

November 9th, 2021

Dear Dancer,

Won't you consider dusting off your dancing shoes and registering as a member of the RSCDS Hamilton Branch? Finally, at long last, I am very pleased to report that the Branch has confirmed plans for the re-opening of Scottish Country dancing in Hamilton.

If you are a registered member, our first **free** event will be on Saturday, December 4th at MacNab Church, 7 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. This will be a gentle, casual, mixed-level social dance. The first half hour or so will be devoted to "screening" of participants (see below). There will be breaks, but no refreshments will be provided. You may bring your own drink and snack if you desire.

At the present time, we will be offering two classes which will begin the week of January 17th, 2022.

Wednesdays- Level 1 and 2- MacNab Church- 7:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.

(First class on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022; last class on April 27th)

Mondays- Level 3- MacNab Church- 7:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.

(First class on Monday, January 17th, 2022; last class on April 25th)

The term will be 15 weeks long and the fee will be \$100.

Print off the registration form attached, fill it out and bring it on Dec. 4th along with payment **or** mail in to Membership Secretary, RSCDS Hamilton, c/o 405 Caithness St., E., Caledonia, N3W 1C8

At the dance, there will be sign-up sheets for those interested in attending a separate Level 1 class and for those interested in attending an afternoon social class (all levels), days and places TBD, or you can send me an email indicating your preferences regarding possible classes. The COM may consider adding these additional classes if there are sufficient numbers.

To ensure the safest environment possible, and in consultation with MacNab's Re-opening team, we have given our COVID protocol due consideration. Please read all information carefully, print off what you need and bring all required documentation with you when you come to the dance or classes. We will proceed cautiously and with the following in place:

- 1- At the first event, all dancers must show Government ID along with proof of being fully vaccinated.
- 2- At the first event, all dancers will need to sign and submit the **Dancer's Agreement found in the COVID Agreement attached**.
- 3- At each event, all dancers will need to answer the required screening (see COVID Agreement attached for list of questions).
- 4- Masks must be worn at all times while inside MacNab premises (except while consuming drinks & food).
- 5- All attendees must "sign in" for each entry to a dance or class.
- 6- Hand sanitizer will be available and frequent use will be encouraged. You may wish to bring your own.
- 7- To limit the amount of cleaning required by our Branch upon exit, the Hurst St. washroom will be available for your use (at the top of the ramp) but the downstairs washrooms and the kitchen will not be accessible at this time.

It is our hope that these restrictions and requirements will provide our dancers with some measure of comfort in the weeks ahead. Everyone's safety is our first and foremost priority. I hope to be able to say "welcome back" to you!

Catherine Reid, Branch Chairman

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