

Loch Michigan Scottish Country Dancers

December 1982

LOCH MICH 'BLETHERS'

NEW YEAR'S DANCE PARTY: January 1 at 7:30 at the Palos Park Village Hall. Old and new favorites will highlight this rousing way to end the first day of 1983. We have a good selection of dances that include many that all can do plus a few challenging dances that require some practice.

NEW CLASS STARTING AT PURDUE. Beginning Tuesday, January 11th, and for the following 15 weeks, Scottish Country Dancing will be offered at Purdue University Calumet in Hammond, Indiana. Spread the word to all your Indiana relatives and friends. Advance registration and payment of fees is required. The instruction will be divided into two 8 week courses. For information call Ken Schoon at (219) 836-8593 or Purdue Continuing Education at (219) 844-0520 ext. 502.

THE DEMONSTRATION TEAM performed at the Copernicus Festival in December and has again been invited to dance at the Nicht Wi' Burns in Indianapolis January 15th. Bill Smillie will address the Haggis; he and Isobel will offer the toasts to the lads and lassies. Anyone interested in going should contact Ken Schoon by January 1st.

NO JANUARY CLASSES will be held this year. Last year's inclement weather along with all the other programs planned for the month were the deciding factors. Classes will resume the first Sunday in February.

COMING UP:

January 1 New Year's Dance Party 7:30 Palos Park Village Hall

January 15 Nicht Wi' Burns, Indianapolis

Nicht Wi' Burns, Morton Grove (Scottish Cultural Society)

Birthday Club 8:00 Palos Park Village Hall
Scottish Social Dancing for the whole family

January 22 Nicht Wi' Burns 6:00 Beverly Country Club
If you would like to sit with other Loch Mich dancers, call Ingrid by January 1st. (724-5607)

February 6 Classes resume. 6:30 at the Palos Park Village Hall.

HOMEWOOD DANCERS now meet every Wednesday of the month except the first one. Ann Wood 957-1968 has information about that group.

EXCUSE MOI! According to a letter in this Month's Scot's Magazine, the term Country Dance did not come from the French, "contredanse," rather it was the other way around. There is no evidence that the Contredanse existed before 1684 while the English and Scots had Contry Dances back before Elizabethan times. The French got their term from ours, so it seems.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !