



B.C. HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER

The official newsletter of the British Columbia Highland Dancing Association.

March 2003

Your Executive members for the 2002-2003 dancing season.

President

Glenna Urbshadt 604-224-5479

Vice-president

Kathleen Carlsen 604-788-3816

Secretary

Peggy Askew 604-944-3077

Treasurer

Elaine Goodman 604-942-1033

Competition Secretary

Joan Drabyk 604-540-7890

Past-president

Bob Collins

Executive at large

Fraser Fraser (Alan)

Kelly Harder

Nancy Lee

Angus Mackenzie

Dave Moralek

Annette Oliver

Cheryl Rafter

Sharon Sullivan

Shannon Watt

Non-Voting executive

Susan Rowe-Sleeman

Diane Tilkane

Please note

Our Competition Secretary **Doris Duncan** has stepped down and **Joan Drabyk** has volunteered to undertake those duties until the end of this year's term. Please direct any Competition inquiries to: **Joan Drabyk 70 Mott Crescent, New Westminster, V3L 4L9** Phone **604-540-7890** bchda@shaw.ca Thank you Doris for your previous hard work.

General Meeting

Wednesday, June 11th 2003

Burnaby North Baptist Church

977 Albert Street, Burnaby.

Be there at 7:30 PM

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

BCHDA OPEN

Saturday, March 8th 2003

Magee Secondary School

6260 Maple Street, Vancouver

BCHDA CLOSED

Sunday, April 13th. 2003

Terry Fox Sec. School Theatre

1260 Riverwood Gate,

Port Coquitlam

BRITISH COLUMBIA CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday May 11th. 2003

Douglas College

700 Royal, New Westminster

[Capilano College has been booked for the next 5 years for this competition on Saturday in the second week of May.]

CITY OF VANCOUVER CHAMPIONSHIP

June 28th. 2003

Coquitlam

Workshop

A joint workshop with FVHDA is planned for Monday evening, April 14th 2003 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Scottish Cultural Center with Alison Munro, a judge who is visiting from Scotland. More details to follow.

**PHOTO'S TAKEN AT THE JAN. 25TH COMPETITION
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP
AT THE MARCH 8TH COMPETITION.**

We would like to thank our photographer Mr. John McBinnis for donating \$110.00 to our association from his profits from the photos. Way to go John! Thanks

BUY AND SELL

Jig costume size 10 - 12: red skirt, green vest & blouse \$30.00.

Please contact Doris Duncan at 604-590-3397 or email: clanduncan@dccnet.com

WANTED

Highland outfit size 10-12.

Please contact Karen Waters at 278-0293 or email: karenwaters@shaw.ca

Jig outfit, size 14 or so, as well as a national vest, again a size 14.

Please contact Cathy Hoffard at (604) 939-8386 or email: CHoffard@sd43.bc.ca

Kilt with or without Vest that would fit a 5'8", 130-pound woman with 28" waist. Any tartan would do. Please contact: Shannon De Lange at 604-465-8670 or email: shannon_de_lange@hotmail.com

National outfit for my daughter who is turning 7 in June. It would have to be a very small one. Please contact: Shelley Stewart at 604-467-8492 or email: D&S_Stewart@telus.net

If you have any items for sale or are looking for something, please contact Dave Moralek by phone 604-272-6566, or by email to bchdanews@telus.net

Catch us on the web www.agspider.com/bchighlanddance

LOST NOTICES

We miss you, please come home! BCHDA has some lost perpetual trophies out there that would love to come home. Could you please check around your basement, attic, crawl space, garage, or even in the back of that over loaded closet (we all have one). If you do have a trophy please call Glenna at 604-224-5479 or bring them to the March 8 2003 competition and drop them off at the numbers table. Thanks for taking the time to check.

