

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



May You Live In Interesting Times

Did you know that saying is intended as a curse? But even Osama bin Laden was unable to stop Scottish country dancers from demonstrating our strong community and enjoying whatever time we have here together. With so many of us in government service – military and civilian alike – one might think our social lives would have screeched to a halt on September 11. Instead, we continued.

Classes: NIH suddenly became unavailable, displacing SCDS-W, Washington Branch, and a planned kids' class. Jim Mielke jumped in to work with Baltimore, St C's, and Frederick, ensuring that SCDS-W dancers could attend other classes free as guests. Meanwhile, Jim, Mary Ann Williamson, Ralph Stoddard and Pam Stephens scrambled for alternative space, and made arrangements with local schools. The floors may not be perfect, but we have places to dance, so when you see these folks, be sure to thank them for their extra efforts.

Events: Scottish Weekend went forward in September. Airport closures grounded John Taylor, but Elke Baker stepped in as guest musician and music teacher. Thanks, Elke! John and Catherine Shaw gave over 100 tiny Canadian flag pins to SW2001 dancers in a moving show of unity. In October, Stella Fogg added "O My America" (devised by Betty Lee Barnes) as a special event to the Richmond Games dance. We danced to Dave Wiesler and David Knight's amazing arrangement including The Stars And Stripes Forever. In November, lots more folks got back in the swing at Argyle Weekend (a big THANKS from Ellie Briscoe to all who attended!).

Life: Many, like Denise Peet and Michael Newman, are working long hours. Sonja Bensen's office apparently has a Congressman in residence. But we are still here, and we have a community we have built for ourselves. Use this time to be a resource and support for another dancer. Or reach out and get to know someone better. Or volunteer to do something for your group. Value what you have and marvel at it.

World Wide danceWeb

Washington and NoVA Branches have a new website under construction by webmistress Sheryl Griffith. The site at <http://rscds-greaterdc.org> should be up and running in the next few weeks. The site will have information about CLASSES -- with contacts, directions and maps; EVENTS -- including flyers and programs; GENERAL INFORMATION about Scottish country dancing illustrated with photos; an on-line Over the Water and much more. *Way to go, Sheryl!*

In the meantime, whenever you can't find a flyer you need, "leap" over to <http://home.mindspring.com/~leap>, Helen Powell's site for information about Scottish dance classes, parties, workshops, festivals, and music events. Helen's site includes driving directions and links to related sites.

Santa MacClaus is Coming to Town

Music makes a great holiday gift. Our local musicians usually have CDs and/or books for sale, so check out the merchandise table at the next party you attend or drop an email or phone call to a musician whose work you admire. What would please a dancer more than a CD containing a favorite dance? Even non-dancers on your gift list will be sure to appreciate "listening" recordings. And musician friends and relations will be thrilled to unwrap a book of dance tunes or waltzes.



Revised Class Schedules

Mondays

Baltimore Scottish Country Dancers:

Mondays 8-10pm, Catonsville Presb. Church, 1400 Frederick Rd, Catonsville MD.

Directions at

<http://www.smart.net/~snarf/bscd.html>.

General class. Live music 2x/month. Valerie Hill will teach in December and Elke Baker in January. Contact Fred Eustis at 410-922-6369 or feustis@starpower.net.

Scottish Country Dance Society of Washington: Mondays

7:30pm. Through Dec. 10, at East Silver Spring Elem. Sch., 631 Silver Spring Ave. Silver Spring MD. Basic class 7:30pm; General joins in at 8:30.

Near downtown Silver Spring, between Georgia Ave and Piney Branch Rd. From Beltway, take Exit 31 Georgia Ave South. Pass Colesville Rd (Rte 29) in downtown SS. Left onto Silver Spring Ave (3rd light -- just before underpass). 0.6 miles to school on left.

Call in January for revised class info: Blaine Peet at 301-942-2831; Mary Ann Williamson at 202-686-9591.

****See Upcoming Parties list for Dec. 17 event!****

Tuesdays

Saint Columba's Scottish Country

Dance Group: Tuesdays 8-10 pm, Greenbelt

Comm. Ctr, Greenbelt MD. General and Basic classes; beginners welcome any time.

