



The Two-sex Scottish Dancer

by Patricia Batt, forwarded by Miriam Mueller

I'm a two-sex Scottish Dancer and may seem rather dim,
But I never spend one evening as a full time her or him,
I change my sex from dance to dance, my corners always alter,
It's really not surprising I occasionally falter.
The old and simple dances I can manage very nicely
And I can learn a new dance and do it most precisely,
But when it comes to next week I don't know if I can
For I learnt it as a woman and dance it as a man.
And so you men who have the luck to always stay the same
When female gentlemen go wrong be sparing with your blame.
I'll add a postscript to this tale—one comfort I have got
When both the women change their sex it doesn't show a lot!

This is taken from a series of small booklets, *Pat's Party Pieces*, published in aid of the North London hospice. Copies of *Pat's Party Pieces* are available from:

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Branch Committee Actions

October 14, 2000

Guest Reports

Patti Cobb reported that the Asilomar 2000 expenses will be in line with the budget, and that all activities are on track. She also reported that Asilomar management is adding restrictions to activities after 10:00 p.m. and that the after-ball party will be held in one of the dining rooms. She reported further that next year, even this will not be allowed. The committee discussed various possibilities for future weekends, including identifying backup locations. Cecilia Grote reported that the **Valentine's Ball 2001** is going as scheduled. They are seeking another co-chair for next year, as one of this year's co-chairs will not volunteer for 2002. Cecilia also reported on the TAC summer school for Aug. 10-19, 2001 in Oakland. Their committee met with Catherine Shaw of TAC, who was "totally impressed" with our level of organization.

Old Business

It was reported that the **Youth Membership** program is in place. Youth members will not be included in the Branch directory, but

will be included in the "complete" list provided to the insurance carrier. Greg and Patti presented a proposal to establish **financial reserve guidelines** for the Branch. The committee discussed further actions to be taken regarding the **Briefing Poll** that was taken last spring.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Nancy reported that Eric Finley has agreed to be our third representative to the AGM in Scotland. He replaces Ken McFarland and joins Alex Tweedley and Robert McKay. She also sent a letter to Chief Ralph Black of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco thanking him for the Club's efforts in promoting Scottish Country Dancing.

Committee Reports

Jim reported that he has received a quotation from a local broker for **Branch insurance**. It was further suggested that the Branch would benefit from an expanded insurance committee. Jim will place an article in the next *R&S* to recruit additional members. Greg presented the **Web Server Statistics** through September 2000 and pointed out that September was the busiest month yet. Dan and Connie Wai reported that Dottie Lieber and Bradley Hobbs have joined the **Membership committee**.

New Business

Alastair received authorization to purchase an anti-feedback system to augment the Branch sound system.

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Calling all Event Organizers!

by Greg Reznick

The Branch Web site is the best way to get breaking news out fast. Post your announcements, last minute changes, dance programs, or any other information you think might be of general interest to the Branch by sending email to greg@reznickfamily.com. More and more of us are relying on the Web site for current info, but the info is only as current as you make it. So send it in and I'll see that it gets online ASAP!

Visit the Web site at <http://www.rscds-sf.org>.

Insurance Committee Forming

by Jim Pell

Among the mundane but important responsibilities of your SF Branch Committee is arranging for insurance to protect our little non-profit corporation and its membership against claims of liability for injuries. Historically, one board member has handled the task. Now we are inviting additional volunteers, preferably with insurance experience, to form a small committee to plan, advise and manage our insurance requirements. If you are wise in the ways of insurance, have e-mail, and wish to pitch in and help, please contact Jim Pell at jimpell@sjm.infi.net, or (888) JIM-PELL. Also, helping with any Branch committee is a great way to prepare yourself for future election to the board!

Valentine's Ball

by Melinda Davis

It's not too late to register for the Valentine's Ball, Saturday, February 10, 2001! The Ball will be held at the Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive, on Lake Merritt in Oakland. Spectators are welcome, but please be advised that the balcony will not be available as it is being renovated. However, there will be spectator seating on the ground level. The program features dances for the beginner and experienced dancer alike. This year we are encouraging a black and white theme. Please join us for the sherry social at 7:00 p.m., followed by the grand march at 7:30 p.m. After the dancing there will be a midnight buffet. The music will be by Fiddlesticks and Ivory, so if you don't come to dance, come to listen to the great music and watch the dancing. Send in your registration today!

