

*A Joint Newsletter of the  
Northern Virginia and  
Washington DC Branches of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society*

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## Thank you, Ellie!

Many thanks to Ellie Briscoe for editing December's "Over The Water" during Jenn Stoddard's maternity leave.

## Capital Weekend 2003

Capital Weekend 2003 (the 12<sup>th</sup> annual!) will dazzle you on April 4-6. Your teachers for Saturday's classes will be Linda Gaul and Keith Bark. Linda is from Perthshire in Scotland. A past Chair of the RSCDS, she has taught workshops all over, including RSCDS Summer and Winter Schools and Pinewoods camp. Keith lives in Ontario and has taught workshops all over North America. Linda and Keith promise us an exciting time!

Friday night's Welcome Dance features the incredible energy of Millbrae (Dave Wiesler, Hanneke Cassel and Terry Traub). Saturday night's Capital Ball offers you the mellifluous tones of Terpsichore (Liz Donaldson, Elke Baker and Ralph Gordon). All dance events take place at the National Cathedral School. Register before March 31 to get the weekend package for \$55 – a \$5 discount. Dancers with 6-12 months' experience get a special price of only \$35 for the whole weekend.

Capital Weekend is sponsored by Washington Branch, but it can't happen without help from YOU! Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments (contact Vicki Platz), and decorations (contact Mary Andrews). Sheryl Griffith is running hospitality – if you have space to offer, call her at 301-513-5698. For general information, contact Capital Weekend co-chairs Jim Mielke at 301-589-3045, [jim.mielke@geologist.com](mailto:jim.mielke@geologist.com) and Jenise Williamson at 301-441-1331, [jenisec@earthlink.net](mailto:jenisec@earthlink.net). Details on our area website or [www.capitalweekend.org](http://www.capitalweekend.org).

## National Tartan Day

April 6 is National Tartan Day! Come down to the National Mall and make Tartan Day the whiz-bang conclusion to your Capital Weekend fun! Established by a Senate Resolution in 1998, National Tartan Day honors the contributions of Scottish Americans (nearly half the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent!). April 6, 2003 will mark the 683<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath – the Scottish Declaration of Independence.

Bring your ghillies! We have a special opportunity for demonstration teams to get feedback from Linda Gaul. You will need to **sign up in advance** for these special assessments, so contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or [caberfei@aol.com](mailto:caberfei@aol.com). In addition, massed group demonstrations – open to all, and no advance signup required – happen twice during the afternoon; we'll dance 3 Scottish country dances (The Jubilee Jig, Seann Truibhas Willichan, and The De'il Amang the Tailors). For those with worn-out feet, there will be Highland games and Highland dancing to watch, massed pipe bands and great fiddle and other music to listen to.

Events on the Mall run all day, starting off with a Kirkin' of the Tartans at 9 (there's also a kirkin' March 30 in Baltimore). A "Twilight Tattoo" is planned for early evening. More info at [www.nationalcapital-tartanday.org](http://www.nationalcapital-tartanday.org)



## Current Class Schedules

### **Mondays**

**SCDS Washington:** As of February 28<sup>th</sup> NIH has rescinded it's restriction on recreational activities after 6 p.m. As a consequence SCD classes will be held at the normal time on Monday evenings. The situation could change in a day or a month. For the latest NIH security updates, check [www.nih.gov/about/visitorsecurity.htm](http://www.nih.gov/about/visitorsecurity.htm). References to non-mission related functions or functions after hours apply to dancing. Normal class information for SCDSW is: Mondays 7:45 pm. NIH, building T-39, Bethesda MD. Arrive on time and be prepared for security car search. General and Basic classes. Contact Mary Ann Williamson at [mary.ann.williamson@nih.gov](mailto:mary.ann.williamson@nih.gov) or 202-686-9591.

**Baltimore:** Mondays 8 pm. Catonsville Presbyterian Church, Catonsville MD. General and Basic classes. Live music twice each month. Contact Fred Eustis at 410-922-6369 or [feustis@starpower.net](mailto:feustis@starpower.net).

### **Tuesdays**

**Saint Columba's:** Tuesdays 8-10 pm, Greenbelt Comm. Ctr, Greenbelt MD. General and Basic classes; beginners welcome any time. Live music monthly. Contact Jenn Mayrovitz at 410-381-3948 or [rjmayro@erols.com](mailto:rjmayro@erols.com).

**Charlottesville:** Tuesdays 6:30-9 pm, St. Paul's Epis. Church, Ivy VA. Mixed class; beginners welcome any time, but please call ahead. Contact Celia or Bob Belton at 804-979-0939 or [trouto@ntelos.net](mailto:trouto@ntelos.net).

**Richmond:** Tuesdays 7 pm, Richmond Comm. Sch., corner of Patterson & Libbie Aves, Richmond VA. Beginners welcome any time. Contact Stella Fogg at 804-740-4404 or [stellaf@attbi.com](mailto:stellaf@attbi.com).

### **Wednesdays**

**Northern Virginia Branch RSCDS:** Wednesdays 7:30 pm at Jefferson-Houston Elem. Sch, Alexandria. Contact Carol Porter at 703-379-5779; Ellie Briscoe at 703-461-7383 or [mail@briscoe.com](mailto:mail@briscoe.com); David Chase at 703-780-8616 or [David\\_E\\_Chase@hud.gov](mailto:David_E_Chase@hud.gov).