Live music 2nd Tues. (basic class) and 3rd Tues. (general class). Contact Deidre Heyser at

dh204@umail.umd.edu; Jennifer Mayrovitz at 410-381-3948 or 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@aol.com

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@mediaone.net.

Wednesdays

Northern Virginia (NoVA) Branch RSCDS: Wednesdays 7:30-

9:30 pm, Jefferson-Houston Sch. (next to Durant), 1501 Cameron St., Alexandria VA. Combined basic/general til 9, more advanced after 9.

Class may be cancelled due to last-minute school events – call ahead or give NoVA your phone/email to get notice. Contact Carol Porter at

703-379-5779; Ellie Briscoe at 703-461-7383 or mail@briscoe.com

David Chase at 703-780-8616 or David_E._Chase@hud.gov.

Frederick Scottish Country Dancers:

Wednesdays. Contact Valerie Hill at

301-663-1042 or vlhill@juno.com

Fridays

Washington Branch RSCDS: Fridays 8pm. Classes have been meeting at Glen Haven Elem. Sch., 10900 Inwood Ave, Wheaton MD, but call ahead to confirm location.

Experienced Technique: Dec. 7, 2001; Feb.

1 and Mar. 1, 2002. Chance to work at finer points. Open to those dancing at least one year.

Contact Blaine Peet at 301-942-2831.

Advanced Social: Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 15,

and Apr. 19, 2002. More challenging and

unusual dances. By permission; see teacher

chair of your regular group. Contact Blaine Peet at 301-942-2831.

Basic Technique: Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, Apr. 12, and

May 10, 2002. Newer dancers can work on style/steps;

experienced folks get a refresher. Open to all. Contact

Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-5666 or caberfei@aol.com

Basic Social: Dec. 14, 2001; Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 22,

Apr. 26, and May 24, 2002. Easy, fun social dances for

beginners and experienced. Open to all. Live music, tea

after class, and a party to end each semester. Contact

Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-5666 or caberfei@aol.com

Weekends

Youth Class: Plans for a high-energy class for teens and kids were delayed temporarily due to NIH closure.

Washington Branch Youth Coordinator Ralph Stoddard still intends to begin this new Scottish country dance class.

The class will likely meet Sunday afternoons. Sign up your kids, nieces, nephews, grandkids, Scout troop, church youth group or home schooling group. For further information contact Ralph at 301-649-5666.



RSCDS AGM 2001 Report

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's 2001 Annual General Meeting was held November 3 in Perth, hosted by Perth & Perthshire Branch. 235 delegates and 240 observers attended. In addition to the formal meeting, there was much dancing: 298 people attended Saturday morning's class! Friday night's Ball saw 664 people dancing to the super music of David Cunningham and his Band, and the Colin Dewar Quartet provided great music for 736 dancers on Saturday night.

Highlights of the AGM itself, from the official RSCDS statement, peppered liberally with comments from Strathspey members and your editor's own \$0.02 are as follows.

1. Lord Mansfield presented Betty Cathcart, Roy Goldring, Peter Knight, Dorothy Leurs, Jeanetta McColl, and Muriel More with the Society's Scroll of Honour; a local presentation will be made to Grace Lofthouse, who was unable to attend the meeting.
2. The appointment of Office Bearers -- the Honorary President, Honorary Vice Presidents, Chairman and Vice Chairman -- were all approved without opposition.
3. Dorothy Hamilton, Andrew Kellett, Alistair Reid, Margaret Ross, Pauline Stewart, and David Watson were elected to the Executive Council.
4. The Annual Report and Appointment of Auditor were approved and adopted.
5. The subscription fee effective from July 2002 will be £10, as proposed by Leicester and Tokyo Branches. This is an increase of £2 from current levels. There were apparently other considerations to increase dues to £12 or £15, but those proposals were either tossed or withdrawn. We are cautioned to keep in mind that some folks think the approved increase is likely inadequate to keep the RSCDS in good financial shape for very long, and that we should not be surprised to see a need for further increases in the next few years. Discussions on the Strathspey Server indicate that there continue to be strong feelings among dancers in both the "So what do we get for our membership fee?" camp and the "The RSCDS is a worldwide non-profit organization without which you wouldn't HAVE Scottish country dancing and it enables you to dance anywhere in the world, so you should ask what you can do for the Society, not what it can do for you" camp. Your editor puts in a personal plug for Miss Milligan's proud views that our Society was built on loyalty of members and volunteer work and has not taken public funds in our 78-year history. *See also* Maria Adams' notes on dancing in Canada during her stay.
6. The Executive Council motion on Management and Membership was approved by more than the necessary 2/3 majority. [*See the June 2001 issue of Over the Water for a discussion of the 3 membership options that the Executive Council debated in May.*]
Key elements of the motion as approved:

