

RSCDS, Chicago Branch



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2005 Annual General Meeting: This is official notice, pursuant to the Constitution and by-laws of the Chicago Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 15. The meeting will be held in the parish hall at St. Josaphat's Church, Belden and Southport, Chicago, Illinois, starting at 6:00 p.m. The main item on the agenda will be the election of a new Committee of Management. You must be a member of the Chicago Branch to vote at the meeting (but others interested in the Branch are invited to attend). There will be dancing after the meeting.

Silk and Thistle news: Silk and Thistle has returned to the Fermilab barn for dancing on Tuesday evenings. On Tuesday, April 5th, they celebrated Tartan Day with a party and invited the public to join them. Around 30 people came out to try the dancing, watch experienced dancers, read about all things Scottish, and try some of the food class members brought. Everyone was up dancing for several of the ceilidh dances and a couple of people have returned for the regular dancing.

Spring Dance: The Branch celebrated Tartan Day at the Spring Dance. Dancers came from Milwaukee, Madison, and local dance groups and had a wonderful time. After the dance, dancers gathered at Mike & Jeanne Millin's house for a fun and tasty potluck dinner.

Weekend Workshop 2005: The Branch returns to Beloit College for the annual Weekend Workshop this year June 3-5. Our teachers this year are Ruth Jappy and Tracey Applebee. Musicians are Susan Worland Bentley, Barbara Pixton, and Tom Pixton. Last year we had our banquet in the school's Logan Museum of Anthropology; this year the banquet will be held in the Wright Museum of Art. For more information, check the Branch website or contact Mady at 630-584-0825 or folkdance@fnal.gov or Sue at lsvscd@suedan.com. The programs are listed on the back of this page.

2004 Highland Games: This year's Highland Games are Saturday, June 18th at the Oakbrook Polo Grounds, 31st and York Streets in Oakbrook, IL. The Branch will host a tent there for disseminating dance information and the demo team will perform in the late afternoon. Volunteers for manning the tent are always needed and welcome!

Summer Dancing: There may be summer dancing in Oak Park again this year. Check the Branch website for details.

Frolic on the Fox 10: This year marks the 10th Frolic on the Fox. The Silk & Thistle class is busily planning this event, so check the website and watch at class for flyers and other information. The dance will be held Saturday, October 1st at the Baker Center in St. Charles, IL. O'er the Border will again provide the music for the dancing.

Dance Resources: Have you ever wondered how to acquire SCD dance books and recordings? Society commissioned books and recordings are available on the society website rscds.org. But there is another source close by that carries a larger selection of books and recordings: Teachers' Association Canada (TAC). To view their catalogs on-line, go to <http://tac-rscds.org> and click on TACSound or TACBooks. You may also subscribe to TACTalk, their monthly newsletter, which includes interim updates to both the TACSound and TACBooks catalogs, as well as information useful to those who wish to teach SCD.

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RCSDS Chicago Branch 2003 Schedule	
Annual General Meeting, St. Josaphats	Saturday, 5/15 6:00 p.m.
Weekend Workshop, Beloit, WI	Friday, 6/3 – Sunday, 6/5
Chicago Highland Games	Saturday, 6/18
Frolic on the Fox 9, St. Charles	Saturday, 10/1

Weekend Workshop Friday Welcome Dance		
Boston Hospitality	32J2 RR	Yankee Sampler (Taylor)
The Summer Assembly	88R4 (Square)	Book 35, No. 8 (Goldring)
Light on the Water	32S3	Let's All Dance (Kass)
Tarry a While	32J2	Graded Book, No. 20
Cherrybank Gardens	32S3 (set)	Bankhead Book I (Drewry)
Duke of Perth	32R3	Book 1, No. 8
Interval		
Hooper's Jig	32J3	MMM Volume 2
Angus McKinnon's Hornpipe	32R3	Lothian Collection (Dickson)
New Park	32S3	Book 19, No. 11
Miss Nancy Frowns	32J3	Book 14, No. 5
The Air of Beloit	32S2	Chicago 25th Anniversary Collection
Da' Rain Dancin'	32R3	From the Redwood Forest (Wallace)

Weekend Workshop Saturday Ball Program		
The Lady Wynd	32J3	Graded and Social Dances 2 (Goldring)
Davy Nick Nack	32H3	Glasgow Assembly (Campbell)
The Fiddlehead	32S2	Dunsmuir Dances (Winter)
The Blackadder Jig	32J3	The Blackadder Collection (Johnstone)
The Silver Square	32R5 (Square)	The Seven Year Itch (Glasspool)
Asilomar Romantic	32S3	The San Francisco Collection Vol. 2 (Cuthbertson)
Barley Bree	40J4 (Set)	Book 13, No. 4
Bauldy Bain's Fiddle	32R3	Lothian Collection (Dickson)
Interval		
The Machine Without Horses	32J3	Book 12, No. 12
Richardson's Rant	32R3	Chicago 10th Anniversary Collection (Smith)
The Royal Wedding	32S3	Five Dances for 1982 (MacKinnon)
Frog in the Middle	32J3	MMM Volume 2
Delvine Side	32S3	Book 2, No. 9
Society Piper	32R3	10 Social Dances (Goldring)
Birkenside	32S2 (6x through)	24 Graded and Social Dances (Goldring)
General Stuart's Reel	32R3	Book 10, No. 3

A Wee Joke: An Englishman, a Frenchman, and a Scotsman were drinking together in a bar. A fly flew into the Englishman's drink. He looked at it disgustedly, poured out his drink, and got another. Later a fly flew into the Frenchman's drink. He fished the fly out of the whiskey, then drank it. Finally, a fly flew into the Scotsman's drink. He grabbed the fly and shook it, yelling, "Spit it out! Spit it out!"

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