



# Guth na Dannsairean

## The Voice of the Dancers

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### Important Dates:

*May 28* – Saskatoon Competition at the Bessborough Gardens

*May 30* – SHDA Annual General Meeting

*June 12* – Minifest – German Club

*July 3 – 7* – Scotdance Canadian Championship Series, Antigonish, Nova Scotia

## President's Report

As April included National Volunteer Appreciation Week, this seems like an ideal time to acknowledge the efforts of all those who offer their time to the SHDA. No matter the size of the job, all volunteers are vital to the smooth functioning of the Association. Whether organizing competitions or workshops, publishing the newsletter, sitting on the executive, or filling a shift at a competition, every member has a role to play in helping to make the SHDA's activities a success. On behalf of the executive, I would like to thank all the SHDA volunteers for their efforts throughout this dance year.

Knowing that we have such a great pool of potential volunteers brings me to a very important point – encouraging members to step up to offer their talents for the SHDA Executive Committee for the 2011-2012 dance year. We have several positions open,

primarily due to existing members having served their three-year limits. But don't let that scare you off: each position is a one-year term, so you don't need to make a long-term commitment – unless you want to, of course! Please see the list of position descriptions in this newsletter and consider which one might be right for you. The SHDA has been a very successful organization in supporting Highland Dancers and creating interesting opportunities for them; with a healthy bank balance, we can continue to do so, but only if we have active volunteers who are interested in having a say in the Association's affairs. Please volunteer for one of the executive positions – we saw the amazing organizational results at SDCCS 2010 so we know you are up to these tasks! Our Annual General Meeting and Members' General Meeting is scheduled for

Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. In addition to electing the new executive, we will be looking for ideas for new activities to support with our funds earned from hosting SDCCS 2010. Mark your calendar, and check the meeting notice for the special draws and other events!

Regards,  
Elaine Baptie

## Competitions

Our February Closed competition was a big success! The dancers in all status levels, except Primary, were able to earn some money while competing in the sword. This should give the younger dancers a taste of things to come when they enter the Premier level as many competitions offer dancers 16 & over cash awards. Even though the February competition is a Closed competition and has fewer dancers there are so many more awards to be presented making it the longest competition of our 3 that we host because we offer the long version of

dances ~ 6 step sword instead of 4 step sword. The reason for this? To help our Premier dancers get prepared for Championship competitions and Provincial Day. Provincial Day was May 7<sup>th</sup> in Regina. The morning of this competition was the selection meet for Canadians. The top 3 dancers in each of the 6 age groups will advance to the Canadian Championships being held in Antigonish, Nova Scotia this summer. The afternoon of May 7<sup>th</sup> was a competition for all levels of dancers. Our next competition that SHDA will be hosting will be our outdoor Open Competition being held in the beautiful

Bessborough Gardens. The entry form is out so please make sure you enter this competition. Be a part of action on the Saskatchewan Riverbanks on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Bring your lawn chairs, umbrellas (sun shade), money and Celtic pride as we open up the piping airwaves to Saskatoon. There will be a bit of an entry fee for all people entering the gardens except the dancers.

We look forward to seeing you all at the competitions!

Yours in Highland,  
MJ Sherven



Erika, Adrienne and Alexandrina – Muriel Boyle Award Winners 2010



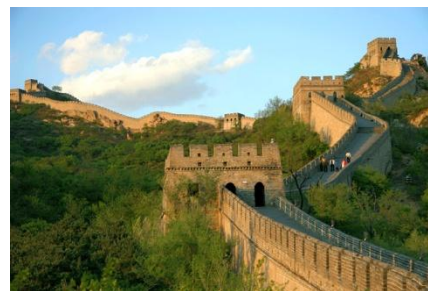
Morgan and Sarah Cakewalk Partners February Competition 2011

## Destinations

Want to know where Highland Dancing can take you?

At the end of May, two of our SHDA dancers will be traveling to Chengdu, China to perform at the third International Intangible Cultural Heritage Festival for 9 days. These dancers are among 25 dancers in total who will be performing alongside 10 pipers from

the U.K. How crazy - exciting is that? The 2 dancers from our organization that will be performing are: Elizabeth McCorkell and Erika Sherven. Another former member of SHDA will also be performing with them ~ Kendra Jones McGrath. Have a wonderful time ladies and make some memories.



