

May 2018 News

Finally, spring seems to have arrived. The RSCDS AGM is on May 26th and Summer Dancing starts June 4th. We have several events coming along which will require some volunteer help. 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:

- Volunteering Opportunities
 - RSCDS Board of Directors openings
 - Highland Games
 - Casino
 - Help with events in general
- AGM
- Membership renewal
- Calgary Class news
 - Class information – last dates for classes
 - Technique class
 - Summer dancing

DETAILS:

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Board of Directors.**
 - Most of the positions on the RSCDS board have been filled with returning board members or with others that have accepted the invitation to sit on the board. However, we still need 2 more people to sit as Directors at large – ie no fixed portfolio. If possible, we would like to have these filled before the AGM on May 26th. If you would be interested and willing to sit on the board, please contact Duane Martin at 403-630-2554.
- **Highland games**
 - **Foothills Highland Games, Okotoks - July 28**
Volunteers needed to take the tent and set it up. We would then need people to “man” the tent for two-hour shifts and someone to take the tent down.
 - **Calgary Highland Games – September 1st**
Volunteers would be needed for two-hour shifts
 - **Canmore Highland Games – September 2nd**
Again, we need volunteers for two-hour shifts.

Please contact Debby Henderson, email address is below, if you can help with any of the dates – thanks
- **Casino**
 - This is our major fundraiser, and this is what pays for class space, RSCDS HQ

- memberships, and many more items.
- The casino will run on August 13th and 14th.
- 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 debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca.

AGM

- The annual general meeting for RSCDS Calgary will be held on May 26th at the Capitol Hill Community center – 22Ave. and 5th St NW.
- The meeting will start at 7:30, with dancing to follow. There is no charge for members who attend the AGM, but non-members will be charged \$10.00. See, just another benefit of membership!

Membership Renewal

The RSCDS Calgary membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th of the next year. Memberships bought at the AGM will be valid for 2018-2019.

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 organisation (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

- Weekly classes – Over the next month, regular weekly classes will be winding down and finishing. As there are a couple that will finish this month, I will include all the dates for the final classes
 - Classes
 - Monday – Beginners class at Capital Hill – May 14th
 - Tuesday – Cross and Thistle – May 15th
 - Tuesday – St Andrew-Caledonian – June 19th
 - Wednesday – Airdrie Youth class – May 16th
 - Thursday – Confederation Park SDC – June 14th
 - Friday - Confed Seniors class – June 15th
 - Saturday – Airdrie Adult class – May 12th
 - Complete information for locations of the classes can be found on the RSCDS Calgary website listed above.
- Technique Class
 - Sharon Barker will be teaching the class
 - Starting May 22nd – 8:15-10:00pm
 - North Glenmore Park Community Hall - 2231 Longbridge Dr. SW
 - This is a free class open to all with a minimum of one year of dance experience.
- Summer Dancing
 - Summer dancing will run from June 4th to August 27th – 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 will be available soon on the website.

Upcoming Calgary events

The St. Andrew Caledonian Society annual Bannockburn BBQ

- Saturday June 30th at 4pm at Banff Trail Community Centre
- There will be dancing after the BBQ

Upcoming Workshop

- 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

- **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.
- Please remember that while there is no specific deadline for reimbursement, please consider filing for the funds as soon as possible 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 added or any corrections needed. Thanks.

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Happy Dancing!!

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