

Tartan Press

Newsletter of The Manitoba Highland Dancers Association

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President's Message

I would like to start the New Year by talking about those individuals who support the dancers but we may not see at the competitions. Mainly I am talking about the behind the scenes work the Dads do. Highland moms are everywhere at competitions, doing hair, changing costumes, volunteering, giving emotional support and enjoying the company of other moms.

While many Dads do attend competitions, they often sneak in sit at the back and watch their daughters or sons. However, it is these people who move the judges platforms and chairs when it is needed, transport and set up the sound system, set up the banners, turn on the coffee for the volunteers, transport boxes of trophies from one location to another, clean up after rain etc. at outdoor venues and act as emergency repair men and gophers through out competitions. So thanks Dads – you are an important part of our organization.

Cathy Domke
President



One Individual Can Make a Difference!

Have you noticed the lollipop tree that is located near the number return every competition? Many dancers hand in their number receive their loonie and spend it on a lollipop. This is a fundraising initiative of Rita Campbell. She brings the lollipops to each competition and ensures there is sufficient amount. The lollipop tree raised a whopping \$354.76 for MHDA last year. This money goes into our general operating fund, which is used to fund the competitions.

Thank you Rita!

MHDA 2006 Tartan Tea

The annual tea was a huge success thanks to the hard work of Caroline Spellman and Sharon Leonard. The afternoon was very festive and once again the dancing superb. Thanks to all the dance schools who participated. There were a few changes to the tea including a return to china cups and more dancers serving the tables which all the dancers I spoke to seem to enjoy. There were also many door prizes and a beautiful print, which was donated. It was nice to have so many sponsors of the event.



Special Guests at the Tartan Tea

Although the final numbers are coming in, the Scottish auction did well, the bake table sales were up significantly and the other areas did well. While the ticket revenue was down this is partly due to the decrease in members currently in MHDA.

Overall, a great afternoon was had by all. Thanks for your support.

New MHDA Honourary Member - Donna Cram

Dancer - Teacher - Judge - Builder

We were very pleased to announce at the Tartan Tea that Donna Cram had been made the newest MHDA Honourary Member. Donna is very worthy of this honour due to her significant contributions to Highland Dance as a dancer, teacher, judge and builder of the sport.

During her long career as a dancer, Donna was one of (if not the) most successful Manitoba highland dancers:
10 time Manitoba Adult Champion
4 time Canadian Adult Champion
4 time Canadian Open Champion
Intercontinental Adult Champion
Commonwealth Adult Champion
3rd runner-up in the Juvenile World Championship and
1st runner-up in the Adult World Championship.

Donna says that besides her many championship wins, one of her best memories as a dancer was the opportunity she had to tour Canada and the U.S. for 3 months with Andy Stewart and the White Heather Concert.

Donna began teaching while she was still competing herself and is now teaching her second generation of dancers.

Donna becomes much more than just a teacher to her students. Leading by example and

setting high standards, both in dance and in life, for herself and her dancers, Donna becomes a mentor to her students.

The profound effect that Donna has on her students is exemplified by the success they have had in competition, in school and in their careers.



Donna as Canadian, Mid-Canada
Champ



Donna & the SDCCS 2004 Steering Committee at the
plaque presentation at the Winnipeg Convention Centre

As Co-Chair of the ScotDance Canada Championship Series held in Winnipeg in 2004, Donna's leadership helped make this one of the most successful Championship Series ever, both in terms of organization and funds raised. Due to the financial success of the series, scholarships are being put in place that will benefit dancers for many years to come and MHDA has reserves that will assist with operations until the next

Championship Series is held in Winnipeg once again. Donna was instrumental in leaving this legacy for MHDA.

Donna has also given back to highland dancing by becoming a judge and an SDTA examiner. Donna says she is looking forward to her years as an examiner as examiners seem to continue on, well into their twilight years!



Donna Cram dancing at the World
Highland Dancing Championships in
Cowal, Scotland

Donna says that her major delights in all her dancing years have been her students and the goals they have set and accomplished, as well as the opportunity highland dancing has given her to travel throughout North America and Scotland while dancing, teaching and judging.

Donna's love for and commitment to highland dance is obvious through all that she has done and accomplished and through the mentorship of her students, Donna has ensured that her love for highland dancing is being passed on to future generations.

We are very pleased to be able to thank Donna for all she has done for highland dancing in Manitoba by making Donna an honorary member of MHDA!

Dancing at the Dragon Boat Races!



Dragon Boat Races

In September we were invited to dance at the Canadian Cancer Society's Dragon Boat Festival. It was lots of fun timing our dancing so the sound of the bagpipes didn't interfere with the announcing of the races!

In October we danced again for a good cause at the L'Arche Fundraising Evening. L'Arche is an organization, which assists mentally disabled people. We had fun watching their fashion show just prior to our performance.

We also had the opportunity to dance for the Investors Group employees during their cultural week in October, at the St. Andrew's Society Dinner in November, the University of Winnipeg 40th anniversary kick-off, the Clan Ross Dinner, Amber Meadows Nursing Home, Riverview Health Centre and Burns Club Dinner in January.



