



By George!...

The Santa Barbara Weekend

George Gates

I got in a little earlier today from spending the weekend in Santa Barbara, for their weekend workshop/Ball. The event was held in the town of Goleta, which is right next door to Santa Barbara. I checked in at noon, after a 6 hour drive down from the San Francisco Bay area, where I live, to enjoy and reacquaint myself with some of the Southern California dancers whom I have met at our Asilomar Weekend, and the Mendocino Weekend, about which I wrote about in the summer of 1998.

We had three great teachers:

Brenda Burnell, who hails from Leeds, England. She was the first non-Scot to become an examiner for the RSCDS, back in 1984.

Jo Hamilton, who was born in Canada, but who now hails from the SF Bay area. She started and still teaches at the Mountain View class which is in its 12th year.

Simon Scott, who lives in Canada now, though he was born in England. His number one passion is demonstration dancing.

As for the musicians, well! We had Calum MacKinnon, who hails from the island of Tiree in the Hebrides. He began playing the fiddle at a young age, and has continued both as a competitor and judge in competitions, and also has his own band. Four years ago he took up dancing and hopes, someday, to become an "Intermediate" dancer.

Pianist Andrew Imbrie lives in the SF Bay area. He has been playing the piano since childhood and started playing for SCD around 1984. All of us in the SF Bay area consider ourselves fortunate to have him so willing to play for us, when he is not on the road playing other gigs.

The weather was fine, though a little windy. The accommodations were fine, as was the food, and the motel staff took great care of us. As I limped away from this weekend (over doing it again!) I knew I would return in the future. I encourage others who did not attend this most enjoyable weekend (I was the only dancer from the Bay Area), to make plans to attend the Santa Barbara workshop/ball next year.

The April Monthly Party

George Gates

I just got in from the April monthly party and had to write this while the music was still in my head, although it never really leaves. This month's dance, held in Mill Valley, was hosted by the Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers and the Santa Rosa class, with Gary and Ron acting as MCs. There were the usual antics that occur near the 1st of April, and the band had a deep hand in them. The Pillings were numerous, although several had some questionable directions. I had never heard of rights or lefts, $c2=a2+b2$, or my favorite:—"stop to tie ghillies."

The music flowed sweetly, touching our hearts, and with so many beginners there, aided by the experienced dancers, it was a time of joy and laughter. The food was as delicious and abundant as always. (Found: one apple, plate, and knife with initials S.K.L. in a brown paper bag. Please call the Monthly Dance Coordinator.)

May 1st is the date of the next Monthly Party, in Mountain View. Mark your calendar for that one and we will all see what new dances Jo Hamilton brought back from the Santa Barbara Workshop/Ball weekend.

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<http://www.rscds-sf.org>

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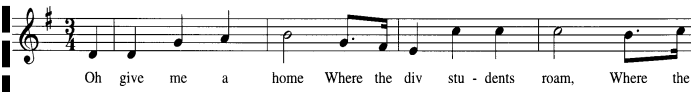
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**Piano Player Pulls Strings
for Sister**



From Lyle Ramshaw:

Elaine Ramshaw, my sister, will be a visiting professor during the coming academic year at CDSP, one of the seminaries in the Graduate Theological Union. She is looking for a place to live for a year, in or near Berkeley. If you know of a one-bedroom apartment or a mother-in-law unit that will become available this summer, please let one of us know. Elaine is a responsible single woman with no children, no pets, a non-smoker, and she teaches at a divinity school; what more could you ask for in a tenant?

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BRANCH COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Saturday, March 6, 1999 at Nancy Page's house.

Present: Alastair Brown, Rich Calendar, Patti Cobb, Paula Jacobson, Susie Langdon Kass, Miriam Mueller, Nancy Page, Larry Wakeman

Regrets: Dan Shapiro. **Guests:** Dwayne McQuilliams, Greg Reznick, Fred Sommer

Valentine's Ball.

Dwayne reported that the event was a success, the commonest remark being that the ball seemed "more relaxed" this year. Dwayne attributed this to the accessible program, the M.C. style of Sara Gratiot, and the limited briefings, which seemed to have hit a good balance. Last-minute unexpected catering cost increases were partly offset by savings from supplies carried over from last year and volunteered services. The Branch Committee ("BC") approved Dwayne as next year's Valentine's Ball Chair.

Although the food was good and the cook cooperative, the catering supervisor created enough disruption that the ball committee is looking at possible alternative sites for next year in case the situation remains unchanged.

Asilomar.

Fred reported that Asilomar planning is on schedule. Asilomar management has orally agreed to contract modifications we requested and we will sign a revised contract upon receipt of written confirmation. The proposed Asilomar budget was approved as distributed. The BC thanked Fred for his efforts.

In light of Asilomar's more cooperative attitude, Paula has put the search for a possible alternative site on indefinite hold.

Continuing Matters.

Susie reported that Lin Pettengill has volunteered to do media publicity.

Larry Wakeman was confirmed as chair of the Jean Patrick Dance this year.

Teachers' Committee.

Susie reported on the recent meeting. The Teacher's Committee has asked the BC to adopt a policy statement that the Branch will support educational events for teachers to the extent necessary to keep participation fees at a reasonable level. The BC considered the proposal and decided that no action is needed at this time – there is already an established precedent of subsidizing shortfalls from pre-approved budgets.

Pleasanton Games Coordinators.

Alastair has official responsibility for setting up and taking down the tent, and Susie will coordinate information materials.

Scotland fees have increased by about \$1.00.

The Branch will pass through the increased Scotland fees, but will not increase the Branch membership fee portion of the membership fee. The regular membership rate for the 1999-2000 membership year will be \$27.50. As our fee is unchanged, no action by the full membership is required.

Branch website.

At the suggestion of Webmaster Greg Reznick, the Branch will secure rs cds-sf.org as the Branch domain name. Cost is \$35.00 per year, and the BC accepted with thanks the Lafayette Class' donation of the fee for the first two years.

The annual **Class Managers' Meeting** is being moved to the spring because longer advance planning is required to obtain halls. Susie will contact Marva Morris.

Next meetings:	Saturday, April 3, 1999	1:30 p.m. Patti Cobb's house.
	Saturday, June 5, 1999	Joint Branch Committee meeting San Mateo, at dance site.

New day for the UCSF class in San Francisco

Susie Langdon Kass

The UCSF class in **San Francisco** has been forced to change nights! The class, which used to meet on Fridays, now meets on **Sunday nights from 6:15 to 8:00**. We dance in a studio with a good wood floor and mirrors, and a great sound system, in the Millberry Recreation & Fitness Center. Parking in the Millberry garage is now just \$1.00 for the evening. The class is geared to newer dancers, but everyone is welcome. Please drop in, if you are in the city on a Sunday afternoon. Some of us will be going out to eat afterwards. Join us.



MONTHLY PARTIES

JUNE MONTHLY PARTY

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1999

Masonic Temple, 100 N. Ellsworth, San Mateo

Teachers/Branch Committee hosting

Dance	Level	Type	Source
The Wild Geese +	B	8x32J3	24/3
From Scotia's Shores +	A	8x32S3	RSCDS Leaflet
Tribute to the Borders	I	8x32J3	RSCDS Leaflet
Rose of the North +	I	8x32S3	Leeds Silver Jubilee
Johnny Groat's House	B	8x32R3	18/1
Red House +	I	8x40R2	7/2
Largo Law	B	8x32S3	MMM I
The Last of the Lairds	I	8x32J3	22/5
Village Reel	I	8x32S2	20/4
Pinewoods Reel	A	8x32R3	Yankee Sampler
The Duran Ranger +	B	8x32R3	13/1
This is no' my ain Hoose	I	8x32S3	15/9
Campbeltown Loch	A	4x48J4	Ormskirk
Strathglass House +	B	8x32S3	13/9
Mairi's Wedding	I	8x40R3	Cosh

+ New this month



DIRECTIONS TO SAN MATEO MASONIC TEMPLE

100 North Ellsworth, San Mateo.

From 101: Take the 3rd Avenue exit west to Ellsworth. Turn right and follow Ellsworth to the corner of Tilton Street.

Admission:

New Dancers, with coupon from teacher	\$2
Members	\$6
Non-members	\$8

Non-members: please join the Branch! You can join now as a affiliate member (January to May) for \$9.00. You get 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.

JEAN PATRICK MEMORIAL DANCE

SEPTEMBER 4, 1999

Dance	Type	Source
Mrs. Stewart's Jig	8 x 32 J3	35/1
Dalkeith's Strathspey	8 x 32 S3	9/6
John of Bon Accord	8 x 32 R3	33/5
Adieu Mon Ami	8 x 32 S3	24/11
Maxwell's Rant	8 x 32 R3	18/10
The Duke of Atholl's Reel	8 x 32 J2	8/9
The Lea Rig	8 x 32 S2	21/5
The Saltire Society Reel	8 x 32 R3	RSCDS Leaflet 9
Lady Glasgow	8 x 32 S3	Miscellany I
The Duke of Perth	8 x 32 R3	1/8
Jessie's Hornpipe	8 x 32 R3	16/3
The Wind on Loch Fyne	3 x 32 S3	Dunedin Book 1
Fair Jenny's Jig	8 x 32 J3	Wallace leaflet
The Silver Tassie	8 x 32 S3	RSCDS Leaflet 1
Mairi's Wedding	8 x 40 R3	Cosh 22 + 2

The Scottish Country Dance Adjudication Event

The Caledonian Club's Gathering and Games at Pleasanton, September 4 & 5, 1999

Doug McConnell

It is time to plan again for the Games at Pleasanton. Organize your sets (social and/or performance) and watch for entry forms in the mail. This is the world's largest showcase for Scottish Country Dancing, and now one or two other areas are beginning to emulate us at their Games. It is a fun experience for dancers of all levels. Children's sets are welcome, as before. Entries must be in my hands by June 11 in order to set the schedule and make the program deadline. Ticket prices for performers are the same as last year.

In addition to the adjudication event, we will sponsor our usual demonstrations of Step and Twa'some and related dance, along with Celtic harpers and the Scottish fiddlers, to provide the public audience with two days of spectacular Celtic culture.

