



Guth na Dannairean Voice of the Dancers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is ever so slowly nudging a reluctant-to-depart Winter on its way. The tiny shoots now visible in my garden are encouraging signs that warmer, greener days may soon be ours! With the new season comes many exciting activities in the realm of Highland Dance, too.

The Spring Fling two-day workshop offers a great opportunity for dancers to tune-up their Highland technique, try out the strengthening capabilities of Pilates, and have fun with their fellow dancers. If you haven't registered yet, the form is available on our web site.

The Provincial Day competition, both the Championship and Closed events, are set for May 2nd in Regina. Entry forms are available from the dance teachers. The Championship is used to select the Saskatchewan representatives to the ScotDance Canada Championship Series, which is taking place in Toronto from July 1st to 5th. We wish our dancers all a personal best on Provincial Day!

The SHDA May competition is an excellent opportunity to try out the venue for the 2010 ScotDance Canada Championship Series [SDCCS 2010]. We are looking forward to giving the Field House a test drive, and hope to see all our SHDA dancers out in full force. In addition to a terrific competition, we are looking forward to a Pep Rally which will provide an exciting introduction to the plans for SDCCS 2010. You won't want to miss this!

Preparations for the Scottish Pavilion at Folkfest are about to get serious – we have our new organisational structure in place and are seeking volunteers for the area committees. Please see the Scottish Pavilion articles in this newsletter for further information. We are also seeking applicants for our two Youth Ambassador positions, nominations for our two Senior Ambassador positions, and applicants for the \$500 Folkfest Scholarships. See the Scottish Pavilion article for further information and deadlines.

I hope you and your dancers enjoy all the exciting opportunities coming up in the Highland Dance world in the next few months!

Flinging into Spring,
Elaine Baptie

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Dates to Remember:

April 18 & 19—Spring Workshop
May 2—Provincial Championships & Sask. Closed Competition
May 17—Regina Highland Games
May 23—Newsletter deadline
May 30—Saskatoon Open Competition
Aug. 13-15—FOLKFEST!!

FOLKFEST RAFFLE

The Scottish Pavilion at Folkfest will again be selling raffle tickets for a "Trip For Two To Scotland." Our prize is once again a \$3,000.00 travel voucher, plus \$500.00 cash, providing the winner travels to Scotland. The alternative prize is \$2,500.00 cash. The cost of the tickets are \$3.00 each, or 2 for \$5.00. People must be 18 years of age to purchase or to sell the tickets. The winner must take the trip to Scotland within one year of the draw date.

Last year, we had some success with having a raffle table set up on two weekends at The Mall at Lawson Heights. As well as some extra exposure for our raffle, this allowed people who needed to fulfill their Folkfest fund raising time an extra chance to do so, other than during Folkfest. This year, I have inquired at three malls as to the possibility of setting up a raffle table. "Lawson Heights" and "Market Mall" are the two possibilities for Saturdays, and "The Centre" would be a possibility for Sundays. As we did last year, I would hope to have some of our dancers performing a couple of sets. At this time, I have spoken to the mall representatives about the months of June and July. I am not looking at any time in August, but we could possibly consider the latter part of May. I would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in spending some time selling raffle tickets at the malls. The response that I get from our membership will determine how many times we will be setting up to sell our tickets.

Since we have to book the times we would like at the Malls, I would appreciate being contacted within the next couple of weeks by email at: "The5W.athome@sasktel.net", or you can leave a message on my cell phone at (306) 262-4421. I would also be interested in hearing from people in our membership who would be interested in selling raffle tickets before Folkfest. I look forward to hearing from you.

Lynn Wagner, Raffle Chairperson

FOLKFEST AMBASSADORS

Youth Ambassadors: Each year, two youth members of SHDA are given the opportunity to act as Youth Ambassadors for our Pavilion. In addition to participating in activities with the young ambassadors from other Folkfest pavilions, our ambassadors act as hosts to greet visitors to our pavilion with smiles, a friendly hello, and answers to any questions our guests may pose.

Youth Ambassadors must be SHDA members, between the ages of 15 and 21 years, with knowledge of Scottish culture and enthusiasm for meeting new people. Watch your e-mail for an application form with further details and deadline information.

Folkfest Scholarships: Folkfest awards up to three \$500 scholarships to active members of a cultural organisation who have demonstrated meaningful participation with that organisation and/or a pavilion. Leadership qualities, academics, volunteer efforts, and extra-curricular activities are all considered in selecting the recipients.

