



The Royal Scottish County Dance Society  
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# Jigs And More

## Spring Into Christchurch JAM Camp

Obviously, the big news of the last few months has been the very successful JAM Camp run in Christchurch at the beginning of October. First, a report from some South Island attendees (see inside and back page for more!):

Last weekend was a special one for 14 young dancers from Waimate's Scottish Country Dance Club. The 10 girls and 4 boys headed up to Christchurch to attend a dance camp.

There were a total of 52 dancers on the camp from Scottish Country Dance Clubs from all over both islands of New Zealand plus three amazing teachers for them to learn from.

The organisers had done a wonderful job which was reflected in the immense enjoyment the children had and how smoothly all the events ran.

After lunch on Friday some dancers entered dancing exams, and dancers from Waimate entered the first level test - the Bronze medal award. Then after registering on the Camp it was time for dinner and then a 2-hour Ceilidh, a combination of dances and music / singing / dance items performed by the children.

After a bit of sleep in the school's dormitories, Saturday was busy with 4 and a half hours of dance classes, a fantastic trip to the Antarctic Centre and a formal 3-hour dance in the evening. There was a lot more sleep on the second night after all that activity!

Sunday was foggy at 7 o'clock breakfast but it soon turned into another hot sunny day. In the morning there were two more 90 minute classes and then, after lunch, it was time for the children to say goodbye to new friends and head home. There were definitely some aching feet and legs by the end of all that, but the children were all enriched by so much wonderful knowledge from the three very experienced teachers that had taught them. The three parent helpers with the children were delighted by how wonderfully behaved the Waimate children were and how beautifully they danced but also by how much fun the children clearly had.



# Medal Test Results

(take a deep breath....)

## Tirau 27 July 2013

### Bronze

#### Lochiel:

Ashleigh Sargent  
Emily Sargent  
Sophia Kilgour

#### Tokoroa:

Jade Larsen  
Erike Hancock  
Petronella Verhaegh  
Shontelle Wilson

### Bronze Bar

Xavia Fraser, Lochiel

## Auckland 7 September 2013

### Bronze

#### Milford:

Christopher Burton  
Emilia Burton  
Sophia Burton  
Natasha Dare  
Juliette Lyons  
Abbie Mitchell  
Kiara Nuttney  
Zoe Penlington  
Xanthe Price

Natasha Skuljan  
Dasha Spiridonova  
Grace Stapleton  
Judy Zhang  
Anan Zhao

#### Ellerslie:

Caitlin Eeles  
Megan Spittle

### Bronze Bar

#### Milford:

Christopher Burton

Sophia Burton  
Juliette Lyons

### Silver

Iona Grigor, Milford

### Silver Bar

#### Milford:

Cailin Carmichael  
Isaac Clancy

Jessica MacGee  
Michelle McEwan

### Gold

#### Ellerslie:

Marion McGettigan  
Jacob Samsom  
Claire Wyeth  
Helen Wyeth

#### Milford:

Zoe Rangiahaeata

## JAM Camp, Christchurch 4 October 2013

### Bronze

#### Waimate:

Peter Fish  
Jonathan Fish  
Edward Fish  
Catherine Nichol  
Margaret Nichol  
Thomas Jefferis  
Sarah McLennan  
Anna Peterson

Laney Stanistreet  
Shannah Wallis

#### Waikanae:

Emily Warner

#### Rangiora:

Caitlin Tipping  
Jennifer Russ

### Bronze Bar

#### Lower Hutt:

Caitlin Harris  
Summer Vartan

#### Newtown:

Emma Loader  
Miro Macdonald

#### Christchurch:

Eleanor Plank

## Silver

#### Newtown:

Philip Oliver  
Helen Oliver  
Thelma Sanson

#### Caledonian:

Amy Martin

### Silver Bar

Amy Martin, Caledonian

### Gold

Rebecca Bourne, Lower Hutt

### Gold Bar

Kerridwen Russ, Rangiora

Phew!!!

Congratulations to all the successful candidates, and a huge THANK YOU to all the stooges, organisers, tutors and examiners, who made it happen for you!

## Upcoming Medal Tests

**IMPORTANT NOTE - there's still time to get your application in!**

**Summer School 2013/14 - Cambridge, Waikato. December 30, time to be advised.**

Closing date for applications is  
**18 November 2013.**

Application forms are available online from [rscdsnzb.org.nz](http://rscdsnzb.org.nz) - Click on 'Youth' then under FORMS click 'Sit Medal Test'.

Please return completed application forms and payment of \$10 per test to:

Diane Bradshaw, 48 Tennyson Street,  
Trentham, Upper Hutt 5018.

## Summer School 2013-14

28 December 2013 to 5 January 2014

St Peters School, Cambridge, New Zealand  
More information and registration forms are available online at

<http://waikato1314.rscdsnzb.org.nz>

### Some spaces still available

Send your registration forms to  
W. McConnel, c/o PO Box 10-334, Hamilton  
3241, New Zealand

## Summer School JAM Scholarships

Two Summer School Scholarships were drawn at the Island Bay club's tea dance on 10 August 2013, by the youngest attendee - a sweet non-dancing (tut, tut) 6 year old. The lucky recipients are:

**Helen Wyeth** of Ellerslie Juniors; and  
**Helen Oliver** of Newtown Juniors.

The Scholarship pays the full cost of a JAM resident at the New Zealand Summer School (any travel costs are extra). Applications close on **15 July** each year and are drawn soon after. The award is by ballot only - there is no grading - so start thinking about getting your application in for next year!!

