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# THE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCER

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## *Manager's Message*

Greetings everyone!

*Is the scary season over or is it just beginning?* The holidays are coming up fast! We have a special dance over Thanksgiving weekend and a Christmas Ceilidh on the agenda. Please check them out and we hope to see you there. Tell all your friends, family, and co-workers about them. In fact - post a flyer! (Call to get a copy.) On the off chance you won't be there, we'll be thinking of you and wishing you a safe, happy holiday season!

See you on the dance floor!

*Jen*

### **Correction(s):**

The previous issue of this newsletter incorrectly reported that our *50/20 Dance* on Saturday, November 25, begins at 8 PM. **The dance is really scheduled from 1:30 to 4:30 PM.** We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Also, note the location of the dance has been changed! The dance will be held in the **Oak/Elm Rooms at the Marshall Center.**

### *Autumn Amble Dance Weel Done!*

Hoop skirts, pilots, clowns, and gentry – those are just some of the interesting costumes that appeared this year at Vancouver's Fall Dance, our "Autumn Amble", held October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Marshall Center. And who can forget "the Lady in Red"!

The already frolicsome tone of the evening was enhanced by the tune for the very first dance – a wonderful jig medley combining, among other tunes, "the Alfred Hitchcock theme" (The Funeral March of the Marionette) and the theme from the TV series, Leave It to Beaver! *Bravo!* to our musicians, Lisa Scott and Leslie Hirsch, who provided such great dance music that evening.

We capped the evening with a round of camaraderie and "finger foods" of great variety, from deviled eggs to Scottish scones (with real clotted cream!). Many thanks to all who brought so much to the dance -- we applaud you all!



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## Calendar of Events

- Nov 11 **Portland, OR - SCDance Party** – Tigard Grange, 13720 SW Pacific Hwy., Tigard, 7:30pm. \$4. For info: John 503-635-3885 blackjohns@aol.com, or Don 503-692-5963 dlertz@teleport.com
- Nov 11 **The Heather and Rose Country Dancers Harvest Ball** – Gerlinger Hall at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon; Music by Nutmegs and Ginger; Workshop at 1:30pm and Ball at 8pm. For information, call Beth Ryer at (541) 342-1663
- Nov 25 **Vancouver 50/20 Dance!** Celebrating Fred and Marge's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and 20 years of SCD in **Oak/Elm Rooms** at the Marshall Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. Vancouver, WA. **1:30pm**. For info, contact Geri 360-834-3757. *Note the changed location!*
- Dec 9 **Portland, OR - SCDance Party** – Tigard Grange, 7:30pm. \$4. For info: John 503-635-3885 blackjohns@aol.com, or Debbie 503-620-3034 mdmrob@integrityonline.com
- Dec 13 **Last Class (of Fall Term)** for the Vancouver class – hasn't the time just flown by! but wait, there's more, see the entry for Dec 20<sup>th</sup>!
- Dec 20 **Christmas Ceilidh**, (public invited!) 7:30-11pm at the Marshall Community Center, Oak/Elm Rooms, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd, Vancouver. Bring your ghillies, maybe a talent to share, and desserts and finger food for after the dance!
- Jan 3, 2001 **Winter Vancouver Class Starts – get ready to sign up** – the usual classrooms: Oak/Elm Rooms at the Marshall Community Center.
- Jan 13 **Portland, OR - SCDance Party** – Tigard Grange, 7:30pm. \$4. For info: John 503-635-3885 blackjohns@aol.com, or Debbie 503-620-3034 mdmrob@integrityonline.com
- Feb 10 **Portland, OR - SCDance Party** – Tigard Grange, 7:30pm. \$4. For info: John 503-635-3885 blackjohns@aol.com, or Debbie 503-620-3034 mdmrob@integrityonline.com
- Feb 17 **Vancouver Annual Dinner Dance** – Rudy Luepke Center (adjacent to the Marshall Center). 8:00pm. For info, contact Geri 360-834-3757.
- Mar 10 **Portland SCD Workshop/Ball** – teachers: Bruce & Jo Hamilton ·music: John Taylor and Lyle Ramshaw; other details are still being determined. Check the Ghillie Gazette or their web page for information as it becomes available: [www.PortlandScottishDancers.org](http://www.PortlandScottishDancers.org)

### *Browsing the Archives*

So, here we are at Volume 17, issue #3... Have you ever wondered what Volume 1, #1 was like? I did, so I began reading some of the first issues. What a "treasure trove"! For those, like me, who are unfamiliar with the history of our group, I thought I would occasionally reprint an early article. This month, the reprint at the right seems appropriate.

### *Do you have an item of Celtic interest you would like to see in print?*

You can contact me in any of the following ways:

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### *Editor's Notes*

This has been a very interesting year as well as very enjoyable. SCD is in a category by itself in that a novice (like me) can begin participating after only a few rudimentary lessons. If more folks knew how much fun they could have there might be no room left at the classes.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Marge and Fred Van Nus for devoting so much time and energy to SCD in just about every place in Washington and Oregon. THANK YOU!!! They truly are an inspiration (as well as very fast in their car). It is said that one will be successful if:

1. You know what your are doing.
2. You like what you are doing.
3. You believe what you are doing is worthwhile.

The Van Nus' are successful!

Patty and Gary Thoen.