- Management Board will be 23 members (Chairman, Chairman Elect, 3 Management Committee Convenors and 18 elected members). Still a large group, but significantly smaller than before – it is hoped that the more streamlined structure will allow the Board to act more quickly as needed.
- Any member may stand for election to any Management Board or Committee position.
- Elections will be by delegates at the AGM (starting in 2002).
- Number of Branch delegates will increase so representation is in proportion to number of members.
- Members continue to pay subscriptions through Branches. Branches will continue to distribute the Bulletin, subscription copy, etc.

7. Motion from Bristol Branch on Management and Membership (either the one-member-one-vote structure or the 2-tier membership structure – can't tell from the reports) was not carried.
8. Motion from Edinburgh Branch on Membership (defer the whole debate until next year) was not carried.
9. The motion from Glasgow Branch proposing a "Friends of the RSCDS" scheme was not carried.
10. Having begun at 2.30pm, the meeting closed at 6.55pm, adjourned in order to approve the Accounts (they were not presented to the meeting because the audit had not been completed).



Dances Frae the North, Eh?

From Maria Adams. I have once again hit the road for work and find myself up to the tops of my ghillies in maple leaves in Ottawa. Naturally, I hooked up with the dancers here during my first week. They dance practically every day of the week during the regular season (late Sept. until May) but have only social dances in the summer because it's too hot (hahahaha). The group I have been dancing with is a general class with many of the same characteristics as we have down our way, with people of all ages and abilities smiling and having a great time. For summer social dancing, they publish each week's program in advance -- I was delighted to see such old favorites as Maxwell's Rant and Sleepy Maggie, plus learn some new ones like Seton's Ceilidh Band and The Silver Square.

Thank goodness for Miss Milligan and Mrs. Stewart!! Despite a difference of 600 miles between Washington and Ottawa, and the odd custom of tossing "eh?" into talk-throughs at the strangest moments, the standards of Scottish country dancing make it possible for me to dance with few problems. Hearing figure names pronounced with rolling French Rs is a delightful difference: rrrrrrondel!

I have been keeping some pretty strange hours for the last six weeks and traveling within Canada, so unfortunately my dancing has been limited. Now it looks as if I will be in Montreal for a few weeks so I hope to find some more dancing souls (soles?) over that way. Let's hope I can keep the maple syrup off my shoes.

Teachers' Workshop

Miss Milligan said that teachers should always be learning, and she herself was "always on the lookout for new ideas." Delaware Valley Branch is offering a workshop for Scottish country dance teachers Saturday, January 12, 2002. Leading the workshop will be Delaware Valley's Geoffrey Selling. Geoffrey has taught Scottish country dancing and tutored teacher candidates for many years and is an examiner for the RSCDS. In 1980, Geoffrey and his wife Cecily first published "A Handbook for Scottish Country Dance Teachers," now in its third edition. For information, please contact Alfred Hurd at 610-565-2110 or alfredhurd@aol.com.

Fiddle With Your Feet

Or try the old-fashioned way and use your hands. The Potomac Valley Scottish Fiddle Club welcomes all instruments! Beginner through National Champion regularly attend. Monthly meetings Sundays, 2:30-9pm. Annual membership includes lessons, jams, printed music, and the newsletter: \$20 individual/\$30 family. Next meetings Dec. 9 and Jan. 13. For details, see <<http://members.aol.com/bakerez1/pvsfc.html>>.

