

Ottawa Branch Bulletin

APRIL 2024



Message from the Chair



Phil Worthington



I started my last Chair's message with a comment about the return of winter. Hopefully it is just a coincidence, but as I write this, winter is back, again! Looking on the bright side, this is probably winter's last hurrah and coming soon we have our flagship dance, the Spring Ball. We've been working hard in the various classes to practice the dances on the Ball programme. Come the big night, we should be in great shape on the dance floor. Our Ball convenors, Susan Wall, Michael Hamilton and Marc Raymond, are also working hard to put the finishing touches to the arrangements for the night. Tickets have sold well, so it will be another great evening to remember.

Taking a moment to look back, we had a wonderful March Social Dance. The lively programme was devised by Marion Hamilton, and our convenors Ruth Cooper and Prem Grainger from the Level 1/2 class put together a great event. The dance was enjoyed by a good turnout of both established and newer members, with a sprinkling of visitors. It is particularly gratifying to see our newer members enjoying themselves at our social dances. Thanks to all involved in putting this together.

Sadly, this is my last Chair's message, as Heather Caswell is taking over as Chair at the AGM in May. I've enjoyed great support from all on the executive, the teachers and convenors, and I am sure Heather will enjoy more of the same. I am sincerely looking forward to supporting Heather in my forthcoming role as Past Chair.

I encourage all Branch members to attend the Annual General Meeting on May 10th, followed by our last social dance of the year. The dance programme, devised by Emily Porter, is listed later in this bulletin, and we will be sending out details of the AGM in the coming weeks.

We have nominees for the vacant positions on the Executive committee for next season and these will be presented for approval at the AGM. Details of the nominations will be published prior to the AGM. We are also looking for volunteers to convene next season's Christmas dance and Annual Ball, so if you are interested in contributing in this way, or indeed, any other, please let me know.

See you at the Ball, if not before.

Phil Worthington, Chair

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Schedule of Socials and Events 2023/2024

| Event | Date | Time* | Location | Programme | Convenor(s) | Musicians |
|--------------|--------|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| AGM & Social | May 10 | 7:00-10:30 (dancing to start at 8) | Parkdale | Emily Porter | Denise Jeanes & Ruth Cooper | |

**Doors open 30 minutes before advertised start time*





St. Patrick's Day Social

March 15th

The St. Patrick's Day Social was a lively evening of Scottish Country Dancing with an Irish theme! The wonderful dance program devised by Marion and briefed by Emily Porter, Charlie Ingles, Guy Quesnel and Marion, was thoroughly enjoyed by all 58 dancers who attended.

A team of volunteers decorated the room, quickly transforming the church hall into a festive celebration of all things green! Heather Bale once again created beautiful posters for the event and in keeping with the theme, Joy and Andy provided a delicious green punch.

Other volunteers stepped forward to help on the evening, including Heather Caswell who handled the admissions in Richard's absence, and the many dancers from both the L 1/2 class and the L 2/3 class who provided sandwiches and other savoury and sweet delicacies.

A big thank you to all those who helped with the decorating and tear down at the end of the evening and a special thanks to the dancers for making it such a fun event. ~ *Ruth and Prem*





AGM PROGRAMME

May 10, 2024 - Parkdale United Church

AGM at 7 pm – Dancing to follow at 8 pm

Programme by Emily Porter

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|--|
| EH3 7AF (8x32J) | 3cpl/4cpl set | Roy Goldring | RSCDS XL 6 |
| The Royal Deeside Railway (8x32R) | 3cpl/4cpl set | Ron Arrowsmith | RSCDS XL 9 |
| *Asilomar Romantic (8x32S) | 3cpl/4cpl set | Tom Cuthbertson | Thirty Popular Dances V2 |
| The Buckie Loon (8x32R) | 3cpl/4cpl set | Bill Zobel / Muriel Johnstone | Dancing on Air |
| The Byron Strathspey (3x32S) | 3cpl/3cpl set | John Drewry | Deeside Book Part 2 |
| Beach Dancer (8x32J) | 3cpl/4cpl set | Eddy West | The Wangarei Book of Scottish Country Dances |



