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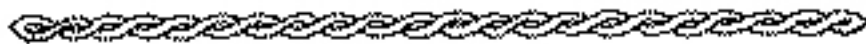
The Manhattan Beach class celebrated St. Patrick's Day with Julia Spackman doing a dance performance for the class. We're temporarily located at the Rotary Club hall in Hermosa Beach while our regular location is being renovated (including a new wood floor).

Bob Harmon took the photo.

Back row: Denis Rodgers, Tim Harrison, Bob Brooks, Rosemary Abend, Irv Cohen, Bob Harmon  
Front row: Kim Baily, Leslie Evans, Val Rodgers, Julia Spackman, Chris Brooks, Nan Werner, Wilma Fee.



*Bob*



Melinda Brown, branch membership secretary, attended a professional conference in Denver in April and got the chance to spend some time with former branch member Nan Davison and her husband Roy. The Davisons used to live in Santa Monica before moving to Boulder, Colo., a number of years ago. Both Melinda and Nan used to dance on the branch's Demonstration Team. Nan doesn't do Scottish dancing anymore, but enjoys hiking in the area (this picture was taken during a hike at Walden Ponds west of Boulder, with the snow-capped Rocky Mountains in the background. It even was snowing in Denver the day Melinda arrived, but the skies were sunny with highs in the low 70s by the time she left. Nan and Roy also spend time with their son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren in Boulder, plus had just come back from visiting their other son and his family in Kauai, Hawaii, shortly before Melinda visited.

## NOTES ABOUT OUR MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR THE NEW YEAR

I hope that we are all enjoying our classes, improving our technique, stamina and concentration, and maintaining the great friendships we develop. It is amazing to think of the all ways in which Scottish Country Dancing benefits us and improves our lives. It's no wonder that some among us have been practicing this hobby for many, many years. Here's hoping for lots more years for all of us!

On to the "nitty gritty"... At our board meeting last month, we were faced with the difficult task of setting our membership fees for the new year. I think that by now, most of you have heard that Headquarters (the Society) is raising the subscription (aka dues) rate for the new year by approximately five pounds, which translates into about \$10 per member when you factor in the current exchange rate.

As a board we looked at the financials for the last three years, and noticed that we have had a pattern of losing about \$800 a year. We would have been on track to do that again this year, had we not reaped the benefit of the unexpected success of the AFO concert that Wilma Fee organized. It was brought up at the board meeting that we should not plan to operate in the red, but rather needed to budget to be in the black. Therefore, due to the rising rates from HQ, the regular membership rate will reflect a \$10 increase to \$40. We took a hard look at the discount that we have been giving to the second member of the household and discovered that we have been subsidizing the costs for that category. Therefore, the new rate for the second member of the house will now be \$35. We have made no changes to membership rates for associate or youth memberships. If this increase is a true financial hardship for anyone, please let me

know. I believe we can provide a few subsidized memberships if you are on a very limited budget. This change in dues will enable us to keep our monthly dance prices at \$10 per member.

It may help you to know how the dues will break out per member (Note: These figures reflect reduced printing costs for the Ghillie Callum due to Frank Ibbott's generous offer to do the printing in-house.):

Subscription cost to Scotland (approx. based on recent exchange rate)	\$30.00
Dancers' Insurance (through United Square Dancers)	\$4.85
Newsletter (printing, postage)	\$5.00
Administrative expense (flyers, P.O. box, publicity, tax returns, scrapbook, office expenses, etc.)	\$8.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47.85</b>

As you can see, our dues still do not cover our "overhead" and we need some profit from dances and classes to help cover the shortfall. You may say, why do we need to "subscribe" to Scotland? Well, that is what gives us the right to call ourselves "the Los Angeles Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society." We are provided with music, dances and access to the greater Scottish dance community worldwide, as well as the training and certification of our teachers.

I'm hoping to see you all at the AGM, where you will have the opportunity to express your thoughts and make suggestions for coming year.

*Chair Lady Doris*

**SPECIAL NOTICE!  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
JUNE 28, 2008**

**VAN NUYS/SHERMAN OAKS  
SENIOR CENTER  
5040 VAN NUYS BLVD.**

**POTLUCK SUPPER 5:00 PM  
MEETING 6:00 PM  
DANCE 7:00 PM  
RECORDED MUSIC**

**MEMBERS \$10 NONMEMBERS \$12  
EVERYONE WELCOME**

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

This year's Nominating Committee consisted of Frank Ibbott and Roberta Gotfried. They have nominated the following for the Management Committee for 2008–2009.

Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Treasurer  
Corresponding Secretary  
Recording Secretary  
Four Members-at-Large

Doris Fisher  
Bill Hartung  
No Nomination  
Deborah Ash  
No Nomination  
Irv Cohen, Sue Higgins, Tove Olafsen

In addition, nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting will be accepted for any of the above offices.