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

But not when we want to go dancing. NOVA Branch's snow policy is that if Alexandria schools are closed (all day or early closing) there is no dancing that evening. Evening events at Montgomery County schools are cancelled if the schools close early or all day. St Columba's policy is that Tuesday night class will be canceled if any phase of the snow emergency plan is in effect in Prince George's county at 3pm (you can get this info from radio, TV or local internet news sites, or contact Greenbelt Community Center (301-397-2208), Jenn Mayrovitz (410-381-3948), or any other St C's Board member).

New Year's Eve Community Dance

Valerie Hill will again lead Scottish country dancing for all in the Greenbelt Community Center on New Year's Eve. Tentative times are 8-11 pm. in the Dance Studio. Please come, join in the fun, and share your enthusiasm for Scottish dancing with members of the Greenbelt community. Bring a friend! To confirm details, contact Valerie Hill at 301-663-1042 or vlhill@juno.com or call the Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208.



Winter Whirlwinds: Upcoming Parties

♫ Alexandria Christmas Walk Dance Saturday, December 1 at 2:30pm

George Washington Middle Sch., 1005 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria VA (**new location!**).
Sponsored by NoVA RSCDS to benefit the Campagna Center . Music by Tally Ho! \$15 (spectators \$3).
Contact Shelly Foote 703-329-9118.

<i>Mr. Clement's Fancy 32J3 (Drewry Leaflet)</i>	<i>EH3 7AF (Postal Code) 32J3 (Bk 40)</i>
<i>Shifftin' Bobbins 32R3 (Ormskirk 6)</i>	<i>Castle in the Glen 32S3 (South. Cross)</i>
<i>Fair Donald 32S3 (Bk 29)</i>	<i>The British Grenadiers 32R3 (MMMI)</i>
<i>Swashbuckling Iain 32J2 (San Fran. 2)</i>	<i>Seann Truibhas Willichan 32S2 (Bk 27)</i>
<i>Monymusk 32S3 (Bk 11)</i>	<i>Roaring Jelly 32J3 (Foss, Glendarroch)</i>
<i>Wind that Shakes the Barley 32R3 (Duthie)</i>	<i>Reel of the 51st Division 32R3 (Bk 13)</i>

♫ Washington Branch "Basic Social" Holiday Party Friday, December 14 at 8pm

Glen Haven Elem. Sch., 10900 Inwood Ave, Wheaton MD. Dancing followed by tea and goodies around the corner at the Stoddards'. All are welcome – beginners and experienced alike.

<i>EH3 7AF (Postal Code) 32J3 (Bk 40)</i>	<i>The Black Haired Lassie 32R3 (Hunt)</i>
<i>Flowers of Edinburgh 32R3 (Bk 1)</i>	<i>Roslyn Castle 32J3 (Thurston)</i>
<i>Lady Glasgow 32S3 (MMMI)</i>	<i>Balquidder Strathspey 32S3 (Bk 24)</i>
<i>Birks of Lafayette 32J2 (Sigg)</i>	<i>Fisherman's Reel 32R5sq (Petyt, Dunblane Holiday)</i>

♫ Richmond Christmas Tea Dance Saturday, December 15 at 2pm

Church of the Epiphany, 8000 Hermitage Rd, Richmond VA. Music by Liz Donaldson and Mara Beamish.
\$12 (spectators free). Contributions for refreshment table most welcome.
Contact Stella Fogg 804-740-4404 or Stellaf@mediaone.net

<i>The Jubilee Jig (RSCDS Leaflet)</i>	<i>Mrs. Stewart's Jig (Bk 35)</i>
<i>Sugar Candie (Bk 26)</i>	<i>Happy Returns (MMM II)</i>
<i>At the Town's End (World Around the Corner)</i>	<i>The Silver Tassie (RSCDS Lflt)</i>
<i>* Follow Me Home (Bk 38)</i>	<i>Postie's Jig (Ormskirk)</i>
<i>Monymusk (Bk 11)</i>	<i>* The Whistling Wind (Bk 36)</i>
<i>Edinburgh Castle Reel (SCD for children)</i>	<i>Mary's Strathspey (Chicago 10th Anniv.)</i>
<i>The Wind on Loch Fyne (Dunedin 1)</i>	<i>The Laird of Milton's Daughter (Bk 22)</i>
<i>* The Music Makars (Bk 33)</i>	<i>The Reel of the 51st Division (Bk 13)</i>

