



The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
New Zealand Branch Inc
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Jigs And More



JAMs at Queen's Birthday Weekend

Lochiel Club hosted this year's Queen's Birthday Weekend School for the Waikato Bay of Plenty Region.

A JAM class, taught by Kaylene Wright, catered for the younger JAMs while several of the older JAMs benefited from joining the adult classes of the school. A great weekend of fun and learning has seen the enthusiasm of these dancers increase.

The "Right Royal" theme added to the fun, with many people bringing their own costumes or hiring those on offer. The music of Peter Elmes' Band added to the spirit of the weekend.



The JAM class worked well together to develop a fun item based on Domino Five at the QBW Ceilidh.



JAMs dressed in their finery at the QBW Palace Ball.

JAM Day '08

On a sunny Saturday in May, JAMs from the Waikato and Bay of Plenty met in Tokoroa for their first JAM Day. They came from Rotorua, Hamilton and Tokoroa with examiners from Auckland and Hamilton joining them.

There were activities to occupy the mind, Medal Tests to prepare for and sit, tea to replenish the body and social dances to enjoy to round off a busy afternoon.

It is hoped that this will become an annual event and be hosted by various clubs from around the region.

Photos below show a walk through before a Medal Test, the relief afterwards and other JAMs involved in a mask making activity.



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Forthcoming Events

Dance Scottish Week 12 – 20 September 2008

A worldwide celebration of Scottish Country Dancing.
What will you do in your Club or Region to promote SCD?

RSCDS NZ Branch Ilam Summer School

Date: 28 Dec '08 to 5 Jan '09
Venue: Christchurch
Contact: Doug Mills
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JAM Camp 2009

Venue: Wellington
Contact: Elaine Lethbridge
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**To have an event listed in the
Forthcoming Events for JAMs,
please email
jam@rscdsnz.org.nz_
with dates and contact name**

Competition Acrostic Poem

Last year, several of you suggested an acrostic poem as a competition idea.
So, here's your chance to write one.
The subject is "Dancing".
Use the entry form included with the newsletter.

Do write to us!

*We welcome contributions to your newsletter from all JAMs, JAM groups, their teachers and friends.
If you have any photos or articles of interest, we would love to receive them. It is difficult for our small committee to cover everything that is going on amongst our younger dancers so we have to rely on you to help us out.
Let us know how you are involved in Dance Scottish Week and send us any photos you have.
Contributions to us by 30 September for the next newsletter, please.*

Story competition result Congratulations to Tamara-Clare Stratton of Glendarroch Club in Wanganui.

Tamara-Clare, aged 9, won the Dance Story competition for the 9 – 13 year olds. You can read her story about The Piper and the Penguin below. A voucher has been sent to her.

There were no entries in the other two age groups – perhaps because there wasn't a lot of time to get your entries in! We're giving you a bit longer this time.

The Piper and the Penguin!

One day on a small hill in Scotland there was a Piper playing like he usually is. When far across the world there was a penguin listening to the beautiful music and humming to himself. The Piper heard the penguin but only just, as he was faraway so the Piper shouted in his loudest voice "What is your phone number, tell me." The Penguin, trying his hardest to remember English, replied "(27)7364846." So the Piper got his mobile phone out of his back pocket and from that day on they were talking happily together.

Do you know that JAMs can apply for the JAM scholarship that pays the fees of one JAM for Summer School?

If you have applied to go to Summer School, why not apply for the Scholarship too?
An application form is included with this newsletter and needs to be sent in by the end of the month.

Dance Scottish Week Colouring Competition

The RSCDS have a colouring competition running for those of you who are 12 or under.

You may like to go to the RSCDS website (www.rscds.org) to download an entry form.
Send your entry directly to Scotland to arrive by 31 October.

Enclosures with this issue:

- Competition page
- SS Scholarship Application
- SS Medal Test Application
- Membership card

Medal Test Results

Waikato Bay of Plenty, May 2008

Bronze Medal

Manaia Graham	Rotorua
Seattle McLeod	Rotorua
Stephanie Godfrey	Hamilton Scottish
Drew Leaf-Dobbs	Tokoroa
Jessica Shute	Hamilton Scottish
Christopher Totton	Tokoroa
Michael Totton	Tokoroa

Bronze Bar Medal

Hermina Andersen	Tokoroa
Ngaire Cruickshank	Tokoroa
Rosalee Hancock	Tokoroa
Rebecca Hart-Hay	Lochiel
Nicholas Totton	Tokoroa

Silver Medal

Else Ritmeester	Tokoroa
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Hamilton Scottish JAM, Stephanie Godfrey, received her Bronze Medal and Certificate from her Club President, Jill Monds.

Stephanie was one of the JAMs who sat Medal Tests at the Waikato Bay of Plenty's first "JAM Day" held in May.