Intermission

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|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| The Jubilee Jig (8x32J) | 3cpl/4cpl set | | RSCDS: The Leaflet Dances with Music |
| The Old Man of Storr (8x32R) | 3cpl/3cpl set | Roy Goldring | Scottish Country Dances for Children |
| *Michelle Depledge of Preston (8x32S) | 3cpl/4cpl set | Barbara Taylor | |
| *Follow Me Home (8x32J) | 3cpl/4cpl set | Ellie Briscoe | RSCDS XXXVIII 3 |
| Butterscotch and Honey (4x32S) | 4cpl/4cpl set | Jean Attwood | Braes o'Lochaber and Three More Scottish Country Dances |
| The Deil amang the Tailors (8x32R) | 3cpl/4cpl set | | RSCDS XIV 7 |

**for experienced dancers*

Cribs and videos: <https://my.strathspey.org/dd/list/48581/>



The Ottawa Branch of the RSCDS
presents

The Spring Ball

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Music by:
Atlantic Firth Scottish Country Dance
Band

Venue:
Glebe Community Centre
175 Third Ave.
Ottawa, ON

Ball Schedule
5:30 - arrival and punch
6:00 - champagne and canapés
7:00 - special presentation
7:15 - grand march
7:30 - dancing begins
10:00 - dessert buffet
11:30 - departure

| Programme | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Bohemian Reflections | R8x32 |
| 2. Cutty Sark | J8x32 |
| 3. The Dean Bridge of Edinburgh | S8x32 |
| 4. The Piper and The Penguin | R88 |
| 5. City Lights | J8x32 |
| 6. Delvine Side | S8x32 |
| 7. The Montgomerie's Rant | R8x32 |
| Intermission | |
| 8. Shiftin' Bobbins | R8x32 |
| 9. Chased Lovers | J8x32 |
| 10. Fair Donald | S8x32 |
| 11. The Royal Deeside Railway | R8x32 |
| 12. Follow Me Home | J8x32 |
| Intermission | |
| 13. The Dancing Bees | R8x32 |
| 14. The Goat Fell Gallop | J4x32 |
| 15. Triple Happiness | S3x32 |
| 16. Trip to Gatlinburg | J8x32 |
| 17. The Reel of The Royal Scots | R8x32 |
| Extras | |
| 1. The Galloping Carousel | J4x32 |
| 2. The Silver Grey | S3x32 |
| 3. Domino Five | R5x32 |

Registration Form
Ticket Information:
• \$90 pp
• new (≤1 year) & non-dancers: \$70 pp

Name(s): _____

Address: (street, city): _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Number of tickets @ \$90 = _____

Number of tickets @ \$70 = _____

Total amount = _____

Please e-transfer funds to:

treasurer@rscdsottawa.ca

Or make a cheque payable to:

RSCDS Ottawa

Also, please send your registration information, cheque, (if applicable), and/or questions to:

Michael Hamilton

either by mail, phone or email
19 Morenz Terrace, Kanata, ON, K2K3H1
613-270-9787
events.rscdsottawa@gmail.com

Cribs and videos: <https://my.strathspey.org/dd/list/47558/>

Tartan Day in Ottawa

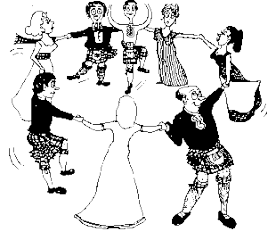
Come out and support some of your fellow Branch dancers as they perform at the National Tartan Day celebrations on Parliament Hill. The event will get underway at noon on **Sunday April 21, 2024** (the day after our Ball), with our dancers performing at 12:15pm. We will be seeking audience participation for a variation of the ceilidh dance *The Circassian Circle* so come lend a hand and share the enjoyment of Scottish Country Dance! The event will also feature local highland dancers, pipes and drums, and the OCSB Children's choir.

Visit www.sospb.com for more details.



