



## Asilomar 2003 is coming up!

by Cameron McDonald

We are in the beginning of a new year and already plans are forming for the weekend at Asilomar. This year the weekend will take place from Oct. 31—Nov. 2, 2003.

Tim Wilson, a co-chairman of the Asilomar Ball Committee, has designed a tribute to the historic Merrill Hall by using Merrill's beautiful windows as the basis for this year's artwork.

For dancers who have not yet enjoyed a weekend at Asilomar, it includes:

- Three days and two nights in the beautiful pine-studded bluffs, steps from rugged beaches, in gorgeous facilities designed by architect Julia Morgan to blend with the breathtaking coastal setting.
- Friday evening dance and social, with great music, and a chance to hobnob with old friends and meet new ones.
- Saturday classes, at every level of interest and ability, in wood-floored rooms with exciting teachers and musicians.
- Saturday night, the stunning formal Kim McGarrity Memorial Ball, in Merrill Hall (plenty of review in the weeks preceding and at the weekend)
- An exciting after-ball ceilidh featuring you, our talented, creative and often uproariously funny attendees and all others with the stamina.
- Sunday morning to dance and recover with all the wonderful people with whom you have shared the weekend.

People come from all over the world to enjoy this event. If you would like more information, just ask your teachers or fellow dancers. Application flyers will be out March 27, 2003.

The Asilomar Teachers Committee, which consists of Jo Hamilton, Marianna Harvey and Bruce Herbold (the three Hs) are arranging the line up of teachers at the weekend.

Weekend music coordinator Janet Kurnick is excited to

announce the Reel of Seven will play for the Kim McGarrity Memorial Ball. The Reel of Seven is headed by Andy Imbrie.

Other People, an exciting and very talented group of players, will provide the music for the Friday night dance, and will keep us in good spirits throughout our Saturday classes.

Mailing deadlines for this year's weekend will be as the previous years, in order to meet the Asilomar Conference Center's time line: we will send out the first information/application packet by March 27<sup>th</sup>. Your Application, with a non-refundable \$40 or \$50 deposit (amount not yet finalized), must be postmarked by April 19<sup>th</sup>. Application flyers will also be available in the SF branch classes and on our Web site ([www.rscds-sf.org](http://www.rscds-sf.org)) after March 27<sup>th</sup>. As you know, the weekend tends to fill up fast, often with people on a waiting list. Keep an eye out for the flyer, and send it in promptly to ensure your space!

The price of this year's weekend at Asilomar is likely to stay at or very close to that to the 2002 level. Luckily, the Asilomar Conference Center has not raised its prices very much this year and the 2002 Asilomar Committee managed to break even in costs. Branch members needing financial assistance to attend are encouraged to put in requests for scholarships and/or investigate opportunities for doing a Work Exchange.

As usual, there will be ball previews in a number of locations in the Bay Area in September and/or October. The exact times and places will be given in a later edition of the *Reel and Strathspey*.

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## Classified Announcements

### For Sale

For sale: Men's kilt 32" waist, Lindsey old-colors, made by Geoffrey (Tailor), excellent condition, \$200 obo. Bruce Herbold, 415 826 2287

### Lost and Found



#### The Wrong Sweater?

Miriam Mueller

Someone attending Asilomar last

November took home a black ribbed sweater that may have looked like theirs, but was actually Marianna Harvey's.

If you have such a sweater, please check it out—Marianna would like to have her old favorite back, and I will be glad to return yours to you, post-haste!

### Volunteer Vacancies.

#### Volunteer! Run for the Board!

Branch Committee Candidates needed!

Interested in being on the Branch Committee? Could you suggest someone who'd be good on the board?

The nominating committee is recruiting people to run for election to the "Branch Committee", our organization's Board of Directors or Executive Committee. Five members will be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May 2003 for a two-year term. If you are interested, or know someone, please let us know. Contact any "board" member or Susie at susielk@itsa.ucsf.edu, 415-333-9372.

Want to find out more about the Branch Committee? Come to a meeting! Or, talk to a current or former board member. All RSCDS-SF Branch members are welcome at Branch Committee meetings. The committee usually meets at a member's home in the afternoon of monthly party days. Call a committee member to find out the location.

*The Nominating Committee*

### Other Events

#### The RSCDS-SF Branch annual POTLUCK SUPPER

Call to confirm!

5:30 PM \* Saturday, May 3, 2003  
at Alameda Masonic Hall  
before the Monthly Party & AGM

Bring your favorite main dish, casserole, salad, or side dish to share. Desserts will be served after the party by the hosting classes.

For information call:  
Susie Langdon Kass 415-333-9372

The 25th Annual Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Gathering at Campbell moves to San Jose. After 24 years, the 2003 Campbell Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Gathering will be held on Saturday, June 14 at The Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose, CA 95111. from 9 a.m.—5 p.m.. Home of the World Professional Stone Put Championship, this event is a magnet for professional class athletes from all over the United States, Canada and Australia to compete in Caber toss, Stone Put, Hammer throw, Weight for Height and Weight for Distance.