## Dance Outs

A reminder that once each dancer is completed their required three dance outs, their name will be entered into a draw for prizes. Once you have complete your three dance outs, your name goes into the draw each time you participate in a dance-out. Congratulations to Katie F as she won the February draw for movie

theatre passes. The next draw will be at the May 28<sup>th</sup> competition in the Bessborough Gardens for more movie theatre passes.

The Grand prize draw will be September for an Ipod!! Mark your calendars for Sunday June 12. The German club is sponsoring Minifest again. More details to follow.

Theresa Grocock  
Dance Out Coordinator  
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Save the Children Dance Out at Market Mall

# Saskatchewan Provincial Day 2011



"Provincials" are held by the Saskatchewan Highland Dancing Association which is comprised of representatives from each member local association. This includes Saskatoon, Regina, Quill Lake, North Battleford and Lloydminster Highland Dancing Associations.

A rotating event, this year was hosted in Regina on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>.

A very exciting addition to this years event was the unveiling of our new Championship perpetual trophies for each class from Champion to 5<sup>th</sup> runner-up. This was made possible due to generous donations.

Saskatoon Highland Dancing Association sponsored the Champion, 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up trophies for both the 12 and under 14yrs and the 16 and under 18 yrs classes.

These cups will help ensure the history of highland dance continues in Sask. Winners names going back to 1968 are included on these trophies. Next year be sure to check them out prior to the awards ceremony and see if you recognize any names on them.



## Provincial Championships

The Provincial Championships started off the morning. In this competition premier dancers compete in preset age groups for the honor of representing Saskatchewan at the ScotDance Championships Series being held this year in Antigonish, Nova Scotia in July. The top three dancers from each age category are sent to Antigonish as our representatives and dance with the best dancers across Canada in the Canadian Inter-Provincial Championships. The results for members of the Saskatoon Highland Dancing Association are as follows:

### **Premier 10 & Under 12**

Fourth Runner-Up – Pamela Wayman

### **Premier 14 & Under 16**

Third Runner-Up – Katie Wood

Fifth Runner-Up – Meghan Lett

### **Premier 16 & Under 18**

Champion - Eryn McDonald

First Runner-Up – Brooke Hanna

Second Runner-Up – Jamie Bolton

Third Runner-Up – Shonah Runalls

Fourth Runner-Up – Marin McRae

### **Premier 18 & Over**

Champion – Natasha Reilkoff

Fourth Runner-Up – Erika Sherven

Fifth Runner-Up – Anne Kendall



The Parade of Champions including a celebratory "Fling" by all the provincial representatives opened the afternoon events with the Provincial Closed Competition attended by over 100 dancers from all competition categories from around the province.

**Plan to attend Provincial Day 2012 in Saskatoon on May 5th!!**

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### Workshops

The 2011 Spring Tune Up was held on April 30 and May 1 at the Albert Community Centre. A total of 42 dancers participated in the weekend workshop this year, and one dance teacher signed up for a Bhangra class. The dance teachers this year were Sue McCarrol and Dana Gamache. For primary, beginner and novice dancers, they had the opportunity to do Taekwondo Saturday morning, and the intermediate and premiers tried Bhangra in the afternoon. Saturday afternoon the primaries and beginners did a Mother's Day

craft. Thank you to everyone who helped out during the weekend. The next workshop will be after the November competition.

Vicki Strelloff



Dancers at the February Workshop at Dance Saskatchewan



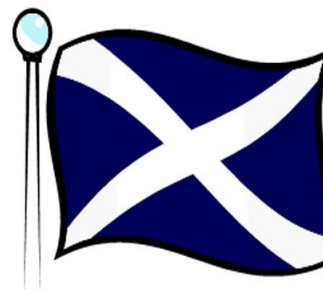
### Folkfest Volunteers Needed

Folkfest is August 18, 19, and 20<sup>th</sup> this year!

Do you prefer to work in the kitchen, the bar, Sterling Market? Where is your favourite place to work?

We are looking for volunteers for various positions. Remember that all SHDA members need to volunteer 16 hours at Folkfest to fulfill their membership requirements.

Contact Terrie at [terrie.al@sasktel.net](mailto:terrie.al@sasktel.net) early to get your choice of shifts.



### Folkfest Scholarship Available

Any SHDA member dancers who are entering or continuing post-secondary education this fall are invited to apply for one of the two \$500 scholarships being offered by Folkfest Saskatoon.

