



## Thoughts from the Chair

Larry Wakeman

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Most of the work on the new stage is complete. The committee will be discussing the purchase of a trailer with which to store and transport the stage. The stage will appear at a new venue this fall, the Sebastopol Celtic Festival in addition to the traditional venues in Livermore, Campbell, Oakland/Dunsmuir House, and Pleasanton. My thanks go out to the many people who have worked on the stage:

- Lew Baer (a non-dancer and friend of Jim)
- Steven Brown
- Michael Janousek
- Anna Jean
- Chuck Levine
- Jack Mathieson
- Trina Merriman
- Robert Sanborn
- Robert Sargent
- Mark Setterland
- Tom Spittler
- Tovar

Special thanks go to:

- Jim Passage for leading the effort.

The fund raising effort is going well. We have collected \$4,100.00 so far. We have had some very generous donations but we will accept donations of any amount. The flyer is included in this issue of the Peyper. The next issue will have a complete listing of all of the donations for the stage. Donors who have "purchased" a portion of the stage will also be immortalized on the front and rear apron of the stage.

Members of the branch will be receiving the Branch Committee Ballots in the mail soon. Included with the Ballot will be an opinion poll. I strongly urge you to give the committee your ideas on the topics at hand. The subjects of the poll are:

- The name of the Annual Branch Ball in February
- Dance Briefing at the Annual Branch Ball and the Kim McGarrity Ball (Asilomar)

When the committee decided to poll the membership on the Dance Briefing issue in 2000, we had decided at that time that the poll should be repeated every two years. Well, the last time we polled the membership on this subject was in 2002,

so it has been five years.

As always, the committee is interested in your thoughts and ideas. You may send all of us email at [board@rscds-sf.org](mailto:board@rscds-sf.org). We are also available by phone, snail mail, and at monthly parties and classes. Check the Volunteer Page in this issue of the Peyper or the branch web site ([www.rscds-sf.org](http://www.rscds-sf.org)) for a list of the members of the committee. Our phone numbers and snail mail addresses are in the Branch Directory.

Speaking of the Branch Directory, Membership Renewals will be mailed out soon. Renew your memberships as soon as possible, when you get the renewal form if you can. I know that if I don't deal with something as soon as possible, that it can slip out of my mind and may not happen at all. We are affected by a shrinking membership as are many other social organizations. There are two actions we can take: ensure that our member renew their memberships every year, and encourage new members to join the branch. New members are always encouraged to start dancing with the start of the class year (what I call the dancing year) in the fall. This is the major purpose of our participating in the Highland and Celtic Games in the area. This month, we have a unique opportunity to encourage new members through our participation in the Bay Area National Dance Week. Check the Branch Calendar in this issue for the events. They are scheduled from the 20<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. If you go to one of these events, make the visitors feel welcome and encourage them to participate.

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## Miscellany

### Class Reports are Fun to Read!

Class Managers & Teachers:

Written class reports are due to the *R&S* Editor, before **June 1** for the summer issue of the newsletter. The reports are fun to read, and keep dancers informed about other classes. Please write those reports and get them in by the deadline!

Please talk to the editor about format, length, etc. The report may be written by any class member and reviewed by the class manager and/or teacher. Send your report to Editor, Reel and Strathspeyper <randsnewsletter@rscds-sf.org>

Also, Class displays and/or Class reports may be brought and shown at the AGM.

Susie Langdon Kass

### CELEBRATE SCOTTISH DANCING DURING BAY AREA NATIONAL DANCE WEEK APRIL 20-29 2007!

Friday April 20- Sunday April 29 2007 is Bay Area National Dance Week, an annual 10-day celebration of **FREE PUBLIC DANCE EVENTS** in the Bay Area. There are **SEVERAL WAYS SCOTTISH DANCERS CAN PARTICIPATE:**

Join the **KICK-OFF CONGA LINE** at Union Square in San Francisco, at 12 NOON ON FRIDAY APRIL 20, or **"DANCE ANYWHERE"** AT THE SAME TIME. WEAR YOUR TARTANS and add to the Scottish flavor of these events!

INVITE your friends / neighbors / coworkers / strangers you meet on the street to **ONE OF THE FIVE RSCDS EVENTS** sponsored by the Branch this year—Sunday April 22 in San Francisco, Tuesday April 24 in Crockett, and Thursday April 26 in Lafayette, Pleasant Hill and San Francisco! See the **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** in this newsletter for details.

This is a great chance for the Scottish Country Dance community to **MINGLE** with the larger Bay Area dance community, and for others to get a taste and glimpse of what we do! Come out to any of the events and **CELEBRATE DANCE!**

Want more info? Contact Elizabeth Wright: [ewright@sfsu.edu](mailto:ewright@sfsu.edu), 415 647-5871, or Bay Area National Dance Week: [bayareandw.org](http://bayareandw.org), 415 568-7726.

### HISTORY - How important is it?

Our branch has successfully put on a formal ball every year for forty years.

