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SCD AT THE COSTA MESA HIGHLAND GAMES

Audience participation at our performance site in the Whisky Tavern at the Orange County Fairgrounds: So many people wanted to dance that the sets were literally out the “door.” The youngest would-be dancer is Hazelyn Stratton, granddaughter of Janet Olsen, enjoying the lead-down-the-middle with Marissa McGinnis. For our demonstrations, we had two full sets both Saturday and Sunday, morning and afternoon. More photos on page 3.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor, it is to enjoy each step along the way.

— Wayne Dyer

As this particularly hot and fire-ravaged summer ends, we look forward to the fall and the new season of dancing.

I am very excited to share a list of wonderfully new and exciting things that are in store for the year ahead.

Once again, the teachers have developed a varied and challenging program of dances – in-

cluding a selection of dances from the Los Angeles 50th Anniversary Book.

Traditionally, the first major event of the year is the Interbranch Dance, which this year will be on Sept. 29 at the Tustin Senior Center. Music will be provided by Gary Thomas (piano) and Lisa Doyle (fiddle).

Our own first major dance will be the Halloween costume dance, which always highlights the amazing creativity of our dancers.

Our St. Andrew’s Ball this year will pay

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tribute to Bob Brooks, the talented pianist (and dancer) who played with the Thistle Band and who passed away earlier this year. The music will be provided by Patti Cobb and her “Humuhumunukunukuapua’a and Strathspey Band” — a somewhat intriguing concept, right?

We will herald 2019 with our usual Hogmanay Party at the El Segundo Woman’s Club, with music provided by Steve and Julie Wyrick.

The 2019 Burns Ball on Jan. 26 will be held at a new venue, the Torrance Woman’s Club. More details will follow as plans are confirmed.

A new venture is the creation of an email account for the Branch. It is hoped that this will be a way of sharing important news and information between issues of the Ghillie Callum.

Another innovation arising from input at the AGM will be the March 2019 dance, which

will be an afternoon tea dance. It will be held on Sunday, March 24 at the El Segundo Woman’s Club. More details will follow.

Happy dancing, and I hope to see everyone at the many exciting events in the year ahead.

Ann McBride

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If your address label on the envelope for this Ghillie Callum has a ★ or if you receive your Ghillie Callum by email and an application form is included, you need to renew your membership in the Branch. Please contact membership chair: Melinda Brown 30547 Mehrten Dr., Exeter, CA 93221 mjtbt1002@hotmail.com

CALENDAR

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

SEPTEMBER

29 INTERBRANCH DANCE. Tustin Senior Center, 200 C St., Tustin. 7:00 p.m. Music: Gary Thomas and Lisa Doyle.

OCTOBER

27 HALLOWEEN DANCE. First Christian Church, 4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City. 7:00 p.m. Music: recorded. Wear a costume representing the name of a Scottish dance.

NOVEMBER

24 ST. ANDREW’S BALL, A Tribute to Bob Brooks. South Bay Masonic Lodge, 520 Main St., El Segundo. Doors open 6:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Grand March 7:30 p.m. Music: Humuhumunukunukuapua’a and Strathspey Society Band.

DECEMBER

31 HOGMANAY. El Segundo Woman’s Club, Mariposa at Standard, El Segundo. Music: Steve and Julie Wyrick.

JANUARY

26 BURNS SUPPER & BALL. Torrance Woman’s Club, 1422 Engracia Ave., Torrance.

OTHER BRANCHES

SEPTEMBER

15 OC BRANCH DANCE. 200 C St., Tustin. 7:00 p.m. Music: recorded

OCTOBER

13 OC BRANCH DANCE. 200 C St., Tustin. 7:00 p.m. Music: recorded

20 SGV HARVEST DANCE. Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 585 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena. 7 p.m. Music: recorded.

NOVEMBER

10 OC BEGINNER DANCE. 200 C St., Tustin. 7:00 p.m. Music: recorded

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 supplied by Robb Quint.

To be added to the mailing list, contact Robb at volleyballjerry@aol.com.

Deadline for the December issue is Nov. 1.

COSTA MESA HIGHLAND GAMES



Orange County Branch teacher Pat Zschoche, far left in top photo, organized the two days of demonstrations with dancers from the Los Angeles, Orange County and San Gabriel Valley branches.

