



Thoughts from the Chair

by Larry Wakeman

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This month I am going to consider how the branch might embrace electronic technologies to move us to the next level. These images in my mind are not cast in stone but are the point to which I would like to see the web interaction between the branch and its members migrate. Some of the items I will discuss are fairly simple, and may be implemented in a reasonably short timeframe, while others may take some serious work to accomplish.

The easiest option is to use PayPal for registration and payment for events. The branch web site accepts PayPal payments for the purchase of items from the bookstore. This can be extended to events, and the hope is that the Jean Patrick Memorial Dance will have PayPal registration and payment. If this is successful, you may be able to register in this way for the Valentine's Ball in 2007.

Asilomar creates its own problems, as it uses a two stage registration process. The initial registration that is open to the world is possible, but the second stage, where those lucky dancers who have been selected by the lottery make their final payment, requires some control. This will require confirming to the user that they are on the list of attendees and then gathering the Dance Experience and Rooming requirements for them.

This seemingly simple task of validating user logins is not currently possible with our Internet Service Provider (ISP), as we have the simplest Web Service that is available. To actually achieve the level that I envision would also require database support at the ISP. We could then easily give our members an "account" on the web page and validate them using a username (probably the member's email address) and password.

Once we confirm that a user is a member of the branch, we can then restrict access to portions of the web site. My opinion is that access to everything on the Branch Resources page

should be limited to members of the branch.

Once we identify a member of the branch, we can let them change their member information. They might even be able to renew their membership in the branch using PayPal. Who knows, perhaps we can allow prospective members to register as new members of the branch.

Most of these features will require some work. First we will have to decide on architecture for the web site. What web server will we use? What will we use for programs that run on the server? What database will we use?

We will then need to migrate to an ISP that will allow us to create the web site that we desire. This will require a search of available ISPs comparing features and costs. Then we have to migrate and modify our web site to the new architecture.

If you are interested in helping with this project, let me know. I am also interested in hearing your thoughts on this and any of my other missives.



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Branch Committee Meetings

Branch Committee meetings are open to all interested members. They are normally held on the first Saturdays of October, November, December, January, March, April, and June, in the afternoon. Check the website at http://www.rscds-sf.org/BC_Agenda.htm for the exact time and location.

Classified Ads

Other Events

What: A Dance Party to celebrate the life of Tom Cuthbertson.

When: Saturday, May 13, 2006, from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 P.M. (with a break in the middle for snacks. Food to share will be most welcome!).

Where: St. Marks Parish Hall, 600 Colorado Avenue, Palo Alto.

Music will be provided by Fiddlesticks and Ivory.

Come to the Spring Workshop!

The Second Annual Spring Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, May 6. It will be held in Mill Valley, in conjunction with the May Monthly Party and AGM. Last year's inaugural workshop was enthusiastically received by all who attended; this year's event promises to be just as good. If you're looking for an opportunity to tune up your technique or want to work on your mastery of the forms and figures, this workshop is for you. What the heck, if you just want one more opportunity to dance, this is just the ticket! All details are on the Branch Website. Join us!

A Cry from the Heart

With the retirement of Zoe Pollock, who did a wonderful job these last few years, our dance community is left without a liaison for the Dunsmuir Highland Games. With July rapidly approaching, it is crucial that we find a volunteer to handle the coordination of dancing and music for this year's event.

Please consider volunteering. If no one is found, there is the chance that Scottish Country Dancing will not be represented at one of its traditional and popular venues.

If you or anyone you know is interested, please have them contact me at fireknight1@aol.com or at 925-934-1928.

Thank you!
Lori Howard

Snippets

A Scots Phenomenon

by Susan Worland

The Campbell Games (June 17) will feature a visit by a remarkable young man Michael and I met in Scotland last fall. Gary Innes is both a renowned accordion player and a champion athlete—he was named “Man of the Match” when his Fort William shinty team won the coveted *Camanachd* Cup at the championship match in September 2005. We expect Gary to play accordion at the Games site on Friday night, to referee the shinty games on Saturday, and to coach shinty on Sunday (not officially part of the Games). We're also hoping for more opportunities for him to play, shinty and/or accordion, while he's visiting the Bay Area and perhaps to lead an accordion workshop. Stay tuned for more details!

