CLASSES ARE MEETING.

Wednesdays 8-10pm. All levels. Contact Gil McNew at 410-224-6788 or gdmcnew@juno.com.

Frederick: Wednesdays. Hood College. Fall classes begin Sept. 4.

Contact Valerie Hill at 301-739-4553 or vlhill@juno.com.

Cumberland: Wednesdays 7:30-9:30pm, Appalachian Ballet Theater, US Rt 220 South, Cresaptown MD, across from Sheetz store. All levels. Contact Roger Dale at 301-729-1775 or smdlaw02@hereintown.net.

Fridays

Washington Branch RSCDS: Classes are expected to resume at Montgomery Blair High School, University Blvd & Colesville Rd, Silver Spring MD. **CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM.** Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664.

EXPERIENCED TECHNIQUE on first Fridays (10/4 and 12/6) gives you a chance to work at finer points if you've been dancing at least a year.

BASIC TECHNIQUE on second Fridays (10/11 and 11/8) lets newer dancers work on style and steps while experienced folks get a refresher. Open to all.

EASY SOCIAL mostly on fourth Fridays (10/25, 11/22, and a holiday party on 12/13) offers easy, fun social dances for all. Live music often, tea after class.

Weekends

Youth Classes: Classes are expected to start up again in the fall after our wildly fun spring semester! For information contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664.



Social Party: "Non-Dance" Dancers' Evening

Whether you are just thinking about starting Scottish country dancing or have been dancing for years, come and meet dancers! On Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002, from 6:00pm until whenever, there will be a social get-together to welcome new country dancers and catch up with former dancers and friends. At 6:00, we will begin with a pot luck dinner (facilities available for reheating, but not cooking). If you need a suggestion on what to bring and your last name begins with A-I, bring a main dish, J-R a side dish, and S-Z dessert. At 8:00, we will continue socializing over coffee and dessert. In addition, we will walk through some dances from the upcoming Ramblewood programs for those who are interested.

Please come one, come all, and join us for a fun evening -- no need to be a NOVA dancer or to have signed up for Ramblewood in order to attend. Children welcome. Location: Del Ray United Methodist Church social hall, 100 East Windsor Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301. RSVP to Maria Adams at 703-548-8031 or maria.adams@ams.com

Reports From Across The Pond

- **WINTER SCHOOL IN PITLOCHRY**

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society offers a winter school Thursday – Tuesday February 20-25, 2003 at the Atholl Palace Hotel in Pitlochry, Scotland. Four days of classes and five evenings of social dancing – the final evening is a ball at Blair Castle. Maximum attendance is 130, and the cost (including accommodation, course fees, breakfast and dinner, and ticket for the ball) is only GBP280. Applications are due to Society Headquarters by Sept. 30, 2002 with a deposit of GBP50, so move quickly if you wish to attend this exciting long weekend. For details, call the Society at 011-44-131-225-3854 or visit the RSCDS HQ website at www.rscds.org.

- **ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Aberdeen Branch is hosting the Society's AGM this year, Nov. 1-2, 2002. This is an important year for the Society, as the management structure is changing.

Social Niceties: The weekend begins with a ball Friday night featuring David Anderson and his SCD Band – supper is served during the interval. Saturday morning offers discussion groups, a guided bus tour of "The Silver City", and a general class. The AGM itself will be held Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening is an informal dance to the music of George Meikle and the Lothian Band, again with supper at the interval. Your Branch Secretary has applications if you choose to attend, and questions go to rscdsagm@hotmail.com.

Management Structure Changes: A newsbrief from Society HQ was sent to Branch Secretaries in August – if you have not received a copy, contact your Secretary immediately or check out the on-line copy at www.rscds.org, but here are some highlights. Elections will be held for positions on the Society's Management Board and three committees – Membership Services, General Purposes and Finance, and Education and Training. *ANY MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY CAN STAND FOR ELECTION.* Nominations must come from a proposing member, with a seconder and support from 10 additional members, as well as a consent from the nominee: Due date is Sept. 6, 2002, and the nomination form appears with the Newsbrief. The Society is also looking for volunteers to serve on sub-committees and to act as "occasional helpers." Nominees and sub-committee volunteers should be prepared to submit a candidate profile – again, details in the Newsbrief. Please note that the number of delegates per Branch has increased this year in accordance with the management structure changes approved in 2001; the Society notes that overseas Branches may have a difficult time filling their quota of delegates, so if you can attend the AGM, this is the year to do it!