This year we proudly welcome Chinubie MacIntosh, of the Cree Nation, as Honorary Chieftain. Entertainment features Bay Area Celtic Favorites: Scots Fiddler, John Taylor & Hamewith. Also enjoy Pipebands, Highland Dance Competition, Scottish Country & Ceilidh Dancing, Scottish Clans & Celtic Societies, Youth Caber Toss, Bonnie Knees Contest, Celtic food and dry good vendors.

For information, call 408.225.3305 or 408.578.0929 or visit us at

<http://www.campbellgames.com>  
<http://www.campbellgames.com> or  
send an e-mail to [bdundee@aol.com](mailto:bdundee@aol.com) or  
[scotnonol@aol.com](mailto:scotnonol@aol.com)

### How To Get There

**DIRECTIONS TO ALAMEDA MASONIC TEMPLE, 2312 ALAMEDA AVE., ALAMEDA**  
FROM THE SOUTH: Take 880 North, exit at High Street (south of the Bay Bridge) and drive west across the High Street bridge into Alameda. Continue on High Street for about six blocks and turn right on Central Avenue. Go for another 10 blocks to Park Street (with traffic light, past Park Avenue). Turn left on Park Street, go one block and turn right on Alameda Avenue. The Masonic Temple is on the left about 1/2 block before Oak Street.

FROM THE NORTH: Take 880 South and exit at 23rd Avenue. When you have crossed the bridge going west, you will be on Park Avenue. Continue on Park until you come to Alameda Avenue and turn right. There is free parking after 6:00 pm in a city lot right across the street from the Temple, but accessible only from Central Avenue, one block east. You can turn right from Alameda onto Oak, right on Central and right into the lot, after about 1/2 block—or just drive straight across Park the lot after about 1/2 block, and walk to the Temple at the far end of the lot. The party will be in the Banquet Room on the fourth floor. There is an elevator.

#### DIRECTIONS TO SOQUEL GRANGE HALL, 2800 PORTER STREET, SOQUEL

Directions: From Highway 101 (Cabrillo Highway), south of Santa Cruz, take the Porter Street exit. At the stop sign, turn north onto Porter. Hall is two blocks.

### Branch Scholarships

Scholarships are available for all kinds of dance/music workshops and events. Contact Paula Jacobson at (831) 688-8295 for more information.



MONTHLY PARTIES

MAY MONTHLY PARTY  
 SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2003  
 ALAMEDA MASONIC TEMPLE  
 2312 ALAMEDA AVENUE, ALAMEDA  
 HOSTED BY: LIVERMORE AND LAFAYETTE CLASSES

JUNE MONTHLY PARTY  
 SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2003  
 SOQUEL GRANGE HALL  
 2800 PORTER STREET, SOQUEL  
 HOSTED BY: SOQUEL, MONTEREY AND SANTA CRUZ CLASSES

Dance	Source	Type	Level
Tiraluin	SF Coll 2/	32J3	B/I
Karin's Strathspey	Haynes/2 <sup>nd</sup> C'f'th	32S3	I
Cadgers in the Canongate	9/10	48R3	I/A
Seann Triubhas Willichan	27/9	32S2	B
Duke of Perth	1/8	32R3	I
The Isle+	Graded 15	32J3	B
Culla Bay	41/2	32S4Sq	A
The Cooper's Wife	M'ch'll W'ly 16/3	40J3	I/A
Clydebank Strathspey	G'ring G&S 2/6	32S2	B
General Stuart's Reel	10/3	32R3	I
James Gray	42/10	32J4	I
Bridge of Nairn+	13/11	32S3	B/I
Milton's Welcome	33/8	32R3	I
The Gentleman	35/5	32S3	I
The Royal Deeside Railway+40/9	32R3	B/I	

Dance	Source	Type	Level
The Isle	Graded 15	32J3	B
Wisp of Thistle+	37/4	32S3	I
The Sutherland Reel+	29/5	40R3	I/A
Culla Bay	41/2	32S4Sq	A
The Royal Deeside Railway	40/9	32R3	B/I
Ellie's Jig+	Briscoe S/K	32J3	B/I
Seann Triubhas Willichan	27/9	32S2	B
The Reel of Mey+	22/10	48J3	I
The Braes of Breadalbane+	21/7	32S3	I
Wicked Willie	Ways Bicent	32R4	A
The Cooper's Wife	M/W 16/3	40J3	I/A
Bridge of Nairn	13/11	32S3	B/I
Balgeddie Reel+	Brand/2	32R4	B/I
Cherrybank Gardens+	Dr'ew.1/7	32S3	I
Duke of Perth	1/8	32R3	I

+ new this month

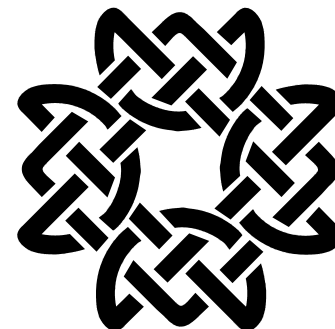
+ new this month

Also at: <http://www.rscds-sf.org/progmay03.htm>

Also at: <http://www.rscds-sf.org/progjune03.htm>

**Monthly Party Admission:**

New Dancers, with coupon from teacher.....\$2.00  
 Members.....\$8.00  
 Non-members.....\$10.00  
 Non-members, please join the Branch! You can join now, as an affiliate member (January to May), for \$9.00. You receive the R&S, 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.