See the application form on the NZ Branch website Youth page, or talk to your Club Tutor for further details.

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### Editors say Goodbye!

Josie Olsen and Mel Paulin have been the editors of Jigs And More for 18 months, but have now resigned - the JAM Committee are very grateful for the time and effort they have put in, and the call is out for someone else to take up the challenge!

Message from Mel:

When Josie and I volunteered to take on the role as editors of Jigs and More at the 2011 summer school in Masterton, neither of us really had much of an idea of what it involved. Now after editing 5 editions I think we can truly call ourselves experts. I have learned so much whilst on this journey including time management, using computer editing software and how to choose articles that will appeal to the wide audience Jigs and More covers. So many people have been very supportive of us and without their support and your contributions we would not have been able to produce anything. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as editor

because it has enabled me to meet some great people and share in their love of Scottish Country Dancing.

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### Items for Sale

Scottish regalia items available for sale in small men's & women's sizes, in Graham of Mentieth New tartan, Graham of Montrose tartan, or tweed - kilts, kilt pins, sporran, jackets, sashes, scarf, vest, brooch, socks, tie, garters, and two stools upholstered in tartan! For more details, email [marion.sanson@actrix.co.nz](mailto:marion.sanson@actrix.co.nz).

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### More from Spring Into Christchurch JAM Camp

#### Reports from some North Island attendees:

On 4 October, our teacher Jeanette, Tegan and my sister Anna and myself went on an aeroplane. We flew over our beautiful country to Christchurch, we saw snow-capped mountains, lakes, rivers and towns and beaches. It was awesome.

The first evening there was a ceilidh. People did demonstrations, we ate and we danced and we all had fun. The theme of the weekend was spring. Ladies dressed up as sheep danced the Baatronella. After they finished, there were sheep droppings on the floor. For a moment I thought they were real. But they were chocolates, raisins and nuts.

In the morning, we had classes. We learned reels and figure of eights; we got to know each other better. After lunch we went to the Antarctic Centre where we experienced a snowstorm and saw penguins being fed. On Saturday evening we had a big ball. There was a live band, they were good. I danced the whole evening in my prettiest spring dress. When I went to bed I was very tired!

I enjoyed dancing with different people. What nice people got together in Christchurch that weekend. And I won a scholarship to go to camp, so thank you to the [former Stratford SCD Club] for making this possible.

Report from Petronella Verhaegh, Tokoroa

And from Anna Verhaegh:

All too soon we had landed back in Hamilton, got our luggage and made our way back to Tokoroa, Tegan and I with sore feet and legs, Petronella full of energy but tired and Jeanette as her usual self. We were definitely very happy and all had an amazing experience. We were glad to be back home in our own beds. My brother Hendrik feels a bit stink that he didn't come this year, but he might come to the next JAM camp, wherever that may be. Thank you to the Canterbury region for organizing such a magnificent camp. And thank you to all our wonderful teachers who played a big part, you can't imagine how grateful we are for that. And also the examiners, who struggled to finish their reports in time. I learned a whole lot at camp, that I never even knew I could accomplish. Hope to see some of you JAMs at summer school in Cambridge.

**And you can continue to remember Camp:**

The Senior JAMs' demonstration at the Final Fling of their "choreographed" Robertson's Rant is now on YouTube - have a look at:

By Jill Plank:

<http://youtu.be/BAnC-WrhtZk>

Or from the gallery, by Diane Bradshaw:

[http://youtu.be/exkDoj\\_ISIM](http://youtu.be/exkDoj_ISIM)

**Whoops - the Lost Property appeal:**

**SWEATSHIRT:** Did anyone lose a light grey Federation brand hooded sweatshirt with black, white and peach writing on the front? It was found outside one of the dance-rooms. Email Sandra if it's yours, at [johnandsandramccormick@gmail.com](mailto:johnandsandramccormick@gmail.com)

**And FINALLY a message from your organisers:**

Thank you to all of you who came to camp - your willingness to participate fully and enjoy yourselves ensured that it was a happy event. Thank you to all of the people who helped you to get here - families, tutors, sponsors and fund-raisers - without your help there would have been no camp.

Spread the word and start saving for JAM Camp 2015!!

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## Lower Hutt Juniors RSCDS 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Yes, other things have been going on! The Lower Hutt Scottish Country Dancing Club Juniors had a costume party to celebrate of the 90th anniversary of the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society on Monday 5 August.

From Rebecca & Caitlin:

We all dressed up in a theme of our choice (including Diane our teacher, who dressed up as a football player). We had a variety of costumes ranging from angels to a policewoman. For the night we had a band playing for us, which was great. The band dressed up as well. In the band were Iain on fiddle, Aileen on accordion and Terry on the drum.

After we had danced two people got prizes for being the best dressed. At the end of the night we all had a wonderful supper. We all enjoyed ourselves hugely and had a really fun night.

