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Our Spring Bud, Spud & Steak is a go!

Save the Date of Friday, May 29, 2015 from 6-9pm at the Tijuana Yacht Club Event Centre (TYC) in Canad Inns Polo Park.

The MHDA will once again run a Spring Bud, Spud & Steak fundraiser, but with some changes. This year, the fundraiser is optional and open to all dancers (not just Mb Reps) travelling to the ScotDance Canada Championship Series in London, Ontario in July.

There are multiple ways to participate and earn funds to assist with the expenses of travelling to this prestigious event.

In order to participate, please provide proof of registration (Online entries will open at 1:00 PM EDT on Monday, March 16, 2016 at www.sdccs.ca), regardless of dancer classification. Once participation is confirmed, there are 3 ways to earn funds (choose what works for your family):

- 1) Sell tickets: \$10 from each ticket sold goes back to the dancer that sold the ticket (for example, sell 10 tickets, receive \$100). Dancers can sell tickets to friends, family, coworkers, etc whether they are available to attend or not.
- 2) Donate or collect a prize: Provide a minimum of one prize basket in order to receive funds from the Silent Auction. After the silent auction is completed, all proceeds will be divided equally amongst all the dancers providing a minimum of one basket each. Families with multiple dancers must provide a basket from each dancer in order to receive multiple shares. Dancers need not attend to participate, however, you must make your own arrangements to ensure the basket is delivered in time for the event and clearly marked with the donating dancer's name. Anyone requiring a donation request letter, please advise Lisa Omand.
- 3) Perform: Dancers that participate in the Dance-out performance that evening will split the proceeds of the 50/50 draw. (Dancers do not need a ticket to attend for performing only, however, they will not receive a meal and no outside food or drinks are permitted).

For tickets, please see Lisa Omand before, after or during the May competition.

Contact Lisa Omand (lomand@mymts.net or 204-479-3021) for questions, tickets and for a donation request letter.

Perform With MHDA

The summer is a generally quiet time for Manitoba's highland dance community, with local competitions wrapping up in June and many dancers taking a break in July and August.

But, that doesn't mean you can't keep those legs dancing! MHDA has a few opportunities for dancers to perform this summer, including the Arborg Fair and Rodeo on July 19, and the Pavilion of Scotland at Folklorama in early August.

The Arborg Fair and Rodeo would like MHDA dancers to do a few performances throughout the day on July 19. Lauren Mitchell-Lawson, dance out coordinator, will need confirmation of whether dancers can perform by May 8, 2015, in order to give the fair a yes or no as to whether MHDA can participate.

Please consider this opportunity, as it's a great way to promote highland dance to a rural community, and a fun way to spend the day. Dancers will receive free admission, while adult admission is \$10, children under 6 are free and the family rate is \$25.

There will also be an opportunity to perform with MHDA at Folklorama in August, stay tuned to your e-mail for more details!



MHDA Trophy Trivia

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ That it is the responsibility of the winning dancer(s) to return the trophy clean, polished and engraved with the dancer's name(s) to the competition the following year.
- ❖ That when more than one dancer wins a perpetual trophy, the winners' names are put on one name plate along with the year the trophy was awarded.
- ❖ That MHDA sends a notice to trophy winners approximately 2 weeks prior to the competition, reminding them to return the trophy or trophies awarded the previous year.
- ❖ That MHDA may ask a dancer to return a perpetual trophy sooner than expected if it needs to be refurbished before being awarded again.
- ❖ That YOU can help maintain MHDA perpetual trophies by ensuring that loose name plates are reattached to the trophy, any damage is repaired and the trophy is returned in good condition.

That YOU can support MHDA by donating new or recycled keeper trophies for upcoming competitions.

If you have any questions or would like to donate a perpetual trophy, keeper trophies or funds to assist with refurbishing existing perpetual trophies, please contact Janie Peterson Watt, Medals and Trophies

Chairperson, at 204-253-7154 or jwatt10175@aol.com.
Thank you!



Out of Town Results

Donna Cram School

Fraser Valley Open Championship

April 25, 2015

18 & Over Championship

Jennifer Watt

Fling – 3rd

Sword – 3rd

Seann Trubhias – 3rd

Strathspey & Half Tulloch – 3rd

2nd Runner up to the 18 & Over Champion

Fraser Valley Open Competition

April 26, 2015

Premier 18 & Over

Jennifer Watt

Barracks Johnnie – 1st

Highland Laddie – 1st

Blue Bonnets – 1st

Premier 18 & Over Aggregate Winner

Congratulations Jennifer!



Irene Baird School

Submitted by Donna Cram on behalf of Irene Baird

Phoenix Open Championship

March 21, 2015

7 and under 12 Championship

Mya Pilat

Fling – 4th

Seann Trubhias – 6th

Strathspey & Half Tulloch – 4th

5th Runner up to the 7 and under 12 Champion

Congratulations Mya!



Susan French School Of Highland Dance

Phoenix Open Championship

March 21, 2015

12 and under 14 Championship

Chloe MathersFling – 4thSword – 2ndSeann Triubhas – 3rdStrathspey & Half Tulloch – 3rd**1st Runner up** to the 12 and under 14 champion

Congratulations Chloe!

**Phoenix Pre-Premier Dance Competition**

March 22, 2015

Beginner (all ages)

Bailey MathersSword – 3rdSeann Triubhas – 2ndScottish Lilt – 1st**Beginner Aggregate Trophy Winner**

Congratulations Bailey!



Upcoming Events

May 2, 2015 – Provincial selection meet championship and closed competition at the St. James Civic Centre, in Winnipeg. Pre-Premier dancers register at 8:00 a.m., dance at 8:30 a.m. Premiers register at 11:00 a.m., dance following morning results. Good luck to everyone competing!

May 15, 2015 – Deadline to apply for the two \$500 scholarships for Manitoban highland dancers, available due to funds raised at the SDCCS held in Winnipeg in 2004. Download the application form on the front page of mbhighlanddance.com and e-mail it to scholarship@mbhighlanddance.com.

May 15 – 17, 2015 - Saskatchewan Highland Gathering and Celtic Festival. Two days of competition for dancers, with the Queen City Open Championship on Saturday May 16 and the Prairie Valley Premiership on May 17. Keep an eye for more details, as this is a fun trip for Manitoba dancers!

May 29, 2015 – MHDA's fundraising bud, spud and steak. Open to all dancers to help cover costs of attending SDCCS 2015 in London, Ontario. See article on the front page for all the details.

June 6 & 7, 2015 – The final MHDA competition of the season, Mid-Canada. Saturday is a Championship for premier dancers, and Sunday is the Lord Selkirk Premiership. Both days include pre-premier competitions. A competition that everyone looks forward to, as the venue at the canopy at the Forks in Winnipeg is fun to dance at!

June 7, 2015 - Selkirk Settlers event. If you would like to learn more about the Selkirk Settlers, join them for their event on June 7 at Kildonan Park, shelter 3a from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. A scavenger hunt, yard games and hot dogs will be provided. To register contact Edith Lyon (204-885-1927) or Twila MacNair (twila.macnair@gmail.com).

June 21, 2015 – Manitoba Highland Gathering, happening at the East Selkirk Recreation Centre, Strathcona Road at Highway 59. A fun day that includes the highland dance competition beginning at 9 a.m., and other activities such as heavy games, pancake breakfast, diamond disc dogs and pipe band competition.

July 6 to 10, 2015 - ScotDance Canada Championship Series in London, Ontario. All dancers are welcome at the five-day competition. Entries close June 8, 2015. Late entries will be accepted until June 15, but will incur a fee of \$20.00. Visit sdccs.ca for more information.

July 19, 2015 – Dance out opportunity at the Arborg Fair and Rodeo in Arborg, Manitoba. Dancers will showcase their talent throughout the day, all while promoting our sport and art to the rural community.