When we first decided to have a Spring Ball, the first booking available at the Marine's Memorial Club was February 18th 1967, so the logical name for the event was The St. Valentine's Ball. That night clashed with the Chinese New Year and parking was dreadful; however, so many people showed up that the Nicholas Hall we had booked was not big enough. The management moved us up to the Crystal Ballroom, a perfect setting. The Thistle Highland Band from Los Angeles under the direction of Jack Rennie provided the music.

Last October, when I found out that the name of our Ball had been changed, I was stunned at first and then hurt, especially when I found out that the Branch Committee had voted for the change without consulting the membership, or at the very least consulting with the people who had helped start the tradition forty years ago. The reason given for wanting a change of name had something to do with the fact that single women did not feel welcome at an event that they perceived one had to have a partner to attend. That has NEVER been the case, in fact if you look at the history of the Society it has been women who have kept it alive. Even today, world-wide, more women than men dance. If we had called our event a "Sweetheart Ball" I could understand the confusion, but St Valentine's Day has become a day that I acknowledge my friends and family. The other reason it hurt was that 2007 was our 40th Annual Ball - we had not missed even one year.

Continuity is important to me and my family (we now have three generations dancing). Walter and I worked hard over the years to keep our promise to Miss Milligan to "spread the word" and keep the spirit of the dance alive and well.

Now I ask all of you to let our Branch Committee know if you wish to return our annual Ball to the original name, if not let them know what you **do** want. Our event is known to other dancers around the world, they never have to worry what month it is going to be.

We do have a dedicated group of volunteers running our Branch, our Classes and other Special Events and I thank them sincerely for all the hard work they do. Not many organizations can boast of an "all volunteer" group. When I vote for people to serve on our Branch Committee, I do so trusting they will have the best interests of the Society at heart. The part that sometimes gets lost is the sense of history, so I would like to say, feel free to call or write me at anytime if you have questions. There are other founding members still active who would also be a resource, including Fred Macondray, Eugene Bissell, Fred Sommer, Jennifer and John Kelly, Elsie Robertson, Hilda Gotcher and Pat Jordan. In addition, a hard-working committee compiled a little yellow booklet, the Member's Handbook, every member should have one, have you read yours?

In closing, if history is not important to the majority of our members, I will just have to accept that and stop stressing. No matter how this all turns out, I hope you will all keep on dancing and making it FUN.

Sincerely,

Kathleen McAdam

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# DUNSMUIR SCOTTISH DANCERS



## OPEN AUDITION

Love Scottish Dance?

Want to perform?

Audition with Dunsmuir  
Scottish Dancers

**Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers** is a demonstration team, currently 24 members strong, affiliated with the San Francisco Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. Our director, Ron Wallace, is an internationally known teacher, musician, and piper. We perform country dance, step dance, highland dance, hard shoe, and historical dance. Live music is an essential part of our rehearsals and performances. For over twenty years we have shared our love of dance with Bay Area audiences at events as diverse as highland games, ethnic dance festivals, conventions, nursing homes, private parties, and charitable fundraisers. More recently, members have performed as far afield as Nevada, Wyoming, and the Czech Republic.

### What's expected of members?

- Regular attendance at rehearsals on Tuesday evenings 7:30 to 9:30 in San Pablo
- Quarterly dues
- Maintain costumes: 16<sup>th</sup>-century, 18<sup>th</sup>-century, and formal
- Commitment to learning new repertoire
- Commitment to growing as a dancer
- Visible enthusiasm for social dance

### AUDITION INFORMATION

When? Sunday, June 3, 2007 from 2:00 – 4:00 P. M.

Where? San Pablo Sportsmen's Club, 5220 Glenn Avenue, San Pablo.

What? Dance with current members in a set using basic RSCDS steps and formations.

Step dancers and highland dancers are encouraged to present a solo number. They should bring CD or tape, or send sheet music to Ron Wallace in advance.

**For more information, or to sign up to audition, please contact**

Tim Wilson or Sylvain Pelletier at 415-647-7342

Ron Wallace at 707-795-2185

or visit [www.dunsmuirscottishdancers.org](http://www.dunsmuirscottishdancers.org)

# RSCDS SF Branch

## New Stage Fund

Own a part of the new Branch Stage. To raise funds to build the new stage, the Branch is “selling” portions of the stage. The stage platform will be inscribed with permanent marker before the stage surface is sealed with the inscription designated by the donor. Classes are encouraged to pool donations or to run fundraising campaigns.

The new stage will be made up of forty, four-foot square panels. The donations to “buy” a panel or a portion of a panel are:

- \$250.00    A full Panel
- \$150.00    A Half of a Panel
- \$100.00    A Quarter of a Panel

To ensure that the stage is ready for the Livermore Games, donations must either be sent by mail to arrive before May 4<sup>th</sup> or they may be delivered to the AGM/Monthly Party on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the First Christian Church, 2441 San Jose Ave, Alameda, CA. Your name and address are required so that the Branch can acknowledge your contributions and you can deduct them from your income tax, even if you want the donation to be anonymous.

