



Happenings in Edinburgh, 2004

by Susi Mayr

If you are a regular reader of the *Reel & Strathspey* you may remember a report twelve months ago on the first year of the “new style” RSCDS Management Board. With the elections at the 2003 AGM returning the retiring members of the Board for a further three years in office, we all had a chance to go back to work on the “unfinished” business of the previous year. Things have been moving along nicely in 2004, and there is quite a bit to show for the Management Board’s efforts (and those of the RSCDS committees: General Purposes and Finance, Examinations and Training, and Membership Services).

The most visible result has been the refurbishment of the basement at 12 Coates Crescent, which has transformed a warren of small and dark rooms into large and bright spaces for meeting and relaxing (I can recommend the chairs—they are very comfortable), a kitchen and coffee bar, new bathrooms, and ample space for storage and for the RSCDS archives. If you happen to be in Edinburgh be sure to go and have a look—it is well worth it!

You may have heard about the changes that are being made to the teacher training process. The new modular system has been set up following current educational best practice and with feedback from RSCDS members, teachers and Branches, and it is expected to provide greater flexibility for candidate teachers, who will be able, for example, to prepare for the written paper through home study, and then sit the examination locally. There will be only one written paper and only one dancing examination, and each candidate will have to prepare (with the support of a mentor) a record of teaching practice covering the period between the two teaching examinations, which roughly correspond to the current Preliminary Test and Teachers’ Certificate teaching examinations. The new system will be introduced from March 2005, with transitional arrangements for those who have already started with the present system.

The discussion about the overall structure of the RSCDS, started with a debate at the 2003 AGM, continued with a consultation of Branches and members, and showed that the present Branch-based structure meets with the approval of the great majority of the membership. It is hardly surprising that Branches are in favour of the status quo, rather than a structure that would give a louder voice to individual members (a bit like asking turkeys to vote for Christmas or Thanksgiving),

although I hope that this issue will be revisited in due course of time and a solution found that will accommodate both OMOV (one member – one vote) and the current Branch representation through delegates.

I am very pleased to be able to say that we have finally managed to provide a “home” for those RSCDS members, who for whatever reason feel unable to join an existing Branch and are therefore members through Headquarters. They now have the option of joining the new International Branch, set up explicitly to support RSCDS members in outlying or remote areas, and—finally—to give them representation at the Society AGM. The International Branch is still very young but the level of interest so far (mainly but not exclusively from different European countries) is encouraging.

And what of the future? The main item on our agenda for the next year is the new members’ database. You may not know that currently the RSCDS does not have a complete record of all its members, as annual membership fees are collected by the Branches and only consolidated data is sent to HQ. Assorted bits and pieces of information are held for RSCDS qualified teachers, dancers attending the RSCDS Summer or Winter Schools, and for HQ, Life and Long-Term members. The aim is to collate data drawn from Branches (with the individual members’ approval, obviously) with that already available at HQ to give us a clearer picture of the RSCDS membership today. There is a strict time limit on this exercise, as the first issue of the new twice-yearly magazine is due to be sent directly to all members in summer 2005. Challenging times ahead for the Management Board, then ...

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Classified Announcements

Other Events

**The Annual
Scottish Country Dance & English
Country Dance
BALL GOWN SALE & TEA PARTY**
2:00—4:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 9, 2005
at Susie's house in San Francisco
Come and try, buy, sell, trade, wheel
and deal, or just "shop" and have tea
and cookies.
Bring ball gowns, dressy dresses,
accessories, wraps, as well as skirts and
other dance wear, that don't fit, are
the wrong color, you no longer like, or
you've acquired to sell.
You get the proceeds from your sales.
Please tag all items you bring with your
name and price.
Call one of us with questions or to
arrange drop-offs and returns of sale
items. Please provide a SASE for your
sales.
Admission: \$3.00 donation requested
Donations will go to Scholarship
Funds.
Please, NO MEN.
Hosted by Susie Langdon Kass, 415-
333-9372, Colleen Fawley, 510-704-
1490,
and Helena Ivatt, 510-814-6947. Let us
know if you'd like to help.
Call Susie 415-333-9372 or email
susielk@itsa.ucsf.edu for directions.

