

February 2017 News

February is here and hopefully the worst of winter is past. February is also the month for Valentine's day, Family Day and for those who at some point in their lives were involved with Girl Guides or Boy Scouts, Thinking Day – February 22nd.

For information on the events listed below (and more) please visit our website at <http://www.rscdscalgary.org/events-2>

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- Volunteering Opportunities
 - Ongoing Opportunities to help
- Upcoming Calgary & Area events with dancing
 - St. Giles Workshop Ball March 11th
- Calgary Class news
 - Days and times for winter classes
- Upcoming workshops, events in or outside of Calgary:
 - Edmonton 47th Annual Workshop and Ball – February 10-12, 2017
 - St. Giles Workshop and Ball - March 10-12, 2016
 - Regina Spring Workshop and Ball – March 25th
 - Lethbridge Dance and Music Workshops and Ball – April 7-9, 2017
 - RSCDS Winnipeg Workshop and Ball – April 21-23, 2017

Details:

Casino Update

- Thank you to everyone who came out and worked on the RSCDS casino January 23rd and 24th. This is a major fundraiser for the society and helps fund weekly dancing and special events, as well as teacher training and musician development.
- A super-sized thank you to Duane Martin who is our casino coordinator, Nancy Laing our secretary who keeps everyone up to date on casino details, and Dennis Iffla our treasurer who makes sure that the casino money is spent as it should be.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Helping out at events** – whenever there is a dance event such as Hogmanay or the Welcome back dance etc, there is always a need for people to help with the set up and clean up. If you are coming to any of our events, please consider helping before and/or after the event. If you need specifics on time and what you could do, please contact debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca

Upcoming Calgary & Area events

- **St. Giles Ball - March 11th.**
 - Please see information under workshops and events for more
 - Information is also available on the RSCDS website.

Class news

- **Weekly classes.** Classes have started again for the year. New dancers are always welcome and are encouraged to check out the RSCDS Beginner's class run by Debby Henderson. For information on addresses, please check out the "Class" section of the RSCDS Calgary website.
 - Monday - St. Giles SCD club – 7:30pm
 - *Monday - Airdrie kids (5-12 yrs) class – no class for the winter. Will be re-offered again in September 2017*
 - Monday - RSCDS Beginner's class – 7:30pm
 - Tuesday - Cross & Thistle – 8:15pm
 - Tuesday - St. Andrews – 7:30pm
 - Wednesday - Grace – 7:30pm
 - Wednesday - Airdrie Youth (12-24 yrs) Class – 4:30pm
 - Thursday - St. Barnabas - CSCDS – 7:30pm
 - Thursday - Confederation Park SCD Club – 7:00pm
 - Saturday - Airdrie adult class – 7:00pm

Upcoming workshops and events:

- **Edmonton 47th Annual Workshop & Ball February 10 – 12, 2017**
 - New Location | New Weekend
 - Location of Workshop Classes and Ball Chateau Lacombe Hotel (10111 Bellamy Hill Rd NW, Edmonton, Alberta) 1-800-661-8801
 - Workshop Teachers: Rebecca Blackhall-Peters, Heather Graham & Ron Wallace
 - Workshop and Ball Music: Lisa Scott, Mary Ross & Judi Nicolson
 - For more information and registration can be found at <http://www.rscdsedmonton.com/annual-workshop-ball.html> or contact Barbara Johnston @ 780-456-8122 or <mailto:barb.johnston@shaw.ca>.
- **St. Giles Workshop and Ball – Calgary - March 10-12, 2017**
 - Weekend includes a Ceilidh on Friday night at 7:30pm; Classes on Saturday during the day and a Banquet and Ball on Saturday night
 - Please note: the workshop has been extended to include a group class on Sunday morning. Prices will stay the same as in the original brochure.
 - Teachers Bob Anderson, Victoria, B.C., Ferne Katzberg Yorktown SK, Gail Michener Picture Butte, AB
 - More information and brochure can be found at <http://www.rscdscalgary.org/events-2>
- **Regina Scottish Country Dancers Spring Workshop and Ball – March 25th, 2017**
 - Location: Victoria Club, 1300 Victoria Avenue Regina
 - Teacher – Peter McClure, Winnipeg, MB
 - Registrations accepted until March 17th
 - Email: reginascottishcountrydancers@gmail.com
 - Check RSCDS website for poster and more information
- **Lethbridge SCD Club Dance and Music Workshop and Ball - April 7-9, 2017**
 - Weekend includes a Ceilidh on Friday night at 8:00pm; Dance & Music Classes on Saturday during the day and a Banquet and Ball on Saturday night; Dance classes on Sunday morning.
 - Dance Teachers: Marjorie McLaughlin San Diego CA; Arthur McNair Pittsburgh, PA, Vicky Zeltins Toronto ON
 - Music Teacher: Fiona Carnie, Calgary

- Class Musicians: Ron Krug Winnipeg, Lorraine McCormick Lethbridge, Dennis Orr, Seven Persons AB
- Ceilidh Musicians: Ron Krug and Fiona Carne
- Ball Band: GlenMorin
- More Information and Brochure can be found at <http://www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org/workshop.html> or contact Gail Michener (michener@uleth.ca)
- **RSCDS Winnipeg Workshop and Ball – April 21-23, 2017**
 - An invitation has been extended to join the Winnipeg RSCDS branch for their Workshop and Ball on the week-end of April 21, 22, 23, 2017 in Winnipeg.
 - Cost is \$125.00 Cdn for the full weekend.
 - Registration form and brochure are available on their website: <http://www.rscdswinnipeg.ca>
 - Contact person: Agnes Brydon, registrar – 204-837-7346, email: brydon@yahoo.com

Workshop reimbursement: If you are attending an out of town workshop within Alberta, you may be eligible for up to \$200.00 to cover the cost of the workshop itself and/or accommodation costs. Please see the RSCDS Calgary website under Member Support for more information on applying for reimbursement. Please remember that while there is no specific deadline for reimbursement, please consider filing for the funds at your earliest convenience after the event.

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 or any corrections needed. Thanks.

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Happy Dancing!!

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