**Application Deadline:**  
5:00 p.m., Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

#### Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must be attending a post-secondary institution in the Fall of 2011. (Post secondary includes all

education following high school. This may include, but is not limited to: Universities, Colleges, Technical Institutes, Bible or cultural schools – language, dance, etc.)

**The applicant must have strong present or past involvement with a Folkfest pavilion or cultural organization.**

**The applicant must be an active member of a cultural organization or have demonstrated**

**culture and heritage through multi-cultural involvement in your school, community, or city.**

**The applicant must show strength in the areas of leadership, academics, volunteer work and/or extra-curricular activities.**

**The applicants must show integrity and a sense of pride in their cultural heritage.**

Submit the following to the Folkfest Office:

**A letter describing your cultural involvement, extra-curricular activities, community and volunteer experience.**

**A copy of a recent high school/post-secondary transcript. (up to 2 years prior is acceptable)**

**A Letter of Reference**

Good luck to all the applicants!



# SHDA Annual General Meeting

## & MEMBERS' GENERAL MEETING

1701 Ruth Street E. [Nutana Park  
Mennonite Church]

MONDAY, MAY 30th, 7:30 p.m.

DRAWS! Three lucky winners will receive a free registration for all three Saskatoon competitions, the two competition workshops, and the Spring Tune-Up for 2011-12!

Don't miss out — you must be in attendance to win.

Photos: The SHDA group photographs that were taken in the fall will be available for pick up.

Agenda items include:

- Reports on the year
- Executive elections
- Planning for next year, including membership benefits

Be in  
attendance to win!  
Draws for free registration  
to SHDA  
competitions and workshops!

## Costumes For Sale

FOR SALE : SPRING  
CLEANING

1 white lilt dress size 8/10  
1 green jig dress size 12  
2 navy horn pipes size 12  
1 aboyne : skirt plaide and  
vest blue size 14  
1 blue highland vest size 10

1 black national vest size 12  
burgundy highland vest &  
kiltie (navy Stewart) size  
10/12

Contact Terrie  
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## Newsletter

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As you can see, our dancers have had a busy winter/spring season and are looking forward to the many opportunities that Highland Dancing has to offer. The winner of our Spring Photo Contest is Brooke H who has submitted a photo from the recent Provincial Day in Regina and has won a \$100 gift card from Best Buy. With Provincial Day behind us we look towards our Canadian Championships held in Nova Scotia this year and as well Folkfest. Stay tuned for further information regarding Folkfest and volunteer opportunities. Plan to attend our Annual General meeting at the end of this month. For all in attendance, there will be a draw for all Saskatoon Competition and Workshop fees for the 2011/2012 year.



## Share Your Skills and Talents With the SHDA

The coming of spring means just one thing for the SHDA – it's time to renew our Executive Council. **Please, don't stop reading!** We know you have talents, skills, and expertise to share – we saw what that combined power could do in amazing events such as SDCCS 2010, so you can't hide now! What better way to put all these abilities to use than being involved in an organization that benefits your dancers directly?

The SHDA is a volunteer, parent-run organization that strives to maximize the opportunities

available to Highland dancer members to experience the best that the Highland Dance world has to offer. A key part of this equation is the volunteer efforts of all the adult members. With the success of SDCCS 2010, including financial success, SHDA has the opportunity to continue to create exciting options for the dancers. You can be a part of that decision-making process as a member of the SHDA executive team! Please check over the list of executive positions attached to this newsletter and see which one would be the best fit for you. We currently have no

nominations for the following: Treasurer, President, Communications, Provincial Representative, and Dance Outs. Members with experience in these positions are more than willing to assist new executive members with any questions, so you will have lots of help available. Don't be shy – put your name forward and join a great team! Questions? Want to let your name stand? Just send an e-mail to me at [tartan@sasktel.net](mailto:tartan@sasktel.net)! Did I mention that we NEED YOU???????

Thanks,  
Elaine Baptie,  
President



Spring Photo Contest Winner Brooke H. Submission from Provincial Day May 7, 2011 in Regina.

## Memberships

Inch by inch, row by row,  
gonna watch our membership  
grow....

A warm welcome to new SHDA members -- Lisa P, Elizabeth M and Tricia M. (with apologies to The Garden Song by David Mallett).

Susan Murphy  
Membership  
Coordinator



Katie, Jamie, Brooke, Eryn and Shonah. Submitted by Brooke H Provincial Day 2011.