

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

The official newsletter of the British Columbia Highland Dancing Association.

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Hello I am  
new to the  
executive

We're also  
new! ☺

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

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## **UPCOMING COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS**

### **BCHDA CLOSED**

Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008  
Delta Secondary School  
Genesis Theatre  
5004 45th Ave.  
Ladner

Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Douglas College  
700 Royal Ave.  
New Westminster

Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Douglas College  
700 Royal Ave.  
New Westminster

### **BCHDA OPEN**

March 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Delta Secondary School  
Genesis Theatre  
5005 45th, Ave.  
Ladner  
(# of days still to be determined)

### **OTHER**

British Columbia Closed  
Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Douglas College  
700 royal Ave.  
New Westminster

United Scottish B.C. Highland Games  
Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Percy Perry Stadium  
Coquitlam

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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

## **WELCOME HOME TO HIGHLAND!**

Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> 2008  
Scottish Cultural Center  
8886 Hudson Street  
Vancouver

A message from your new President Angus Mackenzie:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to the 2008-09 season of competitions and championships. Wishing you all the best of luck in the competitions and focusing on a great competitive spirit and keen sportsmanship.

As the new President of B.C. Highland I am looking forward to working with the new Executive and all members of the association. I would like to involve all members in all walks of the competitions and decision making. I am proposing more General Meetings where we as members can work together to make decisions as a united body and debate all issues regarding the future of BCHDA and the future of our dancers. I hope this to be the main theme of BCHDA. I look forward to working with the Past-President who has devoted the last number of years to our Association and I would like to thank Glenna very much for her hard work and dedication to the association.

Now let's go forward and make BCHDA the super power in British Columbia.  
Focus on the Kids B.C.H.D.A. Motto.

Thank you. Angus MacKenzie. President

### *Finally Acknowledged*

At the Coquitlam games, framed pictures of the four BC World Champions were unveiled. These pictures of Highland Dancers from British Columbia who have won World Championship Titles in the past will be permanently displayed at the Scottish Cultural Center in Vancouver. The pictures of Angus MacKenzie, Jennifer Lindsay, Estelle Clewes and Fiona Lee will hang on our *Wall of Champions*. Pictured here at the United Scottish Highland Games this past summer from left to right is Donna Cooper accepting for Jennifer Lindsay, Fiona Lee, Angus Mackenzie and Estelle Clewes. We look forward to adding new pictures to the wall in the future.





## A message from the Outgoing President Glenna Urbshadt

I would first of all like to thank all the people who have served on the executive during my six years as President of BCDHDA. These are very hard working individuals who do mostly a lot of behind the scenes work to ensure all the competitions are run as smoothly as possible. In particular I would like to mention Joan Drabyk who has served as competition secretary for the last number of years. The number of hours that she has put in cannot be counted – she has done a wonderful job organizing and running the competitions. Also thank you to everyone who volunteers to help out at competitions as we couldn't do without you.

I would also like to report that the Gaming Commission, who a few years ago wanted to cancel our yearly grant, has given us funding of \$10,000 a year for the next three years. This will give us some financial security so that each year we are not on pins and needles waiting to see if we get the grant. Our expenses are normally about \$10,000 over our revenues (Elaine has done a great job watching our pennies!) and while we continue to try and manage expenses to the best of our ability, the funding certainly helps out. For example, we hold our competitions in venues with stages which cost extra and Joan has done a great job of searching out places that allow us to continue to do so. We have also ordered medals for the next few years from the same supplier in Montreal that provided the medals for Interprov – at about half the price that we have been currently paying, so that will help out the budget. With airfares going up, the cost of getting judges to our competitions is an ongoing challenge and Liz has done a great job of watching for seat sales. The Gaming Commission does require us to do fundraising each year, over and above our entry fees and admissions, so the new executive will be looking at ways to bring in some extra money.

Congratulations and a big thank you goes to Cheryl Rafter and her committee members and all the volunteers who helped put on Interprov in Victoria. It was a great event, very well run, and an opportunity for everyone to see some of the top dancers in the world as well as compete, make new friends, and have a wonderful time in a great city. The Opening Ceremonies were an especially moving tribute to Adeline Duncan for her eighty plus years of dedication to highland dancing – her royal wave to the crowd from the balcony will not be forgotten. The City of Victoria Championship on Sunday was in her

honor and she watched the dancing from her front row seat! Heather Jolley presented the trophies on behalf of her mother and they will be especially treasured.

In closing, I would like to wish the new executive well for a very successful 2008/2009 season and I am looking forward to sitting in the audience and watching the dancing.

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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 - \$325

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

Size 12-14: navy Hornpipe - \$80

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All the following items are all in excellent condition. They were last used around September, 2005, and as they were made by Lil Scot Dancing Co. of Prince George, I do not have the exact sizes, but have done my best to explain them.