Summer School in Christchurch

The NZ Branch's nine day long Summer School is being held in Christchurch this year.

It starts on the 28th of December and finishes on the 5th of January.

There will be both Junior JAM (up to age 13) and Senior JAM (13 to 19) classes.

The cost is \$650 if you want to live in at the School, or \$100 if you want to commute to the School.

If you have any questions, contact the organiser, Doug Mills, (doug.mills@rscdsnzb.org.nz) or the Branch Secretary, Murray Corps, (sect@rscdsnzb.org.nz).

"We'd love to see you and your friends in the Sunny South Island."



Tokoroa Tea Dance

As has happened in the previous seven years, Tokoroa Club held their Tea Dance in the July school term break. The snow in Tokoroa the day before may have deterred some from travelling but there were still visitors from Kawerau, Hamilton, Te Awamutu, Napier and Taupo. The programme was targeted at JAMs and newer dances and was enjoyed by over 40 dancers plus many of their parents and grandparents.

Very new dancers were able to have a go at SCD, while more experienced JAMs and supporters enjoyed some more challenging dances.

Photographed above are all the JAMs who were there, along with "McKauri" the kiwi who accompanies the Tokoroa SCD Club when they are out in the community.

Can your Club top this?

Hamilton Scottish Country Dance Club boasts what may be the greatest number of grandmother and granddaughter dancer connections of any club in New Zealand.

Photographed below are Pam Godfrey with granddaughters Stephanie and Kerry Godfrey, Evelyn Dutton with Morgan Nichols, Frances Purdie with Sara Tattley, Irene Polkinghorn with Samantha Lusty and June McConnel with Louise McConnel. If your Club can top that, send us a photo and note about it.



If you have things to share with other Senior JAMs send them to:
The Young and the Reckless,
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or email jam@rscdsnz.org.nz

The Young and The Reckless *Old enough to know better, young enough to do it anyway*

Amy in Aussie

Hi, I'm Amy Esler. I'm 17, and have recently returned from Australia where I was one of twelve dancers from NZ who attended the Winter School in Palm Beach which is about an hour and a half south of Brisbane. I was the only NZ junior aside from about eleven other young dancers from Australia. There were four of us from Auckland, one from Wellington and about six from Christchurch.



With Keith Smith and Catherine Fraser after the Masked Ball on the final night of the school.

It was certainly a lot of fun and there were many dancers from all over Australia who attended. There were socials and a ceilidh every night and a formal dinner was also included. The accommodation was right beside the beach which was a great way to relax at the end of the day before the evening dance, and the following after-party!!!

The Balmoral Band of Sharlene Penman, Anne-Marie Forsythe and Iain McKenzie, were joined by Catherine Fraser, Muriel Johnstone, Bruce Mitchell, and Keith Smith from Australia, the UK and Canada.

Identifying who was a first-timer was a bit confusing to begin with as they had a 'halo' around the image of a pelican on their name tag, but aside from that they certainly seemed to enjoy the experience.

The climate was certainly a lot colder than in NZ and the time difference was a bit of a challenge for the first few days, but once I had got over that, nothing could stop me from dancing.

Many of the musicians will be at the Ilam Summer School in Christchurch at the end of the year (Muriel Johnstone, Catherine Fraser and the Balmoral Band)

Next year's Winter School is in Kiama which is an hour and a half south of Sydney. More info is available on the Sydney Branch website.

After such a successful Palm Beach Winter School, bring on Kiama!!!!

Dancing on YouTube

There are some great dancing videos on YouTube!

In Newcastle in England there is an annual festival/competition at which teams from around Britain and Europe compete.

This year, dancers who spent their formative years in New Zealand were dancing in two of the teams: David Cordes from Dunedin and recently a member of the JAM Committee was dancing in the London Demonstration Team.

Paul Hunnago left Auckland some years ago and now lives in Frankfurt. He danced in the International Demonstration Team.

David can easily be identified in the London Team - he is the tallest. There are two videos of this demonstration sequence each captured from different places in the room.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOjd6oMFeEM>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byrAqsyVmIE>

The International Team had an interesting dilemma - being spread out geographically they could not dance together until just before the performance. Paul Hunnago explained, on a recent visit to Auckland, that the first time that they all danced together was just prior to the performance. They had been able to practice separately in their own areas.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NT-d29MGgQw>

Once in YouTube other related dance videos make themselves available to you. A particularly interesting one is Edinburgh University Dancers dancing to the Sound of Music.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qrdp-rWdxv0>

In Britain there are a number of university groups and several of them can be found on YouTube, along with a young group of dancers called Corryvreckan, who were the winners of the Newcastle Festival this year.

If you don't want to worry about these long URL addresses, just go to www.youtube.com and type "scottish country dancing Newcastle festival" in the search box. This will bring up a range of videos - take care that you watch the 2008 ones if you want to see Paul and David.