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Guth na Dannsairean - Voice of the Dancers
The Saskatoon Highland Dancing Association Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the dance year comes to a close, I would like to thank the Executive and their committees for all their hard work and support this year. We welcomed two new members to the executive. Thank you to Vicki Strelieff for taking on the position of Communications, and Simone Brown for maintaining the web site. If there are any other members interested in joining a committee or being involved in the Scottish Pavilion, please feel free to call any Executive member. We are very happy to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. On that note this is a reminder to the membership that the **Annual General meeting** for the Saskatoon Highland Dancing Association will be held on Monday May 28th at the Nutana Mennonite Church at 1701 Ruth Street, 7:00 pm. At this meeting the new executive is voted in for next year. Immediately following the annual meeting, the regular **General meeting** will be held. I encourage all members of the Association to attend so the executive can receive your feedback. For example, should bingo commitments be reduced and if so what are you willing cut back on to accommodate this reduced revenue? We also are looking at revising the membership commitment. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

The Muriel Boyle Award recipients this year are Kayleigh Berry, Eryn McDonald, and Carolyn Dunn. Congratulations ladies! There will be a trophy for this award that will be time shared each year between the winners. The Saskatoon Highland Dancing Association has donated a perpetual trophy with each name on it (past and present years). The Executive felt it very important to have all recipients of this award recorded for historical reference as well as a visual memorial of Muriel. I would also like to thank all the dancers that applied. It takes a great deal of time and effort to complete the application and write an essay.

There will be a travel bursary available this year instead of a funded trip. It will be available to **fundraising members** that have completed their **fundraising commitment for this year**. Bursary will be available **from June 30, 2007 to Sept. 30, 2007**. It is in the amount of a maximum of \$350.00 with receipts. In order to receive re-imburement, you must submit your receipts to the SHDA treasurer (Kelley Glass). It may be used towards any travel expenses incurred for competitions during this time frame. Items that will be re-imbursed for are, competition fees, hotel and meals for the dancer and fuel. Please call me if you have any questions.

Hope to see all at the May 26th competition and then at the Scottish Pavilion. Have a wonderful summer.

Sherry Hudson, President



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FOLKFEST 2007 (Update) AUGUST 16, 17 & 18, 2007

We all had such a great time last year with running the Scottish Pavilion, and it was such a huge success all around. People were so glad that we were back, the pavilion was full every night with great entertainment (Dancers & pipe bands), lots of good food (yummy haggis) and wonderful people, that we are going ahead and doing it again this year. First, thank you to everyone who volunteered last year, either on a committee, helping a committee, dancing or volunteering your valuable time, for without your help there wouldn't be a pavilion. With that said, we are looking for eager volunteers again for this year. Volunteers are what make our pavilion a success. We are all excited about this year being that we are all a little bit more experienced in running a successful pavilion that we want to continue with that success. The Scottish Pavilion will again be at the Prairieland Park, in the same hall as last year. We look forward to seeing you all again this year, so please come and join us in anyway you can.

The Scottish Society executive is as follows:

Pavilion Manager Kelley Glass 665-7665
Asst. Pavilion Manager Elaine Baptie 373-7659
Secretary Debbie Porter 249-1354
Treasurer Elaine Hollman 955-5540

Entertainment Heather Muirhead 955-9930
Sherry Hudson 653-1238

Decor Cheryl Armbruster 384-1185
Bar Rachelle Lockwood 244-2790
Passports Morag Wagner 306-225-4421
Raffle Lynn Wagner 306-225-4421
Kitchen Sandra Northrup 373-2910
Tangyne Berry 374-8837
Security Ron McLean 978-4674
Claude Pinel

Games Gene Porter 249-1354
Boutique Cindy Dunn 343-5884

**The Scottish Pavilion
Ambassadors for 2007
are:**

Youth Ambassadors
Vicky Glass
Lindsey Wagner

Adult Ambassadors
Ronda Bolton
Elaine Baptie

*Please contact any of the above people if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you.
Pavilion Manager, Kelley Glass



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PROVINCIAL DAY CHAMPIONSHIP, MAY 5, 2007