♫ SCDS-Washington Party Monday December 17 at 8pm

SCDS-Washington ends the fall semester with a social night. North Chevy Chase Elem. Sch., 3700 Jones Bridge Rd, Chevy Chase MD (near NIH -- just east of CT Ave on Jones Bridge Rd). Music by David Knight and Matty Metcalfe.

♫ Baltimore Social Dance Monday December 17 at 8pm

Baltimore Scottish hosts an end-of-semester social night at the regular class location. All are welcome!
Music by Liz Donaldson and Marty Taylor.

<i>Lady Home's Jig 32J3 (MMMI)</i>	<i>Scotland's Gardens 32R3 (Goldring)</i>
<i>Birks of Invermay 32S3 (Bk 16)</i>	<i>Sugar Candie 32S3 (Bk 26)</i>
<i>Petronella 32R2 (Bk 1)</i>	<i>Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterarder 128J4</i>
<i>The Saint John River 32S4 (New Brunsw)</i>	<i>Seann Truibhas Willichan 32S2 (Bk 27)</i>
<i>Roaring Jelly 32J3 (Foss)</i>	<i>Blooms of Bon Accord 32R4 (Drewry)</i>



Winter Whirlwinds: Upcoming Parties (continued)

♪ Welcome the New Year Dance

Sunday January 6, 2002 at 2:30pm

National Cathedral Sch., Washington DC. Sponsored by Washington Branch RSCDS. \$15. Music by Liz Donaldson, Marty Taylor, Alexander Mitchell. **Note the change in time from last year! This year's dance is for both experienced dancers and new folks who would like to try Scottish dancing – make it your New Year's resolution to bring a friend and introduce them to Scottish country dancing!** Contact Blaine Peet at 301-942-2831 or blpeet@juno.com.

<i>Gibson's Gallop 32R (Drewry Greenburn II)</i> <i>Hooper's Jig 32J3 (MMM2)</i> <i>Monymusk 32S3 (Bk 11)</i> <i>Fisherman's Reel 32R5sq (Petyt, Dunblane Hol.)</i> <i>Mrs. Stewart's Jig 32J3 (Bk 35)</i> <i>Minister on the Loch 32S3 (Goldring, 24 Gr&Soc)</i> <i>Maxwell's Rant 32R3 (Bk 18)</i>	<i>Dashing White Sergeant 32R (Book 3)</i> <i>The Lady Wynd 32J3 (Goldring, Gr&Soc 2)</i> <i>Sugar Candie 32S3 (Bk 26)</i> <i>Catch the Wind 32H3 (Island Bay)</i> <i>Blue Bonnets 32J2 (Bk 3)</i> <i>Gramachie 32S3 (MMM1)</i> <i>De'il Amang the Tailors 32R3 (Bk 14)</i>
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♪ Washington Branch "Basic Burns Night"

Friday January 25, 2002 at 8pm

The Basic Social class hosts a special Burns Night Party. Location and details TBA. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-5666 or caberfei@aol.com.

♪ Charlottesville Burns Night

Saturday January 26, 2002 at 1pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Ch., US-250 and Owensville Rd, Ivy VA. Music by Dave Wiesler, David Knight, Dan Emery. Dance 1-5 pm is open to all. Dinner and ceilidh 6:30, seating limited to 100 and prepaid reservations required. Contact Celia or Bob Belton at 804-979-0939 or TroutO@aol.com.

