

*A Joint Newsletter of the
Northern Virginia and*

Washington DC Branches of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

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"More Memories of Scottish Weekend"

CD Release Expected Next Spring

The Scottish Weekend ball on September 28 was recorded with the hope of producing a second "live" CD. This year's music lived up to the usual high standards of the Weekend, and Music Director Liz Donaldson reports that studio work has confirmed that the recording is a "GO!" Editing and mixing is still under way, and release is expected next spring if all continues as planned.

New Year's Eve Community Dance at Greenbelt CC

What a great recruitment activity! Valerie Hill (301-663-1042 or vlhill@juno.com) reports that this Greenbelt dance is part of the community New Year's Eve "Safe & Sound" event. It's an evening of participatory dancing: all simple country and ceilidh dances for the general public, in the dance studio from 8:00 until about 11:30. She says some folks come and dance for about an hour and then go on to some other activity, so there are new people all evening. "Last year we had some come back to the event from the previous year just to dance with us, because they had so much fun." Its primary purpose is to provide an entertaining activity for the members of the community, so the Scottish dancers have to be willing to fit in with that program. See the calendar for details.

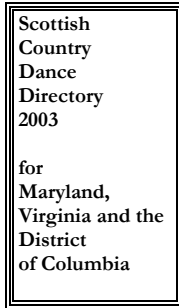
RSCDS Book 42 Dance-Through

Come join us on Saturday afternoon, February 1, at 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center dance studio to walk through and dance all ten dances in Book 42, the new RSCDS book for this year. See which ones you think are "keepers." Teachers from all over the area will guide us through the dances. For information, call Ellie Briscoe at 703-461-7383 or email: mail@briscoe.com.



Let's Have a Ceilidh

The Washington Branch, RSCDS is planning to have a ceilidh on Saturday, March 8, 2003 at the Glen Echo Town Hall. We would like to hear from the hidden talent, primarily singers, musicians, solo dancers, reciters etc., who would like to participate. Any repertoire, Burns to Sondheim. If you wish to perform, please contact the coordinator, Harry Ways, 301-299-7527, prior to February 8, 2003.



Dancers Directory Update

In January, Ellie Briscoe will be mailing letters to update the local dancers' directory. Please respond if you'd like to be listed, or, if you don't receive a letter in the mail, just fill out and send in one of the forms that will appear at your local classes.

If you are interested in taking over editorship and production of this annual directory, please contact Ellie directly (pun intentional) at mail@briscoe.com or 703-461-7383.

Potential Workshop on Regency Dances

Pat Ruggiero reports that Susan de Guardiola, a dance historian from Connecticut, will lead a workshop in 16th Century Italian Renaissance dance in Charlottesville on March 15, a Saturday, and *may* conduct a Regency workshop in the DC area the following day, March 16. Country dancing in the Regency period, roughly 1800-1820, made use of many French steps, some of which SCD continues to use today, and Susan has noticed that Scottish dancers, not surprisingly, learn Regency dances quickly, enjoy doing them, and appreciate the connection to modern, RSCDS Scottish. The workshop should also appeal to vintage dancers, English dancers, dancers of other types of historical dancing, costumers, re-enactors, as well as Scottish dancers. Details will appear at www.elegantarts.org, or Pat may have information: ruggierop@earthlink.net.

Heads Up, Fans of Bobby Brown, Muriel Johnstone and Alasdair Fraser

Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent are engaged to play for a SCDS of W dance party at the National Cathedral School on May 31. Information: Harry Ways, at 301-299-7527 or hways@ix.netcom.com. Fiddler Alasdair Fraser and pianist Muriel Johnstone will play for the Boston Ball in Framingham, MA, on May 10. Information: Gregor Williamson, email: 2gregor@msn.com or 617-625-9593.

RSCDS AGM and Elections Report from Jim Healy

(November 5, 2002 Strathspey server message)

It will be remembered more for what did not happen. To put that in context, this was the year when the elections to implement the very significant changes in the management structure decided last year were held.