INTERBRANCH DANCE

September 29, 2018
Tustin Senior Center
200 C Street, Tustin

It's Not Rocket Science	B J	Delaware Valley Silver
Bratach Bana	A R	Bon Accord
Amanda Mae's Strathspey	I S	L.A. 25th Anniversary
A Capital Jig	I J	Magazine Dances 2009
Glen Feshie	B S	Grampian Collection
Bauldy Bain's Fiddle	I R	Lothian
The Cranberry Tart	I J	Seven-Year Itch
None So Pretty	I R	Book 19
Delvine Side	B S	Book 2
Vintage Simon	A J	Book 47
The Fireworks Reel	I R	Book 48
Ecclefechan Feline	B J	Le Petit Chat
The Bonnie Tree	I S	Book 46
Mairi's Wedding	I R	22 SCD
The First Rain of Spring	I J	Book 49
The Flower of Glasgow	I S	Book 46
Mrs. MacLeod	B R	Book 6



ST. ANDREW'S BALL

November 24, 2018
South Bay Masonic Lodge
520 Main St., El Segundo

The Legacy	B J	Pinewoods Coll. Vol. 2
Reel Parenting	I R	L.A. 50th Anniversary
Janet Rennie's Strathspey	NEW I S	L.A. 50th Anniversary
The First Rain of Spring	I J	Book 49
Bridge of Nairn	B S	Book 13
Double Trouble Triangles	A R	Book 50
Welcome to Dufftown	I J	Jessie Stuart Leaflet
Lauderdale Lads	B R	John Duthie 8 SCDs
El Camino Real	NEW A S	L.A. 50th Anniversary
Jill's Gentle Jig	B J	Measures of Pleasure
MacDonald of Keppoch	NEW I M	Book 49
Itchy Feet	I J	Coast to Coast
The Australian Ladies	I R	Glasgow Assembly
Spark O' Water	B S	Spark O' Water
John Cass	A J	Book 49
Bruce Frazer of Strathkinness	I S	St. Andrews 75th
The Reel of the 51st Division	B R	Book 13

HALLOWEEN DANCE

October 27, 2018
First Christian Church
4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City

It's Not Rocket Science	B J	Delaware Valley Silver
Delvine Side	B S	Book 2
Reel Parenting	NEW I R	L.A. 50th Anniversary
A Tribute to Peter McBryde	A S	T.A.C. 50th Anniversary
Lauderdale Lads	B R	John Duthie 8 SCDs
The Legacy	NEW B J	Pinewoods Coll. Vol. 2
General Stuart's Reel	I R	Book 10
Spark O' Water	NEW B S	Spark O' Water
John Cass	A J	Book 49
The Celtic Cross	B R	First Carnforth Coll.
Haste to the Wedding	B J	Book 25
The Bonnie Tree	I S	Book 46
Itchy Feet	I J	Coast to Coast
The Paisley Weavers	B S	3rd Graded Book
Davy Nick Nack	B R	Glasgow Assembly



HOGMANAY

December 31, 2018
El Segundo Woman's Club
Mariposa at Standard, El Segundo

The Legacy	B J	Pinewoods Coll. Vol. 2
The Fusilier's Dream	I R	Jean Patrick Coll.
MacDonald of Keppoch	I M	Book 49
Haste to the Wedding	B J	Book 25
Janet Rennie's Strathspey	I S	L.A. 50th Anniversary
The Inimitable Derek	NEW A R	Magazine Dances 2006
The First Rain of Spring	I J	Book 49
The Back o' Bennachie	B R	John Duthie 8 SCDs
Bruce Frazer of Strathkinness	I S	St. Andrews 75th
Carlin's Cairn	NEW I J	Alexander Dances #8
Delvine Side	B S	Book 2
Double Trouble Triangles	A R	Book 50
The Happy Dancers	I J	10 Social Dances
Lady Lucy Ramsay	NEW B S	MMM II
The Cape Breton Hornpipe	I R	Ottawa 25 Dances
El Camino Real	A S	L.A. 50th Anniversary
Welcome to Dufftown	I J	Jessie Stuart Leaflet
Davy Nick Nack	B R	Glasgow Assembly

ANNIVERSARY BOOK DANCES

Over the past six months our Teacher's Committee has conducted two workshops to review and evaluate 25 dances written by branch members for publication in our 50th Anniversary Book "Celebrating 50 Years."

Three of these dances — El Camino Real devised by Robb Quint, Reel Parenting devised by Laura Husman and Janet Rennie's Strathspey devised by Jack Rennie in honor of his mother Janet, a long-time member of the branch — have been selected for the 2018-2019 program.

As with all dances included in our programs, the selection of these dances was based upon their level, formations, overall rating as determined by those teachers and dancers who were involved in the workshop evaluations and other criteria used by the Teacher's Committee when considering dances for our yearly programs.

The anniversary dances will remain on our program for a period of one year each, at which time they will be replaced by other dances from our anniversary collection.

Since we are limited as to the number of anniversary dances we can include on each year's program, it will take several years before all 25 dances can be included.

But it is our hope that this process will prove to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for those who devised dances for our 50th Anniversary Celebration, for those teachers and class members who supported their efforts and especially for all those who have the pleasure of dancing them.

Deanna St. Amand

NEW MEMBER

The Los Angeles Branch welcomes new member Nancy Reppert.