The Saskatoon Highland Dancing Association congratulates all dancers who participated in this year's Provincial Day Championship held on Saturday, May 5th, especially those who will be representing Saskatchewan at the ScotDance Canada Championship Series in Saint John, New Brunswick in July. The Saskatchewan Representatives are:

Melissa MacDonald (Regina) -- 1st Representative, 7 years - under 10 years
Layne Kearns (Regina) -- 1st Representative, 10 years - under 12 years
Sarah Catterick (Caronport) -- 2nd Representative, 10 years - under 12 years
Wyatt Cowell (Star City) -- 3rd Representative, 10 years - under 12 years
Kellie MacDonald (Regina) -- 1st Representative, 12 years - under 14 years (Champion)
Melissa Tholl (Regina) -- 2nd Representative, 12 years - under 14 years
Eryn McDonald (Saskatoon) -- 3rd Representative, 12 years - under 14 years
Amanda Kolbinson (Saskatoon) -- 1st Representative, 14 years - under 16 years (Champion)
Lauren Coulthard (Regina) -- 2nd Representative, 14 years - under 16 years
Margaret Ellis-Young (Saskatoon) -- 3rd Representative, 14 years - under 16 years
Natasha Reikoff (Saskatoon) -- 1st Representative, 16 years - under 18 years (Champion)
Brooklyn Tchozewski (Calgary) -- 2nd Representative, 16 years - under 18 years
Carolyn Dunn (Saskatoon) -- 3rd Representative, 16 years - under 18 years
Desmond Worfolk (Regina) -- 1st Representative, 18 years and over (Champion)
Ryan Scott (Regina) -- 2nd Representative, 18 years and over
Annette Summerfield (Regina) -- 3rd Representative, 18 years and over



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DANCE-OUT UPDATE

Another season of dance-outs is quickly coming to an end. This year we started off with our dancers performing at Folkfest. We are excited about having this performance venue back and look forward to everyone signing up for this year's event on August 16, 17, and 18. To date the dancers have entertained at nine events throughout the city. We had several more requests but unfortunately we had to cancel due to a shortage of dancers participating. At all events we attend the dancers come away with a sense of pride in all the hard work they have put in to dance and also genuine pride in their Scottish ancestry or for those from a mix of cultures an honour to be a part of highland dance here in Saskatoon. The opportunities afforded the Saskatoon Highland Dancing Association to perform before a group of six to several hundred is a benefit not all performing groups have, we encourage all to participate.

We want to wish all members a summer of relaxation and warmth!

Cheryl Armbruster & Heather Muirhead
SHDA Dance-Out Committee

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AN LÀRACH-LÌN SPLOERER (The Website Explorer)

["http://www.airsplooid.co.uk/"](http://www.airsplooid.co.uk/) - learn Gaelic—for kids

["http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/alba/foghlam/beag_air_bheag/"](http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/alba/foghlam/beag_air_bheag/) - Gaelic for beginners

["http://www.rampantscotland.com/"](http://www.rampantscotland.com/) - great place for learning everything Scottish

www.scottishdance.net/ - has a lot of dance resources



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WANTED

For the next newsletter, I'm looking for submissions (deadline October 12) for the following:

- Costumes for sale
- Experienced seamstresses to advertise their services for costume making and alterations
- Dates and times for special events for the calendar

Also, please email me (vstreliaff@yahoo.com) with any short jokes, humorous anecdotes, etc. relating to Scottish dancing/heritage that I can add in (only clean ones please!).

Thank you.
Vicki Streliaff, Communications





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 28	SHDA General Meeting, Nutana Mennonite Church, 7:00 p.m.
June 10 & 11	Canada Open Championship and competition, Winnipeg, MB
July 4 to 8	ScotDance Canada Championship Series, Saint John, NB
August 16, 17, 18	≡FOLKFEST≡
August 21	Heather's School of Highland Dance Registration, 7 p.m. (check website for further details - www.members.shaw.ca/hlbonynge/)
August/ September	Wilson School of Highland Dance registration, TBA
September 1	Calgary Highland Games
September 2	Canmore Highland Games
September 24	SHDA Registration night
October 12	Deadline for newsletter submissions