I am delighted to announce that our adjudicators this year will be Elinor Vandegrift from Washington State and Bruce Herbold from our own Branch. Elinor is a North American Examiner for the RSCDS teacher certificate and preliminary test exams, and teaches worldwide at dance workshops. Bruce teaches in the San Francisco Branch and taught for a number of years in the Sacramento Branch.

I look forward to another great two days at Pleasanton this year.

New Dances and Monthly Party Requests

Alan Twigg

For those who might not be aware, the Branch has some procedures in place for making newly devised dances available, and for submitting requests for Monthly Party programs.

If you (or a friend of yours) have written a dance that you think others might like:

1. Dance it first in your own group or class to work out any kinks.
2. Write it up using standard SCD terminology (a teacher can help with this if you're not sure).
3. Send a typed description to Jane Muirhead (29292 Harpoon Way, Hayward, CA 94544) and she will see that copies are kept on file in the Branch Bookstore.
4. Anyone interested can look through the file when the Bookstore is set up at Monthly Parties, and pick out dances to try with their own group.

If there's a dance you'd like to see appear on future Monthly Party programs, let *me* know (alan_twigg@net.com or 119-B Flynn Ave, Mt. View CA 94043). This can be a dance you have written, one by someone else in the Branch, or one you've enjoyed from some other source. The only rules are that you must have actually danced it before you submit it (some dances sound great on paper, but don't work in real life), and you must provide a typed description, including source or deviser's name, if it isn't from one of the standard publications.

Caveat: I don't promise that *every* requested dance will appear on a program, but I will certainly bring up any appropriate requests before the committees that create the programs. Chances are if the dance is popular with your group (and not wildly difficult), we'll fit it in, but it may take a while.

If you have any questions about this process—whether a favourite dance is appropriate, how to find the source—I'm happy to help out.

The Lafayette Class Presents... Auld Lang Syne

Eileen Griffin

Thank you for your mention of the Lafayette Class' New Year's Eve party in the March/April edition of the *Reel & Strathspey*. As co-chair of the event, I would like to add some information and clarify that this was not "Hogmanay in Lafayette." In years past, the Lafayette Class has been known for its annual "Tween Party, which gives us the opportunity to gather with fellow dancers and celebrate during that brief period between Christmas and New Year. Early in the year we realized that because Christmas and New Year's fell on successive Fridays, a convenient "Tween" date was not available in 1998. Later, some of our members heard that the wonderful Hogmanay hosted by the Mill Valley dancers, was possibly not going to happen in 1998 as its primary organizers had scheduling conflicts at the end of the year. The idea of the Lafayette Class hosting a New Year's Eve dance was brought up. A committee was formed in March 1998, consisting of Gene and Virginia Bissell, Bill and Bonnie Wakeman, Ken and Witsie McKelvey, and Larry and Eileen Griffin. The wonderful band, "Plaid Attitude" agreed to provide an evening of joyous music and that they did.

A couple of concerns were voiced by the group early on. For

one thing, we wanted to provide a New Year's event but in no way wanted to compete with the traditional Hogmanay or, our own informal "Tween Party. With this in mind, we decided to name the dance "Auld Lang Syne" and make it a special, memorable one-time event. Our main criterion was to provide an easy-to-attend and inexpensive way for dancers to celebrate the New Year. We decided that all food and beverage would be provided. With this plan in mind, the group got busy. The dancers were treated to a selection of savories and desserts at the beautiful Orinda Community Center with the great Plaid Attitude band playing against a backdrop of smashing decorations, all for the nominal price of \$15 per dancer! The Lafayette Class decided to subsidize the event as our way of giving back something to the dancing community.

Auld Lang Syne was a great success, in large part because of the efforts of our wonderful instructors, Eugene Bissell, Kathleen McAdam, and Claudette Sigg, who devised a fun, danceable program filled with everyone's favorites! Many who attended have asked us to make it a regular event, something that we are considering in some form or another. All I can say for now is, stay tuned for future news!

The Dunsmuir Games

Sara Weaver

On Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11, The Dunsmuir House and Gardens Historic Estate will host the annual Oakland Scottish Highland Games. "There is something for everyone at the Games," remarks Alex Wylie, Scottish Games Chairperson and native of Scotland. "People who love Celtic culture will be thrilled by the sights, sounds and tastes of Scotland, right here in Oakland, at the beautiful Dunsmuir Estate."

In addition to bagpipe bands, many unique folk music performances can be heard, including John Taylor and The Browne Sisters with George Cavanaugh. Not to mention an ex-Brother band member who has gone solo. Visitors can witness the impressive Highland Dancing competitions, and even join our Scottish Country Dancers in a jig or reel. Perhaps the most unusual spectacle of this event is the athletic competition, where the competitors in their kilts heave giant stones and logs in the air. Typical culinary treats of the British Isles will be available for

Class Reports Due

Class Managers and Teachers:

Written class reports are due to Victoria Williams, *R & S* Editor, by **June 1** for the summer issue of the newsletter. The reports are fun to read, and keep dancers informed about other classes. They may be submitted on disk, or sent by e-mail. Reports also may be brought and displayed at the AGM. Please talk to Victoria about format, length, or if the June 1st deadline presents a problem. The report may be written by any class member and reviewed by the class manager and/or teacher.

Mail your report to Victoria Williams at 1224 Peralta Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94706-2406, or send e-mail to victoria@uclink4.berkeley.edu. Questions? Call (510) 526-5854.

purchase, including Scottish Meat Pies and Cornish Pasties.

On Saturday evening, visitors will be encouraged to stay for the Family Barbecue and Ceilidh Dance. The Barbecue will begin at approximately 5:30 p.m., and will include chicken, salad, potatoes, corn, ice cream, and coffee or tea. The Ceilidh will begin at 7:00 p.m. with dancing, singing, bagpipe music and a haggis ceremony.

All of these exciting events take place amongst the expansive green meadows of Oakland's historic Dunsmuir Estate. The turn-of-the-century Dunsmuir House makes an impressive backdrop for marching bagpipers, and it will also be open for self-guided tours during the event. Visitors can enjoy all of the unique and spectacular elements of the Oakland Scottish Highland Games, and also visit this breathtaking and elegant historic treasure.

The Sacramento Ball

Linda Baptiste

I had a wonderful time at the Sacramento Spring Ball earlier this month. The hall was decorated with hundreds of little lights, flowers, posters, and Harvey, the huge rabbit. Many thanks to all the crew for a job well done. (Ball co-chairs were Connie Leeman, Sherri Hollenbeck, and Richard Juzix). Those attending the workshops were all smiles, so they must have had a good time.

Grand marshals Carolyn Hunt and Richard Juzix led the Grand March with a flourish of decorated garden rakes, to the pipes of Rob Roy. The dances were interesting and varied, and fun to watch for those of us sitting out some. I noticed a fair number of beginners, all dancing with great enthusiasm, and having a terrific time. All the dances were briefed beforehand; there was a ball review in the afternoon.

The Cairngorm Dancers gave a fascinating show, of both soft and hard shoe dances, during the first break. It was nice to see a sample of something a bit different.

The Thistle Glen Players, Janet Kurnick, Margo Leslie, John Taylor, Andy Imbrie, Sherryl Faux and Pat Olson played on and on, for many encores, the waltz and a polka. The last dance was encored with such vigor that it was hard to believe this was the end of the evening, and not the beginning! And then we filled our plates and sat down to eat "real food" first, followed by, how many kinds of cookies? Ah well, we had worked it all off beforehand. If you couldn't make the Sacramento Ball this time, you really missed something special.

The Valentines Ball

Dwayne McQuilliams

The San Francisco Branch Valentines Ball was once again an event not to be missed. From all of the feedback that we have received, I believe it went wonderfully well. What with the busy sherry table, the outstanding piper and Grand Marshall for the Grand March, the best Master of Ceremonies you could ask for, a perfect dance program and, wow, what a band! Of course we had absolutely perfect decorations, and for the money available, the food could not be beat. If you didn't come, we missed you and if you did, well, you were there so you know how great it was.

As I said, all the feedback thus far is positive, but, it is **your** ball. We, the ball committee, strive to make it as perfect as we can. What we need is your feedback. Were there things you didn't like? Were there things you loved so much you never want to see them change? If we don't hear from you, we just don't know.

This year in particular, we tried out the concept of giving a few simple dance briefings. We know from comments that this ball was "the most relaxed ball" many of you have been to, at least that is what we were told. Was that attributable to the few briefings, meaning less to memorize? Was it due to our great M.C.? Both, or what? How did you feel about the briefing situation? Please take a minute to comment to your ball committee. We are Dwayne McQuilliams, Mary McQuilliams, Trina Merriman, Cindy Sobrero, Diane Turechek, and Judy Sims. Surely you know at least one of us. We are at many Branch events; give us your feelings, please. If you can't seem to find one of us, tell a Branch Committee member or your teacher: they will gladly pass your comments on to us. Our addresses are in the Branch Directory.

Once again, we were pleased with the ball, we hope you were. Your comments are always welcome.

Late News, just in...

here's who passed the recent RSCDS teachers' tests:

Brian Campbell—full certificate

Emily Evans—full certificate

Tina Mello—preliminary certificate

Ann Miller-Bagwell— preliminary certificate

Donald Pettengill— preliminary certificate

Kim Roberts— preliminary certificate

Ailya Rose— preliminary certificate

Hearty congratulations to all!

Class Managers' Meeting in the Spring

We are planning to have our annual Class Managers' meeting this spring, rather than in September as we did last year. Mary Tindall reminded me that we discussed this at last year's meeting. Tentative plans are to have it in the afternoon before the June Monthly Party on June 5. Or, it could be some other Saturday or Sunday afternoon, if more convenient. Please let me know if you can attend. We also need someone to help with organizing the get-together. Please contact me.

Susie Langdon Kass
susielk@itsa.ucsf.edu
(415) 333-9372

Class Managers, Teachers and Event Committees:

1999-2000 Insurance

Information Due

Please advise Nancy Page, our Branch insurance coordinator, of all sites and dates where classes and events may be held during the calendar year of 2000. Forms are available from Nancy. Send the information to her as soon as possible, but by September 30 at the latest! If a date is not firm yet, give an approximate one. It can be changed easily later. Please call Nancy if you have *any* questions about this matter.