Available now at the SF RSCDS book-
store, *Whisper of the Fyredragon*, a total
of 33 dances and 15 original tunes, by
Bob McMurtry. The book includes 12
selected dances contributed by several
members of the San Francisco Branch.
The contributing members are Sue
Anderson, Dana and Patrice Bourgeois,
Pat and Sparky Gregory, Marianna
Harvey, Paula Jacobson, Dotty Lieber,
Gloria McConnell, Julee Montes, Greg
Shaffer and Marilyn Stocker.

VALENTINE'S BALL PREVIEW SESSION

Saturday, February 5, 2005
12:30—4:30 p.m.
Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez
Street
at 23rd Street in San Francisco
\$8.00
Teachers:
Trina Merriman, Susie Langdon Kass,
and Dwayne McQuilliams
Music by:
Steve Wyrick, fiddle, and Janice
Dairiki, piano
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 Linnea 415-647-
5176 or Susie at 415-333-9372

Directions:
By car: *Street parking or pay-lot only;*
carpools STRONGLY suggested. **From
101:** Take Cesar Chavez (Army) Street
West exit, Cesar Chavez west to Sanchez,
then right (north) to 23rd Street. **From
280 north:** Take the San Jose Avenue
exit. After the 1st light, turn diagonally
left onto Dolores at left turn light,
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.

Volunteer Opportunities

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. Four members
will be elected at the Annual General
Meeting (AGM) in May 2005 for a
two-year term. It's fun and it's a great
way to serve our organization. If you
are interested yourself, or could suggest
someone, please let us know. Contact
any "board".

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 branch is also looking for a
Nominating Committee Member. The
Nominating Committee Member will
be responsible for finding candidates for
election to the Branch Committee. This
person will be the primary recruiter of
candidates but is assisted by the Branch
Corresponding Secretary and me, who
produce and mail the ballots.

Larry Wakeman

Kim McGarrity Memorial Ball Thank You Poem 2004

(In the meter of *Modern Major General*, with our sincerest apologies to Gilbert and Sullivan...)

To thank the many who have helped to make this night spectacular
Is why we're at the microphone, to speak in the vernacular.
We surely couldn't make this evening happen without lots of help
And everyone has done their own fair share and then some more as well.

We'd like to start by thanking our Asilomar compani-ons,
Terry, Janet, Bruce, and Susan, Jo, Julee, and Cameron,
With Ave Marianna, ball musician interce-essor,
And Margaret who organized the volunteers, we ble-ess her.

You've probably all noticed that *From Scotia's Shores We're Noo Away*
And *Altsbellach* are absent, so this is no night to *to-urnée*.
Our champions for programming were Cathy, Jo and Pat and Lyle.
We're glad that they have made a program guaranteed to make us smile.

The previews and the reviews helped to keep the dances in our minds,
From *poussettes*, back-to-backs and reels to ladies' chains and *Allemandes*.
We're grateful for the practices that Paula, Bruce, and Eugene taught
And Marianna's, Jo's and Connie's also that you might have sought.

The *soirée* hosted by the swells from Monterey delighted us.
Their vigilance in punchbowl maintenance was something marvelous.
Though Scots are often teased about their habit of frugality,
Class Monterey is generous in warmth and hospitality.

The one who has a vision either mystical or dec'rative
Deserves a bit of thanks for reinventing our perspe-ective.
I know he spent a lot of time to prep the apron and the swag,
And confidentially, I'll tell you, Sylvain here is quite a ... (I couldn't say that in public!)

With Sparky at the helm the banner set-up was a piece of cake,
With sure direction and a dedicated team, make no mistake.
The classes represented span from Reno down to Monterey,
The hanging banners look so grand it really takes one's breath away.

The task of filling up balloons requires more than just hot air,
Just ask Coletta, David, Donna, Deborah and some others there.

They tied and knotted—once then twice—and seemed to have a lot of fun,
Displaying teamwork that reminded me that good sets work as one.

Cecilia and Marilyn and countless floral volunteers,
Have made enchanting sprays that serve to charm the eyes almost to tears.
We'd like to thank them for their expertise with flowers, vines and plants,
Their labor through the afternoon helps give the room such elegance.

He's helped our battered brains recall that we have danced each dance before,
Though he might wonder watching us if we recall a reel of four,
We've all had nights at dances when the not-so-briefer rambled on,
Thank goodness we are blessed with our delightful Mister Hamilton!

Delivered (with a few changes) by Sylvain Pelletier and Tim Wilson at the Kim McGarrity Memorial Ball at Asilomar, October 23, 2004.

