



Hither and Yon

by Victoria Williams

Our roving reporters are doing an excellent job! Susie Langdon Kass sent in a report on the wedding celebration of Bruce Herbold and Patti Cobb: the wedding was on Saturday, July 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Clubhouse in Stern Grove. The ceremony itself was held outdoors, in the Grove, complete with fog. The wedding party, accompanied by musicians, processed through the trees. A brief ceremony with a few words from the minister, some songs by a quartet of good friends, and Bruce and Patti reading their own vows followed. At the end of the celebration, wedding guests blew lots of bubbles.

At the reception in the Clubhouse we had a marvelous catered luncheon, toasts, dancing, the cutting and eating of cake, and Patti singing a love song for Bruce. The Scottish country dances we did included a new dance by Bruce for Patti and two audience participation dances emceed by Susie. After that we danced to the music of Patti's rock band. At the very end the sun came out and Bruce and Patti drove off in a decorated vintage convertible with the top down. A few days later they went off for their honeymoon in Hawaii.

Jo Hamilton reports: I'm just back from visiting family in Winnipeg. I had a great time with family and talking to friends. I even had a couple of days at my family's cabin on Lake Winnipeg. I arrived near the end of the Pan Am Games that Winnipeg was hosting. It was fun to go to the Forks (an old warehouse and railroad station area that has been completely renovated with restaurants and great shops at confluence of the Red and the Assiniboine Rivers) and watch the fireworks burst over our heads and rain down around us.

Fiona (nee Anderson) and Ernest Kinsolving's young son Rory John is home. He was born on May 17th, 10 weeks early. He is doing great and we are all really glad that he is out of the hospital.

Terry Barron writes that there were two weddings this summer in the RSCDS clan: Dan Shapiro and Carol Pecot were married, as were Mike Kinney and Margaret Nacorda.

Congratulations!

Important Notice to Class Managers, Teachers and Event Committee Chairs 2000 Facility Location Information for Branch Insurance Certificate, due September 30

Please send ALL year 2000 Class and Party location information to our new Insurance Contact Person, Jim Pell, 1995 Garden Ring Circle, San Jose, CA 95131, 408-263-7902, jimpell@sjm.infi.net. Send your information even if you think we already have it. Facility name and location, day of week of class or date of event must be submitted to the agent for EACH calendar year. all street names must include the designation "STREET", "AVENUE", "DRIVE", or "BLVD.", etc., as appropriate. In addition, if your facility requires it, we must have the name of the facility as Additional Insured and the correct address.

Please send information on CHANGES for your class as soon as you know a change will be made. Please DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY. A long lead-time is needed to get documents back from the insurance agents. If you are changing your class schedule, planning a party or special event that will happen on a different day, or at a different place than your regular class, be sure to let Jim know way in advance or YOU MAY NOT BECOVERED.

All Branch classes and event committees must send in information each year about regular classes or events. If you do not have a form in your Class Managers packet, please request one or JUST SEND IN THE INFORMATION.

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More Class(y) Reports...

San Jose Class

by *Melinda Reschke*

The San Jose class has had a couple of firsts this year. After telephoning and driving all over the county for nearly a year, former class manager Diana Pell happily located a quaint old dance floor in the friendly neighborhood of Willow Glen. The American Legion Hall has provided us with quite a year. The legionnaires have resurfaced the hardwood floor for us, and the dancing is fine!

We had excellent teachers this year. This was Lin Pettengill's first year teaching our class. Marianna Harvey, and teacher candidate Don Pettengill joined her. We are proud to report that Don has since passed his test, and will be joining the teachers on a regular basis this next year. Lin and Marianna have done a great job preparing the demonstration sets to dance at the Campbell, Monterey and Pleasanton games.

We enjoyed Burns Night in January. The haggis, tatties and neeps were a delight. We enjoyed listening to Alex Harvey perform "To A Haggis," and then were entertained by the musical talents of Mashed Neeps, plus poetry readings by Juliet Davoren and Marianna Harvey. We helped co-host the Halloween monthly party with the Mountain View class. We also helped Sparky Gregory celebrate his 50th birthday with a ceilidh in April, and Mike and Margaret Kinney hosted their wedding reception this summer.

John Taylor and Andy Imbrie played for several parties for us throughout the year. They always provide extra entertainment and excellent music for us.

We are proud to announce that one of our own was elected to the Branch Board. Jim Pell is taking over the Insurance part of the Committee. Congratulations and good luck!

This summer ushered in new class managers - Sparky Gregory, Pat Lowers and Melinda Reschke. They are joining Martha Denning, who will remain as treasurer. Departing are Diana and Jim Pell. We are very grateful for all of their hard work they have done, and look forward to filling their very large shoes.