Please mail or fax all information to:

Nancy Page
534 Mira Vista Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610
Fax number: (510) 839-5417
Home phone: (510) 835-5853

The Branch Committee

Riverboat Cruise with Marjorie

Gillian Buchan

If you are planning to cruise, I don't want you to be disappointed...

I wanted to let you know that I have only one more category C cabin left in my allocation. All other category C cabins are now sold out. If you wished for an outside cabin, I still have cabins left in categories B and A and also a few in the inside category D cabins.

According to my cruise representative, New Orleans is extremely popular over Halloween and the month of November. Also, the "American Queen" only had four Inn Country theme cruises and they are proving very appealing.

I do hope you will choose to cruise with Marjorie up the Mississippi. It will be so relaxing going along at 7 to 10 mph with lots of time to view the passing scenery and enjoy the interesting river stops—Antebellum mansions, haunted plantation houses, Cajun culture, dancing and food—plus the Scottish Country dancing onboard, with lots of other "fun" dancers.

Please let me know what your "cruise" thinking is at this time. Also, most of the people cruising are planning on staying for the two or three night pre-cruise package to enjoy all that it offers: full American breakfast at your hotel, breakfast at Brennan's, dinner at Arnaud's, French coffee and beignets at Café du Monde, and a deluxe tour of the city, including a tour of Longvue House and Gardens.

Presidential Address

Please make a note in your Branch Directories that the e-mail address of Branch President Susie Kass has been changed to the following:

<susielk@itsa.ucsf.edu>

SCD Workshops, Institutes & Events

FRI-SUN, MAY 7-9

Boston Branch (MA) Highland Ball Weekend. Nevins Hall, Framingham. Contact: Bob Schechter at (508) 877-1670.

FRI-SUN, MAY 14-16

Whistler Village Resort (BC) Annual Workshop and Ball in British Columbia's spectacular coastal mountains. Teachers: Marjorie McLaughlin, Simon Scott, and Geoffrey Selling. Music: Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent will join us once again to play for the Friday Night Concert and the formal Ball on Saturday evening, and Calum MacKinnon and Lisa Scott will be among the musicians who will play for classes. All events will be held at the Whistler Convention Centre. Registration forms will be mailed shortly. Please contact me privately if you would like your name to be added to our mailing list. For further information on Whistler and its many attractions, visit <http://www.whistler.net/whistler/>. Contact Angela Gauld, angelag@intergate.bc.ca

SUN, MAY 16

Orange County (CA) Music Workshop, also sponsored by the Scottish Fiddlers of Los Angeles. Afternoon classes with Bonnie Rideout (fiddle), Donnie MacDonald (Gaelic and mouth music), and Paulette Gershen (penny whistle). Potluck and Ceilidh to follow. Contact: Jan Cannonito at (949) 851-5060

FRI-SUN, MAY 21-23

Pawling (NY) Weekend. Holiday Hills Conference Center. Sponsored by the RSCDS New York Branch. Teacher(s): Johan MacLean, Simon Scott, and Elaine Brunken. Music: Bobby Brown's Scottish Accent. Contact: Sheila Wilson at (212) 744-1470.

FRI-SUN, MAY 28-30

RSCDS Montreal (QUE) Branch 41st Weekend Workshop. John Abbot College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue. Contact: Wilda Stansbury, 11705 Lavigne St., Montreal, Quebec H4J 1X4, (514) 334-2037.

SAT, MAY 30

Costa Mesa (CA) Games Dance by Orange County, Los Angeles, and San Gabriel Valley Branches. Contact: Shirley Saturensky at (714) 557-4662.

FRI-SUN, JUNE 4-6

Springtime in The Rockies Workshop (CO) by the Scottish Country Dancers of Colorado. Held at the foot of the Rocky Mountains on the beautiful campus of Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO. Guest teachers: Elaine Brunken and Oberdan Otto. Musicians: Bruce and Arlene Patterson, and Malcolm Stephens. Contact: Jeff Davis, 3200 Silverthorne Dr., Fort Collins CO 80626; (970) 223-7730; e-mail: rwemple@lamar.colostate.edu.

SAT, JUNE 12

Columbus (OH) Heather & Thistle Workshop and Ball at Clintonville Woman's Club, North High Street. Classes 9:30 a.m.

to 3:00 p.m. (lunch included), dinner and ball 6:30 to 11:00 p.m.
 Music: Fred Moyes, classes and ball. Teacher: Marjorie McLaughlin. Price: US \$45.00. Refreshments-Coffee, tea, donuts; lunch; dinner. Dress: Classes casual, ball semi-formal. Contact Donna C. Ferguson at (740) 439-3874; jfergie@jadeinc.com.

JULY 5-9

English-Scottish Session at Pinewoods (MA). Contact: Bonnie Armstrong, (781) 749-1750.

JULY 9-12

Pinewoods (MA) Scottish Session I. Contact: Gillian Charters, (617) 354-8090.

