

# the GHILLIE CALLUM

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## AGM

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 25, 2022**

Potluck 5 p.m.; meeting 6 p.m.; dancing 7 p.m.

### **NOMINATIONS**

*CHAIR — Ann McBride*

*VICE CHAIR — Kris McGinnis*

*TREASURER — Doris Fisher*

*RECORDING SECRETARY — Audrey Prest*

*CORRESPONDING SECRETARY — Robb Quint*

*MEMBERS AT LARGE (vote for four) —*

*Rosemary Abend, Dana Dunaway, Lisa Hancock, Jon Reeves*

*If you would like to run for office, please email a member of the Nominating Committee: Bill Hartung, [bill@hartung.com](mailto:bill@hartung.com), or Terry Schaeffer, [james.schaeffer@csun.edu](mailto:james.schaeffer@csun.edu). Additional nominations for all positions will be accepted at the meeting.*

The 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Los Angeles Branch will take place in person at First Christian Church in Studio City on June 25.

The 2022-2023 membership renewal form is included with this issue of the June Ghillie Callum by mail or email.

Please mail your membership form and check to Membership Chair Melinda Brown. If you have already mailed in your membership renewal, thank you for for being early!

### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

Greetings, LA members –

It is with great happiness I can share that this year – 2022 – our AGM will be LIVE!! The date is Saturday, June 25, at the First Christian Church, 4390 Colfax Ave., in Studio City.

The event will start with a pot-luck supper at 5 p.m.; the Annual General Meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with dancing beginning at 7 p.m.

It has been a year of new beginnings –

classes have started up again at Valley College, Torrance, Lancaster, Reseda and Santa Barbara. We were lucky to have a “live” LA/OC Burns Ball in February, then our monthly dances kicked off in March at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center, and in April, we were at the First Christian Church and had incredible musicians playing

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for us: Julie Wyrick, Martha Mathews and Aubin Biery. The April dance was a belated “40th Anniversary” for the Thousand Oaks class. It was gratifying to be with many friends again – even enjoying a visit from the ever-young Roz Gotfried in April.

As the year progresses, we will have many more opportunities to dance together. We will be holding our customary summer dances – on July 23 in Torrance and Aug. 27 in Studio City. The Interbranch Dance will be held in Tustin on Sept. 24, and the musicians will be our SO-CALedonians! So please mark your calendars for all these significant events.

If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so as soon as possible. For your convenience, a membership form is included in this issue.

*Ann McBride*



Among the dancers enjoying the live music at our April dance in Studio City were Doug Macdonald and Callan Edwards.

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## CALENDAR

### LOS ANGELES BRANCH

#### JUNE

**25 AGM DANCE & POTLUCK.** First Christian Church, 4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City. Potluck 5 p.m.; meeting 6 p.m.; dancing 7 p.m. Music: recorded.

#### JULY

**23 SUMMER DANCE.** Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Torrance Blvd. at Madrona Ave. 7 p.m. Music: recorded.

#### AUGUST

**27 SUMMER DANCE.** First Christian Church, 4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City. 7 p.m. Music: recorded.

#### SEPTEMBER

**24 INTERBRANCH DANCE.** Tustin Senior Center, 200 S. C St. 7 p.m. Music: SO-CALedonians.

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### OTHER BRANCHES

#### JUNE

**11 OC AGM.** Tustin Senior Center, 200 S. C St. Potluck 5:30 p.m.; meeting 6:15 p.m.; dancing 7 p.m. Music: recorded.

#### JUNE

**18 SGV TEA DANCE & AGM.** Church of Our Saviour, 535 W. Roses Road, San Gabriel. Meeting 3:30 p.m.; dancing 4:30 p.m. Music: recorded.

#### JULY

**9 OC BRANCH DANCE.** Tustin Senior Center, 200 S. C St. 7 p.m. Music: recorded.

#### JULY

**16 SGV SCOTTISH LUAU.** Church of Our Saviour, 535 W. Roses Road, San Gabriel. 4 p.m. Music: recorded.

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### SCD-SoCal-mail

Regular e-mails about all local dance events, links to videos of dances, commentary about newly introduced dances and occasional tidbits of Scottish history, geography and culture are provided by Robb Quint.

To be added to the mailing list, contact Robb at [volleyballjerry@aol.com](mailto:volleyballjerry@aol.com).