The Dixon Games

by Lori Farrell

The Dixon Highland Games took place this year on Saturday, September 30, at the Dixon Fairgrounds. Visitors braved the autumn heat to enjoy a host of Scottish goods and entertainment. Vendors displayed tables of British snacks, pictures of castles and other historic sites, and Celtic jewelry and clothing. The birds of prey lounged beneath a large tree, one of the coolest areas on the grounds. And of course, there was music. Several bagpipe bands performed in various places around the grounds; the Celtic rock band Annwn displayed both acoustic and electric talents; and John Taylor performed several times throughout the day.

Branch Programs - Comments and Requests

Please send any input (preferably constructive) regarding Branch programs for monthly parties and balls to me, Alan Twhigg (keltech@earthlink.net). This could be comments on dances you did or didn't enjoy, dances you would like us to consider for future programs (please let me know the source or send a copy, if not easily available), or general comments about the management of the parties – length, pacing, or overall level of the program, music, emceeing, etc. I will forward them to the appropriate recipients, anonymously if desired.

Bear in mind that any dance requests you send me will receive consideration for inclusion at upcoming program planning meetings. No promises are made that your request will appear immediately, or ever; some dances are not appropriate for social programs, and we aren't likely to include dances if the instructions are unavailable or ambiguous. If a dance is not well known, you can help the process by including commentary or reviews from those who have danced it. If you have submitted a dance previously, probably it is still in the hopper, but go ahead and submit it again if you feel strongly about it.

Mark your Calendars: TAC AGM & Summer School 2001

The San Francisco Branch Teachers' Committee will be hosting the Annual General Meeting and Summer School organized by the Teachers' Association of Canada (TAC) in August 2001. The AGM weekend is limited to RSCDS teachers who are members of TAC, but the weeklong school is open to dancers at all levels of experience.

During the week, the teaching staff will conduct classes at various levels each morning with live musical accompaniment; there will be some optional afternoon classes and social dances in the evenings. The final weekend features a *ceilidh* and a formal ball.

The location is Mills College, in the Oakland hills; attendees can reside on site or commute in each day. There will be separate pricing structures for attending the week as a package, the final weekend and ball, or individual day's events.

Dates:

AGM weekend	August 10-12
Summer School	August 12-19
Final weekend ball	August 18

Application forms will be included in the next issue of the *Reel & Strathspey*. For further information, contact the organizing committee: Kathleen McAdam, Armin Busse, Pat O'Brien, Alan Twhigg.



MONTHLY PARTIES

MARCH MONTHLY PARTY

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2001

Mountain View Masonic Temple

840 Church Street, Mountain View

Hosts: San Jose Class

Dance	Level	Type	Source
The Happy Meeting+	B/I	8x32 J2	29/9
Cape Town Wedding+	I	8x32 S3	39/4
The Earl of Mansfield	A	4x48 R4	RSCDS Leaflet
Charles Stuart	B	8x32 S3	MMM I
Spiffin' +	I	5x32 J5	Quarrie, et al.
Naughty Nancy	B	8x32 J3	Solstice Party Bk
The Sauchie Haugh+	I	8x32 S2	RSCDS Leaflet
The Fusilier's Dream	I	8x40 R3	Jean Patrick Col.
Miss Florence Adams+	A	8x32 S3	38/7
British Grenadiers+	B	8x32 R3	MMM I
Willie wi' Tartan Trews	I	8x40 J3	14/1
Lady Auckland's Reel	B	8x32 S2	18/2
On the Port Tack	A	8x32 R3	SF Collection II
Staffin Harvest	I	4x32 S4	4 for 1978
Davy Nick Nack	B/I	8x32 H3	Glasgow Assem.

+ New this month

MOUNTAIN VIEW MASONIC HALL

840 CHURCH STREET, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94941.

FROM 280: exit at S. El Monte Avenue, to Foothill Expressway. Right on Foothill Expressway, left on Miramonte Avenue, across El Camino Real W., to S. Shoreline Blvd. Turn right onto Church Street.

FROM 101: Exit at Moffett Blvd. Follow Moffett Blvd. south to Central Expressway. Cross Central Expressway to Castro Street. Turn right onto Church Street (5 blocks).

