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AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 22, 2024

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

NOMINATIONS

CHAIR — Kris McGinnis

VICE CHAIR — Lisa Hancock

TREASURER — Doris Fisher

RECORDING SECRETARY — Audrey Ramsay Prest

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY — Robb Quint

MEMBERS AT LARGE (vote for four) —

Betty Anderson, Dana Dunaway, Tony McQuilkin, Jon Reeves

If you would like to run for office, please email the chair of the Nominating Committee: Nancy Hartung, nancy@hartung.com. Additional nominations for all positions will be accepted at the meeting.

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Los Angeles Branch will take place at First Christian Church in Studio City on June 22.

The 2024-2025 membership renewal form is included with this issue of the June Ghillie Callum by mail and email.

Please mail your membership form and check to Membership Chair Melinda Brown prior to the meeting.

If you have already sent in your membership renewal, thank you for being early!

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Well, it looks like the spring weather is finally here. We've had some inspiring events this past few months. The dances in Torrance, Studio City and El Segundo had many newer dancers, who did a terrific job keeping the rest of us on track. It is wonderful to meet new dancers and to see the classes growing.

There was a workshop for RSCDS Book 53, the newest release from the Society. The three local branches all participated. We danced

12 new dances in three hours. Kudos to Deanna St. Amand for putting this together and to Aase Hansen for compiling all the results. This is the time of year when dances are considered for the next year's program. Our summer dances will be the last hurrah for the ones that will be replaced on the upcoming year's program.

June brings us our AGM (Annual General Meeting) and a reminder that it's time to renew

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your membership in the branch. Even though headquarters has increased what the branch pays per member, the Committee of Management in this branch has chosen to keep the membership price the same for our members.

This April, 24 people from the four local branches went on a Pacific Coast cruise. Six teachers and two five-couple sets danced aboard the Nieuw Amsterdam. We learned some interesting and clever dances. Thank you to Flora Morgan for arranging this group event, which was a wonderful voyage for all.

Venturing beyond your class is such a great learning experience. There are many workshops coming up, and now is the time to register for them: TAC, St. Andrews and Asilomar.

Looking forward to seeing you on the dance floor.

Kris McGinnis

CALENDAR

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

JUNE

22 POTLUCK, AGM AND DANCE. First Christian Church, 4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City. Potluck supper 5 p.m., meeting 6 p.m., dance 7 p.m. Music: recorded.

JULY

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

OTHER BRANCHES

JUNE

8 OC POTLUCK, AGM AND DANCE. Tustin Area Senior Center, 200 S. C St., Tustin. Potluck 6 p.m., AGM 6:30, dance 7. Music: recorded.

29 SGV POTLUCK LUNCHEON, AGM AND DANCE. Church of Our Saviour, 535 W. Roses Road, San Gabriel. Lunch 12:30 p.m., AGM 1, dance 2.

JULY

13 OC MONTHLY DANCE. Tustin Area Senior Center, 200 S. C St., Tustin. 7 p.m. Music: recorded.

20 SGV SCOTTISH LUAU. Church of Our Saviour, 535 W. Roses Road, San Gabriel. 4 p.m. Music: SO-CAledonians.



Gabriel and Grace White attended their first dance in May in El Segundo. He wore his father's kilt.

COVID POLICY

While the Los Angeles Branch no longer has an official COVID policy, you are free to wear a mask at your own discretion. And, as always, we appreciate those dancers who thoughtfully stay home when they feel ill.

NAME BADGES

The branch will be placing an order soon for name badges.

If yours has gone astray and you would like to purchase a replacement, please contact Kris McGinnis, krismcginnis@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the branch Seth Weisberg, Samantha Miller, and Niklas, Thomas and David Bertani.

Melinda Brown, membership secretary

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.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CRUISE



Dancers on the cruise in April included, from left: Mike McGinnis, Pat Zschoche, Christopher Bradley, Lisa Hancock, Kris McGinnis, Karen Kerman, Barbara Mackenzie, Anthea and Doug Macdonald, Doris and Eric Fisher, David and Flora Morgan, Bill and Nancy Hartung, Mark Allen, John Allen, Kathy Eisel, Jodi McEdwards, Audrey Prest, Ray McEdwards. Nondancers joining in the fun were Lester Eisel, Mike Mackenzie, Julie West.



With six teachers in the group of 24, each taught two dances on the six-day, five-night trip from San Diego to Vancouver, B.C.



We divided into early- and late-dinner groups but were all together one evening for a cocktail party given us by Holland America Line.

AGM, POTLUCK & DANCE

Saturday, June 22, 2024
First Christian Church
4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City
(see page 1 for more details)

Fair Enough	B J	Book 51
Bea's Delight	I R	Book 43
Tuolumne Tournée	A S	L.A. 50th Anniversary
Follow Me Home	I J	Book 38
Gramachie	B S	MMM I
Arthur's Seat	I R	SCDs of the 18th Century
Hedwig's Reel	B R	2nd Graded Book
Slytherin House	I S	Book 52
Niles Roberts' Farewell...	A J	Book 53
Arniston Glen	B S	Lothian Collection
The Westminster Reel	I R	Book 45
Farewell to Balfour Road	I J	Book 52
The Dancing Bees	B R	24 Graded & Social Dances
Neidpath Castle	I S	Book 22
Diamonds Are Forever	A J	L.A. 50th Anniversary
Sueno's Stone	I R	Magazine Dances 2005-2009

SUMMER DANCE

Saturday, July 27, 2024
Torrance Cultural Arts Center
Torrance Blvd. at Madrona Ave.

