



Hamilton Calendar

See also www.rscdshamilton.org
2007

British Show Feb 9, 10, 11

Hamilton Convention Centre

A showcase of British culture and talent. Scottish Country Dancing including our Branch will have a display booth there.

Branch Annual Workshop Mar 10

Please see the notice regarding this adult workshop and tea dance. Advise Maureen Isnor if you intend participating.

RSCDS Hamilton Ball Mar 31

This ever popular annual event will be held again at Michelangelos on Upper Ottawa St. Order Form for tickets at back of this Rant.

RSCDS Hamilton AGM

Wednesday, Apr 18 MacNab Church Hall 7:30pm

Please come as there will be a number of recommendations being presented for your consideration and action.

RSCDS Hamilton Gala Night

Wednesday, May 2 at MacNab Church Hall 7:30pm

Last Branch event for the season. This will be an excellent venue to "showcase" your dancing talent.

THE WHITE COCKADE

Social Dances Feb 17, Mar 17 at MacNab Church Hall 8:00pm
AGM Dinner and Dance, Apr 21

Last event of season. Members free.

Chair's Message

Happy New Year to you all. As we move into 2007, Scottish Country Dancing provides us with many opportunities to share and engage in a number of planned activities.

Our condolences are extended to members of our Teachers' Council and the Committee of Management in their recent losses: **Ann and Bill Malley**, on the passing of Bill's father and Ann's mother and **Lesley Latto**, on the recent and sudden death of her husband Brian. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Monthly Dances have continued since November. Although our December Christmas Dinner and Dance was well attended (almost 100), our November and January Dances have attracted far fewer in numbers. I encourage our members and your friends to support them through your attendance. We have begun the practice of supplying "dance briefs" for upcoming dances as early as possible. Ball briefs are out already. Pick up your copy so that you can review them before the dance. These briefs should also be available at your class locations. Our February and March dances have been specifically geared to our newer dancers. *The C.O.M. (Committee of Management) reviews the cost-benefit of our monthly dances every year. Benefits include live music. If you have any suggestions as to how attendance could be increased please feel free to get in touch with me or any member of the C.O.M.*

Thanks to the concern of the C.O.M., all of our class locations now have a new **First Aid Kit** which can be used in case of emergency.

We are pleased to welcome over 7 new dancers who joined our Introductory Class in January 2007. We hope our recruitment drive at the British Show will be successful.

We are continually looking for enthusiastic members to join our Committee of Management for the 2007-2008 period. We now meet periodically on Sunday afternoons. Please consider becoming part of the process in guiding this organization.

I look forward to meeting you all at our various events this spring. If you have any concerns about the organization please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Happy Dancing,

John John Aikman



OTHER EVENTS

44th Tartan Ball Feb 17

For tickets call Jim Stark 416-691-8035. Not too late to take in some of the practice sessions Feb 1, 7, 8, & 14. www.rscdstoronto.org

RSCDS Kitchener -Waterloo

Dances Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 28. See www.rscds.kitchener.on

RSCDS Windsor

Social Tartan Dance Feb 17th
11th Annual Border Cities Workshop
Mar 24th
Social Dance Apr 21st
www.rscdswindsor.org

Blair Spring Ball – March 24th

\$55 per person. At Reg. Police Assoc Banquet Hall, 1128 Rife Road, Cambridge. See flyers around classes or contact Carolyn Edwards, 618 Millcroft Place, Waterloo, On, N2T 2M2, Tel: 519-743-9215

SCD Cruise - Carribean

March 30 for 10 days. Contact Ian Paterson 416-346-9628, RSCDS Toronto for information. Or check www.rscdstoronto.org

RSCDS St Catharines

Spring Dance. Mark your calendars for May 5th. \$18 per person. Music by Don Bartlett.

RSCDS London

Annual Ball. May 5th. Music by Bobby Brown.
www.rscdslondoncanada.org

CERTIFIED CPR MEMBERS

By John Walton

On Saturday, November 25, 2006 and Saturday, December 09, 2006 our Branch held two CPR courses for Branch members in Grimsby. The cost was \$30, which was a bargain, as it normally costs twice that amount. We had an excellent instructor in Mr. Ray Elder who is a nurse at Dofasco and is very experienced in training company employees in the art of CPR.

There were 6 attendees at the first session, 2 of whom were Branch members and at the second session there were 11 attendees, 6 being from the Branch. The non-Branch attendees were members of the church where the CPR course was held. The participating Branch members were from the Level 3 Class and the Level 2 Dundas Class.

