



B.C. HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER

The official newsletter of the British Columbia Highland Dancing Association.

June 2004

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Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 9th. 2004 **Burnaby**

North Baptist Church

977 Albert Street, Burnaby.

Be there at 7:30 PM

[ELECTION OF OFFICERS]

Please come to this important meeting. We will be discussing plans for our new year and we need your input! Don't like the venues we dance at? Perhaps you would like to see different items at our concession? Or you are very good at fundraising. You can help make these and other things happen. There will be an election of officers and all executive positions will be available, we need **you** to help make BCHDA the best experience for our dancers. So please come out and run for one of these positions or nominate someone to a position. This is a parent participation association and does not run by itself. Don't miss this meeting! *Nomination form on the last page of this newsletter.*

UPCOMING COMPETITION

CITY OF VANCOUVER

CHAMPIONSHIP

And Regular Competition

June 26th. 2004

Coquitlam Town Center Stadium

Coquitlam

North Gate opens at 7:30 AM
Championships start at 8:30 AM
Pre-Premier Events follows
Championships - late morning
Open Premier National Events
follow Pre-Premier - late afternoon
Numbers and Dancing schedule
will be mailed out after the closing
date (June 7) & Dancing Schedule
will be posted to our website.

PLEASE NOTE

THIS WILL BE A LONG DAY

Everyone should come prepared to spend the day - this is not a good day to plan to be somewhere else at a specific time, rather come and enjoy the **WHOLE** day at the games.

Things you might want to bring with you on June 26:

Competition No., ScotDance Card,
Rain gear (to guarantee sunshine)
Sun Screen, Water, Sun Umbrella,
Blanket and/or lawn chairs,
Dance shoe covers or slip on
shoes/sandals, Camera.

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 and I will make sure your address is on our e-mail list.

Isabel Waddell Scholarship Award

Friends of Isabel Waddell established a bursary in her honour to celebrate her 90th birthday. Isabel lives in Vancouver in Kitsilano and has 2 sons, Allister and MP Ian Waddell. Isabel took Highland dancing when she was very young and her love of all kinds of dancing has followed her for many years. Although she may not be able to jump to a Fling she can be found still dancing at many Scottish Country dancing functions at the Scottish Cultural Centre in Vancouver.

Teachers at each studio were asked to submit one name of a BCHDA dancer who would meet the following criteria. "This dancer demonstrates a love of Highland Dancing and exemplary sportsmanship". Each of the Nominees received a certificate of acknowledgement on stage, and one name was randomly drawn to receive the Plaque and \$100 bursary.

Congratulations to the 2004 Nominees:

Brooke Bartlett	Munro Studio	2004 Bursary Recipient	
Cameron Collins	Mackenzie Studio	Julia Gartner	Wilson Studio
Nicole Harstone	Rafter Studio	Marianne Hoffard	Manifold Studio
Randi Otto	Connolly Studio	Alexandra Sang	Ferguson Studio
Rebecca Turley	Murray Studio	Erika Van Vliet	Carlsen Studio

This is a note we received recently; we appreciate all you letters.

I just wanted to thank BC highland for such a lovely presentation on Sunday for the dancers that were nominated. For our dancers and their families knowing their dancer was nominated for the love of highland dancing and their sportsmanship meant more than anything. The certificates and the presentation will be remembered and cherished by each of our dancers.

Regards, Marnie & Keri

Subject: Great Job On the Website!

Hi, I just wanted to complement you on your Website! This is what Highland Dancing needs everywhere! We help with the Dancing part of the Bellingham, Pacific NW, and Whidbey Games.

Brian and Nancy Aronson, Bellingham

This was a note we received recently. What! You haven't checked out our web site lately? Why not check it out now like Brian and Nancy did.

www.agspider.com/bchighlanddance

Thanks again Brian and Nancy for your comment it makes all the work worth it.

BUY AND SELL
FOR SALE

Highland Vests: Wine Sutherland, Size 10, and a Size 12
\$90.00 each, in excellent condition.

Wool Socks, Sutherland Tartan, Size 7 Shoe size, \$25.00

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

E-mail: cheryljmac@shaw.ca

Boys Hornpipe outfit (white top/pants) fit 15 yr. \$85.00,
7 shillelagh, 1 pale blue Balmoral hat, three pairs of jig pants,
Pair green Longniddry trews, call for prices.

Free, toeless practice slippers larger sizes.

