



Branch Committee News

*Reported by Tom Ward, Recording Secretary
December, 2008*

Events

Society AGM: RSCDS held its 2008 Annual General Meeting on November 8 in Perth. Following on some of the managerial and financial challenges faced by the Society over the last couple years, this year's AGM was important in setting the tone for reform of its operations. Alex Gray is taking over as the new Chair of the Society, and is promising to reform financial management and re-focus the Society's efforts on its core mission. The AGM took action on three motions from Branches which impact the structuring of membership and the workings of the AGM. The passage of Aberdeen Branch's motion amends the membership structure, effective July 1, 2009, to include the following categories:

- 1) Adult Single, age 25+
- 2) Youth, age 12 to 17, with dues at 50% of the Adult Single Rate
- 3) Young Adult, age 18 to 25, with dues at 80% of the Adult Single Rate
- 4) Adult Joint, two adults at the same address, with dues at 80% of twice the Adult Single Rate

The Branch Committee is working to adapt our own membership structure to be sympathetic with these changes. We may need to put a motion before our own AGM in May to consider this restructuring – stay tuned! The passage of New Zealand Branch's motion to allow "proxy" voting by AGM delegates means that a single Branch delegate to the AGM may cast up to three of the votes to which the Branch is entitled. This will make it easier for some the larger, more far-flung Branches to participate fully in Society affairs. A final New Zealand Branch motion, to de-link Branch and Society membership, was replaced with a counter-motion by the Society Management Board to undertake a thorough financial and institutional review of the issues and to report to the membership by June 5, 2009. These outcomes are in exactly line with our Committee's desires, and our heartfelt thanks go to our delegates for representing our interests: Robert McKay, Pat Houghton, Harry Andrews, Margaret Renton, Craig Houston, Eric Finley, Andrew McConnell, and Philip Whitley.

Youth Weekend West 2009: Youth Weekend West is coming to the Bay Area May 29th to 31st, 2009. Representatives from the Berkeley Class are taking a strong lead in getting this event organized. This will be a Branch Special Event, with funding managed through its Organizing Committee, headed by Chairs Catherine Berner and Zuriyah Meacham. In accordance with the spirit of the Event, this will be an opportunity for young people

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Notes from the Corresponding Secretary

By Donna Weidenfeller

A recent example of the small world of Scottish Country dancing in our very neighborhood is a newly devised dance by Duncan Brown in honor of Fred DeMarse. As it happened, Duncan read our "Reel and Strathspeyer"; all the way from England I might add and devised this dance partially in response to my wee article about the changing of the chequered court (to non-descript carpeting!) at University Hall. Thank you Duncan, in case you are reading this issue of our newsletter! Remember, Duncan devised the dance "The Chequered Court" (in honor of this court where dancers socialize); a dance we have enjoyed at our monthly parties as well as at the Asilomar Ball 2007. It's moments like this when I feel the closeness of our world wide Scottish Dance community. And to remember that this community exists due to the efforts of the founders of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. At a time when many questions are being asked about the importance of this society, it forces me to think about what this Society means to me. My world has been greatly expanded all due to dancing; meeting interesting people from all over the world, learning I have both a left and right foot (most of the time!) and learning the many dances devised and published, enjoying a unique musical tradition and the recordings of this music by fabulous musicians, and attending many fun events related to dancing; balls, workshops, monthly parties, birthday parties, weddings, and holiday events. I am grateful for all the dancing opportunities organized by our San Francisco Branch as well as Summer and Winter Schools sponsored by the Society!

Asilomar 2008; surely many of us have fond memories and stories to tell of yet another great dance weekend. My guests; Aileen and Gudmund and Harry thoroughly enjoyed their

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Monthly Parties

March Monthly Party

7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 7, 2009

Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto

Host: Campbell/Red Thistle

Dance	Source	Type	Level
Come Under My Plaidie	Children's/10	32 J round	B
Invercauld's Reel+	11/10	32 S 3	B/I
Johnnie's Welcome Hame	32/1	40 R 3	A
Lammermuir Hills	Goldring/Wells House	32 S 2	I
The Engine Room+	Wallace & Thomas lft	32 R 3	I/A
Blue Bonnets	3/5	32 J 2	B
Linnea's Strathspey	Wilson/Dunsmuir coll	32 S 3	I/A
The Bees of Maggie Knockater	Drewry/Canadian	32 J 4	A
Charles Stuart	MMM 1	32 S 3	B
The Buchan Eightsome	21/8	400 Sq R	I
Light and Airy+	4/5	32 J 3	B
The Langdon Knot+	Wilson/Measures	32 S 3	I
Knit the Pocky	11/1	32 R 2	B
Staffin Harvest+	4 for 78/3	32 S 4	I
Bauldy Bain's Fiddle	Dickson/Lothian	32 R 3	I
+ new this month			