Bonus verses for the teachers:

Lin's lilting voice did coax us through a host of medleys and much more,
And David's English country dances saved our feet which felt so sore.
Through step and country dances dear Rebecca from Vancou-ouver
Has showed us ways to make our bodies gracefully maneu-euver.

When asked to clap on beat 2 of our *pas-de-basque* by Muriel,
The sound of rapid fire guns must surely have seemed surreal.
Then Bill explored the methods which would teach our limbs to mobilize
For perfect 3-beat *pas-de-basques* to claim the noble Zobel prize.

And last, the Boston lassie—Marianne—without her Gilligan,
Rounds out our cast of followers in line with Miss Jean Milligan.
In short, we thank the teachers who've inspired us with such belief.
We'd also like thank the industries that make our pain relief!



Monthly Parties

MARCH MONTHLY PARTY SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2005

AT 7:30 P.M.

ALAMEDA MASONIC HALL
2312 ALAMEDA AVE, ALAMEDA

Hosts: Livermore and Lafayette Classes

Dance	Source	Type/Level
Lady Catherine Bruce's Reel	Graded/7	32 J 2 B
The Dundee Whaler+	Clowes/Ormskirk	32 S 4 I
Julian's Jig+	Allanton coll.	32 J 3 I
Jack's the Lad+	Goldring/2002	32 S 3 I
The Lass o' Livingston	8/6	32 R 2 B
The Chequered Court	42/3	32 J 3I/A
Balquidder Strathspey+	24/2	32 S 3 I
Mrs. Stuart Linnell+	Bayly/Imperial #3	40 R 3 A
The Wishing Well	44/6	32 S 3 I
Round Reel of Eight	27/7	88 R 4sqB/I
Knit the Pocky	11/1	32 R 2 B
1314	Drewry/Rondel 20	64M4sqA
Old Nick's Lumber Room	26/6	32 J 3 I
The Celebration Strathspey	43/2	32 S 3 I
Mairi's Wedding+	Cosh /22 SCD	40 R 3 I
+ new this month		

DIRECTIONS TO THE ALAMEDA MASONIC TEMPLE, 2312 ALAMEDA AVE, ALAMEDA (between Park and Oak Streets).

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.

APRIL MONTHLY PARTY SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2005

AT 7:30 P.M.

MOUNTAIN VIEW MASONIC HALL
840 CHURCH ST, MOUNTAIN VIEW

Hosts: San Jose Class

Dance	Source	Type/Level
Gloria's Wee Jig+	McMurtry/Devil's	32 J 2 B
Bedrule+	33/7	32 S 3 I
Berwick Johnnie+	Graded /14	32 J 3 B/I
1314	Drewry/Rondel 20	64 M 4sq A
Mairi's Wedding	Cosh /22 SCD	40 R 3 I
The Chequered Court	42/3	32 J 3 I/A
The Dundee Whaler	Clowes/Ormskirk	32 S 4 I
Mrs. Stuart Linnell	Bayly/Imperial #3	40 R 3 A
The Wishing Well	44/6	32 S 3 I
Julian's Jig	Allanton coll.	32 J 3 I
Flowers of Edinburgh+	1/6	32 R 3 B
Balquidder Strathspey	24/2	32 S 3 I
Fraser's Favorite+	Leaflet #3	32 R 3 I
Jack's the Lad	Goldring/2002	32 S 3 I
Mrs. MacLeod+	6/11	32 R 3 I
+ new this month		

DIRECTIONS TO 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).

Branch Scholarships

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

Branch Committee Actions

December 2004

Reported by Greg Reznick, Recording Secretary

Events

Asilomar: In October, Cameron reported that the 2004 weekend was oversubscribed, and expected to turn a small profit. She also announced that next year would be her last year chairing this event and that she is looking for an understudy who would be prepared to take over to join the committee for the 2005 event. In November, Cameron provided the (nearly) final financial results of the 2004 weekend showing a substantial surplus. She reported that the event went off smoothly and that the first review of the evaluations showed no major issues. The committee extended its heartfelt thanks to Cameron for another great weekend.

Jean Patrick Dance: In October, Larry reported the results of the 2004 dance, which showed a loss of approximately \$350. This was due to an unusually low attendance of 85. The committee discussed various ways to increase attendance at future events including promotion at the games and hiring out-of-town musicians. The chair thanked Larry and his team for putting on a very enjoyable event.