University of Winnipeg 40th anniversary kick-off

It has been a busy time for dance outs - but they are a great opportunity to promote highland dancing as well as a way to give back to our community.

A big thank you to all dancers & their parents who participated in these dance-outs.

Reagan Robertson

For Sale

You can now post your sale items online at a new yahoo group started by Cheryl Andre

<http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/MBhighlanddance/>

Dress Nova Scotia kilt, blue and gold vest and tartan hose.
Would fit a 8-12 year old.

This kilt is in beautiful condition and was made locally.
Green national vest approx. size child 7.
Please call Cathy @ 488-1341.

Complete outfit for younger beginner dancer - includes kilt, blouse, socks, a small and a medium sized vest.

All for \$200!

Contact Susanne at 896-4886 or srobertson@datamark.ca

Wanted: Green jig shoes, girls size 5-6.
Contact Heather @ 837-1890

Red Jig Shoes - Excellent Condition - Size 3 - \$35

Hornpipe Outfit age 8-11 - \$40

Blue Velvet Highland Jacket age 8-11 - \$75

Dress Nova Scotia Hose age 8-11 - \$60.

Dress Blue Erskine Highland Outfit

(Kiltie, Vest, Hose, Blouse) age 5 to 10 - \$200.00

Contact Laureen Wreggitt 231-0759 lwreggitt@mts.net

Medal Board Making Supplies

Free to anyone interested

Approximately 6 pre-cut wooden shapes, black velvet and paper patterns

Please contact Deanne Magnus

795-7731 or dcmagnus@hotmail.com

FOR SALE
NEW DANCE COSTUMES

National & Highland vests
National outfits
Jig dresses
Various colours, sizes 8-16

Contact: Judy 837-5266

Out of Town Results

Lynn Stephen School		
Regina May 21, 2006		
(Reprinted due to errors and omissions)		
Primary 4		
Camryn Watson	2 nd	Pas de Basques
	1 st	Pas de Basques & High cuts
Primary 5		
Taryn Watson	3 rd	Pas de Basques
	4 th	Pas de Basques & High cuts
Primary 6		
Alexandra Kaskiw	1 st	Pas de Basques
	3 rd	Pas de Basques & High cuts
Noelle Wood	5 th	Pas de Basques
	2 nd	Pas de Basques & High cuts
Primary 4 - 6		
Alexandra Kaskiw	3 rd	Fling
	2 nd	Sword
Beginner 11 & Over		
Caitlin Sage	1 st	Fling
	1 st	Sword
	1 st	Seann Triubhas
	1 st	Lilt
	1 st	Flora
		Trophy Winner
Karin Douglass	5 th	Fling
	2 nd	Sword
	2 nd	Seann Triubhas
	6 th	Flora
Sarah Douglass	3 rd	Fling
	4 th	Sword
	4 th	Seann Triubhas
	2 nd	Flora
Novice 10 & Under		
Courney Tottle	2 nd	Sword
	6 th	Seann Triubhas
	2 nd	Lilt
	1 st	Flora
Kelsey Wog	1 st	Fling
	1 st	Sword
	1 st	Seann Triubhas
	1 st	Lilt
	2 nd	Flora
		Trophy Winner
Robyn Johnson	5 th	Seann Triubhas
Kailey Atkinson	4 th	Seann Triubhas
	4 th	Lilt
	5 th	Flora
Alexandra Bairos-Novak	2 nd	Fling
	4 th	Sword
	3 rd	Seann Triubhas
	4 th	Flora

Intermediate 12 & Over		
Leah Gilchrist	2 nd	Fling
	5 th	Seann Triubhas
	1 st	Lilt
	3 rd	Flora
Breanne Borowski	2 nd	Sword
	1 st	Seann Triubhas
	3 rd	Lilt
	2 nd	Flora
Saskatoon Open Competition May 27, 2006		
Novice 9 & Under		
Courney Tottle	3 rd	Fling
	1 st	Sword
	1 st	Seann Triubhas
	1 st	Reel
		Trophy Winner
Highland by the Rockies		
ScotDance Canada Championship Series 2006		
July 1-5th, 2006		
Intermediate 14 & Over		
Leah Gilchrist	3 rd	Reel
	5 th	Flora
Calgary's Highland Gathering		
September 2nd, 2006		
Novice 7, 8, & 9		
Kelsey Wog	1 st	Fling
	1 st	Sword
	3 rd	Lilt
	1 st	Flora
		Trophy Winner
Canmore Highland Games		
September 3rd, 2006		
9 & Under		
Kelsey Wog	1 st	Fling
	4 th	Sword
	6 th	Lilt
	1 st	Flora
		Trophy Winner
Saskatoon Highland Dancing Association		
Open Competition Nov. 25th, 2006		
Novice 10 & Under		
Alexandra Bairos-Novak	1 st	Fling
	1 st	Sword
	1 st	Reel
	1 st	Flora
		Trophy Winner

Submissions to the Tartan Press

Items to be published in the Tartan Press will be accepted up to two weeks prior to every M.H.D.A. competition.

Items may be sent by email to:

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