

# Tartan Press

Newsletter of The Manitoba Highland Dancers Association

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way of managing our organization. The executive is beginning to look at many ways to decrease costs and increase revenue so that we can put the situation back on track. I am on side for this of course but I personally want the organization to keep in mind that we also need growth in members. It is not hard to imagine the benefits that would come to running our organization if we had more members. Both our financial goals and our other goals could be more easily met. This can be achieved if our membership adopts it as a common goal.

George Hamilton,  
President Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association



## Tartan Tea

On December 4th 2010 the Manitoba Highland Dancers Association held the Annual Tartan Tea. This event was a huge success and I would like to use this opportunity to thank all of the people involved the members of Scot Dance Manitoba especially for their involvement. This event depends highly on the involvement of the dance schools and this year many of the schools participated with their own contribution to the show or by having dancers in a traditional highland portion of the show. The schools make this event possible by helping to distribute tickets, collect money from the ticket sales, donations to the silent auctions, and of course, the grab bags for the dancers, the silent auction, the jar bars, door, and bake table and kitchen duties are all fulfilled by the dance schools. Many individuals came out to help purchase supplies and for setup ahead of time. I am very thankful for the dedication of these individuals, there are too many too list here. I want to make special mention of Kelly Graham though, who has headed up the tea over the past several years. This year she again laid the ground work to set everything in motion even when she knew she would not be able to be in attendance for the event. It is really because of her work that the tea was a success and we are very grateful to have a member who has given so much time to the organization.

As a fundraiser the tea was a success netting us \$3779.74. \$2270.00 of those dollars was donations from many individuals and businesses. 316 people bought tickets to attend. I am not sure if all attended but I saw many people who are members of our broader Scottish community who came out and enjoyed the event.

In summary I feel it was a wonderful event again this year and I hope it is a Christmas tradition that continues for years to come.

## Message from the President

### *Keep On Keeping On*

Welcome to the New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. I am sure that everyone is very glad to be back into dancing.

I personally am very glad that we are getting closer to spring. I can sometimes find the winter a little stressful. Here on the farm I seem to have had very poor luck with equipment through this winter; everything from waterers that freeze, to a starter to a broken axle. Of course it is always the worst things in the worst weather at the absolute worst time. What do you do except keep on keeping on. I know that many of our members must have their own troubles and I am sure they are often in the same mindset as me and can find it hard to worry about the many dance activities that happen throughout our frigid cold winter. But as I said we keep on keeping on and find a way to make it to our classes, dance outs, competitions, and even to a tea.

It is these things that in the long run we can choose to have memories of rather than our tribulations.

Along with the New Year we also held an executive meeting. Among the topics we discussed were our finances. Although still a very healthy organization financially there is the growing realization that our expenses are greater than our revenue and we do tend to run deficits. We have had reserves that allow us to do this but it is not a sustainable



## Sarah's Shoes

Cyndi and Phil Brown, parents of Sarah Brown who was an Associate Highland Dance Teacher with the McGregor Studio of Dance and long time member of Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association and passed away following a single car vehicle three years ago, have sponsored a Primary Highland Dancer event called, "Sarah's Shoes". All ScotDance Manitoba teacher's were asked to submit the names of their Primary students who have either participated in Demo Pas de Basques, Competitions or Dance Outs as a Primary Dancer anytime during January 1st - December 31st, 2010 and remain active dancers. The names were put into a hat and the lucky name drawn won a gift certificate for a pair of Toe and Heel Gold Highland Dance Pumps. This year's winner is "Emily McGregor".

Sarah had a special gift of teaching the "wee" ones and this is one way Cyndi and Phil wish to continue her contribution for the "beginning" Highland Dancers.

Congratulations, Emily!

We know you will wear them with pride!