The Saturday started with the very last Executive Council meeting. All were aware of the history being made but accepted that an era had passed. The meeting was as short as it was possible to be. The various Convenors' reports ... were taken at a spanking speed and minutes were ratified more or less unanimously with minimum comment.

We were out in time to attend the second discussion group on the future format of AGM weekends. It was proposed for the consideration of the Management Board that, in addition to the AGM proper, it should comprise a Branch Forum at which Branches could formally raise issues of concern, ideas for the future etc. i.e. items that would not normally come under the business of an AGM agenda. Bruce Frazer on behalf of B/H/S Borders Branch undertook to co-ordinate this and his offer was accepted. It was also felt that the existing Open Forum at which individual members could raise any subject under the sun also had a place and should continue.



No binding votes would be taken at either meeting but they would provide an opportunity to "send messages" to the Management Board.

There was an earlier discussion group on Youth matters which I believe was very interesting but I did not attend as it clashed with the Executive Council. ... The AGM was also brief and all resolutions were passed although many agreed with Keith Bark of Toronto that the wording of the transitional voting provisions might have been clearer. However, as Alan Mair pointed out, the AGM does not take amendments from the floor...

Election results (Jim reported that inputting the data took some 14 hours but the system had been thought through and set up so that the results were available on cue):

Chairman: Jean Martin (unopposed)

Chairman Elect: Stewart Adam

Management Board: Malcolm Brown, Peter Clark, Bruce Frazer, Linda Gaul, Ian Hall, Dorothy Hamilton, Jim Healy, Jimmie Hill, Andrew Kellett, Anne McArthur, Alastair MacFadyen, Susanna Mayr, Wilson Nicol, Keith Oughton, Jerome Reinstein, Andrew Smith, Rachel Wilton, Irene Whyte.

Education and Training: Alec Gray (Convenor - unopposed), Patricia Clark, David Hall, Elma McCausland, Lesley Martin, David Normand-Harris, Sue Porter, Carol Smith, Moira Stacey, Anne Taylor.

Membership Services: Irene Bennett (Convenor - unopposed), Sue Duckett, Anne Gordon, Rosemary Gordon-Harvey, Peter Knight, Alastair Reid, Roz Scott-Huxley.

GP & Finance: Richard Turnbull (Convenor) John Douglas, Fiona Grant, Harry Hall, Roderick McLachlan, Margaret Ross, William Whyte.

Reports on Argyle and Scottish Weekend from first-timers:

When you've been to an event repeatedly, you can lose track of how it appears to people who are there for the first time. Here are some comments from fresh eyes:

Argyle XIX:

Friday and Saturday night was filled with some of the best music I've ever heard played for Scottish country dances. Saturday morning, after coffee or tea and bagels, we split up into classes. Even though I've been attending weekly classes for almost a year, I learned some things in the basic class that I'm sure I was taught but never actually grasped.

Saturday night we set up for the Argyle Ball. We prepared the hall with festive decorations created by Mary Andrews. The variety of delicious treats being donated by everyone was amazing. The Ball began with the procession of St. Andrew's Cross (I had the privilege of escorting Kate Nealley, one of our teaching VIP's) and continued with one fantastic dance after another. By the time my head hit my pillow that night, I was both thoroughly exhausted and exhilarated. My only regret about Argyle weekend: so many lovely ladies, only 27 dances.
--Rich Hogan

Next year's Argyle chair is Jeff McLean. Get in touch if you'd like to be part of the Argyle team: 703-533-0032 or jeffrey@clanMcLean.org

Scottish Weekend at Ramblewood:

Beth Murray, Burlington, MA (staff musician): Arriving to a dance weekend where most of the people are strangers can be a bit intimidating; but I must admit that the high energy level was immediately contagious. Due to plantar faciitis, I was concerned that I would be left alone on the sidelines. However, there was a constant stream of conversation, and several people willing to put up with my hobbling dance capabilities – who could resist that stunning music. What a treat it was for me to work with both teachers and musicians not from the Boston area. I always look for some sort of learning experience for myself, *(continued on next page)*



(continued from previous page) at these Scottish weekends, and when I experience something new, the weekend becomes exhilarating. Just add good food and conversation to that exhilaration, and you have a winning combination.