JULY 12-17

Pinewoods (MA) Scottish Session II. Contact: Jane Angstrom, (978) 774-5783

FRI-SUN, SEPT 24-26

Scottish Weekend at Camp Ramblewood (MD). Music: Liz Donaldson and Musicians TBA. Teachers: Terry Harvey, Marjorie McLaughlin, David Tague. Contact: John Bartholomew, (301) 565-3650, Moire Queen, (703) 960-7455, or <http://briscoes.home.mindspring.com/ramblewood.html>

FRI-SUN, OCT 22-24

Houston and District Branch (TX) Scottish Country Dancing Workshop & Ball. Teachers: Ron Wallace and Gary Thomas. Music: Wild Rose.

FRI-SAT, DEC 11-12

Austin (TX) St. Andrews Ball Weekend at Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, 24th and San Gabriel. Music: John Taylor and Andy Imbrie.

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Regrets: Paula Jacobson, Nancy Page, Dan Shapiro

Asilomar. The first Asilomar flyer is out, showing the revised time frame for payment. Everything is on schedule. We are still looking now for someone to be next year's Chair, so they can apprentice un-

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The Stanford Class is having a party for no particular reason other than fun. We have great music, a program everyone can dance and a warm welcome. Details below:

Stanford Class Spring Fling

Tuesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m.
Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School Gymnasium
 East Meadow Drive (at Waverly), Palo Alto

Music by Andy Imbrie and John Taylor

Refreshments
 White elephant sale/exchange (Ball gowns that have shrunk, etc.-call Rebecca Davis for details at 408-378-3817)

The Program

Hooper's Jig	J32
De'il Amang the Tailors	R32
Miss Gibson's Strathspey	S32
J. B. Milne	R32
MacDonald of the Isles	S32
Waverley	J48
West's Hornpipe	H32
Neidpath Castle	S32
Tribute to the Borders	J32
Mairi's Wedding	R40
Reel of the Royal Scots	R32
Irish Rover (extra time permitting)	R32

Donation \$5.00

Everybody Welcome

Calendar 1999

SATURDAY, MAY 1

Branch Potluck Supper, 5:30 p.m., Annual General Meeting (brief) and Monthly Party, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 840 Church Street, Mountain View.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

Mountain View Class "End-of-Year Party." Call (510) 713-7813 or (650) 365-5574 for location.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

June Monthly Party, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 100 N. Ellsworth, San Mateo.

JUNE 11-14, 18-20, 25-27

Ethnic Dance Festival, Palace of Fine Arts, San Francisco. Performances at 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:00 p.m. Sundays for 3 weekends. (Red Thistle Dancers may be performing in it.) Call (415) 474-3914 or visit the Festival Website, www.worldartswest.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

Beginners' Ball, Hermann Sons Hall, Petaluma, 7:30 p.m. Call Susan Scott ((415) 453-5167) or Nancy Roberts ((707) 431-0632).

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 13

Free Folk Festival, Roosevelt Middle School, San Francisco. Workshops and performances-many dance traditions including Scottish dancing. Call (929) 274-3458 or visit www.ithaca.com/folkfest.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

Summer Solstice Party, 7:45 p.m., Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez at 23rd Street in San Francisco. Hosted by the San Francisco Class. Great program, wonderful music, sumptuous refreshments! Look for the flyer.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Campbell Highland Games, Campbell. Call Diana Pell at (408) 236-7902; e-mail: jimpell@sjm.infi.net.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24 *NEW DATE!*

Summer Solstice Party, 7:45 p.m., Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez at 23rd Street in San Francisco. Hosted by the San Francisco Class. Great program, wonderful music by David Strong and friends, sumptuous refreshments!

SATURDAY, JULY 12 AND SUNDAY, JULY 13

Dunsmuir House Highland Games. Call Sara Weaver at (415) 648-1464.

SATURDAY, JULY 24 AND SUNDAY, JULY 25

Monterey Scottish Games. Contact Sara Gratiot at (831) 384-4783; e-mail segratiot@aol.com.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Pleasanton Highland Games and Gathering. Contact Doug McConnell at (650) 493-5974.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Jean Patrick Memorial Dance at Pleasanton. Contact Larry Wakeman.

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der this year's chair Fred Sommer.

Class Managers' Meeting. While everyone agrees that it would be better to have class managers meet in the late spring rather than the fall, we are still seeking someone to organize the meeting and a time and place that most class managers could attend at this short notice.

Alastair is returning money to people who did not receive their **Asilomar 1998 T-shirts**.

The proposed budget for 1999-2000 was approved as revised. It was suggested that Jane Muirhead might want to consider training a Bookstore backup person for times when she has schedule conflicts with monthly parties.

The **Jean Patrick Dance** budget was distributed and discussed.

The subject of **disruptive class attendees** was discussed. The Branch Committee noted that classes are essentially autonomous and can handle each problem as best suits that situation; the Branch Committee will support the class decisions. No action is needed by the Committee at this time.

Scholarship Committee. There was discussion of potential training and workshop scholarship opportunities.

Susie reported that **Publicity** costs may increase somewhat now we are extending our efforts to media publicity.



THE STAY-TIED SHOELACE TIE

**THE SHOELACE KNOT THAT WILL STAY TIED,
YET IS EASY TO UNTIE.**

BY SUSIE LANGDON KASS

The tie is great for kid's shoes,
athletic shoes and dancing shoes!

No double knot is needed.