**Frederick:** Wednesdays. Contact Valerie Hill at 301-663-1042 or [vlhill@juno.com](mailto:vlhill@juno.com).

**Cumberland:** Wednesdays 7:30-9:30 pm, Appalachian Ballet Theater, US Rt 220 South, Cresaptown MD, across from Sheetz store. All levels. Contact Roger Dale at 301-729-1775 or [smdlaw02@hereintown.net](mailto:smdlaw02@hereintown.net).

**Annapolis:** Classes are not currently meeting. Contact Gil McNew at 410-224-6788 or [gdmcnew@juno.com](mailto:gdmcnew@juno.com).

### **Fridays**

**Washington Branch RSCDS:** Fridays 8 pm at Montgomery Blair High School, University Blvd & Colesville Rd, Silver Spring MD. Experienced Technique on first Fridays, Fundamental Technique second Fridays, Easy Social fourth Fridays. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or [caberfei@aol.com](mailto:caberfei@aol.com).

### **Weekends**

**Youth Classes:** Plans are in the works to repeat last year's high energy youth classes. For further information contact Ralph at 301-649-6664.



## Flowers of the Forest

Lee Ticknor: Gail Ticknor of Staunton, VA writes that her husband, Leland, a teacher of Scottish dancing for 40 years, died in June 2002. Gail has also had to stop dancing, due to hip and knee replacement.

Bennett Hamer: A very "Southern Gentleman" passed away in February. A "weel kent" face in the Southeast dance circle, Bennett and his "Pony" (his white Pontiac) basically lived on the highway going from one dance to another. Several dancers have commented that year after year they could always rely on Bennett to be at whatever event was happening that weekend. Becky Sager of Marietta GA noted that she could tell she was at the right place if the Pony was parked outside! Bennett will be sadly missed.

### THE SILVER HAMER

a Strathspey for a 3 couple set

Devised by Elaine Brunken, February 20<sup>th</sup> 2003, on the way to the Atlanta 'Dillard House' workshop. In fond memory of Bennett Hamer, who died suddenly, of a heart attack. He was registered to attend, but never made it to the weekend.

Bars

- 1-8      1st and 3rd couples dance a progressive figure of eight:  
             1<sup>st</sup> couple cross with the right hand, cast off through 3<sup>rd</sup> place, cross up through original position, and cast off to 3<sup>rd</sup> place; while 3<sup>rd</sup> couple set, cross up through first place on opposite sides, cast off through 3<sup>rd</sup> place (opposite sides), and cross up to first place, own side. Stay facing out.
- 9-16     3<sup>rd</sup> couple track:  
             3rd couple cast off one place (2nd couple step up on 9 and 10), 3rd couple meet, dance down the middle (nearer hands joined), 3rd couple face each other, in the center of the set, and set to each other. 3rd couple lead up (left hands) to face 1st corner positions.
- 17-24    Set to Corners and Spiral (3rd couple are the active couple):  
             Set to 1st corners; Pull back right shoulders and spiral around each other, by the right shoulder, to face 2nd corners. Set to 2<sup>nd</sup> corners; Pull back right shoulders and spiral around each other, by the right shoulder, to finish in 2nd place, own side.
- 25-32    2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 1<sup>st</sup> couples circle 6 hands round and back

## New Book Workshop

On February 2, Maria Adams, Pam Stephens, Stella Fogg, Annette Harris, Jay Andrews, Shelly Foote, Margaret Grandine, Celia Belton, Liz Donaldson and Ralph Stoddard led over four sets of dancers through the 10 new dances from Book 42. Thanks to Ellie Briscoe for organizing the event, to the teachers for taking on this assignment, and to the dancers who brought delicious refreshments!

We rated each dance on a 0-3 scale [3 means "I LOVE that dance, it's my new favorite"; 0 is "yeucchhh -- no redeeming social value".] The most popular were James Gray, a 4-couple jig with a chain progression-type figure, The Chequered Court, a 3-couple jig with a variant on corners pass and turn and double triangles, then May Yarker's Strathspey, a fairly simple strathspey with a 3-couple knot.

<u>Dance Name and Type</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Dance Name and Type</u>	<u>Rating</u>
James Gray (32J4)	2.8	Dancing in the Street (32R4)	2.0
The Chequered Court (32J3)	2.6	Mr. Iain Stuart Robertson (32R3)	1.8
May Yarker's Strathspey (32S3)	2.3	David Russell Hall (40R3)	1.8
Anna Holden's Strathspey (32S2)	2.0	Hall Change (32J4)	1.8
James Senior of St Andrews (32S4)	2.0	Ways in New Hall (32R3)	1.8



## Scottish Fiddle Workshop with Laura Risk

What makes a tune sound Scottish? Laura Risk offers a workshop Sunday, March 16 at the home of Ken Kolodner, 3806 Fenchurch Rd, Baltimore. \$30. In-depth look at ornamentation and bowing, phrasing and expression, playing 'in the groove', improvising melodic variations, and using accents to create rhythmic excitement. Also look at the art of playing second fiddle in Scottish music and work on improvising harmonies and chordal backup parts. The workshop will be taught by ear, but sheet music for the tunes will be available. Participants are encouraged to bring a small tape recorder to record musical examples and repertoire.

Laura has performed with many notable names in Celtic and American traditional music, including *Ensemble Galilei*, *The John Whelan Band*, Darol Anger's "World of Fiddles", *Helicon*, Scottish fiddler Alasdair Fraser, and *Cordelia's Dad*. Laura has appeared at the Celtic Connections Festival (Glasgow), Celtic Colours (Cape Breton), City Stages (Birmingham, AL), Summer Solstice Festival (Los Angeles), Memoires et Racines (Quebec), and the Newport, Winnipeg, and Philadelphia Folk Festivals. Contact Ken Kolodner at 410-243-7254 or kenkolodner@aol.com; Laura Risk at laurarisk@sympatico.ca or 514 727-3171. Ken and Laura are also offering a concert at The Cellar Stage in Baltimore on Friday, March 14.

