

B.C. HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER

The official newsletter of the British Columbia Highland Dancing Association.

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IT'S TAX TIME!

Don't forget if you have a child that is Under 16 you may deduct your dance instruction fees from you income. Ask your instructor for a receipt for your fees from last year. See: Children's Fitness Tax Credit on the Revenue Canada web site: www.cra.gc.ca

UPCOMING COMPETITONS

BCHDA CLOSED

Sunday April 20th 2008
Douglas College

OTHER

British Columbia Closed
May 10th 2008
Douglas College

BC Highland Games
June 28th 2008
Coquitlam

ScotDance Canada Championship Series
July 2nd to 6th 2008
Victoria Conference Centre
Victoria, B.C.

GENERAL MEETING

Election of Officers

Monday June 09, 2008
7:30 pm
Scottish Cultural Centre
8886 Hudson St.
Vancouver

If you would like to participate more in the operation of your association come to this meeting and put your name forward to an executive position. All positions will be open. We need you to bring your expertise in making next year an enjoyable experience for all. BCHDA is a parent run, all volunteer association. Don't miss out!
See nomination form enclosed.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday September 29, 2008
7:30 pm
Scottish Cultural Centre
8886 Hudson St.
Vancouver

If you have any Buy and Sell Items or any item that may be of interest to out members please call:

Dave Moralek @ 604-272-6566
or E-mail BCHDANEWS@Telus.net.

**BUY AND SELL
FOR SALE**

Size 8-10: Cranberry colored cotton National, 2 blouses, petticoat - \$150

Size 6-8: Blue Cunningham (I'm guessing) kiltie, vest, wool socks - \$350

Size 7-9: Wine colored kiltie, 1 wine colored vest, 1 black vest larger, blouse, wool socks - \$400

Size 12-14: navy Hornpipe - \$80

Size 8: Red National wool blend, petticoat, 2 eyelet blouses, hair scrunchie - \$165

Please contact: Jodi Bartlett,

Phone: 604 936-6783 E-mail: jodi_bartlett@telus.net

Size 8 National Outfit - 100% wool Dress Royal Blue Sutherland with royal blue vest. Includes blouse and new underskirt. Beautiful condition.

Please contact: Corinne Robson

Phone: 604-937-7868 E-mail michaelrobson@shaw.ca

I can email you photos if you would like.



These lovely young ladies were found socializing and relaxing in the whirl pool at the Western Canada Open Championship and Competition in Kelowna this past March 29th and 30th.

From Left to right: Annalise MacDonald, Megan Hill, Meghan MacLeod, Shayla Appell, Kaitlin Nichols, Alexandra MacPhail, Cailin Palmer, Beth Cruikshank, Lindsay Palmer and Claire MacDonald.

A message from Cheryl Rafter our ScotDance BC Rep.

"ScotDance BC will be hosting the ScotDance Canada Championship Series in 2008 at the Victoria Conference Centre, July 2-6th. The teachers in B.C. are busy with fund-raising efforts towards this event. ScotDance B.C. is a Non-profit Society under the umbrella of ScotDance Canada, a registered Charity. As such, we look to local companies to provide sponsorship and donations for this event which only comes to B.C. once every 6 years. We anticipate approximately 800-1000 competitors will be attending this event, ranging in ages 4 through 30.

One of the areas where parents could assist is of course with volunteer time pre-event, during the event and after the event. Another area where parents could assist is with donations for the competitors' welcome bags and corporate sponsorship. At each event, the competitors receive a welcome bag containing promotional samples of products such as drinks and other food products, coupons for retail and food outlets, apparel such as hats, stationery items such as pens, etc. etc. These samples are obtained by product donation requests to both local and nation-wide businesses. In 2002, many parents came forward who work for companies willing to donate product to the bags. If you, as a parent, work for a company who would like to contribute to the competitors' welcome bags with promotional products, please contact Cheryl Rafter at cheryltrafter@shaw.ca. Also, any opportunities for Corporate Sponsorship would be welcomed; Corporate Sponsorship packages are available upon request to cheryltrafter@shaw.ca

Thank you for your support with this truly spectacular event Victoria will be hosting in 2008."



This photo is of the winners of the Champion of Champions held on March 23rd in Newcastle, Australia. Katie Trydal (second left) the only Canadian in her group came 1st RU to David Wilton from Scotland the current World Adult Champion. David will be dancing at Interprov in Victoria this summer.



Ella and Harvey Gallagher

If you attended the Highland games in Coquitlam in June 2005 you may remember seeing Harvey and Ella Gallagher presenting awards on the stage during the dance competition. Why were they there you thought? Harvey and Ella, who are life members of BCHDA, now live in Kamloops and their daughter, brought them to the games so they could relive all the wonderful memories that they had from all the past games that they attended.

Harvey was the president of the BCHDA for 23 years! He just loved highland dancing and the friendship that abound with the association. Ella on the other hand joined up with the BCHDA long before Harvey did. Unfortunately Harvey and Ella have not return to enjoy the Highland games as we were saddened to hear of Harvey's passing on February 1st.2008. Harvey will always be remembered by many older BCHDA members for all that he brought to the association during his many years as president. Our thoughts go out to Ella and her family. Thanks Harvey for all that you did, you will always be known as the ULTIMATE VOLUNTEER.

Last used / consignment clothing sale will be this Sunday at the competition.

I would like to thank all those who supported the consignment / sales area during this past competitive season. Not only did the members support BC Highland through the purchase of their items, but dancers, young and older, were helped through the generosity of those who made the decision to sell their used items. I will be on hand at the next competition to assist anyone with questions or suggestions regarding costume consignment.

Thanks again,
Sharleen P.T.

CATHERINE ISOBE MEMORIAL AWARD

The Catherine Isobe Memorial Award is designed to recognize a Highland Dancer who is going on to pursue post-secondary education.

Catherine Isobe (nee Elder) was a Highland Dancer who took lessons for many years from Mary Isdale. Like many young dancers and pipers today, the Elder family's summers were spent traveling almost every weekend to dancing and piping competitions in the Pacific Northwest. The rest of the year, Catherine was kept busy going to lessons, dancing in concerts and competitions, and also doing a bit of teaching.

Catherine worked for the B. C. Medical Association and they have generously set up a memorial fund in Catherine's name. The CATHERINE ISOBE MEMORIAL AWARD is in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Criteria:

- The applicant must be in grade 12 and graduating this year.
Open to all students in British Columbia.

The application:

- Must include a personal letter of application, outlining your interests, hobbies and activities in your school and community.
- Must include a short statement of your intention to pursue post-secondary education and your proposed program of studies.
- Two letters of reference must be attached: One from your Highland Dancing teacher and one from one of your high school teachers. Note: these letters need not be lengthy and if the writer prefers, may be done in point form.
- An Interim Transcript of your marks must be attached.

Deadline for receipt of the application is June 1st, 2008 and the winner will be notified by June 15th.

Applications are to be sent to:

Bill Elder
13398 – 233rd Street
Maple Ridge, B. C. V4R 2R6

The winning applicant will have two years from the date of the Award to claim their prize. Payment of this award will only be made after proof of tuition payment is received by the B. C. Medical Association.

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(s) at Large*

Nominator: _____

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

*Peggy Askew, BCHDA Secretary,
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Coquitlam, B.C.,
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