APRIL MONTHLY PARTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2001

Park School

360 E. Blythedale, Mill Valley

Hosts: Santa Rosa Class and Dunsmuir

Dance	Level	Type	Source
Davy Nick Nack	B/I	8x32 H3	Glasgow Assembly
Adieu Mon Ami +	I	8x32 S3	24/11
Spiffin'	I	5x32 J5	Quarrie, et al.
Invercauld's Reel +	B	8x32 S3	11/10
Rob Roy + A	4x32 R4		Waverley Fugues
The Happy Meeting	B/I	8x32 J2	29/9
Staffin Harvest	I	4x32 S4	4 for 1978
The Maid of the Mill +	A	8x40 J3	21/11
The Sauchie Haugh	I	8x32 S2	RSCDS Leaflet
Black Leather Jig +	I	8x32 R3	DE Valley Silver
Naughty Nancy	B	8x32 J3	Solstice Party Book
Miss Florence Adams	A	8x32 S3	38/7
The Fusilier's Dream	I	8x40 R3	Jean Patrick Coll.
Cape Town Wedding	I	8x32 S3	39/4
British Grenadiers	B	8x32 R3	MMM I

+ New this month

DIRECTIONS TO PARK SCHOOL

The Park School in Mill Valley is located at the corner of East Blithedale Avenue and Elm Avenue. Parking is in the school yard (behind the school), on Elm Avenue, or in a small car park on the corner of E. Blithedale and Elm, opposite the school.

Admission:

New Dancers, with coupon from teacher.....	\$2.00
Members.....	\$6.00
Non-members.....	\$8.00

Non-members, please join the Branch! You can join now, as an affiliate member (January to May), for \$9.00. You receive the *Reel & Strathspeyer*, lower Party fees, help the Branch meet insurance requirements, and support the organization. Membership forms are available from your class manager, or at Monthly Parties.

Branch Scholarships

Scholarships are available for all kinds of dance/music workshops and events. Contact Paula Jacobson at (408) 688-8295 for more information.

“Briefing At Balls” Preference Poll Results

by Larry Wakeman

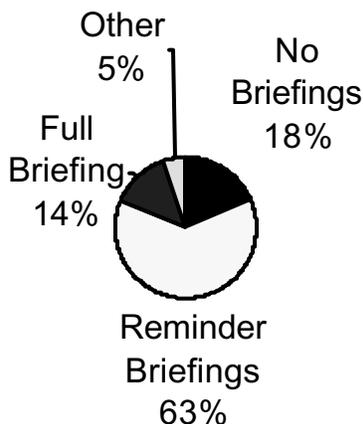
This was a poll of your preferences with regard to having dances briefed at Balls. These results have been made available to ball committees and are now being presented to the general membership through the Reel and Strathspeyer. Whether dances are or are not briefed at any particular event is still a decision of the Event Committee.

Questionnaire results::

Choice 1:

I would prefer:

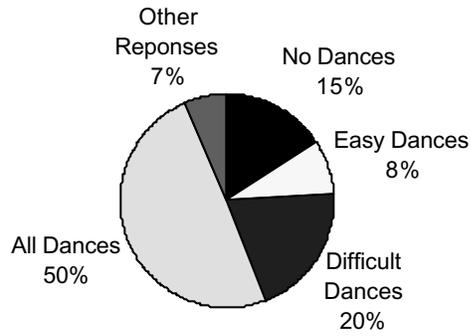
Choice	Responses	
(a) No briefings	34	18%
(b) Reminder briefing (i.e., brief!)	116	63%
(c) Full briefing	26	14%
Other	3	5%
a and c Combination	4	
a, b and c Combination	1	
Total Responses	184	100%



Choice 2

I would prefer that briefing be done on:

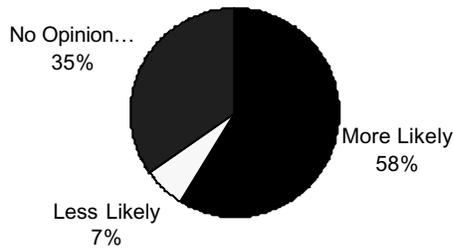
Choice	Responses	
(a) No dances	28	15%
(b) Just easy (beginner dances	15	8%
(c) Difficult dances only	37	20%
(d) All dances	89	50%
(e) Other	1	7%
Total Responses	181	100%



Choice 3.

If I knew in advance that dances would be briefed at balls (1b, 1c or 1d), I would (check one):

Choice	Responses	
(a) Be more likely to attend	98	58%
(b) Be less likely to attend	11	7%
(c) no opinion/no effect/no difference (this choice was not given, but many chose to write it in)	58	35%
Total responses	167	100%



Some of the comments that were made on the polling sheets:

“The most important issue is to know what to expect.”

“No briefings on those dances I know, reminder briefings for those I’m unsure of, full briefing on those I don’t know. Big help.”