## A Very Happy Birthday to Annette Harris

Northern Virginia Branch helped Annette celebrate her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday with a dance party on February 22. An enthusiastic crowd braved wintry weather to enjoy Jay Andrews' program and great music from Pete Campbell and David Knight. Birthday cake at intermission with a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday," and those who attended signed a memento poster for Annette. Featured (and encored) was a new dance by Betty Lee Barnes. Instructions (from the cheat sheet) are below, printed with Betty Lee's kind permission.

### **THREE QUARTERS = SEVENTY FIVE SENSE**

a strathspey for a 3 couple set

Devised by Betty Lee Barnes in honor of Annette Harris's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday

#### Bars

- 1-2 All turn partner RH  $\frac{3}{4}$  round to finish in the center facing toward own side.
- 3-8 All dance to own side and chase round clockwise to finish on opposite side (ending 3-2-1)
- 9-14 All set, then 3s face down to 2s who face up and all four people set passing LS with the facing person. 3s repeat with 1s, finishing in order 2-1-3.
- 15-16 All turn partner RH, finishing ready for
- 17-22 3-couple allemande for 6 bars
- 23-24 From allemande position of bar 6, all pull back RS and cast into place on own sideline, flowing into
- 25-32 6 hands round and back

## Scotland at the Smithsonian

The 2003 Smithsonian Folklife Festival will celebrate the traditional cultures of Appalachia, Scotland, and Mali. Hmmm.....Tennessee, Tartans, and Timbuktu! On the National Mall June 25-29 and July 2-6.



## Plan Your Dancing Summer

Summer schools are busting out all over. Application deadlines are approaching rapidly, so get moving NOW if you want to spend your summer vacation in your ghillies!

- **Thistle School of Scottish Country Dance**, July 6 – 11, 2003 at Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, NC. Teaching staff includes John Middleton, J'ina Middleton, Frances Gray, Bobby Brown, all of Canada, and Elizabeth Lee Barnes, Washington DC...Examiners appointed by RSCDS for the Candidate Class, June 30-July 10, are Bruce Frazer of the UK and Frances Gray of Canada. Examinations will be held on Friday, July 11. **The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Gala** - Saturday, July 12, 8:30 p.m. - music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent of Toronto. Contact Betty Lee Barnes, 5034 Eskridge Terrace, NW, Washington DC 20016; 202-966-3595 [Thistledance@starpower.net](mailto:Thistledance@starpower.net)
- **Pinewoods Camp English-Scottish Session**, July 6 – 11, 2003 in Plymouth MA. Contact: Howard Brezner (Registrar), 518-456-1732 or [hsbrezne@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:hsbrezne@gw.dec.state.ny.us). Web site: [www.geocities.com/SoHo/Courtyard/8534/](http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/Courtyard/8534/).
- **Pinewoods Camp RSCDS Sessions I & II**, July 11 – 19, 2003 in Plymouth MA. Teachers: Linda Gaul, Ron Wallace, Marianne Taylor, Howard Lasnik, Robert McOwen, Lance Ramshaw, Barbara McOwen (Music Class I), and Elke Baker (Music Class II). Music Director this year is Terry Traub. Contact: Betty Allen, 781-849-3512 or [eallensed@beld.net](mailto:eallensed@beld.net); MaryEllen Scannell, 781-593-5949 or [scannell@gis.net](mailto:scannell@gis.net).
- **RSCDS Summer School**, July 13 – August 10, 2003 at St Andrews, Scotland. Deadline for applications is March 1<sup>st</sup>!! Forms and details available on the Society's website at [www.rscds.org](http://www.rscds.org).
- **Scottish Weekend at Camp Ramblewood**, September 26 – 28, 2003.

## Upcoming Events

### ♪ Richmond St Patrick's Day Party

**Sunday March 9 at 2 pm**

Church of the Epiphany, 8000 Hermitage Road, Richmond VA. \$12.

Music by Mara Beamish, fiddle; Liz Donaldson, piano. Contact: Stella Fogg at 804-740-4404 or [StellaF@attbi.com](mailto:StellaF@attbi.com)

*The Laird of Milton's Daughter (Book 22)*

*Wisp of Thistle (Book 37)*

*The Raleigh Reel (Six SCD, Dudley Morrison)*

*Sauchie Haugh (RSCDS Leaflet)*

*Wild Geese (Book 24)*

*Wicked Willie (Bicentennial Book – Ways)*

*Miss Gibson's Strathspey (RSCDS Leaflet)*

*The Irish Rover (22 SCD – Cosh)*

*Rory O'More (Book 1)*

*Portnacraig (Book 36)*

*Monymusk (Book 11)*

*The Leprechaun (All Kinds of Everything)*

*Brian Boru (Bicentennial Book – Ways)*

*Delvine Side (Book 2)*

*The Frisky (Book 26)*

*Currie Mountain (New Brunswick Coll)*

### ♪ Baltimore Spring Tea Dance

**Sunday March 30 at 2 pm**

**New Location:** Zion Lutheran Church, 400 E Lexington Street, Baltimore MD (across the street from City Hall and only 4 blocks from the Inner Harbor). See website or call for directions. \$15.

