

June 2019 News

Hello everyone. Game of Thrones may be over, but summer dancing is starting soon. As well there is Technique Class, (already in progress), and TAC coming up so it promises to be a busy summer.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Class information

Calgary Events

DETAILS:

Calgary Branch Class News

The last class date for this season is as follows:

Thursday – Confederation Park SCD – June 13th

Start-up dates for the fall will be posted in the September newsletter.

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, 2231 Longridge Dr. SW. 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 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.

Monday 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.

Please note that there will be no class at North Glenmore Park on Monday, July 29th. Instead we would like to invite everyone to attend a different dance event. Nightly at TAC there is a dance program, and on July 29th, the program will feature “Local Favorites”. The charge will be \$25.00 and well worth it, as the band will be Reel of Seven, from California. The location will be posted in next month’s newsletter.

Teachers:

June 3: Sheree Iffla

June 10: Sharon Barker

June 17 & 24, July 1 & 8; Fiona Carnie

July 15: Debby Henderson

July 22, August 5, 12, & 19: Fiona Carnie

August 26: Sharon Barker, Debby Henderson and Sheree Iffla

Thursday Summer Dancing – New this year, there will be summer dancing at Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre on Thursday evenings starting June 27th and running until the last Thursday in August – August 29th. The centre will be open for the classes at 6:30 pm and dancing will take place from 7-9 pm.

Current members of the centre will be required to pay a \$20.00 semester fee for the summer class. Non-members will be required to pay the semester fee and also pay a membership fee of \$15.00, (Total \$35.00). There is no hall rental fee for Club members using the facility. For non-members who would like to participate, application forms for membership in the Centre will be available from Janyn.

Upcoming Calgary events

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

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>

Welcome Back Dance – September 21st

This year in addition to welcoming everyone back to the new season of dance for 2019/2020, we will be celebrating the 45th anniversary of the St, Giles Dance club. As part of this, the St Giles reel will be on the dance program for the evening.

Location and further details TBA

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

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.

Sign-up sheets will be available at Monday summer dance classes.

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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