- **ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY TEACHING SKILLS COURSE**

October 26-27, 2002 at the Swallow Hotel, Glasgow, a chance to brush up your teaching skills. Johan MacLean will serve as tutor (reason enough to attend!). GBP50 includes course fee and lunch for both days. Applications available from your Branch Secretary or online at www.rscds.org; are due to Society HQ by Sept. 30, 2002.



Miss Milligan's Miscellanies

Woo'd and Married...



ONE LAST REMINDER! Please come to the Maryland Renaissance Faire; Thistle Dew Stage, on September 1, 2002, at 11:00 am to share in the wedding ceremony of Moire MacDonald Queen and George Berton (Alistair Latamore). The fairgrounds open at 10:30 am. Renaissance garb preferred, but not required. No gifts please, but Moire and Alistair would appreciate your good wishes. For directions and info, go to: www.renfest.com/mrf

Awa' O'er the Border

Pam and Phil Page have moved into their new home just north of Philadelphia. 221 Royal Avenue, Wyncote PA 19095-1113, phone is 215-884-7437. Email remains "failte_pages@prodigy.net"

New CDs

Just when you thought your budget was safe –

- Pianist Muriel Johnstone has TWO new CDs of original compositions. Dancing Fingers 4 offers 12 cuts for dances in The Blackadder Collection; listen for "Elke Baker", the fourth tune in Carol Palmer's Strathspey. Dancing Fingers 5 gives you another 12 tracks, for dances in The Merse Collection including Elaine Brunken's strathspey The Falkirk Lass, with its title tune "Elaine Wallace Brunken."
- Another new "must have" is The March Hare from Andy Imbrie, piano; Susan Worland-Bentley, fiddle; and Michael Bentley, bodhran and whistle. Michael also supplies vocals (yes, she said vocals) on "Peat Fire Flame" and devised the title dance The March Hare (instructions are included). Other tracks include The Highlandman's Umbrella, Whigmaleeries, and Drumelzier. Order by email from tacsound@aol.com; Cdn\$23.
- Be on the alert for a new Scottish dance recording coming soon from Liz Donaldson and David Knight. Details when available!

New Tune Book

Hot off the presses! Rain in the Desert and Other Tunes. Original compositions in the folk tradition by pianist Liz Donaldson. Includes: Waltzes, Jigs, Reels, Strathspeys and Airs, a Hambo, Schottische, and Tango. Includes such favorites as: Rain in the Desert, Linda's Waltz, Darling Darcy, Waiting for Jim, and Larksinam Jig. Of particular interest to Scottish country dancers are the tunes for Long Pond Reel, Sea Tangle of Skye, and Denise Peet's dance, Gypsy Weaver. Cost \$12, postage \$3. To order contact Liz at liz@us.net or 301 986-1291.

News From Okinawa

Blaine Peet writes "... we have no clue as to when our stuff, including the so-called 'priority shipment', will arrive. So we continue to live out of our suitcases in the 1 bedroom hotel on one of the bases. In the meantime, we eat sushi daily but swim only almost every day at one of the many pools or beaches. Connor has been snorkeling twice now, and loves it. He's pretty good at floating around, but only dog-paddles when not wearing a mask and snorkel. We already went through one container of SPF 45 sunscreen. Everybody dives, so we're looking for used scuba gear from any of the many sailors/marines/soldiers/airmen who are transferring to less ideal locations. School starts the 26th, and Connor will be picked up by the bus just a few blocks from home. Talk to you again soon!

Let's Have a Ceilidh

Monthly ceilidhs starting up in Richmond! Join in the fun from 7-10 pm on the last Sunday of each month at Jana Blue's restaurant, "Du Jour." Call Jana and Michael for details.