Martha Phillips, Madison, WI: [When asked to be brief]: “It’s hard ... Here goes. It was great! I had a good time. Everybody go next year, OK? See what I mean? Very dull.”

[Original response, in part:] I was very wet (it was raining), muddy (did I mention the rain?), tired and exceedingly late... And yet, regardless of my frazzled state of affairs, I was engulfed immediately by friends from all corners of eastern America, long past and newly met. As the bright Maryland sunshine greeted us the next day (as well as the nice warm breakfast), Ramblewood drew us cleanly away from the worries we live with in our regular lives. ...It was the evenings in the great hall where we all sensed the power of the dances we shared. ...To dance at Ramblewood is to dance with all, to laugh with all, and to share the joy that drew us to Scottish Country Dancing in the first place.

Debbie Bilmers, Montreal and Boston: As a first-timer at Ramblewood I was hugely impressed by...the friendliness of the other dancers, the excellence of the teachers and musicians, and the organization of events. I had a ball (no pun intended) dancing all day and night as well as jamming with the other musicians during those rare moments of spare time. I definitely plan on returning to the warm, welcoming, and often sweaty atmosphere.

Jim Casalegno, Bristol, RI: We had a wonderful time. Everyone was friendly and helpful. Advance instructions were adequate in helping us prepare for the camping aspect of the weekend. Food was terrific. Instructors and musicians were fantastic. What more could you want?

Jeanne and Mike Millin, Winnetka, IL: As Mike and I drove down the Ramblewood drive, my nervous anticipation went away as we were greeted by a few familiar faces, new people that came up to us in greeting, with our packets and even a glass of wine. The setting was relaxing, the music was excellent and even though many of the participants knew each other for a long time, I always felt included in meals and conversation. Top teachers and great instruction contributed to a weekend we hope to repeat.

Beth Kingsley, Washington DC: The location is key. Out in the woods, away from distractions of daily life, nothing to do but dance. And sing, and listen to music (what wonderful music!), talk to friends, swim, and relax. (Sleep may happen, but seems to be optional.) It’s wonderful to see so many dancers, and the energy on the dance floor when it’s this full (almost, but not quite, too crowded) makes sore feet and tired legs part of tomorrow’s worries. How is it that anyone has energy to be that witty and amusing at the ceilidh after a full day and night of dancing? Did I mention the (wonderful, incredible, absolutely fantastic) music?

Rebecca Ramsey, Mt. Airy, MD: My impression was so totally fantastic I hope I will never miss the weekend again. The setting was so fun, took me back to camp when I was in grade school. My favorite memory will be walking down from the house to the ball. The moon and stars were putting on quite a show....It was easy to believe that we had been transported back in time.

Next year’s chairman is Betty Evans. To be part of the committee, get in touch with her at bettyevans@att.net, or call 301-731-6798 during the day.



Miss Milligan's Miscellanies

Another New Dancer

Jenn and Ralph Stoddard write that "Jack Stoddard arrived September 3, 2002. His parents have spent



many hours bouncing him to three even changes of weight (good for both Jack and Ralph).

He has been a busy boy, and at the age of 2 months had already attended several dance parties -- in Salem Mass., the St. C's Halloween Dance (dressed as a wee "Jack" o' Lantern), the Argyle Welcome Dance, and the Jeannie Carmichael Ball. His mummy reports him to be a lovely waltz partner and he does not step on her feet at all. Thanks to all those in our dance community who have welcomed Jack with cards, notes, and hugs."

Teacher candidate dances

News for potential prelim teacher candidates and current prelim holders: the RSCDS has updated the list of the 12 prescribed dances for each of the two examination levels, effective next June. Instead of six strathspeys and six "quick time" dances split between three jigs and three reels, each list now consists of four jigs, four reels, and four strathspeys. The complete list is on the RSCDS Web site under "News" at <http://www.rscds.org/news.html#ExamDances>

Inclement Weather Reminders

NOVA Branch's snow policy: if Alexandria schools are closed (all day or early closing), there will be no dancing that evening. Evening events at Montgomery County schools are canceled if schools close early or all day. St. Columba's policy is to cancel class if any phase of snow emergency plan is in effect in Prince George's County at 3:00 p.m. (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). _

Join the Fiddle Club

Potomac Valley Scottish Fiddle Club welcomes all instruments! Beginner through National Champion regularly attend. Monthly meetings Sundays, 2:30-9:00 pm. Annual membership includes lessons, jams, printed music, newsletter: \$20 indiv/\$30 family. See <http://members.aol.com/bakerez1/pvsfc.html>

March Newsletter Deadline

*Submissions for March 2003 issue of "Over The Water" go to Jenn Stoddard at Sawinj@sec.gov (specify "Newsletter" or "O-T-H2O March" in the header, please), or by USPS to 1709 Alberti Drive, Silver Spring MD 20902. Email in Microsoft Word preferred. Items for the March issue should reach the editor by **Friday, February 7, 2003**. As always, thanks to Jay Andrews for the Calendar, distribution, and moral support. This issue was edited by Ellie Briscoe.*



Upcoming Dance Events - All With Live Music

(Note: there are additional dance parties listed in the calendar.)

♪ Christmas Walk Tea Dance

Saturday, December 7 at 2:00 p.m.

George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mt. Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA. Music by Terpsichore (Liz Donaldson and Elke Baker). \$15 (dancers under 16: \$7.50) Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Branch of the RSCDS. Contact Maria Adams at 703-548-8031 or maria.adams@ams.com.

The Welcome Reel (32R2, Let's All Dance)
The Brook (32J3, Island Bay Collection)
The Lea Rig (32S2, RSCDS Book 21)
Airyhall Delight (32J3, RSCDS Book 40)
Sleepwalking (32R3, Kathy Giacoletti Leaflet)

The Nurseryman (32J3, RSCDS Book 37)
My Friend Joe (32S3, RSCDS Book 38)
The Australian Ladies (32R3, Glasgow Assembly)
Sugar Candie (32S3, RSCDS Book 27)
The Falls of Rogie (32R3, Alexander Dances Bk 1)
Extra: The Wild Geese (32J3, RSCDS Book 24)

♪ Baltimore Dance Party

Monday, December 16 at 8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Baltimore Scottish Country Dancers. Venue: Catonsville Presbyterian Church, Catonsville MD. Musicians Terpsichore (Liz Donaldson, piano; Elke Baker, fiddle). Contact Fred Eustis at 410-922-6369 or feustis@starpower.net.

Maxwell's Rant (32R3, Book 18)
Donald Bane (32S3, Book 17)
Joie de Vivre (32J3, Book 39)
Torryburn Lassies (32R2, Book 4)

Bedrule (32S3, Book 33)
Lady Home's Jig (32J3, MMM I)
Butterscotch and Honey (32S4, Attwood)
De'il Amang the Tailors (32R3, Book 14)

♪ Welcome The New Year Tea Dance

Sunday, January 5 at 2:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Washington Branch of the RSCDS. Venue: Whitby Gym, The National Cathedral School. Musicians: Waverley Station (Liz Donaldson, piano; David Knight, fiddle). Contact Mary Ann Williamson at 202-686-9591 or williamson@de45.nidr.nih.gov.

Lamb Skinnet (32J3, Book 14)
Blithest Lassie That Ever Was Seen (32S3, MMM II)
The Fireside Reel (32R3, SCD of the 18th Century)
Ellie's Jig (32J3, Briscoe, Slip Knot Collection)
Balgeddie Reel (32R5, Brandon, Memories of Fife)
Anna Holden's Strathspey (32S2, Drewry, Bankhead Book, Part I)
The Whistling Wind (32R3, Book 36)

Cutty Sark (32J3, Book 40)
Moment of Truth (32S3, Book 37)
West's Hornpipe (32H4 Five Trad. SCDs for 1965)
The Trysting Place (32S2, Book 35)
W. James (32J3, Gray, Tweedsdale 2)
Lord Elgin's Reel (32S3, Book 26)
Lady Susan Stewart's Reel (32R3, Book 5)

♪ Harrisburg Twelfth Night Dance

Sunday, January 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Silver Spring Presbyterian Church in Mechanicsburg, PA. Contact Bob Davidson, piobbeag@aol.com.