Valentine's Ball: In October, Art presented the budget and status for the 2005 Valentine's Ball. In November, he presented the final budget and status for the 2005 Valentine's Ball. He noted that arrangements with the catering contractors had been made and that no increase in ticket price would be required.

Branch Gala: In October, Witsie provided a substantial report on the status of the Gala, to be held on June 25, 2005. The venue will be the Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Oakland. Music will be provided by Green Ginger. The event committee saw this as an opportunity to provide press coverage for the branch [see below]

Reports

Treasurer's Report: In October, Gary shared his year-to-date financial report, which showed that the branch is on budget. There was some discussion of the performance of the monthly parties. Although some members have asked that more parties be held in San Francisco, it was noted that the halls in San Francisco are expensive and attendance is low.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: In October, Nancy reported that all of the Branch AGM representatives have agreed to serve again and that HQ will be sending the ballots directly to the delegates. She also noted that the Highlander Magazine had been informed of our activities. In November, she reported that HQ is requesting membership data in a computer spreadsheet. Larry agreed to work with Gene Bissell on getting a copy of the Branch membership data that could be converted into a form consistent with the request.

Other Items

Voting Procedures for Uncontested Elections: Nancy reported that her research suggests that we are required to give members an opportunity to vote "no" when a candidate was proposed without alternatives. The committee discussed the implications and raised questions regarding the impact on elections in which there is a contest. Nancy agreed to do more research; Larry and Patti agreed to draft a policy to cover uncontested elections.

Monthly Party Sound: As Bill Griffith is not available to do sound at monthly parties anymore, the committee is working on addressing the issue. Patti has collected the branch equipment and will, with the help of other members of the branch committee, provide sound for the monthly parties and other branch events.

Branch Publicity and Gala: Greg presented a proposal from a professional marketing firm to use the Branch Gala as a focal point to create publicity for the Branch with the ultimate goal being to increase attendance at Beginners' Classes in September, 2005. The proposal included donated time and paid time from a PR professional who has recently done publicity for other dance groups. A motion to authorize up to \$2,000 in expenses between now and September 2005 to fund the proposal was unanimously approved.

A New Beginners Class In San Francisco Sunday evenings starting January 23, 2005 A new location and time!

Send or bring your friends and co-workers to a new session of Scottish Country Dancing on Sunday, January 23 at our new location. The class is moving (from UCSF) to a dance studio. Susie Langdon Kass is the teacher.

The class will be held in a dance studio with a good 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!

Contact Susie at 415-333-9372, susielk@itsa.ucsf.edu, for more information and directions.

Don't Miss the Dance of the Decade!

by Paula Jacobson

On June 25th, 2005, the San Francisco Branch of the RSCDS will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a Grand Ball at the Greek Orthodox Church in Oakland. This event will present the U.S. debut of the exciting English SCD band, Green Ginger. They are thrilled to be playing for our anniversary, and because they will be here, those of our musicians who love to dance will have the chance to celebrate on the dance floor for a change!

Our committee is a rather small one, and we (Nancy Page, Donna Weidenfeller, and I) would like to find a few volunteers to help out. At this time, we are looking for someone to assist Jennifer Kelly with the flower arrangements. The task is to clean up after Jennifer as she does the actual arranging, so no experience is needed. We also need a publications person to handle the printing of the dance booklets, tickets, and flyers. In addition, we could use several folks to help put up the class banners. In fact, we used to have a branch banner, which I would love to see displayed. Does anyone know anything of the whereabouts of this banner? I remember seeing it at the Santa Rosa games.

Lastly, we are in search of old dance programs, articles, and pictures to put into a collage which will be on display at the event. Please think about getting involved in this very special celebration, and then give me a call to volunteer. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Most of all, I hope you will come along to dance, reminisce, and revel in our branch's 40th anniversary celebration, the Dance of the Decade.



THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY
SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH
PRESENTS THE 39TH ANNUAL
VALENTINE'S BALL

"A SCARLET & GOLD BALL"

MUSIC BY
FIDDLESTICKS & IVORY

12TH FEBRUARY 2005
SCOTTISH RITE CENTER
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA



SHERRY SOCIAL 7:00P
GRAND MARCH 7:30P
MIDNIGHT BUFFET

SET 1

Collie Law—24 Graded Social Dances R. Goldring
General Stuart's Reel—Book 10
Falkirk Lass—Merse Collection
Muirland Willie—Book 21
Delvine Side—Book 2
Maxwell's Rant—Book 18

SET 2

Starry Eyed Lass—Book 23
Buchan Eightsome—Book 21
Guid Luck Go Wi' Ye—Bicentennial Book
Duke Wellington—Bankhead Book 1
Bonnie Stronshiray—Glasgow Assembly
Sleepy Maggie—Book 6

SET 3

Collichur—Book 30
Pinewoods Reel—Pinewoods Book 2
Mistress Mary—In Memory of Mary Dixon Book
A Highland Welcome—Cockleroy Collection
Alltshellach—Book 23
Wind That Shakes the Barley—Duthie Book

Reservations should be postmarked by January 15th, 2005

Ball ticket price includes Sherry Social before the Ball and the Midnight Buffet

Spectators are welcome (free if not staying for the Buffet)

Ball information, including dance descriptions and diagrams, will be mailed out after January 15th, 2005

Ticket orders received after January 15th will be subject to late fees as described on the order form (reverse side)

Cancellations after January 22th will NOT be refunded.

Ball Booklets will be handed out the night of the Ball upon sign-in

Questions? Able to Volunteer?

Contact Art at 650.365.5574 ♦ artdiver@aol.com or
Julee at 650.722.0473 ♦ julm-hcs@pacbell.net

Please make check payable to: **RSCDS—SF Branch** and mail, along with this form, filled out front and back, to:
Julee Montes ♦ 365 Catamaran Drive ♦ Foster City, CA 94404

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

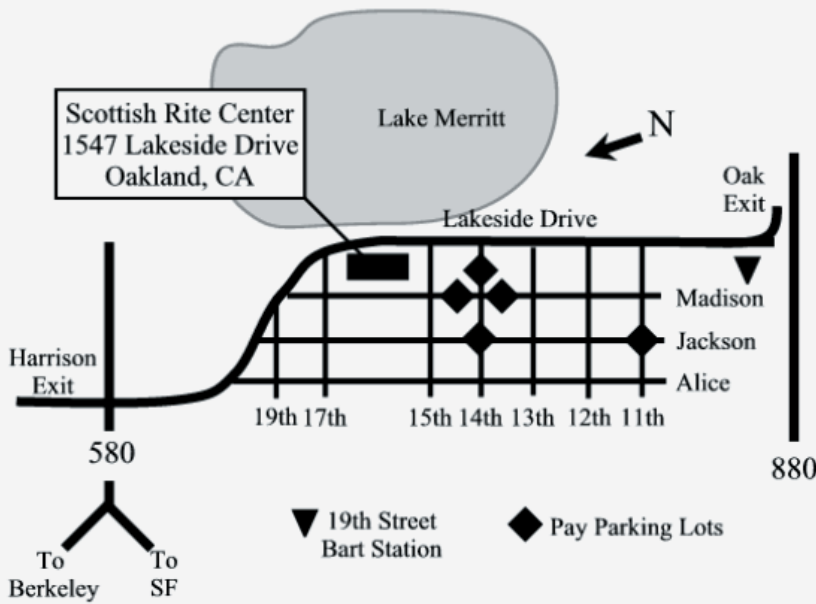
City / State / Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Volunteer: (please circle) Yes No

THE 39TH ANNUAL VALENTINE'S BALL

SATURDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY 2005
 SCOTTISH RITE CENTER
 OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

DIRECTIONS



From Highway 580

- ◆ Take the Harrison Street Exit, turn down hill
- ◆ Stay in the left lane and curve onto Lakeside for two blocks
- ◆ Turn right onto Madison
- ◆ Park on the street or in the Scottish Rite Center parking lot (usually fills very early) or in one of the pay lots

From Highway 880

- ◆ Take Oak Street Exit
- ◆ Stay on Oak as it becomes Lakeside
- ◆ Turn left onto 14th for pay lots, or stay on Lakeside for street parking

