

Loch Michigan Scottish Country Dancers

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The Annual General Meeting: Don't forget that the AGM will be held this Sunday, May 21, 1989, at 5:00 pm. at the Fox Center in Oak Park, Illinois. We will be electing officers for next year as well as reviewing this last year and planning for the next. Be sure to attend. We will have some social dancing afterwards. The childrens' class, normally scheduled for 5:00 will be held concurrent with the adults' class this Sunday.

The Chicago Area Workshop is just a few weeks off. The location is new, but the quality of the event is just better than ever. Northern Illinois University (at DeKalb) is providing the facilities, Bob Grant from Scotland and Canadians Georgina Finlay and John Middleton will be teaching the classes, while music is provided by Boston's Tullochgorum. The workshop committee will be sponsoring a Baby Picture Contest. Please give a baby picture and an adult picture of yourself to Bill Moorhead who is coordinating the contest. Prizes will be awarded. Volunteers are needed for both hospitality and for decorations--please see Christine Spuhler or Bill Moorhead if you can help.

The Saint Andrew (Chicago) Highland Games will be held Saturday, June 17th at the Glendale Polo Club in Glendale Heights, Illinois. The grounds at the polo club are much more spacious than at the Scottish Home where the games were held last year, and as a result, the games have many more planned activities. The music, dancing, and pageantry will be spectacular! The Branch Demo Team has been invited to perform about noon.

A Country Dance Ball will be held at 8:00, June 16th, the night before the games, at the York Community High School in Elmhurst. Tullochgorum, our fabulous workshop band, will return to Illinois to play for the Ball. Discounted Early Bird Tickets can be purchased by mail from the St. Andrew Society. Make checks payable to:

Scottish Festivals, Inc.

and mail to: 1989 Illinois Saint Andrew Highland Games
28th and DesPlaines Avenue
North Riverside, Illinois 60546

Tickets at the door will be \$10 (\$5 for spectators). Tickets by mail are \$8 (\$4 for spectators). If you don't have a copy of the dance program, see Bill Moorhead; he's chairman of the event.

A Ball Walk-Through will be held on Thursday, June 8th, 7 pm., at the Marie Irwin Center, at Highland Avenue and Ridge Road in Homewood. Come and practice the dances ahead of time and you'll have more fun on Saturday the 16th.

Other SCD Workshops include:

Montreal June 9 - 11
Cincinnati June 10 (Ladies Step dance)
Pinewoods (Mass) July 7 - 10, 10 - 15
Nova Scotia July 9 - 16
Newfoundland (Newfie Encounter) Aug 4 - 6
(Say hello to Martin.)

Other nearby Highland Games include:

Alma, Michigan May 27th
Glasgow, Kentucky June 3rd
Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 3rd
Fort Wayne, Indiana July 15th

Dave, Avril, and Ralf Quarrie will soon be leaving us. Dave has found a wonderful position in Virginia; they have sold their home, and will be moving before the end of the summer. A going away party for them will be held at the home of Ken and Peg Schoon on Saturday, July 1st. Dinner will be potluck; Laurie Walter will be coordinating the delectable contributions.

Our Summer Schedule begins on Sunday, June 11th. Classes in the summer are more casual than during the rest of the year. We give our teachers well-deserved time off, while other members of the branch try their hand at teaching. The Fox Center is air conditioned, so we should be dancing every Sunday.

The Scottish Home Picnic, July 29th, is a fun-filled, all-day, informal get-together on the shady grounds of the Scottish Home in North Riverside. You can bring your own lunch or purchase Scottish goodies from various booths. Several vendors will be on hand to sell you Scottish records, tapes, clothing, and other simply-can't-do-without products. Country and Highland dancing, Pipes and Drums, and other entertainment will be provided. Best deal of the summer!

The Children's SCD class has been very successful. Many thanks to Ingrid Kendall and Bill Morehead for their wonderful teaching (as well as their patience). Please remember that this class on Sunday May 21st will be held after the AGM.

The Inter-City Scot is a bi-monthly listing of Scottish Country Dance events in North America. Subscriptions are only \$3.50 a year. Ellie Briscoe (at 6 West Luray Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301) is the editor.

Need a house-sitter? Don't fret about leaving your palace empty while away this summer, Suzie Kinsman is available for house or apartment sitting.

CALENDAR:

May 21	Annual General Meeting	5:00, Fox Center, Oak Park
June 2 - 4	Chicago Branch Weekend	Northern Illinois University
June 16	Illinois St. Andrew Games Ball	8:00, York Community High School
July 1	Going-Away Party for the Quarries	The Schoons', Munster, Indiana
June 17	Illinois St. Andrew Highland Games	Glendale Polo Club
July 29	Scottish Home Picnic	Scottish Home, North Riverside

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