My daughter who is in the primary class, left her teddy bear at the November competition at Terry Fox Theatre. The teddy bear is light brown, wearing red tartan tam on its head with a removable red tartan vest, which may or may not be on the bear. The bear stands approx. 12 inches tall. If anyone has seen or accidentally borrowed it, my daughter really misses her "good luck" bear. Shelley Stewart 604-467-8492 or e-mail D&S_Stewart@telus.net

At the BCHDA competition on the 25th of January 2003, a daughter left a green bag containing some games and a bunch of beanie babies. The daughter really, really would like it back! Contact Sandra L. Marshall directly office Tel: 604-513-2333 office Fax: 604-513-0211 or e-mail <http://www.bclaw.bc.ca>

I lost my glasses at the BCHDA January 25th competition (Terry Fox Theatre). I was sitting up in the balcony (on the right-hand side as you look down onto the stage) and I'm quite sure that they fell out of my bag. They were in a dark hard case. The glasses are green wire rimmed and I believe that my name was in the case. I've contacted the school and to date no one has turned them in. Thanks so much. Karen Waters e-mail karenwaters@shaw.ca

Do you know of anyone that is considering joining our association?

If you do, please advise them that all **NEW** members will have their membership fees pro-rated from the time that we receive their application. In other words, if a Premier dancer was a past member, and they did not register before our first competition and they wanted to register after November 17, 2002 they would still be required to pay all the regular fees from the beginning of our dancing year prior to November 17, 2002. If you are a **new dancer** and have never been a member you will not have to pay for missed competitions.

SILENT AUCTION

A note from the silent auction organizer Cheryl Rafter.

I have sent out letters to all the teachers for their studios to put together 'theme' baskets for our Silent Auction March 8th 2003. If anyone has any other items they would like to donate for the Silent Auction, please contact me today or as soon as possible at: phone 604-325-4002 or e-mail crafter@telus.net

A HUGE THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING DANCE SCHOOLS FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN PUTTING TOGETHER THE THEME BASKETS FOR THE BCHDA SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER SO FAR:

Lauren Askew Kathleen Carlsen Marnie Ring-Connolly Keri Ring-Ferguson
Lorraine Graf Liz Johnston Heather Jolley Merry Kirsty Angus MacKenzie
Mary Margaret Manifold Allison Moore Joan Murray Heather Neill Marilyn
Parkes Cheryl Rafter Heather Richendrfer Michele Yonge Jennifer Wilson

FUNDRAISING IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF BCHDA'S CASINO STATUS--WE APPLAUD THE PARENTS OF ALL OUR PARTICIPATING DANCE SCHOOLS FOR HELPING US IN OUR FUNDRAISING ENDEAVOURS. Thank you. Cheryl.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Our competitions can not possibly run without **your** help. Please contact Susan Rowe-Sleeman to add your name to our schedule.

Contact her by phone 604-552-2696, or by email srowe@shaw.ca

If you have any items that would be of interest to our members, and you would like them in our next newsletter please let me know.

Phone Dave Moralek at 604-272-6566 or e-mail me at bchdanews@telus.net
The next newsletter deadline is March 31st 2003.

We would like to send our next newsletter and other dance info. to you via e-mail, please send me a note to bchdanews@telus.net and I will make sure your address is on our e-mail list.

MARCH 8TH COMPETITION NOTICECategory changes

Please forward any category changes by Wednesday March 5th. 2003 if possible to Joan Drabek 70 Mott Crescent, New Westminster, BC V3L 4L9 or phone: 604-540-7890 Fax: 604-540-7356 or email: bchda@shaw.ca

March 8th: Doors open at 7:30 am. Championship Premier Draw 7-11 years 8:00 am. 12 & 13 years 10:00 am. 14 years & over 12:00 pm. All dancing Championship and Pre-Premier **WILL START** at 8:30 am.

We are sorry but due to the size of this competition, we can not wait for dancers. If you miss a dance you can not go back and make it up! Please listen for announcements and make sure you are aware of which events are taking place so that you don't miss your event.

We will have a full concession but it is going to be a long day for the Premier 14 years and older dancers that are dancing the Championship and the National dances. Would those dancers please come prepared for the long day.

If you have a championship trophy, please do not forget to return it to the competition. Please drop it off at the numbers table when you arrive. If you are not attending the competition, please make arrangements with Diane Tilkane at 604-464-7481 to return the trophy before the competition.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Central Interior Highland Dance Association and Port Alberni Highland Dance Association for their \$100.00 donation to support the B.C. Open Competition. Support like this is much appreciated.