RSCDS Member—postmarked by 1/15/05 (ANY BRANCH) Branch _____	_____ @ \$40.00 _____
Non-RSCDS Member—postmarked by 1/15/05	_____ @ \$50.00 _____
Late Registration Fee—postmarked 1/16/05—2/3/05 ADD \$10.00 to ticket price	_____ @ \$10.00 _____
Very Late Registration Fee—postmarked after 2/3/05 ADD \$20.00 to ticket price	_____ @ \$20.00 _____
Night of Ball Registration / Door Sales (CHECKS PREFERRED PLEASE)	_____ @ \$60.00 _____
Beginner's discount— DEDUCT \$10.00 from ticket price (TEACHER COUPON REQUIRED)	_____ @ \$10.00 (_____) _____
Spectator with Midnight Buffet	_____ @ \$20.00 _____
	TOTAL _____

RSCDS-SF

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 2004—2005

Revised 11/30/04 • Compiled by Dotty Lieber: dottyl@cruzio.com

DECEMBER, 2004

- 4, Sa: 7:30 p.m. MONTHLY PARTY: San Mateo Masonic, 100 N. Ellsworth, SAN MATEO, hosted by San Francisco Class. Sandra: dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 11, Sa: BERKELEY HOLIDAY PARTY: 6 p.m. Potluck, 8 p.m. Dancing, at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Julie Carapanos, 925-930-6533, jrcarap@pacbell.net
- 16, Th: 7:45 SAN FRANCISCO CLASS WINTER SOLSTICE PARTY at Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez, SF. Live music by David Strong & Lyle Ramshaw, wonderful program with a new dance by Tim Wilson; refreshments. Linnea, 415-841-9456, linneaj@spursuits.com
- 20, Mo: 7:30 p.m. SAN JOSE CLASS HOLIDAY PARTY, American Legion Hall, 1504 Minnesota Ave., San Jose. Music by John Taylor and Lyle Ramshaw. Sparky Gregory 408-257-2294 or sparkyg@pacbell.net

JANUARY, 2005

- 8, Sa: 7:30 p.m. MONTHLY PARTY: Mountain View Masonic, 840 Church St., MOUNTAIN VIEW, hosted by Mountain View Class. Sandra: dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 9, Su: 2-4:30 p.m. BALL GOWN SALE & TEA PARTY in San Francisco. Susie: 415-333-9372 or susielk@ucsf.edu
- 10, Mon: 4:15 p.m. Experienced, 5:00 p.m. Beginners: SF YOUTH CLASS Winter Quarter session starts at Ballet Russe, 1944 Clement St. (at 21st Ave.), SF. Taught by Susie Langdon Kass & Pat O'Brien. Daphne: 415-751-3119 or Susie: 415-333-9372
- 14, Fr: CAMPBELL NEW BEGINNERS CLASS Starts: Last new beginners' class till next September. Rebecca: rrdavis@isp.com
- 22, Sa: 1:30 p.m. TEACHERS COMMITTEE MEETING at home of Lin Pettengill, Montara. brucehamilton@macconnect.com
- 23, Su: Evening NEW ADULT BEGINNERS CLASS starts in San Francisco at our new location! -(The Sunday class is moving from UCSF) Taught by Susie Langdon Kass Susie: 415-333-9372 or susielk@ucsf.edu
- 29, Sa: 1-6 p.m. V-BALL REVIEW led by Paula Jacobson and Bob McMurtry, Soquel Grange Hall, 2800 Porter St., Soquel. Sponsored by Soquel Class. Dotty: dottyl@cruzio.com or 831-423-6165

FEBRUARY, 2005

- 5, Sa: 1-5 p.m. VALENTINE'S BALL REVIEW, Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez, SF. Music by Steve Wyrick, fiddle, Janice Dairiki, piano. Sponsored by SF Class. Street parking or nearby pay lot, carpools or BART suggested. Susie: 415-333-9372 or susielk@itsa.ucsf.edu
- 9, We: 7:45 p.m. MOUNTAIN VIEW CLASS CUPID'S BOW PARTY (Valentine's Ball Review) at Mt. View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro St., Mountain View: Denise:

denisemfrancis@yahoo.com

- 12, Sa: 7:30 PM, VALENTINE'S BALL, "A Scarlet & Gold Ball" at Scottish Rite Center, Oakland. Music by Fiddlesticks & Ivory. Art: atarsa@lsil.com .

MARCH, 2005

- 5, Sa: 6 p.m. CLASS MANAGERS MEETING 7:30 p.m. MONTHLY PARTY: Alameda Masonic, 2312 Alameda Ave., ALAMEDA Hosts: Livermore, Lafayette Sandra: dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 31, Th: 7:45 p.m. SANTA CRUZ CLASS FAMILY NIGHT. 8:30 p.m. Social dancing for adults. Juliet: juliet@davoren.net

APRIL, 2005

- 2, Sa: 7:30 p.m. MONTHLY PARTY: Mountain View Masonic, 840 Church St., MOUNTAIN VIEW, hosted by San Jose Class. Sandra: dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 6, We: 7:45 p.m. MOUNTAIN VIEW CLASS SPRING PARTY at Mt/ View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro St., Mt. View. Denise: denisemfrancis@yahoo.com
- 9, Sa: SACRAMENTO SPRING WORKSHOP & BALL, www.rscds-Sacramento.org
- 23, Sa: 1:30 PM: TEACHERS COMMITTEE MEETING, location TBD: brucehamilton@macconnect.com
- 30, Sa: CHILDRENS BALL, by invitation only: Kathleen, 925-934-6148

MAY, 2005

- 7, Sa: 7:30 p.m. MONTHLY PARTY: Alameda Masonic, 2312 Alameda Ave., ALAMEDA, hosted by Berkeley Classes. Sandra: dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 25, We: 7:45 p.m. MOUNTAIN VIEW CLASS YEAR END PARTY at King's Head Pub, 201 Orchard City Dr., Campbell. denisemfrancis@yahoo.com

JUNE, 2005

- 4, Sa: 7:30 p.m. MONTHLY PARTY: Soquel Grange, 2800 Porter St., SOQUEL, Hosted by Monterey, Santa Cruz, Soquel Classes Sandra: dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 11, Sa, & 12 Su: TRUCKEE WORKSHOP, DANCE & HIKE Dave Wilson: allenortep@sbcglabal.net
- 25, Sa: DANCE OF THE DECADE: 40th Anniversary of the Branch! Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Oakland—Green Ginger playing. Witsie: witken@astound.net
- 30, Th:(tentative) 7:45 p.m. SF CLASS SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY: Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez SF. Linnea, 415-841-9456, linneaj@spursuits.com
- 30, Th: 7:45 p.m. SANTA CRUZ CLASS FAMILY NIGHT. 8:30 p.m. Social dancing for adults. Juliet: juliet@davoren.net

JULY, 2005

- 9, Sa: 1:30 PM: TEACHERS COMMITTEE MEETING, location TBD. Bruce: brucehamilton@macconnect.com

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLASSES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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The symbol, "&", indicates that classes meet in separate rooms at the same location.

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH CLASSES

Berkeley

FRIDAYS: **Beginners:** 8 PM. Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar at Walnut. Teacher: Claudette Sigg. **Experienced Social:** 8 PM; All Souls Episcopal Parish, 2220 Cedar at Spruce. Teacher: Dwayne McQuilliams. Call *Zoe Pollock* 510-234-8985. **Youth Classes: Experienced:** 6:30 PM; **Beginners:** 7:15 PM. Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar at Walnut. Call *Mary McQuilliams, teacher, 415-564-9773.* MONDAYS: **Intermediate Technique:** 8 PM; St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 2837 Claremont Blvd. at Russell near Ashby. Call *Julie Carapanos* 925-930-6533. Teacher: Bruce Herbold.

Lafayette

THURSDAYS: **Beginners & Intermediates:** 7:30 PM. Call *Witsie McKelvy* 925-676-3637. **Youth Classes** (3 Levels): 5:00 PM, 5:45 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:** 7 PM; **Intermediates:** 8 PM; call *Gale Holladay* 925-447-5771. WEDNESDAYS: **Children's Class: Beginners** 6 PM; **Experienced** (by invitation) 7 PM; Foresters Hall, 171 J Street. FRIDAYS: **Family Class:** 7:30 PM; call for location. Call *Sheena MacQueen* 925-447-1833. Teachers: Sheena MacQueen, Coletta Hill.

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: **Basic Skills & Experienced:** 7:45 PM; Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro Avenue. Call *Denise Francis* 510-713-7813 or *Anita Geleyense* 408-262-9705. Teachers: Alan Twigg, Armin Busse, Bruce Hamilton, Jo Hamilton.