The San Jose class owns the dance stage on which so many of you have enjoyed dancing for the games this summer. Special thanks to all who volunteered their time and helped put up and take down the stage. Some people worth mentioning: Sparky Gregory was responsible for organizing the details, Harry Butler drove the stage trailer, Dave Gord was the one who knew how to put the stage together, and Jim Pell and Melinda Reschke were also there every step of the way.

During the summer months, we continued with social dancing (no formal instruction). We enjoyed figuring out the dances, experiencing different styles of dances, and having Jack Butler provide us with the most interesting, and long, dances-Bonnie Anne in Strathspey time, one more time!

We are looking forward to the new season, with the introductory class beginning on September 13th. We are

going to try a new dance format for the first session. The intermediates lesson starts at 7:30 p.m., with the beginners showing up at 8:15 p.m., for warm-ups. The rest of the class will be combined. Linda Morrison will be providing us with a new dancer when she delivers her bundle of joy this fall. Time to order some baby ghillies!

Santa Rosa Class Report

by *Jim Passage*

Life gets better and better for Scottish Country Dancers in Sonoma County. We are very fortunate to have teachers of high caliber and talent, live music for every class and a good dance floor. Class Manager Emily Evans breezed through her classes and tests and is now a fully certificated teacher. Sometimes she relieves our regular masters, Ron Wallace and Gary Thomas, adding a woman's touch to our class instruction.

Attendance has been good this year, averaging more than thirty dancers every Monday night. The sets include a mix of familiar faces and new faces; with the newcomers learning readily from the old hands. Class parties for Halloween, Christmas, and Robert Burns' birthday punctuated the regular program.

To augment class funds, a garage sale was organized in April. An eclectic assortment of donated treasures and hand-me-downs was quickly transformed into revenue for the Santa Rosa class. Santa Rosa was known by many travelers on route 101 as the town with the sign that reads, "We buy junk and sell antiques." Well, it is still true!

The Friday night class—"The Santa Rosa Scottish Country Dancers"—worked to improve their dancing technique and to polish a repertoire of performance dances. They showed their stuff at the Sebastopol Celtic Festival in the fall. And they danced their way in to the Golden Gate Geographical Society program on the Highlands, with sets and solos in the lobby of the Luther Burbank Center. Recently they performed at a local high school in celebration of cultural diversity.

The class retreat at Bishop's Ranch was a thoroughly enjoyable weekend. Rainy weather did not dampen the group spirit. With good live music, fresh country air, and lots of opportunity for socializing, the annual weekend affair has become the highlight of the winter season for Santa Rosa dancers.

We all love our new baby, Benjamin Jacob, whom we share with his proud parents, Steven Sapers and Claire Green. New members of the class include Jeff and Mary Tindall, now residing at Dillon Beach. Jane Samuelson will be leaving us as she moves from Monte Rio, to be closer to the Bay Area. Also moving on, with our best wishes is Moriah Chandler, dancer and dance deviser, is finishing her studies at Sonoma State. A newly formed men's reading club is meeting regularly. Another extra class activity was a communal cookie baking party.

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MONTHLY PARTIES

OCTOBER MONTHLY PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1999

Alameda Masonic Hall

Hosted by Lafayette and Livermore Classes

<u>Dance</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source</u>
The Wild Geese	B/I	8 x 32 J3	24/3
The Welcome Reel +	B	N x 32 R2	LAD
The Rose of the North	I	8 x 32 S3	Leeds Silver Jubilee
The Starry Eyed Lassie +	I	8 x 32 J3	23/11
Wicked Willy +	A	4 x 32 R4	Bicentennial-Ways
Tribute to the Borders	I	8 x 32 J3	RSCDS Leaflet
Glasgow Lassies +	I	8 x 32 S2	34/3
Mulligan Stew +	B	8 x 32 R3	LAD Too
Strathglass House	B/I	8 x 32 S3	13/9
Red House	I	8 x 40 R2	7/2
Barley Bree +	B	4 x 40 J4	13/4
From Scotia's Shores	A	8 x 32 S3	RSCDS Leaflet
<i>We're Noo Awa'</i>			
The Duran Ranger	B/I	8 x 32 R3	13/1
The Wind on Loch Fyne	I	3 x 32 S3	Dunedin Book 1
John of Bon Accord	I/A	8 x 32 R3	33/5

+ 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.

