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Stan Jackson

MHDA is saddened by the passing of an honorary member. Mr. Stan Jackson passed away recently and was a great supporter of highland dancing in Winnipeg. His kindness and generosity will be missed.

STANLEY CHARLES JACKSON

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STANLEY CHARLES JACKSON 1920 - 2007 On May 20, 2007, Stanley passed away at St. Boniface Palliative Care. He was predeceased by his dearly beloved wife Braidwood Braidie Jackson (nee Strachan). He will be especially remembered by his sister Rita Reinisch and family, nephews, Charlie (Debbie, Bradie and Parker Jackson); Brian (Marnie, Alyssa, Ashley and Travis Jackson); Scott and Mary Beth Strachan and family of Herndon, Virginia, U.S.A.; Glenn Strachan, Jean and family of Brennan of Seattle Washington, U.S.A.; Dave Strachan of San Francisco, U.S.A.; and his good friend Olive Henrickson and numerous friends and relatives. Stanley was born on March 26, 1920. He attended Daniel McIntyre Collegiate in Winnipeg. Stanley served in the Canadian Army where he was stationed in Canada, the United Kingdom, and North Western Europe. Stanley was a lifetime member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Gen. Sir San Steel Br. He was also a member of the Melrose Camp Sons of Scotland, and a former member of Fort Garry Kiwanis Club. Stanley attended Khaki University of Canada in the United Kingdom at war's end. When he returned back to Winnipeg he became employed by Manitoba Hydro as a field auditor and later as a senior buyer, then as a group leader in the purchasing department. Stanley was also a member and elder of the former Norwood United Church, an honorary member of Manitoba Highland Dancers Association, a member of the Wildwood Golf and Country Club, and a member of the St. Mary's Road United Church.

President's Message

As I write my last President's message I feel a little sad, but know the next person in the role will do a great job. Each person that comes to a position brings their own perspective to the organization. That is why I feel it is important to move through the positions to keep the organization fresh. The last two years were a great experience for me and I grew as a person as a result. I have made new friends which I hope will last long after the children have stopped dancing.

I would like to thank the executive for their hard work and for putting up with me. As well, all the competition committee whose hard work often goes unseen, but really keeps the organization going.

While highland dancing is experiencing some problems recruiting volunteers and declining number of dancers, it is still vibrant and exciting to be a part of. The spin off benefits of highland dancing are many with confidence, poise, grace, sportsmanship, friendship, courtesy to name a few. These will stay with the dancers for the rest of their lives. I am glad to have been an integral part of it. I will still be around as Past President or Chair for the next year or two.

Enjoy your summer and any dancing travels you may have planned.

Cathy Domke
President

Manitoba 

Congratulations to the Manitoba Provincial Reps for 2007

Congratulations to the following dancers who will be representing Manitoba in Saint John, New Brunswick in July. They will be attending the ScotDance Championship Series 2007 from July 4-8th.

7-9 years:	Rachel Unruh
10-under 12 years:	Sydney Bomek Madison Leonard Tera Kusano
12- under 14 years:	Erika Ramesar Alia Cappelani Lauren McCombe
14-under 16 years:	Colleen McGregor Tara Campbell Emma Domke
16-under 18 years:	Stacie Nixon Shannon DelBigio Laurie Tyndall
18 years and older:	Kalee Campbell George Hamilton Kathleen Burfoot.

made by the dancer and the dancer's family to assisting in and furthering the activities of MHDA.

Unfortunately, no applications were received for the Pre-Premier Scholarship this year. We hope that all Pre-Premiers will consider applying next year for this \$500 scholarship. Several excellent applications were, however, received for the Premier Scholarship and therefore it was determined that 2 premier scholarships would be awarded this year.

The scholarship selection committee (comprised of the SDCCS 2004 steering committee, President of MHDA, President of ScotDance Manitoba, and one community person – excluding, of course, anyone with a conflict of interest due to having a child or student among the applicants) established a rating system for reviewing the applications. The 2004 winners were:

Shannon del Bigio

Win or lose – you will always see a smile on Shannon's face! Shannon demonstrates sportsmanlike qualities at all times, has participated in all competitions in the last 2 years, qualified to be a Manitoba Rep, danced at many of the dance-outs and was the Junior Ambassador for the Scottish Pavilion at Folklorama last year. Shannon's Mum, Terri, has been on the MHDA Competition Committee – in charge of Medals & Trophies – for many, many, many years! Both of Shannon's parents were very actively involved in the organization of SDCCS 2004 – Terri on the Medals & Trophies committee and Ken on the Medical committee. Shannon is an excellent role model for the sportsmanship, as well as the competitive and community spirit, which she displays.

