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## Free Classes

As previously advertised in the Rant, the branch are offering free classes to encourage the candidates to complete a portion of their teaching exam. (This is unit 4 towards their full certificate).

You are welcome to attend if you are an **intermediate** or an **advanced** dancer already taking a Hamilton branch class. The dates for these classes at McNab will be:

January 24  
January 31  
February 7  
February 28  
March 7  
March 21

Anna Lipp, Cate Reid and Scott Reid will be teaching during this series of classes. Every Sunday, starting at 2:00 pm, each candidate will teach a 50 minute class. There will be a break between teachers.

Dancers are encouraged to attend all of these six additional afternoon classes. If you are unable to stay an entire afternoon, come for at least one of the 50 minute class sessions. If you have any questions, contact Claire Collier at [collieec1@msn.com](mailto:collieec1@msn.com) or (716) 754-4258 or (905) 648-2869.

## Chairman's Message

The first term of the dancing year is all but complete and we are into the season of Christmas parties and Hogmanay planning. We had a great December Dance at the Scottish Rite last Saturday. Thanks to Claire, Pat, Wally and Carol and to Bobby and the Band.

As you can see from the material in this Rant there are plenty of dancing events coming up in the new year. I hope to see as many of you as possible at classes, monthly dances, the workshop and the annual ball.

Carol and I wish all of you a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2010.

John Dinsmore, Branch Chairman



December 5 , 2009 – The Scottish Rite



## February 6, 2010

MacNab Presbyterian Church 8 - 11p.m.

Music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent

|                       |                 |                           |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Linton Ploughman      | 8x32 Jig        | Book 5 / 6                |
| Edinburgh Castle Reel | 8x32 Reel       | SCD for Children          |
| West End Strathspey   | 3x32 Strathspey | Graded & Social 2         |
| Black Mountain Reel   | 5x32 Reel       | Carnforth 3               |
| Roaring Jelly         | 8x32 Jig        | Glendarroch               |
| Linked for Life       | 8x32 Strathspey | Hamilton 50 <sup>th</sup> |
| Rest and Be Thankful  | 8x32 Reel       | Grampian                  |

### INTERMISSION

|                            |                 |              |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| A Capital Jig              | 8x32 Jig        | 5 for 2009   |
| John of Bon Accord         | 8x32 Reel       | Book 33 / 5  |
| Peggy's Love               | 8x32 Strathspey | Book 8 / 2   |
| General Stuart's Reel      | 8x32 Reel       | Book 10 / 3  |
| Miss Milligan's Strathspey | 8x32 Strathspey | Leaflet      |
| The White Heather Jig      | 8x40 Jig        | Cosh         |
| Maxwell's Rant             | 8x32 Reel       | Book 18 / 10 |

Programme devised by Claire Collier and Anne Miller

## March 6, 2010

MacNab Presbyterian Church 8 - 11 p.m.

Music by Don Bartlett

|                       |                 |                           |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Good Hearted Glasgow  | 8x32 Jig        | Leaflet                   |
| General Stuart's Reel | 8x32 Reel       | Book 10 / 3               |
| Neidpath Castle       | 3x32 Strathspey | Book 22 / 9               |
| Alexander's Link      | 5x32 Jig        | Hamilton 50 <sup>th</sup> |
| Cape Town Wedding     | 8x32 Strathspey | Book 39 / 4               |
| Bannocks and Brose    | 8x32 Jig        | Birmingham                |
| Australian Ladies     | 8x32 Reel       | Glasgow Assembly          |

### INTERMISSION

|                         |                 |                      |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Reel of the Royal Scots | 8x32 Reel       | Leaflet 27           |
| The Spirit of the Dance | 8x32 Strathspey | TAC 50 <sup>th</sup> |
| The Kelloholm Jig       | 8x32 Jig        | Leaflet              |
| Shiftin' Bobbins        | 8x32 Reel       | Orsmkirk             |
| Culla Bay               | 4x32 Strathspey | Book 41 / 2          |
| Follow Me Home          | 8x32 Jig        | Book 38 / 3          |
| Mairi's Wedding         | 8x40 Reel       | Cosh                 |

Programme devised by Alicia Manson and J'ina Middleton

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## The Harrisons – Members' Notes

Neil and I came to Canada in February (Neil) and March (Anne) 1969. We were dancing with the Oakville Group within about 4 days of my arrival. Recently I came across these programmes while sorting out papers.

The first is a Member Dance held on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Royal Scottish Corporation Hall Fetter Lane London, England. Stan Watts's Scottish Country Dance Band played. We didn't go to this dance but danced a few weeks before in Sussex to Stan Watts and we saw the *Saint John River* demonstrated. We arrived in Canada all excited to dance this new dance only to find that in the Golden Horseshoe area dancers were getting tired of it having danced it everywhere during the previous 2 years. I have to confess that Canada's Centennial celebrations had not registered much with the general Sussex population!