DIRECTIONS TO THE ALAMEDA MASONIC TEMPLE, 2312 ALAMEDA AVENUE, 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

NOVEMBER MONTHLY PARTY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1999

Masonic Temple, San Mateo

Hosts: Mountain View Class, and Red Thistle

<u>Dance</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source</u>
Barley Bree	B	4 x 40 J4	13/4
Strathglass House	B/I	8 x 32 S3	13/9
Mr. Hamilton's Hornpipe+	I	8 x 32 H3	Goldring leaflet
The Rose of the North	I	8 x 32 S3	Leeds Silver Jubilee
The Wee Cooper of Fife +	A	8 x 40 J2	Foss-Dances to Song Tunes
The Barmkin +	B/I	88 R4	Goldring - 24 Graded & Social
Foxhill Court +	A	8 x 32 S3	Drewry - Canadian Book
Persuasion +	B	8 x 32 J3	LAD Too - Sigg
Glasgow Lassies	I	8 x 32 S2	34/3
John of Bon Accord	I/A	8 x 32 R3	33/5
The Duran Ranger	B/I	8 x 32 R3	13/1
The Wind on Loch Fyne	I	3 x 32 S3	Dunedin Book 1
The Starry Eyed Lassie	I	8 x 32 J3	23/11
The Rakes of Glasgow +	B	8 x 32 S3	11/11
Wicked Willy	A	4 x 32 R4	Bicentennial--Ways

+ New this month

right from Alameda onto Oak, right on Central and right into the lot, after about 1/2 block--or just drive straight across Park Street when you are coming in on Central and turn left into 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.

Admission:

Members \$6
 Non-members \$8

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The class newspaper, *The Jig's Up*, keeps us aware of the comings and goings of other dancers. It is bigger and better than ever and sometimes includes limericks, jokes, travel reports, historical anecdotes, photos, and bits of Scottish lore. The editor, Bill Robotka, turns out a newsletter that is eagerly anticipated, and is required reading for all in the class. How did we get along without it?

The Santa Rosa Scottish Country dance class was started just twenty years ago. Two charter members, Derek Evans and Chris Riker, are still active in the class. We are going strong, and will be taking partners and forming sets for many years to come.

The UCSF Class Report

by Susie Langdon Kass

The UC San Francisco Class meets at the Millberry Recreation and Fitness Center, where Susie works. We dance in an aerobics studio with mirrors on two sides and a window looking out on the swimming pool on another side. It has good lighting, a great sound system, and a cushioned wood floor.

We started with new beginners in January, meeting on Friday nights at 8:15 p.m.. In April, we changed our night to Sunday at 6:15 p.m. The class continued through June, with Trina Merriman teaching when Susie was away. The dancers did well and were very enthusiastic. Some of the dancers have now joined the Thursday Noe Valley Ministry class.

The next beginner session at UCSF will start in January 2000, on Sunday nights. Helpers/angels are always welcome.

This fall, we are offering a one-term Intermediate/Advanced Class, taught by Bruce Herbold (see adjacent column).

Branch Committee Elections

By Susie Langdon Kass

Congratulations to the recently elected members of the Branch Committee, our "Board of Directors." Five members were elected in May for a two-year term. Three incumbents, Miriam (Mimi) Mueller, Paula Jacobson, and Patti Cobb, were reelected. Our new members are Greg Reznick and Jim Pell. Rich Calendar and Susie Langdon Kass are going off the board this year. The other members' terms run through next year.

At the June 5 Branch Committee meeting new officers were chosen: Chair-Larry Wakeman, Vice Chair-Paula Jacobson, Treasurer-Alastair Brown, Corresponding Secretary-Nancy Page, Recording Secretary-Greg Reznick. Jim Pell is the new insurance contact person.

For other positions, please see the Branch Committee/Volunteer list elsewhere in this issue.

All RSCDS-SF Branch members are welcome at Branch Committee meetings. The Committee usually meets at about 2:00 p.m. on monthly party days. Call one of the Committee members to find out the location.

**Challenging Dances and Technique Class
Taught by Bruce Herbold
Sundays, October 10-November 21, 6-8 p.m.
(6 weeks, no class 10/31)**

Here's your chance to do dances that are fun and challenging! Many good dances require more ability and technique than can be done in a normal class. This won't be a normal class! The aim of the course is to improve teamwork and technique, to make both obscure and common dances more fun. Full acquaintance with Scottish Country Dancing is required.

The class will be held at UCSF Millberry Fitness and Recreation Center, in a wonderful dance studio with a springy wood floor and mirrors. This is a one-time only series.

Prerequisite: 2 years of regular class attendance, ability to dance all basic and intermediate formations, and consent of the instructor. You can also drop-in for \$9. Parking in the garage is now just \$1 for the evening. Contact Bruce Herbold, teacher, 415-826 2287, Bherbold@aol.com, or Susie Langdon Kass, class manager, 415-333-9372, susielk@itsa.ucsf.edu, for more information. Please let us know in advance that you are interested in signing up for the class. Thanks.

Class code: # 4611.201

Dates: Sundays, 10/10-11/21 (6 classes, no class 10/31).

Time: 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Fee: \$36 for the 6-week session. Drop-in fee: \$9.

