

SCOTCH CIRCLE

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings all. The dancing year is now in full swing, with regular Branch and club classes combining to offer many opportunities for regular Scottish country dancing in Canberra and District. Several enjoyable social events have been held already and numerous other events are looming on the horizon; this issue contains information about them.

TEA DANCE APPEAL

We ask you to make a special effort to come to the Branch Saturday afternoon Pot Luck Tea Dance on 21 May. **ALL MONIES COLLECTED AT THE DOOR (entry fees and any additional donations) will be given to a fund in Japan, established to help Scottish country dancers in Sendai whose homes were destroyed or damaged in the recent earthquake and tsunami.** See inside for further details.

VALE BOBBY BROWN

It is with much sorrow that we report the death on 3 May of Scottish country dance band leader, Bobby Brown, after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Scottish-born, Toronto-based, Bobby Brown and his Scottish Accent band played some of the most rhythmic and energising music for SCD that you will ever hear. He will be sadly missed.

Visit his website <http://www.bobbybrownband.ca/>

BRANCH NEWS

The social calendar got off to a good start on 5 March at the Branch BBQ and Social Dancing at the Hall Showgrounds Pavilion. Weather conditions were not as hot as usual. But the cooler conditions combined with the great music from Strathmannan as well as the convivial atmosphere generated at the pre-dance eats and drinks, made for some lively dancing. Likewise, the Branch classes (Monday occasional, Wednesday beginners and general, and Friday afternoon) have received solid support so far this year. We have also performed at several public events already: the Sunday markets at the Kingston Bus Depot; the Bundanoon Highland Gathering; and the National Folk Festival.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 21 May

RSCDS CANBERRA & DISTRICT BRANCH 3Rd ANNUAL TEA DANCE

This year the Pot Luck Tea Dance will be a special occasion, with live music, and all monies taken at the door (entry fees and any additional donations) going to Scottish country dancers in Sendai, Japan, whose homes were destroyed or damaged in the recent earthquake and tsunami. Please come along to support this worthy cause and to enjoy the dancing and live music provided by Strathmannan.

Time: Dancing 3.00 pm - 5.30 pm; Pot Luck Tea 5.30 pm

Venue: St Andrews Church Hall

Music: Strathmannan

Cost: \$10, plus a little food to share for a pot luck tea

The afternoon of social dancing from 3.00 pm-5.30 pm will be followed by an early pot luck tea. Bring some food to share with others. The event this year will be better than ever because live music will be provided by Strathmannan. Dress is informal but men who have a kilt are encouraged to wear it. **Newer dancers are particularly welcome and all dances will be RECAPPED or WALKED THROUGH.**

1. The Waratah Weaver	(J4x32) 4C (4C set)	RSCDS Second Gr Bk
2. Catch the Wind	(R8x32) 3C (4C set)	RSCDS Bk 45
3. The Silver Grey	(S3x32) 3C (3C set)	R Goldring, Gr & Soc 2
4. Trip to Gatlinburg	(J8x32) 3C (4C set)	S Tang, Leaflet
5. Easy Peasy	(R8x32) 2C (4C set)	RSCDS Second Gr Bk
6. City of Belfast	(S3x32) 3C (3C set)	Belfast Br, Diamond Jubilee
7. Sueno's Stone	(R8x32) 3C (4C set)	RSCDS 4/2008
8. Hooper's Jig	(J8x32) 3C (4C set)	RSCDS MMM2
9. Moranbank	(S8x32) 3C (4C set)	Banffshire Jubilee Book
10. The Lords of the Wind	(R8x32) 3C (4C set)	I Boyd, Lord of the Rings
11. Jennifer's Jig	(J8x32) 3C (4C set)	J Drewry, Silver City
12. The Blooms of Bon Accord	(R4x32) 4C (4C set)	J Drewry, Deeside 2
13. Sands of Morar	(S8x32) 3C (4C set)	RSCDS Book 45
14. J B Milne	(R8x32) 3C (4C set)	H Foss, Angus Fitchett Album
15. The De'il Amang the Tailors	(R8x32) 3C (4C set)	RSCDS Book 14