Melinda Brown

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MISCELLANY SALE

Thank you to all who contributed to our successful miscellany sale at the AGM in June.

First, the sale could not have been the delightful hit that it was without the thoughtful donations of items by branch members and friends. Thank you for your time and care in assembling an eye-catching array of goods for our display.

Thank you also to all who assisted in set-up, sales, dismantling and accounting. A warm "thank you" goes to those whose love of Scottish country dance led them to make purchases, sometimes multiple purchases, throughout the evening.

Your interest in this meaningful tradition meant a nice hefty bundle for the branch. We are happy to report that the evening's sale brought in over \$400. Eeeohh! Thank you one and all!

Heather Chaney

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

It is with sadness I share the news of the passing of James (Jimmie) Lomath. Following a long battle with cancer, Jimmie passed away on June 16, 2018.

He was born in London and began his Highland dancing career under the tutelage of the great Jack McConachie. When the family immigrated to California in 1955, Jimmie continued his competitive Highland dancing career as a pupil of C. Stewart Smith.



It was through Stewart that Jimmie developed a passion for Scottish country dancing. In the early 1970s he started teaching SCD in Los Angeles, teaching classes and workshops; he went on to form his own performing group – The Scottish Dance Ensemble – and I was privileged to be a teacher and performer in his group.

He was a consummate dance partner, dancing a strathspey with him was heavenly! RIP, my friend.

Ann McBride

CLASSES

Ventura

The Ventura Class took a break this summer with several class members traveling. Roger and Mary Nisbet went to Scotland. My family and I traveled to London.

Some class members were healing. Christina Harris took a fall while hiking in June and broke a finger. Yukari Hirayama caught pneumonia. Dana Dunaway took a break from dancing to give her foot more time to heal. I had an ankle surgery to repair old injuries. Sarah Stelk is still recovering from knee surgery, and Christine Carlin gave her back a bit of a rest.

Our first class back will be on Sept. 14. In October we'll enjoy the Seaside Highland Games.

As a class, we have had a rough few months health-wise but are looking forward to getting back to dancing and all of the special activities that are coming up.

Lisa Sage

Beverly Hills

Passports of the members of the Beverly Hills class were airborne this summer!

Grant Clark and his family joined tourists on a Hawaiian vacation in early June. We hope they enjoyed fine tropical weather and stayed far away from the erupting volcano. After visiting paradise, they were off to their family home in Winnipeg, Canada, for more rest and relaxation before school gets underway once again.

Anne and Ian Clarke organized stopovers to Amsterdam, London, Inverness and Edinburgh. After Ian's medical meeting at The Hague, the remaining travels included visits with family and friends. We hope they return rejuvenated for our approaching fall dancing season.

Jim Bell journeyed to Scotland for his annual trip. No doubt it is his family, friends, golf and the notable summer Scottish country dancing that draw him back to Troon.

Roberta Gotfried will be traveling to Barcelona and the South of France this month. There will be magnificent museums, gorgeous Gaudis and dandy dances to attend.

And closer to home, John and Judith Al-

len took an early spring riverboat trip down the Snake and Columbia rivers. The cruise included a visit to the Japanese gardens, a trek following the Lewis and Clark Expedition, a visit to Mount St. Helens and wine tastings.

Izzy Cornwall is a young student, a "reeler" from Scotland, visiting her family in Los Angeles this summer. She eagerly joined our group for a few weeks and connected the two forms of Scottish country dancing. She was a delightful addition to our class, and we wish her well as she continues her studies in the history of art at the University of Edinburgh.

Jessica Shulman

Thousand Oaks

The Thousand Oaks class has been on summer break since just ere the last issue of The Ghillie Callum ...



... Our class is scheduled to resume on Sept. 11. Experienced (which does not mean advanced) dancers are most welcome to join us on Tuesday evenings at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts in Thousand Oaks, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Robb Quint

Torrance

Jack's Friday class in Torrance held a well-attended nine-week summer session. The class was happy to welcome two new couples.

The regular study and review for our summer dances was enjoyed by all. Kris and Rosemary provided insightful tutelage, and the facility's air conditioning kept everyone happy.

Carol Johnson was able to attend more classes this season as she did not make her usual trip to Norway this summer. Bill and Nan-

cy Hartung were unable to maintain their usual dance routine due to the demands of some home renovations.

The Chaney's took time off to accommodate their change in routine including Knox's attendance at the Company of Fifers and Drummers Junior Camp in Ivoryton, CT, and the family's attendance at a family camp among the hot springs in Murrieta. Margaret Chaney is happy to have recovered from a sprained foot she sustained earlier this summer.

Tony McQuilkin saw his dancing unexpectedly curtailed by a heart attack incident. He is recovering, and we wish him well as he takes a required respite from physical exertion. Get well soon, Tony!