As you can see, we have been unable to make nominations for the positions of Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and one Member-at-Large. The Committee meets six times a year on Sunday afternoons at Stoner Park in West Los Angeles.

If you believe you could help manage the Los Angeles Branch affairs in one of the above open offices, giving just a few hours of your time each year, please come forward. Send me an email ([frankibb@aol.com](mailto:frankibb@aol.com)), or call me (805) 373-9905.

*Frank & Roberta*

LOS ANGELES BRANCH  
SCHEDULE OF DANCES  
2008

- June  
28 AGM. Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. 5040 Van Nuys Blvd. Potluck dinner: 5:00 pm, AGM: 6:00 pm, dance 7:00 pm. Recorded music. Members \$10, Nonmembers \$12.
- July  
26 Summer Dance. Culver City Senior Center, 4095 Overland, Culver City. 7:00 pm. Recorded music. Members \$10 Nonmembers \$15.
- August  
23 Summer Dance. Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center, 5040 Van Nuys Blvd. 7:00 pm. Recorded Music. Members \$10 Nonmembers \$15.



DEADLINE FOR THE  
SEPTEMBER GHILLIE CALLUM  
JULY 21, 2008

OTHER EVENTS

OC = Orange County Branch

- July  
12 OC Dance. Anaheim Downtown Community Center. 250 E. Center St., Anaheim. 7:30 pm. Taped music. Members \$8, Nonmembers \$10.
- Aug  
9 OC Dance. Anaheim Downtown Community Center. 250 E. Center St., Anaheim. 7:30 pm. Taped music. Members \$8, Nonmembers \$10.
- Sept  
27 Interbranch Dance. Tustin Senior Center, 200 "C" Street. 7:30 pm. Musicians John Taylor & Andrew Imbrie.

**DANCING SHOES**

I have recently taken over Mary Lund's stock of dance shoes, including the lace-up ghillies as well as the women's Princess-style pumps. The collection does not include every half-size but there is a good range. Most of the ghillies are black but there are also a few in red and a small number in white. The black Princess pumps have a narrow size range, but there is a wider selection in red and white.

I will have the entire stock available at the AGM dance. However, if in future you are planning to purchase dance shoes, I suggest you let me know ahead of a dance so that I can bring a selection that is likely to include what you need. It is not possible to bring the entire collection to every dance.

Prices are very reasonable, and from every sale of these shoes, Branch funds will receive a percentage of the income.

*Frank.*

**July 26, 2008, Summer Dance**  
**Culver City Senior Center**  
**4095 Overland Ave.**  
**7:00 pm**

Auld Gray Cat	RB	Let's All Dance
Fifty Years On	JA	Book 43
Linnea's Strathspey	SI	Dunsmuir
Ladies' Fancy	JB	Book 13
Miss Johnstone of Ardrrossan	RI	Goldring 14 Social
Bonnie Charlie	RB	Let's All Dance
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	SI	RSCDS Leaflets
A Trip to the Drakensberg	JI	Book 38
Lady Lucy Ramsay	SB	MMM II
Bratach Bana	RA	Bon Accord
The Cranberry Tart	JI	Glasspool 7 Yr Itch
The Cabrach	MB	Goldring
Music Makars	RI	Book 33
Bonnie Ina Campbell	SA	Book 37
The Duoro Sixsome Jig	JI	Peterborough 2000
Collichur	JB	Book 30
Arthur's Seat	RI	18th Century

**19th ANNUAL INTERBRANCH DANCE**  
**September 27, 2008**  
**Tustin Area Senior Center**  
**200 C Street, Tustin**  
**7:30 pm**

The Machine without Horses	JB	Book 12
Currie Mountain	RB	New Brunswick
The Cashmere Shawl	SI	Strathtay Album
Lady in Red	JA	Vancouver Ruby Anniv
Delvine Side	SB	Book 2
Swiss Lassie	RI	Book 39
Collichur	JB	Book 30
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	SI	RSCDS Leaflet
Bratach Bana	RA	Bon Accord
Best Set in the Hall	JI	Greenwood - Leaflet
The Dream Catcher	SA	Book 45
Miss Johnstone of Ardrrossan	RI	Goldring 14 Social
Quarries Jig	JI	Book 36
Flowers of Edinburgh	RB	Book 1
John McAlpin	SI	Galloway Album
IP's F'well to Auchterarder	JA	B. Hamilton - Leaflet
Sleepy Maggie	RI	Book 11

**August 23, 2008, Summer Dance**  
**Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center**  
**4050 Van Nuys Blvd.**  
**7:00 pm**

