



The Royal Scottish County Dance Society  
New Zealand Branch Inc  
Junior Associate Newsletter



Issue 1/2012



Your New Editors!!

Hi there JAMs, we are Josie and Mel from Auckland and we are your new co-editors! Jeanette has handed the reins over to us after 3 years of editorship, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work on this newsletter. We are very excited about this new challenge, and we can't wait to hear from you! Josie has been dancing since she was 5, and still loves it, and Mel started more recently but is definitely a true dancer now. We both dance at Hillpark club in Auckland. We hope you enjoy this issue!  
Love, Josie and Mel

Summer School News

Blast From the Past  
1990's, 80's,  
70's, 60's, 50's  
and more were  
all on display at  
the JAM night  
at the  
Wairarapa  
Summer School  
2011 - 2012. The  
theme ... "The  
Decade You  
Were Born".



Some costumes were harder to dance in than others, that's for sure. A lot of work, time and preparation went into the fabulous costumes, including making an entire Luigi costume from scratch or, my personal favourite,



styling hair into a blue mohawk to complete the 1990's grunge look (great look, Mel). This year's award winners were Darth Vader (1980's) for the men's solo, Carmen Miranda (1950's) taking out the women's solo, and the group that won the prize were the Land Girls (1950's). Congratulations to this year's Youth prize winner Sebastian Olsen who went as Link from The Legend of Zelda (1990's) (above). There were some very impressive costumes and some amazing dancing, overall it was a very memorable night. Can't wait to see all the costumes next year.

Helen Wyeth

# Medal Tests

## Results

### Masteraton December 2011

Bronze: Alistair Morris Lower Hutt  
Jonathon Bourne Lower Hutt  
Helen Oliver Wellington  
Philip Oliver Wellington

Bronze Bar: Rebecca Bourne Lower Hutt  
Philippa Morris Lower Hutt  
Emily Morris Lower Hutt

Silver: Claire Wyeth Auckland  
Helen Wyeth Auckland

Silver Bar: Elizabeth Aiken Wanganui

A special thank you to all the dancers (JAMS and otherwise) who helped out by dancing with the candidates, and also to Wayne and Shelley McConnel, who organised and walked dancers through; to Jeanette Watson who organised the music and briefed the dancers; to the examiners.... and to the teachers and parents who put in so much time and effort to get the candidates ready and transported the Medal Tests.

### Upcoming medal tests -

Summer School, Christchurch - December 2012, or contact Ruth Oldfield at P.O. Box 86, Meremere 2441, [jam@rscdsnz.org.nz](mailto:jam@rscdsnz.org.nz)

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## Upcoming Events

### Queen's Birthday Weekend School

Waikato Bay of Plenty Region  
1-4 June at Sacred Heart Girls' College,  
Hamilton East  
Shelley McConnel 07 849 7792  
[mconnel@clear.net.nz](mailto:mconnel@clear.net.nz)

### Hinuera Mid-year Dance

28 July 2012  
Further details closer to the date  
Ingrid Schiffer  
[ingeschiffer@hotmail.com](mailto:ingeschiffer@hotmail.com)

### Summer School 2012/13

28 December 2012 - 5 January 2013  
A fun-filled week packed with dancing, held in Christchurch! Don't forget to apply for your scholarship, see below for more info!

Doug Mills

[doug.mills@rscdsnz.org.nz](mailto:doug.mills@rscdsnz.org.nz)

Or check it out on the RSCDS website

<http://www.rscdsnz.org.nz/ss/ss-chch/>

### Jam Camp 2013

4th-6th October 2013

An awesome weekend of dancing with other young dancers in Christchurch!

Organiser Sandra McCormick: Ph 03 960 8866

Address 7 Ngata Place, Hei Hei, Chch 8042:

email [johnandsandramccormick@gmail.com](mailto:johnandsandramccormick@gmail.com)

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## Summer School JAM Scholarships - TWO available!!! Apply by 15 July

Two Summer School Scholarships will now be awarded each year, both for the full cost of a JAM resident at the New Zealand Summer School! Applications will close three months earlier - 15 July - and be drawn by the end of that month.

Applications are particularly encouraged from junior dancers who might not otherwise be able to go to Summer School - whether due to financial constraints, because their family are not SCD dancers, or other reasons. However, the successful applicants will continue to be drawn by ballot only - there is no grading by criteria. See application form with this Issue or on the website, or talk to your Club Tutor for further details.

## JAM Registration Year Change - 8 months free!!

JAM membership registrations are being adjusted to run from 1 September in each year, through to the following 31 August. This is partly to allow the integration of the JAM database into the NZ Branch's main membership database, which will be happening in the first half of 2012. It will also give clear continuing membership for JAMs taking medal tests over the summer (Summer School) period and early part of the new calendar year.

2011 members' memberships will now not expire until 31 August 2012. The Committee hopes to have renewal forms sent to each junior group, or through adult groups, as part of the standard RSCDS renewal process, in Jun/Jul 2012.