<i>Le Papillon (Children's Bk)</i> <i>Burns Hornpipe (Bk 27)</i> <i>Sugar Candie (Bk 26)</i> <i>Duke of Atholl's Reel (Bk 16)</i> <i>The Mason's Apron (Border Bk)</i> <i>Lady Susan Stewart's Strathspey (MMM II)</i> <i>Falls of Rogie (Alexander Dances I)</i>	<i>Royal Deeside Railway (Bk 40)</i> <i>Burns Night (Celebrate 50 - Boston Br.)</i> <i>MacDonald of the Isles (Glendarroch 8)</i> <i>De'il Amang the Tailors (Bk 14)</i> <i>It's Just for Fun (Bk 33)</i> <i>Inverary (MMM I)</i> <i>The Reel of the Royal Scots (RSCDS Lflt)</i>
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♪ St Columba's Valentine Dance

Tuesday February 12, 2002 at 8pm

Greenbelt Community Ctr Gym, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt MD. \$12 (\$6 for new dancers; spectators free; family max \$24). OPEN BAND led by Elke Baker, fiddle, and Liz Donaldson, piano. To join the open band contact Liz at 301-986-1291 or liz@us.net. **Plus the Annual Raffle -- bring donated items to raffle off, and bring \$\$\$ to buy tickets.** Contributions to the refreshment table also welcome. Contact Jim McCullough at 202-234-6840 or jmccullo@erols.com

<i>Kelso Races 32J3 (MMM2)</i> <i>The Balquidder Strathspey 32S3 (Bk 24)</i> <i>Triumph 24R4 (Bk 1)</i> <i>Roaring Jelly 32J3 (Foss, Glendarroch)</i> <i>Wisp of Thistle 32S3 (Bk 37)</i> <i>The Sailor 32H3 (Bk 24)</i>	<i>Royal Deeside Railway 32R3 (Bk 40)</i> <i>The Silver Tassie 32S3 (RSCDS Lflt)</i> <i>EH3 7AF (Postal Code) 32J3 (Bk 40)</i> <i>Mairi's Wedding 40R3 (Cosh 22+2)</i> <i>and Waltzes</i>
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♪ Richmond Beginners' Dance

Sunday February 17, 2002 at 2pm

Beginner-friendly dance with music by The KeysTone Celts (Julie Gorka, Helen Powell). Details TBA. Contact Stella Fogg 804-740-4404 or Stellaf@mediaone.net



Miss Milligan's Miscellanies

Found: Woven cotton wrap (black, purple stripes, fringe) left at Birthday Bash. Call Ellie at 703-461-7383.

Pub Jam: First Sundays, 3-6pm, Royal Mile Pub in Wheaton hosts a Scottish jam session. Bring an instrument or come to listen. Good food and music!
<www.royalmilepub.com>

Moved: Former Washington Branchers Gordon Anderson and Katherine Andrefsky have moved to Chicago: 889 Stonebridge Ct., Palatine IL 60067

Moved: Ellen Ternes' new residence is 7-L Laurel Hill Rd., Greenbelt MD 20770. Cell phone: 301-318-4208

Moved: Deidre Heyser has moved to College Park. Reach her at the lab: phone 301-405-7377, dh204@umail.umd.edu or USPS to Bldg. 144 Rm. 0107, Dept of Biology, U of Maryland, College Park MD 20742

Cybermoved: Broadband cable has reached Richmond, and Stella Fogg's email is now Stellaf@mediaone.net

Cybermoving: Ralph Stoddard's email will be changing soon – if the aol address stops working, please contact him by phone.

So I Was Just Thinking...

Branch and group officers for 2001-2002 are listed below. Contact these folks to ask questions; to present ideas for events, fund-raisers, demo opportunities; to volunteer your services; to offer compliments or suggestions...

Northern Virginia Branch:

Chairman - David Chase; Vice Chair - Jim McRae;
Secretary - Peg Collier; Treasurer - Jeffrey McLean.
At Large Board Members - Teresa Allen,
Patti Justice, Don McKenzie, George McPherson.
Board meets monthly, usually first Tuesdays --
contact David Chase.

Washington Branch:

President - Jim Mielke; VP - David Gilliam;
Secretary - Joan Rubin; Treasurer - Fred Eustis.
Rest of board are reps from SCDS-W or St C's.

