

September 2017 News

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Regular classes will resume in September and there is still an opportunity to help with the Canmore games. Details are listed below. You may want to grab a coffee or a cup of tea – this is a long newsletter folks!!

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

Highlights:

- Volunteering Opportunities
 - Canmore Highland Games – Sunday, September 3rd.
 - If you can help out at this even, please contact Debby Henderson at debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca
- Membership renewal
- Calgary Class news
 - Fall class information
- Upcoming workshops, events in or outside of Calgary:
 - St. Andrew's Caledonian Society Welcome back dance – Sept. 16th
 - SAC/RSCDS Scots Gathering – October 6-9
 - RSCDS Nova Scotia Branch 35th Anniversary Fall Workshop

Details:

Volunteer Opportunities

- **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. Here's what's coming up:

 - Highland Games – RSCDS Calgary Branch will have tents at both Calgary and Canmore Highland games and needs volunteers to man the tents. Calgary Games are September 2nd starting at 9am; Canmore Games are September 2nd (evening) and 3rd.
 - Dancers are needed September 3rd in Canmore for the 10:45 and 11:50 time slots, and as well, we have been asked to open the Ceilidh in the evening at 6. All dances are simple and we will do audience participation style easy Ceilidh dances.
 - You will get into the games free if you participate, and into the Ceilidh free if you dance at the Ceilidh. If you are a member of the St. Andrew Caledonian Society, you can get into the games free by showing your membership card at the gate.
 - Please let Debby Henderson know right away if you can help at this event so that she can arrange the necessary number of tickets. Email her at debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca

Membership Renewal

If you haven't renewed your RSCDS Calgary Branch membership yet - now's the time! The membership year runs from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 and costs \$15. If you haven't already renewed your membership, you will continue to receive emails until October 31st, but will not be able to get member discounts at Branch events. Click on the link to download at membership form - [RSCDS-Calgary-Branch-Membership-registration-form-2017-2018.pdf](#)

Ever wonder what your RSCDS Calgary Branch membership gets you?

- 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

- **Weekly classes**

- **Fall Classes**

- Monday – Airdrie Kids class – Sept. 11th @ 4:30pm
- Monday – St Giles SCD club – Sept. 11th @ 7:30pm
- Monday – Beginners class at Capital Hill – Sept. 11th @ 7:30pm
- Tuesday – SACS class at Confed Park – Sept 12th @ 7:30pm
- Wednesday – Grace – Sept. 6th @ 7:30
- Wednesday – Airdrie Youth class – Sept 13th @ 4:30
- Thursday – St. Barnabas class – Sept 7th @ 7:30
- Saturday – Airdrie Adult class – Sept. 9th – 7:00pm

- A note from Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre:
The social room hardwood floor has been sanded and is completed and looking great.

Upon completion of the floor resurfacing the Centre is implementing a NO WAX rule. Wax creates a build up on the hardwood that can no longer be removed except for sanding the floor. They used to be able to remove it with ammonia but this is no longer legal. Sanding the floor shortens the floors life and is very expensive.

Therefore I am asking everyone who uses the social room to at no time use dance wax or any cleaning product that contains wax. Even 'fantastic cleaner' contains wax. If there is a spill, just wipe it with a damp cloth or use the damp mop method - A bucket of water with just a few drops of dish soap is all that you need.

Upcoming Calgary & Area events

St Andrew's Caledonian Society annual welcome back dance – September 16th.

- The SACS Annual Budget meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16th at 7:30pm followed by a dance featuring the band Glen Morin.
- This free event is open to all SACS members. Memberships are available for \$10.00
- Location – Capital Hill Community Centre – 1531 21Ave NE NW Calgary
- Dance program and diagrams on the SACS web site.

134th Annual St. Andrew's Ball and Workshop – Saturday, Nov. 18th

- Featuring Luke Brady's band from Scotland with an added workshop in the morning – 9am to noon – with Rebecca Blackhall-Peters (Vancouver) and Barbara Johnson (Edmonton).
- Tickets available soon at <http://standrewcaledonian.ca/upcoming-events-2/>

Upcoming events outside of Calgary

- SACS/RSCDS Scots Gathering – Canmore, Alberta Oct. 6-9
 - With over 70 different classes, this event has something for everyone. Full list of classes, musicians, teachers and registration information is available at <http://www.calgaryscots.org>

- RSCDS Nova Scotia branch 35th Anniversary Fall Workshop – Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, October 6-8, 2017
 - Renowned teachers Ron Wallace and Jim Stott and musicians Dean Herington and Mara Shea will be part of the event.
 - More information can be found at <http://www.rscdsnovascotia.ca/2017-Fall-Ad.htm>

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. PLEASE NOTE: CHANGES ARE COMING TO THE WORKSHOP SUPPORT PROGRAM. STAY TUNED IN AUGUST FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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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