

# Tartan Press

Newsletter of The Manitoba Highland Dancers Association

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## Manitoba to host the “Canadians”!

The ScotDance Canada Championship Series is a 5 day event that is hosted by each province, alternating from east to west, each year in early July. At this event, dancers of all levels can participate as well our Canadian and ScotDance Canada Open Champions are selected. Due to the caliber and size of the event (with a budget of about a quarter of a million dollars), dancers from all over the world are drawn to the host province to compete.

In July 2016, Manitoba will once again be the host of this prestigious event!

We invite every member to be part of hosting a great Manitoba event – we’ve got a strong reputation to uphold! Due to the financial success of hosting in 2004, we were able to set up a scholarship fund, help MHDA fund the provincial reps to this Canadian event each year since 2004 and set aside a start up fund for 2016 for initial deposits for the venue.

If you have expertise or experience with any of the following, or have other areas you’d like to be involved in, please contact the committee at [sdccs2016@gmail.com](mailto:sdccs2016@gmail.com)

- ❖ Competition
- ❖ Awards
- ❖ Marketing
- ❖ Media
- ❖ Program
- ❖ Fundraising
- ❖ Sponsorship
- ❖ Events

We will invite every member to help with the fundraising efforts to host an event of this size. If you have contacts in the business or Scottish community, we welcome your assistance.

Bring your questions or suggestions to the SDCCS 2016 booth at the April competition!

**SDCCS 2016 Organizing Committee**

## Thank You Supporters!

*Submitted by Lisa Omand*

Thank you! The MHDA Executive would like to sincerely thank the following supporters for their generous donations: Bill & Helen Christie, Deloree McCallum & Robert Burns Association. Their donations enabled the MHDA to purchase all new Premier swords for use at competitions and a bag for transport. Also, MacDon Industries has once again provided a sizeable donation which is allowing us to cover the cost of live pipers at some of the 2014 competitions. If you wish to make a donation or know of a person, organization or business that would like to make a donation, please contact us at [info@mbhighlanddance.com](mailto:info@mbhighlanddance.com).

Lisa Omand would also like to apologize to the Susan French school, as they were unintentionally omitted from the thank-you list for the schools who helped make the Tartan Tea a success. So, thank you to the Susan French school for all their help and hard work!



## Upcoming Events

**March 15, 2014** – MHDA Open Competition at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church (255 Oak Street, Winnipeg). Pre-Premiers register at 9 a.m., dance at 9:30 a.m. Intermediate and Premier dancers register at 11:30 a.m., dance following morning results.

**March 17, 2014** – Registration opens for the Scotdance Canada Championship Series (SDCCS) in Vancouver, British Columbia. The competition runs from July 2 to 6, 2014. You can register at 12:00 p.m. CDT on March 17 at [www.sdccs.ca](http://www.sdccs.ca). Choreography entries open on April 14.

**April 6, 2014** – Dance out for Tartan Day at the Forks Market in Winnipeg. Dancers should arrive at 3:00 pm, ready to dance at 3:30 pm for approximately 10 min. Some dancers may be used to carry banners. If you are available, please respond to [danceouts@mbhighlanddance.com](mailto:danceouts@mbhighlanddance.com) by March 28th.

**April 19, 2014** – ScotDance Manitoba hosts an open competition at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church (255 Oak Street, Winnipeg). An exciting opportunity for dancers to prepare for provincials, get more competition experience and showcase some choreography! Registration opens at 12:01 a.m. Monday, March 17, closes Monday, April 7, 2014. See [mbhighlanddance.com](http://mbhighlanddance.com) for more details.

**May 4, 2014** – Manitoba Closed Highland Dance Competition and Provincial Selection Meet. Stay tuned for more details, watch your email for the entry form in the next few weeks.



## Out of Town Results

Congratulations to Julia Domke who racked up some awards at a competition during a recent trip to Florida.

### Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Games and Festival February 22, 2014

Julia Domke – Premier 16 & Over

Jig – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Fling – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sword – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Seann Trubhias – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Reel – 1<sup>st</sup>

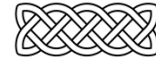
Aggregate Trophy Winner

Dancer of the Day Trophy Winner

1<sup>st</sup> place in Individual Choreography

## For Sale!

Used double-hilt swords previously used for competitions. There are 10 pairs of swords available. The cost is \$30 per pair. As is condition. Great for home or in-studio practice swords. These swords will be sold first come, first served at the March Competition. Cash or cheque only (made out to Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association)



**Kilt** - Dress Red Culloden. Fit slim pre-teen/teen. \$350.  
**Jacket** – fit very slim dancer – Made by Karen's Kilts. \$75.  
**Smaller red jacket** – made by MacIsaac's – no photo – perfect condition -\$75.  
**Hose** – foot size 6, two different lengths. \$50 each.  
Will sell as a set or individually.



**White hornpipe outfit** –size 30 Made by Margs. \$50

**National vests – beautiful condition**

- purple women's size 32 \$50

- bright green women's size 32 \$50

Contact me for measurements or to try on. See photos below

Cathy Domke 204-488-1341

# Kids In Kilts' At Robbie Burns Night

Submitted by Zoe Wreggitt

A few dancers from Kids in Kilts' performance troupe danced in Selkirk and Beausejour for Robbie Burns night. Great job dancers! See below for some photos of their performance.



# Applications for two \$500 scholarships now being accepted!

Premier or Pre-Premier dancers are invited to apply for one of two \$500 SDCCS 2004 scholarships!

Thanks to the financial success of the ScotDance Canada Championship Series, hosted by MHDA and ScotDance Manitoba in 2004, we are pleased to provide you with an opportunity for your dancer to apply for one of two \$500 annual scholarships.

Deadline for application: postmarked or emailed no later than April 15, 2014

Announcement of winners: to be held at Manitoba Closed Provincial Championship and competition – May 4, 2014.

For the application and more details, visit the MHDA website: [www.mbhighlanddance.com](http://www.mbhighlanddance.com)



# Do You Fill Up At Co-op?

Do you fill up at Co-op, or even if you don't, is there one nearby when you need to get gas? If this is the case, the MHDA asks you to use their Co-op number from time to time to help raise more funds for the organization. Just quote the MHDA's number – 346810 – next time you fill up!



# Tartan Press Submissions

Items to be published in the Tartan Press will be accepted up to two weeks prior to every MHDA competition. The deadline for submissions for the next Tartan Press is: April 20, 2014.

We're looking for things like dance-related stories and experiences, upcoming events such as competitions, dance outs, etc. Alumni stories - where you are now and how highland dance helped you get there. Photos, dancer accomplishments, out of town results, and anything else you want to share with the members of the Manitoba Highland Dancer's Association!

If you have any ideas about what other articles or information you would like to see in the Tartan Press please share them with the editor, Terry Shiells.

Items may be sent by email to: [terryn.shiells@gmail.com](mailto:terryn.shiells@gmail.com).