



# Royal Scottish Country Dance Society New Zealand Branch Inc.

## MAC News

### (Management and Co-ordinator News)

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#### **PRESIDENT**

Preparations are well under way for our Mid-Year Meeting in Christchurch which will be over by the time you read this issue. The Committee will be attending the Hoon Hay dance afterwards. Nominations for Management positions are open and the role of Vice President is a major one to fill. Being on the Committee is very interesting and I recommend it to you.

#### **SECRETARY**

**Nominations and Remits:** Members are reminded that nominations for Management Committee positions and remits for the AGM on 1 January 2014 MUST be received by the Secretary by 31 August 2013.

**Branch Calendar:** The Branch produces an annual calendar of events that is printed in the NZ Dancer Magazine each year. We also maintain a calendar on the Branch website that can be updated throughout the year. Programmes and other material can be attached to the web calendar however the format is strictly controlled. Club and Region secretaries please note:

1. Any attachments can only be provided under one of the following headings: Programme, Registration Form, Brochure, Poster and Flier. The first three documents will show links on the main calendar page, but posters and fliers are accessed from a link called "more".
2. Updates, changes and corrections can be made easily and quickly by emailing the secretary.
3. All attachments are in pdf format. Any documents supplied in other formats will be changed to pdf format.
4. Scanned images of documents such as programmes generate large files and are usually not as crisp as the original documents. These are best supplied as original word documents or pdf documents generated from word, publisher or other format documents.

**Selection of Branch Dance for RSCDS Book 49:** Region secretaries have been advised of the selection process to be followed.

#### **CO-ORDINATORS' REPORTS**

##### **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY**

**Promoting RSCDS membership:** Remember that the blue pamphlet "Fun, fitness and friendship" is particularly designed for promoting RSCDS membership. Have you shared the listed "great reasons to become an RSCDS member" with dancers at your club yet? Additional copies of all these pamphlets are available, at no cost, from: communication@dancescottish.org.nz

**Facebook:** Watch out for the NZ Branch on Facebook. Our page will be up and running by mid-July and will include posts about Branch news. We encourage anyone who 'likes' the page to comment, and post about things happening in their area.

#### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

The Branch is planning a series of Basic Teaching Skills courses. This is a course for those who are already teaching a group, or planning on teaching or briefing in a group, but who may not wish to sit the RSCDS teaching exams. The Branch course will be based on materials developed and kindly supplied by Helen Russell. Each course will be tailored to the needs of the course members and will be run in the Regions. If you are interested in attending a Basic Skills Course please email education@dancescottish.org.nz

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

At this point in the year we are rapidly approaching the time for membership renewal. This is also a perfect time to be selling the benefits of RSCDS membership to those who dance at your club who are not already members.

Remember all we need is **one** new member from each club to counteract the annual loss due to attrition and our membership numbers will be increasing each year!!

Benefits of RSCDS membership to entice current club members: receiving Kiwi News, RSCDS Dancer, and New Zealand Scottish Country Dancer magazines, reduced fees for day, weekend and Summer Schools and discounted rates for attending club and region dances.

#### **YOUTH**

**Summer School Scholarship applications:** are due by **15 July**, so get them in ASAP if you want your JAM's 2013/14 Cambridge Summer School fees paid! Two Scholarships are available; awards are made by random draw. Any registered JAM can apply – we particularly encourage those who might not otherwise be able to go to Summer School to do so. Chaperones can be provided. Application forms are available via the Youth page of the NZ Branch website.

The RSCDS publication: '**Jig & Reels**' is now available. The JAM Committee has one reference copy for you to review. Its subtitle: 'A progressive programme of Scottish country dances for teachers of children and young people,' pretty much describes what it covers! The pack includes a CD of the relevant music, and a DVD showing some of the featured dances being danced and taught. It is particularly targets school teachers who want to teach dancing, but are not experienced dancers or dance teachers. In New Zealand, it might be used by a region Youth Coordinator to encourage or demonstrate SCD teaching to school teachers, Girl Guide leaders or home schooling groups; or for RSCDS tutors who have not taught youth dancers before.

#### **Next mail out due:**

**31st July - Kiwi News**

**31st August - MAC News**