April Monthly Party

7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 4, 2009

Alameda Masonic, 2312 Alameda Ave., Alameda

Host: Livermore/Lafayette

Dance	Source	Type	Level
The Hollin Buss+	24/8	32 J 2	B/I
Invercauld's Reel	11/10	32 S 3	B/I
Knit the Pocky	11/1	32 R 2	B
Cape Town Wedding+	39/4	32 S 3	A
Johnnie's Welcome Hame	32/1	40 R 3	A
Light and Airy	4/5	32 J 3	B
The Langdon Knot	Wilson/Measures	32 S 3	I
Miss Johnstone of Ardrrossan+	Goldring/14 for 2000	32 R 5	I/A
Charles Stuart	MMM 1	32 S 3	B
The Engine Room	Wallace & Thomas lft	32 R 3	I/A
Come Under My Plaidie	Children's/10	32 J round	B
The Glasgow Highlanders+	2/3	32 S 2	I/A
Blue Bonnets	3/5	32 J 2	B
Staffin Harvest	4for78/3	32 S 4	I
The Reel of the 51st Division+	13/10	32 R 3	B/I
+ new this month			

How To Get There:

LUCIE STERN

FROM 280: Take Page Mill Road east and turn left on Middlefield. The hall will be on your right.

FROM 101: Take Embarcadero west. Turn right on Middlefield. The hall will be on your right.

ALAMEDA MASONIC TEMPLE

(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 p.m. in a city lot right across the street from the Temple, but accessible only from Central Avenue, one block east. You can turn right from Alameda onto Oak, right on Central and right into the lot, after about 1/2 block—or just drive straight across Park the lot after about 1/2 block, and walk to the Temple at the far end of the lot. The party will be in the Banquet Room on the fourth floor. There is an elevator.

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weekend. They felt everyone was so friendly and welcoming. Surely Harry will return (he very much enjoys helping Kathleen with the ceildah) and Aileen would like to attend again some day. This is another reminder of how important our dance community is to me and to those from near and far who attend our fabulous events. Thank you for being so welcoming to my dear friends from Scotland!

Thinking about our interesting dance community, check out the RSCDS website to learn more about a unique event; Kaleidoscope described as "a new type of worldwide event for Scottish Country Dancing enthusiasts. It consists of presentations, discussions and dancing covering many different aspects related to Scottish Country Dancing. It will allow time for informal networking with dancers, teachers and musicians from around the world." It takes place near Geneva, Switzerland, 3-5 July, 2009.

Also, it's not too soon to begin thinking about attending Summer School at St. Andrews. Applications will be available on the RSCDS website mid-December. Avoid the high cost of flying and use your frequent flyer miles by booking your flight early! This is a great way to meet Scottish dancers from around the world. Ask anyone from our Branch who has attended and we can tell you our stories of the great times we've had at Summer School. I still treasure my photo of Fred dancing The Sailor's Hornpipe in his blue jeans! The 37th TAC will be held at Shawmagan Lake, B.C., Canada from 26.July-2.August and applications are now available.

Elizabeth Wright, a very active member of our dance community has moved to France. A few years ago she organized Scottish Dancing demonstrations during the annual Bay Area National Dance Week. In order for us to continue participating an event where we dance alongside all the various dance groups in the Bay Area (great publicity for us!) she's asking for us to step forth and become involved. I'll reprint her memo to the Branch Committee, teachers, and managers per her request.

Attention all RSCDS-SF Class Managers and Teachers:

Bay Area National Dance Week is happening again for 2009—10 days of dance events free and open to the public April 24-May 3, beginning with a Kick-Off Conga Line around Union Square at noon on Friday April 24, in which all groups are invited to participate! Registration begins in December 2008, and can be done entirely online: <http://www.bacndw.org/>

Our Branch sponsored five events for BANDW in 2007, and seven events for BANDW 2008; each year over 60 people new to Scottish dance attended these events. If you have not participated before, and want to learn about the experiences of groups who did, here is the list of our Branch participants from the past two years: Lafayette Children and Adult classes; New World Scottish Dancers; San Francisco Youth and Adult classes; Berkeley Youth and Adult classes; The Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers; Livermore Family and Adult classes. In addition, in 2008 we sponsored an introductory class before the May monthly party

and AGM in Alameda.

There are many ways to participate in BANDW—you can host an introductory class, give a lecture-demonstration, hold a ceildh, or whatever format you choose. The event must be free to the general public, but you may still charge your usual class fee to previously enrolled students if you choose to do so.

The RSCDS-SF Branch Committee has again agreed to reimburse Branch classes or groups for registration fees for this event, up to \$300 total for the Branch. You can be reimbursed for your registration fee by sending the documentation to Louise M Brewer, Branch Treasurer.

This year, there will be no central Branch coordinator for the event, as our experience from the past two years indicates that it will be less expensive and more efficient for each class or group to register separately. The fees will be less for groups who have a budget of \$100,000 or less, and each group or class will be eligible for the \$25 early registration discount. In addition, each group or class will be able to send in up to 3 photos for the Events Guide, to proofread and edit its own listings, and be in direct communication with the BANDW organizers.

We encourage you to participate—it's a great way to get more exposure for your class or group, and make connections with other dance groups in the Bay Area. There's also a free marketing workshop in March for all participants, where you can learn a lot of valuable tips.