Practice - Spring Ball

There will be a practice for the Spring Ball on **Tuesday, April 16th** from **7-10 pm** at Parkdale United Church. All ticket holders are welcome and encouraged to attend.



and she and Chris will send out crib sheets of the dances ahead of time. If you want to receive these, please contact Jo Anne (or any member of the committee) so that she can make sure you are on her list. She has distributed sign up sheets to all the classes, looking for volunteers to brief dances, MC an evening, or learn how to manage the music for these events. There is also a sheet for you to record your favourite dances.

Scottish Country Dance Retreat

There are a few spots available at the Scottish Country Dance Retreat to be held at the Cammac Music Centre from June 14-16. The retreat will be for those who are interested in improving their grasp of fundamental steps and formations while being introduced to some new ones.



The weekend package includes all meals from Friday dinner to lunch on Sunday, live music, dance instruction for both beginners and more experienced dancers, and a Gala Dance on the Saturday evening. More details and information on how to register can be found in the brochure in this bulletin or by contacting Emily Porter at emrporter@gmail.com.

Please consider contributing to our summer fun and come out and dance with us!

Tuesdays from 7-9pm

- ❖ **May 28 and June 4** at Kanata Seniors Centre.
- ❖ **June 11 to August 6** at Churchill Seniors Centre
- ❖ **August 13** at Claudette Cain Park (*weather permitting*)

Committee: Jo Anne Thorp, Phil Worthington, Heather Caswell, Marion Hamilton, and Mary Bridson

Summer Dancing Update



Don't put those dancing shoes away this summer! We now have confirmed dates for summer dancing, as you will see below, at Kanata Seniors Centre, where the Fun with Formations sessions were held, and at Churchill Seniors Centre, both air-conditioned spaces. Cost will be \$5 per evening. Weather permitting, we are planning a final "12th Night" fling outdoors in Claudette Cain Park on August 13.

Summer Dancing Tuesday evenings are not classes, but social occasions where we do favourite dances, as identified by you, with a sprinkling of more challenging ones. Jo Anne Thorp has agreed to convene the sessions again,

RSCDS Ottawa Diamond Anniversary

Our Ottawa Branch of the *Royal Scottish Country Dance Society* is turning 60!!! Yes, we will be celebrating our **Diamond Anniversary in 2026**. We will need lots of fresh ideas and volunteers on an anniversary committee to help organize this celebration.

If you are interested in helping, please let Phil Worthington chair@rscdsottawa.ca or your class convenor know. Please consider joining this celebratory committee to make our 60th anniversary a great success!!



Weekend Packages

Includes all meals from dinner Friday to lunch Sunday, accommodation, classes and gala dance.

Class Choices

LESS EXPERIENCED DANCERS

Ideal for those seeking to enhance their grasp of fundamental steps and formations while being introduced to more advanced ones.

MORE EXPERIENCED DANCERS

Designed for proficient dancers with a thorough understanding of RSCDS steps and formations, capable of dancing with minimal walkthroughs.



Cammac Music Centre

The Main Lodge, situated on the picturesque shores of Lake MacDonald, comprises 40 rooms. Several of these rooms boast private bathrooms, while all rooms are equipped with a washbasin. Access to all four floors is facilitated by an elevator.

Adjacent to the Main Lodge, the Lake House provides an additional 19 rooms, offering a slightly more rustic accommodation experience and shared washrooms.

Guests can enjoy the expansive cafeteria, complete with a veranda that overlooks the serene lake, where hearty and health-conscious meals are served. Vegetarian options are readily available upon request.

For our dance classes and events, the multipurpose concert hall serves as the primary space. Featuring a high ceiling, exceptional acoustics, and a top-quality dance floor, it provides an ideal setting. When not in class, enjoy the great tennis court, swim, canoe or go for a hike!

Address

85 Chemin Cammac, Harrington, QC, J8G 2T2

The Cammac Music Centre is located on the shores of Lake MacDonald, near Highway 127, roughly midway between Lachute and St-Jovite. It is approximately 115 minutes from Ottawa and 130 minutes from Montreal.



Musicians

ATLANTIC BIRTH

The group consists of Alastair Macdonald (accordion), Karen Steven (fiddle), Ian Clark (guitar), and John Mitchell (piano). They play together for various kinds of Scottish events including SCD, Contra and Highland dance.