No Summer Camp

by Doty Lieber

No, sadly, not at this time! A number of members expressed their interest, verbally and in emails, and some responded to the Survey which was in the last *R&S*. There didn't seem to be enough interest or energy right now to carry forward a project of the complexity of Summer Scottish Dance Camp in the Bay Area, so at its March 2006 meeting the Branch Committee decided to disband the Summer Camp Committee, with the proviso that the Branch Committee will welcome and respond to any interest that may be expressed at a later date. So, do keep your interest alive. We may yet see a Summer Scottish Dance Camp in the Bay Area!

The 25th Annual Jean Patrick Memorial Dance

by Larry Wakeman

The Jean Patrick Memorial Dance is starting to really come together. We have a hall, the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Rd, Dublin. When the flyers are printed and posted to the Web Site, a map will be included so that participants can find the Hall. This hall has just become available for rent and it is a very nice facility, but the rent is more then we have been paying for the Pleasanton Veterans Hall. It is very convenient to the Hotels near the Stoneridge Mall.

We have a very fine dance program, as detailed below. This program was designed so that members old and new can enjoy the evening. In fact, we will be providing a Youth discount for dancers younger than 25 years old. Dancers younger then 16 years should check with their teachers and parents to determine if it is appropriate for them to attend.

Music will be provided by Hanneke Cassel, fiddle, Laura Cortese, fiddle, and Andy Imbrie, piano.

As a final note, we are hoping to make it possible to register and pay for tickets online using PayPal. Watch the web site for developments. Flyers are also available, and the information can also be found on the Branch website.

Program

Canadian Barn Dance Progressive		Collins
Kendall's Hornpipe	8X32J2	Gr 22
Delvine Side	8X32S3	II 9
Shiftn' Bobbins	8X32R3	Omskirk
Monymusk	8X32S3	XI 2
Pinewoods Reel	8X32R3	Yankee Sampler
Polka		
White Heather Jig	4X40R4	22 SCD
1314	64+64M4	Rondell Book
Blue Bonnets	8X32J2	III 5
Bridge of Nairn	8X32S3	XII 11
General Stuart's Reel	8X32R3	X 3
Equilibrium	8X32J3	Set and Cast Off #2
Bonnie Stronshiray	8X32S3	Glasgow Assembly
None so Pretty	8X32R3	XIX 9
Rose Garden	8X24S2	San Francisco Coll, 2
Mrs MacPherson of Inveran	8X32R3	Bon Accord
Waltz		

Recent Branch Committee Actions

At its meeting of March 4, 2006, the Branch Committee:

- Approved a preliminary ASILOMAR budget for 2006.
The proposed budget includes an approximate 1% fee increase. The Branch Committee suggested a differential in fees for non-RSCDS members.
- Received the VALENTINE'S BALL final budget, which shows a net loss of \$143.12.
Art Tarsa was thanked for his service. Karen MacQuarrie has volunteered to chair the Ball for 2007.
- Approved a budget for the 2006 JEAN PATRICK DANCE, which will be held Sept. 2 at the Dublin Senior Center.
- Heard a report on SPRING WORKSHOP, which is on track, with teachers, musicians and halls chosen.
- Decided to disband the SUMMER CAMP Committee, due to lack of sufficient energy to carry it forward. (see article, this issue).
- Heard a report on the SAN JOSE CLASS MUSIC FUND GRANT:
Progress is being made on developing music and musicians.
- Heard a progress report on the RENO CLASS REQUEST to become a RSCDS-SF Branch Class:
Their representative will work with the BC Liaison, Nancy Page, to resolve outstanding issues, and the BC will consider the question at the October '06 Branch Committee meeting.
- Approved change in status to Affiliated Class for SF CHILDRENS CLASS.
This class is also changing meeting time and place.
- Approved the 2006-07 BUDGET with the addition of a line item of \$7000. for Monthly Party expenses.