So, go to the website to learn more about it and to register: <http://www.bacndw.org/>

Thank you Elizabeth. You'll be missed and we wish you the best!!

Finally, I want to encourage you to read the report of the recent AGM published on the RSCDS website. There have been many discussions (including President-elect Alex Gray's fireside chat at Asilomar) and articles about the financial challenges of the RSCDS and related motions voted at this AGM. It's important for our membership to be current with the Society's financial goals and it's overall mission.

"Dance, then, wherever you may be..."



RSCDS-SF CALENDAR OF EVENTS • 2008-09Revised 12/7/2008 • Compiled by Dotty Lieber: dottyl@cruzio.com**DECEMBER 2008**

- 13, Sa: BERKELEY HOLIDAY PARTY at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA. Potluck 6 PM, caroling 7:30, dancing at 8 PM. Janis: jmdairiki@lbl.gov
- 15, Mo: 7:30 PM SAN JOSE CLASS HOLIDAY PARTY with live music and fun dances, at American Legion Hall, Minnesota Avenue, San Jose. Info: Sparky Gregory, 408-257-2294 or sparkyg@pacbell.net Jonathan Lovell, 408-924-4437 or jhlovell@pacbell.net
- 18, Th: 7:45 PM: SAN FRANCISCO CLASS WINTER SOLSTICE PARTY with live music. At Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez at 23rd St., San Francisco. Info: 415-841-9456 or linneaj@spursuits.com
- 27, 7:30 PM: TWEEN PARTY, with Live Music by Andy Imbrie and Friends, sponsored by Lafayette Class, at 1101Keaveney Ct. Walnut Creek. witken@astound.net

JANUARY 2009

- 3, Sa: 1 PM: BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING, in Santa Clara. Info: 707-829-9775 or jpassage@sonic.net
- 3, Sa: 7:30 PM: MONTHLY PARTY at Mountain View Masonic Hall, 840 Church St., Mountain View. San Jose Class hosting. dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 10, Sa: 1:30 Video, 2 PM start: TEACHERS COMMITTEE MEETING at Harveys'. Kathy Allen: kathyallien@gmail.com
- 23, Fr: 8 PM: ROBERT BURNS' 250TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION with the Berkeley Class at Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar St., Berkeley. Dances, remembrances, entertainment, fellowship, haggis, "and the famous lottery." Live music by Plaid Attitude. Info from Jane Samuelson: arvillajane@aol.com
- 24, Sa: 2 PM: ANNUAL BALLGOWN SALE, at Susie's home in SF. Susie 415-333-9372 or susie.langdon-kass@ucsf.edu
- 26, Mo: 7:30 PM SAN JOSE CLASS ANNUAL BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION, with dancing, potluck, haggis and 'neeps "and a bit of a ceilidh" at American Legion Hall, Minnesota Avenue, San Jose. Info: Sparky Gregory, 408-257-2294 or sparkyg@pacbell.net Jonathan Lovell, 408-924-4437 or jhlovell@pacbell.net
- 31, Sa: 12- 1PM: WALTZ LESSON, taught by Sara Gratiot. at The Villages, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, Sponsored by San Jose, Campbell Classes. See flyer for more info or contact elovell2001@yahoo.com or 408-274-6524

- 31, Sa: 1-5:30 PM: VALENTINE'S BALL REHEARSAL , with teachers Marianna Harvey, Rebecca Davis and Kathy Allen. . at The Villages, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose. Sponsored by San Jose, Campbell Classes. See flyer for more info or contact elovell2001@yahoo.com or 408-274-6524

FEBRUARY 2009

- 7, Sa: VALENTINE'S BALL REHEARSAL with live music. At Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez at 23rd St., San Francisco. Info: 415-841-9456 or linneaj@spursuits.com
- 13, Fr – 15, Su: ALOHA WINTER WEEKEND, a Scottish Country Dance Weekend in Honolulu taught by Bruce Herbold and David Newitt, live music by the Humuhumunukunukuapua'a and Strathspey Society Band of SF. Info at www.RSCDSHawaii.org or call Bruce McEwan at 808-538-7707
- 21, Sa: VALENTINE BALL, at Scottish Rite Temple, Oakland. Info: susan@celtic-lass.com

MARCH 2009

- 7, Sa: 1 PM: BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING, place TBD. Info: 707-829-9775 or jpassage@sonic.net
- 7, Sa: 7:30 PM MONTHLY PARTY at Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Campbell Class and Red Thistle Dancers hosting. Info: dancingsands@hotmail.com

APRIL 2009

- 4, Sa: 1 PM: BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING, place TBD. Info: 707-829-9775 or jpassage@sonic.net
- 4, Sa: 7:30 PM: MONTHLY PARTY at Alameda Masonic Hall, 2312 Alameda Ave., Alameda. Lafayette, Livermore classes hosting. dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 18, Sa: CHILDRENS' BALL in Livermore, by invitation only. For more information, 925-934-6148 or dancermcadam@att.net

