

# SCOTCH CIRCLE

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## Chair's Message

In reflecting on reporting for this edition of Scotch Circle and mulling over the concern about the future of numbers within our dancing circles it came to mind that in getting these issues out on a regular basis is important, as it keeps us up to date on upcoming events, news of where our dancers have travelled, whether to schools in Australia or overseas and the fun they had.

In this edition you will see that in the northern hemisphere and this time in Ireland a very successful evening was held where Irish & Scottish dancing was combined. To me it sounded like a wonderful evening. Just wondering how something like that would go here as it is not too difficult to adapt from one form to the other. At the Canberra Winter School last year we had an afternoon of Irish Set Dancing which was well attended and quite often we will get beginners coming in who move between the groups of Folk Dancers.

Quite a number of our dancers are travelling overseas this year to various schools, with a large contingent to Scotland. I'm sure they will be all full of news upon their return as many are exploring either before or after the summer school at St. Andrews. I read with interest Elaine Arthur's email to me about the Thistle School in North Carolina at Banner Elk and running into dancers who have attended many Australian Winter Schools and New Zealand Summer Schools. It is little tidbits like staying in touch with each other and hearing about good times when you travel that make you want to go into the website to see what is coming up. It also keeps the future of Scottish Country Dancing alive as without you dancing we can't keep the schools, socials and balls going.

In September we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. I urge everyone to come along and make a presence. There are some committee members who will be retiring so please consider giving a very small amount of your time and nominating for the committee. Nomination forms and information about the vacancies are available in this Scotch Circle. It is not a time-consuming task and can be very enjoyable. We are all volunteers and want to keep the spirit of dancing alive.

Happy dancing

*Barbara*

# **Branch News**

## **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 September 2008 at St Andrews Church Hall starting at 8.00pm. We will delay the start of the usual class so that we can transact the formal business. It is expected that the meeting will take only a short time and everybody is welcome to stay for the class.

In accordance with the resolution of last year's meeting a quorum is one quarter of the annual fee paying members who are financial or twenty five members of the local association, whichever is the lesser number.

The Treasurer, Geoff Lau, will be pleased to renew memberships for those who have not already joined for 2007-8.

## **THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY CANBERRA AND DISTRICT BRANCH INCORPORATED**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**8 PM WEDNESDAY 17 September 2008**

**ST ANDREWS CHURCH HALL, FORREST**

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2007
3. Business arising
4. Annual Report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Election of office bearers and committee
7. Appointment of auditor
8. Any other business

(Nomination and Proxy forms are at the end of this Scotch Circle)

# Club News

**Southern Highlands Scottish Country Dancers Annual Social**  
**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 at 7.30 pm**  
**St. John's Anglican Church Hall, Browley Street, Moss Vale; Cost \$10.00 (Supper provided); with Music by Bob McInnes and Rhonda Langford.**  
**Contact: Margaret O'Farrell tel: 4869 3898 or Helen Wales tel: 4861 6471**

1. Allt An Duin		32R3	Goldring, 24 Gr & Social
2. Napiers Index		40J3	B. Charlton, Book 45
3. The Quern	3CSet	32S3	Dunedin Book 3
4. Polharrow Burn		32R5	H. Foss, Glendarroch
5. Seton's Ceilidh Band		64J4	B. Fordyce, Morison's Bush
6. Bob Campbell		32S3	J. Drewry, Canadian SCD
7. Posties Jig		32J4	R. Clowes, Ormskirk
8. John of Bon Accord		32R3	Book 33
9. Belle of Bon Accord		32S4	J. Drewry, Deeside Bk Pt 2
10. Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan		32R5	Goldring, 14 Social Dances
11. Meeting of the Waters		48R3	Iain Boyd, Strathtay Album
12. Hooper's Jig		32J3	MMM 2
13. Sugar Candie		32S3	Book 26
14. The Barmkin	Sq Set	88R4	Goldring, 24 Gr & Social
15. Southern Highlands			
Anniversary Strathspey	3cSet	32S3c	H. Wales, 2006
16. Trip to Bavaria		32R4	J. MacGregor-Brown, Collins Bk
17. Culla Bay	Sq Set	32S4	Book 41
18. Highland Rambler		40R3	Golding, Leeds Silver Jubilee