The Adlersaal in Zion Lutheran is enormous and beautiful. We will need a lot of people to fill it! While you may have to park on the street, that won't be hard on a Sunday. Why not make a day of it? Come for the Tartan Day Kirkin' at the Basilica with Cardinal W.H. Keeler (see Tartan Day article in this issue!), or attend Lutheran Mass in German at Zion Lutheran (info at [www.zionbaltimore.org](http://www.zionbaltimore.org)), have lunch in the Inner Harbor, stay for the Tea Dance and go to dinner in Fells Point or Little Italy.



Music by Terpsichore: (Elke Baker, fiddle and Liz Donaldson, piano; with Marty Taylor, recorders and concertina). Contact Fred Eustis 410-922-6369, [feustis@starpower.net](mailto:feustis@starpower.net).

<i>Roaring Jelly (32J, Foss – Glendarroch)</i>	<i>The Chequered Court (32J, Book 42)</i>
<i>The White Cockade (32R, Book 5)</i>	<i>Bonnie Stronshiray (32S, Glasgow Assembly)</i>
<i>Lochiel's Rant (32S, Book 19)</i>	<i>On the Quarter Deck (32H, Harbour City)</i>
<i>Shiftin' Bobbins (32R, Clowes - Ormskirk 6)</i>	<i>Rothsay Rant (32J, Birmingham)</i>
<i>Haste to the Wedding (32J, Book 25)</i>	<i>The Silver Tassie (32S, RSCDS Leaflet)</i>
<i>The Silver City (32S, Drewry)</i>	<i>The Montgomerie's Rant (32R, Book 10)</i>
<i>Seton's Ceilidh Band (64J, Morison's Bush)</i>	
<i>Wind that Shakes the Barley (32R, Duthie)</i>	

### ♪ Tidewater Spring Dance

**Sunday, May 4 at 2 pm**

Academié de Ballet, 904 Oak Grove Road, Chesapeake VA. \$15.

Dancing will be on a sprung wooden floor with Marley cover. Dance to be followed by Scottish Afternoon Tea. Music by Pete Campbell, piano and Mara Beamish, fiddle. Contact Annette Harris, 757-587-4126 or [Aharrisscd@aol.com](mailto:Aharrisscd@aol.com).

<i>Roaring Jelly (32J, Foss – Glendarroch)</i>	<i>Cutty Sark (32J, Book 40)</i>
<i>Australian Ladies (32R, Glasgow Assembly)</i>	<i>Braes of Breadalbane (32S, Book 21)</i>
<i>The Duchess Tree (32S, Brodie Book)</i>	<i>Angus MacKinnon's Hornpipe (32H, Lothian)</i>
<i>Espie McNabb (32J, MMM1)</i>	<i>Balquidder Strathspey (32S, Book 24)</i>
<i>Balgeddie Reel (32R, Memories of Fife)</i>	<i>Montgomerie's Rant (32R, Book 10)</i>
<i>James Senior of St. Andrews (32S, Book 42)</i>	<i>Light and Airy (32J, Book 4)</i>
<i>The Chequered Court (32J, Book 42)</i>	<i>Neidpath Castle (32S, Book 22)</i>
<i>Sleepy Maggie (32R, Book 11)</i>	<i>De'il Amang The Tailors (32R, Book 14)</i>

### ♪ NoVA's "Your Basic Tea Dance"

**Saturday, May 17 at 2 pm**

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5533 North 16th Street, Arlington, VA. \$15

Music by Dave Wiesler (piano) and Daron Douglas (fiddle). Contact Beth Kingsley at 202-544-5795, [ejk@zzapp.org](mailto:ejk@zzapp.org) or Ellie Briscoe at 703-461-7383, [mail@briscoe.com](mailto:mail@briscoe.com).

<i>Hooper's Jig (32J3, MMM2)</i>	<i>James Gray (32J4, Book 42)</i>
<i>Flowers of Edinburgh (32R3, Book 1)</i>	<i>John McAlpin (32S3, Galloway)</i>
<i>Braes of Tulliemet (32S3, Book 7)</i>	<i>The Sailor (32R3, Book 24)</i>
<i>Well Done Jack (32J3, Book 29)</i>	<i>Adieu Mon Ami (32S3, Book 24)</i>
<i>Inveraray (32S3, MMM1)</i>	<i>Mrs. Stewart's Jig (32J3, Book 35)</i>
<i>The Wind that Shakes the Barley (32R3, Duthie)</i>	<i>The De'il Amang the Tailors (32R3, Book 14)</i>

### ♪ Sherando Lake Dance and Cookout

**Saturday, June 7 at 2 pm**

Sherando Recreation Area, west of the Blue Ridge. \$12 plus park entrance fee of \$8 per carload.

Swimming is possible but cold at this time of year. To cut down on park entrance costs, dancers can meet in advance at Mountain View Mennonite Church, a half mile beyond (south) park entrance, and carpool to the dance site.

PLEASE contact the Beltons in advance if you will be attending the cookout, so they know how much food to prepare!! For those traveling a distance, hospitality is available in Charlottesville.

Music by Waverley Station (Liz Donaldson, piano; David Knight, fiddle)

Contact Bob Belton at 434-979-0939 or [trouto@ntelos.net](mailto:trouto@ntelos.net).