It's Nae Bother	B J	2nd Graded Book
Porchester Hall	I S	London Jubilee Book
Forty and Counting	A R	Book 52
Redwood Arbor	B S	Dragonfly
The Intruders	I J	L.A. 50th Anniversary
The Warren	I R	Homemade Dances, Vol. 2
Farewell to Balfour Road	A J	Book 52
The Cumbrae Reel	B R	Book 28
Round and Roundabout	A S	Book 49
Joie de Vivre	B J	Book 39
The Westminster Reel	I R	Book 45
Lady Dumfries	B R	MMM I
Diamonds Are Forever	A J	L.A. 50th Anniversary
First Love	B S	Let's All Dance Too
Chased Lovers	I J	World Wide Weavings
A Summer Meeting	I S	Book 48
Trip to Timber Ridge	I R	Book 52



SUMMER DANCE

Saturday, August 24, 2024
First Christian Church
4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City

Alan J. Smith	B J	Book 45
Bea's Delight	I R	Book 43
Foxhill Court	A S	Canadian Book
Fair Enough	B J	Book 51
Porchester Hall	I S	London Jubilee Book
Sueno's Stone	I R	Magazine Dances 2005-2009
The Aviator	I J	Book 52
Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich	A R	Leaflet Dances with Music
Arniston Glen	B S	Lothian Collection
The Scallywag	I J	Book 52
The Ambassadors' Reel	B R	Vienna Book
Down Under, Hands Up!	A J	L.A. 50th Anniversary
Redwood Arbor	B S	Dragonfly
The Warren	I R	Homemade Dances, Vol. 2
The Poppy and the Thistle	I S	L.A. 50th Anniversary
Chased Lovers	I J	World Wide Weavings
The Deil amang the Tailors	B R	Book 14

INTERBRANCH DANCE

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024
Tustin Area Senior Center
200 S. C St., Tustin

Hooper's Jig	B J	MMM II
Toast to the Mousies	I R	Book 53
The Library of Birmingham	A S	Book 49
Chased Lovers	I J	World Wide Weavings
The Dundee Whaler	B S	Ormskirk Scottish Dances, Vol. 1
Forty and Counting	A R	Book 52
Wild Geese	B J	Book 24
The Magic of Merrill	I R	Dances Online, San Francisco Br
May Yarker's Strathspey	I S	Book 42
Best Set in the Hall	A J	Book 46
Flowers of Edinburgh	B R	Book 1
The Cranberry Tart	I J	Thirty Popular Dances, Vol. Two
Monymusk	B S	Book 11
J. B. Milne	A R	Thirty Popular Dances, Vol. Two
Neidpath Castle	I S	Book 22
Farewell to Balfour Road	I J	Book 52
The Reel of the Royal Scots	B R	Book 14

HIGHLAND GAMES

Once again, another successful weekend of demonstrating Scottish country dancing at the Highland Games at Costa Mesa! Led by Pat Zschoche (top photo, far right) we had two sets on the floor of the Whisky Tavern both Saturday and Sunday, along with a few back-up dancers and the essential crew staffing the booth and doing set-up and take-down.



Demonstration dances Pat chose were Castle Jig, Cape Breton Hornpipe and Deil among the Tailors. Those were followed by audience participation, which several beginners from our classes joined in.

THE SOCIETY IS STILL ROYAL!

The RSCDS staff has announced: “We are honoured to confirm that ... His Majesty King Charles III has accepted the patronage of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

“The king will be the society’s second royal patron, succeeding his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, who was patron of the society from 1947, as HRH Princess Elizabeth, until her death in 2022.

“Chair of the RSCDS William Williamson said, ‘I hope you will, when the opportunity arises, raise a glass to our new patron and the future of our society.’ The RSCDS expresses deep gratitude to the king for his ongoing support of the Society and for assuming the role of patron.”

Robb Quint notes that the “Royal” was granted by King George VI in 1951. Prior to that, the name was the Scottish Country Dance Society.

OBITUARY

Christine Stumpf, longtime Los Angeles Branch member, passed away on April 5. She and her husband Larry, who passed away in 2013, were oft seen at Jack Rennie’s Miles Playhouse class and at Ann McBride’s, later Kathy Conley’s, Santa Monica College class.

Christine was born in Sanborn, N.Y., in 1928 and graduated from UCLA. She is survived by four children and two grandsons.

A memorial will be held June 1, 3 p.m., at First Methodist Church, Santa Monica. Condolences may be sent to the Stumpf family via Christine’s daughter: Diana Stumpf, 3369 Halderman St., Los Angeles, CA 90066-1719.



Robb Quint

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



In March, branch webmaster Gail Halverson invited dancers to celebrate what she called her 3/4-century birthday.

CLASSES

Valley College

With all the traveling our class members have been doing, it's a wonder that we have enough people there on Monday nights. But we do — class has been consistently 20-25 dancers each week.

Elizabeth Seward attended a conference in Switzerland and then went on to the Black Forest in Germany; she danced with the class in Freiburg, where she first learned Scottish country dancing. Jeff Altman and Margaret Burnett explored Eastern European countries. Carmen Silva-Corvalán and Scott Dahlberg visited her home town in Chile.

Seth Weisberg went to Ohio to visit a son at Oberlin College and to watch the solar eclipse with his whole family. Kathrin Segal and Steve Kaplan went to the Cook Islands. Lindsey Courtney spent spring break on a Greek island.

Laura Farooqi and her new husband Owais had a belated honeymoon in France. Aase Hansen spent Memorial Day weekend (no class that Monday!) with her daughter and son-in-law Lisbeth and Rick Hencke in Maryland. John Allen and his son Mark and Audrey Prest and her daughter Julie joined 20 other dancers on the cruise from San Diego to Vancouver, BC.

Aase Hansen and Audrey Prest

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.

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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