“...most dances. Perhaps a very complicated one should be prefaced for ‘those who know’ when a brief would mean little.”

“SCD is about inclusion. We as a group need to consider that there are usually guests from other branches at our events. These people may not be as familiar with the program as we are. A briefing will help these people feel more welcome.”

“Briefings no matter how short are intrusions. The formal balls are the place where one shows off what we have learned without instructions. No Briefings.”

“The issue of briefings isn’t a serious issue. The main issue is good dancing. Briefings, as well as intermissions, should not be too long, should not drag out the program, or be tedious. Briefings should not be intended to encourage those who are unfamiliar with a difficult dance to participate, especially at a ball program.”

“I prefer not to have briefings at formal events. We only have 2 formal events during the year. I feel that it takes away from the special feeling of the event. My first Valentine’s Ball was a very special time. I had been dancing only 4 months, yet I danced most of the ball, and without briefings. I knew dances weren’t going to have talkthroughs, so I prepared. If people are unwilling to prepare for a ball ahead of time, a briefing will not teach them the dance. I seem to notice that most people are talking through the briefings anyway, and it seems to make no difference in the number of set that have problems.

Please, let’s not contribute to the epidemic we Americans have, of expecting others to do for us. Let us prepare ourselves.”

If you would like to see all of the comments, drop me a line, preferably email lwakeman@nortelnetworks.com and I will send you a copy.

Branch Committee Candidates needed!

The nominating committee is recruiting members to run for election to the “Branch Committee”, our organization’s Board of Directors or Executive Committee. Five members will be elected in May for a two-year term. If you would be interested in being on the Branch Committee, or could suggest someone, please let us know. Contact any “board” member or Susie at susielk@itsa.ucsf.edu 415-333-9372.

The deadline for the submission of biographical information is the end of March so the ballots can be prepared. The election ballots will be counted at the Annual General Meeting, May 6, 2000. New board members’ first meeting is the June joint new/old committee meeting at which officers are elected for the year.

To find out more about the Branch Committee talk to any of the current or former committee members, or go to a meeting! All RSCDS-SF Branch members are welcome at Branch Committee meetings. The Committee meets at a member’s home about eight times a year, usually 2-5 PM in the afternoon before a monthly party. Call one of the Committee members to find out the location.

Send in your suggestions soon!

The Nominating Committee

New beginners Class to start in San Francisco on Sundays!

Tell your friends and co-workers! A new Scottish Country Dancing class for beginners is starting Sunday, January 21 at 6:15 PM. at UCSF Millberry Recreation and Fitness Center in San Francisco. Susie Langdon Kass will teach the class.

The fee is \$60 for the 10-week session. Register by mail,

Fax, or in person at Millberry Recreation and Fitness Center, 500 Parnassus. Call 415-476-1115 for a catalog. Contact Susie at 415-333-9372, susielk@itsa.ucsf.edu, for more information and directions. Validated parking is just \$1.00 for the evening in the Millberry parking garage.

The class is held in an aerobics studio with a great wood floor and mirrors. Tell your friends to bring tennis shoes or dance slippers; no street shoes are allowed in the studio. Continuing beginners and experienced dancers are welcome, too! It is nice to have some “angels” to help in a class for beginners.

Susie Langdon Kass

Early Warning System!

Monterey Games - Sat., Aug 4 and Sun., Aug. 5, 2001

We hope you will plan to come and join us!

The 2001 Monterey Games will be returning to its long-time dates of the first weekend in August. However, the venue will be changed. The Games will take place at Toro Regional Park, on Highway 68, just south of Salinas, and not far from Laguna Seca (raceway). There are actually campgrounds at Laguna Seca, but there are NO motels close to the park. It will likely be just as close in Salinas, Marina, or the Monterey area.

As I get more information about what it will all look like this year, I will send it on to you.

Sara Gratiot

Valentine's Ball Preview Session

Saturday, February 3, 2001, 1:00 - 5:00 PM
 Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez Street at
 23rd Street in San Francisco

Cost: \$6.00 per dancer

Teachers: Bruce Herbold & Susie Langdon
 Kass

All dances will be briefed, walked through
 for one or more couples and danced once for
 each couple. Some knowledge of the dances is
 desirable.

This is a review session. Dances will not be
 taught in detail.

Sponsored by the San Francisco Class
 For information call Susie at 415-333-9372,
 or Linnea 415-647-5176

DIRECTIONS: By car: Street parking only;
 carpools strongly suggested.