<i>Hooper's Jig (32J3, MMM2)</i>	<i>Miss Hadden's Reel (32J3, Bk 23)</i>
<i>Edinburgh Castle Reel (32R3, Children's)</i>	<i>Salute to Miss Milligan (32R3, Canadian Book)</i>
<i>Sandy O'er the Lea (32S2, MMM2)</i>	<i>Lady Lucy Ramsay (32S3, MMM2)</i>
<i>Mason's Apron (32R3, Border)</i>	<i>James Gray (32J4, Book 42)</i>
<i>St Andrew's Fair (32J3, 5 for 1982)</i>	<i>College Hornpipe (32H3, Book 20)</i>
<i>Munro Rant (32S2, MMM1)</i>	<i>Balquidder Strathspey (32S3, Bk 24)</i>
<i>Reel of the Royal Scots (32R3, RSCDS Lflt)</i>	<i>The De'il Amang the Tailors (32R3, Book 14)</i>



## ♫ Richmond Silver Anniversary Ball

**Saturday, June 14 at 7 pm**

Hanover Arts & Activities Center, 500 S. Central Street, Ashland, VA. \$20 if received by June 1 (\$25 at the door). Champagne reception at 7; Grand March at 7:45 pm. Music by Dave Wiesler (piano), David Knight (fiddle), and piper Dan Emery. Contact Stella Fogg 804-740-4404, stellaf@attbi.com

*The Jubilee Jig (RSCDS Leaflet)*

*Miss Catherine Ann (David Queen)*

*J.B. Milne (Collins Pocket Ref.)*

*The Silver Tassie (RSCDS Leaflet)*

*Blue Bonnets (Book 3)*

*Davy Nick Nack (Glasgow Assembly)*

*Delvine Side (Book 2)*

*Sleepy Maggie (Book 11)*

*The Dillsburg Jig (Shengzhang Tang)*

*Balgeddie Reel (Memories of Fife)*

*Monymusk (Book 11)*

*Fair Jenny's Jig (Ron Wallace)*

*Foggy River Reel (Jana Blue)*

*The Robertson Rant (Book 39)*

*Pelorus Jack (Dolphin Book)*

*The Reel of the Royal Scots (RSCDS Leaflet)*

## ♫ Virginia Games Dance

**Friday, July 25 at 8 pm**

Minnie Howard School, 3801 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA. \$15.

Music by Liz Donaldson and friend TBA. Contact Carol Porter at 703-379-5779.

*Lake Shore Jig (32J3, Chicago Coll.)*

*Flowers of Edinburgh (32R3, Book 1)*

*Miss Milligan's Strathspey (32S3, RSCDS Leaflet)*

*The Other Left Hand (32R3, Boyd Leaflet)*

*John McAlpin (32S3, Galloway)*

*James Gray (32J4, Book 42)*

*Laird of Milton's Daughter (32J3, Book 22)*

*Catch the Wind (32H3, Island Bay)*

*Ca' the Ewes Tae the Knowes (32S2, Book 16)*

*Maxwell's Rant (32R3, Book 18)*

*Neidpath Castle (32S3, Book 22)*

*Highlandman Kissed His Mother (32R3, MMM I)*

## New CDs Released

Becky Ross and her husband, Bill Mitchell (aka "Peat & Barley") have released "On the Brink," featuring Scottish and Irish tunes arranged for fiddle and hammered dulcimer. Listen to music samples at <http://users.starpower.net/billmitch>.

Liz Donaldson, David Knight, and Ralph Gordon have released "Waverley Station: First Stop!" Traditional and contemporary jigs, reels, strathspeys and waltzes. Sets suitable for "any good dance." (one for Jana Blue's "Foggy River Reel"). See <http://lizdonaldson.com/>. US\$15 plus \$3 postage; to order contact Liz at [liz@us.net](mailto:liz@us.net), 301-986-1291 or David at [dak@who.net](mailto:dak@who.net), 202-531-3250.

## Administration

Annual General Meetings coming up:

Northern Virginia Branch: Wednesday, April 30 at 7:30 pm. Dancing (live music) following the meeting.

St Columba's SCD Group: Tuesday, May 20 at 8 pm. Meeting and dance.

Other local groups did not report in with AGM information BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU GET TO SKIP THE MEETINGS! Look for flyers and mailings soon.

Branch and group officers for 2002-2003 are:

Northern Virginia Branch: Chairman - David Chase; Vice Chair - Jim McRae; Secretary - Peg Collier; Treasurer - Jeffrey McLean. At Large Board Members - Mike McCarthy, Patti Justice, Don McKenzie, Rich Hogan. Board meets monthly, usually first Tuesdays -- contact David Chase.

Washington Branch: President - Mary Ann Williamson; VP - Joan MacLeod; Secretary - Joan Rubin; Treasurer - Fred Eustis. Rest of board are reps from SCDS-W or St C's.

Scottish Country Dance Society-Washington: President - Belinda Acre; VP - Ann Lowe; Secretary - Karen Lewis; Treasurer - Vicky Platz; Trustee - John MacLeod; Teacher Comm Rep - Sally Beth Buckner. Committee of Management meets quarterly. Meetings are open to SCDS-W members.

Saint Columba's Scottish Country Dance Group: President - Jennifer Mayrovitz; VP - Kurt Thompson; Secretary - Danni Downing; Treasurer - Kay Hoffman; Trustee - Jay Andrews; Teacher Comm Rep - Linda Newman. Branch COM Reps - boB Cameron, Jenise Williamson, Janet Simmon.



## Washington Branch "Town Meetings"

A committee of Washington Branch has been working on proposed revisions to that Branch's constitution. Two town meetings are scheduled for discussing the draft amendments. Washington Branch members should plan to attend. Saturday March 15 at the Central Library, 10375 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Columbia MD and Saturday March 22 at the Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd, Bethesda MD. Meetings from 3-5 pm

## Potluck Program and Pool Party in "P"altimore

Plans are in the works for Baltimore's annual AGM and potluck dance party at the Waughs in June. You're invited. Just bring a dish or dance to share. We spend most of our energy at this event sitting around the pool getting to know each other, eating dinner, and dancing the dances people brought. The person who brings the dance briefs it. We will have a CD with music for any dance you bring. Yeah, we might slip out to do some business. But that won't get in the way a lot.

## Miss Milligan's Miscellanies

### Little Yellow Book 2003

The Dancers' Directory for MD,VA and DC is at the printers. Over the weekend of March 8, Ellie Briscoe will mail out the copies you ordered. Thanks to the 230 folks who sent information!

### Ceilidh Cancelled

The Washington Branch ceilidh planned for early March has been cancelled.

**CYBERMOVE:** Janet Simmon's emails are [scd\\_md@yahoo.com](mailto:scd_md@yahoo.com) or [janet.simmon@cfsan.fda.gov](mailto:janet.simmon@cfsan.fda.gov)

## Deadline for June Newsletter

*Send us your articles, announcements, huddled masses yearning to breathe free.... Submissions for the next issue of Over The Water go to Jenn Stoddard at [SawinJ@sec.gov](mailto:SawinJ@sec.gov) (specify "Newsletter" or "O-T-H2O June" in the header), or by USPS to 1709 Alberti Drive, Silver Spring MD 20902. Email in Microsoft Word preferred. Items for the June issue should reach Jenn by **May 10, 2003**. As always, thanks to Jay Andrews for the Calendar, distribution, and moral support.*

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c/o Stoddard  
1709 Alberti Drive  
Silver Spring MD 20902



## SPRING 2003 CALENDAR

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Mar 1-2	<b>Wheeling Celtic Festival</b> Wheeling Artisan Center, Wheeling, WV. Contact: 800-828-3097
Mar. 2	<b>Pub Jam, Royal Mile Pub, Wheaton, 3:00 p.m.</b> Scottish jam session. Bring an instrument or come listen. Good food/music! <a href="http://www.royalmilepub.com">www.royalmilepub.com</a>
Mar. 7	<b>Washington Branch Experienced Technique Class, 8:00 p.m.</b> Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: TBA. Contact Jay Andrews, 703-719-0596 or <a href="mailto:andrewj@erols.com">andrewj@erols.com</a>
Mar. 8	<b>Washington Branch Ceilidh planned for this date has been CANCELLED</b>
Mar. 8-9	<b>Delaware Valley Branch Spring Ball and Brunch, 8:00 p.m.</b> Tarble-in-Clothier, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA. Music: Muriel Johnson and Keith Smith. Contact Chris Hoyler, 215-543-2822, <a href="mailto:chrishoyler@cisp.ws">chrishoyler@cisp.ws</a> .
Mar. 9	<b>Richmond Saint Patrick's Day Dance, 2:00 p.m.</b> Church of the Epiphany, Richmond, VA. Musicians: Liz Donaldson, piano; Mara Beamish, Fiddle. Contact Stella Fogg, 804-740-4404 or <a href="mailto:stellaf@attbi.com">stellaf@attbi.com</a> .
Mar. 14	<b>Washington Branch Basic Technique Dance Class, 8:00 p.m.</b> Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or <a href="mailto:caberfei@aol.com">caberfei@aol.com</a>
Mar. 15	<b>Washington Branch Town Meeting, 3:00 p.m.</b> Central Library, Columbia, MD.
Mar. 16	<b>Laura Risk Scottish Fiddle Workshop, 11:00 a.m.</b> 3806 Fenchurch Rd., Baltimore, MD. Contact Laura Risk at 514-727-3171, <a href="mailto:laurarisk@sympatico.ca">laurarisk@sympatico.ca</a> .
Mar. 22	<b>Washington Branch Town Meeting, 3:00 p.m.</b> Davis Library, Bethesda, MD.
Mar. 28	<b>Washington Branch Basic Social Dance Class, 8:00 p.m.</b> Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or <a href="mailto:caberfei@aol.com">caberfei@aol.com</a>
Mar 29-30	<b>Pittsburgh Scottish Country Dance Society 22nd Annual Workshop and Highland Ball</b> George Washington Hotel, Washington, PA. Teacher: Elaine Brunken. Music: The Music Makars (Etienne Weiss-Ozorak, accordion; Elizabeth Weiss-Ozorak, piano; Fred Mamula, fiddle with Jack Lindberg, flute and whistle). Information: <a href="http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/~jm5h/contacts.html">http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/~jm5h/contacts.html</a> .
Mar. 30	<b>Baltimore Scottish Country Dancers Spring Tea Dance, 2:00 p.m.</b> Zion Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD. Music: Terpsichore (Elke Baker, fiddle; Liz Donaldson, piano; Marty Taylor, recorder and concertina) Contact Fred Eustis at 410-922-6369 or <a href="mailto:feustis@starpower.net">feustis@starpower.net</a> .
April 4-6	<b>Capital Weekend 2003 (Washington Branch)</b> National Cathedral School. Welcome Dance Friday 8 pm, Saturday classes 9-12 and 1-2:30, Saturday Ball 8 pm, Sunday brunch 10-2. Lunch may be purchased Saturday. Pre-Ball reception. Teachers: Linda Gaul and Keith Bark. Welcome Dance music by Millbrae; Ball music by Terpsichore. Contact Jenise Williamson 301-441-1331 <a href="mailto:c.jenise@moose-mail.com">c.jenise@moose-mail.com</a> or Jim Mielke 301-589-3045 <a href="mailto:jim.mielke@geologist.com">jim.mielke@geologist.com</a> .
April 6	<b>National Tartan Day</b> National Capital Mall. See <a href="http://www.tartanday.org">www.tartanday.org</a> or <a href="http://www.nationalcapital-tartanday.org">www.nationalcapital-tartanday.org</a> for details.
April 6	<b>Pub Jam, Royal Mile Pub, Wheaton, 3:00 p.m.</b> Scottish jam session. Bring an instrument or come listen. Good food/music! <a href="http://www.royalmilepub.com">www.royalmilepub.com</a>

