

RSCDS, Chicago Branch

The Blethers

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Spring Dance 2002: The 2002 Spring Dance will be held Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Josaphat's. Admission is \$7.00; tea and cookies will follow dancing. The dance will honor Tartan Day, which is April 6th. For more information, contact Noel Chávez at (708) 848-9218, or Greg Canfield at gcanfield@att.net. The program for the dance is:

St. Andrews Fair	32J3	1982 Book
On the Quarterdeck	32H2	Harbour City Book
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	32S3	Leaflet #20
Blue Bonnets	32J3	Book 3 #5
Deacon of the Weavers	32S3	Book 25 #4
Reel of the 51 st Division	32R3	Book 13 #10
Berwick Johnnie	32J3	Graded Book #14
Sarona	32S4 (set)	Drewry-Aberdeen Book
Button Boy	32R3	Allanton Collection: Zobel
Cutty Sark	32J3	Book 40
The Laird of Atherton	32S3 (set)	San Francisco V2
Mairi's Wedding	32R3	Cosh: 22 SCD

Annual General Meeting: This year's AGM will be held Sunday, May 5th at St. Josaphat's Parish Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the Annual General Meeting is to elect officers for next year.

Silk & Thistle's new venue: In case you missed it, the Silk & Thistle class has moved locations to the Glen Ellyn Recreation Center. Dancing is Tuesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. and is year-round.

Loch Mich's last class: Loch Mich will hold its last class of the season Sunday May 19th.

2002 Weekend Workshop: The 2002 Weekend Workshop is scheduled for June 7-9 at Stonghold in Oregon, Illinois. Muriel Johnstone and Calum McKinnon will play for us, and Bill Zobel is our dance instructor for the weekend. Watch your mail for the flyer!

2000-2001 Committee of Management: Greg Canfield, Honorary Chair; Carlyn Bromann, Honorary Secretary; Mike Millin, Honorary Treasurer; Jeanne Millin, Liz Stake, and Noel Chávez - Members at Large.

2002 Highland Games: This year's Highland Games are scheduled for June 15th. Stop by the Branch tent to say hello or join in the dancing. The Branch demo team will perform in the afternoon.

ScotReel news: ScotReel continues to meet regularly in Homewood. For information on where and when, contact Ingrid Kendall at (708) 957-4494.

Madison 25th Silver Anniversary Ball: The Madison Branch is celebrating their Silver Anniversary Weekend April 12-14. For more information, visit their website: <http://sprrott.physics.wisc.edu/mscd/home.htm>, send email to eeapaske@facstaff.wisc.edu, or call (608) 238-0716.

Kansas City SCD Workshop & Ball: The Kansas City Scottish Country Dancers have a workshop and ball April 12-14. For more information visit their website: <http://www.kcscottishdancers.com>, send email to toonann@prodigy.net, or call (913) 831-0466.

The First Bagpipes

Ere Berwick was upon the Tweed,
Ere Gretna was so Green,
Ere Rabbie Burns wrote poems for
St Andrews folk to sing,
There came to bonnie Scotland's shore
A wicked demon King.
He heard the bluebells ringing and
He loathed the lovely sound,
"Och! this is whaur Ah tak a haun!"
He croaked, and looked around.
He took the wailing of the wind
That scurries through the pass,
He took the neighing of a horse,
The braying of an ass.
He took the screech that metal makes,
When much in need of oil,
He took the sound that kettles make,
When well upon the boil.
He took the squealing of a sow,
The shrieking of a rasp,
He took the bellow of a cow
And then a fat man's gasp,
He mixed them all with fiendish grin
And in a moment ripe,
There broke o'er bank and brae the din
Of Scotland's first bagpipe.

The Great Lies of Scottish Country Dancing

1. We'll get you through
2. It's really a beginner's dance
3. We need another dancer for the demo set - you'll do fine
4. The music will tell you what to do
5. It's a piece of cake

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