Join the Fiddle Club

Potomac Valley Scottish Fiddle Club welcomes all instruments! Beginner through National Champion regularly attend. Monthly meetings Sundays, 2:30-9pm. Annual membership includes lessons, jams, printed music, newsletter: \$20 indiv/\$30 family. See <http://members.aol.com/bakerez1/pvsfc.html>



Miscellanies, Continued

Bonniest Lass In All The World

Miss Julia Ellen Andrews was born on Wednesday, July 10, 2002 at 11:49 pm to the great joy of her parents, Elke Baker and Bruce Andrews. Julia weighed 7 pounds 8.1 ounces and was 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long. She is also really, REALLY cute. Scottish fiddle music was played during labor and helped the whole process along. Julia's favorite Scottish music CD is "Glenelg." She likes to wave her hands and feet to it. Julia attended her first (post-natal) Scottish country dance on July 30. She brought her parents with her. While Julia declined to dance herself, she allowed her parents, Elke and Bruce, to dance. Julia's favorite activities at present are eating and sleeping, although she seems to show some interest in fiddling.



Congratulations!

Beth Kingsley passed her Preliminary Test (the first exam in becoming an RSCDS teacher) at TAC Summer School. Please extend your good wishes when you see Beth.

Inclement Weather Reminders

NOVA Branch's snow policy is if Alexandria schools are closed (all day or early closing), no dancing that evening. Evening events at Montgomery Cty schools are cancelled if schools close early or all day. St Columba's policy is to cancel class if any phase of snow emergency plan is in effect in Prince George's county at 3pm (get this info from radio, TV or local internet news sites, or contact Greenbelt Comm. Ctr (301-397-2208), Jenn Mayrovitz (410-381-3948), or any other St C's Board member).

Designing Woman

LAST CHANCE: Mary Andrews will design the cover for the area-wide dance book under construction. We need your ideas and input for a logo, name, symbols that represent dancing in this area, etc. Ralph Stoddard has volunteered to compile materials for Mary, so send your thoughts, drawings, etc to 1709 Alberti Drive, Silver Spring MD 20902, caberfei@aol.com or call 301-649-6664.

An Evening of Gaelic Music

Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m, a concert featuring Riona Whyte of Mull and Archie MacLean of Glasgow, Gold Medal Winners of Scotland's Royal National Mod held on the Isle of Lewis, Outer Hebrides in October 2001. Also appearing will be Beathag Mhoireasdan, Gaelic singer, writer and actress from the Isle of Lewis and Mac-talla (gaelic singers with Laura Gilliam, flute and Jeffrey Steinberg, fiddle). Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard St., Glen Echo, Md. No charge but donations appreciated. Info: 202-244-3676.

December Newsletter Deadline and Guest Editor:

*Submissions for December 2002 issue of Over The Water ONLY must go to a guest editor, likely Jenn Mayrovitz at 410-381-3948 or rjmayro@erols.com or Ellie Briscoe at 703-461-7383 or mail@briscoe.com. Phone or email ahead to find out who will actually be editing the issue (not yet determined). Items for the December issue should reach the guest editor by **Friday November 8, 2002** – please submit material timely, since these folks are kind enough to be filling in. As always, thanks to Jay Andrews for the Calendar, distribution, and moral support.*



Upcoming Parties and Workshops

- ♫ **Scottish Weekend at Camp Ramblewood** **Friday – Sunday September 27-29**
Darlington, MD. Friday welcome dance, classes on Saturday and Sunday, Saturday night formal ball. Dance teachers – Marjorie McLaughlin, Robert McOwen, Bill Zobel. Music teacher – Betsy Hooper. Fabulous music. Contact Pam Stephens, 301-587-2687 pamvictor@starpower.net or Fred Eustis, 410-922-6369 feustis@starpower.net. www.ScottishWeekend.org.
- ♫ **Eighth Frederick Scottish Country Dance Party** **Sunday, October 6, at 2:30pm**
Walkersville Town Hall, Walkersville, MD Music by Waverley Station: David Knight, fiddle, Liz Donaldson, piano. Admission \$12. Contact Valerie Hill at 301-739-4553 or vlhill@juno.com.
- ♫ **Richmond Games Dance** **Saturday, October 26, at 1:00pm**
Dancing at the Richmond Highland Games has become an annual delight! Look for details and flyers at your local classes. Contact Stella Fogg at 804-740-4404 or stellaf@attbi.com.
- ♫ **Halloween Dance** **Tuesday, October 29 at 8pm**
A costume party dance with live music replaces St Columba's classes. Greenbelt Community Center, Greenbelt MD. Look for details and flyers at your local classes. Contact Jennifer Mayrovitz 410-381-3948 or rjmayro@erols.com
- ♫ **Christmas Walk Tea Dance** **Saturday, December 7 at 2pm**
George Washington Middle Sch, 1005 Mt. Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA. \$15 (dancers under 16 \$7.50)