Register by mail or Fax, starting September 7, or in person starting September 27. Millberry Fitness and Recreation Center, 500 Parnassus Avenue, Box 0234, San Francisco, 94143-0234 (checks payable to: **UC Regents**). Fax: 415-502-7413 (include: credit card number, expiration date, and signature). Call 415-476-1115 for a catalog. Flyers and registration forms will be available at events and classes.

If you would be interested in being on the board in the future, or could suggest someone else who might be interested, please let Susie know (susielk@itsa.ucsf.edu, 415-333-9372). She will continue on the nominating committee.

**Monthly Party Schedule
October, 1999-June, 2000**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 Masonic Temple 100 N. Ellsworth SANMATEO	HOSTING CLASSES: Mountain View & Red Thistle
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6 Alameda Masonic Hall 2312 Alameda Ave ALAMEDA	HOSTING CLASSES: Lafayette & Livermore
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
 JL Stanford Middle School
 480 East Meadow
 PALO ALTO

HOSTING CLASSES:
 Mountain View, Stanford &
 San Jose

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2000
 Temple Methodist United Church
 1111 Junipero Serra
 SAN FRANCISCO

HOSTING CLASSES:
 San Francisco &
 Burlingame

SATURDAY, MARCH 4
 Anthony Chabot School
 6686 Chabot Road
 OAKLAND

HOSTING CLASSES:
 Berkeley Monday & Friday

SATURDAY, APRIL 1
 Park School
 360 Blythdale Ave
 MILL VALLEY

HOSTING CLASSES:
 Santa Rosa & Dunsmuir

SATURDAY, MAY 6
 Masonic Temple
 100 N. Ellsworth
 SANMATEO

HOSTING CLASSES:
 Stanford & General
 Membership

SATURDAY, JUNE 3
 Soquel Grange Hall
 2800 Porter Street
 SOQUEL

HOSTING CLASSES:
 Monterey, Santa Cruz &
 Soquel

Pleasanton Games

The Labor Day Games are fast approaching. Many teams will be participating in the SCD Adjudication. This event is a great way to demonstrate what SCD is, as well as a fun and educational activity for the dancers.

An information tent is set up near the stages where spectators can pick up class flyers. People are needed to staff the tent and answer questions. This is an opportunity to sit in the shade and relax, while helping to promote SCD. A good time to volunteer is right after your team performs, before you go off for food or shopping. Please sign up for one or more 1-hour shifts. You can sign up in advance if you want a particular time, or at the tent that day. Help the classes recruit new dancers!

Thanks.
 Susie Langdon Kass, Publicity Committee, 415-333-9372
 e-mail: susielk@itsa.ucsf.edu.

The Perils of Pauline: How The New Monthly Party Schedule Was Completed

by Linda Baptiste, Assistant Monthly Party Coordinator

It started innocently enough; George Gates agreed to be monthly party organizer, and I his able assistant. We planned to get together mid-spring to put together the new schedule. That should be simple. After all, Mary Tindall had already reserved the San Mateo Masonic Temple hall for two of them. Then George got THE FLU-didn't think we should get together just then. You know he's really sick when he passes up the Sacramento Ball, and with his ticket already paid for!

Time went by, we couldn't get our schedules to mesh, so I volunteered to start on my own. Besides, he has all the junk (OK, supplies) in his garage. Let's see, Mary Tindall left a notebook of records, I'll start there. If I schedule the dances for the same areas, same times as last year, it should work fine. The Mountain View Hall is already booked for ALL those dates? Alameda? Yes, November 6th is OK, and March 4th. Please send the reservation form, I'll request the deposit check and have it sent directly. One more down.

Now for December. No, no, no.... not available... Jane Lathrop Stanford School? Hi Gloria, that date is OK, but you and Doug will be out of town? Make a note to check everything before they leave. OK, three down, now for January. Striking out here... send query out to some class managers for ideas/suggestions. San Francisco, that might work, call for information. Yes, it works. Fill out the form, request a deposit check and IRS non-profit statement from Alastair, one more down. Make a note to double check insurance coverage for this one, it's a new site, and just after the first of the year.

Oh, hello Andy, you want to what? A day-long workshop for 50 musicians, on stage? Before the monthly party in March? OK, Alameda doesn't have a stage, Mountain View is not available, any other ideas? Chabot School in Oakland? OK, I'll visit, get more information. Yes, the site should be available, but schedule for next year isn't completed, will be done in the next couple of weeks, then the school will be closed for renovation all summer. The hall loOKs a bit small, but workable; the stage is full of stuff. Suggest Andy to go by and check. He does, the LAST day of school, gets a form, signed, and sent off to the city of Oakland. Whew. That was close. Remember to call Alameda and cancel for March.