From 101: Take Cesar Chavez (Army) Street
 West exit, Cesar Chavez to Sanchez, then
 right (north) to 23rd Street. From 280 north:
 Take the San Jose Avenue exit. After the
 light, turn diagonally left onto Dolores, continue
 north to 24th Street. Turn left, then right
 onto Sanchez. By public transit: Muni: J-Church
 streetcar, 24-Divisadero bus, 48-Quintara bus;
 or BART to a downtown station and transfer to
 the J-Church streetcar, or BART to the 24th
 Street station and walk.

2001 Ball Gown Sale and Tea Party

Saturday, January 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Come and join us for a good time browsing, trying on, buying,
 or selling. You're sure to find some great bargains! In past years,
 we've had fun admiring and commenting on dresses others were
 modeling. Susie's house has lots of space and a huge mirror. So,
 don't get rid of that gown that you acquired but never got around
 to shortening, doesn't fit anymore, or no longer seems to be the
 right color! Bring it to the Ball Gown Sale!

The annual pre-Valentines Ball tea party and ball gown swap
 will be held at Susie Langdon Kass' home in San Francisco. Even if
 you don't find something to buy, you still can enjoy a cup of tea,
 good food, and socializing.

The proceeds of each sale go to the seller, but the entry fee
 donation, \$3 (or \$?) per person, will go to the scholarship fund. If
 you can't make it, you can still send in garments for possible sale.

Look for flyers with directions to Susie's house, and save the
 date!

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May 4, 2001, 8:00 p.m.—Ohlone College, Fremont, CA
 (510) 659 6031 (Ohlone College box office)

May 5, 2001, 8:00 p.m.—Finley Center, Santa Rosa
 (707) 542-3798

May 6, 2001, 3:00 p.m.—Palace of Fine Arts, San Francisco
 (510)-548-0802, (415) 664-3957

Ticket prices for all venues are \$18 (general) and \$15 (students/
 seniors).

Return of the Truckee Workshop

Save Saturday, June 23, 2001 for the revival of the Truckee workshop.
 Fred DeMarse will teach in the afternoon; there will be a potluck
 dinner and dance party in the evening. On Sunday we will hike
 (optional but recommended) to Loch Leven. We can provide limited
 hospitality in Truckee and Reno. Look for applications in early
 2001. Questions? Contact Dave Wilson at (775) 825-6867, or
 by e-mail at allenortep@earthlink.net. Come see our mountains
 and dance without that excess of oxygen from which you suffer
 at sea level!

Haggis and the Enterprising Scot

Many years ago, an enterprising young Scotsman decided he had had enough of poverty, and, being a practical young lad, decided to do something about it.

The fashion in those days was thus: if you desired a little more cash/possessions, you simply took a walk over to the neighbor's place, knocked on the door (with a large bit of wood, or if you were particularly well off, a claymore), and politely asked for a donation to the cause. Usually the conversation went something like this:

(Knock knock.)

"Who's there?"

"S me an' ra boyz . See, iffn' ye dinnae let's rape yer sheep an' pillage yer wimmin, we'ze ur gonnae do youse, ok?" (Translation: "My friends and I have come over for a party, which we intend to hold with or without your permission").

"Awa an' bile yer heids, ye bunch o' jessies!" (Translation: "I'm not too happy about that idea").

Then would normally follow a session of good natured skull bashing, after which either one of the involved parties could be declared the winner. (Of course, if your name was McDonald, and your neighbors were called Campbell, this took on a very serious note, but that's another story.)

Anyway, this young Scot was seriously fed up of having his sheep raped, and his women carried off, so he decided to move to a small village on the West coast of Scotland, and begin a new enterprise.

Night after night, he scoured the hills and plains, until he managed to obtain, by various means, several pairs of haggis. These he enclosed in pens, and began the process of inducing them to breed. Eventually, he discovered that by replacing their water with whisky, the haggis lost many of their inhibitions, and began to breed. He was delighted at his success, and he sat back to await the outcome of the breeding program.

Unfortunately, as with all perfect plans, there was a fatal flaw. Haggis, when left in their natural habitat to breed, do so at different intervals, but this was "factory farming"—they were all due around the same time—and it is a well known fact that, several days before giving birth, the haggis emits a droning sound—a sound which is, to put it mildly, not too pleasant to listen to.

