



Royal Scottish Country Dance Society New Zealand Branch Inc.

MAC News

(Management and Co-ordinator News)

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PRESIDENT

Just a brief report for the halfway point in the year. Frances and I travelled to Auckland for the North Shore Combined Ball. It was great to meet up with some friends and meet new ones. It is always a pleasure to see other Regions in action and reassuring to note that no matter where you are in the country, Scottish country dancers not only enjoying their dancing but seeing the friendship and the social side of our community of Scottish dancers.

Some of you may have been involved in the International Ceilidh that occurred on the 21st June at 7.30pm. Over 850 dancers took part in New Zealand. These events took place in Mangonui, Waipu, Auckland, Wanganui, Lower Hutt, Christchurch and Dunedin. If you all had as much fun as we had in Christchurch I am sure you will be looking for another ceilidh in the near future.

I hope to be at Lower Hutt, Waikato/Bay of Plenty and the Royal Oak dances, hope to see you there.

SECRETARY

Secretary: The Branch needs a secretary for 2015. Nomination forms are available on the Branch website or from the Branch Secretary.

Nominations and Remits: Members are reminded that nominations for Management Committee positions and remits for the AGM on 1 January 2015 MUST be received by the Secretary by 31 August 2014.

RSCDS AGM: The 2014 RSCDS AGM will be held in Perth on 8 November. Anyone expecting to be in Scotland at this time and interested in being a New Zealand Branch delegate, please contact the Branch Secretary.

Branch Calendar of Events: The Branch Secretary tries to keep the Calendar on the Branch website as complete and up to date as possible. Sometimes events come to his attention from notices sent to Clubs but not to the Branch. Please help the Secretary to provide the best possible service to you and Branch members by sending event notices and updates to the Branch Secretary of any matters you would like raised.

New Plymouth 60th Anniversary: This will be celebrated on 2 August. Dancing 3:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm. For more information see Branch website or contact newplymouth@dancescottish.org.nz

CO-ORDINATORS' REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY

Promotion: The time to pay RSCDS fees is almost here, so get started promoting the benefits of Branch and RSCDS membership. Remember you can obtain free copies of the brochure "Fun, fitness and friendship" (that outlines 9 great

reasons to become an RSCDS member) by simply emailing communication@dancescottish.org.nz.
Commonwealth Ceilidh – What a success, 854+ participants! Congratulations to all concerned. View photos and video capturing ceilidh snippets from NZ and around the world at: <http://www.rscdsnz.org.nz/commonwealthceilidh.php>
<http://getscotlanddancing.org/the-commonwealth-ceilidh>

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Have you missed the Teaching course details that were emailed to Clubs and Teachers? Are you still undecided about whether to start or continue teacher training? Even if you miss the 30th June 2014 deadline you still may be able to participate. Email or talk with:

Debbie Roxburgh – Unit 1 - Unit1@dancescottish.org.nz

Doug Mills – Unit 2/3 – exam@dancescottish.org.nz

Gail Schofield – education@dancescottish.org.nz

MEMBERSHIP

Now is the time to sell the benefits of RSCDS membership to those dancers at your club who are not members YET. Remember all we need is one new member from each club and our branch membership will keep rising each year!!

Note for current members: The RSCDS database has recently undergone a major overhaul and they are in the process of ironing out any resulting kinks. On this note all members should have received their April copy of the RSCDS dancer magazine. If you have not received this, please contact secretary@dancescottish.org.nz or membership@dancescottish.org.nz and Michael or I will sort this out.

YOUTH

Summer School Scholarship applications are due by **15 July**, so please think about putting one in - just email it to youth@dancescottish.org.nz. The two lucky recipients are chosen by draw and have their School fees as a 'JAM Resident' paid (travel at own cost).

Have you visited the Medal Test webpage lately? We have added dance instructions for all test levels. This will help stooges prepare, and give teachers all the instructions in one place for each level. We've added some notes for some dances, where we've seen different ways of interpreting the instructions - this will allow all candidates to be taught the same thing, and they won't be put off by other candidates doing the dance differently during the test. We admit that these notes are not "the only way" or "the right way"; they are just to make it easier to know which way other candidates will dance each dance.

Next mail out due:

31st July - Kiwi News

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