The second programme is from the Kitchener-Waterloo Annual Ball November 7<sup>th</sup> 1969 held at the Walper Hotel. Music was provided by Angus MacKinnon and the Scots Canadians.

### Member Dance

1. Speed the Plough
2. Tibby Fowler of the Glen
3. Tarry a while
4. Jeannie O' the Witchin' E'e
5. Jimmy's Fancy
6. Woo'd and Married and A'
7. Captain MacBean's Reel
8. Duke of Hamilton's Reel
9. New Rigged Ship
10. Bonnie Geordie's wig
11. Village Reel
12. O Whistle and I'll Come to ye my Lad
13. Duran Ranger
14. Neidpath Castle
15. Lassies of Dunse
16. Mrs MacLeod of Raasay
17. Jimp Waist
18. Lord Rosslyn's Fancy

### Annual Ball Kitchener-Waterloo

1. Wests Hornpipe
2. The Caledonian Rant
3. O Whistle and I'll come tae ye
4. Perthshire Highlanders
5. The Sailor
6. The Winding Road
7. Minard castle
8. The New Rigged Ship
9. Cadger's in he Canongate
10. The Hollin Buss
11. Sauchie Haugh
12. White Heather Jig
13. Montgomerie's Rant
14. Adieu mon Ami
15. The Wild Geese

I don't have any conclusions to draw from these lists. Britain still seems to have more dances on their programmes but Canadian group Balls and Dances frequently had more dances on the programmes than is currently popular.

I am a little surprised that there are not more dances in common but the London Branch probably felt compelled to offer mostly RSCDS dances while the Kitchener Group could indulge in more non RSCDS dances.

There are some great dances here that we rarely see these days – I wonder how many of these dances today's dancers have even come across.

Anne Harrison



## SCOTTISH DANCING AROUND THE COUNTRY

- 12 December, St. Catharines Christmas Dance, Music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent, Cost \$20.00, Pat Coyle 905 295-1234
- 19 December, London Branch Christmas Dinner and Dance, Music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent, [www.rscdslondoncanada.org](http://www.rscdslondoncanada.org)
- 23 January, K-W Branch Burns Supper, St Jacobs Community Centre, Music by Fred Moyes, Cost \$37.50 [www.rscds.kitchener.on.ca](http://www.rscds.kitchener.on.ca)
- 23 January, Vancouver Island Workshop and Dance, Teacher Ruth Jappy, Musician Mary Ross, [www.viscds.ca](http://www.viscds.ca)
- 6 February, Hamilton Branch Monthly Dance, MacNab Presbyterian Church, Music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent
- 12-14 February, Hawaii Aloha Winter Weekend, complete event excluding accommodation \$155.00 U.S., [www.RSCDSHawaii.org](http://www.RSCDSHawaii.org)
- 20 February, Toronto Association Tartan Ball, Fairmont Royal York, Music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent, [www.recdstoronto.org](http://www.recdstoronto.org)
- 27 February, London Branch Workshop and Dance, [www.rscdslondoncanada.org](http://www.rscdslondoncanada.org)
- 6 March, Hamilton Branch Monthly Dance, MacNab Presbyterian Church, Music by Don Bartlett
- 13 March, Hamilton Branch Workshop and Dance, Westdale Secondary School, Teachers J'ina Middleton and Lou Emslie, Music by Bobby and Laird Brown, application attached
- 27 March, Blair 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Ball, Waterloo Regional Police Association Banquet Hall, Cost \$55.00 for dancers and \$30.00 for non-dancers, Music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent, registration, [reckers@sympatico.ca](mailto:reckers@sympatico.ca)
- 27-28 March, Vancouver Island Annual ball and Sunday Brunch, Music by Muriel Johnstone and Calum MacKinnon, [www.viscds.ca](http://www.viscds.ca)
- 24 April, Hamilton Branch R.S.C.D.S. Ball-2010 (programme attached)