## Marengo Social 2008

**7.30pm, 20 September at The Hall, Murringo; \$10,**  
**Contacts Maurice Harcombe 63 846222 Jean Williams 63 827918**

HAPPY RETURNS	(R8x32) 3C (4C set), MMM 2
NAPIER'S INDEX	(J8x40) 3C (4C Set), B Charlton RSCDS Bk 45
MINISTER ON THE LOCH	(S3x32) 3C set, R Goldring 24 G & S Dances
THE SAILOR	(R8x32) 3C (4C set), RSCDS Bk 24
HOOPER'S JIG	(J8x32) 3C (4C set), MMM 2
DRUMELZIER	(S4x32) 4C set, C Blair 2 SCDs
THE IRISH ROVER	(R8x32) J Cosh 22 SCDs+1
CAULD KAIL	(M-8x(S16+R16)) 3C (4C set) Bk 9
MARENGO BLUE	(S2x48) 2C, M Harcombe 2005
BLACK SWANS OF NARRABEEN	(J5x32) 5C set, O Roberts Sydney Triad
CATCH THE WIND	(R8x32) 3C (4C set), Butterfield RSCDS Bk 45
ADIEU MON AMI	(S8x32) 3C (4C set), RSCDS Bk 24
MUIRLAND WILLIE	(J8x32) 3C (4C set), Bk 21
RED HOUSE	(R8x40) 2C (4C set) Playford Bk 7
THE DUCHESS TREE	(S8x32) 3C (4C set), J Drewry Brodie Bk
SHIFTIN' BOBBINS	(R8x32) 3C (4C set), R Clowes Ormskirk 6
THE BYRON STRATHSPEY	(S3x32) 3C set, J Drewry Deeside Bk 2
MAIRI'S WEDDING	(R8x40) 3C (4C set), Cosh 22 SCDs+2

(Recap sheet available at <http://www.rscds-canberra.org/texts/Marengo-2008.doc> )

*DANCE, DANCE, WHEREVER YOU MAY BE*  
.....*but why not make it*

## BERMAGUI

For the weekend, 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

The Far South Coast Group of Scottish Country Dancers invite you to join us for another social weekend, time to renew friendships, take in the sights and DANCE.

Once again we are looking forward to seeing our friends down here on the Far South Coast of N.S.W. for another Social Weekend.

Friday night, from 7.30pm in the Community Hall, we welcome dancers and non-dancing friends to a pleasant evening with a few things to keep us amused. Bring along your favourite old L.P. (does not have to be Scottish) and see if we can recognize a track from it. There will be a few trivia questions to keep the mind alert and maybe a surprise or two! Perhaps you have some memorabilia you would like to show us. A light supper will be served during the evening.

On Saturday morning from 10.00 to 12.00 again in the Community Hall, we will have teachers to walk you through some of the dances not danced as often but any others as well by request. Saturday afternoon is yours to do as you will and there is plenty to do and see. Check out [www.bermagui.net](http://www.bermagui.net)

Our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Social on Saturday night starts at 7.30pm with Bob and Polly playing for us again. To be held in the BERMAGUI COMMUNITY HALL

Can we be lucky again with the weather for the Breakfast In The Park on Sunday morning? This is our chance to send you off home safely and happy. 9.30 at the Park on the foreshore.

The cost for the weekend is still \$30 which includes the Friday evening (\$5) the Saturday night Social (\$15) and Sunday breakfast (\$10)

We would love to know if you are coming as this helps with catering. Contact Sheelagh on (02) 6493 6538 [wasbrunton@bigpond.com](mailto:wasbrunton@bigpond.com) or Trish MacDonald on (02) 6493 6350.