Heather Chaney

Demonstration Team

We ended our spring performance schedule, as usual, with the Spring Fete at the British Home. Because of on-going improvement projects on the campus, we were dancing right in the middle of the lawn. People in all the booths could watch. *It was lovely!*

A bonus to our visit to the British Home was seeing Alison Divall again. After many years of dedication, Alison retired from the Dem Team this year, but she has really moved on. Alison has gone Hollywood, as a background artist! That means we can forget the featured actors and watch the people moving in the background to catch sight of our former teammate.

Alice Allen

Valley College

With typical Aase Hansen energy, our class kept dancing even beyond when the college began its summer break, going until the last Monday in June.

So many people have been so busy over the summer, but the big news is that Aase herself skipped going to visit family in Denmark and instead got a pacemaker "so I can keep up with the class." We have no doubt that she will!

Also on the mend is Carmen Silva-Cor-

valán. While playing with a grandson she had a bad fall and fractured two lumbar vertebrae. She hopes to be back to class in early 2019.

Lindsey Courtney enjoyed not one, but two great trips. First she and a teacher friend spent a week in Fiji. In July she went with her parents to Europe. She said had a great time, with the exception of a small episode with an escalator at a London train station. Let's just say it involved spending some quality time with the British NHS (National Health Service).

Jon Reeves also had multiple trips out of town. The first, of course, was Comic Con, which involved wearing a new costume each day. The Anime Expo in Los Angeles a couple of weeks earlier was just a warm-up (no weather pun intended) for the larger event in San Diego.

Christine Richard also attended Comic Con. Even though each knew the other would be there, they failed to meet, not even at smaller parties and events.

In August, Jon attended a college reunion at Michigan Tech and came home with a college T-shirt and some new Pokemon-Go buddies to trade with online. Later that month, he was off to Colorado, for the wedding of his great-niece.

Kathrin King Segal and Steve Kaplan have been busy traveling this spring and summer. Work-related trips for Steve have taken them to London, as well as Gotland and Stockholm, Sweden, and Copenhagen, Denmark. They followed that up with a first-ever visit to Greece.

Steve also fit in a quick seminar in Mumbai, India. He just finished his second book, "The Comic Hero's Journey; Serious Story Structure for Fabulously Funny Films," which will be published in December.

Laura Young was sailing on a wooden schooner for a week around Penobscot Bay, off the coast of Maine. There was no engine, and she had to help raise the sails by hand. Food was cooked on a wood-burning stove.

Terry and Jim Schaeffer made a couple of quick trips. The first visit was to see friends who have homesteaded in the Colorado Rockies. Terry described it as a very relaxing visit, with much talk and tea and cookies. Their second was to the San Francisco Bay Area to see some relatives and former colleagues.

Margaret Burnett and Jeff Altman spent a few days in San Diego going to museums in Bal-

boa Park and to the Zoo. She said the new “Africa Rocks” exhibit is fantastic. Later they drove north to go hiking in Big Sur, taking advantage of Highway 1 being open again. In between, Margaret had some of her watercolors on display in an exhibit titled “The Shape of Color” at the San Fernando Valley Arts and Cultural Center. She said she was happy and grateful that many dancers came to view her work there.

Jim Bell has been on Facebook posting lovely photos of Scotland as he visits his hometown of Troon.

Even Facebook isn’t enough to try to keep track of Robyn MacGarva. In August she got into a rotation of flying to Kona with 24-hour layovers there — one of her favorite Hawaiian destinations. She said her life’s been a flurry of activities in advance of her son’s wedding: show-ers, dress fittings, extended family get-togethers.

In July Claudia Pedersen hosted all three of her grandchildren: Gabe, Kylee and Brynna.

Alice Allen has been inaugurating her new spinning wheel by spinning raw cotton for Burbank’s float for the Rose Parade. Be sure to look closely at the string bass.

Class will resume, as usual, the Monday after Labor Day.

Audrey Ramsay Prest

Redondo Beach

By a show of hands, Jack Rennie’s Redondo Beach class voted to continue meeting through the summer. Despite the dancers’ enthusiasm, several Mondays were cancelled due to the warm weather.

Meanwhile, several took advantage of the summer days as an opportunity to travel far and wide. Eric and Doris Fisher, who are now fully retired, made a trip in their mobile home up the coast to Morro Bay and to regions in Oregon and Washington. Leslie Evans took time off to travel to Australia, her husband’s home country.

Kris McGinnis travelled to Minneapolis for the TAC Annual Summer School in her quest to be an approved Scottish country dance instructor. Denis Rogers has recovered from a blood clot in his leg, which temporarily halted his dancing.

Heather Chaney

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 still need to re-register every September.** Our NEW Organization Number is AV732. Then use your Ralphs Rewards card (or phone number) every time you shop.

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>.

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.



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