Another big thank you goes out to:



The Investment Recovery Group of Telus has a donation program to support charitable organization and schools. With their donation of 3 computers it has made life a lot simpler for all of our scoring people and helped to bring competition results to you a lot faster.

Again thank you to C.I.H.D.A., P.A.H.D.A., and TELUS.

HISTORY

This is information from the City of Vancouver Archives; it's amazing what you can find. This is the listing from the archive directory:

BC Highland Dancers Association *(Is there something different with this name?)*

Founded: March 1934 **Annual Dues:** \$1.00

This newly formed organization has met with wonderful enthusiasm from all dancing teachers and parents. The main object is to "encourage young dancers," also the presentation of traditional Highland Dancing with fairness and justice to all concerned. The membership is open to all persons interested in Highland Dancing. *(And is still the same)*

Officers listed for 1935-36: R. J. C. Paris, N. Campbell, W. Miller, F. J. Hardy, et al.

Photo #2721 [ca. 1938] Photo shows two Highland Dancers at Mahon Park. This was part of the North Vancouver Highland Games, which were held yearly from 1929 until 1939. Events included dancing, piping, and track and field events. Photo below:



\$\$\$ \$ \$ HELP \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

At our last closed competition we were given two \$100.00 bills, and one \$50.00 bill at the entrance door for admission and a program. Our concession faces the same dilemma. Our floats are only so big, and making change for bills this large can be a challenge. We in no way want to discourage anyone from attending or eating because you only have large bills but could everyone PLEASE bring smaller bills! Thank you for taking note of this and see you at the March 8th open with small bills in hand.

Dancer Etiquette

It is a little known fact that all dancers accepting awards on stage should be in full costume to receive their awards, as the dancers below were at a recent competition.



HOW NICE THEY LOOK, DON'T YOU THINK?

DANCING INTO THE HISTORY BOOKS

The Vancouver Whitecaps Soccer Team is scheduling a 'Celtic Day' at their May 30/02 home game, 8 PM at Swangard Stadium in Burnaby. Any highland dancer who can dance the highland fling is welcome to participate in the half-time show, which will showcase highland dancers, pipers and drummers. The Whitecaps would like as many dancers as possible to participate in this event --we are trying to establish the first Guinness Book of Records for the "most highland dancers dancing the fling in one place". Please advise your dance teacher if you can dance at the Whitecaps game by March 18th as dancers will be given a free pass to the game and the Whitecaps will need to know approximate numbers for ticket purposes. What! You would like to dance but do not have a dance teacher at this time to contact? Contact Dave Moralek at bchdanews@telus.net and I will get the information for you.

A NOTE FROM SCOTDANCE BC

Going to Interprov. this summer as a Rep.? Need a place to stay? Scotdance BC has booked a block of rooms at Brock University. Please contact Cheryl Rafter at 604-325-4002 or e-mail crafter@telus.net for more info.

BCHDA is a member of the United Scottish Cultural Auditorium Society. As a member we receive a vote at the annual general meeting of the society. We also receive a discount for the rental of the Scottish Cultural Center on Hudson St. in Vancouver. As a member we were asked to support a fundraiser for the maintenance of the Center. Henceforth the following advertisement.

North America's Premier Scottish Band
Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent
In concert at the Scottish Cultural Centre



Friday 14 March 8:00 p.m.
Scottish Cultural Centre, 8886 Hudson Street
Advance tickets \$18 - at the door \$20
Contact Marie 604-574-7530 - stamardez@telus.net

**Scottish and Irish music to lift your soul, and a
dash of comedy to tickle your fancy!**

For everyone who enjoys inspiring Scottish Music

Please support this, I am sure it will be an entertaining evening, and the bar is always open at one of these functions. We would like to sell our quota of 25 tickets. Please purchase tickets at the door on March 8th at the competition, or contact Dave Moralek. Or try Marie at 604-574-7530, or just get tickets at the door March 18th. Thanks for helping out.