Please contact: Shirley Collins Phone: 604-325-9535

Red Dress MacGreggor kilt, red vest and 2 pairs of socks
fit a 9-12 year old \$550.00

Red national vest size 10-12 year old \$70.00

Please contact: Linda Siebert Phone 604-594-5360

E-mail: lsiebert2000@yahoo.com

Blue and White Kilt, Vest, and Socks Size 10 \$550.00 O.B.O.

Jig costume Ladies Size 5 asking \$100.00

Please contact: Kathleen Carlsen Phone 604-788-3816

Blouse (size 10) \$20.00, National vest - dark green (size 10) \$50.00

Beige/purple Kiltie w/deep purple vest (size 12) \$200.00

All in excellent condition, hardly worn!

Please contact: Suzanne Barois Phone 604 263-6026

E-mail ssbarois@yahoo.com

Purple Menzies kiltie, purple vest and socks Size 6-9 years

Excellent condition \$150.00

Please contact: Jane Phone 604 882 2961 E-mail bronwenjane@shaw.ca

Blue kilt (24" waist) w/shirt, vest (blue, 17" back neck to point), and socks
not suitable for Premier dancers \$200.00

Jig dress w/built-in blouse, waist is adjustable - size 10/12? \$55.00

White Sailors Hornpipe outfit size 10/12 \$70.00

Purple Dress Menzies kilt (26-28" waist) w/black vest (19" back neck to
point) and socks \$450.00

Please contact: Janet Smillie Phone 604-898-9272 E-mail sonata@shaw.ca

FOR SALE CONTINUED

Brand New National costume, Red Dress McRae skirt and Plaid come with Red Vest and Blouse Size 6-8 NEVER USED. \$375.00

Green Jig Shoes, Like New, Size 3 ½ \$70.00

Please contact: Irene McRae Phone: 604-277-9726

Dress Blue Cunningham kiltie, blouse, vest and hand knit hose Size 10-12 (purchased new, 2 years old)

Blue and white national costume: skirt, slip, vest and plaid Size 10-12

Please contact: Andrea Harstone E-mail aharstone@shaw.ca

Hornpipe hat to fit teen \$15.00

Roll-on garment suitcase \$45.00

Please contact: Glenna Phone 604 224-5479

WANTED

My daughter wears size 14 girls, or 8 ladies. I am looking for either a Black or Royal Blue vest to go with our Sutherland pattern.

Please contact: Suzanne Barois Phone 604 263-6026

E-mail ssbarois@yahoo.com

Pair of jig shoes size 4 ½.aprox. to fit size 7 ½ ladies shoe size.

Please contact: Janet Phone 604-888-3342

Kilt, (min.32" waist 37" hip, 24" length)

w/socks & vest (21" back neck to point)

Please contact: Janet Smillie Phone 604-898-9272 E-mail sonata@shaw.ca

Lost

Lost at the BCHDA Open competition March 6th. Brown sandal like shoes used for dancing shoe covers left beside the eating tables outside of the theatre. If found, they belong to Michelle Gieschen.

Please contact the Gieschen's Phone 604-536-2954. Or E-mail lgieschen@shaw.ca

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

Read on for a new service BCHDA is providing this year!

What! You haven't seen your Championship results from the Judges score sheets? If you are interested go to our web site and check them out.

www.agspider.com/bchighlanddanceT

2ND ANNUAL BCHDA GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Saturday September 18th 2004 1 PM Start

Where: Mylora Golf Club-9550 No. 5 Road, Richmond. Par 3 Texas Scramble

Cost: \$55.00, which includes golf fees and dinner.

\$20.00 if you just want to come for dinner at about 5pm.

Dinner: steak, chicken or burger with baked potato and salad bar. Beverage extra!

To register call Glenna Urbshadt at 604-224-5479 or mail cheque to 4331 Jericho circle, Vancouver V6R 1G1 - Put a team together or just come on your own and we will put you with a group. Lots of prizes - best legs in a kilt, best golf costume! Don't miss the fun.

Some shots from last year

Mylora Golf and Country Club



Organizer Glenna Urbshadt presenting Bob Collins with the Best Golfer Prize.

A good time was had by all that attended the dinner. Here we have Fraser and Barbara Fraser and Don Peitsch-Tyerman

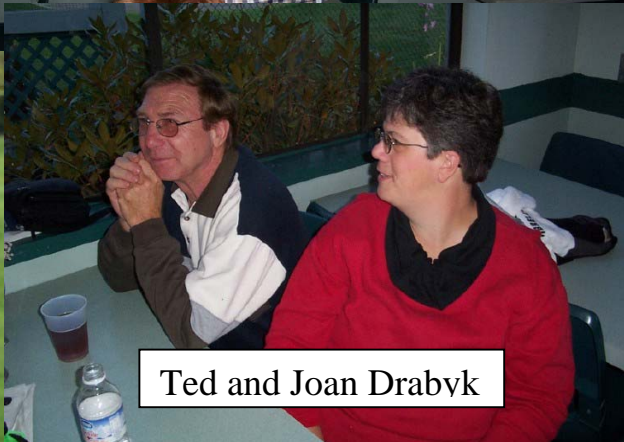


Count me in for next year!