## Children Dancing in the San Francisco Branch

by Kathleen McAdam

About ten years ago there was great concern about the “greying” of Scottish Country Dancing, and our teachers responded. First, Sheena MacQueen in Livermore started a children’s class and then a family class. Then Kathleen McAdam and Jo Hamilton organized classes, in Lafayette and Mountain View respectively; Mary McQuilliams started in Berkeley and when Mary moved away, Kathleen McAdam and Pat O’Brien stepped in and kept that class going. As we expanded, Cathy Bertics joined the Lafayette teachers. Other teachers in our Branch have also joined the effort, by including children in adult classes from time to time. Ron Wallace in Santa Rosa initiated a very successful family class.

Lots of encouragement and practical help came from Dorothy Carr in Sacramento, where she had very successful classes going.

On April 5<sup>th</sup> 2003, we will be putting on our FIFTH annual Children’s Ball. These events have been very successful, with live music, thanks to Andy Imbrie and friends, and the active involvement of the children and their parents in making decorations for the hall and producing fabulous food for our High Tea after the dancing. Subsidies to help cover expenses have come from the Lafayette adult class, and this year our support base has expanded to Livermore Class, which has acquired the Livermore Veteran’s Hall for our venue.

Our Branch has been most encouraging in our efforts to bring the dancing into the next generation and we hope to encourage more teachers to get involved. Teaching children is exciting and energizing; just ask any of us!

Presently we have approximately 150 children and youths involved, and we hope to see many of them continue into our regular social classes after they have received their basic training. Many of you may not be aware that at age 16 young people may become full members of the R.S.C.D.S. We hope they will.

R.S.C.D.S. asked our branch to appoint a Youth Coordinator to communicate with headquarters and to encourage expansion of teaching children. I was appointed to fill this role. If anyone has questions regarding children’s classes they are welcome to call me anytime at (925) 934-6148 or e-mail [dancermcadam@aol.com](mailto:dancermcadam@aol.com)

The Canadians have followed up on the successful Easter School for young adults, held last year in Stirling, and are planning a similar event in Vancouver, B.C., May 16–19, 2003. Our own Bruce Herbold has been asked to teach. Flyers are available from Kathleen and Bruce.

## The 2003 Victorian-Scottish Workshop and Ball

by Kim Jorgensen

This year, the Victorian-Scottish Ball, back again for 2003, celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It started on one of those rare 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays when not much else is usually planned. As such, we would be fairly sure of not conflicting with any other planned event. That first Ball was called the “Burns Ball,” as that lucky 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday fell near Burns’ birthday. There was no budget to work with, it was cold and wet, and there was only hope that dancers would come. But the band was available and the SJB State Historic Park Association let us use the building for a song, so we crossed our fingers and held our breath. With the magical help of many, many friends, it came off wonderfully, truly an event to fill the senses with all the fragrant flowers, the amazing music, and the beautiful dancers.

This year the Ball will be held on May 17 at Plaza Hall, in the quaint town of San Juan Bautista. Imagine a private gathering of friends, as at a time when the Scottish country dances were still popular and the latest introductions from the continent—the waltz, polka, schottische, and mazurka—were taking hold of the younger generation. Once again, the historic hall will be full of flowers, the swirling colors of beautiful women’s gowns, and the most rousing music by Andy Imbrie and Friends.

Workshop classes will begin at 11:00 in the morning and will include a beginners’ SCD class, taught by Barry Lewis, a Victorian Dance class, taught by Stan Isaccs, and an intermediate/advanced SCD class, taught by Marjorie McLaughlin. The beginners’ SCD class introduces to those unfamiliar with SCD enough basics to get through and enjoy the three or four easy dances on the program. The Victorian class will provide instruction to the Victorian era’s waltz, mazurka, and schottische. Even those who have a passing familiarity with these dances may enjoy learning some of the finer points of Victorian-era style. This class will also include the *Congress of Vienna Waltz*. The intermediate/advanced SCD class will be a surprise, as we do not yet know what delights Marjorie has in store for us!

The evening begins with an elaborate Victorian-style grand march. The dances alternate between the Victorian dances and Scottish country dances from the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The evening will end with Auld Lang Syne, and a simple but ample buffet.

Attendance is limited to sixty dancers, and, as the food must be ordered in advance, ticket requests must be received by Saturday, May 10. San Juan Bautista is an amazing little town, full of antique and other stores. Monterey is also close and boasts of some of the best restaurants in California. Some dancers choose to come down the Friday before and stay through

Sunday, making a weekend adventure of the trip, and we will include information on local hotels in the information we send to those who seek to attend.

For more information, contact Kim Jorgensen at (831) 663-3227 or [kim.jorgensen@alisal.org](mailto:kim.jorgensen@alisal.org). For tickets, send the enclosed flyer along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check for \$25 per person (made out to **RSCDS Monterey**) to Kim Jorgensen, 9688 Pollock Lane, Salinas, CA 93907. There is more information at our web site ([www.rscdsmonterey.org](http://www.rscdsmonterey.org)) about the teachers, dances, places to stay, and pictures from previous balls. You can also download a registration form there.