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**Deadline for the September issue of the Ghillie Callum is Aug. 1.**

**AGM DANCE**  
 June 25, 2022  
 First Christian Church  
 4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City

Napier's Index	B J	Book 45
The Westminster Reel	I R	Book 45
The Silver Strathspey	I S	Book 44
It's Nae Bother	B J	2nd Graded Book
Bruce Frazer of Strathkinness	I S	St. Andrews 75th
The Inimitable Derek	A R	Magazine Dances 2005-2009
Welcome to Dufftown	I J	Jessie Stuart Leaflet
The Fusilier's Dream	I R	Jean Patrick Collection
Delvine Side	B S	Book 2
John Cass	A J	Book 49
The Celtic Cross	B R	First Carnforth Collection
Merry Bee	B R	L.A. 50th Anniversary
Round and Roundabout	A S	Book 49
Rendez-vous à Vichy	I J	The Paris Book, Vol. 1
Spark o' Water	B S	Spark o' Water
Carlin's Cairn	I J	Alexander Dances, Vol. 8
Trip to Timber Ridge	I R	Book 52

**SUMMER DANCE**  
 July 23, 2022  
 Torrance Cultural Arts Center  
 Torrance Blvd. at Madrona Ave.

Haste to the Wedding	B J	Book 25
Round and Roundabout	A S	Book 49
The Warren	I R	Homemade Dances, Vol. 2
Redwood Arbor	B S	Dragonfly
The Craven Jig	I J	Magazine Dances 2005-2009
A Diamond for Belfast	B J	Belfast Diamond Jubilee
Forty and Counting	A R	Book 52
Rennie's Rant	I S	L.A. 50th Anniversary
Carlin's Cairn	I J	Alexander Dances, Vol. 8
The Back o' Bennachie	B R	John Duthie 8 SCDs
Twa Rogueish Een	A J	Rondel Book
Lady Lucy Ramsay	B S	MMM II
The Australian Ladies	I R	Glasgow Assembly
A Summer Meeting	I S	Book 48
In Mr. McGregor's Garden	I R	L.A. 50th Anniversary

**SHHHH!**

A gentle reminder: Please be respectful of the emcees and the dancers trying to hear them at dances. If you must have a conversation, please keep it to a whisper while dances are being briefed!

**SUMMER DANCE**

August 27, 2022  
 First Christian Church  
 4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City

It's Nae Bother	B J	2nd Graded Book
MacDonald of Keppoch	I M	Book 49
The Rambling Pitchfork	B R	All Kinds of Everything
The Silver Strathspey	I S	Book 44
The Inimitable Derek	A R	Magazine Dances 2005-2009
Alan J. Smith	B J	Book 45
The Westminster Reel	I R	Book 45
Bruce Frazer of Strathkinness	I S	St. Andrews 75th
John Cass	A J	Book 49
Bohemian Reflections	B R	Book 51
Itchy Feet	I J	Coast to Coast
A Tribute to Peter McBryde	A S	T.A.C. 50th Anniversary
Rendez-vous à Vichy	I J	Paris Book, Vol. 1
Miss Jane Muirhead/Dunsmuir	B S	Dunsmuir Dances
The Fusilier's Dream	I R	Jean Patrick Collection



**CELEBRATORY CAKE**

In celebration of the live-music event that he had planned for April of 2020, and finally happening in April of 2022, Robb Quint slices a yummy chocolate cake beautifully adorned with fresh fruit by Anthea Macdonald.



## CLASSES

### Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara's Thursday class resumed in-person dancing on March 31, almost exactly two years after the last time we met in 2020. Vaccinated, boosted and masked, we reveled in the chance to see each other and dance as a group after not dancing, or dancing on Zoom, for so long.

We have four newcomers: two had danced with us on Zoom, having never been to a class in person.

To ease into dancing again, and to welcome the newcomers, we began with a four-week basics class. After a one-week break we will continue with basics for another four-week session, before breaking again in mid-June. We hope to continue dancing through the summer, public health concerns permitting.

*Ilse Gilbert*



For the sake of new and returning (but rusty-from-two-years-off) dancers, the Santa Barbara class resumed with Scottish country dancing basics. Here, the class is dancing the knot.

### Torrance

The Friday Torrance class has continued meeting in "hybrid form" with dancing both in-person and online, thanks to Kris and Mike McGinnis, who have been hosting the Zoom sessions.

Usually Ann McBride acts as co-host, to let people into the Zoom session while Kris and Mike are dancing.

Our teachers have been Kris McGinnis, Bill Hartung and Rosemary Abend, as well as Ann McBride and Deanna St. Amand usually teaching via Zoom. Occasionally we have guest teachers, such as Doug and Anthea Macdonald.

Since June of 2021, we have covered a great number of dances (approximately 180 at last count), some of which might not have been included on a regular program.

The class includes several members of the Demonstration Team, including Kris and Mike, Jim Bell, Carol Madden, Alice Allen and Connie Walker. The team just had their second demo dance since the end of the lockdown.

In addition to our online and zoom class, we now have a beginner class starting at 6:30 p.m. Beginning dancers include Betty Anderson and Bill and Marie Reichert. Natalie Lewis may

be joining soon.

We are sorry to report that Shirley Fung passed away the first week of May this year. She had started in Jack Rennie's Palos Verdes class and eventually moved to Torrance. She was 82. (Thank you, Jack, for notifying us of this news.)

A record of each week's program is published at [my.strathspey.org](http://my.strathspey.org).