Call Your Reps

Branch and group officers for 2002-2003 are listed below. Contact these folks to ask questions; to present ideas for events, fund-raisers, demo opportunities; to volunteer your services; or to offer compliments or suggestions.

Northern Virginia Branch: Chairman - David Chase (David_E_Chase@hud.gov); Vice Chair - Jim McRae; Secretary - Peg Collier; Treasurer - Jeffrey McLean. At Large Board Members – Mike McCarthy, Patti Justice, Don McKenzie, Rich Hogan. Board meets monthly, usually first Tuesdays -- contact David Chase.

Washington Branch: President - Mary Ann Williamson; VP – Joan MacLeod; Secretary - Joan Rubin; Treasurer - Fred Eustis. Rest of board are reps from SCDS-W or St C's.

Scottish Country Dance Society-Washington: President - Belinda Acre (bebac@earthlink.net); VP - Ann Lowe; Secretary - Karen Lewis; Treasurer - Vicki Platz; Trustee - John MacLeod (blackolav@cs.com); Teacher Comm Rep - Sally Beth Buckner. Committee of Management meets quarterly. Meetings are open to SCDS-W members.

Saint Columba's Scottish Country Dance Group: President - Jennifer Mayrovitz (rjmayro@erols.com); VP – Kurt Thompson; Secretary - Danni Downing; Treasurer – Kay Hoffman; Trustee - Jay Andrews; Teacher Comm Rep - Linda Newman. Branch COM Reps - boB Cameron, Jenise Williamson, Janet Simmon..

Baltimore Scottish Country Dancers: President - Sue Eustis (410-922-6369, feustis@starpower.net); VP - Fred Eustis (same); Corresponding Secretary - Sheila McCaw (410-683-4522 sheila208@hotmail.com); Membership Secretary - Penny Bamford (410-609-0976 pbamford@peds.umaryland.edu); Treasurer - Donald Vasbinder (410-795-8144 dvasbind@ora.fda.gov)

