

# ***B.C. HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER***

The official newsletter of the British Columbia Highland Dancing Association.

November 2003

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## **General Meeting**

Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. 2004

**Burnaby North Baptist Church**

977 Albert Street, Burnaby.

Be there at 8:00 PM

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

## **UPCOMING COMPETITIONS**

### **BCHDA CLOSED**

Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003

Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Terry Fox Sec. School Theatre

1260 Riverwood Gate,

Port Coquitlam, B.C.

Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Norman Rothstein Theatre

950 West 41<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Vancouver, BC

**PAY PARKING WILL BE  
ENFORCED. PLEASE BRING  
CHANGE FOR PARKING  
METER!**

### **BCHDA OPEN**

Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Magee Secondary School

6260 Maple Street,

Vancouver, B.C.

## **BRITISH COLUMBIA CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP**

Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>. 2004

Capilano College Theatre

2055 Purcell Way,

North Vancouver, B.C.

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## A Message from the President Glenna Urbshadt

Welcome back to all our returning members and a special greeting to all our new members for a great new highland dancing season!

First of all, congratulations to all the provincial reps and other dancers who represented our province so well at the Canadians and also at the Worlds in Scotland this past summer. Caitlin Wilson was again Canadian Champion, also North American Champion, and the 9 years Scottish Champion. Stephanie Wilson was also again Canadian Champion, North American Champion and 5<sup>th</sup> runner up in the World Juvenile Championship. Cameron Collins placed 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up at the Canadians, North American Champion and 3<sup>rd</sup> runner-up at the World Junior Championship. Way to go!

Congratulations are also in order to all dancers who supported all the Summer Games around our area. What a wonderful weather we had making all the summer games enjoyable. This year the United Scottish Highland Games in Coquitlam did very well, with the sun shining down the entire day. The dancing portion went well with its usual minor problems but nothing that BCHDA members couldn't handle. Thanks to all that participated behind the scenes - we could not have done it without your support.

BCHDA started the year off with our first annual golf tournament – a great time was had by all, even those who had never held a golf club in their life. This was an attempt to put the “fun” back into fundraiser. We are looking into holding a family bowling night in the near future, check out our next newsletter for details.

Gold luck to all competitors for the upcoming year!

**Dance Teachers don't forget to sign in at the door for your free entry into the next Competition.**

*Notes for the next competition Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>/03  
from the Competition Secretary Joan Drabyk.*

We are happy to see so many entries this year -- over 200 dancers registered -- our largest membership ever, which is absolutely fantastic! However, this also means we will have long days at our competitions - so please come prepared for a whole morning or whole afternoon of dancing enjoyment. Due to the large number of dancers we will not be able to hold up the competition waiting for late arrivers -- so Please Be On Time!

We ask that you plan to arrive 1 hour before your scheduled dance time in order to allow time for you to pick up your number, make any last minute costume adjustments and have time to warm-up.

Note: classes will be called about 15 minutes prior to dance time so that we can get everyone in order and ready to dance.

## Doors Open at 8:00 am

Primary - on stage at 9:00 am (**plan to arrive for 8:00 am**)

Beginner & Novice - on stage at 9:30 am (**plan to arrive for 8:30 am**)

Intermediate & Premier - on stage as close to 12:30 as possible (**plan to arrive for 11:30 am**) Note: numbers for Intermediate & Premier dancers will **not** be available until after 10:00 am

### ONE FINAL NOTE: Dancers Only in Line-Up Area

We ask that parent's drop-off their dancers at the line-up area, then return to the theatre. The area outside the theatre is very small and any extra people create confusion for those lining-up. Thanks for your co-operation.

## **Greetings from your Volunteer Coordinator Donna Barnett.**

A big thank you to everyone for filling in the volunteer form. I will be contacting those who will be helping at the Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. competition with your time and position. Please remember that our competitions couldn't run without your help. Thank you all again. Donna Barnett

## CASINO FUNDING ENDS

After many years with members volunteering to work in smoky casinos to raise funds, it was a pleasure when the government announced changes a few years ago that we would not have to work to receive funding. That has all come to an end. We have just received the following excerpt from the Gaming Board:

*“It has been determined that your organization's program of the provision of five (5) open and closed competitions to members and dancers will not be considered for gaming funding in the future. Eligible programs must render a benefit to the community at large.*

*At this time, your group has been deemed ineligible for future gaming access. Gaming has been granted to your group for the final year to allow your organization time to secure other funding sources for your activities”.*

We are going to do everything we can to try to change their minds. They did suggest some things that we might try to secure funding but as it stands now our own fundraising may be the only thing that will support BCHDA in the future. So there will be an increased emphasis on fundraising this year. All ideas, input, and help appreciated – we want to continue to offer lower fees, admission rates, etc., and maintain a viable organization.