San Francisco

THURSDAYS: **Beginners & Experienced:** 8 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. SUNDAYS (starting 1/23/05): **Beginners:** NEW LOCATION AND TIME! Call for more information. (The class has moved from UCSF!) Call *Susie Langdon Kass, teacher, 415-333-9372.* MONDAYS: **Youth Classes: Experienced:** 4:15 PM; **Beginners:** 5:00 PM; Ballet Russe, 1944 Clement Street at 21st Avenue. Call *Daphne Ball* 415-751-3119 or *Susie Langdon Kass* 415-333-9372. Teachers: Pat O'Brien, Susie Langdon Kass.

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.

Santa Cruz

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

Santa Rosa/Cotati

MONDAYS: **Beginners:** 7 PM; **Intermediates:** 8:15 PM; Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Street. Call *Emily Evans* 707-874-2512. Teachers: Gary Thomas, Ron Wallace, Emily Evans. WEDNESDAYS: **Youth Class:** 11 AM; Monroe Hall, 1400 West College Avenue. Call *Ron Wallace, teacher, 707-795-2185.* THURSDAYS: **Hard Shoe:** 7 PM; **Ladies' Step:** 8 PM. Call *Ron Wallace, teacher.* FRIDAYS: **Advanced SCD** (with permission): 7 PM. Call *Emily Evans* 707-874-2512 or *Gary Thomas, teacher, 707-795-2185.* Church of the Oaks, Page and West Sierra Ave, Cotati (NEW LOCATION!).

Soquel

FRIDAYS: **Beginners:** 7 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 Youth Class

MONDAYS: 3:45 PM; St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 800 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call *Louise Perry* 408-374-1969 or *Jo Hamilton, teacher, 650-328-0474.*

DEMONSTRATION TEAMS

Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers

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

New World Scottish Dancers

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

Red Thistle Dancers

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

Santa Rosa Scottish Dancers

1st FRIDAYS: 7 PM, Santa Rosa: **Advanced** (by invitation only). Call *Ron Wallace, director, 707-795-2185.*

SACRAMENTO BRANCH CLASSES

Sacramento

FRIDAYS: **Beginners:** 7 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. SATURDAYS: **Youth classes** (8-18 years): **Beginners:** 9 AM; **Intermediates:** 10 AM; **Experienced/White Heather Dancers:** 11 AM. Call *Carrie Leaman* 916-783-9675. YLI Clubhouse, 1400 27th Street. Teachers: Peggy Hamilton, Lynne Lockwood, Sandra Kesler.

Stockton

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

OTHER CLASSES

Arcata

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

Campbell

FRIDAYS: **Beginner and Basic Intermediate classes;** Campbell Community Center. Call *Rebecca Davis, teacher, 408-378-3817.*

Grass Valley

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

Merced

THURSDAYS: **Beginners/Experienced:** 7:30 PM; Merced Multicultural Arts Center, 645 W. Main Street. Call *Pattee Russell-Curry, teacher, 209-722-7030.*

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 Recreation & Park District* 916-36-1841. *Beginners: anytime.*

Redding

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

San Mateo

TUESDAYS: **Beginners/Experienced:** 7:30 PM; Buresford Community Center, 28th & Alameda de Las Pulgas. Call *Lin Pettengill, teacher, 650-728-9105.*

RENO, NEVADA (SILVER STATE DANCERS)

WEDNESDAYS: **Beginners/Experienced:** 7:30 PM. McKinley Arts & Culture Center, 925 Riverside Drive. (Call to confirm location!) Call *Marian Stroh, teacher, 775-825-1224 or Debby Dahlstrom* 775-324-1999. *Beginners: anytime.* THURSDAYS: **Intermediate/Advanced:** 8 pm. Nevada Dance Academy, 1790 W. 4th. Call *Dave Wilson, teacher, 775-825-6867.*

STEP DANCING CLASSES

Atherton/Menlo Park

TUESDAYS: **Intermediates:** 7 PM, **Beginners:** 8:15 PM. Carriage House, Atherton; THURSDAYS: **Experienced:** 7:30 PM, Peninsula School, Menlo Park. Call *Jo Hamilton, teacher, 650-328-0474.*

Pleasant Hill

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

San Pablo

WEDNESDAYS: **Advanced Soft Shoe Step** (with permission): 7:30 PM; **Advanced Hard Shoe Step** (with permission): 8:30 PM; San Pablo Sportsmen's Club, 5220 Glen Avenue. Call *Ron Wallace, teacher, 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.

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