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Diary of a HARWOOD LODGE Weekend (by Doris Fisher)

Friday afternoon: Eric and I arrived to a clear, beautiful sunny day at Mount Baldy after successfully navigating the seven (approximately) hairpin turns. We were greeted at the lodge by our cheerful overseers, Bob & Chris Brooks. Harwood Lodge is a well-maintained stone and wood lodge (see photos); we were the first to use the new and improved kitchen, and it was lovely! The participants for the full weekend arrived all in good spirits and safely (Aase Hansen, Carol Johnson, Christine Grobler, Dianne Wilson, Doug & Anthea Macdonald, Jon Reeves, Leslie Evans, Marion Reeve, Shu-Jen Su), a great mix of LA, OC and SGV members. The 14 of us enjoyed a campout-menu dinner of hot dogs, chili, cornbread, watermelon, etc. Aase, Doug, Anthea and Marion taught us some fun ceilidh dances, and we wrapped up the evening playing a hilarious game called Spoons. (Taught to us by Anthea; it involved passing cards and grabbing spoons and lots of laughing...)



Saturday: Here's what we learned on Saturday:

- 1) Give Jon 30 minutes and six ingredients and he'll create a culinary masterpiece (eg: blueberry compote for our waffles and, later, zucchini saute with our lasagne).
- 2) Give Doug 40 minutes and seven swords and he'll teach you how to make a "sword star" while dancing!
- 3) Give Chris 90 minutes and she'll get you up to the Mount Baldy waterfall and back, and you'll find new muscles you forgot you owned!
- 4) Give Aase 120 minutes and she'll teach you more new dances than you can remember in spite of having a headache and a few other unexpected challenges. (Doug & Anthea helped out with the teaching, also.)
- 5) Give Leslie an apron and you don't have to worry about the kitchen duties all weekend.
- 6) Christine & Shu-Jen are the "true" hikers.



The Waterfall

Photos by Doris Fisher



night with the “diehards” playing another round of Spoons and other more challenging card games, like Golf and Rich Man/Poor Man.

Sunday: We woke to the smell of T.J.’s nitrate-free bacon, perfectly fried by Eric, and sampled made-to-order omelets by Jon. It was a beautiful clear day, not too hot at all. Everyone pitched in 100% after breakfast to help clean up. We packed picnic lunches from our leftovers and cleaned up the lodge, packing out our trash and sweeping up after ourselves. Some of us ended the weekend with a trip up the ski lift before heading home.

7) Chocolate chip cookies are best straight from the oven. (OK, we already knew that one...)

On Saturday we were joined at various times during the day by Betty Petit, Frank Wu, Britt-Nicole Peterson, Ross Huss, Bob Harmon and Bill and Nancy Hartung, so by dinnertime our ranks had grown to 21 participants. After our lovely lasagne dinner we danced in the living room (with the furniture moved out of the way) and had plenty of room for our two full sets. We enjoyed lots of favorites like Rovers Rant, Swiss Lassie, Catch the Wind, etc., and walked most of them, so it was a fun time for all. Dances were well briefed by Aase, Anthea, Bill and Doug. After the dancing, we performed our sword dance routine, and then ended the



Harwood can be summed up in three words: Eating, Dancing & Visiting (not necessarily in that order..). We were a congenial group (in spite of being a bit sleep-deprived); everyone pulled their weight; and we all agreed we’d like to do it again.

Photos by Aase Hansen



DEADLINE FOR
THE MARCH
GHILLIE CALLUM
FEBRUARY 19, 2010

**LOS ANGELES BRANCH
SCHEDULE OF DANCES
2009**

December

31 Hogmanay. El Segundo Woman's Club. 8 p.m.
Music: recorded. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the
door. Reservations: Aase Hansen

2010

January

23 Los Angeles/Orange County Burns Ball.
American Martyrs Church, 624 15th St., Man-
hattan Beach. Music: Calum MacKinnon and
Lisa Scott. Cost: \$45 per person.

February

27 Beginner Dance. Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Se-
nior Center, 4050 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman
Oaks. 7 p.m. Recorded music. Cost: \$10 mem-
bers, \$15 nonmembers.

March

27 Beginner Dance. Torrance Cultural
Arts Center. Torrance Blvd. at Mad-
rona. 7 p.m. Recorded music. Cost:
\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers.

April

24 Monthly Dance. Culver City Senior
Center. 4095 Overland Ave., Culver
City. 7 p.m. Recorded music. Cost:
\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers.