27 May: Belconnen SCD advanced social class, 8pm, Macquarie Primary School, Bennelong Cr, Macquarie, led by Jenny and Brian. Contact Elaine Arthur 6254 7879 or email: elaine.arthur@apex.net.au. Dances will be selected from the list below depending on numbers attending:

On the Edge of the Sand	8x32R 3C	Iain Boyd
Maurice	8x32S 2C	Gary Thomas, Dunsmuir
The Reel of the Puffins	4x32R 4C set	J Dickson, Dunedin Dances Bk 5
The Mathematicians	5x40H 4C set	Alex Gray, Tweedale Coll 2
The Southern Stars	96S 6C hex set	Jeff Green
The Jewel in the Navel	8x32J 3C	J Drewry, Australian Book
The St Nicholas Boat	8x48J 3C	J Drewry, Canadian Book
Ke Nako	3x32S 3C set	W Joubert,
	http://blog.lib.umn.edu/ldfs/8x32/2010/07/240446.html	
Briarcliff Manor	6x32 J 5C pent set	J Drewry, Cherry Blossom Book
The Dancing Master	96J Sq set	J Drewry, Donside Book
The Celtic Kiwi	8x32R 3C	J Drewry, Bankhead 1

4 June:

Monaro Caledonian Society Cooma Tartan Ball, 6 pm for 6.30 pm, St Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Commissioner Street, Cooma, Music by Strathmannan - Buffet Supper – BYOG, Tickets \$35, Contacts: Patricia Cheetham 6452 1973 or Eileen Pevere 6452 5154, Email ppatricia2@yahoo.com or eileen.pevere@bigpond.com

Program: Clutha Sq R, The Jubilee Jig 3J, The Silver Tassie 3S, Shiftin' Bobbins 3R, Pride of Erin, Pelorus Jack 3J, The Minister on the Loch 3S, Mairi's Wedding 3R, Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterarder Sq J, Anna Holden's Strathspey 2S, Polharrow Burn 5R, The Reel of the Royal Scots 3J, The Robertson Rant Sq S, Barn Dance, The Royal Deeside Railway 3R, Cutty Sark 3J, The Dream Catcher Sq S, Maxwell's Rant 3R, Muirland Willie 3J, Butterscotch and Honey S, The De'il Amang the Tailors 2R, Major Ian Stewart's Jig 3J, Follow Me Home 3J, Strathglass House 3S. Recap sheet available at:

<http://www.rscds-canberra.org/texts/CoomaBall2011Recaps.doc>

10-13 June:

The Far North Queensland Scottish Country Dancers are holding their 9th Workshop and Ball Weekend in Cairns, with music by Chris Duncan and Catherine Strutt. Details at <http://www.rscds-canberra.org/texts/CairnsJune10-13.pdf>

25 June: The Belconnen SCD 36th Birthday Social has been CANCELLED.

Monday, 18 July:

**Canberra & District Branch in conjunction with the Burns SCD Group
Special Class by visiting overseas teacher**

Venue: St Andrews Church Hall, Forrest

Time: 8.00 pm

Cost: RSCDS Members \$4; non-members \$5

You are cordially invited to attend a special class to be taken by visiting teacher Janet Johnson, from Scotland. Janet will be visiting Australia primarily to teach at the RSCDS Australian Winter School in early July. The Branch is pleased to announce that, by arrangement with the Burns SCD Group, Janet will take this special class in lieu of the Burns Group regular class night. Janet is a very experienced and highly regarded teacher, having taken classes and workshops in many parts of the UK and elsewhere. This will be a good opportunity for you to experience a fresh approach to the teaching of Scottish country dancing. Contact Alan McCulloch alan.mcculloch@netspeed.com.au

Saturday, 13 August:

Batemans Bay Winter Social

at 6.30 for 7.00 pm at the Community Centre, Museum Place, Batemans Bay with music by Bob McInnes. Cost \$25

Programme: Miss Hadden's Reel, Mrs MacLeod, The Braes of Breadalbane S, Quarries' Jig J, The Australian Ladies R, The Gentleman S, Napier's Index J, Sueno's Stone R, Neidpath Castle S, The Meeting of the Waters R, Culla Bay S, The Jubilee Jig J, Maxwell's Rant R, Gang the Same Gate S, St Andrew's Fair J, Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan R, The Dunsmuir Strathspey, Jennifer's Jig, The Deil Amang the Tailors R.

