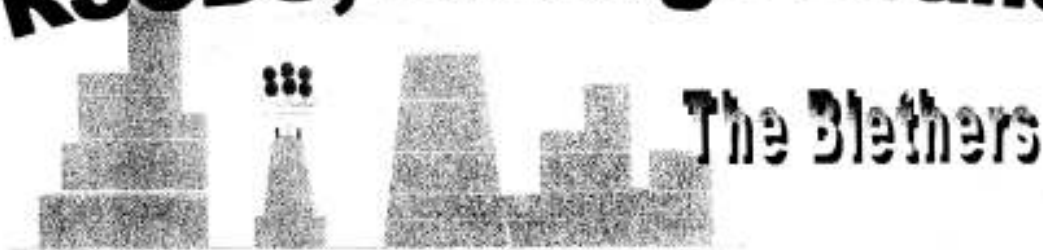


RSCDS, Chicago Branch



November 2007

"St. Jo's" Class Has a New Location! The Loch Michigan class has begun meeting at a new location, Bethany United Church of Christ Hall (Bethany UCC), 4250 North Paulina, Chicago (1 block west of Ashland and 1 block south of Montrose.) There is parking on the street or in the school lot across from the church at Paulina and Cullom. The entrance for dancing is on Paulina, off of the east side courtyard. Join us for dancing on Sundays at 6. Everyone is welcome.

Dancing Continues on Tuesdays at Silk and Thistle: Silk and Thistle dancing will have only a short stoppage during the holidays, as Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Tuesday this year. Please plan to come out and dance on Tuesdays through the rest of the fall and winter and continuing throughout the year.

2007 Semi-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 Semi-Annual General Meeting will be held on December 2, 2007. The meeting will be held in the parish hall at Bethany United Church of Christ Hall, 4250 North Paulina, Chicago (see above for directions), starting at 6:00 p.m. The main item on the agenda will be the Branch financial report and audit. You must be a member of the Chicago Branch to vote at the meeting (but others interested in the Branch are invited to attend). After the meeting, there will also be dancing.

Musicians Highlight the New Year's Ball 2008: The excitement is building for the return of Laura Risk playing fiddle and Nicholas Williams playing piano at our annual New Year's Ball. Please reserve January 12 and 13 for a wonderful weekend of dancing that you won't want to miss. The location for the Ball is the Ukrainian Cultural Center, and the Potluck Brunch and Tea Dance will be held at the Bethany UCC.

2007 Weekend Workshop: The 2007 Branch Workshop was an unqualified success, thanks to Sue McKinnell and Mady Newfield, who took the reins and delivered another fantastic weekend, highlighted by the excellent playing of our musicians, Hanneke Cassel and Cali McKasson. Thank you to everyone who came to this year's workshop. Stay tuned for news about the 2008 Weekend Workshop.

Notes from the Committee of Management: The Committee of Management welcomed Gwen Leyffer as A Member at Large of the Committee. At a recent meeting of the C.O.M., the following items were discussed:

Loch Mich Calendar

12/2/07 SAGM (see above for information)
No class on 12/23 or 12/30
1/6/08 Ball Walk Through
5/4/08 AGM

Membership Information

This year's annual membership was set at \$30, with a reduced rate for a 2nd household member. The membership form is enclosed with this Blethers.

Notes from the C.O.M., continued:

Open House and Spring Dance

Plans for an Open House downtown in late January were discussed, and dates are being considered for a Spring Dance. Look for more details on these events as information becomes available.

News from Headquarters

The Society has a new logo which members may have seen on the recent 'Scottish Country Dancer' magazine. Each member from 2006-2007 should have received a magazine within the past month. There are new member name and password from the Society to access the Members Only section of the website; please contact Noel Chavez (nchavez@uic.edu) for this information. The RSCDS website is: <http://www.rscds.org/>; there you can find updates on the Management Board and other Society activities and events.

Miscellaneous Thank You's

Many thanks to Corinne McArdle and Robin Gaston for sorting and packing the Branch belongings from the cupboards at St. Josaphat Church Hall. Most of the items are consolidated into the larger of the two cabinets, currently in Noel Chavez's garage. Arrangements can be made to get the tartan box or coffee pot to a Branch event.