## ON A LIGHTER NOTE

After almost a quarter of a century dancing with BCHDA Adult Premier dancer Jeanette Bonar (Tikhane) has retired from competitive dancing. We will all miss watching Jeanette. Her many years of practice and dedication have given her the skills and grace that we have all enjoyed over the past years. I am sure that many happy and lasting memories will be with her forever. We all wish her well as she now will be able to judge a complete docket of dancers and we look forward to seeing her on the “circuit”. Farewell and good luck Jeanette.

**BUY AND SELL****WANTED**

I have a 5-ft. tall 12-year-old with a small build who weighs approx. 75 lbs. We need a complete National outfit and a Royal Blue Highland Vest ASAP! Please contact Andrea Kross at 604-941-6282 or e-mail [kbams@shaw.ca](mailto:kbams@shaw.ca)

**FOR SALE**

National Vest: Black Velvet, Size 4-6, \$40.00 (like new).  
 Highland Vest: Wine Sutherland, Size 10, \$90.00 excellent condition)  
 Wool Socks: Sutherland Tartan, Size 7 Shoe size, \$25.00  
 National Skirt and Shawl: MacLeod Tartan Wool (yellow/black),  
 Size 8/10/12, \$60.00

Please contact: Cheryl MacLeod Phone: 604-536-9411

E-mail: [cheryljmac@shaw.ca](mailto:cheryljmac@shaw.ca)

One pair green jig shoes, like new, size 8 \$100  
 Several pairs boys' khaki jig pants/green socks/green tail coat  
 Sailor's Hornpipe Hat 53 cm like new \$40  
 Please Contact: Shirley Collins Phone: 604-325-9535

Brand New National costume, Red Dress McRae skirt and Plaid come with  
 Red Vest and Blouse Size 10-12, NEVER USED. \$375.00  
 Green Jig Shoes, Like New, Size 3 ½ \$70.00  
 Please Contact: Irene McRae Phone 604-277-9726

*Please read.*

Would the person who was interested in buying the jig costume **last June**, which was advertised in our newsletter in April from Doris Duncan please contact her about returning the costume. She has other people interested in buying it. Please contact Doris as soon as possible at 604-590-3397.

**Used Costume Sale**

Is that vest too small, and the kilt just can't be lengthened one more time! Is the flood over in those hornpipe pants? If so bring your used costumes, (on hangers!), to our first BCHDA closed competition. Please have your **name, phone number, and the price** that you are asking clearly labeled on the garments. Shoes, hats, and capes are most welcome too! You can pick up your money, (cash or cheque) when you are leaving. All items, not purchased must be claimed by the end of the day. 10% of the sale from each garment will be collected by BC Highland to help with fundraising efforts.

**ASK YOUR EXECUTIVE**

(We do listen)

Do you have any thoughts, suggestions, comments or anything that the executive should know? Do you have any comments on a past competition? Any suggestions that may help a competition run smoother? Please bring your notes to the next General Meeting, Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 8:00 PM (see first page for address). What you can't make it to the meeting! Send your note to [bchdanews@telus.net](mailto:bchdanews@telus.net) Subject *Comments*. And we will discuss it at the next meeting and will get back to you.

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If you have any items for BUY AND SELL or anything that would be of interest to our members, and 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](mailto:bchdanews@telus.net) The next newsletter deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>. 2003.

## Congratulations

The Executive would like to take this opportunity to pass on Congratulations to Randy, Kelly and the Harder Family on the birth of their son James this past September. We will all be looking forward to James dancing up a storm in September 2008.



I have uncovered an inaccuracy in the ageing of BC Highland Dancing Association. As you may have noticed it was announced that the BCHDA is celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but in fact I discovered the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary has already passed. So I suggest that this oversight be put to rest and all your energy be put forth to celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2007.

