

May 2019 News

Hello everyone. Welcome to spring and the last month of dancing for most regular classes. Technique class will start this month and summer dancing will start in June. TAC registration is still open and anyone interested is encouraged to do so.

Most importantly, our AGM is coming up. Further information will come soon but in the meantime please save a spot in your calendar and make plans to attend.

Annual General Meeting for Calgary Branch

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019

NORTH GLENMORE COMMUNITY HALL

2231 Longridge Dr. SW

DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM, MEETING AT 7:30, DANCING AT 8PM

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NO COST TO MEMBERS WHO ATTEND THE MEETING!

Your current board members ask 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. Two of our current Directors at Large will not be standing for re-election. Thank you to Gavin More and Bernie Patterson for their time as Directors. Our president, Ann Vanderwal, will also be stepping aside.

What tasks do board members take on? They manage posts to social media, maintain our website, take memberships, write the newsletter, draw up policies and procedures, do budget planning. They help set up for events, decorate, buy food and beverages. We will need a casino chair volunteer this year as we anticipate having a casino date in 2020. The casino funds are absolutely essential to our branch finances. We have monthly meetings throughout the year. There is lots for a board volunteer to do and many hands make light work.

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS:

Class information

Calgary Events

DETAILS:

Calgary Branch Class News

The last class dates for this season are as follows:

Monday – St. Giles SCD – May 13th

Monday – Beginner class – May 13th

Tuesday – Cross and Thistle – May 14th

Thursday – Confederation Park SCD – June 13th

Saturday – Airdrie Adult Class – May 11th.

Cross and Thistle Technique Class - May 21 through July 23 Inclusive

Classes will be taught by Sharon Barker on Tuesday evenings from 8PM-10PM. Classes will be held at North Glenmore Park Community Association. Unfortunately, due to rising hall costs, there will be a charge of \$4 per person per night for the classes.

This class will focus on the finer points of SCD and will include individual critique. We will be putting an emphasis on footwork, formation work, footwork and formation transitions, handing, teamwork, covering and phrasing. Dances will be done, but probably only 1 or 2 per evening. We will be breaking them down to their component pieces and building them back up again. That being said, the dances that will be focused on, will be dances from the upcoming TAC Summer School Evening Dance Programmes.

Dancers should have a minimum of one year's dance experience and no physical impairments (ie you must be able to hop, skip, jump). You will have a desire to improve your personal dancing, not just to learn some new dances. Dancers are requested to wear proper dance shoes (ghillies, pumps or jazz shoes). Also, it is beneficial for the individual critique if all dancers either wear kilts, skirts (knee length) or shorts.

If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Sharon Barker at crossandthistle@hotmail.com.

Summer Dancing – Summer dancing will begin Monday, June 3rd. This year the classes will be held at North Glenmore Community Hall. Classes will run to the end of August, including holiday Mondays, as we have found in the past that many people are interested in dancing those nights also. Time: 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

Upcoming Calgary events

Scottish Country Dance Teachers' Association (Canada) – TAC Summer School

Save the date – July 28th – August 4th, 2019. Registration began March 1st!

Every year TAC hosts a Summer School for teachers but also for dancers of every level. This year the location for the school is here in Calgary at Mount Royal University. The portion of the school for dancers will run from registration on Sunday, July 28th through to Sunday, August 4th. Further information available at <https://tac-rscds.org/index.php/tac-summer-school>

Out of town events and workshops

Workshop reimbursement:

No further reimbursement claims will be considered for costs incurred before April 15th, 2019 as our fiscal year ended April 30, 2019.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Canmore Highland Games

Sunday, September 1st, 2019

Dancer's Needed!

The organizers of the Canmore Highland Games have once again asked if we can provide some entertainment at the Games. If you are available to dance during the Games for 20 minutes at 10:45 and/or 11:50 am or if you are able to be a part of the Ceilidh entertainment at 6:15 pm please contact Debby Henderson. If you participate during the day your entrance to the games will be free and if you participate in the evening your entrance to the Ceilidh will be covered. We have, in the past, performed easy dances during the day and in the evening done dances encouraging audience participation.

Contact Debby Henderson at debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca if you can help.

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.

Happy Dancing!!

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