Mail to: RSCDS-SF Stage Fund  
 PO Box 3352  
 Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Make Checks Payable to RSCDS-SF Branch

Make donation anonymous

Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription: \_\_\_\_\_

## Opening up the road to the isles

John Ross

IT HAS taken more than 40 years, but those who have campaigned for improvements to the famous A830 Fort William-Mallaig tourist route can finally see their efforts nearing the end of the road.

Tavish Scott, the transport minister, announced yesterday that the final four miles of the Road to the Isles which is still single-track is to be upgraded.

Morrison Construction has been given the job of converting the final section of the A830 Fort William-Mallaig road into two lanes. Work is due to start in June on the tortuous, single-track carriageway, complete with passing places, between Arisaig and Loch nan Uamh. It will take about 18 months to complete.

The improvements will reduce delays on the road, where traffic from fish lorries to tourist coaches heading for the Small Isles and Skye have to share the same stretch of tarmac.

A series of improvements to the 17-mile stretch of the road between Mallaig and Lochailort has cost £22.8 million.

### Historic route hailed in song

“BY TUMMEL and Loch Rannoch and Lochaber I will go...” is a familiar line in the ever-popular song, *The Road to the Isles*. It more readily recalls, in fact, the old road south out of the West Highlands, in the series of ancient trackways which acted as trading routes to the southern burghs and the cattle droving roads from island grazings south to Stirling and Falkirk. The song did not seem to take us much further than Lochaber, and we are left, in a flurry of knapsacks, “cromags” and heather, to imagine the last stretch through to the Minch and the Hebrides.

There was always something less familiar about the road west at this point, to the extent that the 19th-century guidebooks, such as Robert Hall’s *Scottish Tourist* and Black’s *Picturesque Tourist*, would wax lyrical on the locations of Scott’s poems and novels, or diligently follow the footsteps of Prince Charlie. In all their sustained flow of editions, they remained strangely vague over the bits in between.

West of Glenfinnan was unknown territory—known traditionally as Moidart and Arisaig—and it always seemed to retain much of its rugged mystery as *Na Garbh-Chriochain* or “The Rough Bounds”. This was the eastern buffer territory of the former Lordship of the Isles of Clan Donald, and more recently the estates of Clanranald. Gaelic language and literature, song and music flourished in this stronghold, whose links were as readily with Spain and France as with Edinburgh and London.

The district had been opened up by that energetic engineer Thomas Telford, when he directed the government to build the so-called “Parliamentary Road”, beginning in Banavie and Corpach in 1803 and running out to Arisaig. It was called in

the official papers of the Commission for Highland Roads and Bridges the “Loch-na-Gaul” road, and it is this same piece of road, from Loch nan Uamh to the village of Arisaig, that is now finally going to be engineered to finish the process begun by Telford in the early 1800s.

If we think of the Highlands as bare and rocky hills and high tops, this once-hidden land to the west of Fort William challenges this impression with its cover of birch and rowan and its ancient oak woods.

The last winding stretch of the former “Parliamentary Road” will always be remembered for the trees crowding down the slopes and obscuring the view of the motorist. But this was a symbol of the wealth and fertility of the lands of Clanranald, praised by its poets and remembered proverbially as “dark Arisaig of the woods”—*Arasaig dubh ghorm a’ bharrach*.

The exceptional qualities of the road to the isles were also recognised by the outstanding folklore collector of the mid-20th century, the late Calum Maclean of the School of Scottish Studies.

The description in his 1959 Batsford edition, *The Highlands*, glows with admiration for Morar, Arisaig and Moidart, but focuses on the people as well as the views. His esteem for the friendliness and hospitality of the district, the wealth of tradition and a faithfulness to the past, is a timely reminder that nothing makes the road to the isles so rich as the folk who dwell along it.

Hugh Cheape

©The Scotsman, March 7, 2007

### Ave atque Vale

After 10 years of preparing publishing, and editing (not necessarily in that order), the *R&S*, I am handing over the reins to Greg Reznick (mixing metaphors again!), and wish him well in the task.

It has been a pleasure.

Mike Hird

Quondam Editor, Reel & Strathspey퍼

The Santa Rosa Class

Presents

THE  
BEGINNERS'  
BALL

To Honor the New Dancers of 2007



Music by

MURIEL JOHNSTONE & KEITH SMITH

Saturday June 16, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Hermann Sons Hall  
860 Western Ave. Petaluma

# THE BEGINNERS' BALL

Saturday June 16 2007 at 7:30 p.m.  
 Hermann Sons Hall, 860 Western Ave. Petaluma

## THE PROGRAM

EH3 7AF – 40:6 32J3  
 The Braes of Tulliemet – 7:12 32S3  
 Mrs. Chomondeley's Reel – Gr:10 32R3  
 Ladies' Fancy – 13:12 32J2  
 Lord Elgin's Reel – 26:5 32S3  
 The Piper and the Penguin – Scotia:6 88R4  
 Campbell's Frolic – 15:3 32J3  
 Invercauld's Reel – 11:10 32S3  
 La Tempete – 2:1 48R4