We were taught, very clearly, that the first thing one does when someone is seen to be in trouble is **SEND FOR HELP**. This was emphasized throughout the lesson. We were also taught the reasons why we were doing CPR which included a brief lesson on the workings of the body, the flow of blood, etc. Following this, we covered what to do when someone is choking on food, and we even got to practice on each other. We then progressed to using the CPR techniques on dummies and finally, having all successfully passed the course, received our wallet or purse sized certificates. This means 8 of our members are qualified for one year and hopefully will recertify next year.

Checking with most of the participants before writing this article, I discovered that none of them have had the opportunity to save lives so far, for which they were greatly relieved.

THE WHITE COCKADE SOCIAL AND DANCE CLUB

The White Cockade is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. Does anyone have knowledge of the history of the White Cockade and forbear organization? Please give Anna Lipp (905-628-9853) or Pam Bainbridge (905-628-8255) a call, if you have any information.



THE “NEW” 2007 HAMILTON WEEKEND

Last year for the Hamilton Weekend 2006, we experimented with the concept of holding this event in a single location where we could provide accommodations, meals, dancing and socializing under one roof. The Hilton Gardens in Niagara-on-the-Lake did meet almost all of our needs and wishes, with one exception: the dance floor. The comments we received back emphasized the need for a foot friendly wooden floor.

Charged with this mission, our Weekend 2007 planning committee scoured the Niagara area, through Hamilton and into Burlington. Alas there is not such a location that meets all of our requirements! Local secondary schools often have suitable wooden floors. Local school boards will not release these locations until the end of June. This makes planning difficult.

The following recommendation has been approved by the Committee of Management.

- The **2007 Hamilton Weekend** will take place **Friday October 12 and Saturday October 13**.
- The dancing location will be a Burlington school facility close to the Queen Elizabeth Highway and in the vicinity of the Guelph Line.
- Hotel accommodation will be arranged near this area. Block booking will be arranged in order to secure the best price available. Attendees may make arrangements directly with this hotel or make their own hotel arrangements. Breakfasts would be the individuals' responsibility.
- There will be a **Friday evening Welcome Dance**, followed by our **Ceilidh** with a social period following.
- There would be **2 levels of classes**, with two sessions in the morning and one in the

afternoon on Saturday. Music will be supplied by Bobby and Laird Brown.

- Our teachers will be **Tracey Applebee** from Cincinnati and our own **Claire Collier** from the RSCDS Hamilton Branch.
- **Lunch and dinner** will be catered and will be held at the dance location.
- Following Saturday's dinner there will be a **Weekend Ball** with **Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent** providing the music.
- There would be no Sunday program.
- Costs are anticipated to be \$150.00 or less.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS and ADVISE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND SO THAT WE CAN GET AN IDEA OF NUMBERS WELL BEFOREHAND.

More details will be forthcoming over the next few weeks.

THE BRITISH SHOW

This widely acclaimed show is coming to the Hamilton Convention Centre on Feb 9, 10, & 11 and our Branch will be part of it. Other SCD clubs will be on hand at the display booth where we will be video-showing Scottish Country Dancing at its best. We will also feature CDs of Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent.

Visit www.britishshow.net to get further information on times, events, and attending celebrities. Do plan to attend this great event and stop by our display booth. If you are interested in helping out please be in touch with John Aikman at 905-383-5696. Our grateful thanks are extended to John who has been very busy attending to the manning of the booth, consulting with the British Show, and arranging the display.

We had hoped to present dance demonstrations to the public. Satisfactory arrangements could not however be completed with the British Show in time for dance demonstrations to happen.

NEXT RANT

This Rant was prepared by Pierre Arnold. Please send your contributions for the next Rant deadline around 8th April for issue 18th April (AGM) to John Dinsmore at john.dinsmore@sympatico.ca



EXTRACTS Part 1: THE RSCDS Scotland, Report and Financial Statements

By Pierre Arnold

Financial Report for the financial year ending 31 March 2006, approved October 2006. The writer's comments and changes for brevity are in italics.

Historical Information

The Society was formed in 1923 as the Scottish Country Dance Society, subsequently becoming The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (*The RSCDS*) in 1951. *The RSCDS* is an unincorporated members' association, and has been recognized as a Scottish Charity since 1969.