Kilt - Dress purple Cunningham, approx size 11-12 this includes the vest, white blouse, and synthetic socks. This is a full kilt with big swing, adjustable leather buckles, and length is 171/2" with 5" hem. Vest at back to point of vest is 151/2". \$450.00.

Kilt - Dress purple Menzies, approx size 7-8. Full Kilt includes size 8 vest with white blouse.

Kilt is 171/2" long with 3" hem with leather buckles. \$300.00.

National Outfit - Purple and Green, Size approx 7-8 includes skirt, sash, vest and blouse \$150.00

Jig Dress - Red with green lining. Waist to hem 22" long. Under Arm to waist 81/2" long, has white apron. Size 12-14. Beautiful dress in excellent condition. \$125.00

Jig Shoes - green color. Made in Canada, Size 5B. Have interior rattles. Just like new. \$60.00.

Dance Shoes - James Senior of St. Andrews Ghillies. Red eyelets and red stitching. Adult Size 2.

Excellent Shape \$50.00. Angel Luzio Ghillies. Child Size 11. Excellent Shape. \$30.00.

If interested I can send pictures of outfits.

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Red jig shoes size 1 \$50.00

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Didn't attend the last General Meeting?

Here are some minutes from that meeting on topics that you missed!

- Heather Jolley suggested that we discuss how many competitions we plan to hold next year rather than wait until the fall to decide. She suggested we change the format i.e. have a National only competition or a pre-premier competition or a choreography competition.
- Angus volunteered to speak to Darryl re the availability of the Cultural Centre for Saturdays in the upcoming year.
- *M/S Sharleen Peitsch-Tyerman/Michelle MacPhail . . . that BCHDA tentatively book a venue in the early fall for a Saturday Pre-Premier competition. Carried*
- *M/S/ Heather Jolley/Shirley Collins . . . that BCHDA hold a choreography competition, date pending availability of a suitable facility with a stage. Carried*

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### **Thank you PacWest for a fun afternoon.**

These Highland dancers were competing at the PacWest Festival at the Shadbolt center in Burnaby Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Fiona Lee, Luke Gair, Megan Hill, Alexandra Macphail, Erica-Shaye Gair and Shannon MacNeil.

Pac West is a festival at Shadbolt Theatre every year. It showcases many different types of dancing throughout the whole day. Before these dancers performed there were



Russian Dancers. After the Highland Dancing we saw Chinese Dancers proceeding on stage. Apparently a dancer from each group is chosen to dance at a bigger festival later in the year.

## **Welcome Home to Highland!**

To encourage and foster the enjoyment of Highland dancing for new and experienced dancers and their families B.C. Highland will be hosting a “Welcome home to Highland” day, on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the Scottish Cultural Center in Vancouver.

The days events will include something for all including everything a pre-premier or brand new dancer will need to know from what to expect at competitions, costume regulations and tips, as well as many of the small details etc... we also will have demonstrations for parents on scoring, line-up and many

other things that go into highland dance competitions to try to encourage and support new parents.

A workshop with focus on the new 2009 championship steps will be held for Premier dancers and will culminate with a fun social for all complete with ceilidh dances.

Further info will follow regarding the specific schedule of events and details.



### May 10<sup>th</sup> BC CLOSED CHAMPIONS

front row from left-right

Alessandra Bruce-Fuoco, Caelin Palmer, Lindsey Palmer, Hannah Denholm, Claire MacDonald, Katie Rattray.

second row from left-right

Caitlin Wilson, Breanna Watt, Shannon MacNeil, Alexandra MacPhail, Megan Hill, Philippa Swartz.

back row left-right

Samantha Beach, SarahPeitsch-Tyerman, Rylan Bateman, Cameron Collins, Fiona Lee, Katie Trydal.

### LOST

We are missing from our tent at the BC Highland Games in Coquitlam a black/clear make-up bag full of make-up; we would really like to get it back. Please contact Gwen Palmer 604-937-0580

## **FOUND**

When we were packing up our tent and things at the BC Highland Games in Coquitlam we found a black highland t-shirt & a brand new container of sunscreen. If anyone is missing these items please contact Gwen Palmer 604-937-058

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This happy group was attending the British Columbia Open March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at South Delta Secondary School in Tsawwassen.

Front L to R Emma Trotter, Julia Montgomery, Erika-Shaye Gair Fiona Swartz  
Back L to R Samantha Stables, Bryn Mackay Pettyjohn, Andrena Hilder,  
Madeline Goodman, Mikayla Pakulak

**Congratulation to these BCHDA members for outstanding results at Cowal in Scotland on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Philippa Swartz: winner 12 years Scottish Championship  
Breanna Watt: 3<sup>rd</sup> runner up 14 years Scottish Championship  
Cameron Collins, Fiona Lee, Sarah Peitsch-Tyerman, Sarah Siebert  
and Philippa Swartz all qualified to dance in the finals at the worlds.  
Fiona Lee placed 5<sup>th</sup> runner up for the adults in the Worlds. .