Submitted by Dotty Lieber, Recording Secretary

Note: You can read the complete Minutes of this and all Branch Committee Meetings on the Website: www.rscds-sf.org

Eighth Annual Children’s Ball, March 25, 2006

by Kathleen McAdam, Youth Coordinator

Such excitement, the girls changing, doing each other’s hair, the hallway crowded with wee ones looking for a partner for the Grand March.

Our Piper Jeff Campbell led off with a rousing march tune, while our Grand Marshal, Susie Langdon-Kass, carried a Staff covered in flowers. This tied in with our theme, “The Wildflowers of Scotland”.

We had 95 dancers, ages 7 to 21, dancing to fabulous music provided by Andy Imbrie and friends, comprising Janet Kurnick and Micah Reinhold on fiddles, Lynne Lockwood on flute, and Donald Robertson on drums. Enthusiasm for the music was evident, two notes and the children surged on to the floor. Not only did they encore Petronella, but they wanted to do it a third time; that was fun!

A special thanks to the teachers who prepared their dancers well for this event: Cathy Bertics, Jo Hamilton, Susie Langdon-Kass, Sheena and Don MacQueen, Mary and Dwayne McQuilliams, Kathleen McAdam, and Lynne Lockwood from Sacramento Branch. Also, our new prelims, Linda Henderson and Christopher Berner, have been helping out in Lafayette and Berkeley respectively. In addition, it was wonderful to have our Alumni coming back to lend their expertise to an event that was special for them.

Afterwards we had an elegant tea, poured by Alice Macondray and Jane Turton and Marilyn Stocker.

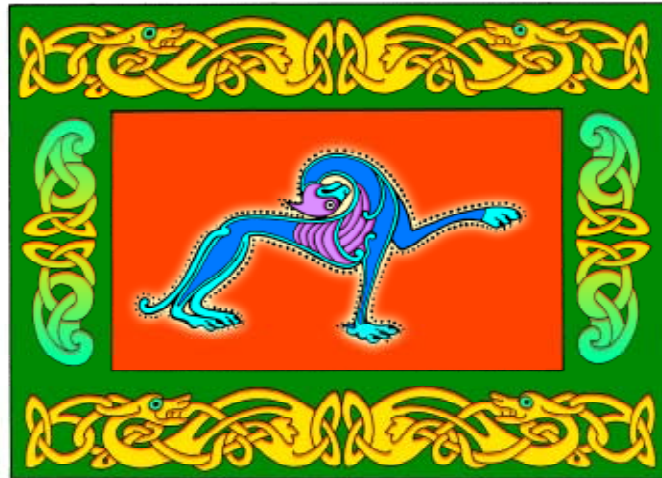
Our Kitchen/Food Co-chairs—Ann Galvez and Margaret Ward—did an incredible job of co-coordinating all the food which was provided by the families of each class. Thanks to all who helped.

Decorations were provided by the children, ably directed by Ann Galvez.

So, next year, how about aiming for the Century Mark of at least 100 dancers?







RSCDS-SF Calendar of Events 2006

Revised 03/31/06 • Compiled by Dotty Lieber: dotty@cruzio.co

APRIL 2006

- 1, Sa: 7:30 p.m. MONTHLY PARTY at Alameda Masonic Hall, 2312 Alameda Ave., Alameda, hosted by San Francisco Class. Sandra: dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 8, Sa: 1:30 Video, 2:00 TEACHERS COMMITTEE MEETING, at Kathleen McAdam's brucehamilton@macconnect.com
- 22, Sa: SACRAMENTO 25TH ANNIVERSARY BALL AND WORKSHOPS at St. Francis School, Sacramento. Sandra: dancweav@pacbell.net
- 29, Sa: WOODLAND HIGHLAND GAMES (Sacramento Area). Lauren Davis-Todd: 916-786-8448 or davistodd@aol.com

MAY 2006

- 6, Sa: 1-5 p.m. SPRING WORKSHOP: Advanced Technique Class and Formations and Figures Class, in Mill Valley. Greg Reznick: greg@reznickfamily.com
- 5, Sa: 5-7 p.m. DINNER ON YOUR OWN IN SAN RAFAEL (Note: No potluck this time before the Monthly Party and AGM)
- 6, Sa: 7:30 p.m. MONTHLY PARTY AND AGM at San Rafael Masonic Hall, Lootens Place at 4th St., San Rafael, hosted by Santa Rosa and Dunsmuir. Sandra: dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 13, Sa: 12:30 – 5:30 p.m. : TOM CUTHBERTSON CELEBRATION DANCE, at St. Mark's Church Parish Hall, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, Fiddlesticks and Ivory playing. Colleen: colleenb@ebold.com
- 20, Sa, & 21, Su: LIVERMORE SCOTTISH GAMES at Robertson Park. Don: dmacq@ucscalumni.com

JUNE 2006

- 3, Sa: 7:30 p.m. MONTHLY PARTY at Soquel Grange Hall, 2800 Porter St., Soquel, hosted by Santa Cruz, Soquel, Monterey classes. Sandra: dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 17, Sa:: CAMPBELL HIGHLAND GAMES at Campbell Community Center, corner of Winchester and Campbell Aves., Campbell. with demonstrations of Scottish Country Dancing. rdavis@isp.com for demo dancing; For ticket or stage business: sparkyg@pacbell.net
- 17, Sa: 7:30 p.m. BEGINNERS BALL at Hermann Sons Hall, Petaluma. Kathy Faherty, 707-539-7081 or faherty@sonic.net
- 22, Th: 7:45 p.m. : SF CLASS SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY: Noë Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez, SF. Music: David Strong and Friends. Linnea, 415-841-9456, or

linnea@spursuits.com

- 24, Sa: TRUCKEE WORKSHOP & DANCE. Dave: allenortep@sbcglobal.net
- 29, Th: 7:45 p.m. SANTA CRUZ CLASS FAMILY NIGHT. 8:30 p.m.–Social Dancing for Adults. Juliet: juliet@davoren.net

JULY 2006

- 9, Su: 1:30 Video, 2 :00 TEACHERS COMMITTEE MEETING at Kathy Allen's. Note: this is a Sunday. brucehamilton@macconnect.com

AUGUST 2006

- 5-6, Sa-Su: MONTEREY HIGHLAND GAMES at Toro Park in Salinas: Saragratiot@aol.com or www.montereyscotgames.com
- 19, Sa: 7 p.m. SUMMER BY THE SEA DANCE at First Congregational Church, 900 High St., Santa Cruz. Karen: 831-688- 1576

SEPTEMBER 2006

- 2, Sa & 3, Su PLEASANTON HIGHLAND GAMES at Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton.
- 2, Sa: 7:30 p.m. JEAN PATRICK MEMORIAL DANCE, Dublin Senior Center. Larry: lcwakeman@sbcglobal.net
- 8, Sa: 1:30 Video, 2:00 TEACHERS COMMITTEE MEETING, at the Harveys'. brucehamilton@macconnect.com or Armin Busse: busse@slac.stanford.edu
- 8- 10, Fr. – Su.: FT. WORDEN 2006 ANNUAL WEEKEND WORKSHOP AND BALL, at Port Townsend, WA, sponsored by Seattle Branch: www.rscds-seattle.org
- 30, Sa : DIXON HIGHLAND GAMES at Dixon Fairgrounds Information: arvillajane@aol.com

OCTOBER 2006

- 7, Sa: 7:30 p.m. MONTHLY PARTY at Mountain View, hosted by San Jose Class. Sandra: dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 27-29. Fr.-Su: ASILOMAR WORKSHOPS AND BALL: For information: Julee at 650-722-0473 or julm-hcs@pacbell.net