Teachers

HEATHER COWAN FALKIRK, UK

Heather has danced in Forres, Edinburgh, London and Glasgow. She has taught for many years at the RSCDS summer and winter schools and spring fling.

CECILY SELLING PHILADELPHIA, USA

Cecily has been teaching for many years, and has taught workshops across North America and Japan. Cecily has also tutored candidates for the RSCDS exams and has served as a "practice examiner" for other branches.

For full biographies and pictures see the website: rscdsottawa.ca

Scottish Country Dance Retreat

June 14 - 16, 2024



Schedule

Friday June 14

4:00 - 6:00 pm Registration and welcome
6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner
7:00 - 9:00 pm Combined class
9:00 pm After party

Saturday June 15

7:30 - 8:00 am Essentrics stretch class
8:00 - 9:00 am Breakfast
9:00 - 10:20 am Less experienced class
10:40 - 12:00 pm More Experienced class
12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch
1:00 - 2:30 pm Less experienced class
2:40 - 4:00 pm More Experienced class
5:30 - 6:00 pm Reception
6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner
7:30 - 7:45 pm Grand march
7:45 - 11:00 pm Gala Dance

Sunday June 16

7:30 - 8:00 am Essentrics stretch class
8:00 - 9:00 am Breakfast
9:30 - 12:00 pm Combined class
Teachers' class
12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch & goodbyes

Dance Program

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| EH3 7AF | The Machine Without Horses |
| The Buckie Loon | The Piper & the Penguin |
| MacDonald of the Isles | Asilomar Romantic |
| The Raven's Dance | The Wild Geese |
| The Falls of Rogie | Da Rain Dancin' |
| John McAlpin | Butterscotch and Honey |
| Best Set in the Hall | Beach Dancer |
| The Highland Rambler | The Deil Among the Tailors |
| Intermission | Waltz |

Registration Form

Name _____ Pronoun _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____

Class Choice: Less Experienced
More Experienced

Teachers Class: Yes No

Dancer Room Choice:
• Double \$400
• Single \$450

Non-Dancer Room Choice:
• Double Main Lodge \$300
• Single Main Lodge \$350

Preferred roommate (if any) _____

Payment type:
• Cheque (Payable to RSCDS Ottawa Branch)
• E-transfer (treasurer@rscdsottawa.ca)
• International participants can contact the treasurer to pay by Paypal.

Vegetarian Menu: Yes No

Allergies _____
Register online at rscdsottawa.ca
or mail to:
Emily Porter, 7 Stonemeadow Dr.
Ottawa, ON K2M 2C8
emporter@gmail.com

DANCING NEAR AND FAR

NEAR:

April 20, 2024 – RSCDS Ottawa Spring Ball - Glebe Community Centre. See poster in this bulletin for more information and to register. Cribs and videos: <https://my.strathspey.org/dd/list/47558/>

May 4, 2024 - RSCDS Montreal Spring Tea Dance and Memory Lane Tea

Address: 3419 Redpath Avenue, Montreal
Music by Susie Petrov (piano) & Laura Risk (fiddle).
Program: <https://my.strathspey.org/dd/list/44762/>
Details, including cribs: [Local Events - Scottish Country Dancing Montréal \(rscdsmontreal.org\)](https://www.rscdsmontreal.org)

May 4, 2024 – The Great Lakes Group RSCDS Centenary Ball – Bingeman’s Conference Centre, Kitchener

Dance groups from Ontario, Buffalo, Detroit, Montreal have jointly organized a Spring 2024 ball to celebrate 100 years since the founding of the Scottish Country Dance Society. Music by Don Bartlett & The Scottish Heirs.

Details: <https://greatlakesball.wordpress.com/>

May 24-26, 2024 – Stoney Lake Weekend - Peterborough SCD

Friday night welcome dance, Saturday morning workshop, Saturday evening dinner and Ball, Sunday morning casual dancing. Music: Don Bartlett and Blair Mackenzie. Accommodation at [Pine Vista Resort](https://www.pinevistaresort.com) 10% discount. For details and registration package, contact Jim Armstrong at:

jjmarmstrong@explorenet.com

June 14-16, 2024 – RSCDS Ottawa Workshop Retreat CAMMAC Music Centre, Harrington, QC

Details in brochure in this bulletin.