CALENDAR

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Sept. 1	Pub Jam, Royal Mile Pub, Wheaton, 3:00 p.m. Scottish jam session. Bring an instrument or come to listen. Good food and music! www.royalmilepub.com
Sept. 3	Classes Resume in Richmond, 7:00 p.m. Venue: Richmond Community School on the corner of Patterson and Libbie Avenues. Contact: Stella Fogg, 804-740-4404 or email: StellaF@att.net .
Sept. 3	Fall Classes Start in Greenbelt, 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by the St. Columba's Scottish Country Dance Group. Contact: Jennifer Mayrovitz 301-381-3948, rjmayro@erols.com .
Sept. 4	Classes Resume in Alexandria, 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Branch of the RSCDS. Venue: Jefferson Houston Elementary School. Contact: Carol Porter, 703-379-5779, or Shelly Foote, 703-329-9118.
Sept. 7	Appalachian Highland Games and Festival Murphy, NC. Contact 828-389-0747.
Sept. 9	Classes Resume in Baltimore, 7:45 p.m. Sponsored by the Baltimore Scottish Country Dancers. Venue: Westchester Community Center in Oella, MD. Contact: Fred and Sue Eustis, 410-922-6369, feustis@starpower.net
Sept. 14-15	Maryland Renaissance Festival – Scottish Celebration Crownsville, MD. Contact 800-296-7304.
Sept. 21	Pot Luck Supper and Scottish Weekend Party Prep. Social Del Ray United Methodist Church social hall, 100 East Windsor Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301. See article on Page 4. RSVP to Maria Adams, 703-548-8031 or maria.adams@ams.com
Sept. 27-29	Scottish Weekend at Camp Ramblewood, Darlington, MD. Sponsored by Scottish Weekend, Inc. Friday Welcome dance, classes on Saturday and Sunday, formal ball on Saturday night. Dance teachers are Marjorie McLaughlin, Robert McOwen, Bill Zobel. Music teacher is Betsy Hooper. Music by Earl Gaddis, Anne Hooper, Betsy Hooper, David Knight, Liz Donaldson, Ralph Gordon, Dan Emery, Beth Murray, and Dave Wiesler. Contact Pam Stephens, Chair 301-587-2687 pamvictor@starpower.net or Fred Eustis, Registrar, 410-922-6369 or feustis@starpower.net . Web site: www.ScottishWeekend.org .
Sept. 28	Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair Fort Ward Park, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA. Contact 703-683-5849.
Sept. 28	Cumberland Celtic Festival Cumberland, MD. Contact 301-777-2800.
Sept. 28	Williamsburg Scottish Festival Williamsburg, VA. Contact 910-843-5000.
Oct. 4	Washington Branch Experienced Technique Class, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: TBA. Contact Jay Andrews, 703-719-0596 or andrewj@erols.com
Oct. 6	Scottish Country Dance Party, 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by Frederick Scottish Country Dancers. Walkersville Town Hall, 21 W. Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD. Music by Waverley Station. Contact Valerie L. Hill, 301-663-1042 frederickscd@mindspring.com . Web site: http://www.mindspring.net/~frederickscd .

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Oct. 6	Pub Jam, Royal Mile Pub, Wheaton, 3:00 p.m. Scottish jam session. Bring an instrument or come to listen. Good food and music! www.royalmilepub.com .
Oct. 11	Washington Branch Basic Technique Dance Class, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or caberfei@aol.com
Oct. 12	Radford Highland Festival Radford, VA. Contact 540-831-5324.
Oct. 18-20	Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival Stone Mountain, GA. Web Site: http://www.smhg.org
Oct. 25	Washington Branch Basic Social Dance Class, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or caberfei@aol.com
Oct. 26	Scottish Festival of the Waxhaws Gathering of Clans Waxhaws, NC. Contact 704-764-5683.
Oct. 26	Richmond Scottish Country Dance, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Dance on the field at the Richmond Highland, Games and Celtic Festival. Musicians: David Knight – fiddle and David Wiesler – piano. Contact: Stella Fogg, 804-740-4404 or email: stellaf@attbi.com .
Oct. 26	Workshop and Party with Esther MacKay. Afternoon dance workshop with this well-known and well-liked teacher from New Zealand, featuring dances by New Zealand devisors Barry Skelton, Iain Boyd and Alec Hay. Evening potluck dinner and dance party. First Universalist Church, Salem MA. Contact Mary Ellen Scannell at 781-593-5949 or scannell@gis.net .
Oct. 26-27	Richmond Highland Games and Celtic Festival Strawberry Hill, Richmond, VA. Contact 804-228-3200 X225.
Oct. 29	St. Columba's Annual Halloween Party, Greenbelt Community Center, 8:00 p.m. St. Columba's SCDG sponsors its annual Halloween Dance Party at the Greenbelt Recreation Center, Greenbelt MD. Live Music. Costume Optional. Contact: Jennifer Mayrovitz, 410-381-3948, rjmayro@erols.com .
Nov. 1-3	Argyle XIX SCD Weekend Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Branch of the RSCDS. Venue: Trinity Presbyterian Church, Arlington, VA. Welcome Dance Friday night 8-11, Saturday classes 9-4, Ball 8-12, Sunday brunch. Teachers: Kate Neally and Beth Murray. Music – Welcome Dance: Dave Wiesler, piano; David Knight and Earl Gaddis, fiddles; Ball: Terpsichore (Elke Baker, fiddle, Liz Donaldson, piano and Ralph Gordon, bass, with Earl Gaddis, fiddle). Live music for all classes. Contact Jeff McLean, 703-533-0032 or jefferey@clanMcLean.org . Web site: http://www.argyle-weekend.org .
Nov. 2-3	30th Annual Jeannie Carmichael Ball Thayer Hotel, West Point, NY and brunch/dance Sunday Nov 3. Music by Muriel Johnstone and Keith Smith. Contact: Sheila Wilson at 212-744-1470 or info@rscdsnewyork.org . Or visit www.rscdsnewyork.org . Applications must be received by October 25.
Nov. 2-3	Foothills Highland Games Tryon, NC. Contact 828-859-2028.
Nov. 3	Pub Jam, Royal Mile Pub, Wheaton, 3:00 p.m. Scottish jam session. Bring an instrument or come to listen. Good food and music! www.royalmilepub.com