La Flora	JB	Book 27
Linnea's Strathspey	SI	Dunsmuir
Founders' Reel	RA	Dances/Difference
Jimmy's Fancy	SB	Book 14
A Trip to the Drakensberg	JI	Book 38
Whigmaleeries	RI	Imperial Book 2
Bridge at Ballachullish	SA	Bridge of Earn
Quarries' Jig	JI	Book 36
Lady Glasgow	SB	MMM I
Bratach Bana	RA	Bon Accord
Miss Welsh's Reel	JB	Graded Book
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	SI	RSCDS Leaflets
Lady In Red	JA	Ruby Anniversary
The Silver Strathspey	SI	Book 44
Auld Gray Cat	RB	Let's All Dance
The Duoro Sixsome Jig	JI	Peterborough 2000
Selkirk Settlers	RB	Let's All Dance



## CLASS REPORTS VALLEY COLLEGE

Aase Hansen's daughter Lisbeth has just spent the better part of the winter with her husband Richard in Norfolk, VA. In May, Richard, who is also Pat Ziegler's son, reported for duty in Corpus Christi, TX, and they will spend the next two years there as he takes on his command.

Jon Reeves helped build a small float for Burbank on Parade at the end of April. The design for next year's Rose Parade float is taking shape, and he'll be starting to help build that once again. He's given up his head-of-construction job this year to be the secretary of the Burbank Tournament of Roses Association. Jon received a Certificate of Merit at the Annie Awards this year, in recognition of the volunteer work he's done for ASIFA-Hollywood and its various animation-related events over the years.

Kathrin Segal and Steve Kaplan are planning a trip to Scotland this summer to visit her mother, who is turning 90. They will also stop in Bristol, England, where Steve is presenting his Comedy Intensive Workshop at Aardman Animations.

Sue Higgins got a new job with ICF International, which is keeping her very busy, in a good way. She recently traveled to Washington, D.C., for an orientation and some training.

Robyn MacGarva George says: "We start taping the cooking show again in August. Jess gets home from UBC May 1st — can't wait! Flying has been an adventure — lots of flight attendants sent home from cancelled flights but not me, drat the luck! My best friend's son is getting married, so I'm going to Cape Cod in May for a shower, and back again in July for the wedding! I LOVE Cape Cod!"

John Ziegler went to Mississippi to play golf with his four brothers and three nephews in April. This is the sixth year that they have gotten together for this event and they had a wonderful time.

Tove Olafsen took her last ski trip of the season to Mammoth with the Edelweiss Ski Club. As host, she provided snacks for some 40 people on the bus and on Saturday night, a Scandinavian-inspired dinner. She also went backpacking up in Angeles Crest Forest as practice for her planned climb up Mount Whitney in May. She said it was pretty cold during the night but warmed up quickly when the sun rose. Tove saw the sights of Los Angeles' "historic" downtown on a walking tour run by the Los Angeles Conservancy's Walking Tour Program, which explores the history and heart of our amazing city through interpretation of its unique architectural resources.

*Kathrin King Segal*

## LONG BEACH

The Long Beach class is going strong with about six to eight beginner regulars and a half dozen experienced dancers. Our sympathy goes out to Mary and John Cahill with the passing of Mary's mother in Ireland. The class is continuing through Long Beach Parks Department through July and will pick up again in September. The participation of experienced dancers really helps the newer dancers move along. Anyone who feels like joining in some Saturday is more than welcome — with gratitude from the students as well as the teacher.

*Roberta Gotfried*

## SANTA MONICA

The Santa Monica class continues to enjoy learning some of the more challenging dances on the local programs, and some of the old favorites that our dancers pull out from Memory Lane. We also review dances for all of the local (and not so local) programs by request.

We have a new dancer, Martina, who learned to dance in Germany, and somehow found out about our class, and picks up new formations and dances with amazing ease. I am happy to report that several members of the class who suffered some health setbacks are on the mend.

Larry has fully recovered from his heart problems, and Audree is on the way to recovery from a broken rib. Class will continue through July and reconvene in September.

*Roberta Gotfried*

## SIMI VALLEY

The Simi Valley class meets on Monday evenings at the local recreation center. At this point we have only the usual suspects: Ed and Phyllis, Alan and Barbara, Marguerite, Don and Linda, with an occasional appearance by Deresa, when her fireman's schedule allows. Frank Ibbott is the instructor. We are working on dances for the next branch party, and just started learning the dances for the Costa Mesa Games in May. Some of us are walking wounded. Alan just came back from a knee operation, and Don (your faithful and humble correspondent) has some disk and sciatica problems. Old age is a-creepin' on. Keep the faith!

*Don Cutler*



Los Angeles  
Branch  
Members

at the

Orange County  
Branch  
25th Anniversary  
Ball



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