June 16, 2024 - Afternoon Dance at Historic Victoria Hall – Cobourg SCD

Music by Blair Mackenzie and Helen Batten.

Details: <https://dancescottish.ca/events-away.html>

July 28 – Aug 4, 2024 – TAC Summer School, St. Catharines, Ontario

Details: <https://TAC-RSCDS.org>

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July 7-13, 2024 – Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School – Boone, North Carolina

Details: <https://www.blueridgesds.org/>

Registration: early 2024

July 14 to Aug 11, 2024 – RSCDS Summer School – St Andrews, Scotland

Details: <https://rscds.org/events/summer-school-2024>

September 13-16, 2024 – International Branch Dance Weekend in Oslo, Norway

Details: <https://www.rscds-ib.org/index.php?page=21>

October 20-24, 2024 – Scotch on the Rocks – Hortonville, Nova Scotia

Details: [RSCDS Nova Scotia](https://www.rscds-nova-scotia.org)

June 1, 2024
Time: 2-6 pm

The Alfred Russel Clarke Memorial Hall
161 Lakeshore West, Port Credit, Mississauga

Afternoon Tea Dance
Fundraiser for the
2025 West Toronto Ball

Dance the afternoon away to a selection of favourite West Toronto Ball dances at a wonderful venue, the charming and historic *Clarke Memorial Hall*. We will dance to beautifully recorded music by our favourite musicians. Tea and a delicious variety of finger foods and sweets will be enjoyed! Doors will open at 1:30.

Tickets \$35 in advance, \$40 cash at the door. Sponsor-A-Dance \$10.

Links: [Order Tickets](#). Or [Sponsor-A-Dance](#).

Visit Dance.Scottish.ca for more information.

All proceeds will go to support a glorious West Toronto Ball in 2025!

Contact: Susanne Cuffe
wbtascd@gmail.com

November 1-3, 2024 – The Autumn Gathering 2024 – Edinburgh, Scotland

Details: <https://rscds.org/events/autumn-gathering-2024>

Teacher's Corner

Hello Ottawa Branch,

As we are encouraging you all to pursue your personal journey with your Scottish dance experience, I have the happy task of informing you that two dancers in our midst decided to study the Scottish Country Dance Manual and take their Unit #1 written exam in March of this year. Our branch set this up with Scotland and provided the support for them to do this. Thanks to Emily Porter, Michael Hamilton and Phil Worthington who all played a role with me to make this happen.



Both candidates have been very successful with their result! Felicitations to **Erin Clement** and **Bill Riddick** wherever this pursuit takes you! We look forward to supporting you both (and every dancer) to enhance your enjoyment of and contribution to this exciting dance form!!

Thanks also to Emily Porter and Guy Quesnel who continue to pursue their teaching credentials and to our other branch teachers, Charlie Inglis, Eileen Black, and myself, who support them in our classes to enable this to happen to benefit us all.

As we finish off the year, I am looking forward to The Spring Ball, the AGM Social, The Workshop Retreat in June, and Summer Dancing! Thank you and happy dancing to all!

Marion Hamilton
Chair of Instructors

A promotional poster for a Summer School in Canada. The background is a scenic view of a large waterfall with a boat in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

Summer School in Canada! Full / half week attendance options
July 28 – August 4, 2024 Registration opens mid February
Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario

Teachers
Graham Donald, Las Palmas, Spain
Barbara Johnston, Edmonton, Canada
Jennifer Schoonover, Boston, USA
Rachel Shankland, Edinburgh, Scotland

Music Director
Elke Baker

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- Learn some new and interesting dances
- Air-Conditioned Dance Studio

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Or contact Craig Williams

Email: cwilliams@ottawadancescottish.org

Phone: 613-700-7224

When: Wednesday Evenings, 7:30-9:30pm - May 15 – July 24

Where: Churchill Seniors Recreational Centre, 345 Richmond Rd, Ottawa,

Cost: \$7 per person per class.