Sheena & Kathleen at a Monthly Party at Alameda Masonic Hall • 2005

The RSCDS-SF Branch invites you to
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE
MONTHLY
PARTIES

Great live music, popular
dances, social, and fun

FIRST SATURDAYS

7:30 PM

\$8 RSCDS members

\$10 non-members

\$2 new dancers (with coupon)

Free for spectators

Refreshments served after the dance

Dance programs are available at class, in the R & S,
and at <http://www.rscds-sf.org/parties.html>

• DIGITAL PHOTOS of monthly parties are needed for future
flyers. Send photos to Susie at susielk@cls.ucsf.edu. Thanks.

SPRING 2006 SCHEDULE

April 1

Party hosted by: **The San Francisco Class**

MC's: Bruce Herbold, Trina Merriman, Susie Langdon Kass, Tim Wilson, Patti Cobb

Musicians: David Mostardi (band leader)-accordion, Lyle Ramshaw-piano,

Micah Reinhold-fiddle, Katherine Hall-flute

Alameda Masonic Temple, 2312 Alameda Avenue, Alameda (see back)

Note: April 1 is April Fools' Day. Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, April 2.

May 6

• **Annual General Meeting (AGM) 7:30 PM** (brief) • NO Potluck supper this year—Picnic in June!

Party hosted by: **The Santa Rosa Class & The Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers**

MC's: Ron Wallace, Gary Thomas, and others

Musicians: Ron Wallace (band leader)-recorder, Gary Thomas-piano, Jeanette Duncan-fiddle, Micah Reinhold-fiddle, Regan Hemphill-fiddle, Mike Hird-guitar, Carlene Duncan-percussion

San Rafael Masonic Hall, Lootens Place at 4th Street, San Rafael (see back)

June 3

Picnic 5:30 PM (or earlier) at nearby park or beach in Soquel. Look for separate flyer soon

Party hosted by: **The Monterey Class, The Santa Cruz Class, & The Soquel Class**

MC's: Bob McMurtry, Paula Jacobson, Juliet Davoren, Sara Gratiot, Brian Campbell

Musicians: Janet Kurnick (band leader)-fiddle, Lyle Ramshaw-piano, Patti Van Winkle-fiddle, Laurel Stern-fiddle, Jim Oakden-woodwinds, tenor banjo, accordion; and friends

Soquel Grange Hall, 2800 Porter Street, Soquel (see back)

Note: Many dancers wear Hawaiian or tie-dye themed outfits to this dance.

• Monthly Parties are NOT held in the summer. Fall Monthly Parties are scheduled for October 7, November 4, and December 2.

Sponsored by The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, San Francisco Branch, Inc. • For more information, contact
Sandra Fritts at: dancingsands@hotmail.com, or visit the RSCDS-SF Website at: www.rscds-sf.org

Revised March 30, 2006 • SLK

How To Get There

Alameda Masonic Hall, 2312 Alameda Avenue, Alameda

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From the North: Take 880 S, exit at 23rd Avenue exit. Continue going south on Kennedy Street to the bridge at 29th Street and turn right. Upon crossing the bridge going west, you will be on Park Street. Continue on Park to Alameda and turn right.

From the South: Take 880 N, exit at High Street and drive west across the High Street bridge into Alameda. Continue on High Street for about 6 blocks and turn right onto Central Ave. Go for another 10 blocks to Park Street. Turn left on Park, go 1 block and turn right on Alameda.

Park on the street or in the free parking lot across the street from the hall. It can be entered from Alameda or from Central. The dance floor is on the top floor. Walk up or take the elevator.

San Rafael Masonic Hall, 101 Lootens Place, San Rafael

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From 101 Northbound, take the "Central San Rafael" exit. Continue straight on Irwin Street (a short frontage road parallel to freeway). Turn left onto 4th Street. Turn Right onto Lootens Place.

From 101 Southbound take the "Central San Rafael" exit. Stay straight on Hetherton Street (a short frontage road parallel to freeway). Turn Right onto 4th Street. Turn Right onto Lootens Place.