MAY 2009

- 2, Sa: 7:30 PM AGM AND MONTHLY PARTY at San Rafael Masonic Hall, 4th and Lootens, San Rafael Santa Rosa/Dunsmuir hosting. dancingsands@hotmail.com
- 16, Sa: SACRAMENTO WORKSHOPS AND BALL Workshops 10:30 and 1:30 at YLI, 1400 27th St., Sacramento, taught by Fred DeMarse. Ball Review 3 PM at YLI. TRAVELERS' BALL, with Grand March

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7 PM at Central United Methodist Church, 5265 H Street, Sacramento. For information:

<http://rscds-sacramento.org>

29, Fr – 31, Su: YOUTH WEEKEND WEST – SAVE THE DATES! for ages “12 – 30 ish” in Berkeley, with workshops, Ball and Tea Dance. For more information, call 510-528-6510 or catherineberner@aol.com

JUNE 2009

6, Sa: **6:30 PM Note early Start time** MONTHLY PARTY at First Congregational Church, 900 High St., Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz/Monterey Classes hosting. dancingsands@hotmail.com

18, Th: 7:45 PM SAN FRANCISCO CLASS SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY, with Live Music, At Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez at 23rd, San Francisco. Info: 415-841-9456 or linneaj@spursuits.com

20, 7 PM: BEGINNERS BALL at Hermann Sons Hall, Petaluma, sponsored by Santa Rosa Class. sandracruz47@yahoo.com



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to get involved in organizing, managing, and running an important Branch function. The Organizing Committee has presented a first working budget to the Branch Committee, and this will be refined over the coming months. We’re looking forward to welcoming a large contingent of young people from all over western North America, to share a weekend of dances, workshops, and, of course, a Ball. Mark your calendars!

Bay Area National Dance Week 2009: Bay Area National Dance Week will take place from April 24 to May 4, 2009. Elizabeth Wright, who so ably organized the Branch’s participation in this Event in 2007 and 2008, has decided to pursue her passions in France. However, the organizers of BANDW have changed their management structure a bit, and it promises to be simple for our individual Classes to organize their own participation. The Branch Committee has set aside a budget to support the Classes’ advertising efforts, and additional information will be circulating shortly.

Reports

Treasurer: Louise Brewer summarized the 2007 Fiscal Year for the Branch, showing gross revenues of \$270,300, including \$19,000 in donations, against gross expenses of \$252,000. Cash assets have increased from \$140,000 to \$158,000. The 2007 figures include the effort on the new low Stage, and so are somewhat out of step with our usual pattern. The Branch Committee is concerned about the increasing costs of Party and Event operations, and the dip in Membership renewals we had this fall, indicating that we may have increasing difficulty in breaking even. Against this, the sudden and dramatic swing in the dollar / pound sterling exchange rate this fall means that the Society dues burden for

members will likely decrease next year, and we may be able to recapture some lapsed Members. The Branch Committee will be reviewing our financial structure with care, as we also refine the membership structure this spring.

Corresponding: Donna Weidenfeller has been very busy with all of our correspondence with the Society surrounding the AGM and the Motions under consideration. In support of the Society’s efforts, the Branch Committee sent a letter to the outgoing Society Chair, Irene Bennett, and the incoming Chair, Alex Gray, expressing:

- 1) Our Branch’s support of the Society’s continuing efforts are reform.
- 2) Our desire that, when significant changes are proposed, that the impact of those changes on overseas Branches be carefully considered.
- 3) Our desire that, when changes are to be made, that overseas Branches be given sufficient warning so that we can properly inform our own members.
- 4) Our warm welcome to Alex Gray in his visit with our Branch at Asilomar.

Donna also reports that the online Survey advertized in Scottish Dancer Magazine has been extended. Please visit www.phoenix.co.nz/esurvey6 to provide your own input to the Society’s new direction.

Teachers: The Teachers Committee ran a very successful Workshop this fall, with valuable instruction on teaching technique provided by the new Society Chair, Alex Gray. Teachers and other advanced dancers in attendance gained new insight into the finer points of dance instruction for large groups, and also received some valuable reinforcement on the Importance of Covering Well.

Other Items

Branch Committee Participation: Our Nominating Committee will be active in January, seeking out new members for the Branch Committee. We’ll probably have a “retirement” or two this year, so it’s time to find some new talent. I’ve found work on the Branch Committee to be a great way to become more familiar with the people across the Branch, with the history of the Branch, and with the workings of the larger Society. The terms are for two years (September thru June), and involve eight half-Saturday meetings each year, located to coordinate with the Monthly Party venues. If you’d like to help out, make your interests known to a current member of the Branch Committee – we’d be glad to talk to you!

Microphone System: The Branch is investing in a new state-of-the-art professional wireless microphone system. This will be available for Branch Events, such as Asilomar, where someone has to talk to an entire room while moving around. This will make it easier to host and manage larger-scale activities, and increase the enjoyment of all those in attendance.

Website Liaison: Witsie McKelvy has volunteered to support our Webmaster, Larry Wakeman, as an additional liaison with members of the Branch for issues related to the Website. If you have any thoughts on how the Branch Website might be improved, share your inspirations with Witsie, and she’ll help move things along.

Youth Weekend West 2009

We've all heard about or observed the "graying of the Society". We've all heard or stated ourselves that something needs to be done to "find new blood" and recruit younger members into the Society. In an effort to change this graying trend and to recruit younger dancers, youth weekends have started taking place in different parts of the world. In Western North America, we have had Youth Weekend West (YWW) workshops for the past six years in British Columbia and Washington. For the first time, YWW will be hosted in the San Francisco Bay Area in May 2009!

These youth weekend workshops are special in that the entire event is focused on youth dancers and they are organized and run by the youth themselves, with some experienced adult guidance as necessary. I have been invited to teach at a couple of the first weekends in the Pacific Northwest, and it is incredible to be a part of the high energy and vitality that these youth dancers expend during the weekend! It is truly sensational to view and to experience!

YWW 2009 is scheduled for May 29-31, 2009. The Friday and Saturday events will be in the Berkeley area and restricted to youth dancers (age 12-30ish), but a Sunday afternoon Tea Dance is open to all to attend. The dance will be held at the Lake Merritt Dance Center in Oakland, and Fiddlesticks and Ivory are scheduled to play. I highly encourage all of you to come to the Tea Dance! We hope to have youth dancers from the entire North American West Coast in attendance! You will definitely find it a rewarding experience!

As previously stated, these youth weekends are completely organized and run by the youth. A committee of our youth dancers has been hard at work on YWW 2009 for almost a year with Mary McQuilliams as their adult liaison. The YWW organizing committee has received official sanction and support from the Branch Committee, but they will need help and support from some of us in planning the weekend's details, so please donate your time and talents if you are asked. As with most SCD events, funds are scarce, so the organizing committee needs to fundraise to help support this event.

As an investment in the future of the Society, please:

- Check out the YWW 2009 website:
<http://youthweekendwest.com>
- Agree to help out if asked.
- Make a donation to help sponsor the event.
- Buy a ticket and attend the Sunday afternoon Tea Dance on May 31st.

Contact Mary McQuilliams, Kathleen McAdam or Fred DeMarse if you have any questions, comments, or offers to help.

My First Time

By Jeff Altman

It was spring of 2008. My dance companions told me, "You must go to Asilomar. It's the 50th Anniversary." I was finally convinced when my friend, Alexander Hamilton, offered some details on how wonderful the weekend would be. He suggested we find a boat and "Catch The Wind" to see his friend "Mrs. Stewart" at Asilomar. We opted for a car instead, and a peaceful drive up the serene California coast. As we approached Asilomar, Alexander said that the coastal hills reminded him of the "Braes of Breadalbane". I had "scrolled through the writings of Kathleen McAdam" and realized that "Hamilton's Rant" was true.

When we reached the stone pillars at the entrance to Asilomar, I knew that not even "Seann Truibhas Willichan" could drag me away. After checking in I strolled around the grounds. The fragrance of the "Pinewoods had me Reeling." I saw several friends and acquaintances, including my agreeable friend, "John of Bon Accord", walking by the beach. I interrupted my stroll, and decided to find the bookstore. I encountered a lady reading Winnie The Pooh. She said the man next to her was her other half, "J.B." He was scanning the movie section of the local paper. They gave me directions to the bookstore. Upon my arrival, I jokingly asked if I could borrow "Invercauld's Reel" to try to catch some fish before dinner. The bookstore operator gave me one of those looks and said, "Be off with you. I've heard that line too many times before." Reel or no reel I headed toward the beach. The reflection of the setting sun made the flora look like "White Heather" on one of "MacDonald's Isles."

The Friday night welcome dance was an eye opener. So many people and some ingenious costumes. "Hooper's" clapping was met with joyous response. Dancers were "Spiffin'" 'round the room. After the dance, I walked with "Mrs. MacLeod," a "Wee Wisp O' Thistle," to a happening party in my friends' room. I can't specify the liquid refreshment, but it was tasty, and as it went down, it burned a little like "Roaring Jelly." The congenial company reminded me of my "College (Horn Pipe)" days. Oh, and the food was far more elaborate than just "Sugar Candie." The raccoon standing outside the screen door seemed to enjoy himself very much. Afterwards in the wee hours of the morning I encountered several "Scots Reeling Royally" as they made their way back to their cabins.

Early Saturday morning, bleary eyed on the way to breakfast, through the fog and "Scotch Mist" I saw a group of deer and a cow or two at a "Trysting Place."

Saturday workshops were fun. It was particularly interesting when some deer came up to the window of our classroom to watch. I was grateful for the ball review classes I attended. I expect several of my set members on Saturday night were grateful as well. After the ball reviews some friends and I again headed for the beach. On the way I spied a sign pointing to "Tulloch Gorm." There actually was a small loch there, and even though the water was cold, it felt good on my feet which were a little sore from all the dancing. As I was getting ready for the Ball, I saw one of my friends apply a dash of

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The RScDS
San Francisco Branch
Annual Valentine's Ball

21 February 2009
Scottish RITE CENTER
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

“A Highland Ball”

Don your best tartan and join us for a formal evening
of wonderful Scottish Country dancing to great music

MUSIC BY
Fiddlesticks & Ivory

Set 1

Campbell's Frolic - Book 15/3
Flowers of Edinburgh - Book 1/6
Miss Milligan's Strathspey - RSCDS Leaflet 20
The Nurseryman - Book 37/7
The Marquis of Lorne - RSCDS MMM II
Caberfei - SCD of the 18th Century

set 2

Joie de Vivre - Book 39/2
Niel Gow's Farewell to Whisky - Book 34/4
Bedrule - Book 33/7
The Hazel Tree - Brodie Book
Gypsy Weaver - Between the Rivers
Lady Susan Stewart's Reel - Book 5/9

set 3

Maxwell's Rant - Book 18/10
Minister on the Loch - 24 Graded and Social
The Sailor - Book 24/4
The Diamond Jubilee - Book 31/1
Linnea's Strathspey - Dunsmuir
The Highlandman Kissed His Mother - RSCDS MMM I

Reservations should be postmarked by January 31, 2009 (to avoid late fees)

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

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

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

Contact Susan at 650.799.9001 ♦ susan@celtic-lass.com or
Julee at 650.722.0473 ♦ julm-hcs@pacbell.net

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

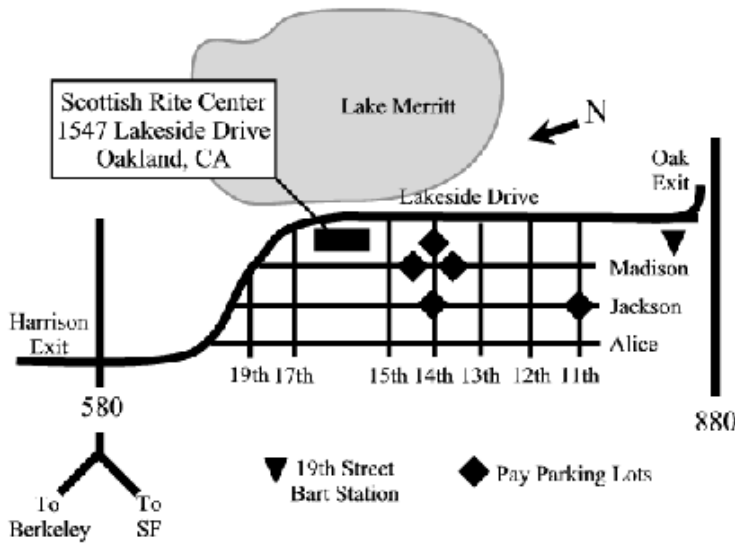
City / State / Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Volunteer: (please circle) Yes No

**Saturday, 21st February 2009
 Scottish RITE CENTER
 OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA**

directions



From Highway 580

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

From Highway 880

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

It takes many hours and lots of hands to make the Ball a success.
 We are offering a limited number of work-exchange opportunities, on a first come basis,
 requiring a commitment of **at least 2 hours** of work either before (3:00p-5:30p) or after (12:00p-2:00a).
 For information:
Contact Susan at 650.799.9001 + susan@celtic-lass.com or
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*Ball information, including dance descriptions and diagrams, will be sent out mid-January
 Ticket orders postmarked after January 31st will be subject to late fees as described below on the order
 form—Cancellations after January 31st will NOT be refunded.*

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TOTAL		_____

◆ ◆ **Night of Ball Registration / Door Sales (CHECKS PREFERRED PLEASE) \$70 / Members \$80 / Non-Members** ◆ ◆

We encourage you to order your tickets early to avoid the late fee or the Night of Ball registration fee

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“Monymusk” behind each ear.

The Saturday night Ball was magical. I didn't see any women (or men) wearing “Blue Bonnets,” but the gorgeous ball gowns made up for any paucity of chapeaux. From the looks on the faces of some of the dancing couples, I would not be at all surprised if several of them were looking forward to a “Blue Moon Rendezvous.”

We planned a surprise for the ceilidh on Saturday night, but somehow word of our performance leaked out, and we were told by our ring leader, “Jennifer, the jig” was up. The ceilidh was fabulous. Exceptional talent, and even more exceptional creativity. I was lucky enough not to fall on my sword since by that hour I was nackeded.

On Sunday morning the number of “Music Makars” had increased. Even the warm up was inspiring. Being in a large group added to the challenge and enjoyment of learning even more new dances.

After we checked out, grabbed lunch, said some all too brief good byes, we reluctantly drove away. I asked myself, was it the “Magic of Merrill” that made the weekend feel so “Asilomar Romantic?” Whatever it was, I hope to return.