## Out of Town Results

McGregor Studio of Dance

### Emma Callbeck

**ScotDance Championship Series, Saskatoon, July 2010** - Novice 8yrs & Under: 8th - Sean Triubhas, 4th - Strathspey & Highland Reel, 8th - Scottish Lilt

### Foothills Highland Games (Aug 28th, 2010)

Novice 9yrs & Under: 2nd - Sword Dance

### Calgary Highland Games (Sept 4th, 2010)

Novice 7 - 9 yrs: 2nd - Flora MacDonald's Fancy

### Canmore Highland Games (Sept 5th, 2010)

Novice 8yrs & U: 6th - Highland Fling, 4th - Flora MacDonald's Fancy

### Annabelle Farrell

**Calgary Highland Games (Sept 4th, 2010)**  
Novice 7 - 9 yrs: 1st - Sword Dance

### Canmore Highland Games (Sept 5th, 2010)

Novice 8yrs & U: 6th - Sword Dance

### Laura Unruh

**Regina Open Highland** November, 2010  
Beginner 9yrs & U: 5 First Placings - Overall Trophy Winner

### Allison Unruh

**Regina Open Highland** - November, 2010  
Premier 10yrs & U: 5 First Placings - Overall Trophy Winner, Special Jig, 13 yrs & U - 3rd place

### Rachel Unruh

**Regina Open Highland** - November, 2010  
Premier 12 yrs & U: 5 First Placings - Overall Trophy Winner, Special Jig, 13yrs & U - 1st Place

## Brandon Highland Dance Competition

3rd Annual Brandon Dance Competition  
Saturday, March 12, 2011

Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium

1- Venue is the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium, on the corner 20th Street and Princess Avenue. The same venue as last year, lots of parking, large stage, and comfy seats for the audience.

2 - In the foyer there will be registration, a scottish auction, photographer, Ceilidh Surprise, and a coffee bar.

3 - The Newland Sword will be danced for at this competition.

4 - The photographer "the Family Tree", will be awarding a scholarship of \$100 to a lucky dancer. To be eligible all the dancer needs to do is get her picture taken, then her name will be in the draw for the \$100.

5 - At 6.00pm we have organised a pool/pizza party at the pool in the Royal Oak Inn and Suites, to which all dancers are invited. There will be a small cover charge for all, \$3 a head, just to help offset the cost of the hospitality room and pizza.

6-The Royal Oak Inn and Suites, 1-204-728-5775, at 3130 Victoria Avenue is the host hotel. MHDA block booking number is 181918 and rooms are available for both Friday and Saturday nights at the discounted rate of \$104.99 + tax per night for a two queen , non-smoking room.

To get the lower rate rooms must be reserved before the 10th of Feb 2011.

So please phone the hotel directly to make your reservation, quoting either the confirmation #181918 or MHDA.

We look forward to seeing you in Brandon.

## For Sale

Green jig costume with white apron.  
Fits size 10-14 and has a 4 inch hem. Asking \$50.00

Hornpipe Hat size 6-7/8. Asking \$25.00

Toe and Heel Gold Ghillies-size 2. Asking \$25.00

Red vest for National costume-Approx. size 8-10,measures 16 inches from the neck to the bottom of the vest on the back.Asking \$25.00

Contact Rosetta Matthews at matthewsrj@shaw.ca  
or 794-5942 for further details.

## Recycle Trophies?

Plea to Alumni - alumni and/or mothers getting tired of storing or dusting those keeper trophies? MHDA can use them! Recycling helps keep our competition costs down and connects past dancers with present ones.

Contact Janet at 888-9729 or [rjmccombe@shaw.ca](mailto:rjmccombe@shaw.ca)  
THANKS!

## Important Dates

May 1, 2011                      Provincials at MTYP  
June 11 and 12, 2011      Mid-Canada Competition, the Forks

## The Manitoba Highland Gathering

Mark your calendars, this year's Manitoba Highland Gathering is on June 18, 2011.

## Tartan Press Submissions

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: Laureen Wreggitt  
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