Thank you to Sue McKinnell for all of her excellent work in editing the Blethers and collecting past copies and making those available.

Thank you's to Barbara Cool, Noel Chavez and Melissa Whitson for their dance program devising and for their sharing their knowledge regarding all things SCD.

Dance Deviser, Roy Goldring: You may have heard that earlier this fall Roy Goldring passed away. Roy had been a member of the Leeds Branch since 1971 and was currently serving as their chairman. Roy will most certainly be remembered for the large number of popular dances which he devised for the enjoyment of Scottish Country dancers everywhere.

2009 Clan Gathering in Edinburgh: The Gathering Committee in Scotland has announced that a unique event will take place on July 24 and 25, 2009, in Edinburgh. Open to anyone, the Gathering is being billed as a special occasion to "commemorate the contribution made by the clans to the culture and history of Scotland." For more details, their website is: www.thegathering2009.com.

Other Midwest Dancing:

- Teacher's Workshop with Ron Wallace, November 17-18, Twin Cities
- Failte Ball, December 1, Twin Cities

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New Year's Ball 2008

Waltz		
The Machine Without Horses	32J3	Book 12 #12
Angus MacKinnon's Hornpipe	32H3	Lothian Collection (J. Dickson)
Chocolate Stars	3254 Set	Chocolate & Champagne (P. Hamilton)
Tribute to the Borders	32J3	RSCDS Leaflet #11 (R. Goldring)
Séann Truibhas Willchan	3252	Book 27 #9
The Music Makers	32R3	Book 33 #1 (R. Goldring)
Interval		
The Maudieport	32J3	Book 11 #7
Argyll Strathspey	3253	Book 35 #3 (R. Goldring)
The Barmkin	88R4 Square	24 Graded and Social Dances (R. Goldring)
The Silver Tassie	3253	RSCDS Leaflet #1 (J. Drewry)
Narcissity	32J3	Leaflet (S. McKinnell)
JB Milne	32R3	Angus Fitchett Album (H. Foss)
Interval		
Light and Airy	32J3	Book 4 #5
The Highland Rambler	40R3	Leeds Silver Anniversary (R. Goldring)
Manymusk	3253	Book 11 #2
Up the Pond	32J3	Leaflet (M. Mulligan)
MacDonald of the Isles	3253 Set	2 nd Cornforth (D. Haynes)
Mrs MacLeod	32R3	Book 6 #11
Auld Lang Syne & Waltz		

Brunch Dance 2008

Miss Allie Anderson	32J3	RSCDS Leaflet #14 (M. Corson)
All For Mary	32R3	12 More Social Dances (R. Goldring)
Balquidder Strathspey	3253	Book 24 #2
Quarries' Jig	32J3	Book 36 #3 (K. Smith)
Lady Lucy Ramsay	3253	MMM II #18
The Highlandman Kissed His Mother	32R3	MMM I #20
Interval		
Scottish Reform	32J2	Book 3 #1
The Shores of Solway	3253	10 Social Dances (R. Goldring)
Bee-swing	32R3	Graded and Social Dances 2 (R. Goldring)
The Dundee Whaler	3254 Set	Ormskirk Book (R. Clowes)
Pelorus Jack	32J3	Book 41 #1 (B. Skelton)
The Reel of the Royal Scots	32R3	RSCDS Leaflet #7 (R. Goldring)

Scottish Seed Cake

3 eggs
pinch salt
4 oz butter
1/3 pint milk
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups plain flour
2 tsp baking powder
4 tbsp caraway seeds

Grease loaf pan and line the bottom with greased wax paper.
Cream butter and sugar and gradually beat in the well whisked eggs.
Sift flour, baking powder and salt, and stir in caraway seeds.
Add flour mixture alternately with the milk.
Place in prepared pan and bake at 325 for 1 1/2 hours.

For a good icing, mix 1/2 cup powdered sugar, 3 tsp lemon juice and 2 tbsp butter.