Governance Structure

The Society is governed in accordance with relevant UK laws and regulations including those applicable to Scottish Charities; *and the Constitution and Rules as agreed by the Society in General Meeting.*

Committee Structure

There are 3 committees,

1. General Purposes & Finance Committee: to monitor the general administrative and financial affairs of the Society.
2. Membership Services Committee: to arrange for the publication of instructional literature and other relevant material they consider being in the interests of the Society, to conduct and encourage research in furtherance of the Society's objectives, to maintain the Society's archives, and to deal with matters relating to members.
3. Education & Training Committee: to advise the Management Board on matters concerning the standards and performance of Society dances, examinations and tests, and the encouragement of young dancers; and to carry out policy on education and training, including the organization of Scottish country dancing Schools and the running of examinations for future teachers of Scottish country dancing.

There is more information in the report on the numbers elected to Committee, and names of those

appointed and position, and date when term of office ends.

Society Membership

The Society is based in Scotland with an office in Edinburgh and membership is world-wide. Members form autonomous Local Associations (traditionally named Branches) which are bound to the Society by a licence agreement. *(This agreement must be applicable in UK only).* Many UK Branches themselves have charitable status in their own right. *Charity Law in Scotland is different from England, Wales, and NI.*

Branch Members	15,700
Direct Members	1,028
Branches	169
Affiliated Groups	394

Risk Management

The trustees are aware that the systems and controls within the organization need strengthening. In addition a recent review of risk management identified areas which need to be addressed. Accordingly the trustees have initiated a detailed review process with the objective of resolving these issues no later than the AGM of 2007. *Some of this may be tied into meeting the "Charity Test" of Scotland's recently revised Charity Law.*

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal objects of the charity are to promote and preserve the traditions of Scottish country dancing. The Society aims to achieve its objectives by; building a strong and loyal membership committed to Scottish country dancing; supporting a network of Local Associations (*Branches*); teaching dance, training teachers and conducting examinations; publishing books, audio and video recordings; collecting and preserving books, manuscripts and other records of Scottish country dancing.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Schools

During the year the Society organized *the Winter School in Pitlochry (one extended weekend) and Summer School in St Andrews (one week sessions for four weeks).*



The aim of holding these Schools is to create venues where students from all over the world have the opportunity to experience the highest level of tuition in Scottish country dance and to enjoy participation in social dancing. At Summer School classes range from introductory level to preparation for examinations for the Society's Teaching Certificate.

Teachers

During the year 37 members obtained a Teacher's Certificate. The aim of this activity is to maintain high standards of tuition so that Scottish country dancing is taught at a consistently high standard in all countries where *Branches* and/or qualified teachers are locally active.

Publications

The Society continued to publish and sell dance instructions, sheet music and recorded music for the benefit of members and the general public. The aim of this activity is to keep Scottish music and dance traditions alive for use in a variety of settings, and to preserve them for future generations.

The Society publishes a *members' magazine* 'Scottish Country Dancer' twice a year. The *magazine* contains information for members plus articles of interest, aimed at both members and the general public interested in the world of Scottish country dancing. *The 32-page magazine started September 2005 and replaces the Bulletin and the annual RSCDS Dance Book. Book 45 was the last one published. To the relief of SCD dance and music lovers, the September 2006 issue of the 'Scottish Country Dancer' had an insert of 3 dances with music.*

Children

A total of 393 children sat dancing tests and gained medals. The aim of this activity is to introduce young people to Scottish country dancing and potentially develop it as a life-long interest.

Professional Training Recognition

The society is now a recognized provider of training courses for the General Teaching Council for

Scotland in the field of Continuing professional Development (CPD). *This Council has just been formed and appears to emulate the objectives of Teachers Association of Canada (TAC).*

EXTRACTS Part 2: THE RSCDS Scotland, Report and Financial Statements is to appear in the next Rant. *It will be much shorter, will deal with some financial aspects of THE RSCDS and "What do we get for our £10 annual subscription per adult member?"*

DONATION TO JEAN MATHESON FUND

The Branch thanks Betty Morrow (94) for her generous donation of \$80. Betty was a member of the Branch in the 1950s. The donation comes from the sale of her kilted skirts and blouses; kindly facilitated by her son Robert Morrow and Lyn, and neighbour Pam Bainbridge. Although partially blind, Betty goes to church in Dundas; a Sunday excursion from Bertram Place, her nursing home, for the past 18 years where she is very well taken care of. Betty and her late husband Bob were members of The White Cockade and organizations before that for more than 50 years. They joined the Branch in its beginning years.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

The Committee of Management recently voted to discontinue publishing their e-mails on our website. The encroachment of SPAM is just too much.

WITH WARM APPRECIATION

It is with deep appreciation that we thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy and support on the sudden death of Brian. We have been overwhelmed by the care and concern of so many people. Thank you.