Scottish Country Dance Society-Washington:

President - Mary Ann Williamson; VP - Laura Gilliam;
Secretary - Blaine Peet; Treasurer - Denise Peet;
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 - Deidre Heyser; VP - Jennifer Mayrovitz;
Secretary - Danni Downing; Treasurer – TBA;
Trustee - Jay Andrews; Teacher Comm Rep - Linda
Newman. Branch COM Reps - boB Cameron, Heather
Pierce, Janet Simmon.

March Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the next issue of *Over The Water* go to Jenn Stoddard at Sawin.J@sec.gov (specify "Newsletter" or "O-T-H2O March" in the header), or by USPS to 1709 Alberti Drive, Silver Spring MD 20902. Email in Microsoft Word preferred. Items for the March issue should reach Jenn by **Friday February 8, 2002**. As always, thanks to Jay Andrews for the Calendar, distribution, and moral support.

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT DESCRIPTION <i>(NOTE: details for many local events are elsewhere in this issue)</i>
Dec. 1 2001	Alexandria Christmas Walk Parade, 10:00 a.m. – Noon (approximate). Tea Dance, 2:30 pm, GW Middle Sch, 1005 Mt Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Music: Tally Ho!
Dec. 7	Washington Branch Experienced Technique Dance Class, 8:00 pm Glen Haven Elementary School, Wheaton, MD. Teacher: Ellie Briscoe.
Dec. 14	Washington Branch Basic Social ** Holiday Party **, 8:00 pm Glen Haven Elementary School, Wheaton, MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard and others.
Dec. 15	Richmond Christmas Tea Dance, 2:00 pm Church of Epiphany, Richmond, VA. Contact Stella Fogg 804-740-4404 or Stellaf@mediaone.net
Dec. 17	SCDS Washington Social Dance, 8:00 pm North Chevy Chase Elem. Sch., Chevy Chase MD. Music: Matty Metcalfe, David Knight.
Dec. 17	Baltimore Social Dance, 8:00 pm Catonsville Presb. Church, Catonsville MD. Music: Liz Donaldson, Marty Taylor.
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Community Dance, 8:00 pm Greenbelt Community Ctr Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt MD. Contact Valerie Hill at 301-663-1042 or vlhill@juno.com or Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208.
Dec. 31	Delaware Valley Branch Hogmanay Ball, 9:00 pm Swarthmore Coll. Swarthmore PA. \$20 RSCDS member/\$25 nonmember. Music: Dave Wiesler, Hanneke Cassel, Laura Risk. "Recovery Party" New Year's Day. Contact Kathy Giacoletti at 610-446-5920 or kedg@att.net . Hospitality Chris Hoyler, 215-543-2822 or chrishoyler@cisp.ws . See www.delvalrscds.org .
Jan. 6 2002	Washington Branch Welcome the New Year Dance, 2:30 pm National Cathedral School, Washington DC. Music by Liz Donaldson, Marty Taylor, Alexander Mitchell. Contact Blaine Peet at 301-942-2831 or blpeet@juno.com .
Jan. 11	Washington Branch Basic Technique Class, 8:00 pm Location TBA. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-5666 or caberfei@aol.com
Jan 12	Delaware Valley Teachers' Workshop with Geoffrey Selling Haverford Friends Sch., Haverford PA. Contact Alfred Hurd at 610-565-2110 or alfredhurd@aol.com .
Jan. 18	Washington Branch Advanced Social Dance Class, 8:00 pm Location TBA. Teacher: Jenn Stoddard. Contact Blaine Peet at 301-942-2831 or blpeet@juno.com .
Jan. 23	Northern Virginia Branch Burns Celebration, 7:30 pm Jefferson-Houston Elem. Sch., Alexandria VA. Live music.
Jan. 25	Washington Branch Basic Burns Night Party, 8:00 pm Location TBA. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-5666 or caberfei@aol.com
Jan. 26	Charlottesville Burns Night Dance and Dinner, 1:00 pm St. Paul's Episcopal Ch., US-250 and Owensville Rd, Ivy VA. Music by Dave Wiesler, David Knight, Dan Emery. Contact Celia or Bob Belton at 804-979-0939 or TroutO@aol.com .
Feb. 1	Washington Branch Experienced Technique Dance Class, 8:00 pm Location TBA. Teacher: TBA. Contact Blaine Peet at 301-942-2831 or blpeet@juno.com .
Feb. 4	Baltimore Social Night, 8:00 pm Catonsville Presb. Church, Catonsville MD. Music: Liz Donaldson, Elke Baker, Ralph Gordon.
Feb. 8	Washington Branch Basic Technique Class, 8:00 pm Location TBA. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-5666 or caberfei@aol.com

