

RSCDS, Chicago Branch



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2006 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 7. 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). If you are interested in serving on the COM, please contact a member of the nominating committee (Mary Lou Woods, Gwen Leyffer or Jeanne Millin) or a member of the COM and let them know. There will be dancing after the meeting.

Spring Dance: The Spring Dance will be held Saturday, April 22nd at the Winnetka Community Center, 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka. The dance starts at 1:30 p.m.; the cost is \$8.00. The program, dance cribs, and driving instructions are available on the Branch website (<http://rscds-chicago.org>). The program is also listed at the end of this newsletter. There will be a tea after the dance, so please bring a snack or beverage to share.

Weekend Workshop 2006: The Branch returns to Beloit College for the annual Weekend Workshop this year June 9-11. Our teachers this year are Ron Wallace and our own Tom Senior. Musicians are Laura Risk and Nicholas Williams. Continuing our tradition of trying new venues for the Saturday banquet, this year the banquet will be held in Pearson's Hall. For more information, check the Branch website or contact Mady at 630-584-0825 or folkdance@fnal.gov or Sue at luvsacd@suedan.com. The programs are listed at the end of this newsletter.

2006 Highland Games: This year's Highland Games are Saturday, June 17th 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 and Last Class: The last class at St Josaphat's this year is May 21st. There will be summer dancing in Oak Park at the Fox Center on selected Friday evenings this year. Check the Branch website and watch your email for details. The Summer Dance schedule may be available at the AGM.

2007 New Year's Ball: The New Year's Ball is scheduled for January 13, 2007 at the Ukrainian Cultural Center. Barbara McOwen, Anne Hooper, and a pianist will perform. Mark your calendars and reserve the date!

Other Midwest Dancing: Other events around the Midwest to catch your interest are:

- Ames, Iowa's 15th Annual Dance in Celebration of Spring on Saturday, May 13th
- Milwaukee's Racine dance on Saturday, May 20th
- Paradise, Missouri's Highland Mist Ball and Workshop Weekend, June 23-25

News from Headquarters: After working with the last revision of the Society Constitution and the new management structure, the Management Board has drafted a new constitution and is requesting comments from Branches. Interested members can contact Noel Chávez, Secretary, (nchavez@uic.edu) and be sent an electronic copy of the file for review. Comments and suggestions can also be sent to Noel who will coordinate the Branch response; there will also be a brief discussion at the AGM. All comments need to be received by Headquarters in mid-May to allow revisions in time for the Society AGM in November.

2005-2006 Committee of Management: Carlyn Bromann, Honorary Chair; Noel Chávez, Honorary Secretary; Greg Canfield, Honorary Treasurer; Doug Jensen, Mady Newfield, and Mary Pankonen - Members at Large.

Spring Dance		
Coats Land	32J3	The Scotia Suite (R. Goldring)
Catch the Wind	32H3	45 #5 (R. Butterfield)
John McAlpin	32S3	Galloway Album (H. Foss)
Napier's Index	40J3	45 #8 (B. Charlton)
The Sauchie Haugh	32S3	RSCDS Leaflet #12 (G. Emmerson)
General Stuart's Reel	32R3	10 #3
Interval		
Circassian Circle	Reel	1 #3
Pluto's Head	32R2	Chicago 25th (S. McKinnell)
MacDonald of the Isles	32S3 (set)	2 nd Carnforth (D. Haynes)
Fair Jenny's Jig	32J3	From the Redwood Forest (R. Wallace)
Ca' the Ewes tae the Knowes	32S2	16 #8
EH3 7AF	32J3	40 #6 (R. Goldring)
The Montgomerie's Rant	32R3	10 #1

Weekend Workshop Friday Welcome Dance		
Saint Andrew's Fair	32J3	Five Dances for 1982 (R. Goldring)
Kiss Me Quick, My Mither's Coming	32R3	Book 12, No. 6
No L's Strathspey	32S3	Chicago 25th Anniversary (C. Snowdon)
The White Heather Jig	40J4 Set	22 SCD (J. Cosh)
There's Nae Luck About the Hoose	32S3	Book 10 No. 10
The Australian Ladies	32R3	Glasgow Assembly (R. Campbell)
Interval		
Mrs Stewart's Jig	32J3	Book 35 No. 1 (F. Ligtmans)
Delvine Side	32S3	Book 2 No. 9
Clutha	48R4 Square	Book 31, No. 2
The Silver Tassie	32S3	RSCDS Leaflet, No. 1 (J. Drewry)
Fair Jenny's Jig	32J3	From the Redwood Forest (R. Wallace)
Catch the Wind	32H3	Book 45 No. 5 (R. Butterfield)

Weekend Workshop Saturday Ball Program		
Joie de Vivre	32J3	Book 39, No. 2 (I. van Maarseveen)
Fair Donald	32S3	Book 29, No. 4
J. B. Milne	32R3	Angus Fitchet Album (H. Foss)
The Nurseryman	32J3	Book 37, No. 7 (S. Brown)
Moment of Truth	32S3	Book 37, No. 2 (C. Sigg)
Kingussie Flower	40R4 Set	Book 21, No. 6
Monymusk	32S3	Book 11, No. 2
Lady Susan Stewart's Reel	32R3	Book 5, No. 9
Interval		
The Last of the Lairds	32J3	Book 38, No. 3 (H. Thurston)
Mrs Macleod	32R3	Book 6, No. 11
The Walled Garden	32S2	24 Graded & Social Dances (R. Goldring)
Rothsay Rant	32J4 Square	Birmingham Book of SCD (A. Holden)
The Montgomerie's Rant	32R3	Book 10, No. 1
Argyll Strathspey	32S3	Book 35, No. 3 (R. Goldring)
Pelorus Jack	32J3	Book 41, No. 1 (B. Skelton)
The Reel of the Royal Scots	32R3	RSCDS Leaflet, No. 7 (R. Goldring)

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