Billets will be available. Contact: Moira Blades moirablades@dodo.com ph no: 0244723696

Saturday 20 August 2011

The Canberra Ball
Assembly Hall of St Edmund's College, Canberra Avenue, Griffith
Music by Strathmannan
Drinks 7.00 pm, Grand March and Dancing start 7.30 pm

Programme:

EH3 7AF	8x32J	RSCDS Book 40
Catch the Wind	8x32H	RSCDS Book 45
Gang the Same Gate	8x32S	RSCDS Book 36
Pelorus Jack	8x32J	RSCDS Book 41
J.B. Milne	8x32R	Foss, The Angus Fitchet Album
The Silver Grey	3x32S	Goldring, Graded & Social Dances 2
The Dancing Man	8x32R	Goldring, 10 Social Dances
The Jubilee Jig	8x32J	RSCDS Leaflet No. 19
Blackadder House	8x32S	Johnstone & Zobel, The Blackadder Coll
The Piper and the Penguin	88R	Goldring, The Scotia Suite
Quarries' Jig	8x32J	RSCDS Book 36
Society Piper	8x32R	Goldring, 10 Social Dances
The Gentleman	8x32S	RSCDS Book 35
Mrs Stewart's Jig	8x32J	RSCDS Book 35
Maxwell's Rant	8x32R	RSCDS Book 18
The Bonnie Tree	8x32S	RSCDS Book 46
Spiffin'	5x32J	Quarrie et al, Chicago 25 th Anniv Coll
Tribute to the Borders	8x32J	RSCDS Leaflet No. 11
The Reel of the Royal Scots	8x32R	RSCDS Leaflet No. 7

Tickets \$40 (including catered supper)

Visitors are especially welcome.

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Download a poster at <http://www.rscds-canberra.org/texts/Canberra%20Ball%20poster%202011.pdf>

Calendar of Events Remainder of 2011

21 May	Branch "Tea Dance"
27 May	Belconnen advanced social class
4 June	Monaro Caledonian Society Annual (Cooma) Social
25 June	Belconnen SCD 36 th Birthday Social. NOW CANCELLED
9-16 July	36th RSCDS Australian Winter School, Nelson Bay. WS Secretary Helene Taylor Tel: 02 4967 4219 Email: ivene@idl.com.au Registrar Michelle Cobb Tel: 0413 061 210 Email: shellc_82@yahoo.com Convenor: Marney Wilson Tel: 02 4961 0678 Email: marney_w@yahoo.com.au

18 July	Special Class by visiting teacher Janet Johnson. St Andrews Church Hall Contact Alan McCulloch alan.mcculloch@netspeed.com.au
29 July	Belconnen advanced social class
13 Aug	Bateman's Bay Winter Social
20 Aug	Canberra Ball
26 Aug	Belconnen advanced social class.
14 Sept	Branch AGM
17 Sept	Marengo SCD Social.
23 Sept	Belconnen advanced social class
7-9 Oct	Far South Coast SCD Group, Bermagui Weekend.
28 Oct	Belconnen advanced social class. Final class for year
25 Nov	Branch "Gentle Dancing for Gentle Dancers" annual picnic
26 Nov	Burns SCD Group Burns Night Social
30 Nov	Branch end-of-year social
3 Dec	Combined Belconnen SCD and SCDCC Christmas Social

FOR SALE

	\$
Dress Jacket (black) 40"	50
Kilt (MacGregor) waist 32-36", length 25"	60
Hose (MacGregor) 10.5" foot	25
Tie (MacGregor)	10
Dress sporran (sealskin)	40
Kilt pin (silver)	30
Dress belt	10
Day jacket (Lovat) 40"	50
Kilt (muted) (needs repair) waist 28-32", length 24"	60
Hose (fawn) 11" foot	15
Tie (muted)	10
Sporran (leather)	20
Kilt pin	5

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