

Loch Michigan Scottish Country Dancers

November 1986

## Loch Mich 'Blethers'

The results from St. Catharines are in and we get to give out kudos again!!

Congratulations to Martin Mulligan who successfully completed his SCD teacher certification classes this summer at Brock University in St. Catharines (Ontario). Now, with David, Avril (who received their certification at St. Andrews) and Martin, we have three certified teachers. We are very proud of all three of you!

Three other excellent teachers from the midwest attended teacher certification classes this summer and received their Preliminary Certification. Congratulations to Francis Gillan (Evanston), Sister Dorcas (Racine) and Gayle Hoepner (Ames, Iowa).

FALL DANCE PARTY Loch Mich' 7th annual Fall dance party will be held at the Palos Park Village Hall Saturday, November 15th, at 7:30. Party programs were mailed out a few weeks ago. The dance is a benefit for our Spring workshop at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Admission is \$5.00. Thanks to Dave Pattison for chairing this event.

The Scottish Fair put on every year by the Scottish Cultural Society was held October 25 and 26. By all accounts it was a great success. Many thanks to all of our members who helped. Thanks especially to Jesper and Claudia Gronvaldt who decorated the room, to Bill Moorhead who came in the day before to clean it (a mighty big job!), and donated a couple of sweaters for the raffle, to Martin Mulligan and Barbara Bowker who led the two beginners' workshops, to the demonstration team which performed thrice, and to all those who manned our booth. (I hope that's everybody!!) Loch Mich donated a trophy to the SCS for their dance competition.

The Beginners' Workshop held in September was another success. We had four sets of students at the workshop itself, and seven sets at the evening dance. A great deal of credit goes to the workshop committee for undertaking and producing this (now annual) event. Thanks to Jeff Roth for helping with the arrangements.

Mary Ellen Endo has agreed to be our photo historian and is putting together a scrapbook of past events.

A new hall? We have been dancing at the Palos Park Village Hall now for almost seven years. As we have grown, we have found that the hall is beginning to be a bit small. Actually the upstairs is fine for class (except for that sloping floor), but the concrete floor in the basement (not to mention those columns) do hamper the classes held there. What would be nice is a inexpensive hall with two rooms with hardwood floors, space for our quarterly dances, a kitchen, a piano if possible, and accessible by car and public transportation--and of course within reasonable driving distance for all our members. If any member knows of such a location please inform Ingrid.

Change in class location: Dec 7th and 14th. The Palos Park Village Hall will be used by another group these two Sundays and so we will be meeting at the Irish American Heritage Center just east of the Edens Expressway on Wilson Street. Classes will be at the usual time.

A hearty welcome to these new Loch Mich members:

Carol Campbell of Mount Prospect  
 Suzie Kinsman of Chicago  
 Doug Marshall also of Chicago  
 David Murray of Indianapolis and  
 Chari Wurtzel of Oak Park

Fee Increase. The officers found it necessary this fall to increase the amount of money we must charge for our Sunday classes. (The annual dues, however, were not increased.) Members now pay \$2.00 per class, and non-members pay \$3.00. There still is no charge for one's first class. The reasons for the increase are:

increase in rent at the Palos Park Village Hall

the necessity to have funds in reserve for emergencies and purchases that will enhance our organization such as recordings and sound equipment. Although the workshop is basically self-supporting, we must be able to subsidize it if it becomes necessary.

we have less of a financial "cushion" than we did last year at this time.

and finally--we don't want to undervalue ourselves. Compared to prices charged by other groups in the area, \$2.00 seems very reasonable for the high quality of instruction--and the huge amount of fun that we have.

Ann Arbor's Annual Dinner and Ball, is scheduled for November 22. Music by the Glen Cairn Band. See Ingrid if you would like to attend.

Madison Workshop December 13th The Madison group is sponsoring a SCD workshop on Saturday, December 13th. The workshop will run from 10:45 to 4:45 followed by a dance at 7:45. Dave Quarrie and Martin Mulligan will be teaching. Cost for the entire day is \$15.00. A dance walkthrough will be held Friday evening at 7:00. Contact Lois Bernbeck, phone (608) 831-2397, if interested in attending.

December 21st we will begin class as usual at 6:30. However, we will finish up early and all go out to eat at a nearby restaurant. Bring your appetites.

Racine's Annual Year End Party is December 27th this year beginning at 2:00 p.m.. As usual we plan to have several cars going up for this event. See Ingrid if you need directions or a ride.

Our New Year Dinner/Dance will be January 3rd, 1987, at the Glendora Ballroom in Chicago Ridge. Mark this date on your calendar now!! (It's easy to place it on your December 1986 calendar even though it's in January.) Come help us celebrate our 7th anniversary. The dance program will be available by the first of December. Invitations will be sent out about then. If you don't get one in the mail, please contact any of the officers.

Advertising in the Blethers? If your business (or one that you know of) would like to place an advertisement in the Blethers, please contact Ken Schoon.

RSCDS dance books are in. Loch Mich members who are also members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society can get their 1986 books from Barbara Bowker next Sunday in class. Non-members may join the RSCDS by paying dues in the Spring.

A Nicht Wi' Burns will be held at the Oak Lawn Hilton on Saturday, January 24, 1987. Ken Schoon will be master of ceremonies; Kent and Lynette Tevault will be offering the toasts to the lads and lassies; the Loch Mich demonstration team will perform. The formal program has been shortened to provide more time for social dancing. More about all this later.

Auction. As a fund raiser for the workshop, Ann Wood has agreed to organize an auction. Please put aside items that you think others in our group might bid on. The auction will be held early next year.

Plans for the 1987 Workshop to be held again at Lake Geneva are progressing. Announcements will be in the mail (along with invitations to our 7th anniversary dinner/dance--January 3rd) shortly.

Yoshi and Kathy send traditional summer greetings from Japan. Their card is on the notice board. They are both well and add, "Please say hello to all Loch Mich members. We miss you. With love, Yoshi; With love, Kathy."

We miss you two also and will be dancing Yoshi's Farewell at our party this month.

The Inter-City Scot is a bi-monthly calendar of Scottish Country Dance activities throughout North America. The editor is our own John Collins. Anyone interested in a subscription should see John.

Coming up:

November 8	Feast of the Haggis	Chicago Hilton and Towers
November 15	Annual Fall Dance	Palos Park Village Hall
November 22	Dinner / Dance at Ann Arbor, MI	U of M Union Building
November 25	Demonstration at the Daley Center	Chicago
December 7 and 14	Classes held at Irish American Heritage Center	
December 13	Workshop and Ball	Madison, Wisconsin
December 27	Dance Party	DeKoven Foundation, Racine, WI
December 21	Dancing followed by dinner	Palos Park Village Hall
January 3	New Year Ball	Glendora House, Chicago Ridge
January 4	No class	
January 24	Nicht Wi' Burns	Oak Lawn Hilton
January 25	No class	