Paisley Mondays (32R, Glasgow Diamond Jubilee)
Miss Allie Anderson (32J, RSCDS Leaflets)
The Royal Wedding (32S RSCDS Five for 1982)
A Wee Nothin' (32J, Elaine Brunken Leaflet)
Anna Maria Strathspey (32S, Unpublished leaflet)
The Forth Frolics (32J, Dunedin Book 1)
The Dancing Bees (32R, Goldring 24 Graded/Social)
The Friendly Jig (32J, Unpublished leaflet)

Bobbie Brown's Canadian Breakdown (32R Sq Leaflet)
The Dillsburg Jig (32J, Shengzhang Tang)
Sweet Basil (32R, Cross-country Capers)
The Cabrach (32S, Goldring 24 Graded / Social Dances)
Rovin' Robin (32R, SCD Archives)
The Rose of the North (32S, Leeds Silver Jubilee Book)
In Acadia (32J, Drewry Autumn Collection)
Return to the Glen (32R, New York Branch Dances)



♫ Charlottesville Burns Night Celebration and Dance

Saturday, January 25 at 1:00 p.m.

Dance venue: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, US-250 and Owensville Rd, Ivy, VA. Music by Dave Wiesler, piano; David Knight, fiddle; Dan Emery, pipes and flute. Dance: 1:00 p.m. Evening events venue: Michie Tavern, 683 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy (Rte. 53). Social hour: 6:30 p.m.; Dinner: 7:00 p.m.; Ceilidh 8:30 p.m. Prepaid reservations only. Dance: \$13 advance, \$15 at the door, Dinner: \$28 (includes wine). Send by Jan. 15 to Bob Belton, 2670 Stowe Ct., Charlottesville, VA 22901. Information: Celia and Bob Belton at 804-979-0939 or trouto@ntelos.net.

Mrs. Stewart's Jig (32J3, Book 35)
On the Quarterdeck (32H2, Harbour City Book)
The Garry Strathspey (32S4, Cosh-22 SCD)
The Luckenbooth Brooch (32J3, Foss-Glendarroch)
Da Rain Dancin' (32R3, Whiteadder Collection)
Wisp of Thistle (32S3, Book 37)
Welcome to Ivy (32J3, Jim Murray)

Maxwell's Rant (32R3, Book 18)
Ellie's Jig (32J3, Slip Knot Collection)
Invercauld's Reel (32S3, Book 11)
The Australian Ladies (32R3, Glasgow Assembly)
The Flight of the Falcon (32J3, Priddey-Anniversary Tensome)
Asilomar Romantic (32S3, San Francisco Collection V. 2)
The Reel of the 51st Division (32R3, Book 13)

♫ Northern Virginia Burns Night

Wednesday, January 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Jefferson-Houston School, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria, Alexandria, VA. Music by Liz Donaldson and Becky Ross. Cost: \$3. Info: Shelly Foote, satalexandria@aol.com. or (703-329-9118).

Cold and Raw (24J2, Book 5)
Hopeful Lover (32R3, McColl, To Friendship)
Ca the Ewes tae the Knowes (32S3, Book 16)
Over the Water to Charlie (32J3, Book 34)

Burns Hornpipe (32H4, Book 27)
Green Grow the Rashes (32S3, Book 12)
Ferla Mor (32R3, Drewry)

Call Your Reps

Branch and group officers for 2002-2003 are listed below. Contact these folks to ask questions; to present ideas for events, fund-raisers, demo opportunities; to volunteer your services; or to offer compliments or suggestions.

