

RSCDS, Chicago Branch



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The Start of a New Season of Dancing:

September 12th is the start of the new season of dancing for the Loch Mich class at St. Josaphat's Parish Hall at Belden and Southport on Chicago's north side. There is no formal Open House planned for this season; each Sunday during the month of September is open to anyone wanting to return to or try out Scottish Country Dancing. The Loch Mich teachers plan to continue the tradition of presenting one special class each month. See the Branch calendar later in this newsletter for the dates of the special classes.

The Silk and Thistle class continues to meet every Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Geneva at the corner of 2nd and James Streets. People are welcome to come any week to try the dancing. Classes start with basic dances and some technique; more complicated dances are taught later in the evening. The Silk and Thistle class is proud to present the 9th annual Frolic on the Fox on October 2nd (see below).

Scotreel meets Thursday evenings in the southern suburbs at a park district location in Homewood. This year classes start October 7. Call ahead to reserve your place in the class! (708-957-4494 or e-mail IMK9999@yahoo.com)

Frolic on the Fox 9: The Silk and Thistle class presents the 9th annual Frolic on the Fox on Saturday, October 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Baker Community Center, 101 South Second Street (one block south of Rt. 64, on Rt. 31), St. Charles, IL. Once again, O'er the Border provides the music for the dance. Details, including the dance program, and (soon) instructions are available on the Silk and Thistle website (<http://suedan.com/scd> - or link from the Branch website). The dance program is also listed later in this newsletter.

New Year's Ball 2005: This year marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Branch. This year's New Year's Ball is planned around honoring this occasion. Musicians for the Ball are Muriel Johnstone and Calum MacKinnon (whom you may remember from the Weekend Workshop 2002). The Ball is Saturday, January 8, 2005 at International House (just south of downtown Chicago), and the Tea Dance is Sunday, January 9, 2005 at the Irish American Heritage Center. Muriel and Calum will also present a concert of Scottish music on Friday, January 7, 2005 at International House. Because this is a special occasion, the Ball committee is very interested in obtaining Branch historical information. If you have any such information, please contact one of the committee members: Mady Newfield, Laurie Walter, Gwen Leyffer, or Sue McKinnell. Watch your mailboxes and the website for more information and reserve that weekend for lots of Scottish music and dance and fun.

September Branch Demos: The Branch demo team is very busy in the month of September this year. They will be dancing at the Woodridge Cultural Fest in Woodridge, IL on Saturday, September 11 at 2:30 p.m. and at the Carol Stream Culture Counts! Festival later that same day in Carol Stream at 4:30 p.m. The demo team will perform at Celtic Fest on Saturday, September 18 in Grant Park on the Ceili Stage at 12:30 p.m., and at the Midlothian Scottish Faire on Saturday, September 25 at 3:00 p.m. Whew!

Branch Archive: Doug Jensen is gathering Branch working documents and assembling them onto a CD for reference and archive. To do this, he needs assistance from anyone who has the information and documentation that will go into this 'living Archive'. Information already in electronic form is the easiest to deal with, however, he can scan and if appropriate OCR documents. He can accept information in any electronic form you might have: on floppy, on CD, via e-mail (djensen@fnal.gov). His plan is to save documents in Word and/or Word Perfect format, and also create a set of documents in ASCII that can be easily read by a wide range of programs.

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RCSDS Chicago Branch 2004/2005 Calendar	
Loch Mich classes begin	Sunday, 9/12 6:00 p.m.
<i>Frolic on the Fox 9</i>	Saturday, 10/2 7:30 p.m.
Special class: Playford and Welsh - sources for English and Scottish country dances	Sunday, 10/17 6:00 p.m.
Semi-Annual General Meeting	Sunday, 11/7 6:00 p.m.
Special class: More Welsh English/Scottish country dances	Sunday, 11/21 6:00 p.m.
Special class	Sunday, 12/12 6:00 p.m.
Holiday Party	Sunday, 12/19 6:00 p.m.
NO DANCING (Loch Mich)	Sunday, 12/26
Ball Walkthrough	Sunday, 1/2/2005 6:00 p.m.
Scottish Music Concert at International House	Friday, 1/7
<i>New Years Ball</i>	Saturday, 1/8
<i>Tea Dance</i>	Sunday, 1/9
Special class	Sunday, 1/23 6:00 p.m.
Special class	Sunday, 2/20 6:00 p.m.
<i>Spring Dance/Tartan Day Celebration</i>	Sunday, 4/3
Annual General Meeting	Sunday, 5/8 6:00 p.m.
Last Loch Mich class	Sunday, 5/15 6:00 p.m.
Weekend Workshop Dance Walkthrough	Sunday, 5/22 6:00 p.m.
Weekend Workshop	Friday, 6/10 – Sunday, 6/12

Frolic on the Fox 9 Program		
Opening Waltz		
Kendall's Hornpipe	32J2	Graded Book
Catch the Wind	32R3	Island Bay Collection
The Lea Rig	32S2	Book 21 #5
Cranberry Tart	32J3	Glasspool: Seven Year Itch
J.B. Milne	32R3	Foss: Angus Fitchet #36
San Francisco Surprise	32S3	McKinnell: Leaflet
The Express	40J3	Book 20 #11
Caddam Wood	32R5 (set)	SCD Archives #46
Interval: Gae Gordons, La Bastringue		
Mairi's Flowers	32R3	McKinnell: Leaflet
Cuillins of Skye	32S3	4 SCD for 1978
Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterarder	128J4 (square)	Hamilton: Leaflet
Seann Truibhas Willichan	32S2	Book 27 #9
John of Bon Accord	32R3	Book 33 #5
My 88	32J3 (set)	Whitehorn: Leaflet
Bob Campbell	32S3	Drewry: Canadian Book
The Wind that Shakes the Barley	32R3	Duthie: Eight SCD
Closing Waltz		

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