Lesley Latto and Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The Branch extends best wishes and Happy Birthday to Nan Smith (Mother of J'ina Middleton) on the occasion of her 90th birthday, celebrated at MacNab Church Hall on Sunday, 28th January.



March Monthly Dance

at MacNab YWCA

8:00 pm, Saturday, March 3rd, 2007

Ticket: \$15, Junior \$5, Spectators \$3, Junior Spectator Free

Family Max: \$40 including spectator grandparents

Music by Don Bartlett and the Scottish Heirs

The Welcome Reel	32R	Let's All Dance
St Andrews Fair	8x32J	5-1982
St. John's River	8x32S	Centennial Collection
Nice to See You	8x32R	40-3
The Haymakers	4x48J	2-11
12 Coates Crescent	4x32S	40-5
Round Reel of Eight	88R	27-7
Intermission		
Trip to Barvaria	8x32R	RSCDS Leaflet
The Happy Meeting	8x32J	29-9
Miss Gibson's Strathspey	8x32S	RSCDS Leaflet
Mairi's Wedding	8x40R	Cosh
Miss Hadden's Reel	8x32J	23-5
The Minister on the Loch	8x32S	24 Graded & Social
Maxwell's Rant	8x32R	18-10

Dance hosted by Introductory and Children's Classes
Programme devised by Ann Malley and John Middleton

Hamilton Ball

Saturday, March 30th, 2006

at Michelangelo Banquet Centre

1555 Upper Ottawa, Hamilton

See Application for Ball Ticket Price & Reservations

Welcome – 6:00pm Dinner – 6:30pm

Grand March – 8:30pm Auld Lang Syne – 12:30am

Music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent

The Linton Ploughman	8 x 32R	5-6
Festival Fling	8 x 32R	44-7
Burlington Bay	3 x 32S	Hamilton 50 th
Major Ian Stewart	8 x 32J	35-4
The Spirit of the Dance	8 x 32S	Leaflet
Reel of the 51 st Division	8 x 32R	13-10
Intermission		
The Laird of Milton's Daughter	8 x 32J	22-10
Argyll Strathspey	8 x 32S	35-3
The Triumph	4 x 24R	1-2
Alan J Smith	8 x 32J	45-3
The St John River	4 x 32S	Centennial
The Montgomerie's Rant	8 x 32R	10-1
Intermission		
Blithe and Cheerie	8 x 32J	Glasgow Assembly
Village Reel	6 x 32S	3C Sets 20-4
Round Reel of Eight	88R	27-7
Jimmy's Fancy	8 x 32S	14-11
Follow Me Home	8 x 32J	38-3
The De'il Amang the Tailors	8 x 32R	14-7

ANNUAL WORKSHOP

At Tecumseh Public School
Woodward Avenue, Burlington, On

Saturday, March 10th, 2007

\$25 per person

Make cheques payable to:

RSCDS Hamilton Branch

Theme:

Finish a STEP
Finish a PHRASE
Finish a DANCE

Teachers:

Ruth Taylor
Andy Fallas

Music:

Don Bartlett

Please pick up your application form at
class for details and map

or send your name, address, preferred
class level, your Branch, your cheque to
Maureen Isnor, 16 Stroud Rd, Hamilton,
On, L8S 1Z6 905-529-3371

Level 1 – Less than 3 years' experience

Level 2 – More than 3 years' experience

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (CANADA)

T.A.C. 35th Annual Summer School
Victoria, BC

July 29th to August 5th 2007

For more info, ask an RSCDS Teacher,
or go to www.tac-rscds.org



HAMILTON 2007 BALL ORDER FORM

To Registrar:

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93 Main St West
GRIMSBY, ON L3M 1R5

T: 905-945-5744
E:john.dinsmore@sympatico.ca

Please reserve seatings for a table of upto 8 for the following persons

NAMES

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

We will try and reserve for up to 10 persons if requested. However, such requests cannot be guaranteed.

Name 1: _____

Name 2: _____

For more than two sitting together, please reserve.

Address: _____

City: _____ PC: _____

Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

BALL TICKETS

_____ at \$ 65 Dance Ticket \$ _____

_____ at \$45 Non-Dancer Ticket \$ _____

Total Amount enclosed Cheque \$ _____

Please make cheques payable to: **RSCDS Hamilton Branch**

Vegetarian Meals: If required, how many? _____

Office Use Only

Received **Cheque** for \$ _____

Received **Cash** for \$ _____

Date Received:

Signed: