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FIRST POSITION

Another dancing year well underway. Did your Club get an influx of beginners? I know it wasn't just luck if that happened, so please share your secrets with us. Debbie and Hannah would love to hear from you.

I headed for the far North recently and visited the Bay of Islands and Kaitia Clubs. Thanks to Neville and Andrea and Wendy who hosted me and to the clubs for their warm welcome. As always in the smaller centres it is not easy to increase your numbers but Kaitia advertised on their local Community Radio and were quite successful. This may work in your area.

Driving further North from parched Whangarei, the paddocks didn't get any greener. Hay and grains were being fed out and cows already being dried off.

I spent a week in Sydney in March, catching up with old friends and danced at a club night and an Annual Social. Dancing in those temperatures proves that you can only get so hot and then you don't actually notice it. Some dances I wasn't very familiar with but it was a good opportunity to try them and then teach them back here at club. Familiar dances turn up on programmes all around the world of course and this is always reassuring. Two English women visited the Whangarei Club last month and one was delighted to dance her favourite dance – Pelorus Jack – with the devisor.

Happy dancing and I look forward to seeing lots of you at clubs, schools, socials and balls over the next months.

Fiona

Important Dates 2013:

Kiwi News closes	30 June 30 Sept
New Zealand Scottish Country Dancer	30 Nov
Directory & Calendar Update	30 Nov

Important Dates 2013 / 2014:

Summer School Waikato	28 Dec to 5 Jan
A.G.M.	01 Jan



Remember to celebrate 90 years of Scottish Country Dancing in
your region in 2013

REGION NEWS

Canterbury Region

The Christchurch SCD Club

The Christchurch SCD Club now dances on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Scottish Society Hall, corner of Edgeware Rd. and Caledonian Rd., Christchurch.

Hoon Hay SCD Club

Our year started as usual with our dancing on the lawn hosted by Beryl and Ray Dineen in their lovely Halswell home. This was well attended by past as well as present dancers.

A new regular event for us this year will be that we are joined at



the beginning of our club party night on the last Wednesday of the month by the Canterbury Region JAMs. This is a group that was formed last year due to children who were keen and needed encouragement to keep up that enthusiasm. Thanks to the generosity of Hoon Hay

Presbyterian Church, the use of the small hall is free of charge.

The children now number 11 in all including an almost 4 year old who loves to skip up and down with her mum and brother when they do step practice. The group is taught by Linda Glavin with her helper, Frances Williamson.

South Canterbury Region

Waimate SCD Club

Saturday 9th March was a wet and chilly day in Waimate but the junior dancers from the town's Scottish Country Dance Club still turned out to perform as part of the local Edwardian Heritage Group's annual Promenade in the Park. This year their theme was 'Scotland in the South' and the children met up for a few practices in the weeks before to display some familiar and one new dance in one of the town's parks, Seddon Square.



A couple of hours later the weather had dried and the 13 children put

back on their cold soggy shoes to perform 3 more dances, which were warmly enjoyed by the audience.

In the evening 9 ladies from the Club performed as part of the dinner entertainment, putting on two brackets of dances



between the courses of the Scottish-themed meal. To end the evening the dancers invited members of the audience to join them for two dances, and were delighted to be joined on the dance floor by a number of locals and also a group of Scottish Country Dancers from Christchurch.

BRANCH MATTERS

Treasurer:

We expect that Bill Jacob will take over full responsibility as Branch Treasurer in April following completion of bank formalities.

Budget:

A 2013/14 budget was presented to the AGM on 1 January 2013. If you would like a copy please contact the Branch Secretary.

Directory Corrections and Updates:

Bay of Islands Club meets as follows

Kerikeri Primary School Hall, Mon 7:45 p.m.

Kerikeri Domain Pavilion, Wed 1:30p.m.

Caledonian Club:

New secretary - Lucy Tan, 33 Woodham Road, Linwood, Christchurch 8062

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RSCDS MATTERS

90th Anniversary:

The RSCDS is inviting all dancers to help celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Society this year.

Book 48:

The NZ Branch is participating in trials for RSCDS Dance Book 48. We have five dances that will be trialled by groups in several Regions.

Book 49:

Branches have been invited to submit a dance for book 49.

Branch Teachers' Workshop:

Helen Russell will be running the teachers' workshop at Lower Hutt at the end of April. Helen's travel is being funded by the RSCDS International Teacher Development Fund.

RSCDS Status:

The RSCDS is changing its legal status from an unincorporated association of members to a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG). As a consequence of this, the constitution will be replaced by a Memorandum and Articles of Association (MAA). It appears the changes will have little or no impact on NZ Branch operations except to expose us to liability for Society debts up to a limit of £1. The Society has passed information about the changes to the Branch and this has been forwarded to Region Secretaries. Please contact your Region Secretary or the Branch Secretary if you would like to see this information.

RSCDS Online Shop:

Some members have experienced difficulty accessing the 10% member discount. It is recommended that you sign in to the website. If you are asked for a code, enter RSCDS10.

Scholarships:

The Branch is pleased to note that Amy Luxton-Esler has been awarded an RSCDS scholarship to attend St Andrews Summer School this year. The Society offers a number of scholarships for dancers, prospective teachers and musicians. More information is available on the Society website, rscds.org/learn/scholarships. Applications for next year have to be submitted by 23 November 2013.

RSCDS AGM:

The next RSCDS AGM will be held in Perth on 2 November 2013. The NZ Branch is entitled to 14 votes. Delegates can carry up to 3 votes. If you expect to be in Scotland at this time and would like to be a delegate for the NZ Branch, please contact the Branch Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP

Hi from Hannah!

After 3 months in the role of Membership Coordinator I am beginning to understand the idiosyncrasies of the branch and society databases.

At the Branch AGM in Christchurch, members asked for a breakdown of the current membership numbers for the Branch; these figures weren't available at the time so I have included them below.

We have 664 total Branch members, this is made up of:

- 529 Annual Members
- 98 Family Members
- 8 Young Adult Members
- 22 RSCDS Life Members, who pay a Branch Service Fee
- 7 NZ Branch Honorary Life Members

This total number of members equates to around a 6% decrease in membership from the previous year when the total membership was 706.

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE:

If every club attracted and retained one new New Zealand Branch Member during the year, this would result in a 14% increase in members which would not only counteract last year's loss but result in a significant increase in membership. This idea of attracting one new member per club makes the process of increasing the Branch membership seem more achievable compared to trying to attract whole sets of people at any one time.

How many new members does your club have so far??

JAMS



SPRING INTO CHRISTCHURCH JAM CAMP 2013 4-6 OCTOBER.

(Pas De Baa)



The **Early Bird Registration** closes on 30 April as do the various **Scholarship Applications**.

If you know anyone who might like to come, remind them to get in early for the best deals. Information can be found on the NZ Branch website or by contacting the organiser, Sandra, at johnandsandramccormick@gmail.com or phone 03 960 8866.

We are privileged to have tutors Wendy Jaeger, Margaret McMurtry and Dianne Bradshaw so there will be great dancing and heaps of fun. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

MUSICIANS REGISTER

A Register of musicians on the Branch website: Great idea? But, what information should it contain, and how should it be structured?

I need your help.

Dancers accessing this register will have different information needs, depending on the "hat" you're wearing at the time. Club tutors, local dance committees, weekend and summer school organisers, band leaders, individual musicians.... you'll all be wanting to solve different problems.

So, please tell me:

* When **-you-** consult the Musicians Register, what questions will you be looking to answer?

Please contact me on lynne.scott@clear.net.nz, or 280 Major Dr., Kelson, Lower Hutt 5010.

Thank you!

GROWING OUR CLASS MUSICIANS

Isn't it great when your weekend or summer school has live music! With a few words, your tutor can access the right bars, at the right speed, and adjust elegantly for different dance lengths. Dancers get just the right music to lift their steps, played to assist their developing skills by musicians who are genuinely part of the class team.

The challenge is, to provide an environment where musicians can grow their skills and gain experience without impacting on the dancers' enjoyment of their favourite activity.

Tutors learn their craft through a process of graduated training and increasing involvement at sympathetic clubs, then weekend events and summer schools. Musicians can follow a similar path, so that they build their skills and confidence in gradual steps. This is where SCD clubs can help. Have you a fledgling musician who would like to try playing for SCD? Here's my suggestion:

Invite them to play first for your warm-ups: steady marches and waltzes are great confidence builders. Do give them feedback; they won't know what's not right unless you tell them. When you and they are comfortable, suggest they try just one dance in an evening. Choose one with simple music (The White Cockade is a good choice, but do contact me for other ideas.) Again, provide feedback. Follow it up over the next week or two with the same dance, to build experience and confidence in dancers and musicians. Then, when you're all happy, try another simple reel or a jig. Strathspeys can wait till later.

Training in playing for SCD is available at most Weekend and Summer Schools, so do encourage your musicians to attend. Just as tutors take time to develop, with good advice and feedback, so musicians can grow and become part of the SCD family. We are all there for the dance!

(Thanks to Anne-Marie Forsyth of Auckland for her inspiration for this article.)

If you or your musicians need a sounding board or advice, please do contact me: lynne.scott@clear.net.nz or 280 Major Dr., Kelson, Lower Hutt 5010. Or you can telephone: (04) 565 0164

THE SHOP KEEPERS

Record Shop

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Ph 03 578 3766

Email: recordshop@rscdsnz.org.nz



New in Stock:

"Let's Go SCD Vol.6" (15 tracks)

Bands featured: Peter White, Ian Holmes, Ian Reid \$30-00

"Oxford Connections" (Book & CD)

Band - Craiggellachie Trio \$45-00

Full details re these two releases can be found in the Recordshop Newsletter February 2013.

If you are unable to access this Newsletter or would prefer your own individual copy delivered direct to your inbox, please send me your email address with request.

Best Selling CDs at S.S. Good Supplies in Stock

"Reel of the Puffins" Jim Lindsay

"Jubilee Collection" - CD for Magazine Dances 2005-2009

"Just As It Was" Fraser/Johnstone Triple

Back in Stock:

Belfast Diamond Jubilee Package (CD – Marian Anderson)

Book and CD \$30-00

"Christmas Scottish Dance Party" Jim Lindsay, Sandy Nixon

"Luckenbooth Brooch" \$30-0

"Ruthven Collection – Black Watch Edition" Colin Dewar 6 tracks including Kandahar Reel \$15-00

Useful CDs for no dance in particular

"8 Bars of Magic" Laird Brown - (all 8x32 sets)

"Double Take" Ian Robertson & Roy Alderton - (3x32, 4x32, 5x32, 8x32 sets)

"Teacher's Choice" Irvine Quartet (3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 7x, 10x)

"Any Good Dance, Any Good Tune" Bobby Brown (3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 8x sets)

"Dancing Fingers 1" Johnstone

"6 x through the Dance" **Johnstone

All \$30-00 each - except ** \$25-00

Recordshop Gift Voucher (minimum value \$30-00) always available

Recordshop Catalogue

(email version) is available direct from Marjorie Crawford or visit the NZ Branch Website.

N.B.: Prices quoted are for goods only. If possible, members are not charged extra for p&p where an account is paid within one month, but there may be a charge added on occasions.

Bookshop Bitz

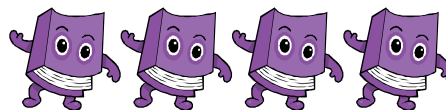


Sale – Clearance of RSCDS Books. Until the end of June 2013 Books 1 – 45 \$5.00 each + p&p (stock items only, does not include A5 size books).

News – Book 47 will be released by Headquarters this year, to celebrate 90th anniversary of RSCDS. If you would like to pre-order your copy please send me an email and I will let you know when I receive a supply of them.

The Bookshop will be closed from 25 April to 20 May – emails will be answered.

Remember that the Bookshop is where you can get your Dancing Books.



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The Scottish Country Dancer (NZ Branch Magazine)

Region reports, advertisements, articles and photographs - closing date for contributions for the 2014 issue **30 November 2013.**

Branch DVDs and Videos

Branch DVDs and Videos are available for hire.

Details on the website, link to "Forms".

Email: custodian@dancescottish.org.nz



WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY REGION

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND SCHOOL –TE PUKE

31ST May - 3rd June 2013

hosted by
Mt Maunganui Scottish Country Dance
Club

Main venue:
Te Puke Memorial Hall

Classes:

JAMS – Ruth Oldfield

ELEMENTARY/BEGINNERS – Wayne McConnell

SOCIAL – Gail Schofield

INTERMEDIATE TECHNIQUE – Neil Horne

ADVANCED LOW IMPACT – Jeanette Watson

ADVANCED TECHNIQUE – Esther Mackay

All halls have wooden floors

Ceilidh theme: Shipwreck

Music will be provided by

THE BALMORAL BAND

Application forms available from the
Waikato/Bay of Plenty web site or by
email: billyne@kinect.co.nz

Notes from Christine Grobler

Christine Grobler grew up in Christchurch and moved to the United States as a young woman. She cherishes her trips back to NZ to see her family and when the dancing tour opportunity came to her she took it on with pure Kiwi enthusiasm.



The first dancing tour Christine brought to NZ was in April 2011 and consisted of her two older sisters, plus three dancing friends from her Orange County RSCDS Branch in California where she began dancing seven years ago. Six girls in a minivan; It was a girls' trip and somewhat of a "guinea pig" tour! The tour started in Auckland incorporating dancing at RSCDS Clubs who so graciously billeted dancers, and some sightseeing along the way. The little group stayed at a farm near Gisborne, danced with the Hastings class, Wellington's Ngaio Club, stopped in Marlborough, danced in Rangiora with Audrey Mattison and friends, then through to Mt Cook and Dunedin in just 10 days.

The second and third tours were in November 2011 and then April 2012 which increased in numbers of dancers, plus the range of where the dancers originated in the US, and more dancing clubs were added along the way.

March/April 2013 sees Christine on her fourth tour, starting from Queenstown where this group of eleven (originating from Seattle, Reno, Massachusetts, San Francisco, Los Angeles and of course Orange County, including one RSCDS Examiner), will participate in the Formal Dance at the Easter Weekend School in Alexandra. Next is a walk on Fox Glacier, see the new rain forest walk on the West Coast and dance in Christchurch. More dancing is set with the Nelson Club, before crossing the Cook Strait to dance with wonderful friends that have welcomed Christine's group for the last two tours; Wellington's Lower Hutt club with its own warm, and very friendly hospitality. On the first visit the group was able to dance at Lower's Hutt last evening for the year, and last year they joined the club and other dancers on a Friday night and danced to live music. Each time they have been billeted with club members, which always makes it a more personal occasion.

This visit, after seeing the beautiful city of Wellington, the tour will head off to Rotorua for a little bit of Maori culture and then on to Gisborne and a farm stay. Finally, the tour will head into Auckland to dance with the Andrew Carnegie Club on April 10th. Yet another wonderful trip will have been experienced in this lovely country that New Zealanders are so lucky to call home.

Christine is planning a UK Tour in 2014 to dance from London to Edinburgh.

If anyone wishes to join this tour, Christine's contact info: chrisgrobler@cox.net / www.toursbychris.com

Is there anyone out there dancing to cassette tapes? It's not so long since I read about a club still using records. Perhaps there is someone who uses them for their personal enjoyment. I have a comprehensive collection of Scottish Country Dancing music tapes which are looking for a new home. They are all catalogued for easy reference and contained in carry cases; ideal for club use. There is no fixed price, make me an offer and the money will be donated to the Christchurch 2013 JAM Camp funds. For more information or to make an offer email me at johnandsandramccormick@gmail.com or phone Sandra on 03 960 8866.

RSCDS New Zealand Branch



Canterbury Region



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EASTER WEEKEND 2014

18 April to 21 April 2014

Come and visit this lovely part of the country. In half an hour you could be in Tekapo, soaking in the hot pools beside a lake so green, its colour is almost unbelievable and surrounded by soaring mountains – Mt. Cook is just another hour and a bit away.



Teachers

JAMs - Yvonne Plant
Elementary/Intermediate - David Williamson
Advanced Technique - Fiona Bullivant
Low Impact - Gaye Collin

For further details contact:

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RICHMOND SCD CLUB

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING**

DANCE SATURDAY 1 JUNE 2013

at Richmond Town Hall

ALSO

LUNCH SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2013

At Nelson Suburban Club Tahunanui.

Enquiries to Christine

Email: cstanton@actrix.co.nz

RSCDS NEW ZEALAND BRANCH SUMMER SCHOOL 2013/14

We have an enthusiastic team lead by myself, that is committed to making the Waikato 13/14 Summer School enjoyable for everyone.

I extend a particular invitation to new dancers and families to attend. If you choose to take the plunge, I am sure you will find Summer School is a great experience that increases your enjoyment of dancing.

The response to our publicity material released at Ilam Summer School has been pleasing, with a steady stream of registrations coming in from New Zealand and overseas.

The three accommodation options available at the school are explained and illustrated on our website (<http://waikato1314.rscdsnz.org.nz>). If you want to know more about the accommodation but don't have access to the internet, please contact us and we will post the information to you.

We are looking forward to meeting new and familiar faces at the end of the year.

"We'll see you in the Waikato".

Wayne McConnel

Organiser: RSCDS NZB Summer School 2013/14

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**RSCDS NZ Branch
Summer School 2013/14**

*A Residential Scottish Country
Dance School For All to Enjoy.*

Waikato 13/14

St Peters School, Cambridge, New Zealand
28 December 2013 to 5 January 2014

We hope you can come.

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Website: <http://waikato1314.rscdsnz.org.nz>



Nelson SCD Club



Nelson Scottish Country Dance Club is celebrating 60 years of Scottish Country Dancing with a birthday social on Saturday 3rd August 2013. We invite all past & current dancers and friends to join us in our celebration of this wonderful achievement.

For further details, contact Kelly 03 547-5721, kelly.w@ihug.co.nz



*Come along to the weekend school being held in
Te Whaea: National Dance and Drama Centre
11 Hutchison Rd, Newtown, Wellington
on 28, 29 & 30 June 2013.*

Classes

Elementary - Catherine McCutcheon

Intermediate - Esther McKay

Low Impact - Kathryn Deroles

Advanced - Rosemary Gardner (Australia)

Contact - Elaine Lethbridge 04 389 3597

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or Philippa Pointon 04 472 9510

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Glendarroch



50th Anniversary

*Yes, it is the Golden Year for the Glendarroch
Club in Wanganui.*

*The current members had an event on March the
16th, date of the "formation meeting" in 1963.*



*Our main celebration is our Formal Dance
evening 21st September, 5.30pm. in Wanganui
Girl's College Hall. Past members are encouraged
to join us for this evening and all dancers who
wish to celebrate with us will be very welcome.*

Contact:

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