The Masonic is in approximately the middle of the block on your right and is marked clearly with a blue awning. Lootens Place is a one-block street that dead-ends into a public parking lot, so parking is plentiful. The dance floor is on the first level to the left of the front door foyer.

PUBLIC TRANSIT DIRECTIONS (Thanks to Donald Robertson): Take Golden Gate Transit Bus 70 or 80 from the Transbay Terminal to the San Rafael Transit Center at 3rd and Hetherton. Walk four blocks to Lootens Place, turn right and walk one block to 4th.

The Transbay Terminal is one block from Market Street and the Montgomery Muni/BART station. This terminal is also serviced by AC Transit. From CalTrain on the Peninsula, take 30 Stockton from the 4th and Townsend station (every twenty minutes) to 3rd and Mission, walk one block to 1st. Exact directions from any given cross street in the Bay Area may be found at: <http://transit.511.org/>. Or, contact Donald Robertson for help using public transit: donalldr@speakeasy.net, or 415-621-2113.

SAN FRANCISCO corner of 1st & Mission		SAN RAFAEL Transit Center
Bus 70 - 6:13pm	→	arrives 7:22
arrives 11:22pm	←	Bus 80 - 10:22pm
arrives 12:20am	←	Bus 80 - 11:22pm

Soquel Grange Hall, 2800 Porter Street, Soquel

Directions: From Highway 1 (Cabrillo Highway), south of Santa Cruz, take the "Bay Avenue/Porter Street" exit. At the stop sign, turn left onto Porter (if traveling southbound). The hall is two blocks on the right. Park in the lot behind the building or on the street.

Public Transit

Exact directions from any given cross street in the Bay Area may be found at: <http://transit.511.org/>. Contact Donald Robertson for help using public transit: donalldr@speakeasy.net, or 415-621-2113.

Carpools

Try setting up carpools or transit travel groups. They make going to a party more social, save gas money, make parking easier, and help the environment!

From the SF Branch Members' Handbook:

A NOTE ABOUT FRAGRANCES

Please be aware that you will be in close contact with others who may have allergies and sensitivities. For their sakes, please consider using only unscented products before a dance event. Thank you.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLASSES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Visit: www.rscds-sf.org or www.rscds-sacramento.org for more information about classes and other events.

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

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. Teacher: David Newitt. Intermediates: 8pm; All Souls Episcopal Parish, 2220 Cedar at Spruce. Teacher: Dwayne McQuilliams. Call Zoe Pollock 510-234-8985. • Youth: Experienced: 6:30pm; Beginners: 7:15pm; All Souls Episcopal Parish. Call Mary McQuilliams, teacher, 415-564-9773.

Crockett

NEW DAY & TIME!

TUESDAYS Experienced: 7:30pm; New World Scottish Dancers: 9pm Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona Street. Call Lori Howard, teacher, 925-934-1928.

Lafayette

NEW LOCATION!

THURSDAYS Beginners & Intermediates: 8:00pm; 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 Bissel, Kathleen McAdam, Cathy Bertics.

Livermore

MONDAYS Beginners: 7pm; Intermediates: 8pm. Call Michael Gregg 925-606-9392. • WEDNESDAYS Children's Class: Beginners: 6pm; Experienced (by invitation): 7pm; Foresters Hall, 171 J.S. • FRIDAYS Family Class: 7:30pm; call for location. 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. Teachers: Sara Gratiot, Brian Campbell.

Mountain View

WEDNESDAYS Basic Skills & Experienced: 7:45pm; Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro Ave. Call Jb Hamilton, 650-328-0474 or Anita Galeynse 408-262-9705. Teachers: Alan Twigg, Armin Busse, Bruce Hamilton, Jb Hamilton.

San Francisco SUNDAY CLASS NEW LOCATION!