Northern Virginia Branch: Chairman - David Chase (David_E_Chase@hud.gov); Vice Chair - Jim McRae; Secretary - Peg Collier; Treasurer - Jeffrey McLean. At Large Board Members – Mike McCarthy, Patti Justice, Don MacKenzie, 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 (bebac@earthlink.net); VP - Ann Lowe; Secretary - Karen Lewis; Treasurer - Vicki Platz; Trustee - John MacLeod (blackolav@cs.com); 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 (rjmayro@erols.com); 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.

Baltimore Scottish Country Dancers: President - Sue Eustis (410-922-6369, feustis@starpower.net); VP - Fred Eustis (same); Corresponding Secretary - Sheila McCaw (410-683-4522 sheila208@hotmail.com); Membership Secretary - Penny Bamford (410-609-0976 pbamford@peds.umaryland.edu); Treasurer - Donald Vasbinder (410-795-8144 dvasbind@ora.fda.gov)



Class Schedules

Mondays

SCDS Washington: Mondays 7:45pm. NIH, building T-39, Bethesda MD (METRO: Medical Center). Fall classes begin Sept. 9. General and Basic classes. Use South Drive entrance to NIH campus (off Rt 355) and be prepared for security car search at the inspection station.

Contact Mary Ann Williamson at 202-686-9591 or Belinda Acre at bebac@earthlink.net.

Baltimore: Mondays 7:45-9:30pm. Westchester Community Center, Oella, MD. Fall classes begin Sept. 9. General (mixed levels) class. Live music twice a month.

Directions from DC area: I-95 North to I-195/MD-166 exit. Go left off exit and follow signs to 166 North. Take 166 North (South Rolling Rd) to Frederick Road. Turn left on Frederick. Go past light at North Rolling Rd. Turn right on Oella Ave. Go straight at stop sign at Old Frederick Rd, turn left at stop sign at Westchester Ave. Community Center is on the right. More directions at http://rscds-greaterdc.org/balt_info.html

Contact Fred Eustis at 410-922-6369 or feustis@starpower.net.

Tuesdays

Saint Columba's: Tuesdays 8-10 pm, Greenbelt Comm. Ctr, Greenbelt MD. Fall classes begin Sept. 3. General and Basic classes; beginners welcome any time. Live music monthly for the General class.

Contact Jenn 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@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.

Wednesdays

Northern Virginia Branch RSCDS: Wednesdays 7:30pm. Jefferson-Houston Elem. Sch. (next door to Durant Center), 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria VA (METRO: King Street). Fall classes begin Sept. 4. Combined (mixed levels) class – starting at 7:30 with material appropriate for Basic class and finishing the evening with lessons/dances for General class. 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.

Annapolis: CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM WHETHER AND WHERE CLASSES ARE MEETING. Wednesdays 8-10pm. All levels. Contact Gil McNew at 410-224-6788 or gdmcnew@juno.com.

Frederick: Wednesdays. Hood College. Fall classes begin Sept. 4. Contact Valerie Hill at 301-739-4553 or vlhill@juno.com.

Cumberland: Wednesdays 7:30-9:30pm, 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.

Fridays

Washington Branch RSCDS: Classes are expected to resume at Montgomery Blair High School, University Blvd & Colesville Rd, Silver Spring MD. **CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM.** Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664. EXPERIENCED TECHNIQUE on first Fridays (10/4 and 12/6) gives you a chance to work at finer points if you've been dancing at least a year.

BASIC TECHNIQUE on second Fridays (10/11 and 11/8) lets newer dancers work on style and steps while experienced folks get a refresher. Open to all.

EASY SOCIAL mostly on fourth Fridays (10/25, 11/22, and a holiday party on 12/13) offers easy, fun social dances for all. Live music often, tea after class.

Weekends

Youth Classes: Classes are expected to start up again in the fall after our wildly fun spring semester! For information contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664.