## Beginners' Ball

by Karen Maitland

June 14, 2003 is the date the Santa Rosa class has selected for this year's Beginners' Ball. We've got a wonderful program planned and designed to capture the interest of dancers of all experience levels and capabilities. However, if you're a new dancer, this event is to honor you. It's a warm, relaxed, and friendly environment—a great place to try out those dances and formations you've worked so hard on all year. Perhaps it's your first opportunity to participate in the grace, elegance, and magic of a Scottish ball, starting with a Grand March and ending with Auld Lang Syne. For the more experienced dancer, it's a chance to celebrate the accomplishments of our new dancers, make another friend or two, and dance one more time before most regular classes take a break for the summer.

Hermann Sons Hall in Petaluma will again be adorned with fabulous decorations, created in the style of Charles Rennie Mackintosh. The lively music of Wild Rose will fill the air. The scrumptious after-ball buffet will replenish all those calories you'll dance away. As usual, there's bound to be a surprise or two. And if you register before June 1, the cost is still only \$15.

Petaluma lies approximately 40 miles north of San Francisco, at the edge of the beautiful Sonoma wine country. Why not consider spending Saturday night, and doing some wine tasting, or hiking, or antique hunting on Sunday? We can help you find a place to stay, including hospitality with local dancers.

Look for a flyer in this issue of the *Reel & Strathspey*, on the brochure table at the next monthly party, at your local dance class, or on the branch Web site. For more information, contact Karen Maitland, by phone (707.795.7944) or via e-mail ([kmaitlan@sybase.com](mailto:kmaitlan@sybase.com)). We look forward to seeing you in June!

## Email from George Gates

Greetings one and all in the RSCDS-SF from ISOT:

I am alive and well here with my new wife and family. The wedding was a smash, with no real incidents other than my mother falling off a bench while eating lunch. With the help of friends from the dance community of SF, we did a lovely demonstration of false starts and off time till we got it straight. Everyone loved the demonstration that we did, and the piper. Found a piper who goes to college in Klamath (about one hour away) and who lives in Medford, where there is a piping band that has been around since 1932. (No, he is not one of the original people.)

It is becoming winter up here, although we have not had any snow yet. The honeymoon was grand, two nights in Ashland with a play, and then down to the Bay Area to visit my parents, who were unable to make the wedding due to illness. Took Julie around the area visiting Napa, Marin Cheese Factory and Point Reyes Lighthouse, and, of course, SF. Do apologize for not visiting, but we did want to spend as much time alone so we could get to know each other.

Do not know when we will be down to the area again, but if we do, and can, we shall stop in and say "Hello!" if there is a dance or class. Miss you all. New e-mail address is [thegatesa@wmconnect.com](mailto:thegatesa@wmconnect.com).

*George Gates.*

*(Editor's Note: this item was held over from the last edition of the R&S, due to lack of space.)*

## Branch Committee Actions

### December 2002 and January 2003

*Reported by Greg Reznick, Recording Secretary*

#### Events

**Asilomar:** In December, Marianna gave a complete report on the outcome of the 2002 weekend. It was, overall, very well received by the attendees. From a financial perspective, it broke even as planned. Marianna thanked the Asilomar committee and volunteers for all of their hard work in making the workshop a success. The Branch committee thanked Marianna for her years of service as Asilomar chair, and welcomed Cameron McDonald to her role as the new chair.

#### Treasurer's Report

Gary provided year-to-date financial statements and discussed the current financial status of the Branch which, in general, is operating as anticipated. He pointed out that the monthly parties are still losing money and that the current dues level does not cover the per member administrative costs. The committee has no clear understanding of the reason for the downward trend in attendance at monthly parties. Members of the committee will work with class managers and teachers to reach a better understanding of the reasons so that they can be addressed. With regard to the dues, the committee



will attempt to reduce the cost of services and will consider proposing a dues increase at the meeting in March.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report**

**N**ancy reported that David Normand-Harris was elected to the Education and Training Committee of the Society in Scotland. David was among those who represented the Branch at the AGM in October, 2002. The Branch can now send eight delegates to the AGM.

**Committee Reports**

**I**nsurance: In December, Alex was expecting a quote from the insurance company for the Branch's 2003 insurance policy. The committee authorized Alex to renew the insurance policy if the cost was no more than 110% of last year's cost. In January, Alex reported that the Branch insurance policy had been renewed at a reduced cost. He distributed the current Insurance Information document, noting that if classes had failed to update their information, he assumed that it was unchanged from last year.

**W**eb site: Greg distributed the latest activity report which showed that the month of November, 2002 set a new activity record. He also asked for the membership to submit pictures of "happy dancers" for posting on the home page.

**M**embership: Bradley reported that the Membership committee is actively working on the Membership Manual. Their target date for completion is August, 2003. Gary noted that the current membership stands at 27 life members, 9 long term members, and 388 regular members.