When the nearby villagers heard this sound, they set about cutting down all the trees on the West Coast of Scotland, and converting them into ships—this job was done rather hastily—like overnight! There then followed a mass exodus of the inhabitants of this particular area to anywhere, as long as there weren't any mating haggis around—your ancestors may have been lucky enough to make it over to those far shores, considering the time they had to prepare for the journey, and the speed of their departure.

This also of course explains the severe scarcity of trees on the West coast of Scotland.

Information provided by john@wilsonjo.demon.co.uk

(Editor's Note: this feature was included in order to provide readers with historical color and information around the time of the celebration of the birth of Robert Burns, on January 25. Haggis traditionally forms an important part of these occasions.)

SCOTTISH DOINGS ELSEWHERE

JANUARY 2001

SAT-SUN, JAN 6-7

Chicago (IL) New Year's Ball. Sponsored by RSCDS, Chicago Branch. Music by **Andy Imbrie**, Calum MacKinnon, Ralph Gordon, and local musicians. Musician's Workshop on Saturday morning; Dinner and Ball Saturday evening; Brunch and Tea Dance on Sunday morning Contact Melissa Whitson 708-784-9011 mawhitson@mindspring.com. <http://www.midwestnet.com/clients/piper/branch.html>.

FEBRUARY 2001

FRI -SUN, FEB 2-5

Dillard (GA) RSCDS Atlanta Branch--Spring Workshop at Dillard House, U.S. Hwy 441. Fri Welcome dance 8:00 PM; Sat classes 8:45-5:15, Ball 7:30 PM; Sun classes 9:30-12:00. Sponsored by RSCDS Atlanta Branch, Inc. Teachers are Catherine Shaw; John Middleton; Annette Harris. Music by **Andy Imbrie** (piano); Calum MacKinnon (fiddle); Pete Campbell (accordion). Dress: Welcome dance-casual; Ball-formal. Refreshments: Continental breakfast; munchies. Price: US\$70.00. Beginner class for dancers 10 years of age or older, with a minimum of 3 months SCD class. Workshop fee of \$70.00 does not include lodging. Workshop fee increases to \$85.00 after 1/15/01. Participants make own lodging reservations with Dillard House 1(800)541-0671. Deadline for lodging reservations is 1/15/01. There will be one class session on technique. The other class sessions will feature themes on the dances of Roy Goldring, dances with unusual figures and flirty dances. There is also an optional session on the basic waltz. The Dillard House is located in a picturesque mountain valley about 2.25 hours north of Atlanta. It is known throughout the southeast for its fine family style southern cooking. Contact Marshall & Anne McLaughlin 770-719-2643 mclaughlin279@gateway.net or Sherri Fuselier 770-454-7102 sfuselier@mindspring.com. Web site: <http://www.mindspring.com/~atlbrnch>.

Calendar

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2001

January Monthly Party, Alameda Masonic Hall, 2312 Alameda Avenue. Hosted by Livermore and Lafayette Classes

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Ball Gown Sale and Tea Party, San Francisco, 2-4 p.m.
Susie: 415-333-9372

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

New Beginners' Class, 6:15 p.m., UCSF. Call Susie 415-333-9372

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Valentine's Ball Preview session, 1-5 p.m., Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez, San Francisco. Street parking only, please carpool. Teachers; Bruce Herbold and Susie Langdon Kass. For info., call Linnea Johnson 415-647-5176, or Susie 415-333-9372

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Mountain View Class Cupid's Bow Party, 7:45 p.m., at Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro Street. Music by Andy Imbrie and friends

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Valentine's Ball, Scottish Rites Center, Oakland

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

March Monthly Party, Mountain View Masonic Temple, 840 Church Street, Mountain View. Hosted by San Jose Class

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

Mountain View Class Equinox Party, 7:45 p.m., at Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue. Music by Lyle Ramshaw and friends

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

April Monthly Party, Park School, 360 E. Blythedale, Mill Valley. Hosted by Santa Rosa Class and Dunsmuir.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Sacramento Workshop and Ball

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Children's Ball. Contact Kathleen McAdam, (925) 934-6148

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Summer Solstice Party, hosted by the San Francisco Class, 7:45p.m. at Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez, San Francisco.

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SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH CLASSES

Berkeley

FRIDAYS: **Youth Class:** 7:00 PM.; call *Kathleen McAdam 925-934-6148*; **Beginners:** 8:00 PM; Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar at Walnut. **Experienced: Technique:** 7:30 PM; **Social:** 8:00 PM; call *George Gates 925-709-1046* or *Heather MacKay 510-528-2669*. All Souls Episcopal Parish, 2220 Cedar at Spruce. Teachers: Youth: Kathleen McAdam; Adult: Avril Quarrie, David Quarrie, Ailya Rose.