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT DESCRIPTION <i>(NOTE: Details for many local events are elsewhere in this issue)</i>
Dec. 1	Pub Jam, Royal Mile Pub, Wheaton, 3:00 p.m. Scottish jam session. Bring an instrument or come to listen. Good food and music! www.royalmilepub.com
Dec. 6	Washington Branch Experienced Technique Class, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: TBA. Contact Jay Andrews, 703-719-0596 or andrewj@erols.com
Dec. 7	Scottish Christmas Walk Alexandria, VA. Parade: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Visit the Campagna Center web site, http://www.campagnacenter.org/events.htm , for additional details or call 703-549-0111.
Dec. 7	Northern Virginia Christmas Walk Tea Dance, 2:00 p.m. See details in this issue.
Dec. 13	Washington Branch Basic Social Dance Class Holiday Party, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or caberfei@aol.com
Dec. 15	Richmond Christmas Dance Party, 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Scottish Country Dancers of Richmond. Venue: Church of the Epiphany, Richmond, VA. Musicians: Dave Wiesler, piano; Mara Beamish, fiddle. Contact Stella Fogg at 804-740-4404 or stellaf@attbi.com .
Dec. 16	Baltimore Social Dance, 8:00 p.m. See details in this issue.
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Community Dance, 8:00 p.m. Venue: Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt MD. Musicians to be announced. Contact Valerie Hill at 301-663-1042 or vlhill@juno.com or Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208.
Dec. 31	Delaware Valley Hogmanay Ball, 9:00 p.m. Venue: Tarble-in-Clothier, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA. Music by Local Hero (Susie Petrov, piano; Paul Woodiel, fiddle; Norb Spencer, accordion; Christopher Layer, flute, bagpipes). Contact Amy Cummings-Leight and Ned Leight, 215-723-8531.
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Feb. 8	Swarthmore English-Scottish Ball, 8:00 p.m. Venue: Tarble-in-Clothier, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA. Musicians Earl Gaddis, Tom Pixton, and Swarthmore class musicians. Contact Eileen Thorsos at 610.690.3559 or eileen@scs.swarthmore.edu , or Joanna Pernick at 610.690.5009 or jpernic1@swarthmore.edu .
Feb. 9	Saint Columba's Valentine Tea Dance, 2:00 p.m. Greenbelt Community Center Gym, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt MD. Musicians to be announced. Contact: Jennifer Mayrovitz 410-381-3948, rjmayro@erols.com .
Feb. 14	Washington Branch Basic Technique Dance Class Valentine Party, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or caberfei@aol.com
Feb. 22-25	RSCDS Winter School Sponsored by the RSCDS. Venue: Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry, Scotland. See the RSCDS Web Site, http://www.scottishdance.org/ , for details and an application.
Feb. 22	Northern Virginia Branch Dance and Birthday Celebration, 8:00 p.m. It's Annette Harris' 75 th birthday! Venue: Trinity Presbyterian Church, Arlington, VA. Musicians: TBD. Contact David Chase at 703-780-8616 or david_e_chase@hud.gov .
Feb 23	Potomac Valley Scottish Fiddle Club dance Details TBD.
Feb. 28	Washington Branch Basic Social Dance Class, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or caberfei@aol.com
Mar. 7	Washington Branch Experienced Technique Class, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: TBA. Contact Jay Andrews, 703-719-0596 or andrewj@erols.com
Mar. 8	Washington Branch Ceilidh Glen Echo Town Hall. Contact Harry Ways at 301-299-7527 or hways@ix.netcom.com .
Mar. 9	Richmond Saint Patrick's Day Dance, 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Scottish Country Dancers of Richmond. Venue: Church of the Epiphany, Richmond, VA. Musicians: Liz Donaldson, piano; Mara Beamish, Fiddle. Contact Stella Fogg, 804-740-4404 or stellaf@attbi.com .
Mar. 14	Washington Branch Basic Technique Dance Class, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or caberfei@aol.com
Mar. 22-23	Delaware Valley Branch Spring Ball and Brunch, 8:00 p.m. Venue: Tarble-in-Clothier, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA
Mar. 28	Washington Branch Basic Social Dance Class, 8:00 p.m. Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring MD. Teacher: Ralph Stoddard. Contact Ralph Stoddard at 301-649-6664 or caberfei@aol.com