**Other Items**

**Y**outh Guidelines: The representatives from the Teachers committee presented the proposed *Guidelines for Children Dancing with the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society San Francisco Branch*. The Branch Committee adopted the guidelines with two amendments. The Guidelines will be published after review by the Teachers committee. The chair thanked the representatives from the Teachers committee for their work in developing the Guidelines.

**N**ew Reel & Strathspey Editor: Paula announced that Mike Hird has taken over the position of Editor as of the January/February 2003 issue. In January, Mike reviewed the current production procedure for the *R&S*. Noting the fact that current membership dues do not cover the cost of provided services, the committee discussed ways to reduce the cost of delivering the *R&S*. Witsie suggested that members be offered electronic delivery. This and other similar proposals were discussed at length. It was decided to investigate the cost of printing the *R&S* in smaller quantities and continue the discussion at the next meeting. Mike added that he was looking for more contributions of articles from the membership.

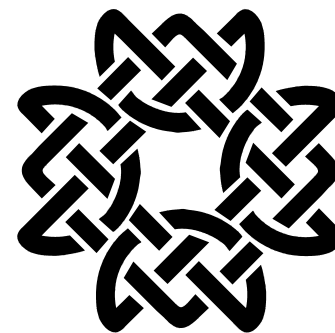
**A**GM Report: Paula reported on her correspondence with David Normand Harris. Per his suggestion, the committee agreed to nominate Robert McKay for the RSCDS

Scroll of Honour in recognition of his service to the San Francisco Branch and to the Society.

**A**men dment of Bylaws: The committee discussed various aspects of the current bylaws which are in need of amendment. In general, the bylaws need to be updated and made more flexible. A working committee was formed to meet and prepare a draft amendment for the next meeting, so that the amendment can be presented to the membership in time for the next Branch AGM.

**P**roto col for approval of new branch documents: Bradley suggested that it would be a good idea to establish written guidelines for submission of branch documents. In particular, it would be helpful if such documents were provided to the committee in advance of the meeting at which they are to be considered. Accordingly, the committee adopted the following policy:

**Documents subject to action by the Branch Committee must be submitted to each committee member two weeks before the meeting at which action is requested, unless such requirement is waived by a majority vote of the Branch Committee.**



**RSCDS-SF CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

revised 01/31/03; compiled by Dotty Lieber:

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**MARCH, 2003**

- 1, Sat: Monthly Party, Mountain View: Sandra 707/643-9162
- 7, Fri: Campbell Class New Beginners: Rebecca 408/378-3817
- 29, Sat: Sacramento Workshop and Ball: Bob: 209/745-9063, [bobschul@softcom.net](mailto:bobschul@softcom.net)

**APRIL, 2003**

- 5, Sat: aft. **Childrens Ball** - by invitation: Kathleen 925/934-6148
- 5, Sat: eve. Monthly Party, Mill Valley: Sandra 707/643-9162
- 12, Sat: Teachers' Committee Meeting: 12:30-1:30 Lunch/mtg., Bk. 42 Wkshp 2 p.m. Location TBD. Bruce Hamilton: 650/328-0474. NOTE change of date from April 26.
- 13, Sun: 3-6 p.m.: Red Thistles' **Dance-With-A-Difference**, Portuguese Hall, Mt. View. For info: [guinvere@pacbell.net](mailto:guinvere@pacbell.net)
- 16, Wed: Mountain View Class **Day After Taxes Party**, Place TBD. 510/713-7813
- 25, Fri: Campbell Class New Beginners: Rebecca 408/378-3817
- 25, Fri - 27, Sun: Sacramento Valley Scottish Games and Gathering: 916/557-0764

**MAY, 2003**

- 2, Fri, 3, Sat, and 4, Sun: SF Scottish Fiddlers **Spring Concert Series**
- 3, Sat: Monthly Party, Alameda: Sandra 707/643-9162
- 17, Sat: **Scottish-Victorian Ball** San Juan Bautista [kim.jorgensen@alisal.org](mailto:kim.jorgensen@alisal.org)
- 28, Wed: Mountain View Class **End Of Year Party** King's Head Pub, Campbell.
- 29, Thu: Santa Cruz Class Family Night: Juliet 408/733-9035

**JUNE, 2003**

- 4, Wed: Mountain View Class **Dancing In The Park**, Rinconada Park, Palo Alto.
- 7, Sat: Monthly Party, Soquel: Sandra 707/643-9162
- 14, Sat: 2 p.m. (video at 1:30) Teachers Committee Mtg. Location TBD Bruce Hamilton: 650-328-0474 (this date may be changed)
- 14, Sat: **Beginners Ball** Emily Evans: [emdek@pon.net](mailto:emdek@pon.net)
- 14, Sat: **Campbell Scottish Highland Games**, Santa Clara

County Fair-grounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose [www.campbellgames.com](http://www.campbellgames.com). NOTE change of date and place.