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Nov. 8	Washington Branch Basic Technique Dance Class, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or caberfei@aol.com
Nov. 17	Potomac Valley Scottish Fiddle Club Dance Contact: Elke Baker, 410-531-3261, bakerez1@aol.com .
Nov. 22	Washington Branch Basic Social Dance Class, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or caberfei@aol.com
Dec. 1	Pub Jam, Royal Mile Pub, Wheaton, 3:00 p.m. Scottish jam session. Bring an instrument or come to listen. Good food and music! www.royalmilepub.com
Dec. 6	Washington Branch Experienced Technique Class, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: TBA. Contact Jay Andrews, 703-719-0596 or andrewj@erols.com
Dec. 7	Scottish Christmas Walk Alexandria, VA. Contact 703-549-0111.
Dec. 7	Northern Virginia Christmas Walk Tea Dance, 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Branch of the RSCDS. Venue: George Washington Middle School, Alexandria, VA. Musicians: To be announced. Contact David Chase at 703-780-8616 or David.E.Chase@hud.gov .
Dec. 13	Washington Branch Basic Technique Dance Class, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or caberfei@aol.com
Dec. 15	Richmond Christmas Tea Dance, 2:00 p.m. Church of the Epiphany, Richmond, VA. Contact Stella Fogg, 804-740-4404 or stellaf@attbi.com .
Jan. 3	Washington Branch Experienced Technique Class, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: TBA. Contact Jay Andrews, 703-719-0596 or andrewj@erols.com
Jan. 5	New Year Tea Dance, 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Washington Branch of the RSCDS.
Jan. 10	Washington Branch Basic Technique Dance Class, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or caberfei@aol.com
Jan. 24	Washington Branch Basic Social Dance Class Burns Party, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or caberfei@aol.com
Jan. 25	Burns Night Celebration and Dance, Charlottesville, VA Dance: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Dinner and Ceilidh: 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Prepaid reservations only. Contact Celia and Bob Belton, 804-979-0939, trouto@ntelos.net .
Feb. 7	Washington Branch Experienced Technique Class, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: TBA. Contact Jay Andrews, 703-719-0596 or andrewj@erols.com
Feb. 11	Saint Columba's Valentine Dance, 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Greenbelt Community Center Gym, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt MD. Musicians to be announced. Contact: Jennifer Mayrovitz, 410-381-3948, rjmayro@erols.com .

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April 4-6	Capital Weekend 2003 Sponsored by the Washington Branch of the RSCDS. National Cathedral School, Welcome Dance Friday 8-11, Saturday Classes 9-12 and 1-2:30, Ball 8-12:30, Sunday Brunch 10-2. Lunch may be purchased Saturday, Reception before Ball. Teachers: Linda Gaul and Keith Bark. Music – Welcome Dance: Milbrae (Dave Wiesler, piano; Hanneke Cassel and Terry Traub, fiddles); Ball: Terpsichore (Elke Baker, fiddle; Liz Donaldson, piano; Ralph Gordon, bass). Contact Jenise Williamson, 301-441-1331 or c.jenise@moose-mail.com or Jim Mielke 301-589-3045 or jim.mielke@geologist.com . Web site: http://www.geocities.com/Paris/Parc/1297/capitalweekend/ .
April 6	National Tartan Day National Capital Mall
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May 9	Washington Branch Basic Technique Dance Class, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or caberfei@aol.com

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