Stacie Nixon

Stacie's application demonstrated her love for and significant commitment to highland dancing. Stacie is a very accomplished champion dancer who has also participated in all competitions, demonstrated sportsmanship, danced at many dance-outs and has danced every night at Folklorama since she was about 4. Stacie's Mom, Cheryl, is a dance teacher and has been on the MHDA Competition Committee in various capacities – most recently as Head Scorer – for many years. Dad, Allen, has helped out over the years with equipment and selling 50/50 tickets. (He also won the Father's Jig one year!) Cheryl & Allen were also very active in the organization of SDCCS 2004 – Cheryl on the Medals & Trophies committee and Allen as head of the Facilities committee. Stacie is another excellent role model for her competitive and community spirit as well as her love for and dedication to highland dance.

We congratulate Shannon and Stacie and we are very pleased to award them each a \$500 scholarship.

The SDCCS 2004 Scholarship Selection Committee



Manitoba Provincial Reps for 2007

ScotDance Canada Championship Series 2004 Scholarship Winners

The SDCCS 2004 Steering Committee was thrilled to be able to establish scholarships out of the funds generated from the very successful Championship Series held in Winnipeg. The scholarships are intended to recognize the dancer who displays the spirit of the 2004 Championship Series – not only competitive spirit but also community spirit and sportsmanship. Consideration is also given to the contribution



Another Scholarship Winner

Madison Leonard
Irene Baird School of Highland Dancing
2007 Manitoba Rep
Recipient of Scholarship from the Gaelic College of Celtic Arts & Crafts

Madison Leonard was recently awarded a \$200 scholarship from the Gaelic College of Celtic Arts & Crafts. Named after a lady who attended a Elderhostel session at the Gaelic College, the Skip Darcy Scholarship is awarded annually to a student to further studies in any of the dance programs offered during Summer School. Madison will be attending the College in July to further pursue her love of Highland Dancing.



Congratulations Madison!

Situated in the heart of Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, the Gaelic College of Celtic Arts and Crafts was founded in 1938 as a school devoted to the study and preservation of the Gaelic language, arts and culture. For further information on the Gaelic College, log on to www.gaeliccollege.edu

Bus Trip

MHDA hosted a bus trip to Regina on the May long weekend. The dancers participated in the Queen City Championship and Highland Dance competition which were part of the Regina Highland Games.

We all had a good time and had dancers from the Baird, Cram, Stephen/Offlenloch and Hopper schools.

We played a few games on the bus and watched some movies. We arrived in Regina approx. 2:00 pm Saturday afternoon.

Everyone relaxed which included lots of swimming for the younger passengers.

Sunday was a long day of dancing with the youngest premiers going first at 8:30 am, then the older premiers at 10 am. After the championship, the pre- premiers danced then the premier nationals after that. However, we all survived and got a group photo of the Winnipeg dancers waiting for the national results.



Winnipeg dancers in Regina

Sunday evening we socialized, and even more swimming for the younger ones. The trip was a lot of fun, and there were discussions where to go next year!



Parents enjoying watching the national dances.

Cathy Domke
Bus Trip Coordinator

For Sale

FOR SALE
NEW DANCE COSTUMES

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

Contact: Judy 837-5266

<p>Inverness Rain Cape- Girls - 12 year size. Navy blue. \$25.00</p> <p>Contact Barb Campbell 831-8497</p>
<p>Complete outfit-includes kilt, blouse, socks and a vest. The tartan is Gayre of Arisaig. It would fit a 7-10 year old. All for \$200.00.</p> <p>Dance shoes with red stitching size 13-\$25.00. Green Jig shoes-excellent condition- size 3-\$35</p> <p>Contact Rosetta at 794-5942 or rosettamatthews@shaw.ca</p>
<p>Submissions to the Tartan Press</p> <p>Items to be published in the Tartan Press will be accepted up to two weeks prior to every M.H.D.A. competition.</p> <p>Items may be sent by email to:</p> <p>Laureen Wreggitt lwreggitt@mts.net</p>
<p>The Tartan Press is available online at the Manitoba Highland Dancer's Association Website: www.mhda.mb.ca</p>



Folklorama

Folklorama is the first week in August (the 5th -11th) beginning on the August long weekend. If you are interested in dancing please sign up at the Mid Canada competition. There will be a sign up sheet. You can also email Cathy Domke at domke@mts.net or mail in the form below. If emailing please include the information on the form. We are looking for someone to take on the role of dance out coordinator which includes Folklorama. If you are interested please let us know and we will help you get started. It is a great job for someone who will be at Folklorama for the week. The shows are usually at 6pm and 8:45 nightly.

Folklorama: August 5-11, 2007

Name: _____

Level of dancer: _____

Days available to dance:

Sunday _____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

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