Good luck, Sherlock

## G O L F

What a fantastic afternoon we all had at Mylora Golf Course on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The weather could not have been better, after a week of poor cloudy days the sun came out and made a very enjoyable time for all of us. Although we did have a non-golfer or two playing, all players were made welcome and helped by the more experienced players which made it more enjoyable for everyone. Many laughs were had as more than one ball disappeared in the pond, or off the course in the bushes. Some unbelievable pro shots were also delivered.

The day came to a close with a delicious barbecue in the golf clubhouse where other guests joined us for dinner. Many prizes were available to be won, and each person attending the dinner went home with a prize.

Everyone is looking forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual tournament next year. Hopefully we will be able to book a Saturday and bring out more players. A big bouquet goes out to Glenna Urbshadt for all her expertise in planning this event.

## F U N D R A I S I N G

Starting this year we will be selling Safeway Community Caring Certificates. Most of us have spent a few dollars of the family food budget at Safeway so why not purchase this \$20.00 booklet from BCHDA and help us out in raising our first goal of \$1500.00 dollars. To do this we will need every family to purchase just ONE booklet - or more if you can. Buy a few and sell them to your friends or at work, send a couple to the Grandparents back east. You can use them at any Safeway store in Canada.

What do you get? In this booklet you will receive 4 certificates for \$5.00 off an order of \$50.00, 2 coupons for \$1.00 off any Safeway Select product and 2 coupons for 10 times AIRMILES. Now how could you beat that, at least a \$22.00 dollar value for \$20.00 and you help out BCHDA.

If your are interested (and I hope you are) please pre book you booklets now to be picked up and paid for at the Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. competition. Please e-mail [bchdanews@telus.net](mailto:bchdanews@telus.net) Subject: Safeway, and let me know how many you would like.

The following is a reprint from our April 03 newsletter for the benefit of our new members and for those of you who may not have previously noted this.

Have you ever wondered how the judge's marks are transcribed into the placings and results at the end of a competition? The judges mark each dancer out of 100 with first place going to the dancer(s) with the highest score, and so on down the line. Aggregate winners are determined by adding up the combined scores over the day, but rather than use the judge's scores, points are assigned according to placement. All competitions run under the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing use the same schedule of points, keeping the job of scoring consistent from one competition to another. Here's a breakdown of the marks.

1 <sup>st</sup> place	88 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	56 points	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	38 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place	25 points	5 <sup>th</sup> place	16 points	6 <sup>th</sup> place	10 points

Based on the above, BCHDA then awards medals and/or cash awards according to the number of dancers in each class on the day of competition.

For	1 – 2 Dancers	there is	1 placing
	3 – 4 Dancers		2 places
	5 – 6 Dancers		3 places
	7 – 8 Dancers		4 places
	9 – 10 Dancers		5 places
	11 or more Dancers		6 places

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## STOLEN

If anyone happens to come across a green travel bag filled with dance costumes in a back alley in Surrey or is offered some dance costumes for bargain basement prices, please contact Surrey RCMP ASAP and let us know here at the newsletter at [bchdanews@telus.net](mailto:bchdanews@telus.net) Thanks

## List of achievements for the Canadians and the Worlds:

### BCHDA reps.

7-9 years:

Caitlin Wilson – Canadian Champion, North American Champion,  
National Aggregate, Jig and Hornpipe Aggregate,  
9 Year Scottish Champion  
Skye Ferguson – 4<sup>th</sup> runner-up Canadians  
Katilin Sullivan

10 – 11 years:

Cameron Johnston  
Laura Williams

12 – 13 years

Stephanie Wilson – Canadian Champion, North American Champion,  
Premier Highland Aggregate,  
5<sup>th</sup> runner up World Juvenile Championship

Carly Bishop  
Karynn Brown  
Melissa Scott

14 – 15 years

Vincent Collins – 1<sup>st</sup> runner up North American Championship

16 – 17 years

Jenni-Leigh Harder – 4<sup>th</sup> runner up Canadians,  
3<sup>rd</sup> runner-up North Americans  
Cameron Collins – 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up Canadians, North American Champion,  
Jig and Hornpipe Aggregate,  
3<sup>rd</sup> runner-up World Junior Championship  
Stephanie Oliver

18 years & Over

Katie Trydal – Premier Highland Aggregate,  
4<sup>th</sup> place medal in fling at World Adult Championship

And other BCHDA members who did well:

Fiona Lee – National Aggregate  
Jaclyn Henderson – 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up at North American Championship  
Kelsey Duncan – qualified to dance in World Juveniles-  
5<sup>th</sup> runner-up in 15 year class.