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Feb. 9	Swarthmore English-Scottish Ball, 8:00 pm Swarthmore Coll., Swarthmore PA. Music: Dave Wiesler, Earl Gaddis. See www.delvalrscds.org .
Feb. 12	Saint Columba's Valentine Dance, 8:00 pm Greenbelt Community Ctr Gym, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt MD. OPEN BAND led by Elke Baker and Liz Donaldson. Contact Jim McCulloch at 202-234-6840 or jmccullo@erols.com .
Feb. 15	Washington Branch Advanced Social Dance Class, 8:00 pm Location TBA. Teacher: Blaine Peet. Contact Blaine Peet at 301-942-2831 or blpeet@juno.com .
Feb. 17	Richmond Beginners' Dance, 2:00 pm Contact Stella Fogg 804-740-4404 or Stellaf@mediaone.net
Feb. 21	RSCDS Winter School 2002 Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry, Scotland. www.scottishdance.org or email info@rscdshq.freemove.co.uk
Feb. 22	Washington Branch Basic Social Class, 8:00 pm Location TBA. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-5666 or caberfei@aol.com
Mar. 1	Washington Branch Experienced Technique Dance Class, 8:00 pm Location TBA. Teacher: TBA. Contact Blaine Peet at 301-942-2831 or blpeet@juno.com .
Mar. 8	Washington Branch Basic Technique Class, 8:00 pm Location TBA. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-5666 or caberfei@aol.com
Mar. 9	NoVA Branch Winter-Spring Dance, 8:00 pm Trinity Presb. Ch., Arlington, VA. Contact David Chase at 703-780-8616, David_E._Chase@hud.gov .
Mar. 15	Washington Branch Advanced Social Dance Class, 8:00 pm Location TBA. Teacher: Denise Peet. Contact Blaine Peet at 301-942-2831 or blpeet@juno.com .
Mar. 16	Richmond Saint Patrick's Day Dance, 2-6 pm Music by Waverley Station. Contact Stella Fogg 804-740-4404 or Stellaf@mediaone.net
Mar. 22	Washington Branch Basic Social Class, 8:00 pm Location TBA. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-5666 or caberfei@aol.com
Mar. 23	Pittsburgh Highland Ball Music by The Music Makars, and workshop with Catherine Shaw. Contact 412-854-5447 or www.contrib.andrew.cmu.edu/~jm5h/2002-ball.html .
Apr. 5-7	Capital Weekend Nat'l Cathedral Sch., Wash. DC. Welcome Dance with Dave Wiesler, Hanneke Cassel, Terry Traub. Capital Ball with The Music Makars and piper Dan Emery. Workshop teachers Eleanor MacKenzie Vandegrift, Sinclair Barbour. Music workshop with Hanneke Cassel. Contact Jim Mielke at 301-589-3045, jim.mielke@geologist.com ; Jenise Williamson at 301-441-1331, c.jenise@moose-mail.com .
May 18	Washington Branch AGM (TENTATIVE DATE) Location TBA. Meeting/potluck. Contact Jim Mielke at 301-589-3045 or jim.mielke@geologist.com .
May 19	NoVA Branch Basic Tea Dance, 2:30 pm Trinity Presbyterian Church, Arlington, VA. Music TBA. Contact David Chase at 703-780-8616 or David_E._Chase@hud.gov .
June 15	Washington Branch Early Summer Dance Location TBA. Contact Jennifer Mayrovitz at 410-381-3948 or rjmayro@erols.com .

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