FOLKFEST AMBASSADORS continued

An e-mail will be sent out to members who could potentially be attending post-secondary education in the fall, or who might already be attending, with further details about applying for one of these awards. The deadline is June 5th.

Senior Ambassadors: This year, we would like to honour two people with the role of Senior Ambassador for our pavilion. We are looking for nominations of candidates who have made outstanding contributions to the enhancement of Scottish culture in the Saskatoon region. Please send your suggestions to me by April 25th, 2009.

Elaine Baptie

COMPETITIONS REPORT

Our February closed competition was a great success as we had 100 dancers. Helen Hay did a smashing job at her first time being competition chair – thank you Helen. The other parents that make up the competitions committee include: Simone Brown, Theresa Grocock, Deb Porter, Bronwen McRae, & Tammy Helgart. These ladies make the day run smooth so please pass on your appreciation to them. You will recognize them by their frazzled appearance on competition day.

Our next competition will be on May 30th and you don't want to miss out on this day. We are holding this event at the Saskatoon Field House. Why the heck are we using such a large venue – you ask? Good question Chimo (that's 'friend' in Inuit). Well, we are hosting the ScotDance Canada Championship Series (SDCCS – for short) in July 2010 at the Field House, and we want to test the venue and work out any kinks ahead of time. Also, at this May 30th competition we will be having a 2010 Pep Rally where we will unveil our logo and slogan along with the promotional poster that you will all have the opportunity of participating in if you submitted a photo. These posters will be available for sale at this competition so don't miss out!

What is the SDCCS that I keep hearing about?

You may hear dancers or parents asking one another, “Are you going to Canadians this year?” “I hear Saskatoon is hosting Canadians in 2010.” After hearing these phrases you might think that Canadians is only for the Provincial champions. Wrong, wrong, wrong – Canadians is for ALL levels of dancers. Canadians or more correctly - the SDCCS - is a 5 day event of highland dancing. Of these 5 days of highland dancing only 1 day is set aside for the Canadian Championships; the other 4 days include dancers from all over the world and all levels. Saskatoon will be hosting around 700 to 800 dancers for this event on July 7th – 11th, 2010 and you get to be part of the action.

Yours In Highland,
MJ Sherven

FOLKFEST UPDATE

Scottish Pavilion Volunteer Opportunities

As you may recall, SHDA is running the Scottish Pavilion at Folkfest as SHDA this year, rather than through the Saskatoon Scottish Societies. At the last SHDA meeting, a proposal was presented for a new structure within SHDA for planning and managing our hosting responsibilities. The Pavilion planning group will operate as a committee of SHDA, with one member sitting on the executive to provide regular reports to the Association.

The organisational positions include:

Pavilion Manager

Assistant Pavilion Manager

Secretary

Treasurer – SHDA Treasurer will handle the Pavilion finances, but an on-site Money Manager will be needed

Past Pavilion Manager

Kitchen [including sub-committees for Stirling Market & Volunteer Food]

Bar

Entertainment

Security

Passports

Raffle

Pavilion Operations [including facilities set-up, Kids' Corner, & Vendors]

Volunteer Co-ordinator

The first four positions must be held by Full members of our Association; at least three of the area committee heads must also be Full members. The remaining positions may be held by any member of SHDA. Committee members and other volunteers do not have to have an SHDA membership. All leadership positions can be held for a maximum of three consecutive years; this limit is intended to encourage the mentoring of new recruits, and the sharing of all the skills and knowledge that our members have to contribute to our Folkfest efforts.

Now that we have settled on an organisational structure, we need people to make the Scottish Pavilion a reality! Here's a brief overview of the leadership positions – please consider the area to which YOU would like to contribute. We do have some experienced volunteers who are returning, but we need people to learn about and to assist with all areas.

Assistant Pavilion Manager: help with the overall organisation and communication with the area committees; manage the sponsorship program.

Kitchen: assist with menu planning, ingredient sourcing, organising cooking bees; manage Stirling Market [lighter snacks & treats]; planning and organising food for the volunteers.

Bar: assist with selecting beverages and planning the operation of the bar according to provincial alcohol regulations.

FOLKFEST UPDATE *continued*

Entertainment: assist with the selection of performers, MCs, and stage assistants; creating the schedule; liaising with the sound engineer; drafting the scripts.

Security: plan adequate security coverage; ensure safety of venue; instruct security volunteers.

Passports: draft Pavilion passport script, in consultation with Pavilion Manager; liaise with Folkfest on passport production; supervise passport sellers; supervise entry volunteers.