### SOCIAL PROGRAMME:-

1 Catch the Wind	3cpl H 8x32	RSCDS Bk 45
2 Tribute To The Borders	3cpl J 8x32	RSCDS Lfl
3 The Glasgow Highlanders	2cpl S 8x32	RSCDS Bk 2
4 The Merry Lads of Ayr	3cpl R 8x32	RSCDS Bk 1
5 St. Andrew's Fair	3cpl J 8x32	RSCDS 5 for 1982
6 Cuillins of Skye	3cpl S 8x32	RSCDS 4 for 1978
7 Dancing in the Street	4cpl R 4x32	RSCDS Bk 42
8 Major Ian Stewart	3cpl J 8x32	RSCDS Bk 35
9 Sugar Candie	3cpl S 8x32	RSCDS Bk 26
10 Polharrow Burn	5cpl R 5x32	RSCDS 3 by Foss
	Supper	
11 On The Wings Of The Morning	3cpl J 8x32	Glasgow Assembly
12 From Scotia's Shores We're Noo Awa'	3cpl S 8x32	RSCDS Lfl.
13 Lady Susan Stewart's Reel	3cpl R 8x32	RSCDS Bk 5
14 Hamilton House	3cpl J 8x32	RSCDS Bk 7
15 Gang The Same Gate	3cpl S 8x32	RSCDS Bk 36
16 The Royal Deeside Railway	3cpl R 8x32	RSCDS Bk 40
17 Old Nick's Lumber Room	3cpl J 8x32	RSCDS Bk 26
18 Sandy O'er The Lea (3cpl sets)	2cpl S 6x32	M.M.M. Vol. 2
19 The Reel Of The Royal Scots.	3cpl R 8x32	RSCDS Lfl.

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## Dancing in Ireland

As a number of you may know I am currently in Ireland enjoying the summer school set dancing classes and Ceili (Irish Gaelic - Ceilidh - Scottish Gaelic). One point of interest that I noted upon my arrival was that a joint Irish Set Dancing/Scottish Country Dancing ceili was held in Galway just before my arrival. The Kinlochard Ceilidh Band from Scotland and the Tulla Ceili Band from County Clare both shared the stage playing the relevant music for each dance tradition.

The event was sponsored by the Galway City Council and the Ireland West Tourist Board. What I find particularly interesting is that this form of cooperation is taking place in the first place, even if only on a semi-official basis.

Of even more interest is that I met a group of Scottish Country Dancers from Toronto, one of whom I had met at the annual weekend ceilidh/school held in Kingston Ontario. They were over for the week to experience Set Dancing. The night I met them they were fortunate to be dancing to the Abbey Ceili Band, which is without doubt the best Band in Ireland. That night was one of the greatest nights I have ever experienced at dancing. There were between 400 to 500 dancers. The communication between the dancers and the band was so intense that the Band played for an extra 30 minutes without anyone requesting it. We finished at 1.30 in the morning - 4 hours of wonderful dancing. There is only one description for the Willy Clancy Festival as it is called - Dancing Paradise.

Anyone out there interested in coming along and experiencing the dancing holiday of a lifetime, feel free to contact me.

*Peter Kennedy*  
*July 2008*

### **FOR SALE - Mipro Portable PA System**

The Branch has recently upgraded its PA system and plans to sell the Mipro it used formerly. If anyone within the Branch community is interested in purchasing it before we advertise externally, we'd like to hear from them.

#### Features :

- \* High-efficiency output that delivers a powerful 50 Watts (RMS) of high fidelity sound.
- \* Rechargeable built-in batteries and AC switching power supply provides up to 6 hours continuous use from a fully charged battery system.
- \* Suitable for table-top or integrated tripod stand mounting.
- \* built-in CD player; other audio sources can be mixed simultaneously to the input.
- \* Handles crowd of up to 600 people.
- \* Quick to set-up and simple to operate.
- \* Frequency Response: 50Hz~18KHz±3dB
- \* Speaker: 8-inch full-range
- \* Power Supply: Built-in two pieces of 12V/2.7AH rechargeable battery with charger & 90~264V AC switching power supply.
- \* Charging Time: 4 Hours (automatic charging management)
- \* Operating Time: 4~6 Hours
- \* Dimensions (m/m): 400 x 285 x 225mm; Weight (kg): 9.8

Please contact Geoff Lau (treasurer) on phone 0417 464 278 or email [glau@pcug.org.au](mailto:glau@pcug.org.au)