Berkeley

MONDAYS: **Intermediates:** 8:00 PM; St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 2837 Claremont Blvd. at Russell near Ashby. Call *Heather MacKay 510-528-2669*. Teacher: David Newitt. Parties monthly.

Burlingame (affiliated class)

TUESDAYS: **Call to confirm!** Call *Anne MacIver 650-347-5850*. Teacher: Anne MacIver.

Lafayette

THURSDAYS: **Basic & Social:** 8:00 PM; call *Bill Wakeman 925-283-3908*. **Children's Classes (3 levels):** 6:00 PM; call *Kathleen McAdam 925-934-6148*. **Step: Beginners:** 6:00 PM & **Experienced:** 7:00 PM; call *Claudette Sigg 510-526-8192*. Veteran's Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd. at First Street. Teachers: Eugene Bissell, Kathleen McAdam, Claudette Sigg, Cathy Bertics.

Livermore

MONDAYS: **Beginners & Intermediates:** 7:30 PM; call *Gale Holladay 925-447-5771*. **Family Class:** FRIDAYS: 7:00 PM; **Children's Class:** MONDAYS: 6:30 PM; call *Sheena MacQueen 925-447-1833*. Livermore Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street at L Street. Teachers: Sheena MacQueen, Coletta Busse, Don MacQueen.

Monterey

MONDAYS: **Beginners:** 6:30 PM; **Experienced:** 7:45 PM; Monterey Senior Center, 280 Dickman at Lighthouse. Call *Kathy Wendell 831-663-3227* or *Brian Campbell 831-656-9923*. Teachers: Sara Gratiot, Brian Campbell.

Mountain View

WEDNESDAYS: **Beginners & Intermediates:** 7:45 PM; Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro Avenue. Call *Denise Francis 510-713-7813* or *Cameron McDonald 650-365-5574*. Teachers: Alan Twigg, Armin Busse, Bob McMurtry, Bruce Hamilton, Jo Hamilton. **Children's Class:** MONDAYS: 4:00 PM; Cirrus Studio, 1350 Grant Road. Call *Connie Wai 650-906-6219*. Teacher: Jo Hamilton.

San Francisco

THURSDAYS: **Beginners & Experienced:** 8:00 PM; Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez Street at 23rd Street. Call *Linnea Johnson 415-841-9456* or *Susie Langdon Kass 415-333-9372*. Teachers: Bruce Herbold, Susie Langdon Kass, Trina Merriman.

San Francisco (affiliated class)

SUNDAYS: **Beginners:** 6:15 PM; Millberry Recreation & Fitness Center at UCSF, 500 Parnassus Avenue. Call *Susie Langdon Kass 415-333-9372*. Teacher: Susie Langdon Kass. Starts January 21, 2001.

San Jose

MONDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:30 PM; **Experienced:** 8:30 PM; American Legion Hall, 1504 Minnesota Avenue. Call *Sparky Gregory 408-257-2294* or *Jonathan Lovell 408-924-4437*. Teacher: Marianna Harvey.

Santa Cruz

THURSDAYS: **Intermediates/Beginners:** 8:00 PM; First Congregational Church, 900 High Street. Call *Karen MacQuarrie 831-479-1615*. Teacher: TBA.

Santa Rosa

MONDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:00 PM; **Intermediates:** 8:15 PM; FRIDAYS: **Advanced** (call for permission); Santa Rosa Senior Center, 704 Bennett Valley Road. Call *Emily Evans 707-874-2512*. Teachers: Gary Thomas, Ron Wallace, Emily Evans.

Soquel

FRIDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:00 PM; **Intermediates:** 8:30 PM; Soquel Grange Hall, 2800 Porter Street. Call *Mary or Bob McMurtry 831-335-7459*. Teachers: Paula Jacobson, Bob McMurtry.

Stanford

TUESDAYS: **Basic & Experienced Social:** 7:30 PM; call *Mike Janousek 408-946-6777* or *Doug or Gloria McConnell 650-493-5974*. WEDNESDAYS (once a month): **Team:** 7:30 PM; call *Juliet Davoren 408-733-9035*. J.L. Stanford Middle School, 480 East Meadow Drive. Teachers: Rebecca Davis, Doug McConnell, Gloria McConnell, Juliet Davoren. **Beginners:** anytime.