THE HALLOWEEN DANCE

To the right: Alice Allen's argyll socks are
for the "*Argyll Strathspey.*"

Terry Schaeffer's shoes have little faces on
the toes, which combine with the striped
socks to be snakes, for
"*Blackadder House.*"

OTHER EVENTS

OC = Orange County Branch;

SD = San Diego;

SGV = San Gabriel Valley Branch.

2009

December:

5 SD/OC. Christmas Ball. Walnut Grove
Barn, 1950 Sycamore Dr.,
San Marcos. Buffet at 6:30 p.m., dance at 7:30.
Cost: members \$25. nonmembers \$28,
spectators \$10
Music: Hood, Wink and Swagger.

2010

January

9 SGV. St. Fillan's Fest. Supper & Dance
6 p.m., Caltech's Dabney Lounge

April

10 OC. Anniversary Celebration Ball -
Orange Woman's Club. Live music.



DANCE PROGRAMS

February 27, 2010
Beginner Dance
Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center
7 p.m.
Recorded Music
\$10 Members - \$15 Nonmembers

Blue Bonnets	JB	Book 3
Swiss Lassie	RI	Book 39
Cabrach, The	MB	Goldring
Lady In Red	JA	Ruby Anniv. Collection
Blackadder House	SI	RSCDS Leaflet
Pawling Porch	RB	Elaine Brunken
Tribute to the Borders	JB	RSCDS Leaflet
Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloch	RA	RSCDS Leaflet
Glasgow Lassies	SB	Book 34
Sally's Army	JB	Look We're Dancing
Lochalsh Reel	RI	Skye Book
Pete/Marilynn's Welcome Home	JI	Delaware Valley
Balmoral Strathspey	SB	Book 22
Mary Erskine	RB	15 Social Dances
Casting Glances	SI	Solstice Party Book
La Flora	JB	Book 27
Catch the Wind	RB	Book 45

January 23, 2010
Los Angeles/Orange County Burns Ball
O'Donnell Hall
American Martyrs Church
Manhattan Beach
Dancers \$45 - Nondancers \$35

Burns' Night	JB	Boston 50 Anniversary
Argyll Strathspey	SA	Book 35
The Dancing Bees	RB	Goldring
A Capital Jig	JI	5 Dances 2009
Silver Tassie	SI	RSCDS Leaflet
Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloch	RA	RSCDS Leaflet
White Cockade	RB	Book 5
Lady in Red	JA	Ruby Anniv Coll
Jean Martin of Aberdeen	SI	RSCDS3 for 2006
Upper Tarr	JI	Kirkbrae 2
Balmoral Strathspey	SB	Book 22
J.B. Milne	RI	Foss
Tribute to the Borders	JB	RSCDS Leaflet
Sugar Candie	SI	Book 26
Founder's Reel	RA	Brandon
Maitland to Manchester	JI	Thomas/Wallace
The Lea Rig	SB	Book 21
Rest & Be Thankful	RI	Grampian Coll

March 27, 2010
Beginner Dance
Torrance Cultural Arts Center
7:00 p.m.
\$10 Members - \$15 Nonmembers

Moudiewort, The	JB	Book 11
Ferla Mor	RI	Deeside Book Part 1
Grants' New Rant, The	SB	15 Social Dances
Douro Sixsome Jig, The	JI	Peterborough 2000
May Yarker's Strathspey	SI	Book 42
Lady Dumfries	RB	MMM I
Bramble Bush, The	JB	Book 25
Pawling Porch	RB	Elaine Brunken
Dancing Master of Moncton	SA	Mel Briscoe
Blue Bonnets	JB	Book 3
Lochalsh Reel	RI	Skye Book Vol 2
La Flora	JB	Book 27
Gramachie	SB	MMM1
Earl of Mansfield, The	RA	RSCDS Leaflet
Casting Glances	SI	Solstice Party Bk
Burns Night	JB	Boston 50th
Dancing Bees	RB	24 Graded and Soc.



Alice Allen takes on the role of storyteller during a performance by the Clan MacLeod Dancers.

Photos of Seaside Games were taken by Norm Auslander and Audrey Prest.

Los Angeles Branch Demonstration Team & Clan Macleod Dancers perform at the Seaside Games in October.



Classes from the Los Angeles Branch do demonstrations and audience participation at Seaside.



Above left, leading down the middle are Valley College's Jeff Altman and Robyn George, with from the left, Pete Anderson, Mike Mackenzie, John Ziegler, Tove Olafsen, Claudia Pedersen and Barbara Hoff.