Dancers and teachers are welcome to join us in person Fridays 7:30-9 p.m. at 1530 Cravens Ave., Torrance, CA 90501 or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8248957840> (meeting ID, if needed: 824 895 7840).

Masks are no longer required, but proof of vaccination is.

To be added to the email list, contact Kris at [krismcginnis@gmail.com](mailto:krismcginnis@gmail.com).

*Tony McQuilkin*





The Demonstration Team was joined by piper Tress Maksimuk, center, for a performance at a school fund-raiser fair in Arcadia in April.

Dancers are, from left, Grant Clark, Carol Madden, Connie Walker, Kris McGinnis, director Roberta Gotfried, Bill Hartung, Mike McGinnis and Alice Allen.

## Dem Team

As more activities resume, the branch Demonstration Team is also getting busier. In April, we were invited to perform at Highland Oaks Elementary School in Arcadia for their spring family festival fund-raiser.

There were lots of activity booths to raise money for each classroom, along with community booths with officers and Explorer scouts from police, fire, and mountain rescue services. The food booths were not just fair food (like hot dogs, cotton candy and soft taco plates), but other home-style dishes unfamiliar to us but familiar to the families.

As a large part of the school population is either Asian or Pacific Islander, it's possible that some of them were not familiar with Scottish dance and may never have heard bagpipes. Tress Maksimuk, a Dark Isle bagpiper, joined us after John Cahill, our resident bagpiper, retired from performing after the Burns Ball.

Tress and our director, Roberta Gotfried, worked out a program that alternated her piping with our dancing, and she piped as we marched on and off. She won over the youngsters when she played the main theme of Star Wars on her pipes.

We had a bit of a challenge dancing on a

platform that was only 12 feet wide, and 8 inches above the ground, with no step. We had practiced for several weeks with marks on the rehearsal floor to help us keep the set narrow, but once the music started, we were in full dance mode!

This was also the debut of Bill Hartung, our newest team member. Not content to just dance, teach and play Scottish music on the guitar, Bill has taken on the additional challenge of demonstration dancing. We are very happy to welcome him to the men's side of the set.

Now, it's on to preparations for one of our favorite demonstrations, the Home for Members of the British Empire in Sierra Madre. This is another spring fund-raiser, which we happily join for the scrumptious British baked goods, jewelry, crafts and recycled book sales.

After the British Home, we will take a short break (Grant always takes his family to Canada for the summer, and Jim Bell will be returning to Troon for the summer). We will reconvene in August to prepare for the first post-pandemic Seaside Highland Games. Mark your calendars to come out to Ventura the second weekend in October. We'll see you there.

*Alice Allen*



## Valley College

We have had good turnout in the class since we started up again the second week of February. We still have to wear masks, per Valley College requirement, and also need to be vaccinated. In addition, each of us has to do a health self-assessment online before class each Monday.

Fortunately, even though two of our members have come down with COVID, it has not been from exposure in class. Both are doing well.

We have been lucky to get a brand-new class member: Callan Edwards joined us after finding the class online. She has attended almost every week and has developed from a brand-new dancer into someone who can already stay the whole class. She is a delight to have with us.

Of our regular dancers, Lynette Kay, just spent several weeks in Ireland. Lindsey Courtney spent her spring break hiking in Wales. Carmen Silva-Corvalan will soon be off on a trip with her husband to Switzerland and Israel.

Some of our dancers have participated in the Highland Games in Costa Mesa. Dancing is beginning to feel more like normal.

*Aase Hansen*

## OBITUARY

Long-time dancer Carol Johnson passed away April 11 at the age of 83.

She was born Gerd Carol Nord in North Dakota, but she had roots and extended family in Norway. She received her bachelor of science degree in mathematics at North Dakota State University in Fargo and was hired by Boeing Co. in Seattle as a computer programmer.

After moving to Southern California, she worked for many years at the Rand Corporation.

In addition to Scottish country dancing, Carol was active in Scandinavian and English country dancing. She served the Los Angeles Branch as corresponding secretary. Her dance Merry Bee is in the 50th Anniversary Book.

**Web site:** [RSCDS-losangeles.org](http://RSCDS-losangeles.org)

**Facebook:** Los Angeles Branch -rscds

## MEMORIAL FUND

The branch has money in a Memorial Fund, to be used for equipment purchases or special events. It can be used for scholarships to help members attend a workshop or something related to Scottish Country Dancing but who cannot afford the whole cost on their own. Applications are available from branch teachers.

## AMAZON SMILE

The branch has yet another opportunity to earn donations. AmazonSmile will make a contribution when you shop using our account number. Learn how by going to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0205054>.

## RALPHS REWARDS PROGRAM

The branch earns a contribution from the Ralphs Rewards Community Contribution Program when members register to benefit the Branch, while they continue to earn their own Ralphs Rewards points. Pick up a flier and learn how to register or call 800-443-4438. **You may still need to re-register every September.** Our Organization Number is AV732. Then use your Ralphs Rewards card (or phone number) every time you shop.



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