

February 2020 Newsletter

Welcome to the February newsletter. In this issue you will find information on the March mini workshop and out of town workshops, as well as an update on the new class.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Call for new Board members | Membership Renewal | Casino Update | Class information | Calgary Events | Out-of-Town Events

DETAILS:

Call for new Board members

Your current board members are asking you to consider **volunteering to stand for election** to our board. All positions are open to election each year. Our board consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer as well as up to seven Directors at Large.

What does it mean to be a member of the RSCDS Calgary Branch board of Directors? First, you'll be expected to attend monthly board of director meetings and help direct the activities of the Calgary Branch for the benefit of its members. This can mean different things depending on your interests and experience. We need board members to help set up for events, decorate, buy food and beverages. Board members maintain our website, take memberships, write the newsletter, manage posts to social media, draw up policies and procedures, plan budgets. There are lots of ways to contribute both large and small – all very much appreciated.

This year three board members will be finishing 5 years of service on the board and according to our bylaws, they will need to step off the board for at least a year. We are therefore looking for at least 3 new volunteers to run for the board to fill these positions. Come join the Calgary Branch Board and help support Scottish Country Dancing in the Calgary area.

Please contact Sheree Iffla if you would like to discuss standing for election to our board. She can be reached at shereeffla@gmail.com

Membership Renewal

Thank you to those of you who have become new members of the Calgary Branch of the RSCDS. And as well a thank you to those of you have renewed your membership. The newsletter is now only going out to members. Potential new members can be referred to our website for the appropriate membership forms.

<http://www.rscdscalgary.org/membership>

Casino Update

Save the Date! The next Calgary Branch casino will be on June 29 & 30 2020 (Monday and Tuesday). Sign up information will be in future newsletters. Stay tuned and save the date(s)!

Calgary Branch Class News

Here is a reminder of the classes available in Calgary. Information on addresses of the venues is posted on the RSCDS Calgary branch web site.

- Monday – St Giles SCDC, Scarboro United Church
- Monday – RSCDS Beginner's class, Capital Hill Comm. Hall
- Tuesday - Cross and Thistle, North Glenmore Park Hall
- Wednesday – Canyon Meadows Community Center – Beginner's class
- Wednesday – Grace SCDC, Grace Presbyterian
- Thursday – St. Barnabas SCDC, St. Barnabas Anglican Church
- Thursday – Confederation Park SCDC
- Saturday – Airdrie Adult class, Airdrie United Church Hall

Other Area Classes:

- Tuesday – St. Andrew's class, Northmount Baptist Church
- Tuesday – Confederation Park
- Friday – Confederation Park

Update on the new class from Sheree Iffla:

The South Calgary Beginners Class held their very first session on 22 January, 2020. It was a delight to have 16 people come out. We had a great night of learning some simple dances and an introduction to some basic steps. Everyone who attended said that they had had a great time and would be back with a promise of more dancers to come.

So....if you know of anyone who lives in south Calgary, or who wouldn't mind driving, if they want to start Scottish Country Dancing or if they haven't danced for a long time, then this is the class for them.

Please direct them to: Canyon Meadows Community Centre on Wednesday nights 7:45-9:15 pm

Calgary events

One Day Spring Workshop and Dance – Calgary – March 14, 2020

Location: St. Barnabas Anglican Church – 1407 7th Ave NW, Calgary

Teachers: Gael Forster - Victoria, British Columbia, and Fred DeMarse - Alameda, California

Class Musicians: Lorraine & Peter McCormick - Lethbridge, Alberta

Evening Dance Musicians: The Spurtles – Lethbridge, Alberta

Registration form is included with this newsletter email and will also be available on the Branch website.

Out-of-Town Events

Edmonton Workshop – February 14, 15 & 16, 2020

The RSCDS Edmonton Caledonian Branch invites you to their 50th Annual Workshop & Ball at the Chateau Lacombe. Teachers will be Ruth Jappy, Mary Murray and Antoine Rousseau. Musicians will be Kathy Fraser Collins, Fred Collins, Ian Muir, Judi Nicholson & Mary Ross. For further information and registration instructions please visit <http://www.rscdsedmonton.com> Edmonton expects that their registration for this year's event will fill quickly so register early to avoid being disappointed.

Red Deer Workshop – April 18th – more information to come next newsletter

Workshop reimbursement:

Workshop reimbursement for workshops within Alberta but outside of the Calgary area is available to members again this year with a few changes to the guidelines. In January, the Board of Directors passed a motion to allow a Branch member to be reimbursed for a maximum of \$200 per member per workshop to a maximum of \$400 per member per fiscal year. A member must attend a minimum of 2 hours of dance instruction taught by a Scottish Country Dance teacher per workshop to be eligible for reimbursement. This means that members can now get support to attend more than 2 workshops if the support per workshop is less than \$200/workshop.

For more information please see the RSCDS Calgary website under Member Support. In an effort to keep the reimbursements within the current fiscal year, (May 1-April 30), please have all reimbursement claims into the board for consideration by April 15th, 2020

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Feedback is welcome - please let me know if this information is useful to you and/or if there is anything you would like to see added or any corrections needed. Thanks.

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Happy Dancing!!

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