Raffle: assist with obtaining license; work with printer to have ticket books created; arrange and supervise selling of tickets before and during Folkfest.

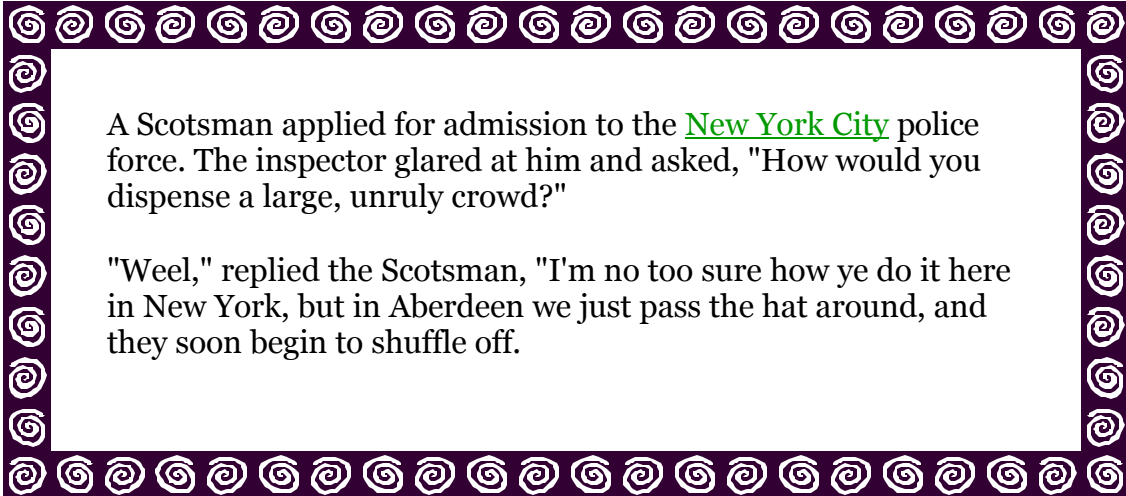
Pavilion Operations: liaise with venue; arrange for necessary rentals; in conjunction with Pavilion Manager, design pavilion layout; supervise set up and take down; sub-committee areas include planning activities for children visitors [Kids' Corner], and arranging for vendors to participate in the pavilion.

Volunteer Co-Ordinator: create a master list of volunteers for all areas of the pavilion; contact each SHDA member family to arrange volunteer shifts; contact other volunteers to fill volunteer shifts; manage volunteer entry table; act as on-site contact for volunteers.

Please consider sharing your expertise, your enthusiasm, and your great ideas as a member of one of these committees. The Scottish Pavilion is not just one of our major fundraising events – it's a terrific opportunity for SHDA to fulfill its goal of disseminating Scottish culture to the people of Saskatoon and area. And, no small thing – being involved in the Pavilion is fun AND leaves you with a tremendous sense of accomplishment!

Please watch your e-mail for a formal invitation to participate – this event belongs to US, and it's up to all of us to make it the best Scottish pavilion ever, as Folkfest celebrates its 30th year of entertaining thousands of people.

Looking forward to working with everyone,
Elaine Baptie
Pavilion Manager



A Scotsman applied for admission to the [New York City](#) police force. The inspector glared at him and asked, "How would you dispense a large, unruly crowd?"

"Weel," replied the Scotsman, "I'm no too sure how ye do it here in New York, but in Aberdeen we just pass the hat around, and they soon begin to shuffle off."

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The SHDA is pleased to offer a \$75 highland costume reimbursement to those members in good standing. The details are as follows: - to be eligible you must have met your bingo commitment.

- \$75 is available to each dancer with a Full Membership
- reimbursement will be given for new or used costumes (such as kilt, kilt socks, vest, jacket, aboyne outfit, ghillies/dance slippers, jig shoes, jig outfit, hornpipe outfit and fabric for any of the above costumes)
- receipts must be provided - if you are buying used, please provide a receipt from the seller
- receipts can be dropped off to Ronda Bolton, Treasurer, at 150 Delaven Cres, or by mail including a SASE for return of cheque. Please include your name, address and membership number.
- this offer will be good for items purchased between September 22, 2008 and May 31, 2009.

Cheryl Armbruster
Memberships, Saskatoon Highland Dancing Association

YOU'VE GOT MAIL – HERE'S HOW TO SEE IT!