New dancers who begin dancing in 2012 should pay their registration fee (\$5, or \$10 per family) immediately, and will begin receiving membership benefits immediately. Their membership will run through until 31 August 2013. The application form for new members has been emailed to JAM Groups, and is available at <http://www.rscdsnz.org.nz/Youth>  
Registration cards for all members will be mailed with Issue 3 of Jigs And More.

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## Next Issue

Do write to us at our new email address - [jigsandmore@rscdsnz.org.nz](mailto:jigsandmore@rscdsnz.org.nz)! We welcome contributions to the newsletter from JAMs, JAM groups and teachers.

We want this newsletter to have in it what you want to read, and to tell you about what JAMs are up to in the rest of New Zealand. So please send in your articles, photos, dances you've devised, ideas for competitions or activities, or details of upcoming events.

Please email your contribution for the next issue to [jigsandmore@rscdsnz.org.nz](mailto:jigsandmore@rscdsnz.org.nz) by **31 May 2012**

## Like us on Facebook!

The official Facebook group for JAMs is "RSCDS NZ Branch, Jams, Yams and some ozzy kids too." Ask to join the group and your friendly Youth committee member Andrew Douglas will add you in so you can connect with friends from JAM camp, learn more about dancing, and see what's happening for JAMs around New Zealand!

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## JAM Forum, Summer School

The Jam Committee held an open forum at the Masterton Summer School on 4 January 2012. About 30 JAMs, teachers, Friends and Committee members, including RSCDS Chairman Ruth Beattie, sweltered together.

Thanks to all those who took time to attend and participate in discussions. Thanks also for the great suggestions and thought-provoking discussion.

The following changes have been adopted, or are being considered:

✓ FAQs on medal test process and policies to be drafted and posted on the NZ Branch website - **send in your questions for inclusion**

✓ Dance instructions for all medal test dances available on the NZ Branch website, for candidates, stooges and teachers to use - **send in notes of any instructions you think need clarifying**

✓ review RSCDS medal test system and dances, possibly aligning the NZ Branch version with theirs

✓ email acknowledgement of fees or forms received, to be sent by Committee

✓ upload Treble J (Australian juniors publication) and link the Facebook page to the NZ Branch website Youth pages

✓ review of Youth committee member role & job description - **post your suggestions on Facebook or email Andrew**

✓ review of Committee membership term length - possibly move from 3 years to 4 years

✓ encourage Regions to have Youth Coordinators to work with NZ Branch Youth Coordinator

Responses as requested to be sent to [jam@rscdsnz.org.nz](mailto:jam@rscdsnz.org.nz) by **30 April 2012**

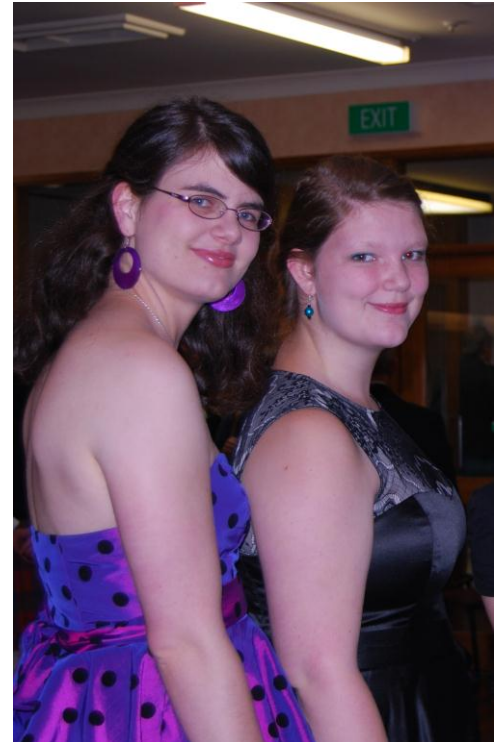
## Summer School Scholarship Winner

One night, at 10.30pm, the phone went. Who could that be at this time, we asked? Is someone dead? But no, it was Jeanette Lauder, telling me that I was 2011's Summer School scholarship winner! I was thrilled, as you can imagine.

Once I got to Summer School, down in Masterton, the fun really started. We had a fantastic teacher, Debbie Roxburgh, and we all really enjoyed her classes. A bit hard the mornings after party nights though!

The evenings were as fabulous as ever- Hogmanay being my favourite as always. I love the sing-along just before midnight! Other highlights were the dress up evening, with great briefing from Amy Luxton-Esler and Andrew Douglas, and the President's Ball. Great to see everyone got up in their glad-rags! (see me (right) with Alexandra Manos-Turvey)

Summer School is always a highlight of my year, and I feel very lucky to have received the scholarship. It means I have a bit more spare cash ready for starting at Auckland Uni this year!



Josie Olsen

## Competition winner!

Paige Tanner from Hineura won the RSCDS' Dance Scottish Week Edinburgh colouring competition in her age group! Paige's mum reckons that the last-minute addition of glitter did the trick.

And now we're out of space, so we'll see you in the next issue! Don't forget to send in your contributions to us for the next issue! We'll leave you with this toast, do you know what all the words mean?