- 19, Thu: San Francisco Class Solstice Party: Linnea 415/841-9456
- 20, Fri: 8 p.m. Berkeley Class **End-Of-Season and Bon Voyage To The Quarries Party**, Arlington Comm. Church, Kensington. Heather/David 510/653-7507
- 28, Sat: Truckee Workshop and Dance: Marian 775/825-1224, Dave 775/825-6867

**JULY, 2003**

- 12, Sat, and 13, Sun: **Dunsmuir Highland Games** Lori 925/934-1928
- 31, Thu: Santa Cruz Class Family Night: Juliet 408/733-9035

**AUGUST, 2003**

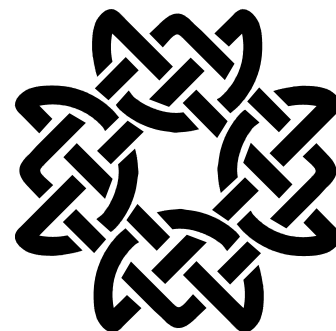
- 2, Sat, and 3, Sun: **Monterey Highland Games** at Toro Park. Sara 831/384-4783
- 30, Sat and 31, Sun: **Pleasanton Highland Games**
- 30, Sat: evening - **Jean Patrick Dance** Larry 925/676-1058

**SEPTEMBER, 2003**

- 20, Sat: Teachers Committee meeting, Video at 1:30, Mtg. at 2 p.m. Location TBD. Bruce Hamilton, 650/328-0474
- 27, Sat: **Dixon Highland Games**
- 27, Sat: **Sebastopol Celtic Festival**

**OCTOBER, 2003**

- 30, Thu: Santa Cruz Class Family Night: Juliet 408/733-9035
- 31, Fri—Nov. 2, Sun: **Asilomar Workshops and Ball** Cameron 650/365-5574



## Scottish Country Dancing

by Helena Ivatt

There is magic in dance, the universal panacea. It may have been an horrendous week at work. Your children may be fractious or sick. Your spouse may be angry or self absorbed. You may have been of two minds as to whether it was worth braving the elements to drive to class. But once the music starts and the movement begins, all the cares of the world are sloughed off and your spirits start to rise. It's hard to pin down what lifts you from despair to hope. Is it the wild rhythms of the music or the intricate patterns of the dance? Is it the camaraderie of the group, knowing you are with friends who care about you and love you?

Scottish dancing is more than an activity. It is a state of mind. It is a way of life and a community of which it is well worth being a part. It is a community that supports its members through joy and pain, happiness and sorrow; it is imbued with all the vitality and rhythm of a reel, all the passion and emotion of a strathspey; it is a living culture of warmth and hope in our cold technological age. I, for one, am glad I found Scottish dancing.

### SCD Elsewhere

MARCH 2003

SAT, MARCH 8

**Portland (OR) Oregon Branch RSCDS, Workshop and Ball** at St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 3228 SW Sunset Blvd. Workshop: 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.; Ball: 7:30 p.m.. Sponsored by Portland Branch RSCDS. Teachers are Tracy Antley (Olander, Seattle) and Dwayne McQuilliams (Seaside, OR). Music by Scottish Rose. Semi-formal attire. Refreshments and lunch included in registration. Contact Maureen Sloan 503-397-4957 [msloan@ados.com](mailto:msloan@ados.com) or Martin Mackenzie 503-656-7158 [macclan@worldaccessnet.com](mailto:macclan@worldaccessnet.com). [[www.PortlandScottishDancers.org](http://www.PortlandScottishDancers.org)]

SAT-SAT, MARCH 22-29

**Kaalapana (HI) Scottish Dance Week** at Kaalani Honua Eco-retreat Center on the Puna Coast. Music by Muriel Johnstone

and Alasdair Fraser. Book early. There is residential space for only 85 dancers. US\$886/person; US\$1066/person in private cottage. Transportation and airline tickets are not included in any of these quoted costs. Contact Ken McFarland US and Canada 800-822-3435 International 907-456-7556 fax 907-456-7558 [farlands@ptialaska.net](mailto:farlands@ptialaska.net).

FRI-SUN, MARCH 28-30

**Victoria (BC) Vancouver Island SCD Society 27th Annual Spring Ball** at Officers Mess CFB Esquimault. Sponsored by Vancouver Island SCD Society. Teachers are Rebecca Blackhall-Peters (Langley, BC), Frederick Demarse (Torrance, California), Simon Scott (Vancouver, BC). Music by John Taylor (fiddle) and Lyle Ramshaw (piano). Dress: Ceilidh Semi-Formal. Ball Formal. Refreshments: Ceilidh: finger buffet; Ball: full dinner; Classes: lunch, Sunday: full brunch. Friday evening:



ceilidh; Saturday a.m. and p.m.: classes; Saturday evening: ball. Sunday a.m.: social dancing and brunch. Contact James Scott (Registrar) 250-370-2359 fax 250-370-2359 [fairfieldscotts@shaw.ca](mailto:fairfieldscotts@shaw.ca) or Janet Rice (Coordinator) 250-655-0235 [gjrice@shaw.ca](mailto:gjrice@shaw.ca). [[www.VISCDS.ca](http://www.VISCDS.ca)]

SAT, MARCH 29

**Sacramento (CA) Spring Workshop and Ball** at St. Francis School, 25th and K. Sponsored by Sacramento Branch, RSCDS. Teachers are Carolyn Hunt and Marian Stoh. Contact Bob Schuldheisz (Ball Chair) 209-745-9063 or EB Van Otterloo (Ball Co-Chair) 209-938-0708.

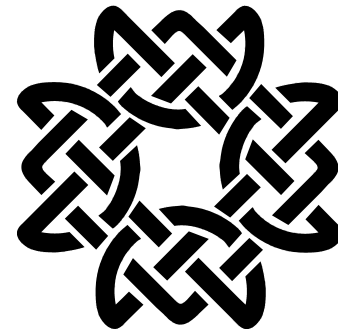
Collection		
Big Ball of Yarn	32S	Sacramento
Pawprints		
Dancing in the Street	32R4	41/4
Argyll's Fancy	48J4	Graded Book/23
Kitten in the Rain		Sacramento
Pawprints		
Joie De Vivre	32J3	39/2
Braes of Breadalbane	32S3	11/7
Paisley Mondays	32R3	Glasgow Diamond
Jubilee		

The parties are held at the YLI Clubhouse, 27th and N Street, Sacramento and begin at 7:30 p.m., with potluck following. Contact Margo Glenn-Lewis (530) 753-7213:

**RSCDS Sacramento Monthly Party Programs**

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Joie De Vivre	32J3	39/2
Brandywine	32S3	Delaware Valley
Silver		
Dancing in the Street	32R4	41/4
Braes of Breadalbane	32S3	11/7
The Hollin Bus	32J2	24/8
West's Hornpipe	32R4	5 Trad/3
Village Reel	32S2	20/4
Muir's of Greywell	32J	Dix/Reel Friends 2
Apple Tea	32S3	Drewry/Turkish
Duke of Perth	32R3	1/8
The Starry Eyed Lassie	32J3	32/11
Seann Truibhas		
Willichan	32S2	1/8
The Music Makars	32R3	33/1
John McAlpin	32S3	Foss/Galloway
Ladies and Gents	40J3	Nutmeg Collection



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# SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLASSES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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## SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH CLASSES

### **Berkeley**

FRIDAYS: **Beginners:** 8:00 PM; Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar at Walnut. Teachers: David Newitt, Lori Farrell. **Experienced Social:** 8:00 PM; All Souls Episcopal Parish, 2220 Cedar at Spruce. Call Ian Crew 510-895-5211. Teachers: Connie Muir, Bruce Herbold, Claudette Sigg, Pat O'Brien, Trina Merriman, Fred Macondray, Susie Langdon Kass, Carolyn Hunt. **Youth Classes (2 levels):** 6:30 & 7:15 PM. Call Kathleen McAdam 925-934-6148. Teachers: Kathleen McAdam, Pat O'Brien.

### **Berkeley**

MONDAYS: **Intermediate Technique:** 8:00 PM; St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 2837 Claremont Blvd. at Russell near Ashby. Call Heather MacKay 510-653-7507. Teacher: Avril Quarrie.

### **Lafayette**

THURSDAYS: **Beginners & Intermediates:** 8:00 PM; call Witsie McKelvy 925-676-3637. **Children's Classes (3 levels):** 5:00, 5:45, 6:45 PM; call Kathleen McAdam 925-934-6148. Veteran's Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd. at First Street. Teachers: Eugene Bissell, Kathleen McAdam, Cathy Bertics.

### **Livermore**

MONDAYS: **Beginners & Intermediates:** 7:30 PM; call Gale Holladay 925-447-5771. **Children's Class:** MONDAYS: 6:30 PM; call Sheena MacQueen 925-447-1833. Livermore Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street at L Street. **Family Class:** FRIDAYS: 7:00 PM; Livermore Academy of Performing Arts, 315 Wright Brothers Ave. Teachers: Sheena MacQueen, Coletta Busse, Don MacQueen.

### **Monterey**

MONDAYS: **Beginners:** 6:30 PM; **Experienced:** 7:30 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 Anita Geleyse 408-262-9705. Teachers: Alan Twhigg, Armin Busse, Bruce Hamilton, 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: Trina Merriman, Bruce Herbold, Susie Langdon Kass.

### **San Francisco (affiliated class)**

SUNDAYS: **Beginners:** 6:00 PM; Millberry Recreation & Fitness Center at UCSF, 500 Parnassus Avenue. Call teacher, Susie Langdon Kass 415-333-9372.

### **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. Teachers: Marianna Harvey, Bob McMurtry, Gloria McConnell.

### **Santa Cruz**

THURSDAYS: **Intermediates/Beginners:** 8:00 PM; 5th Thursdays: **Family Night:** 8:00 PM. First Congregational Church, 900 High Street. Call Karen MacQuarrie 831-479-1615. Teacher: Juliet Davoren.

### **Santa Rosa**

MONDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:00 PM; **Intermediates:** 8:15 PM; Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Street. FRIDAYS: 7:00 PM; **Advanced SCD/Step (alternates):** (with permission) Santa Rosa Senior Center, 704 Bennett Valley Road. Call Emily Evans 707-874-2512. Teachers: Gary Thomas, Ron Wallace, Emily Evans. **Children's Class:** WEDNESDAYS: 11:00 AM; Monroe Hall, 1400 West College Avenue. Call teacher, Ron Wallace 707-795-2185.

### **Soquel**

FRIDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:00 PM; **Intermediates:** 8:30 PM; Soquel Grange Hall, 2800 Porter Street. Call Alisa Pura 831-469-8313 or Bob McMurtry 831-335-7459. Teachers: Paula Jacobson, Bob McMurtry.

### **South Bay Children's Class**

MONDAYS: 4:00 PM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1715 Grant Road, Los Altos. Call Connie Wai 650-906-6219. Teacher: Jo Hamilton.

## DEMONSTRATION TEAMS

### **Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers**

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

### **New World Scottish Dancers**

THURSDAYS: 8:00 PM, Pleasant Hill: **Advanced** (by invitation only). Call teacher, Claudette Sigg 510-526-8192.

### **Red Thistle Dancers**

THURSDAYS: 8:00 PM, Palo Alto: **Advanced** (by invitation only). Call teacher, Jennifer Kelly 650-327-1350.

### **Santa Rosa Scottish Dancers**

FRIDAYS: 7:00 PM, Santa Rosa: **Advanced** (by invitation only). Call Ron Wallace 707-795-2185.

## SACRAMENTO BRANCH CLASSES

### **Placerville**

SUNDAYS: **Beginners:** 2:00 PM; I.O.O.F. Hall, 469 Main Street. Call teacher, Sandra Kesler 530-295-4989.

### **Sacramento**

FRIDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:00 PM; **Experienced:** 8:15 PM; MONDAYS: **Technique/Demonstration Class:** 7:30 PM. Call Margo Glenn-Lewis 530-753-7213 or BJ Bailey 916-482-1158; **Youth classes** (8-18 years): SATURDAYS: **Beginners:** 9:00 AM; **Intermediates:** 10:00 AM; **Experienced/White Heather Dancers:** 11:00 AM. Call Cheryl Lynn Larsen 916-429-9170. YLI Clubhouse, 1400 27th Street. Teachers: Richard Juzix, Peggy Hamilton, Lynne Lockwood.

### **Stockton**

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

### **Visalia/Hanford**

TUESDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:00 PM, Hanford Recreation Department. Call teacher, Richard Juzix 559-561-4595.

## OTHER CLASSES

### **Arcata**

FRIDAYS: 4:00 PM **Experienced Social:** Arcata Presbyterian Church, 11th & G Streets. Call Helen Macpherson 707-822-3056. Teacher: Ann McClary. **Beginners:** anytime.

### **Campbell**

FRIDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:00 PM; **Advanced Beginners:** 8:15 PM. Campbell Community Center. Call Rebecca Davis, teacher, 408-378-3817.

### **Grass Valley**

MONDAYS: **Beginners/Experienced:** 7:00 PM. Call Ed Johnston, teacher, 530-622-1519 or Jean Hoy 530-265-9714. **Beginners:** anytime.

### **Merced**

MONDAYS: **Beginners/Experienced:** 7:00 PM; Merced Multicultural Arts Center, 645 W. Main Street. Call teacher, Lisa Kayser-Grant 209-384-1016.

### **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. Teacher: Marghie Goff.

### **Rancho Cordova**

THURSDAYS: **Beginners/Experienced:** 7:30 PM. Call Ed Johnston, teacher, 530-622-1519 or R. C. Recreation & Park District 916-362-1841.

### **Redding**

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

### **Reno, Nevada**

WEDNESDAYS: **Beginners/Experienced:** 7:30 PM; McKinley Arts & Culture Center, 925 Riverside Drive. (CALL TO CONFIRM LOCATION!) Call teachers, Marian Stroh 775-825-1224, or Martha Norrie 775-829-8680. **Beginners:** anytime. THURSDAYS: **Intermediate/Advanced:** 7:30 pm. Nevada Dance Academy, 1790 W. 4th. Call teacher, Dave Wilson 775-825-6867. TUESDAYS: **Children's Class:** 4:00 PM; call teacher, Crystal Goodwin 775-747-6421.

## STEP DANCING CLASSES

### **Atherton/Palo Alto**

TUESDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:00 PM, Carriage House; THURSDAYS: **Experienced:** 8:15 PM, St. Marks Church, Palo Alto. Call teacher, Jo Hamilton 650-328-0474.

### **Pleasant Hill**

THURSDAYS: **Beginners:** 6:00 PM; **Experienced:** 7:00 PM. Diablo Light Opera Co., 1948 Oak Park Blvd. at Douglas Lane. Call teacher, Claudette Sigg 510-526-8192.

### **San Pablo**

WEDNESDAYS: **Beginning Soft Shoe Step:** 7:15 PM; **Hard Shoe Step:** 8:00 PM; **Experienced Soft Shoe Step:** 8:45 PM; San Pablo Sportsmen's Club, 5220 Glen Avenue. Call teacher, Ron Wallace 707-795-2185.

**Scottish Step and/or Cape Breton Step** classes are held also in Monterey, Sacramento, and Santa Rosa. Call Sara Gratiot 831-384-4783, Peggy Hamilton 209-956-6676, Bob Schultheisz 209-745-9063, or Ron Wallace 707-795-2185.

**CHANGES DUE MARCH 25**  
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