As e-mail spammers become more inventive, and spam filters expand definitions to deal with unwanted e-mails, information that you DO want to receive can easily become trapped in junk e-mail folders. As many of you have discovered, our SHDA e-mails have fallen prey to this on several occasions.

E-mail is a convenient and quick method of communication, so we would like to do all that is possible to ensure that all our members receive notifications and information this way. Other forms of communication have their own issues. For example, phoning: can be time-consuming; messages are not necessarily received or passed along to the right person, whether left on a machine or delivered to a family member; and, not everyone has an answering service, so it's impossible to know who has caller ID and could return the call, and who does not. Using e-mail should ensure that everyone receives the same information quickly and efficiently.

While we may never completely eliminate the possibility of our distributed e-mails landing in the trash, we do want to provide some helpful hints to try to reduce this possibility. Adding the SHDA distribution list e-mails to your trusted senders should greatly reduce the likelihood that you may miss an important communication.

SHDA E- Mails:

Dance Out Co-ordinator – danceout@shda.ca

Membership Co-ordinator – memberships@shda.ca

General/Information – shda@shda.ca

YOU'VE GOT MAIL *continued*

Setting Up a Trusted Sender:

The first step, no matter what e-mail program or service you use, is to add these SHDA addresses to your Address Book or Contact list. This action lets your program know that you consider these senders to be safe. Don't worry, though – if a virus did happen to sneak into such an e-mail, the message would still be blocked. For some services, there are additional steps you can take:

If you have a sasktel.net e-mail, log in to your Message Center by clicking on **Spam filtering** on the list to the right of your login box, or go to <http://login.postini.com> and enter your e-mail address and password. Go to **My Settings** in the top right-hand corner, then select **Approve Senders** from the *Junk Settings* panel. You will see a list of approved senders in the left-hand box. To add the SHDA e-mails to this list, click at the end of any address there and hit Enter [or simply click in the box if there are no entries yet]. Type in the first address, hit Enter and type in the second address, and then do the same for the third address. Once you are done, click the **Update Approved Senders** button at the bottom of the box and these e-mails will be saved in your list. An amber message near the top of the page will confirm that changes have been saved. You should now be able to receive SHDA e-mails without difficulty. Please note that even if an address is on your approved list, if it contains a virus it will be filtered out.

If you use Microsoft Outlook, go to **Tools** and select **Options**. On the **Preferences** tab under the *E-Mail* section, click on the **Junk E-mail** button. Next, select the **Safe Senders** tab and click **Add**. In the box that opens up, type an e-mail address and click **OK**. Repeat for each address, then select **Apply** at the bottom of the Junk E-mail Options window. It is also helpful to check the 'Also trust e-mail from my Contacts' checkbox. Click OK and exit the Options window.

Other programs and services may have steps in addition to adding addresses to your contact lists that can help prevent the blocking of SHDA messages. I encourage you to explore the settings of your e-mail program to discover any other options that will help you to receive SHDA communications in a timely manner.

Finally, please remember to check your e-mail regularly. If the address you entered on your registration form is no longer the e-mail that you check frequently, please send your address change to memberships@shda.ca and your information can be updated.

Elaine Baptie

COSTUMES WANTED

I am looking for a sailor's hornpipe costume (or the pattern) that would fit a size 8-10 girl. If anyone has one for sale, you can reach me by email at vstreliaoff@yahoo.com or by phone at 978-0853.

Thanks, Vicki Streliaoff

COSTUMES FOR SALE

Dress Geen Scott Kilt \$575

Kilt made for size 28 inch waist, but is adjustable. Includes matching vest, blouse (size 36-38) and socks (size 8 1/2 foot). Worn only four times. Originally paid \$900 dollars less than a year ago.

Contact Bobbie Janzen at b.janzen@sasktel.net

Kiltie: Red/white (unsure of tartan pattern) that would fit a primary dancer aged 4-7; \$75. Call Vicki at 978-0853.