1. Start as if to tie an ordinary loop tie, but do not pull the loops tight (Figs. 1, 2 & 3).

2. Take the second loop and bring it up and over the top of the knot and put it through the same hole that it went through the first time (Fig. 4).

3. Now pull the two loops at once firmly so knot is very tight (Fig. 5). The shoe laces will now be firmly tied and will not easily become untied.

4. To untie simply pull both shoelace ends firmly at the same time.

My father, John Langdon, taught this knot to me when I was a young child. SLK

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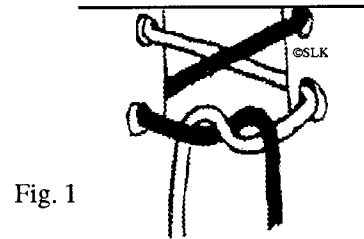


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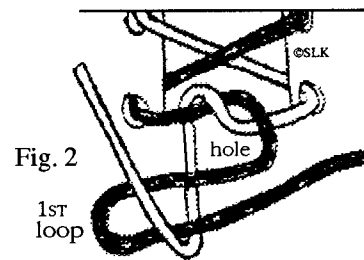


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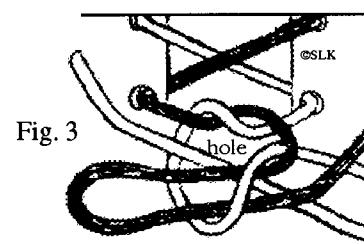


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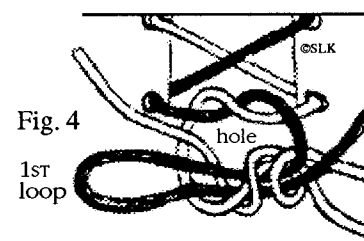


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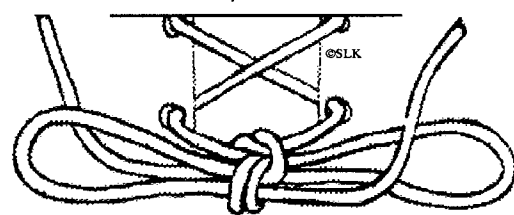


Fig. 5

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLASSES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Summer 1999

Call to confirm schedule

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH CLASSES

Berkeley

FRIDAYS: Youth Class: No summer classes. Call Mary McQuilliams 415-902-3902; Combined Experienced Social: 8:00 PM; All Souls Episcopal Parish, 2220 Cedar at Spruce. Call John Kadyk 510-524-7376. Teachers: Guest teachers. *Beginners: 9/17; Youth: 9/17.*

Berkeley

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

Burlingame (affiliated class)

TUESDAYS: Beginners: 7:00 PM; Experienced: 8:00 PM; No summer classes. Burlingame Recreation Center, 850 Howard Ave. Call Anne MacIver 650-347-5850. Teacher: Anne MacIver.

Lafayette

THURSDAYS: Combined Experienced Social: 8:00 PM. Call Bill Wakeman 925-283-3908. Step: Beginners: 6:00 PM & Experienced: 7:00 PM. Call Claudette Sigg 510-526-8192. Children's Classes (3 levels): No summer classes. Call Kathleen McAdam 925-934-6148. Veteran's Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd. at First Street. Teachers: Eugene Bissell, Claudette Sigg, Kathleen McAdam, Cathy Bertics. *Beginners: 9/16; Children: 9/16.*

Livermore

MONDAYS: Intermediates: 7:30 PM. Call Gale Holladay 925-447-5771. Children's Class: No summer classes. Call Sheena MacQueen 925-447-1833. Livermore Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street at L Street. Teachers: Sheena MacQueen, Anne MacIver. *Beginners: 9/13; Children: 9/14.*

Monterey

MONDAYS: Combined Experienced Social: 7:00 PM; (Monterey Senior Center, Lighthouse & Dickman Avenues). Call to confirm location. Call Kathy Wendell 831-663-3227 or Brian Campbell 831-656-9923. Teachers: Sara Gratiot, Kathy Conley, Brian Campbell. *Beginners: 9/13.*

Mountain View

WEDNESDAYS: Dancing in the Park: 6/2-6/30; 7:00 PM; Riconada Park, Palo Alto. *Beginners & Intermediates: No summer classes; Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro Avenue. Call Denise Francis 510-713-7813. Teachers: Alan Twihigg, Bruce Hamilton, Jo Hamilton, Bob McMurtry. Beginners: 9/8.*

San Francisco

THURSDAYS: Combined Experienced Social: 8:00 PM. Call Linnea Johnson 415-841-9456 or Susie Langdon Kass 415-333-9372. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez Street at 23rd Street. Teachers: Guest teachers. *Beginners: 9/9.*

San Francisco (affiliated class)

SUNDAYS (*New Day*): Continuing Beginners: 6:15 PM (*New Time*); Millberry Recreation & Fitness Center at UCSE, 500 Parnassus Avenue. Call Susie Langdon Kass 415-333-9372. Teacher: Susie Langdon Kass, Trina Merriman. *Beginners: 10/3 or January 2000.*