DEMONSTRATION TEAMS

Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers

TUESDAYS: 7:30 PM; **Advanced** (by invitation only). Call *Shari Salis 510-558-8644* or *Ron Wallace 707-795-2185*. Teacher: Ron Wallace.

Red Thistle Dancers

THURSDAYS: 8:00 PM; **Advanced** (by invitation only). Call Jennifer Kelly 650-327-1350. Teacher: Jennifer Kelly.

SACRAMENTO BRANCH CLASSES

Sacramento

FRIDAYS: **Beginners:** 6:30 PM; **Combined classes:** 7:30 PM; **Intermediates:** 8:00 PM; **Technique & Demonstration Class:** MONDAYS, 7:30 PM. Call *Lynne Lockwood 916-491-4032*; **Youth classes:** SATURDAYS: **Beginners** (10 yrs.-Teens): 9:00 AM; **Experienced:** 10:30 AM; **White Heather Dancers:** 11:45 AM. Call *Cherilyn Larsen 916-429-9170*. YLI Clubhouse, 1400 27th Street. Teachers: Lynne Lockwood, Peggy Hamilton.

Stockton

WEDNESDAYS: **Beginners/Experienced:** 7:30 PM; Unitarian Church, Bristol & Pacific. Call *Charles Wood 209-465-8871*. Teacher: Carolyn Hunt.

Truckee

THURSDAYS: **Basic:** 7:00 PM; **Intermediates:** 7:30 PM; **Call to confirm!** Truckee-Donner Recreation Center, Church Street. Call *Barbara Sullivan 530 587-5919* or *Marian Stroh 775-825-1224*. Teacher: Marian Stroh.

OTHER CLASSES

Arcata

FRIDAYS: 4:00 PM; SATURDAYS: 10:00 AM; **Experienced Social:** Arcata Presbyterian Church, 11th & G Streets. Call *Helen Macpherson 707-822-3056* or *Virginia Rumble 707-822-1854*. Teacher: Ann McClary.

Berkeley (North)

SUNDAYS: **Call to confirm!** Call *Kathy Kennedy 510-523-1397*. Teachers: Don and Kathy Kennedy.

Grass Valley

MONDAYS: **Beginners/Experienced:** 7:00 PM. Call *Ed Johnston 530-622-1519*. Teacher: Ed Johnston. **Beginners:** anytime.

Merced

WEDNESDAYS: **Beginners/Experienced:** 7:00 PM; Merced High School. Call *Merced Recreation & Parks Department 209-385-6851* or *Lisa Kayser-Grant 209-384-1016*. Teacher: Barry Lewis.

Mill Valley

FRIDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:30 PM; **Experienced Social:** 8:15 PM. Almonte Hall, Wisteria Way at Almonte. Call *Mike Hird or Marghie Goff 415-884-2716*. Teachers: Marghie Goff, Kim Roberts.

Redding

THURSDAYS: **Beginners:** 6:30 PM; **Experienced:** 7:00 PM. Call *Margaret Anne Schlobohm 530-472-1154*. Teacher: Margaret Anne Schlobohm. **Beginners:** anytime.

Reno, Nevada

WEDNESDAYS: **Beginners/Experienced:** 7:00 PM; **Call to confirm!** McKinley Arts & Culture Center, 925 Riverside Drive. Call *Martha Norrie 775-829-8680* or *Marian Stroh 775-825-1224*. Teachers: Martha Norrie, Marian Stroh. **Beginners:** anytime. THURSDAYS: **Experienced:** 7:30 pm. **Call to confirm!** California Building, Idlewild Park. Call *Dave Wilson 775-825-6867*. Teacher: Dave Wilson.

STEP DANCING CLASSES

Palo Alto

TUESDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:00 PM; Carriage House, Atherton; THURSDAYS: **Experienced:** 7:00 PM. Call *Jo Hamilton 650-328-0474*. Teacher: Jo Hamilton.

Petaluma

2nd or 3rd SUNDAYS: **Scottish Step & Cape Breton:** 12:00 noon; Hermann Sons Hall, 860 Western Avenue. Call *Ron Wallace 707-795-2185*. Teacher: Ron Wallace.

Scottish Step or Cape Breton Step classes are held also in Lafayette, Monterey, Sacramento, Santa Cruz, Stockton and Santa Rosa. Call *Claudette Sigg 510-526-8192*, *Sara Gratiot 831-384-4783*, *Jo Hamilton 650-328-0474*, *Bob Schuldheisz 209-745-9063*, or *Ron Wallace 707-795-2185*.

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