**Annual Ball Gown Sale
and Tea Party
Saturday afternoon,
January 24, 2009
2:00–4:30 PM**

Come and join us for a good time browsing, trying on, buying, or selling. You're sure to find some great bargains! In the past, we've had fun admiring and commenting on dresses others were modeling. Susie's house has lots of space and a huge mirror. So...don't get rid of that gown that doesn't fit or no longer seems to be the right color! Bring it to the Ball Gown Sale!

The annual pre-Valentines Ball tea party and ball gown swap will be held this year at Susie Langdon Kass' home in San Francisco. The date is **Saturday, January 24** from 2:00–4:30 p.m. Even if you don't find something to buy, you still can enjoy a cup of tea, good food, and socializing.

The proceeds of each sale go to the seller, but the entry donations (\$3 per person suggested) will go to the scholarship fund. If you can't make it, you can still send in garments for possible sale. Please label your items. Thanks.

Next time we will probably hold the ballgown sale in the South Bay again. Look for flyers with directions to Susie's house and **SAVE THE DATE!**



**Valentine's Ball Rehearsal
Saturday, February 7, 2009**

**1:00 - 5:00 PM
\$10.00**

**Noe Valley Ministry
1021 Sanchez at 23rd St. in San Francisco**

**Teachers: Bruce Herbold, Susie Langdon Kass,
Trina Merriman**

**Music by
"The Strathspey and Humuhumunukunukuapuaa Society
Band"**

**All dances will be briefed, walked through for one or
more couples, and danced through at least once for
each couple.**

**Prior knowledge of the dances is desirable.
This is a REVIEW session.
Dances will NOT be taught in detail.**

Hosted by the San Francisco Scottish Country Dance Class

**For information call Linnea 415-841-9486 or
Susie at 415-333-9372**

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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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. ✦ SEND CHANGES TO SUSIE BY JAN. 28

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH CLASSES

Berkeley

MONDAYS: **Intermediate Technique:** 8pm; St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 2837 Claremont Blvd. at Russell near Ashby. Call Lynn Sande 510-332-4530. Teacher: Bruce Herbold.

FRIDAYS: **Basic:** 8pm; Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar at Walnut. **Intermediates:** 8:10pm; All Souls Episcopal Parish, 2220 Cedar at Spruce. Call Jane Samuelson 707-746-0810 or Irene Harrison 510-527-9097. Teachers: David Newitt, Sandee Schultz, Fred DeMarse, Linda Henderson. • **Youth: Intermediate:** 6:30pm; **Beginners:** 7:15pm; All Souls Episcopal Parish. **Advanced:** 7:15 pm Grace North Church. Teachers: Mary McQuilliams, Dwayne McQuilliams, Christopher Berner. Call Mary McQuilliams, 415-716-7999.

Campbell Class (in San Jose)

FRIDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:15pm; **Intermediates:** 8:30pm; The Dance Affair, 850 N. Winchester Blvd, at Pruneridge/Hedding. Call Rebecca Davis, 408-378-3817, or Kathy Allen, 408 252-8406. Teachers: Rebecca Davis, Kathy Allen, Armin Busse.

Crockett

TUESDAYS: **Beginners:** 7pm; **Intermediates:** 8pm; Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona Street. Call Lori Howard, 925-934-1928, or Sandee Schultz, 510-549-9224, teachers.

Lafayette Class (In Walnut Creek)

THURSDAYS: **Beginners & Intermediates:** 8pm. Teachers: Eugene Bissell, Kathleen McAdam, Cathy Bertics, Linda Henderson. Call Witsie McKelvy 925-676-3637. **Youth** (7 yrs. & up) (3 Levels): 5pm; Call Kathleen McAdam 925-934-6148. Teachers: Kathleen McAdam, Cathy Bertics. All Classes meet at St. Stephens Parish Hall, 1101 Keaveny Court, Walnut Creek.

Livermore

MONDAYS: **Beginners & Intermediates:** 8pm; Veterans Hall, 522 South L Street.

FRIDAYS: **Family & Youth Class: Beginners:** 7pm, **Intermediates:** 8pm; Valley School of Dance Theatre, 2247 Suite B Second Street. Teachers: Sheena MacQueen, Don MacQueen. Call Michael Gregg 925-413-3633 or Margaret Ward 449-5932.

Monterey

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

Mountain View

WEDNESDAYS: **Basic Skills & Experienced:** 7:45pm; Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro St. Call Michelle Cale 650-327-4402 or Sue Anderson 650-327-0762. Teachers: , Armin Busse, Jo Hamilton, Paula Jacobson, Lin Pettengill, Alan Twigg

San Francisco

THURSDAYS: **Beginners & Experienced;** Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. at 23rd St. Call Linnea Johnson 415-841-9456. Teachers: Tim Wilson, Bruce Herbold.

SUNDAYS: **Youth** (7.5 yrs. & up): **Beginners:** 4:30pm **Experienced:** 5:15pm; Richmond District YMCA, 360 18th Ave. Call Susie Langdon Kass, teacher, 415-333-9372.