## For Sale and Give-Away:

- (Contact Joanne 6251 5188) Mens' kilt Royal Stewart 36" waist, skirts Royal Stewart sizes 10 & 12, kilt belt and sporran; dancing shoes 10½-11 and 7 (free to good home(s)).
- (Contact Mary 48 222 650) Ladies' kilt MacLaine of Lochbuie, red tartan , 6 yards of cloth, waist adjustable from 77.5 - 87.5cm, length 58cm, with leather strap and pin set.
- (Contact Elizabeth 6288 8177) 2 men's Kilts, McKenzie tartan (waist about 33 inches and length to fit a man about 6 feet tall); 1 Dress shirt, collar 39 inches and black bow tie; 1 black formal jacket and matching waistcoat – about 40 inch; 1 Harris tweed jacket – about 40 inches; Belt, leather – about 33 inch waist; 2 sporrans – formal and leather; 4 pairs of socks and garters – beige, cream, moss green and McKenzie tartan; 1 pair dancing shoes and bag – size 8.5.
- Contact (02) 6291-8670 or [peter.cooper@anu.edu.au](mailto:peter.cooper@anu.edu.au) Men's kilt for sale, MacDougall Ancient colours, fine Saxony wool (light-weight), made and purchased in Scotland (Hugh Macpherson, Edinburgh). Very good condition, suit man 34" (87 cm) waist, 5 ft 6" (167 cm) tall. Comes with 2 silver-coloured kilt pins (MacDougall crest, Celtic dagger motif) and two RSCDS ties (green and plum).
- Contact (02) 6251-9876 or [Brian.Davies@anu.edu.au](mailto:Brian.Davies@anu.edu.au) Royal Stuart kilt, to fit 95-105, as new, and sporran, belt and tie.

## Events during the remainder of 2008

**30 Aug: The Canberra Ball**, Albert Hall, Commonwealth Avenue.

**5 Sept: Belconnen SCD Advanced Social** - 8pm Assembly Hall, Macquarie Primary School, Bennelong Cr, Macquarie, led by Glenys and Peggy. Programme to be selected from: Merry Ploughboy R3C 8x32 Priddy, Jacobite Book; Dancing Girls J3C 8x32 Brenchley, Kangaroo Paw; Southern Stars S6C 1x96 Jeff Green; Lauraine's Delight, R3C 3x48 Brenchley, Kangaroo Paw; Winter Park J3C 8x32 Drewry, Brodie; Ballemuir Strathspey S4C 4x32 Drewry, Bankhead III; Charlotte Square R3C 8x32 Drewry, Brodie; Caldercruix J3C 8x32 Drewry, Bankhead III; Sphagnum Moss S3C 8x32 ; Nottingham Lace R4C 96Sq J Bradley; Bothwell Brig R3C 8x40 Drewry Summer Coll2.

**6 Sept: Southern Highlands SCD Annual Social**, See separate notice.

**17 Sept: RSCDS Canberra and District Branch AGM**, at St Andrews Church Hall, 8.00pm. The Agenda, Nomination and proxy forms are attached to this Scotch Circle. All positions on the Committee are open for nominations. Please contact any of the present members if you are willing to help run YOUR Branch in 2008-9. As usual, the meeting will be followed by dancing.

**20 Sept: Marengo SCD Social**, See separate notice.

**10-12 Oct: Far South Coast SCD Group Bermagui Weekend**. See separate notice.

**24 Oct: Belconnen SCD Advanced Social** - 8pm Assembly Hall, Macquarie Primary School, Bennelong Cr, Macquarie, with dances selected by all those who have taught during the year.

**1 Nov: Branch end-of-year Social**

**22 Nov: Burns SCD Group, St Andrews Night Celebration**

**29 Nov: Batemans Bay St Andrews Social**

**6 Dec: Belconnen SCD and SCDC Joint Christmas Social**: to be held at Macquarie Primary School, Bennelong Cr, Macquarie, at 8.00pm, with music by Strathmannan

**12 Dec: Monaro Caledonian Society Christmas Social**, St Andrews Church Hall, Soho St, Cooma

**Royal Scottish Country Dance Society  
Canberra and District Branch Inc  
Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members  
NOMINATION**

We, being persons qualified to vote at an election of the above Branch, nominate:

.....  
(Full name in BLOCK LETTERS)  
who is a member of the above Branch, for election to office as :

- CHAIRMAN
- SECRETARY
- TREASURER
- COMMITTEE MEMBER

.....  
(Signature) (Date)

.....  
(Name in block letter)

.....  
(Signature) (Date)

.....  
(Name in block letter)

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I .....the person nominated,  
consent to this nomination.

.....  
(Signature) (Date)

.....  
(Name in block letter)



**Royal Scottish Country Dance Society  
Canberra and District Branch Inc  
FORM OF APPOINTMENT AS PROXY**

I.....  
(Full name)

of.....  
(Address)

being a member of the above Branch, hereby appoint

.....  
(Full name of proxy)

of .....  
(Address of proxy)

being a member of the above Branch, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the above Branch to be held on 17 September 2008, and at any adjournment of these meetings.

.....  
(Signature of member appointing proxy) (Date)

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