Top right, Santa Barbara class dancers are, from left, Rachel Watkins, Deedy King, Gary Shapiro and Charles King.

Lower right, dancers from the Beverly Hills class are from the left: Randy Scherer, John Ziegler, Jim Bell, Deanna St. Amand, Pat Ziegler and Carol Madden.





Hello fellow dancers,

This is proving to be an exciting dance year for the Los Angeles Branch! Dancers who attended the Harwood Lodge weekend at Mt. Baldy enjoyed camping and dancing in a rustic and scenic setting in the pines. We had a wonderful time at the Tea Dance sponsored by the Santa Barbara class. Dancers were treated to fine music and dancing at the Interbranch Dance, sponsored by the four branches in the area and featuring the music of Andy Imbrie and Deby Benton Grosjean. Dancers who attended the Seaside Games in Ventura enjoyed dancing at the Scotch Hop. Our October beginner dance was quite festive, where we all got a chance to dress up in the costume of a Scottish country dance. As usual, the imagination, creativity and cleverness that our dancers demonstrated in their original costume themes was very entertaining.

This year's St. Andrew's Ball is part of a special weekend of activities, including workshops for musicians and teachers sponsored by Mary Brandon and Wilma Fee. Wilma is the chair of the workshop committee, which also includes Doris Fisher, Roberta Gottfried, Ann McBride, Bob Brooks, Denis & Valerie Rodgers, Rosemary Abend and Jack Rennie.

Frank Ibbott announcing dances at the Seaside Games.

The workshop committee has acquired the services of Andy Imbrie and Susan Worland to teach the musicians workshops and Simon Scott for the teachers workshops. Susan and Andy will also be playing for the ball. These workshops were the idea of Mary Brandon, and thanks to the hard work of Wilma and her committee, the workshops have become a reality. The workshops were funded by generous contributions from Mary and Wilma in memory of their husbands, David Brandon and Jim Fee, and by a generous contribution obtained by Melinda Brown from her employer.

Our traditional New Year's Eve Hogmanay party will once again be held at the El Segundo Woman's Club, where fellow dancers and friends will gather to welcome in the new year.

In January, we will be sponsoring an elegant Robert Burns Ball, along with the Orange County Branch, at the American Martyrs Church in Manhattan Beach, featuring the music of Calum MacKinnon and Lisa Scott.

Thanks again to the hard work of our Branch members who bring you these wonderful events! See you at the dance!

Bill Hartung

SEASIDE GAMES



Valley College class demonstration at Seaside Games



Audrey Prest and John Zielger as part of Valley Class.

SANTA BARBARA TEA DANCE



Jim Bell takes Mary Brandon for a turn.

The weather was perfect, the sky blue, the ocean sparkling and just the day for a train ride up the coast to attend the Tea Dance put on by the Santa Barbara class. And that was what some dancers from Orange County and the San Fernando Valley did. Attendance was excellent, comfortably filling Serra Hall with more than 60 dancers, including three teenagers from Royal High School in Simi Valley who had attended the class there, and one from San Luis Obispo.

Refreshments were served outside in the shade, enhancing the sociability of the event, with Eileen Gray's daughter providing

a pleasing background by playing her harp. It was so pleasant that dancers found it difficult to resume dancing after the break. The date coincided with Rosemary Abend's birthday so that instead of doing nothing in particular, it turned out to be her biggest birthday party ever!

Fortunately, there was a train at a convenient time for the return south and those who needed a lift to the station were given one by local class members. Overall, it was a very enjoyable afternoon.

Frank Ibbott



Linda McWade and Deresa Teller



Ray Tucker and Chris Brooks



Sarah Stelck and Gary Shapiro
December 2009



Everyone turns two hands around Photos by Audrey Prest

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Rosemary Abend and Frank Ibbott

View from stage

These photos were sent by Rosemary Abend



Tea in the garden, as Pat Ziegler, Terry Schaeffer and Rosemary Abend celebrate Rosemary's birthday at the tea dance.



December 2009

HALLOWEEN

To the left: Jim Bell and Roberta Gotfried lead the parade of costumes as "The Dream Catcher." Roberta is the dream, and Jim is going to catch her with his baseball mitt.