Golly how many balls am I going to lose today?



Glenna Cheryl



Ted and Joan Drabyk



Pictured here are Cheryl Rafter, Mrs. Adeline Duncan and Angus MacKenzie at the BC Championships on May 6th 2004. Mrs. "D" as she is widely know was celebrating her 90th Birthday and was proud to pose with her 2 senior dance students Cheryl and Angus, who are now teachers in this Province, both of whom took dancing from Mrs. D in the same era. BCHDA would like to congratulate her on her 90th birthday, and would like to thank her for her continued support and years of dedication to highland dance in the Province of BC.

THANK YOU GREAT JOB WELL DONE EXCELENT WORK THANKS

A big thank you to all the volunteers and executive who made the BC Championships run so smoothly. The tasks were large and small but none too difficult for our volunteers and executive to handle. From cleaning the garbage out of the theatre, repairing the stage floor, running scores to the scorers, preparing judges lunches, lining up, and announcing it all went smoothly and you all deserve and big pat on the back. Thank you all again.

Having a Moment

Recollections of Tracey Mallinson

I have been taking Highland Dancing for over 3 decades now...Hmmm I guess I am giving a clue as to my age. I have been teaching Highland Dancing for 20 some odd years. I can recollect many moments where I was proud of my accomplishments and many moments when I wished I had turned out my knees a little bit more, and a million moments of fun times with my dancing friends.

I have seen many moments of things not going quite as planned at competitions, like when I...

...kicked my sword so hard it went flying across the stage demolishing every other sword.

...had my propelling pivot turn partner fall off an outdoor stage, and I pulled her back up without missing a beat of the music.

...saw my friend rip her Hornpipe pants up the back (bum) seam during the down up step.

...lost my clapper off my Jig shoe during the shuffle step and found it later under the Judges desk.

All of these moments are dull in comparison to my all time favorite. You won't believe this one, or perhaps you were there!

The big event occurred during a competition when Kathleen Carlson and myself were "insides" on the Strathspey and Highland Reel. We were dancing our second setting step and I felt my head bump into hers, (or her head bumps into mine). I tried to move forward a little so we wouldn't touch again. That's when I noticed my head was stuck to her head. I guessed a bobby pin managed to grab hold from one bun to another. (Use your powers of visualization now) My hair wasn't quite long enough to make a BIG bun so my mother always made a little tiny bun of real hair and then pinned a BIG fake bun over it. Kathleen had lots of hair and had a natural BIG bun. We both tugged away from each other while continuing to dance as though nothing was wrong. The setting step had ended and we were still semi attached. As we stepped out for the Strathspey I felt a strong pulling sensation and then nothing (freedom). As I danced around through the reel I noticed Kathleen had a huge smile on her face. As I turned to do "assemble leap" I saw the funniest thing, my BIG fake bun was stuck to the back of Kathleen's BIG real bun (shockingly enough it was a perfect colour match). My now tiny bun was dwarfed by the mass of hair on Kathleen's head. We finished off the quick time of the Highland Reel grinning like mad. I guess all that smiling paid off. Kathleen won a second and I won a third. I guess you could say she beat me by a hair.

Tracey was the only child out of 5 in her family that was hooked by the drone of the pipes and the excitement of the sword dance. Tracey started her dancing career in the Fraser Valley attending classes from Miss Lavoy who was one of the original Highland dance teachers in the Fraser Valley. Miss Lavoy also taught Ballet, and tap. Some of the current teachers may still remember her. She also instructed Lorraine Graf. When Miss Lavoy retired Tracey carried on her lessons with Lorraine Graf, where she continues to take classes and give lessons. Tracey is trying to pass on the excitement of Highland dancing to her boyfriend who has been dancing for almost 2 full years now and is competing in the Novice category (he is the big guy with the beard, perhaps you have seen him).

I would like to nominate:

_____ for the position of President

_____ for the position of Vice-President

_____ for the position of Secretary

_____ for the position of Treasurer

_____ for the position of Competition Secretary

_____ for the position of Member at Large (10)

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Nominator: _____.

Please remit nomination forms at the General Meeting on June 9th 2004
or mail / e-mail to:

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