April, this has been the April Fools dance, hosted by Santa Rosa and Dunsmuir the last couple of years. Call Park school. Well, yes, tentatively, but the schedule isn't done for next year yet, so check back after the first, of next year. OK, send a letter of intent, keep fingers crossed. Make a note to check for other sites, just in case.

May, this is easy, Mary already reserved it for San Mateo. June, back to Palo Alto, and J L Stanford School. Send confirming letter to San Mateo. Now, sort out who will host, and then present it to the class managers meeting.

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Let's see, with two classes hosting per party, that should work.

You want to what? Have one party in Santa Cruz? You all agree? OK, I'll work on it. Thanks Karen, for volunteering to contact United Church of Christ. All set? Wonderful, many thanks. Call Gloria with the change from J L Stanford. I think I'll check to see what other information or forms the church might need. We have to be out by 10 pm? I don't think that will work. You'll check with the custodian? Great, thanks. We can stay until 11, but must be cleaned up and out by then? OK... I'd better check with the Branch Committee, we usually dance until 11, then have tea and goodies. Hello out there, anyone home? Will this timing work? Yes? No? Hello, hello.... is everyone on vacation? Hi Greg, you what? Paula has reserved the Grange Hall in Soquel for June? Thanks. Make a note to call the church to cancel, and let Karen know of the changes. Send confirming letter to Soquel Grange.

New Sound System

by Alastair Brown

We've got an improved sound system for the Branch. The Branch now has 6 microphones, 2 fiddle pick-ups, a 16-channel mixer, a main amplifier, two house speakers, a stage monitor amplifier, and two monitor speakers.

The system was tried out at the Oakland Games, in July, and performed well. Plaid Attitude, led by Ned and Janis Dairiki, tested our capacity with 9 pieces—a piano, 4 fiddles, a guitar, a double bass, a recorder, and drums/bodhran. Ron Wallace and Gary Thomas played on Saturday for Dunsmuir, and David Newitt organized 'Davids and the Lassies' to play for Lafayette and Stanford. John Taylor rushed over to play for the Deally-Smith Dancers.

Although we had to borrow 2 mics, a tape and CD

player and a stage speaker, we now have enough equipment to handle most events.

If anyone would like to learn the secrets of this 600-button, slider, knob, and jack system, please get in touch with me at alastair@centum.com;

POSTTIME!

Dancers, it's that season of the year! Time to post flyers and recruit new dancers for our fall classe! Please take flyers and post them or give them to friends! If everyone helps post and distribute, we'll get lots of new dancers. The Branch yellow brochure and beginners' classes flyer (listing all new beginner classes) are available at class, or from Susie. Your class may have its own flyer to post, too. Ask your class manager.

Places to post flyers:

- Dance studios
- Laundromats
- Hardware stores
- Grocery stores
- Cleaners
- Variety stores
- At church
- College campuses
- At work
- Bookstores
- Libraries
- Coffee houses
- Bakeries
- Ice cream stores
- Music stores
- Record stores
- Bike shops
- Gyms

Bulletin boards everywhere. Keep your eyes open for them!

Take along a stapler, tacks or push pins, and tape. Ask permission to post when necessary. Keep a supply of flyers in your purse and car. Get more at class or call Susie at 415-333-9372, e-mail: susielk@itsa.ucsf.edu.

On Our Toes in the UK

by Nancy Murphy

While dancing when on vacation is nothing new, I thought I'd give the nuts and bolts of our approach to dancing in the U.K. In 1997, knowing that we were going to be in Great Britain for two months, I wrote requesting a copy of "The Reel," the publication of the London Branch of the RSCD. (Send £5.50 to Bill Ireland, 6 Tansley Court, 194 Woodcote Road, Wallington, Surrey SM6 OPQ. All remittances in sterling, please). "The Reel" is a cornucopia of dance goodies: a garden dance in Polesden Lacy; a very enticing dance weekend on the Isle of Jersey (which we'll attend, someday); long, heartfelt letters to the editor on popular and abstruse subjects (as only the British can write); and delightful articles, one beginning, "Pilling was my uncle."

But most importantly, it told of classes and dances. We chose the Marlborough School and St. Columba's, on Pont Street, to be our weekly class. At Marlborough School we danced with a near blind man who referred to one eye as his "good bad eye" and to the sightless eye as his "Nelson side" (Lord Nelson evidently had a similar limitation-English pluck!). On Pont Street we danced with a group right out

of a mystery: the buzz-cut young women who arrived with their two cats on leashes; the willowy fiftyish spinster who spoke rapturously of her five days in Paris ten years ago; the Scottish military man; and the benevolent elderly ladies providing crustless sandwiches for all. Dancing as a cultural exchange!

We also went to a few dances at St. Columba's and the

West Mac Spring Ball. I learned three rules: firstly, dances are not briefed and second and third (at which I bridled), women do not ask men to dance and, if asked, women are expected to accept

In May, our second month, we went north to Scotland, where we danced at the Spring Ball of the Edinburgh Branch of the RSCDS. We enrolled early, got the program and practiced wherever we could (on one occasion in the hinterlands, dancing together, with unimpressed sheep looking on). The Assembly Rooms, George St., Edinburgh, whose architect was Robert Adam, are beautifully proportioned, long rectangular rooms, with tall mirrors at each end, reflecting three crystal chandeliers. Unmatched Georgian elegance!

This year, vacationing in the U.K. for a month, we were able to join up with Ken McFarland's "Dancing in Scottish Castles" group for a formal ball, which was most enjoyable. But just as enjoyable was the outdoor Monday and Tuesday evening dancing in the Princess Street Gardens, Edinburgh, starting at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 9:30 p.m., in the still sunlit evening of those northern latitudes. The dances were presented in an original fashion. A demonstration team from Stirling, including John Wilkenson, director of this year's Summer School at St. Andrews, executed the dances to band music while the dancers watched from the grandstand. Then there was a rush to the marble dance floor, a briefing, and the music began. I, who have danced in the Assembly Rooms, and in Julia Morgan's Merrill Hall, declared that, for this moment at least, this was the best place ever to dance. With the lowering sun casting a golden glow over Edinburgh Castle above and the dancers below, and the mood being festive and light-hearted, it was a sublime experience. Many camera-toting German tourists and shy Japanese men and women bumped shoulders with stolid Scottish matrons who had been trudging their way through these dances for half a century, and all was merry concord. (These dances are held, Monday and Tuesday, all through June and July). In summary, try dancing in the UK. The rewards will be immense.

Calendar 1999

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Bring a Friend Night, Mountain View Sports Pavilion,
@7:45pm, Castro and Miramonte in Mountain View.
Call (510) 713-7813 or (650) 365-5574 for more info.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Ball Gown Sale, @1 - 5pm
Call Cameron (650) 365-5574 or Melinda (408) 615-7179
for more info.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Mountain View Class Thanksgiving Party, @7:45pm
Call (510) 713-7813 or (650) 365-5574 for location.

Scottish Country Dancing in Hawaii

by Ken McFarland

I'm going to welcome the new century with a fun filled week of dancing on Kauai, in the Hawaiian Islands. My friends Alasdair Fraser and Muriel Johnstone are providing the music and bringing their families. The package includes space in two-bedroom condos, a car share for each two people (I match roomies as usual if necessary), catered nightly dinners, nightly dancing, no formal classes. Dates are March 18-25, 2000. The week is 65% full as I write this and I'd really love to include some of my SF Branch friends.

The setting couldn't be more beautiful: a quiet and remote beach-cove close to where the movie South Pacific was filmed. Dancing will be in a beautiful and historic 19th century community hall with a sprung wood floor. Catered dinners and pool parties. A rental car included and days free to explore the numerous beaches, snorkel, walk the national parks and scenic natural wonders of the garden isle. The area has that lovely isolated "end of the road" feel to it, but your own car puts all of the sights within easy reach and there are many places to see.

The group size has to be limited because of the size of the hall to 100 dancers. Non-dancing family members and friends are welcome to join this traveling community of Scottish dancers. I expect to offer various land price options ranging from \$673 for a garden view condo to \$921 for a premium ocean view unit. Early booking gets first choice and is strongly suggested! To save a space send a check for \$150 per person and simultaneously advise me by e-mail so that I hold your space.

If you have never visited Kauai but have attended one of my Big Island dance weeks, let me tell you that this week will be different. The condos all have private bathrooms and big living rooms and complete kitchens. The island of Kauai itself is geographically distinct, with a very wet interior, like a tropical garden (where Jurassic Park was filmed), surrounded by a ring of sunny beige sand beaches.

Feel free to give me a call if you have questions! Hope you can join this merry adventure-

Ken McFarland

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Musically Speaking

Unscramble each of the clue words.

Then take the letters that appear in circles and unscramble them for the final message related to the puzzle title.

