

Loch Michigan Scottish Country Dancers

August 1985

Loch Mich 'Blethers'

Kathy and Yoshi will be married in Boston (actually Weymouth Landing) Massachusetts, Saturday, September 7, 1985. Ingrid, the Quarries and the Schoons will be representing our group at the wedding.

For those who are new to our group, Kathy, who is from Boston, and Yoshi, who is from Osaka, Japan, met at our dance classes while each were in Chicago working on master's degrees. Both became valuable members of Loch Mich, and before Yoshi left to go home last summer, we made him a Life Member and wrote a dance in his honor. At a surprise going-away-party he surprised us by announcing his engagement to Kathy.

We wish Kathy and Yoshi the best of everything in their new life together.

As they'll be spending part of their honeymoon here, we're going to have a:

DANCE PARTY, Saturday, September 14th at the Palos Park Village Hall, from 7:30 until 11:30 or so. The dances will all be fun, in spite of the fact that we are all a little creaky from not dancing for a while. Admission will be \$2.00 per person, plus a goodie or twa for dessert afterwards.

Come, greet Kathy and Yoshi, and have a good time.

No class will be held: September 1 Labor Day Weekend

8 PPVH is reserved for another group

15 the day after our party

Classes resume September 22nd. As in the past we will meet at 6:30 at the Palos Park Village Hall. We are always done by 8:30 so that all can return home by a decent hour. The fact that more than a few of our members can be seen at local establishments eating hot fudge sundaes or cheeseburgers until 9:15 or so, should not make anyone believe that we keep late hours--or that we keep dancing 'til dawn. Come join us for class and any or all of our other activities. There is no charge for one's first class.

Dues are now due. Membership in our group may be had upon payment of \$5.00 to our treasurer, Chris Day. This entitles you receive the Blethers and notification of all our events and others that we become aware of, and 1/3 reduction in our weekly "dunning" for classes. Members pay \$1.00 a Sunday while non-members pay \$1.50.

Beginners' Workshop. A special one-day workshop for dancers new to Scottish Country Dancing will be held Saturday, October 5th at the Palos Park Village Hall. This is a great day for beginning dancers to learn the basic steps and formations of Scottish Country Dancing. The evening party, for all dancers, is a chance to show new dancers how much fun we share in our dancing.

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and the Royal Marines will perform at the Rosemont Horizon Friday, Nov.22. See Mary Ellen Endo soon for tickets.

Best wishes to Peggy Garriques who was married at Ann Arbor, Michigan, this last Saturday. Peggy and her folks, Chuck and Pat, have danced with the Hinsdale dancers for many years and have attended our classes and dances and workshops whenever they could. A great deal of Chuck's time is now taken up by Elmhurst Council meetings where he is a new alderman.

New officers were elected at our last regular class in June. They are: Ingrid Kendall, president; Dale Trela, vice president; Chris Day, treasurer; Barbara Bowker, secretary; and Fiona Robertson, publicity coordinator. Unfortunately for Loch Mich, one of these officers will probably be sending us his resignation soon, because:

Dale Trela has a job! Dale received a call from Pan American University, Edinburg, (that's right, "Edinburg") Texas, last week and at last report had a new car and was driving Southwest. All of this happened rather quickly, so quickly in fact that his folks had to bring our music system to class last Sunday--so that we'd be able to dance. Dale had intended to teach that day and so he had taken the system and all the tapes home with him.

(Note: perhaps we should consider eliminating the office of vice-president. In our five year history, we have elected five vice-presidents, four of them have left our group before the term was over!)

Kevin Lesko has a job. (No explanation point, however. Perhaps it's more expected when you have a PhD in physics--they are so in demand, and we do seem to be cornering the market.) Kevin has accepted a job at the University of California at Berkeley. We shall miss him, his excellent dancing and especially his willingness to help. A great deal of the success of our last workshop is a result of his work. He is taking a little of Chicago with him to California, however, because just before he left:

Chris Day and Kevin Lesko take top awards in Highland dance competition. That's right. Two of our Country Dancers placed first and second at the Chicago Highland Games novice class. In a crowded field of four entries, Chris took the Gold medal, and Kevin won the Silver medal. Congratulations to both of them. ...and while we're giving out kudos:

Congratulations to Ingrid and Sandy, who both attended SCD teacher training classes at St. Andrews University this summer and who both "passed" and received their preliminary teaching certificates.

Summer activities summoned our members to all points of the globe:

Sandy and Ingrid weren't the only ones in Scotland; Fiona Robertson and Bill Moorhead spend most of the summer there also.

Avril Quarrie brushed up her teaching techniques at the SCD workshop at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario this month.

Catherine Blair was in China; John Collins, Mary Brown and Martin Mulligan were all in Oregon; Kevin Lesko spent a lot of the summer at Los Alamos, New Mexico; Kathy Welch spent two weeks in Japan with her sister and Yoshi; John Ellis went to a Celtic music and dance workshop in West Virginia, while Kerstin Andersson and Margareta Fahlstrom made a tour of the western United States before heading home to Sweden.

Undoubtedly others traveled also, because we missed a quite few folk this summer, but they didn't inform The Blethers of their destination.

Kerstin and Margareta are at home now in Sweden and ready to receive any or all of us who would like to visit there. The two of them spent the last year as cooks at the Swedish Consulate here in Chicago and danced both with us as well as with the Evanston group. Kerstin had done SCD at home in Goteborg and was quickly successful in getting Margareta hooked during the year.

Your friendly Blethers editor received this letter from them before they left last July, which is quite appropriate to print here:

Dear Ken,

The Swedish girls haven't left Chicago yet but will pretty soon. Hopefully we will meet most of the group at the Highland Games, but we would anyway through you, give everybody our love. We also want to say to you all: If you ever travel in Sweden, you are welcome to visit us. We'll be very disappointed if you don't.

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It would be very nice if it's possible to put our addresses in the Blethers. We also have a bread recipe that some people wanted, so we thought it would be nice to put it there.

Give our love to everyone.

Margareta and Kerstin

Grandmothers Bread:

Day 1: Mix and pour over 1 1/2 cup boiling water:
 3/4 cup whole grain stone ground rye flour
 1/3 cup 7 grain cereal
 1/3 cup flax seed
 2 T cooking oil and
 1 T salt
 Let stand over night covered.

Day 2: Dissolve a small pack fresh yeast in 2 cups water. Blend it with
 1/2 cup honey and
 5-6 cups of white flour into a dough.

1. Let rise for three hours or put it in a refridgerator over night.
2. Kneed the dough until smooth and elastic. Add flour as needed.
3. Divide into two and make two loaves. Put a little flour on top and let it rise under a towel for 30 minutes.
4. Bake in preheated oven for 35-45 minutes. The bread is ready when it feels tight and has a golden brown color.
5. Brush with hot water and let cool on an oven rack covered with a towel.

This bread keeps up to a week very well in a plastic bag at room temperature. Never but the bread in the fridge. Our eyes will watch you back in Sweden. Behave! and enjoy!

(... and thank you girls.)

LOCH MICH CALENDAR:

September 1 and 8	No class		
September 14	Dance Party	7:30 p.m.	Palos Park Village Hall
September 15	No class		
September 22	Classes resume	6:30 p.m.	Palos Park Village Hall
September 28	International Folk Festival		Donnally Hall, Chicago
	International Folk Festival		Oak Park Mall
October 5	All day workshop for Beginners		Palos Park Village Hall

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