THE WINNERS AT HALLOWEEN DANCE



Earning prizes for their costumes at the Halloween Dance are, from left, Jeff Altman - *“Back to Back,”* Bill and Nancy Hartung - *“The Dancing Bees,”* Aase Hansen and Doris Fisher each as - *“The Lady in Red,”* Jon Reeves - *“Ferla Mor”* (the big gray man), Norm McCallum - *“The Gentleman,”* and Roberta Gotfried and Jim Bell as - *“The Dream Catcher.”*



Jon Reeves as *“Ferla Mor”* (the big gray man) taunts Doris Fisher as *“The Lady in Red.”*

New Members

The Branch is pleased to welcome Bob & Rachel Watkins, Cmel Weaver, and Genie Mc-Gaugh. We hope you will enjoy dancing with us.

Melinda and Frank





Nancy and Bill Hartung as ***"The Dancing Bees."***



Nancy Hartung poses with Debbie Grantham, whose costume theme came from ***"Harry Potter"*** for the dance called ***"The Magic Wand."***



Barbara Mackenzie, in a spider web shirt, and Deresa Teller, as ***"Swashbuckling Iain."***



Linda Boucher - *"The Flowers of Edinburgh,"* Doris Fisher - *"The Lady in Red,"* Norm McCallum - *"The Gentleman,"* Aase Hansen - *"The Lady in Red,"* and Meg Hume, dressed as a mouse for the dance *"Moudiewort"* (with a 2-inch-wide orange ribbon tail behind her).

CLASS REPORTS

SIMI VALLEY

Unfortunately Simi Valley will not be holding class in this fall. We simply did not have enough people to sign up. The recreation center requires 6 people, and we had only 4. Alas!

After the exciting summer session, when we had 7 local high school marching band members wearing their school kilts, it seems a bit of a letdown. We hope to re-start in January.

Don Cutler



LONG BEACH

This year has been busy for members, enjoying other pursuits as well as SCD. Several traveled during the spring and summer. Randi Kraemer and cousin Diane Reince visited Peru earlier this year and just returned from Prague, Czech Republic, while Karen relaxed on a cruise to Alaska in June. Roz Gotfried celebrated her 80th birthday in July.

After a short break in August, the Long Beach class is back in the dancing groove, reviewing familiar dances, learning new ones, and preparing for the new season. Our newest member, Shirene McKinney, joins us from a background of other dancing styles, namely contra dancing. After finding our listing in the Long Beach Parks and Recreation brochure, she came to give SCD a whirl and see what it is all about. She has proven to be a natural dancer. Welcome, Shirene, and may you be inspired by the delightful people you will come

to know in Scottish country dancing. In anticipation of the Ventura Seaside Highland Games October 10 and 11, classes in September reviewed dances on the program. Five class members, including Mary and John Cahill and Karen Kerman, attended the games and enjoyed the fine weather, fine company, and fine dancing. Roberta and Jim danced with both the LA Demo team and the Clan MacLeod Dancers. Between performances there were plenty of opportunities for audience participation, and Mary, John and Karen took full advantage of every moment. Three of us—Roberta, Jim, and Karen—continued into the evening at the Saturday night Scotch Hop. Great weekend and marvelous time for all!

Karen Kerman



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NORTH VALLEY

Our Northridge class has changed its location and name. We are going to be known as the North Valley class and we will be dancing on Thursday evenings at

California Dance Academy
 9759 Mason Ave.
 Chatsworth 91311

The new studio is large, has a good sound system, and we now have the opportunity to start classes at 7:30 p.m. so we will be able to take interested beginning dancers at that time.

Several of our members plan to be out and about in the weeks ahead. Angela Tennyson went to Houston for a Halloween visit with her daughter and family. Meg Hume went to Northern California to visit her parents and share in local dance activities there. Barbara and Allen Hoff ventured to Ireland for a family wedding. Claudia Pedersen will be leaving for Guam to join her daughter, Erika and family, who look forward to the birth of a daughter in February.

The beginning activities for the year have been well attended by our dancers and we look forward to the upcoming holiday events.

Claudia Pedersen



BEVERLY HILLS

The new Beverly Hills class is continuing this fall on an enthusiastic footing. Members of the class and friends (Pat and John Ziegler, Carol Auslander, Deanna St. Amand, Carol Madden, Jim Bell, and Randy Scherer) distinguished themselves when they danced a demonstration at the Seaside Highland Games. We are happy to welcome Wayne and Debbie Grantham to class, and new dancers Nancy and Heather, whose enthusiasm and laughter have infected the rest of the class.

Many thanks to Pat for her offer to privately tutor the newcomers in between classes (any interest in teaching, Pat?). The class meets Wednesday evenings at Roxbury Park.

Roberta Gotfried