THURSDAYS Beginners & Experienced: 8pm; Nobe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. at 23rd St. Call Linnea Johnson 415-841-9456. Teachers: Trina Merriman, Bruce Herbold. • SUNDAYS Beginners/Experienced: 6:30pm; Zanshin Dojo SF (karate studio), 2051 Balboa Street at 22nd Ave. Call Susie Langton Kass, teacher, 415-333-9372. • FRIDAYS Youth (Grades 2-6): Beginners/Experienced: 3:30pm; Richmond Dist. YMCA, 360 18th Ave. Beginners: anytime. (Affiliate Class) Call Amy Luper 415-379-6426, or Susie Langton 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.

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 SCD (with permission): 7pm; Cotati. Call Emily Evans 707-874-2512 or Gary Thomas, teacher, 707-795-2185.

Soquel

FRIDAYS Beginners: 7pm; Intermediates: 8:30pm; Soquel Grange Hall, 2800 Porter St. Call Aisa Pura 831-469-8313 or Bob McMurtry 831-335-7459. Teachers: Paula Jacobson, Bob McMurtry.

South Bay Youth Class

MONDAYS 3:45pm; St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 800 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call Louise Perry 408-374-1969 or Jb 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

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; Int./Adv.: 8:15pm; Call Margo Genn-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 meet at YU Clubhouse, 1400 27th St.

Stockton

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

OTHER CLASSES

Arcata

FRIDAYS Experienced Social: 4pm; Arcata Presbyterian Church, 11th & G Sts. Call Helen Macpherson 707-822-3056. Teacher: Ann McGary. Beginners: anytime.

Campbell

FRIDAYS Call Rebecca Davis, teacher, 408-378-3817.

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: 7:30pm; Experienced Social: 8:15pm; Almonte Hall, Wisteria Way at Almonte. Call Mke Hird or Marghie Goff 415-884-2716. Teacher: Marghie Goff.

Rancho Cordova

NEW DAY!

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

Redding

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

San Mateo

TUESDAYS Social class: 7:30-8:30pm; New beginners & drop-ins always welcome. Please register at front desk on arrival. Spring: 3/21/06-5/23/06. City of San Mateo Parks and Rec., Beresford Community Center, 28th and Alameda de Las Pulgas. Call Lin Pettengill, teacher, 650-728-9105.

Reno, Nevada (Silver State Dancers)

WEDNESDAYS Basic/Experienced: 7:30-9:30pm; Fascinating Rhythm Dance Studio, 9736 So. Virginia St. Suite E. Beginners: anytime. Call Marian Stroh, teacher, 775-825-1224 or Debby Dahlstrom 775-324-1999. • THURSDAYS Intermediate/Advanced: 7:30pm; Nevada Dance Academy, 1790 W 4th. Call Dave Wilson, teacher, 775-825-6867.

STEP DANCING CLASSES

Atherton/Menlo Park

TUESDAYS Intermediates: 7pm; Beginners: 8:15pm. Call Jb Hamilton, teacher, 650-328-0474. • THURSDAYS Experienced: 8:00pm; Call Jb Hamilton, teacher, 650-328-0474.

Cotati

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

Pleasant Hill

THURSDAYS Beginners: 6pm; Experienced: 7pm. Call, Lori Howard, teacher, 925-934-1928.

San Pablo

WEDNESDAYS Beginners/Intermediates: 7:00pm; Advanced Soft Shoe Step (with permission): 8:00pm; Advanced Hard Shoe Step (with permission): 8:45pm; San Pablo Sportsmen's Club, 5220 Gen Avenue. Call Ron Wallace, teacher, 707-795-2185.

Scottish Step and/or Cape Breton Step classes are held also in Monterey, and Sacramento. Call Sara Gratiot 831-384-4783, Peggy Hamilton 209-956-6676, Bob Schultheisz 209-745-9063, or Lauren Davis-Todd 916-788-8448.

VOLUNTEERS

Cheers to all our volunteers, those listed below, other committee members, our class managers, and other helpers not listed. Your commitment, effort, and time given to Scottish Country Dancing in the Bay Area is invaluable! Thank you.

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