

July/August 2019 News

Happy summer everyone. Hope you had a good Canada day and did some stampeding. Hopefully there will be lots of time for family get togethers, barbeques and vacations.

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DETAILS:

Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again to renew your membership for RSCDS. The cost is \$20.00 and the membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th of the next year.

If you missed purchasing your 2019/2020 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 or the Welcome Back dance on September 21st – 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,
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- 3) Email the form to membership@rscdscalgary.org and pay \$20.75 using PayPal on the website - \$20.00 for the membership and \$0.75 for the PayPal fee.

Why renew? 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

Casino Update

We will be having another casino in the second quarter of 2020. Details on date and signing up to help will be in future newsletters.

Calgary Branch Class News

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

Monday Summer Dancing – A branch run class – Summer dancing will continue at North Glenmore Community Hall until the end of August. This will include 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. The TAC summer school will have nightly dance events from July 29th to August 3rd but they would specifically like to invite local dancers who are not registered at summer school to join in on Monday, July 29th. There

will be a 7 piece band, The Reel of Seven, from California and the cost will be \$25. You will receive a separate mailing from us about Summer School soon describing how to sign up for that evening.

Teachers for our usual Monday night dancing:

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

August 26: Sharon Barker, Debby Henderson and Sheree Iffla

Thursday Summer Dancing – another dance opportunity – Summer dancing at Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre on Thursday evenings will continue until 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 of the centre 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. Please call her at 403 862 6114.

Upcoming Calgary events

Scottish Country Dance Teachers' Association (Canada) – TAC Summer School July 28th – August 4th, 2019.

Summer school will be starting soon. There will be an email to all who have registered to clarify any details that need clarifying. Also, Calgary Branch will be sending all Branch members a separate email in the very near future describing how to join in for dancing to local favorites on the Monday night, July 29th of summer school and also outlining where volunteer help might be needed for summer school. St Barnabas and Grace dancers in particular will be wondering about the hospitality suite they volunteered to help with on the Thursday evening. Please be patient, we will send more information.

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: North Glenmore Park Community Center – Actually much easier to find and to get to than you would think!!

Time: Doors open at 7:00, dancing to start at 7:30

Musician: Mary Ross

Cost: \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members.

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:

Calgary Highland Games: - Saturday, August 31st, 2019

Help will be needed with set-up, tear down and manning the booth during the day. We are still waiting on further information from organizers but there are sign-up sheets at Monday night summer dancing. Volunteers will have free entry to the games.

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. We need dancers during the Games for 20 minutes at 10:45 and/or 11:50 am and also to be part of the Ceilidh entertainment at 6:15 pm. If you participate during the day your entry to the Games will be free and if you participate in the evening your entrance to the Ceilidh will be covered. We will be doing easy dances during the day and in the evening we do dances encouraging audience participation.

For both events please contact Debby Henderson at debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca if you can help or sign-up at Monday night summer dancing.

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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