

B.C. HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER

The official newsletter of the B C Highland Dancing Association.

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Your Executive members for the 2009-2010 dancing season.

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Fraser Fraser (Non-Voting)

☺ We are new to the Executive

WELCOME BACK TO HIGHLAND

Unfortunately due to venue booking problems we did not host our Welcome Back to Highland gathering this fall. We will be hosting the event next October 2010. We have the Scottish cultural center booked and the committee is well on their way in the planning stages. So we will be looking forward to seeing you there next year. If you would like to see any particular item of interest covered please let us know at bchdanews@telus.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

3 Closed Competitions

Saturday Nov. 21st 2009
Earl Marriott Secondary School
15751 – 16th Ave.
Surrey, B. C.

Saturday January 30th 2010
Douglas College,
700 Royal Ave.
New Westminster B. C.

Sunday April 18th 2010
Douglas College.

BC Open Competition

Saturday March 6th 2010
Magee Secondary School
Vancouver

Highland Dance Workshop

With Nicola Grant
from Kirriemuir, Scotland
Sunday March 7th 2010

Celtic Celebration

James Cowan Theatre
Friday April 9th 2010

British Columbia Closed Competition

Saturday May 8th 2010

General Meeting

Monday June 7th 2010.
Scottish Cultural Center 7:30 pm

United Scottish B.C. Highland Games

Saturday June 26th 2010
Percy Perry Stadium
Coquitlam

Annual General Meeting

Monday September 27th 2010
Scottish Cultural Center 7:30 pm

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The summer has passed and fall is upon us. That can only mean one thing, "Its dance time again".

In the past few months we have seen scorching hot days, the passing of our friend Mrs. Adeline Duncan, and BCHDA'S casino funds pulled out from under our feet and then returned (Phew). This year the executive will be trying to tighten our budget in anticipation of all casino funding ending in the near future. This can only mean one thing, higher fees, more fundraising and more participation from you the members. But enough of the doom and gloom. Your executive is here for your dancer. We have and always will try our hardest to provide the best venues, judges, and pipers to make every dancer's experience a happy and fun one! We are already working hard to produce this year's performance of the Celtic Celebration. Look for it next April 9th 2010

In closing I would like to thank all the members who volunteered last season (we couldn't do it without you) and last years executive for all their many hours of dedication. I would like to welcome all our new members to the association and say thanks to our returning members for your support. Good luck to all our dancers and I hope you all have a fun year with us as a BC Highland Dancer!

*Dave Moralek
President*

A note from the Technical Committee

It has been brought to the attention of the Technical Committee that the dances for the Beginners are the same for each competition during the 2009-2010 season. It was felt that perhaps a little more variety for these dancers would be welcome. As several entry forms have all ready been submitted, and money paid, instead of changing the existing dances one dance will be added to the BEGINNER SECTION for the months of January and April only (November will remain as listed). There will be no charge for these added dances. The following dances will be added: January: Flora April: Seann Truibhas. We hope that all Beginner dancers will welcome this addition. Previously registered dancers will be contacted prior to each competition to confirm the dances they wish to do.

BUY AND SELL**FOR SALE**

I'm not sure the exact size but waist approx. 24-26 inches on all of them possibly someone just under 5 feet tall. I have a green jig dress with apron, a hornpipe outfit and a red and blue tartan national skirt with blue velvet vest.

Please contact: Sharon

Phone: 604-739-0032 E-mail: ehsharona@gmail.com

Red jig shoes size 1 \$50.00

Please contact: Glenna Urbshadt

Phone: 604-224-5429 E-mail: gurbshadt@shaw.ca

Royal Blue Highland Jacket (went with Royal Cunningham kilt): Back length: 17 1/4"
Sleeve length (shoulder to wrist): 21"(inside, arm pit to wrist): 17" Chest: approx. 27 1/4"
Waist: approx. 26 1/4" Hips: 31 1/2"(fits a slim 10-12 year old) \$100.00

Red Highland Jacket (went with Red Dress Milne kilt): Back length: 16 1/4"
Sleeve length (shoulder to wrist): 20"(inside, arm pit to wrist) 16 3/4" Chest: approx. 29"
Waist: approx. 28 1/2" Hips: 32 1/2" (fits an average-build 8-10 year old) \$100.00

Royal Dress Cunningham Hose from Kilkeel, Ireland, 2 pairs, \$75.00 each

Pair 1: Toe to Heel: approx. 7" Heel to Knee (cuff rolled down): approx. 12.5"

Pair 2: Toe to Heel: approx. 7.5" Heel to Knee (cuff rolled down): approx. 12.5"

Red Dress Milne Hose from Kilkeel, Ireland, 2 pairs, \$75.00 each

Pair 1: Toe to Heel: approx. 7.25" Heel to Knee (cuff rolled down): approx. 12.5"

Pair 2: Toe to Heel: approx. 7.5" Heel to Knee (cuff rolled down): approx. 13.5"

Red Jig Shoes, size 4 \$65.00

Red Jig Shoes, size 5 \$60.00

White Hornpipe with Light Blue Collar, Size 7/8 yrs \$40.00

Highland Blouse, Size 8, \$25.00

Red Jig Dress (with white petticoat & apron), Size 12, \$50.00

Red Jig Dress (Jumper only) Size 10, \$35.00

Red Jig Dress (With white petticoat) inside skirt lined with green, Size 7/8 yrs \$50.00

Please contact: Gwen Palmer

Phone 604 937-0580 E-mail: g_palmer@shaw.ca

Royal Blue Highland Jacket in excellent condition,

Fits sizes 32 to 34 \$150.00

Please contact: Suzanne Barois

Phone: 604 263-6026 or E-mail: ssbarois@yahoo.com

Red, green and white Kilt with green vest made by Cathy Fraser of Nanaimo.