## Hamilton Branch Ball

Saturday, April 24, 2010

Scottish Rite

4 Queen Street South

Hamilton, Ontario

Music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent

### Tickets

Dancers: \$60.00

Non-Dancers: \$40.00

|                                 |            |                                  |               |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>St. Andrew's Fair</i>        | 8x32J      | <i>Mrs. Stewart's Jig</i>        | 8x32J         |
| <i>The White Cockade</i>        | 8x32R      | <i>John McAlpin</i>              | 8X32S         |
| <i>Linked for Life</i>          | 8x32S      | <i>The Buchan Eightsome Reel</i> | 10x40R sq set |
| <i>The Starry Eyed Lassie</i>   | 8x32J      | <i>A Capital Jig</i>             | 8x32J         |
| <i>Adieu Mon Ami</i>            | 8x32S      | <i>Alltshellach</i>              | 6X32S         |
| <i>Gay Gordons</i>              | 8x16 March | <i>Reel of the Royal Scots</i>   | 8x32R         |
|                                 |            |                                  |               |
| <i>Miss Allie Anderson</i>      | 8x32J      |                                  |               |
| <i>The Lea Rig</i>              | 6x32S      |                                  |               |
| <i>Peat Fire Flame</i>          | 8x40R      |                                  |               |
| <i>Joie De Vivre</i>            | 8x32J      |                                  |               |
| <i>The Minister on the Loch</i> | 3x32S      |                                  |               |
| <i>Mairi's Wedding</i>          | 8x40R      |                                  |               |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Tickets \_\_\_ x \$60.00=\_\_\_

Cash\_\_\_ Cheque\_\_\_

No. of Tickets \_\_\_ x \$40.00=\_\_\_

Special Diet Request \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve a table for 8/10 \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality required \_\_\_\_\_

For tickets contact: Sheila Richards

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Please make cheques payable to RSCDS Hamilton Branch Ball



**HAMILTON BRANCH  
ADULT WORKSHOP AND DANCE**

Our annual Workshop is being held on Saturday, March 13th, 2010  
from 12:00p.m. to 5:15:p.m. at:

**Westdale Secondary School, 700 Main St. W., Hamilton, Ontario.**

We will follow the successful format of previous years with teaching at two class levels, followed by a short tea dance. Workshop music is to be provided by **Bobby and Laird Brown**. Our workshop is still 'foot friendly' so nervous or fragile dancers need not fear. We dance as friends, old, new or yet to be; Friends Together. You will be surprised at the skills you learn.

**POSTURE, HANDS, PHRASING AND FORMATIONS**

We encourage dancers of all ages and abilities to attend.  
Good fun, painless dancing and improvement promised.

Registration 12:00p.m. Warm-up and Introductions 12:30p.m.

Classes start 1:00p.m.

Tea Dance 4:15p.m.-5:15p.m.

Please choose the class level most suited to your ability.

- Level 1**      **Less than 3 years' dancing experience**  
                  **Please indicate if you are a very new dancer**
- Level 2**      **More than 3 years' dancing experience**

**Fees are \$25.00 per person**

Teachers: **J'Ina Middleton and Louis Emslie**

Great instruction, Great Social and a Great Time

**Detach the form below and mail your cheque to the Registrar A.S.A.P**

Alexis Hayes, 743 4<sup>th</sup> Line, Caledonia, On. N3W2B2

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Class Level Preferred \_\_\_\_\_ Very new dancer \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_ Your RSCDS Branch \_\_\_\_\_



Please make cheques payable to RSCDS Hamilton Branch Workshop

## DIRECTIONS

- From Toronto:** Take the Q.E.W. To Hwy. 403 to Hamilton. Take the Main West exit and turn right on to Main St. W. Go 0.8 km and Westdale School is on the corner of Main W. and Longwood Road. Turn left on Longwood and there is parking at rear.
- From Niagara:** Take Q.E.W Toronto. Cross the Skyway Bridge. Continue on the Hwy and take the Hamilton/Brantford exit onto Hwy 403W toward Hamilton. Take the Main West exit and continue as above.
- From Kitchener:** Take Hwy 401/Hwy 8 E exit onto Hwy 8 E. Take the Hwy 401 East exit and after 21.3km take #299/Brock R./Guelph/Hamilton. Turn right on Hwy 6 and go 25.5km. Take ramp onto Hwy 403 W toward Hamilton (Hwy 6) Airport. Take exit Main St. W. and proceed as above
- From Brantford & Ancaster** Take Hwy 403 toward Hamilton. At the foot of the hill, take the Aberdeen exit. Keep left and at the light (Longwood Rd.) turn left and proceed through the light at Main St. W. and the school will be on your right.

## Tea Dance/Programme

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|------------------------------|------|--|
| 1. A Canonbie Ceilidh        | 40R  | Edin. Univ.50 <sup>th</sup> anniv. Col. R.R. |
| 2. Laird of Miltons Daughter | 32J. | 22/10  |
| 3. The Flowers of Edinburgh  | 32R. | 1/6  |
| 4. Fair Donald               | 32S. | 29/4   |
| 5. Craigleith                | 88R. | Graded/Social 2 SQ.set                       |
| 6. Joie De Vivre             | 32J. | 39/2   |
| 7. Balquider Strathspey      | 32S. | 24/2   |
| 8. The Duke of Perth         | 32R. | 1/8  |
| Extra:                       |      |  |
| St. Andrews Fair             |      |  |