Light and Airy – 4:5 32J3  
 Adieu Mon Ami – 24:11 32S3  
 Pugwash and Tatamagouche – Wallace 32R3 \*  
 A Wee Nothin' – Brunken 32J3 \*  
 The Saint John River – Edwards:New Brunswick  
 Collection 32S4  
 Crom Allt – Goldring:24 Social Dances 32R3  
 Mole's Frolic – Winter:Dunsmuir Dances 32J3 \*  
 John McAlpin – Foss:Galloway 32S2  
 The Barmkin – Goldring:24 Social Dances 88R4

\*directions available on class web site <http://www.santarosascottishdancers.org>

**Refreshments:** After-Ball Buffet  
**Attire:** Festive to Formal (a changing room is available for ladies)  
**Tickets:** \$20 adults/\$10 children (16 and under)  
 \$25 adults/\$10 children after June 6<sup>th</sup>  
 \$ 6 spectators (includes buffet)  
**Hospitality:** For information about hospitality with local dancers or local hotels and accommodations contact Jim or Celine Passage, 707. 829.9775.

**Directions:** Petaluma is about 40 miles north of San Francisco and about 20 miles south of Santa Rosa on Highway 101. From Highway 101 take the E. Washington Ave. exit; go west on Washington for about 1 mile. Turn left on Petaluma Blvd., go 1 block. Turn right on Western Ave. The hall is about 1 mile west on the right side of the street, at the corner of Western and Webster.

**Tickets will** not be mailed, they will be held at the door. If you have questions, contact Kathy Faherty, [kfaherty@mac.com](mailto:kfaherty@mac.com) (707.539.7081) or Susan Scott, [susanascott@earthlink.net](mailto:susanascott@earthlink.net) (707.569.8307)

Name	Adult/Youth/Spectator	New Dancer (Yes/No)	Amount
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Please make checks payable to: RSCDS-SF-Santa Rosa **Total** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mail to:** Susan Scott 928 Beaver Street Santa Rosa, CA 95404

*The San Francisco Branch  
of the  
Royal Scottish Country Dance Society  
presents*

*The Third Annual  
Spring Workshop*

Are you looking for an opportunity to sharpen your technique or improve your mastery of figures? Can't get away for a weekend at Asilomar in the fall? Or maybe you're suffering from Asilomar withdrawal. If so, join us for an afternoon workshop in May. It will be held in Alameda in conjunction with the Monthly Party, Annual Potluck, and Annual General Meeting.

**Advanced Technique Class**

**Location:** Twin Towers Methodist Church  
1411 Oak Street, Alameda

**Teacher:** Lori Howard

This class is directed at dancers looking for an opportunity to improve their dance technique through an intensive workshop. Be prepared for lots of step practice and specific feedback from the teacher regarding your opportunities for improvement. The class size will be limited to ensure that you get personal attention.

**Date:** May 5, 2007

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m

**Fee:** \$25 (RSCDS members), \$27 (others)  
\$30 at the door

**Formations and Figures Class**

**Location:** First Christian Church  
2441 San Jose Avenue, Alameda

**Teacher:** Bruce Herbold

This class is for intermediate and accomplished beginners who would like to polish their skills in Country Dance figures and formations. Expect instruction in phrasing and covering, and a look at the more challenging of the common figures.



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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Class:  Advanced Technique  
 Forms & Figures

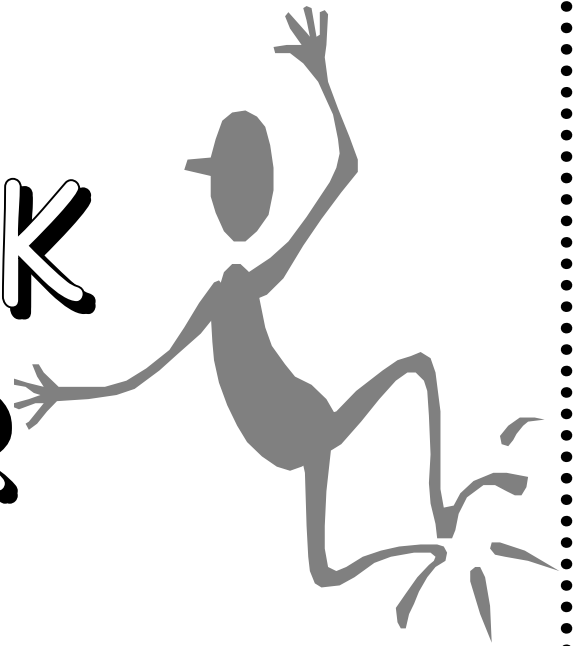
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Non-Members x \$27 \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to RSCDS-SF: Mail to Greg Reznick, 4725 First St., #220, Pleasanton, CA 94566



RSCDS-SF BRANCH

# POTLUCK SUPPER

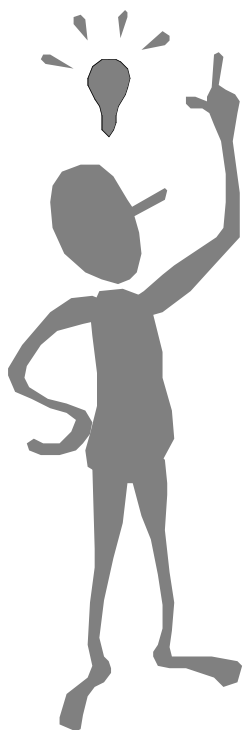


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SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2007

after the workshops and  
prior to the Monthly Party and AGM  
at the First Christian Church,  
2441 San Jose Avenue in Alameda (not the usual place)

Enjoy a chance to socialize  
and eat fantastic food



Bring your favorite main dish,  
casserole, side dish, salad,  
bread, or fruit to share. (A few desserts ok)

Desserts will be served after the dance.

Paper plates and plastic forks, etc., will be provided,  
but if convenient, please bring your own plate and utensils.



For more information contact:  
Susie Langdon Kass 415-333-9372, [susielk@itsa.ucsf.edu](mailto:susielk@itsa.ucsf.edu)  
or Greg Reznick 925-425-9418, [greg@reznickfamily.com](mailto:greg@reznickfamily.com)

**RSCDS-SF CALENDAR OF EVENTS • 2007**

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**APRIL 2007**

- 7, Sa: 1 p.m. BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING In San Jose - Info: 831-423-6165 or [dottyl@cruzio.com](mailto:dottyl@cruzio.com).
- 7, Sa: 7:30 p.m. MONTHLY PARTY at Mountain View Masonic Hall, 840 Church St., Mountain View. Hosted by Mountain View Class. Sandra: [dancingsands@hotmail.com](mailto:dancingsands@hotmail.com)
- 14, Sa: CHILDRENS' BALL in Livermore, by invitation only .Information: Kathleen: 925-934-6148
- 14, Sa: BRANCH TEACHERS EXAMINATION at Triple Threat Dance Studios, Livermore. "Angels" needed – dancers with one year or more experience. Contact Witsie: 925-676-3637 or [witken@astound.net](mailto:witken@astound.net)
- 20, Fr: 12 noon KICK-OFF CONGA LINE for Bay Area National Dance Week, Union Square, SF, or "Dance Anywhere" [bayareandw.org](http://bayareandw.org) 415-568-7726 or [ewright@sfsu.edu](mailto:ewright@sfsu.edu) 415-647-5871
- 21, Sa: 8:00 p.m. DANCING FEET 2007, Dance Concert at Performing Arts Center, Woodside High School, 199 Churchill Ave., Woodside. Info: [www.redthistledancers.org](http://www.redthistledancers.org).
- 22, Su: 2:30 p.m. DANCING FEET 2007, Dance Concert at Performing Arts Center, Woodside High School, 199 Churchill Ave., Woodside. Info: [www.redthistledancers.org](http://www.redthistledancers.org)
- 22, Su: 5:15–6:30 p.m. FREE AND OPEN TO YOUTH AND ADULTS! SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE FOR YOUTH and ADULTS at Richmond District YMCA, 360 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. @ Geary Blvd., San Francisco. Susie Langdon Kass: [susielk@cls.ucsf.edu](mailto:susielk@cls.ucsf.edu) or 415-333-9372, [sf-scottishdancers.org](http://sf-scottishdancers.org). Presented as part of BAY AREA NATIONAL DANCE WEEK: [bayareandw.org](http://bayareandw.org)
- 24, Tu: 6:30–8:00 p.m. FREE AND OPEN TO YOUTH AND ADULTS! NEW WORLD SCOTTISH DANCERS INTRODUCTORY BASIC CLASS at Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona Street at Rolph Ave., Crockett. Lori Howard: [fireknight1@aol.com](mailto:fireknight1@aol.com) or 925-934-1928, [newworldscottishdancers.org](http://newworldscottishdancers.org). Presented as part of BAY AREA NATIONAL DANCE WEEK: [bayareandw.org](http://bayareandw.org).
- 26, Th: 5–9:30 p.m. FREE AND OPEN TO YOUTH AND ADULTS! LAFAYETTE SCOTTISH FLING at Veterans Memorial Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. at Risa Road, Lafayette. Witsie: 925-676-3637 or [witken@astound.net](mailto:witken@astound.net). Presented as part of BAY AREA NATIONAL DANCE WEEK: [bayareandw.org](http://bayareandw.org).
- 26, Th: 6:45–7:30 p.m. FREE AND OPEN TO YOUTH AND ADULTS! NEW WORLD SCOTTISH DANCERS INTRODUCTORY BASIC STEP CLASS at Diablo Light Opera Company, 1940 Oak Park Blvd. at Douglas Lane, Pleasant Hill. Lori: 925-934-1928 or [fireknight1@aol.com](mailto:fireknight1@aol.com) or [newworldscottishdancers.org](http://newworldscottishdancers.org). Presented as part of BAY AREA NATIONAL DANCE WEEK: [bayareandw.org](http://bayareandw.org).
- 26, Th: 8–10 p.m. FREE AND OPEN TO YOUTH AND ADULTS! WELCOME TO SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE at Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez at 23<sup>rd</sup> St., San Francisco, with Live Music! Bruce Herbold: 415-826-2287 or [bherbold@aol.com](mailto:bherbold@aol.com) or [sf-scottishdancers.org](http://sf-scottishdancers.org). Presented as part of BAY AREA NATIONAL DANCE WEEK: [bayareandw.org](http://bayareandw.org).
- 28, Sa: evening: MOUNTAIN VIEW 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY, Mountain View Adobe Building, 157 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Anita: [amgeleynse@earthlink.net](mailto:amgeleynse@earthlink.net)
- 29, Su: 1:30 Video, 2 p.m. start: TEACHERS COMMITTEE MEETING at Pettengills' Kathy Allen: [Kathy\\_allien@hotmail.com](mailto:Kathy_allien@hotmail.com).

**MAY 2007**

- 5, Sa: 2–5 p.m. SPRING WORKSHOP in Alameda. For details, [greg@reznickfamily.com](mailto:greg@reznickfamily.com)
- 5, Sa: 5:30 p.m. BRANCH POTLUCK SUPPER at First Christian Church, 2441 San Jose Ave., Alameda. Susie Langdon Kass 415-333-9372, [susielk@cls.ucsf.edu](mailto:susielk@cls.ucsf.edu) or Greg Reznick 925-425-9418 [greg@reznickfamily.com](mailto:greg@reznickfamily.com)
- 5, Sa: 7:30 p.m. MONTHLY PARTY and AGM at First Christian Church, 2441 San Jose Avenue, Alameda, hosted by Lafayette/Livermore Classes Sandra: [dancingsands@hotmail.com](mailto:dancingsands@hotmail.com)
- 19, Sa & 20, Su: LIVERMORE SCOTTISH GAMES at Robertson Park, Livermore. Don MacQueen: [dmacq@ucscalumni.com](mailto:dmacq@ucscalumni.com)

**JUNE 2007**

- 2, Sa: 1 p.m. BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING In Santa Cruz - Info: 831-423-6165 or [dottyl@cruzio.com](mailto:dottyl@cruzio.com).
- 2, Sa: 4 - 6 p.m. EARTH-FRIENDLY POTLUCK DINNER at Newlyn/Stock home, 310 Nobel Dr., Santa Cruz. ,BYO reusable service and potluck dish. Karen: 831-247-0544 or [sonya\\_newlyn@yahoo.com](mailto:sonya_newlyn@yahoo.com)
- 2, Sa 6:30 p.m. NOTE TIME! MONTHLY PARTY at First Congregational Church, 900 High St., Santa Cruz Hosted by Monterey/Santa Cruz/Soquel Classes. Sandra: [dancingsands@hotmail.com](mailto:dancingsands@hotmail.com)
- 15, Fr: 8 p.m. BERKELEY CLASS END OF SEASON BASH at Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar St. Berkeley Zoe: [paloma1256@earthlink.net](mailto:paloma1256@earthlink.net)
- 16, Sa: All day – CAMPBELL HIGHLAND GAMES. Info: Sparky Gregory, [sparkyg@pacbell.net](mailto:sparkyg@pacbell.net)
- 16, Sa: 7:30 p.m. BEGINNERS' BALL at Hermann Sons Hall, 860 Western Ave. Petaluma, sponsored by Santa Rosa Class. Kathy Faherty: [kfaherty@mac.com](mailto:kfaherty@mac.com)
- 21, Th. SAN FRANCISCO CLASS SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY at Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez at 23<sup>rd</sup> St., San Francisco Linnea: [linneaj@spursuits.com](mailto:linneaj@spursuits.com)
- 30, Sa: TRUCKEE WORKSHOP AND DANCE. Information: Dave: [allenortep@gmail.com](mailto:allenortep@gmail.com)

**JULY 2007**

- 1, Su: DUE DATE FOR BRANCH MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - . Please send in your renewal now!
- 7-8, Sa., Su: MONTEREY HIGHLAND GAMES [saragratiot@aol.com](mailto:saragratiot@aol.com)
- 14, Sa –15, Su: DUNSMUIR HOUSE HIGHLAND GAMES
- 21, Sa: 1:30 Video, 2 p.m. start: TEACHERS COMMITTEE MEETING at Kathy Allen's. Kathy Allen: [Kathy\\_allien@hotmail.com](mailto:Kathy_allien@hotmail.com)

**AUGUST 2007**

- 10, Fr: DEADLINE FOR HAVING YOUR NAME LISTED IN THE RSCDS-SF 2007-08 BRANCH DIRECTORY! Send in your membership renewal by this date.

**SEPTEMBER 2007**

- 1, Sa and 2, Su: PLEASANTON HIGHLAND GAMES
- 1, Sa: evening: JEAN PATRICK MEMORIAL DANCE
- 22, Sa: 1:30 Video, 2 p.m. start: TEACHERS COMMITTEE MEETING at place TBD. Kathy Allen: [Kathy\\_allien@hotmail.com](mailto:Kathy_allien@hotmail.com)
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# SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLASSES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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

← **Changes due May 25**

## SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH CLASSES

### **Berkeley**

MONDAYS: **Intermediate Technique:** 8pm; St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 2837 Claremont Blvd. at Russell near Ashby. Call *Julie Carapanos* 925-930-6533. Teacher: Bruce Herbold. • FRIDAYS: **Basic:** 8pm; Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar at Walnut. **Intermediates:** 8pm; All Souls Episcopal Parish, 2220 Cedar at Spruce. Teachers: David Newitt, Dwayne McQuilliams, Fred Demarse (rotate). Call *Zoe Pollock* 510-234-8985. • **Youth: Experienced:** 6:30pm; **Beginners:** 7:15pm; All Souls Episcopal Parish. Call *Mary McQuilliams*, teacher, 415-716-7999.

### **Crockett**

**FREE INTRODUCTORY CLASS APR 24**

TUESDAYS: **Beginners:** 6:30pm; **Experienced:** 8pm; Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona Street. Call *Lori Howard*, teacher, 925-934-1928.

### **Lafayette**

**FREE SCOTTISH FLING APR 26 • 5:00PM**

THURSDAYS: **Beginners & Intermediates:** 8pm; Call *Witsie McKelvy* 925-676-3637. • Youth (7 yrs. & up): (3 Levels): 5pm, 5:45pm; Call *Kathleen McAdam* 925-934-6148. New Veteran's Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Teachers: Eugene Bissell, Kathleen McAdam, Cathy Bertics.

### **Livermore**

MONDAYS: **Beginners:** 7pm; **Intermediates:** 8pm; Odd Fellows Hall, 2160 First Street. **NO Class first Monday of Month.** Call *Michael Gregg* 925-606-9392. • FRIDAYS: **Family Class:** 7:30pm; call for location. • SUNDAYS: **Youth Class: Beginners:** 6pm; Triple Threat Performing Arts (TTPA), 315 Wright Brothers Way. Call *Sheena MacQueen* 925-447-1833. Teachers: Sheena MacQueen, Don MacQueen.

### **Monterey**

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

### **Mountain View**

WEDNESDAYS: **Basic Skills & Experienced:** 7:45pm; Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro Ave. Call *Jo Hamilton*, 650-328-0474 or *Anita Geleynse* 408-262-9705. Teachers: Alan Thwigg, Armin Busse, Bruce Hamilton, Fred De Marse.

### **San Francisco** **FREE INTRO CLASSES APR 22 & 26**

THURSDAYS: **Beginners & Experienced:** 8pm; Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. at 23rd St. Call *Linnea Johnson* 415-841-9456. Teachers: Trina Merriman, Bruce Herbold. Susie Langdon Kass, Tim Wilson, Patti Cobb. **New Beginners Class** for adults & teens starts **May 3 (tentative)**. Call *Susie* 415-333-9372. • SUNDAYS: **Youth** (8 yrs. & up): **Beginners/Experienced:** 5:15pm; Richmond Dist. YMCA, 360 18th Ave. Call *Susie Langdon Kass*, teacher, 415-333-9372.

### **San Jose**

MONDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:30pm; **Experienced:** 8:30pm; American Legion Hall, 1504 Minnesota Ave. Call *Sparky Gregory* 408-257-2294 or *Jonathan Lovell* 408-924-4437. Teachers: Marianna Harvey, Bob McMurtry, Kathy Allen.

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FRIDAYS: **Beginners:** 7pm; **Intermediates:** 8:30pm; The Dance Affair, 850 N. Winchester Blvd, at Prunridge/Hedding. Call *Rebecca Davis*, 408-378-3817. Teachers: Rebecca Davis, Kathy Allen.

### **Santa Cruz**

THURSDAYS: **Intermediates/Beginners:** 8pm; First Congregational Church, 900 High St. Call *Karen MacQuarrie* 831-688-1576. Teacher: Juliet Davoren. *Beginners: anytime.*

### **Santa Rosa/Cotati**

MONDAYS: **Beginners:** 7pm; **Intermediates:** 8:30pm; Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple St. Call *Emily Evans* 707-874-2512. Teachers: Gary Thomas, Ron Wallace, Emily Evans. • WEDNESDAYS: **Youth Class:** 11am; Monroe Hall, 1400 West College Ave. Call *Ron Wallace*, teacher, 707-795-2185. • FRIDAYS: **Advanced** (with permission): 7pm. Cotati. Call *Emily Evans* 707-874-2512 or *Gary Thomas*, teacher, 707-795-2185.

### **Soquel**

FRIDAYS: **Intermediates/Beginners:** 7:30pm; Subud Center, 3800 Old San Jose Rd. Call *Alisa Pura* 831-469-8313 or *Bob McMurtry* 831-335-7459. Teachers: Paula Jacobson, Bob McMurtry. *Beginners: anytime.*

### **South Bay Youth Class**

**NEW LOCATION!**

MONDAYS: 3:45pm; Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1715 Grant Road, Los Altos. Call *Louise Perry* 408-374-1969, or *Jo Hamilton*, teacher, 650-328-0474.

## DEMONSTRATION TEAMS

### **Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers**

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

### **New World Scottish Dancers**

**Advanced** (by invitation only): TUESDAYS: 9pm, Crockett. • THURSDAYS: 8:30pm, Pleasant Hill. Call *Lori Howard*, director, 925-934-1928.

### **Red Thistle Dancers**

**CONCERT: APR 21 & 22**

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

### **Santa Rosa Scottish Dancers**

FRIDAYS: 7pm: Santa Rosa: **Advanced** (by invitation only). Call *Gary Thomas*, director, 707-795-2185.

## SACRAMENTO BRANCH CLASSES

### **Sacramento**

FRIDAYS: **Adult/Family: Basic:** 7pm; **Intermediate/Advanced:** 8:15pm; Call *Margo Glenn-Lewis* 530-753-7213 or *BJ Bailey* 916-482-1158. Teachers: Peggy Hamilton, Lynne Lockwood, Sandra Kesler. • MONDAYS: **Adult Technique/Demonstration Class:** 7:30pm; Call *Carol LaRussa* 530-753-7567. • SATURDAYS: **Youth classes** (8-18 years). **Basic:** 9am; **Intermediates:** 10am; **Advanced/Technique** 11am; Call *Carrie Leeman* 916-783-9675. Teacher: Lynne Lockwood. All classes: YLI Clubhouse, 1400 27th St.

### **Stockton**

WEDNESDAYS: **Experienced/Beginners:** 7:30pm; Unitarian Church, Bristol & Pacific. Call *Charles Wood* 209-465-8871. Teachers: Don MacQueen, Carolyn Hunt. *Beginners: anytime.*

## OTHER CLASSES

### **Arcata**

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

### **Grass Valley**

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

### **Mill Valley**

FRIDAYS: **Beginners:** 7pm; **Experienced Social:** 8:15pm; Almonte Hall, Wisteria Way at Almonte. Call *Mike Hird* or *Marghie Goff* 415-884-2716. Teacher: Marghie Goff.

### **Rancho Cordova**

TUESDAYS: **Beginners/Experienced:** 7:30pm. Call Ed Johnston, teacher, 530-622-1519, or Rec. & Park District 916-362-1841. *Beginners: anytime.*

### **Redding**

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

### **San Mateo**

TUESDAYS: **Social class:** 7:30-8:45pm; New beginners and drop-ins always welcome. San Mateo Parks & Rec., Beresford Community Center, 28th and Alameda de Las Pulgas. **Session ends May 22. No summer classes.** Call *Lin Pettengill*, teacher, 650-728-9105.

### **Reno, Nevada (Silver State Dancers)**

WEDNESDAYS: **Basic/Experienced:** 7:30pm; Fascinating Rhythm Dance Studio, 9736 So. Virginia St. Suite E. Call *Marian Stroh*, teacher, 775-825-1224. *Beginners: anytime.* • THURSDAYS: **Intermediate/Advanced:** 7:30pm; Nevada Dance Academy, 1790 W. 4th. Call *Dave Wilson*, teacher, 775-825-6867.

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### **Atherton/Menlo Park**

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### **Cotati**

THURSDAYS: **Hard Shoe:** 7pm; **Ladies' Step:** 8pm. Call *Ron Wallace* 707-795-2185.

### **Pleasant Hill** **FREE INTRODUCTORY CLASS APR 26**

THURSDAYS: **Beginners:** 6:45pm; **Intermediate:** 7:30pm; **Intermediate/Advanced:** 8pm. Call *Lori Howard*, teacher, 925-934-1928.

### **Sacramento**

WEDNESDAYS: Cape Breton Step: **Beginners/ Experienced:** 6pm. • Third SATURDAY every month: Cape Breton Step: **Beginners:** 9am; **Intermediates:** 10:30am; **Advanced:** 12pm. St. Francis Elementary School, 2500 K St. Call *Gail Erwin* or *Bob Schuldheisz*, teachers, 209-745-9063.

### **San Pablo**

WEDNESDAYS: **Beginners/Intermediates:** 7pm; **Advanced Soft Shoe Step** (with permission): 8pm; **Advanced Hard Shoe Step** (with permission): 8:45pm; San Pablo Sportsmen's Club, 5220 Glen Avenue. Call *Ron Wallace*, teacher, 707-795-2185.

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