Kilt: Royal Cunningham – approx. 4.5 yards of tartan; waist 23” on smallest buckle setting to 24.5” – length 22” with minimal hem – worn from age 8 to 14

White National Dress: approximate ages 9 – 11; elastic waist -- 26” to 20”; skirt length – 21.5” with 3” hem; shoulder to waist – 14” \$20.00

Vest: Royal blue; chest – 25”; waist [over kilt] – 25”; shoulder to bottom of front point: 14.5”; back neck to centre point – 14.25”; with silver braid and buttons \$45.00

Vest: Royal blue; chest – 31”; waist [over kilt] – 27.5”; shoulder to bottom of front point: 17.5”; back neck to centre point – 17.25”; with silver braid and buttons \$55.00

Jacket: Royal blue, princess seams, for dancer with slight build, chest – 32”; waist [over kilt] – 28”; sleeve [underarm length] – 18.5” at maximum let-down; shoulder to bottom of front point – 21”; back neck to centre point – 20.25”; with silver braid and buttons; one small mark on front, not visible on stage \$75.00

Kilt socks: royal blue, cream, grey diamonds with black and turquoise lines; match tartans like Royal Cunningham and Menzies; foot length – 8.5”; leg length with folded cuff – 15”; calf [unstretched] – 8” \$45.00

Kilt socks: royal blue, cream, grey diamonds with black lines; match tartans like Royal Cunningham and Menzies; foot length – 6.75”; leg length with folded cuff – 14”; calf[unstretched] – 7.5” \$45.00

Highland slippers: #1 -- Hullachan Pro [red stitching, cushioned ball] – foot length approx. 7.75” -- \$35.00

#2 – **Hullachan** [black stitching, cushioned ball, elastics instead of laces] – foot length approx. 8” \$10.00

Please contact Elaine at tartan@sasktel.net

THANK YOU TO ALL!

I would like to sincerely thank the SHDA and it's members for the generosity and support they have provided me and my family through this difficult time. My surgery in Toronto went well, and although we are still awaiting some results, we continue to remain positive!

**Thanks again,
Heather Bonyng**

WORKSHOPS

Are you ready?

For a.....



**The Saskatoon Highland Dance Association
Presents....**

**Our Annual Spring Tune Up Workshop
April 18 and 19th
Albert Community Centre**

Registration form available on the SHDA website

**Volunteers needed for this weekend.
If you are interested please contact**

Cathryn Wood [477-0871](tel:477-0871)/thewoodsies@sasktel.net

BRUSH UP ON YOUR “SCOTTISH”!

1: What is snash? *

- a) coins, loose change
- b) insolent talk
- c) a dish of mashed potatoes

2: What is a williewaught? *

- a) a strong wind
- b) a deep draught of something
- c) a state of panic

3: What do you do when you wheech something? *

- a) wish for it
- b) wash it
- c) remove it

4: What do you do if you stravaig? *

- a) tell stories
- b) wander idly
- c) sing ballads

5: What is a stookie? *

- a) a sock or stocking
- b) a collectable sticker
- c) a plaster cast

Answers to last issue's quiz:

- 1 – **Pook** -- pluck
- 2 – **Fankle** -- a tangle
- 3 – **Glaur** -- mire
- 4 – **Bauchle** -- a worn-out or clumsy person
- 5 – **Fantoosh** -- fashionable or showy

Try to work as many of these words as possible into your next conversation! For example: McGregor, a right auld *bauchle*, attempted to *pook* a *fantoosh* outfit from the *fankle* of clothes that fell in the *glaur*. That ought to have people scratching their heads....



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Are proud to host the

ScotDance Canada Championship Series 2010

July 7th –11th

in

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan



Co Chairs: Kendra Jones McGrath & Wendy Wilson

Contact us at: SDCCS2010@shaw.ca

Future information for this event available at:

www.scotdancecanada.ca/SDCCS

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NEWSLETTER UPDATE

The end of the dancing year is coming near and with that, there is one more newsletter to publish for the 2008-09 season. As always, I am looking for all the news that's fit to print for the next newsletter. So..., if you have anything you wish to share with all of the SHDA members (costumes for sale, costumes wanted, recipes, anything else to do with dancing and all things Scottish), please send them to me on or before **Tuesday, May 19.**

A copy of the final newsletter will be available for pick up at the May 30 competition (Trying to be a true Scot and save money on postage!). Members who don't pick up their copies on that day will have them mailed so they won't miss out on the news.

Again, many thanks!!

Vicki Streliaff

Email: vstreliaff@yahoo.com

Wee Hughie came into the office an hour late for the third time in one week and found the boss waiting for him. "What's the story this time, Hughie?" he asked sarcastically. "Let's hear a good excuse for a change." "Wee Hughie sighed, "Everything went wrong this morning. The wife decided to drive me to the harbour. She got ready in ten minutes, but then the ferry didn't turn up. Rather than let you down, I swam across the river, ran over the mountain, borrowed a bicycle and cycled the 20 miles through the glen to this office." "You'll have to do better than that, Hughie," said his boss, disappointed. "No woman can be ready in ten minutes."