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April 11-13	<b>Loch Norman Highland Games</b> Huntsville, NC (near Charlotte). Contact: 704-875-3113.
April 12	<b>Celtic Heritage Festival</b> Pocahontas Park, Chesterfield, VA (near Richmond). Contact: 804-751-4946.
April 25	<b>Washington Branch Basic Social Dance Class, 8:00 p.m.</b> Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or caberfei@aol.com
April 26	<b>Celtic Festival at Sedalia</b> Sedalia Center, Big Island, VA (near Lynchburg, Bedford). Contact: 804-299-5080
April 26	<b>Southern Maryland Celtic Festival and Highland Gathering</b> Jefferson Patterson Park, St. Leonard, MD (near Frederick/Solomon). Contact: 410-267-9394.
April 27	<b>PVSFC Dance (Tentative)</b> Location to be determined.
April 30	<b>Northern Virginia Branch AGM, 7:30 p.m.</b> Jefferson-Houston Elementary School, Alexandria, VA. Dance to live music following the meeting. Contact: David Chase at 703-780-8616 or David_E._Chase@hud.gov.
May 2	<b>Washington Branch Experienced Technique Class, 8:00 p.m.</b> Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: TBA. Contact Jay Andrews, 703-719-0596 or andrewj@erols.com
May 2-4	<b>NCWV Scottish Festival and Celtic Gathering</b> Bridgeport, WV. Contact: 304-842-3457.
May 4	<b>Tidewater Virginia Spring Dance, 2:00 p.m.</b> Academie de Ballet, 904 Oak Grove Rd., Chesapeake, VA. Music: Pete Campbell, piano; Mara Beamish, fiddle. Contact Annette Harris 757-587-4126 Aharrisscd@aol.com.
May 4	<b>Pub Jam, Royal Mile Pub, Wheaton, 3:00 p.m.</b> Scottish jam session. Bring an instrument or come listen. Good food/music! www.royalmilepub.com
May 9	<b>Washington Branch Basic Technique Dance Class, 8:00 p.m.</b> Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or caberfei@aol.com
May 9-11	<b>Boston Branch Highland Ball Weekend</b> Nevins Hall, Framingham, MA. Friday Welcome Dance, Saturday Highland Ball, Sunday Brunch. Music: Friday – Hanneke Cassel, David Wiesler and David Knight; Saturday – Alasdair Fraser and Muriel Johnstone. Contact Bruce Mabbott 617-287-0520 fax 617-350-0108 b_mabbott@yahoo.com or Gregor Williamson 781-944-5252, 2gregor@msn.com, www.rscdsboston.org.
May 10	<b>Frederick Celtic Festival</b> Frederick, MD. Contact: 301-620-2288.
May 16-18	<b>Central Virginia Celtic Heritage Festival</b> Ladysmith, VA (near Richmond). Contact 804-427-5866.
May 16-18	<b>New York Branch Pawling Weekend</b> Circle Lodge, beside beautiful Sylvan Lake, in Hopewell Junction, New York. Teachers: Mary Murray, Ron Wallace, Graham Donald. Music: Bobby Brown and Scottish Accent. Contact Sheila Wilson 212-744-1470, info@rscdsnewyork.org. Web site: www.rscdsnewyork.org.