Waist 24-27", current length 20.5", hem 2", bust approx. 29".

Matching wool Hose hand knit by Linda Burdett of Campbell River. \$250.00 obo

Please contact: Ann (Nanaimo)

E-mail: annrahme@telus.net

For Sale: LIKE NEW Kilt, vest and socks. Dress wine Sutherland tartan.

Worn only 3-4 times. Fits tall slim build 12-16 year old girl. \$800.00 (OBO)

Please contact: Cheryl Melvin

Phone: 604-937-7638 E-mail: jmelvin@telus.net

BUY AND SELL CONTINUED**WANTED**

Hornpipe outfit; size 12-14; top & pants only; in good condition.

Please contact: Colleen

Phone: 604-534-8287 E-mail: colleen_doug@shaw.ca

I am looking for several used kilt/kiltie sets and aboyne outfits to fit girls age 6 – 8.

Also dress Stewart hose to fit a foot 9 inches

Please Contact: Jillian Walkus

Phone 250-949-8822 E-mail 1sockeye@telus.net

If you have any Buy and Sell Items or any item's or pictures that may be of interest to our members please call: Dave Moralek @ 604-272-6566 or E-mail BCHDANEWS@Telus.net

COSTUME SALE

There will be a sales rack at the Nov. 21st competition. So bring all your used costumes. Don't forget this is a fund raiser for your association so keep in mind that 10% will be deducted from your selling price. Please tag all pieces with you name, phone number and asking price.

Celtic Celebration

A big 'Thank You' to Heather Jolly who has volunteered to head the committee for this year's performance which will showcase our own BC Highland Dancers and a variety of toe tapping Celtic entertainment. She hopes to have much support from teachers, parents and dancers and will be contacting teachers soon. We would like to sell out the theater this year; with so much talent out there we shouldn't have a problem. So start thinking about your choreography dance now! You only have 4 and half months to perfect it! Mark this date on your calendar Friday April 9th 2010. This is a major fundraiser for BCHDA and may be our only funding if we lose our casino funds. Don't miss it!

KILT MAKING COURSE UPDATE

The fall class has gone very well with five students completing there kilts as well as being shown how to construct a vest or Jacket. If there is some interest I will run another 7 week session from May 4-June 15 2010. For more details: Please contact:

Gail Russell at [604 943-3977](tel:6049433977) or email gailrussell@hotmail.com.

Silent Auction Baskets

A big 'Thank You' to Heather Richendrfer and her dancers for offering to coordinate the 'Silent Auction Baskets' fundraiser at our March Open Championship/Competition. This has always been a popular fundraising event. We depend on volunteer groups like this for their support of our association.

BC Representative to Provincial Championships

If you are one of the fortunate few BCHDA dancers to become a BC Representative to the Provincial Championship you will be awarded a bursary on behalf of your association to help with expenses at the Canadian championships.

NEW THIS YEAR

This year we will be issuing membership cards which will be distributed at the first competition in November. **We would like to thank Lee Gieschen of Royal Printers for printing and donating the card.** Always bring your card to the competitions as you may find perks attached to the card.

Note to teachers: BCHDA would like to extend a welcome to all dance teachers to become card holding members of our association. Your membership will entitle you to free admission to our 3 Closed Competitions as well as your name and e-mail address being posted on our website. Also, at a minimal fee, you have the opportunity to add your professional link to our website. Membership forms will be available at the door at our first competition . . . thank you for your continued support of BC Highland.

BCHDA REP. PLACINGS AT THE INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP - TORONTO

Caelin Palmer – 4th RU Canadian Championships,
5th RU in 11 years North American Championships
Hannah Denholm – 5th RU Canadian Championships,
2nd RU 10 years North American Championships
Claire MacDonald – 5th RU 10 years North American Championships
Lindsay Palmer – 5th RU 13 years North American Championships
Skye Ferguson – 4th RU Canadian Championships
Breanna Watt – 5th RU Canadian Championships
Rylan Bateman – 1st RU Canadian Championships
Fiona Lee – 2nd RU Canadian Championships,
2nd RU 19 & 20 years North American Championships
Stephanie Wilson – 4th RU Canadian Championships,
3rd RU 19 & 20 years North American Championships
Katie Trydal – 1st RU 21 & over North American Championships

BCHDA DANCERS QUALIFYING TO DANCE IN THE WORLD FINALS IN SCOTLAND

Lindsey Palmer – 2nd RU in the 13 yr Scottish Championship
Breanna Watt – 4th RU in the 15 yr Scottish Championship
Rylan Bateman
Fiona Lee

Congratulations to all these dancer's and any other dancer representing BC at these or other competitions this summer. We hope that we have not missed anyone as all our dancers are important to us. If you know of someone that should be acknowledged for their accomplishments over the summer, please let me know and we will note it in our next newsletter.
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Here are our BCHDA representatives ready to join the parade into the Interprov banquet.



A proud Katie Rattray (in Red) holding the aggregate trophy for her class was found at The Gathering of the Clans International Championship Competition in Edinburgh Scotland this summer.

3 pictures from the Highland Games in Coquitlam.



A willing volunteer. 4 year old Logan Johnston checking dancers.



Primary Dancer Malysa Watson



4 year old Logan taking charge of the line up area