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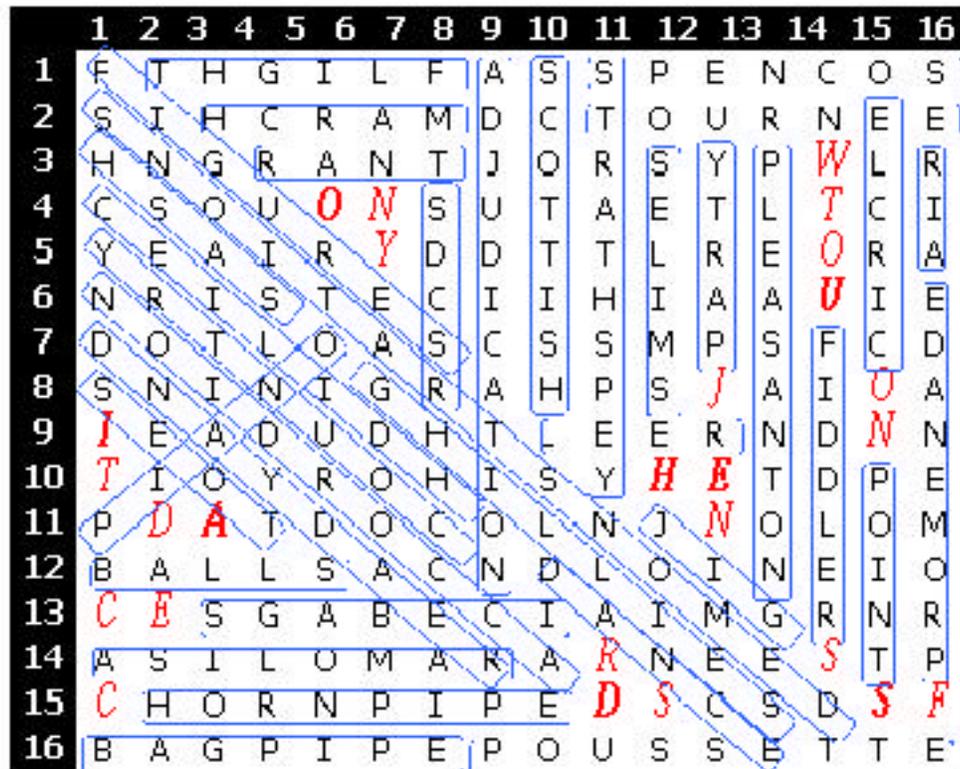
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Final Message:

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SOLUTION SCD Word Search Puzzle



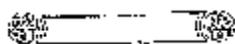
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| ACCORDION (9, 14, NW) | TOURNEE (10, 2, E) | POUSETTE (9, 16, E) |
| ADJUDICATION (8, 1, S) | FIGURES (1, 1, SE) | PROMENADE (16, 14, N) |
| AIR (16, 5, N) | FLIGHT (7, 1, W) | RANT (4, 3, E) |
| ASIOUMAR (1, 14, E) | GHELLIES (6, 8, SE) | READYAND (8, 14, NW) |
| BAGPIPE (1, 16, E) | HORNPIPE (2, 15, E) | REEL (12, 9, W) |
| BALLS (1, 12, E) | ICEBAGS (9, 13, W) | RSCDS (7, 8, N) |
| CEILDH (1, 4, SE) | JIG (11, 11, SE) | SASH (4, 6, NW) |
| COUNTRY (7, 11, NW) | MARCH (7, 2, W) | SCOTTISH (9, 1, S) |
| CIRCLE (15, 7, N) | PARTY (12, 7, N) | SMILES (11, 8, N) |
| DANCE (9, 12, SE) | PIANO (1, 11, NE) | SPENCOS (10, 1, E) |
| DEMONSTRATIONS (14, 15, NW) | PLEASANTON (13, 3, S) | STRATHSPEY (10, 1, S) |
| FIDDLER (14, 7, S) | POINT (15, 10, S) | TOES (4, 11, NW) |

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SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLASSES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA 1999 Fall Schedule



SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH CLASSES

Berkeley

FRIDAYS: Youth Class: 7:00 p.m. Call Mary McQuilliams 415-902-3907; **Beginners:** 8:00 p.m.; Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar at Walnut. **Experienced:** **Technique:** 7:00 p.m.; **Social:** 8:00 p.m.; All Souls Episcopal Parish, 2220 Cedar at Spruce. Call George Gates 925-709-1046 or John Kadyk 510-524-7376. Teachers: Dwayne McQuilliams, Mary McQuilliams, Avril Quarrie, David Quarrie. **Beginners:** 9/17; **Youth:** 9/17.

Berkeley

MONDAYS: Intermediates: 8:00 PM; St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 2837 Claremont Blvd. at Russell near Ashby. Call Heather MacKay 510-528-2669. Teacher: David Newitt. Parties monthly. Resumes 9/13.

Burlingame (affiliated class)

TUESDAYS: Beginners: 7:00 PM; **Experienced:** 8:00 PM; Burlingame Recreation Center, 850 Howard Ave. Call Anne MacIver 650-347-5850. Teacher: Anne MacIver. Resumes 9/14.

Lafayette

THURSDAYS: Basic & Social: 8:00 p.m. Call Bill Wakeman 925-287-3908. **Step: Beginners:** 6:00 p.m. & **Experienced:** 7:00 p.m. Call Claudette Sigg 510-526-8192. **Children's Classes (3 levels):** 6:00 p.m. 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: Beginners & Intermediates: 7:30 p.m.; Call Gale Holladay 925-447-5771. **Children's Class:** 6:30 p.m.; Call Sheena MacQueen 925-447-1833. Livermore Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street at L Street. Teachers: Sheena MacQueen, Anne MacIver. **Beginners:** 9/13; **Children:** 10/4.

Monterey

MONDAYS: Beginners: 6:30 p.m.; **Experienced:** 8:00 p.m.; Monterey Senior Center, Lighthouse & Dickinson 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: Beginners & Intermediates: 7:45 p.m.; Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro Avenue. Call Denise Francis 510-713-7813. Teachers: Alan Twigg, Bruce Hamilton, Jo Hamilton, Bub McMurby. **Beginners:** 9/8.

San Francisco

THURSDAYS: Beginners & Experienced Social: 8:00 p.m.; Call Linnea Johnson 415-841-9456 or Susie Langdon Kass 415-333-9372. New Valley Ministry, 1071 Sanchez Street off 23rd Street. Teachers: Susie Langdon Kass, Bruce Herbold, Trina Merriman. **Beginners:** 9/9.

San Francisco (affiliated class)

SUNDAYS: Special Technique Session (Fall Quarter only): 6:00 PM; Millberry Recreation & Fitness Center at UCSF, 506 Parnassus Avenue. Call Susie Langdon Kass 415-333-9372. Teacher: Bruce Herbold. **Beginner session:** January 2000. Teachers: Susie Langdon Kass.

San Jose

MONDAYS: Experienced: 7:30 p.m.; **Beginners:** 8:15 p.m. American Legion Hall, 1504 Minnesota Avenue. Call Melinda Reschke 408-615-7179 or Sparky Gregory 408-257-2294. Teachers: Eileen Aaron, Marianna Harvey, Liz Harris, Lin Pettingill. **Beginners:** 9/13.

Santa Cruz

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

Santa Rosa

MONDAYS: Beginners: 7:00 PM; **Intermediates:** 8:15 PM; 1st **FRIDAYS:** Allowance (call for permission). 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; Soquel Grange Hall, 7800 Porter Street. Call Mary Judd or Bub McMurby 831-335-1459. Teachers: Bob McMurby, 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 408-946-6111 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; **Combined classes:** 7:30 PM; **Intermediates:** 8:00 PM. Call Rick Juzix 916-443-1792; **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, Lynne Lockwood, Dottie Carr. **Beginners:** 9/17.

Stockton

WEDNESDAYS 7:30 PM: Experienced Social: Unitarian Church, Bristol & Pacific. Call Charles Wood 209-465-8871. Teacher: Carolyn Hunt. Resumes 9/8; **Beginners:** TBA.

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. **Begin:** 9/9.

OTHER CLASSES

Arcata

SATURDAYS: Experienced Social: Call Virginia Rumble 707-822-1854. Teachers: class members and guest teachers. Resumes: mid-September.

Berkeley (North)

SUNDAYS: Beginners/Intermediates: 7:00 PM; Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Call Don or Kathy Kennedy 510-523-1397. Teachers: Don Kennedy, Kathy Kennedy. Resumes: 9/19.

Grass Valley, Rancho Cordova

Grass Valley: **MONDAYS: Beginners/Experienced:** 7:00 PM. Resumes: 9/13. Rancho Cordova: **THURSDAYS: Resumes:** 9/16. Call Ed Johnston 916-622-1519. Teacher: Ed Johnston. **Beginners:** anytime.

Merced

WEDNESDAYS: Beginners/Experienced: 7:00 p.m.; Merced High School. Call Merced Recreation & Parks Department 209-385-6851. Teacher: Barry Lewis. Resumes: late-September.

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, guests. Resumes: 9/10.

Redding

THURSDAYS: Beginners: 6:30 PM; **Intermediates:** 7:00 PM. Call Margaret Anne Schlabohm 530-477-1154. Teacher: Margaret Anne Schlabohm. Resumes: 9/2. **Beginners:** anytime.

Reno, Nevada

THURSDAYS: Beginners: 7:00 PM; **Experienced:** 7:30 PM; California Building, Idlewild Park, 1010 Idlewild Drive. Call Martha Norrie 702-829-8880. Teacher: Martha Norrie, guests. **Beginners:** anytime.

STEP DANCING CLASSES

Palo Alto

TUESDAYS: Beginners: Carriage House, Atherton; **THURSDAYS: Intermediates; Experienced;** **FRIDAYS: Twosome:** St. Mark's Church, 600 Colorado Avenue. Call Jo Hamilton 650-328-0474. Teacher: Jo Hamilton. Resumes: 9/7, 9/9, 9/10.

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 850-328-0474, Ron Wallace 707-795-2185, or Bob Schultheisz 209-745-9063.

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