San Jose

MONDAYS 7:45 PM; *No classes in June; Summer Social Dancing starts July 12* (no teachers—class members do talk throughs). American Legion Hall, 1504 Minnesota Avenue. Call Sparky Gregory 408-257-2294. Teachers: Ellen Aaron, Marianna Harvey, Liz Harris, Lin Pettingill. *Beginners: 9/13.*

Santa Cruz

THURSDAYS: Intermediates: 8:00 PM; First Congregational Church, 900 High Street. Call Karen MacQuarrie 831-479-1615. Teacher: Howard Leach. *Beginners: 9/9.*

Santa Rosa

MONDAYS: Beginners: 7:00 PM; Intermediates: 8:15 PM; 1st FRIDAYS: Advanced (call for permission). *No classes in July & August.* Santa Rosa Senior Center, 704 Bennett Valley Road. Call Emily or Derek Evans 707-874-2512. Teachers: Gary Thomas, Ron Wallace, Emily Evans. *Beginners: 9/13.*

Soquel

FRIDAYS: Beginners: 7:00 PM; Intermediates: 8:15 PM; *No summer classes.* Soquel Grange Hall, 2800 Porter Street. Call Mary Judd or Bob McMurtry 831-335-7459. Teachers: Bob McMurtry, Paula Jacobson. *Beginners: 9/17.*

Stanford

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

DEMONSTRATION TEAMS

Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers

TUESDAYS: Advanced (by invitation only): 7:30 PM Call Ron Wallace 707-795-2185 or Tom Winter 415-239-1605. Teacher: Ron Wallace.

Red Thistle Dancers

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

SACRAMENTO BRANCH CLASSES

Sacramento

FRIDAYS: Beginners: 6:30 PM; Experienced: 7:30 PM. Call Richard Juzic 916-442-1792; Technique & Demonstration Class: TUESDAYS, 7:00 PM. Call Lynne Lockwood 916-491-4032; Youth classes: SATURDAYS: Beginners (10 yrs.-Teens): 9:00 AM; Experienced: 10:30 AM; White Heather Dancers: 11:45 AM. Call Dottie Carr 916-922-9351. YLI Clubhouse, 1400 27th Street. Teachers: Peggy Hamilton, Elizabeth Busick, Dottie Carr. *Beginners: 9/17.*

Stockton

WEDNESDAYS 7:30 PM; Experienced Social: *No summer classes.* Unitarian Church, Bristol & Pacific. Call Charles Wood 209-465-8871. Teacher: Carolyn Hunt. *Resumes 9/8; Beginners: (?).*

Truckee

THURSDAYS: Basic: 7:00 PM; Intermediates: 7:30 PM; Truckee-Donner Recreation Center, Church Street. Call Barbara Sullivan 530 587-5919. Teachers: Dave Wilson, Nancy Wilkins. *Beginners: 9/9.*

OTHER CLASSES

Arcata

SATURDAYS: Experienced Social: *No summer classes.* Call Virginia Rumble 707-822-1854. Teachers: class members and guest teachers. *Resumes: mid-September.*

Berkeley (North)

SUNDAYS: Beginners/Intermediates: 7:00 PM. *No summer classes.* Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Call Don or Kathy Kennedy 510-523-1397. Teachers: Don Kennedy, Kathy Kennedy. *Beginners: 9/19.*

Grass Valley, Rancho Cordova, Roseville

No summer classes. Grass Valley: MONDAYS: Beginners/Experienced: 7:00 PM. Roseville: WEDNESDAYS (?). Rancho Cordova: THURSDAYS (?). Call Ed Johnston 916-622-1519. Teacher: Ed Johnston. *Beginners: anytime.*

Merced

WEDNESDAYS: Beginners/Experienced: *No summer classes.* Merced High School. Call Merced Recreation & Parks Dept. 209-385-6851. Teacher: Barry Lewis. *Resumes: late-September.*

Mill Valley

FRIDAYS: Beginners: 7:30 PM; Experienced Social: 8:15 PM. *No summer classes.* Almonte Hall, Wisteria Way at Almonte. Call Mike Hird or Marghie Goff 415-884-2716. Teacher: Marghie Goff, guests. *Resumes: 9/10.*

Redding

THURSDAYS: Beginners: 6:30 PM; Intermediates: 7:00 PM. *No classes in August.* Call Margaret Anne Schlobohm 530-472-1154. Teacher: Margaret Anne Schlobohm. *Beginners: anytime.*

Reno, Nevada

THURSDAYS: Beginners: 7:00 PM; Experienced: 7:30 PM; California Building, Idlewild Park, 1000 Idlewild Drive. Call Martha Norrie 702-829-8680. Teacher: Martha Norrie, guests. *Beginners: anytime.*

STEP DANCING CLASSES

Palo Alto

TUESDAYS: Beginners: Carriage House, Atherton; THURSDAYS: Intermediates; Experienced; FRIDAYS: Twasome; St. Mark's Church, 600 Colorado Avenue. *No summer classes.* Call Jo Hamilton 650-328-0474. Teacher: Jo Hamilton.

Petaluma

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

Scottish Step or Cape Breton Step classes are held also in Monterey, Sacramento, Stockton and Santa Rosa. Call Jo Hamilton 650-328-0474 or Ron Wallace 707-795-2185 or Bob Schultheisz 209-745-9063 for information.

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