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May 17	<b>Colonial Highland Gathering</b> Fair Hill, MD. Contact 302-453-8998.
May 17	<b>Your Basic Tea Dance, 2:00 p.m. (Northern Virginia Branch)</b> Trinity Presbyterian Church, Arlington, VA. Music: Dave Wiesler, piano; Daron Douglas, fiddle. Contact Ellie Briscoe, 703-461-7383, mail@briscoe.com.
May 20	<b>St. Columba's SCD Group AGM, 8:00 p.m.</b> Greenbelt Community Center, Greenbelt MD. Meeting/dance. Contact: Jenn Mayrovitz, 410-381-3948, rjmayro@erols.com.
May 31	<b>Scottish Country Dance Party, 8:00 p.m. (SCDS-Washington)</b> National Cathedral School. Music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. Contact Belinda Acre, 703-528-5628, <a href="mailto:bebac@earthlink.net">bebac@earthlink.net</a>
June 1	<b>Pub Jam, Royal Mile Pub, Wheaton, 3:00 p.m.</b> Scottish jam session. Bring an instrument or come listen. Good food/music! <a href="http://www.royalmilepub.com">www.royalmilepub.com</a>
June 7	<b>McHenry Highland Festival</b> Deep Creek, MD. Contact 800-457-6777.
June 7	<b>Lake Sherando Dance and Cookout, 2:00 p.m. (Monroe-Highland Scottish Country Dancers)</b> Sherando Recreation Area (near Waynesboro, VA). Music: Waverley Station (David Knight, fiddle and Liz Donaldson, piano). Contact: Bob Belton at 434-979-0939 or <a href="mailto:trouto@ntelos.net">trouto@ntelos.net</a> .
June 14	<b>Richmond Silver Anniversary Ball, 8:00 p.m.</b> Hanover Cultural Arts Centre, Ashland, VA. Champagne reception before the Ball. Music by Dave Wiesler, David Knight, and Dan Emery. Contact Stella Fogg, 804-740-4404 or <a href="mailto:stellaf@attbi.com">stellaf@attbi.com</a> .
June 14-15	<b>Potomac Celtic Festival</b> Morven Park Equestrian Center, Leesburg, VA. Web site: <a href="http://www.potomaccelticfest.org">www.potomaccelticfest.org</a>
June 15	<b>Steppingstone Museum Scottish Highland Festival</b> Havre De Grace, MD. Contact 888-419-1762
June 25-29	<b>Smithsonian Folklife Festival</b> National Capital Mall
July 2-6	<b>Smithsonian Folklife Festival</b> National Capital Mall
July 6-11	<b>Thistle School of Scottish Country Dance</b> Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, NC. Contact Betty Lee Barnes 202-966-3595 <a href="mailto:Thistledance@starpower.com">Thistledance@starpower.com</a>
July 6-11	<b>Pinewoods English-Scottish Session (CDS Boston Centre/RSCDS Boston Branch)</b> Contact: Howard Brezner, <a href="mailto:hsbresne@gw.dec.state.ny.us">hsbresne@gw.dec.state.ny.us</a> .
July 10-13	<b>Grandfather Mountain Highland Games</b> MacRae Meadows, Linville, NC. Contact 828-733-1333.
July 11-14 14-19	<b>Pinewoods Scottish Sessions (RSCDS Boston Branch)</b> Contact Betty Allen, 781-849-3512, <a href="mailto:eallenscd@beld.net">eallenscd@beld.net</a> or Mary Ellen Scannell, 781-593-5949, <a href="mailto:scannell@gis.net">scannell@gis.net</a> . Web site: <a href="http://www.rscdsboston.org">www.rscdsboston.org</a> .
July 12	<b>Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Gala, 8:30 p.m.</b> Music by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent. Contact Betty Lee Barnes, 202-966-3595, <a href="mailto:Thistledance@starpower.net">Thistledance@starpower.net</a>
July 13 – Aug. 10	<b>RSCDS Summer School 2003</b> University Hall, Kennedy Gardens, St Andrews, Scotland. See RSCDS web site for details and application form <a href="http://www.scottishdance.org/">http://www.scottishdance.org/</a> .

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July 25	<b>Virginia Scottish Games Dance, 8:00 p.m. (Northern Virginia Branch)</b> Minnie Howard Middle School, Alexandria, Virginia. Music: Liz Donaldson, piano and friend (TBA). Contact: Carol Porter at 703-379-5779.
July 25-27	<b>Northern Virginia Scottish Games</b> Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA. Contact 703-912-1943. Web site: <a href="http://www.vascottishgames.org">www.vascottishgames.org</a> .
July 27 – Aug. 3	<b>Teachers' Association (Canada) Summer School</b> St. Jerome's University, Waterloo, Ontario. See TAC web site for details: <a href="http://www.tac-rscds.org/SummerSchool/index.php">http://www.tac-rscds.org/SummerSchool/index.php</a>
Aug. 14	<b>City of Alexandria Music at Twilight Concert All Scottish Night, 7:00 p.m.</b> Fort Ward Park Amphitheater, Alexandria, VA. Northern Virginia Branch Demo team will perform along with the Alexandria Pipes and Drums.
Aug. 15-16	<b>West Virginia Highland Games and Celtic Festival</b> South Charleston, WV. Contact 800-238-9488.
Aug. 16	<b>Triad Highland Games</b> Archdale, NC (near Winston-Salem). Contact 336-431-8482.
Aug. 29-31	<b>Teachers' Association (Canada) Annual General Meeting</b> Holiday Inn, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH. See TAC web site for details: <a href="http://www.tac-rscds.org/AGM/index.php">http://www.tac-rscds.org/AGM/index.php</a>
Sept. 6	<b>Appalachian Highland Games and Festival</b> Murphy, NC. Contact 828-389-0747.
Sept. 20-21	<b>Maryland Renaissance Festival – Scottish Celebration</b> Crownsville, MD. Contact 800-296-7304.
Sept. 26-28	<b>Scottish Weekend at Camp Ramblewood, Darlington, MD. (Scottish Weekend, Inc.)</b> Friday Welcome dance, classes Saturday and Sunday, Saturday night ball. Teachers: Marjorie McLaughlin, Fred deMarse, Ruth Jappy. Guest musician Muriel Johnstone. Contact Betty Evans 410-296-5537 <a href="mailto:bettyevans@worldnet.att.net">bettyevans@worldnet.att.net</a> or Fred Eustis 410-922-6369 <a href="mailto:feustis@starpower.net">feustis@starpower.net</a> . <a href="http://www.ScottishWeekend.org">www.ScottishWeekend.org</a> .
Sept. 27	<b>Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair</b> Fort Ward Park, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA. Contact 703-683-5849.
Sept. 27	<b>Cumberland Celtic Festival</b> Cumberland, MD. Contact 301-777-2800.
Sept. 27	<b>Williamsburg Scottish Festival</b> Williamsburg, VA. Contact 910-843-5000.
Nov. 7-9	<b>Argyle XX Weekend (Northern Virginia Branch)</b> Trinity Presbyterian Church, Arlington, VA. Contact Jeff McLean, 703-533-0032, <a href="mailto:jeffrey@clanMcClean.org">jeffrey@clanMcClean.org</a> ; David Chase, 703-780-8616, <a href="mailto:David_E._Chase@hud.gov">David_E._Chase@hud.gov</a> ; or Yvonne Y. Yang, 703-750-2965, <a href="mailto:argyle@rscds-greaterdc.org">argyle@rscds-greaterdc.org</a> .