

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRANCH
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

September 2020

Hello Scottish Country Dancers,

On behalf of the Northern Virginia Branch Board, I invite you to join or renew your membership with the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS).

Dancing will continue to look a bit different as we kick off the RSCDS NOVA Branch's 2020 fall trimester. As we have since the onset of transmission of COVID-19 in the DC metro area, we will conduct classes via Zoom from September-December. Although the RSCDS membership dues remain the same this year, the NOVA Branch's online approach to socially-distanced dancing has practical implications in terms of tuition. Please read the following explanation carefully, as it has changed since last year.

Breakdown of Membership Dues and Tuition Fees:

- **Full Membership** – Annual RSCDS membership dues are \$40. This covers dues both to the RSCDS headquarters in Scotland and to the NOVA Branch for administrative costs, including insurance.
- **“Couples” Membership** – The RSCDS has a discounted membership level for two people sharing the same address. The dues in this case are \$64 for the two people. This covers dues both to the RSCDS headquarters in Scotland and to the NOVA Branch for administrative costs, including insurance.
- **Associate Membership** – RSCDS NOVA membership dues for those who pay full membership at another RSCDS Branch is \$20 per year. This covers administrative and insurance costs in the NOVA Branch.
- **Tuition for Classes** – Historically, RSCDS NOVA Branch members who wish to pay in advance for a full trimester of live classes have been eligible for tuition rates. As the classes comprising 2020's fall trimester will be held online via Zoom rather than in-person, the NOVA Branch will not collect tuition at this time. In lieu of tuition, the Board suggest that members make a \$10 donation to cover the cost of weekly online classes from September-December. The Board will make a decision as to whether online classes will continue into the spring trimester as January draws closer.
- **Drop-in Fees** – Historically, dancers who are not RSCDS NOVA members and/or who prefer to not commit to the tuition cost of a full trimester of classes could pay a weekly drop-in fee. As the NOVA Branch will neither dance in-person nor collect tuition during the 2020 fall trimester, it will likewise not collect drop-in fees. The drop-in fee policy will resume during the next trimester of in-person dancing.

Please find following this letter the membership and class enrollment application. You may print this form, complete it, and mail it with a check to the address at the bottom of the enrollment form, OR you may complete the entire membership registration process ONLINE! Please visit the RSCDS NOVA Branch website (<http://www.rscds-greaterdc.org>) to access the link. *

The Northern VA Branch is adopting the same level of security about your personal and contact information as does the RSCDS headquarters office in Edinburgh. The General Data Protection Regulations allow us to request your contact information but we must safeguard it and not disclose it without your consent. In the past, we have produced a membership directory which was distributed to all paid members of the Branch. The membership form has a specific checkbox so that you can request that your information NOT be included. Please note that a separate list is maintained containing your emergency contact information; this information is available to teachers only in case of an emergency during class or at an event.

Even if you do not wish to enroll as an RSCDS member at this time, we want to remind you that RSCDS Northern Virginia is a 501(c)(3) organization. Please consider being part of our family and friends by supporting Scottish heritage and culture with your tax-deductible gift.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we together navigate the unusual terrain of Scottish Country Dancing during a time of social-distancing. For updated information about RSCDS NOVA dancing, be sure to check our website at www.rscds-greaterdc.org.

Looking forward to dancing with you soon - Here's to being back in our ghillies in no time!

Alex Menard

Membership Chair, RSCDS NOVA Branch

Need more information?

Contact NoVa-membership@rscds-greaterdc.org or info@rscds-greaterdc.org

* For the first time, NOVA RSCDS has implemented a system in which you can register your membership and make a payment online. This service is for ease of registration during this time of social distancing, though it costs the Branch a nominal fee. Alternatively, we will accept forms and checks by mail.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY (RSCDS), Northern Virginia Branch
MEMBERSHIP DATA AND REGISTRATION: 2020-2021

Name: _____

Please indicate your name as you would like it listed in the membership directory.

Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Mobile: _____

E-Mail Address(es): _____

(Very important in case of class cancellations on short notice. Please indicate if phone is preferred.)

>> **Emergency Contact, Phone, and Relationship:** _____

Do not include my information in the membership directory. _____

If you are a returning RSCDS member, do you need a new name badge? _____

If you are a new RSCDS member, how did you learn about Scottish Country Dancing?

RSCDS MEMBERSHIP FEES AND TUITION

DUES FOR 2020-2021

- Full Membership Dues: \$40 per year (Sept-Aug) \$ _____
- "Couples" Membership Dues (two people at the same address): \$64 per year (Sept-Aug) \$ _____
- Associate Member Dues (those who pay full membership at another RSCDS Branch): \$20 per year (Sept-Aug) \$ _____

SUGGESTED DONATION – In lieu of class tuition for in-person dancing (traditionally \$60 per member per trimester), we suggest that members make a \$10 donation to cover the costs of weekly online dance classes during the fall trimester. The RSCDS NOVA Board will make a decision as to whether online classes will continue into the spring trimester as January draws closer.

Adults:

- Suggested Donation for Adults – Fall Term: \$10 (September 1 – December 31, 2020) \$ _____

Youth (Ages 10-18):

- Suggested Donation for Youth – Fall Term: \$10 (September 1 – December 31, 2020) \$ _____

GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION: We welcome your generosity! (RSCDS NOVA Branch is a 501(c)(3) organization) \$ _____

Please make checks payable to RSCDS, NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRANCH **TOTAL SUBMITTED** \$ _____

DANCING LEVEL

FUNDamental: Beginners, dancers with limited experience, and/or those dancers desiring a "refresher"

General: Dancers who have experience in Scottish Country Dancing, either with the RSCDS NOVA Branch or with another RSCDS Branch or affiliated group

Dance level: FUNDamentals General

Please return this form with payment to:

Bryan McGhee, Treasurer, RSCDS NOVA Branch -- 8631 Woodview Dr., Springfield, VA 22153