San Jose

MONDAYS: **Beginners/Experienced:** 7:30pm: 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

WEDNESDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:30pm, **Experienced:** 8:30pm; First Congregational Church, 900 High St. Call Karen MacQuarrie 831-247-0544. Teachers: Juliet Davoren, Sara Gratiot, Paula Jacobson.

THURSDAYS: **Youth:** 4:00pm; Branciforte Small Schools Campus, 840 N. Branciforte Ave. Call Lynn Rollins 831-440-9239 or Paula Jacobson, teacher, 831-688-8295.

Santa Rosa

Jan 5—New Class Location!

MONDAYS: **Beginners & Intermediates/Advanced:** 7pm; Monroe Hall, 1400 West College Ave. Call Mark Satterland 707-823-4800. Teachers: Gary Thomas, Ron Wallace, Emily Evans, Robert Sargent.

WEDNESDAYS: **Youth:** 10:15am; Monroe Hall, 1400 West College Ave. Call Ron Wallace, teacher, 707-795-2185.

SUNDAYS (2x/month): **Vintage Dance** (Mazurkas, Waltzes, Polkas, Quadrilles): 1:30pm; Monroe Hall. Call Gary Thomas, teacher, 707-795-2185 for dates.

South Bay Youth Class

MONDAYS: 3:45pm; Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1715 Grant Road, Los Altos. Call Michelle Cale 650-327-4402. Teachers: Jo Hamilton, Kathy Allen, Juliet Davoren

South San Francisco

Pending

WEDNESDAYS: **Beginners:** 7:30pm; *New class starts January 28 2009 (?)*. Caledonian Club Hall, 312 Maple Avenue. Call Susie Langdon Kass 415-333-9372. Call to confirm.

PERFORMANCE TEAMS

Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers

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

New World Scottish Dancers

THURSDAYS: **Advanced** (by invitation only): 8pm; Pleasant Hill. Call Lori Howard, director, 925-934-1928.

Red Thistle Dancers

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

Santa Rosa Scottish Dancers

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

SACRAMENTO BRANCH CLASSES

Sacramento

FRIDAYS: **Adult/Family: Basic:** 7:30pm; **Intermediate/Advanced:** 8:15pm. Call Martha McCorkell 916-362-8813. Teachers: Peggy Hamilton, Sandra Kesler.

SATURDAYS: **Youth classes** (8-18 years): **Children K-6:** 9am; **Teens & Continuing:** 10am; **Advanced/Technique** 11am; • 1st & 3rd SATURDAYS: **Ladies & Twosome** 12:30pm. Call Lynne Lockwood, teacher, 916-716-3696. • All classes: YLI Clubhouse, 1400 27th St.

PERFORMANCE TEAMS: Glen Mohr: Contact Peggy Hamilton, director, 209-956-6676; **White Heather Dancers:** Contact Lynne Lockwood, director, 916-716-3698

OTHER CLASSES

Arcata (Humboldt Scottish Dancers)

FRIDAYS: **Experienced Social:** 4pm. Arcata Presbyterian Church, 11th & G Streets. Call Ann McClary, teacher, 707-822-2219, or Helen MacPherson 707-822-3056. **Beginners:** anytime.

Grass Valley

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

Mill Valley

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

Rancho Cordova

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

Redding

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

Reno, Nevada (Silver State Dancers)

WEDNESDAYS: **Call to confirm. New Dancers:** 7:15pm **Basic/Experienced:** 7:30pm. Fascinating Rhythm Dance Studio, 9736 So. Virginia St. Unit E. Call Marian Stroh, teacher, 775-825-1224 or Debbie Dahlstrom 775-324-1999. THURSDAYS: **Intermediate/Advanced:** 7:30pm; Nevada Dance Academy, 1790 W. 4th. Call Dave Wilson, teacher, 775-825-6867.

San Luis Obispo

THURSDAYS: **Beginners/Intermediates:** 7pm; Call (805) 528-8280, or (805) 466-4631 Barry Lewis, teacher. See www.ccsdancers.com

STEP DANCING CLASSES

Atherton/Menlo Park

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

Berkeley

2nd SUNDAYS: Cape Breton Step: **Beginners:** 1pm; **Experienced:** 2pm. Ashkenaz Dance Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Call Gail Erwin or Bob Schultheisz, teachers, 209-745-9063.

Cotati (Santa Rosa)

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

Galt (south of Sacramento)

Third SUNDAYS: Cape Breton Step: **Beginners & Intermediates:** 1-5 pm. Call 209-745-9063 for directions. Gail Erwin & Bob Schultheisz, teachers.

Pleasant Hill

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

Sacramento

New Class!

WEDNESDAYS: Cape Breton Step: **Beginner and Experienced:** 5:30pm. Sierra 2 Community Center, 2791 24th St. Call Gail Erwin or Bob Schultheisz, teachers, 209-745-9063

San Pablo

WEDNESDAYS: **Beginners:** 7pm; **Experienced Step** (with permission): 8pm; **Experienced Cape Breton** (with permission): 8:45pm; San Pablo Sportsmen's Club, 5220 Glen Ave. Call Ron Wallace, teacher, 707-795-2185.

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