

# SCOTTISH WEEKEND

## at Timber Ridge

Once again, Scottish Country dancers from far and wide descended on wild and wonderful West Virginia for a fun-filled weekend of dance, music and camaraderie. Timber Ridge camp was alive with music and laughter the weekend of September 25-27. While the weather may have dampened clothes, it certainly didn't dampen anyone's spirit or enthusiasm.

Teachers Graham Donald of Cardiff, Wales, Rebecca Blackhall-Peters of Vancouver, BC, and Mel Briscoe of Alexandria, VA, provided the ideal environment to polish skills or learn new ones. Musical director David Knight and all the fine musicians provided the tunes that kept us moving through aches and pains that might stop normal folk.

Saturday night's ceilidh showcased some remarkable talent of singing, dancing and humor, with some of the old favorites as well as a few newcomers. The University of Maryland dancers introduced us to the German "Macarena", Das Fliergerlied, which featured lions and giraffes among other things—you really had to be there. It was so much fun, it was reprised in the after-ceilidh carryings-on.

A good time was had by all (at least no one got poked in the eye with a sharp stick). If you were there, "haste ye back". If not, make plans for next year so you don't have to read about how much fun everyone else had without you.



# Halloween Um

The University of Maryland RSCDS group welcomed area dancers to a rollicking Halloween dance party on Friday October 30 at the UMD campus. The program included several traditional dances – with diabolical twists – and some creations devised by the students themselves. The Alma Mater Strathspey includes the student invention the Alma Mater setting step. "First Couple Says" strathspey varied each time through based on the whim of the first couple as they shouted out each figure in turn. Perhaps the most entertaining part of the evening was the blindfolded Blue Bonnets. There were surprisingly few collisions as the blindfolded and costumed dancers felt their way around the set.

## BLINDFOLDED BLUE BONNETS



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# Upcoming Events



Holiday events are coming up!

- Sat, Dec 5** 2:00 p.m. Durant Center, Alexandria, VA  
\* dance review at 1:00 pm  
**Alexandria Christmas Walk Tea Dance**
- Sun, Dec 6** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. free  
Fairfax, VA, near Fair Oaks Mall  
contact 703-548-8031 or dance.lawless@gmail.com  
**Lawless Sunday Social Dancing**
- Sat, Dec 12** 2:00 p.m.  
Church of the Epiphany, Richmond, VA  
live music with Controlled Abandon  
contact 804-282-5482 or 804-778-4708  
**Richmond Christmas Dance**
- Mon, Dec 14** 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. \$5  
Catonsville Presbyterian Church  
Music by Marty Taylor and Liz Donaldson  
**Baltimore Christmas Dance**
- Sat, Jan 2** 2:00 p.m.  
Kensington Town Hall Armory, Kensington, MD  
live music with Elke Baker and Liz Donaldson  
**Washington Welcome the New Year Dance**
- Sun, Jan 3** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. free  
Fairfax, VA, near Fair Oaks Mall - contact dance.lawless@gmail.com  
**Lawless Sunday Social Dancing**
- Wed, Jan 20** 8:00 p.m. \$5  
Durant Center, Alexandria, VA  
Live music with Mike Dunn and Liz Donaldson  
**Northern Virginia Burns Night Celebration**
- Sat, Jan 23** afternoon dance followed by dinner at Michie Tavern  
contact trouto@embarqmail.com for reservations  
**Charlottesville Burns Night Celebration**
- Sun, Feb 7** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. free  
Fairfax, VA, near Fair Oaks Mall - contact dance.lawless@gmail.com  
**Lawless Sunday Social Dancing**
- Sun, Mar 7** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. free  
Fairfax, VA, near Fair Oaks Mall - contact dance.lawless@gmail.com  
**Lawless Sunday Social Dancing**
- Sat, Mar 13** Church of the Epiphany, Richmond, VA  
live music with John Turner and Dave Wiesler  
contact 804-282-5482 or 804-778-4708  
**Richmond St. Patrick's Day Dance**
- Fri – Sun, Apr 9 – 11** Kensington Town Hall Armory, Kensington, MD  
teacher: Mary Murray  
live music with Laura Risk, Nicholas Williams, and Dave Wiesler  
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