

## July/August 2018 News

For the summer I will be putting the July and August newsletters together. We still have several events coming along which will require some volunteer help, including the casino. Please look over the list of events and if possible, help where you can.

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

### HIGHLIGHTS:

Volunteer Opportunities  
Highland Games  
Casino  
Helping out at events

Membership Renewal  
Summer Dancing  
Calgary Events  
Out of Town Events

### DETAILS:

#### Volunteer Opportunities

- **Highland games**
  - **Foothills Highland Games, Okotoks - July 28 – CANCELLED**
  - **Calgary Highland Games – September 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Volunteers would be needed for two-hour shifts
  - **Canmore Highland Games – September 2nd**  
Again, we need volunteers for two-hour shifts.

Please contact Ann Vanderwal at [annvanderwal@shaw.ca](mailto:annvanderwal@shaw.ca) if you can help with any of the dates – thanks

- **Casino**
  - This is our major fundraiser, and it is what pays for class space, RSCDS HQ memberships, and many more items.
  - The casino will run on August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Duane Martin is looking for volunteers, so please contact him at 403-630-2554
- **Helping out at events**
  - Please remember that the events do not set up and clean up themselves. There is always a need for people to help. 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 [annvanderwal@shaw.ca](mailto:annvanderwal@shaw.ca)

## **Membership Renewal**

The RSCDS Calgary membership year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the next year. Memberships cost \$20.00. If you missed purchasing your 2018/2019 membership at the AGM, you can print off a membership form from the RSCDS website (<http://www.rscdscalgary.org/membership>) and

- 1) Bring the form and \$20.00 to your local dance class – cash or cheques accepted,
- 2) Mail the form and a cheque for \$20.00 per membership to  
The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society  
Calgary Branch  
P.O. Box 1471, Station M,  
Calgary Alberta, Canada,  
T2P 2L6
- 3) Email the form to [membership@rscdscalgary.org](mailto:membership@rscdscalgary.org) and pay \$20.75 using PayPal on the website - \$20.00 for the membership and \$0.75 for the paypal fee.

Benefits of membership include:

- Voting privileges at all General Meetings
- Hall Rental support for each club around the city allowing nightly fees to stay low
- Member discount rates to RSCDS Calgary Branch events
- Member support to attend workshops around Alberta
- Teacher training support to ensure dancing will continue in the Calgary area throughout the years
- Automatic membership in RSCDS Main Branch in Scotland (HQ)
  - In addition to becoming part of a worldwide dance community, some of the Benefits of HQ Membership include:
    - The many benefits of membership include:
      - 10% discount on most recordings, publications and other items available through our shop
      - A twice-yearly members' magazine, *Scottish Country Dancer*, packed with information and interesting articles delivered to your door
      - Access to the members' area of the RSCDS website
      - Tapping into a worldwide family of Scottish country dancers
      - Through Branches, a voice in the running of the organization (this applies to Branch members only; members who join directly through Headquarters do not have representation at the AGM)
    - Other, perhaps less tangible reasons for joining are:
      - Access to RSCDS-trained teachers who give classes at Branch and local levels
      - Access to the annual RSCDS Summer School, Winter School and Spring Fling
      - Opportunities to advance dancing skills
      - The chance to learn to teach Scottish Country Dancing through the Society's examination and qualification system
      - Availability of courses for musicians, to encourage the continuation of live music
      - Availability of music recorded specifically for dancing to, as opposed to listening
      - Promotion of the Scottish Country Dance tradition in schools in Scotland

- and among young people everywhere
- Provision of graded medal tests to encourage young dancers
- Learning and helping to preserve and foster original dances and steps
- Conserving the present and future existence of this form of dance
- Helping to preserve an important aspect of Scottish culture

## **Calgary Class News**

- Technique Class
  - Sharon Barker will be teaching the class
  - May 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup> - 8:15-10:00pm
  - North Glenmore Park Community Hall - 2231 Longbridge Dr. SW just southwest of the Crowchild Trail and Glenmore Trail interchange. You must go south on Crowchild Trail into Lakeview to access the community centre. It is not accessible from Glenmore Trail.
  - This is a free class open to all with a minimum of one year of dance experience. The focus will be on steps, transitions and formations, with only a few dances being taught over the 10 week session. You should not have any physical impairments i.e. you must be able to hop, skip, and jump. Please wear dance shoes to class as we will be working on improving personal technique and how it affects those with whom we dance.
  
- Summer Dancing
  - Summer dancing will run from June 4<sup>th</sup> to August 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 to 9:30 pm
  - Location – Scarboro United Church – 134 Scarboro Ave. SW
  - Cost - \$5.00 for RSCDS members, \$8.00 for non RSCDS members.
  - A list of teachers for the summer classes is available on the website at [www.rscdscalgary.org/classes-2](http://www.rscdscalgary.org/classes-2)

## **Upcoming Calgary events**

RSCDS Calgary Branch 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance – September 15th

- Details are in the planning stages and more information will be forthcoming on line or in the Sept. newsletter.

## **Out of town events and workshops**

Teachers' Association (Canada) annual Teacher's Conference Weekend and Summer School – July 27 to August 5<sup>th</sup>.

- This is open to all dancers, (not just teachers), and this year is being held in Minneapolis Minnesota. Full details can be found at <https://tac-rscds.org/index.php/tac-summer-school>

Seattle Branch annual workshop – September 7-9

- Location: Port Townsend, WA at Fort Worden State Park
- More information can be found at <http://rscds-seattle.org/fort-worden-workshop.html>

#### RSCDS Saskatchewan Bi-Annual Workshop – Sept. 28-30, 2018

- Location – Heritage Inn Hotel, Moose Jaw SK  
For workshop information, contact Mike Blanchard - 306-690-5182 or email at micblanchard@sasktel.net

#### Scots Gathering in Canmore – October 5-7

- Mary Murray from Vancouver and Jim Stott from Aberdeen will be coming to put us through our paces at this workshop.
- Details can be found at <https://calgaryscots.org> Registration will be starting in early June.

#### San Francisco Branch Annual Workshop – October 26-28

- Location: Pacific Grove, CA at the Asilomar Conference Centre
- More information can be found at <https://sfasilomardance.wixsite.com/asilomarweekend>

#### And the Ultimate – Dancing in Portugal – November 30 – December 2

- Location: Curia, Portugal at the Curia Palace Hotel
- Keith Buchanan Smith – musician and Raphaelle Orgeret – dance teacher
- Applications can be made by completing and sending the application form to the following email: [dancinginportugal@gmail.com](mailto:dancinginportugal@gmail.com)

Sadly – The Medicine Hat workshop has been cancelled for 2018, but they hope to revive it in 2019.

- **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 accommodation. However, given the need for fiscal prudence, all RSCDS Calgary Branch members may submit twice within a year, (\$400.00 per year). If you wish to attend more than 2 workshops in the same year, you are encouraged to send in the required paperwork and if there are sufficient funds leftover, reimbursement may be made. 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

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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