

# Tartan Press

Newsletter of The Manitoba Highland Dancers Association

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also working towards offering online competition entry as a service we can provide to those entering our competitions.

Also we had some discussion about our Competition Dates for the 2009-2010 year. The major changes being that we will be holding a competition in Brandon on March 13th 2010 and the Mid-Canada Weekend will be June 12th and 13th.

Our organization needs to continue to grow in order to stay strong and vibrant. Last year we took a step outside the box by running a competition in Western Manitoba. This was just one small part of making our organization more appealing to all of the highland dancers in the province. This year we will see some increases in membership due to our efforts. We will continue to look for new and different ways to promote our culture and dance this year.

If you have an interest in becoming more involved with MHDA please contact myself or any of the executive. There are still positions available that we need people to take on.

Best regards,  
George Hamilton  
President

## President's Message

Well I guess summer is over since it is time to start a new dancing season. September was so nice that October kind of snuck up on us. I know everyone is sad to be packing away the flip flops and shorts but I am sure they are also very excited to be starting dance classes and getting back into dancing mode.

Of course it's not like things have been quiet for very long. Folklorama was a very fun time this year. The new venue gave the event a new feel. Thanks very much to all of the dancers who came out to represent MHDA by dancing in the show, announcing the dances and also helping to show people some highland steps. Thanks very much to Allison Thomson and Moira Melvin for organizing and scheduling all of our dancers for the week. If you attended the pavilion you would have seen a very good looking display for MHDA. I would like to thank Carla Oliphant for putting that together for us.

Our membership meeting was held on September 27th. It was really great to see such a turnout. Thanks very much to Dianna Simpson, Janet McCombe, and Keith Rempel for getting the word out. Thanks also to Terri Holroyd for providing the snacks. Everyone had a great time and the costume exchange seemed once again to be a hit.

We had a really great conversation with the membership in attendance. We discussed how we will be saving money this year by emailing out the entry forms and Tartan Press. We are

## MHDA on TV



MHDA was well represented on Breakfast TV in June by Erika Ramesar, Annabelle Farrell, Claire Schon and Giselle Morrison (left to right)

## 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:

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# Tartan Tea

MHDA's major fundraising event is the Annual Tartan Tea which will be held this year on Saturday, December 5th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the St. James Civic Centre. Every M.H.D.A. family participates by selling tickets, volunteering time, donating baked goods and making jars for the Jar Bar.

Tickets will be distributed in the fall through the dance schools and each family receives a minimum of 5 tickets to sell as part of their annual membership fundraising responsibility. Ticket sales are extremely important since it is a factor in the determination of government funding and MHDA's only fundraising event. The money raised from the Tea helps pay for the expenses associated with hosting our highland dance competitions.

The Tartan Tea is a lovely afternoon in which various schools combine together to provide the dancing entertainment and share delicious holiday desserts with family, friends and relatives. Additional tickets are available through dance schools or by contacting Kelly at [s.miele@shaw.ca](mailto:s.miele@shaw.ca).

Please mark your calendars and sell as many tickets as you can!



## It's a Small World



A girl on the highland dance chat forum sent me (Kathy Ramesar) this today "just in case this was one of the Canadian girls I know"! The funny part is – it was! Julia Domke is the dancer in the middle, and look at the smile! It was from a small local paper Saturday morning.

What an odd coincidence that someone would ask Kathy if she knew "this Canadian girl". As it turned out it not only did she know her, but it was someone in her daughter's own school...i.e. mine! Julia Domke is dancing buddies with Kathy's daughter Erika, and dances in the same classes with me every week.

- Submitted by Donna Cram



This summer, Lauren McCombe and Alia Cappellani were "Pipe Band Groupies"!

The Lord Selkirk Boys Pipe Band with acting Pipe Major Graeme McCombe, traveled to Scotland to compete at the Worlds on Glasgow Green, the Bute Highland Games and immerse themselves in the culture. The girls had a great time traveling with them and competing in dance as well. They traveled by plane, train and coach - it was a busy time. ScotRail took them to Musselburgh, where Lauren won her class in Nationals, and Alia was second in line. They have a photo album full of great memories.

The band is 8th in the World and FIRST in Bute!



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## For Sale

<p>Blue Hornpipe: \$30.00 Would fit 8-11 year old Very good condition</p> <p>Green Kilt, Vest, Blouse and Socks: 700.00 (negotiable) Would fit a 11-12 year old and up Very good condition</p> <p>Contact: Denise: 474-2893 (evenings), e-mail: <a href="mailto:pdog@shaw.ca">pdog@shaw.ca</a></p>
<p>Purple highland jacket, size Medium From Tartantown, made last spring: \$175 OBO</p> <p>Size 6 Billy Forsythe Ghillies \$45 OBO, Very good condition</p> <p>Contact Lori: 453-1750</p>

## Out of Town Results

<b>Donna Cram School</b>		
ScotDance Canada Championship Series 2009 Toronto, Ontario - July 1 to 5		
<b>Premier Highland 14 Years - July 2</b>		
Erika Ramesar	4 <sup>th</sup>	Fling
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reel
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Jig
Canadian Interprovincial - July 3		
<b>Premier 14 and Under 16 Years</b>		
Erika Ramesar	5 <sup>th</sup>	Fling
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Reel
<b>Premier National &amp; Hornpipe - 14 Years - July 4</b>		
Erika Ramesar	6 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Bonnets
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Earl of Errol
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Hornpipe
<b>Special Event Highland Laddie</b>		
Erika Ramesar	Placed to get into the finals Judges placing in final 13 & Under 16 Years	
<b>North American 14 Years - July 5</b>		
Erika Ramesar	4 <sup>th</sup>	Fling
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sword
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Seann Truibhas
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Reel
North American Campion - 14 yrs		

<b>Selkirk Highland Games</b>		
<b>Premier 12 - 14 Years</b>		
Erika Ramesar	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fling
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Seann Truibhas
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Laddie
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Blue Bonnets
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Village Maid
Overall Dancer of the Day trophy winner - shared.		
<b>Premier 17 &amp; over</b>		
Stacie Nixon	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fling
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Blue Bonnets
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Village Maid
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Seann Truibhas
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Laddie
Class Trophy Winner.		
Ashleigh Halpin	4 <sup>th</sup>	Fling
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Seann Truibhas
<b>Glenisla Highland Games - Scotland</b>		
Emma Domke	5 <sup>th</sup>	Fling
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Reel
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jig
Veronica Domke	5 <sup>th</sup>	Seann Truibhas
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Hornpipe
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Jig
<b>Strathardle Highland Games - Scotland</b>		
Emma Domke	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Seann Truibhas
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sword
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Reel
Veronica Domke	5 <sup>th</sup>	Seann Truibhas
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Hornpipe
Julia Domke	4 <sup>th</sup>	Fling
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Seann Truibhas
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Reel
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jig
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Hornpipe
<b>Andrew Carnegie Anniversary - Scotland</b>		
Emma Domke	6 <sup>th</sup>	Hornpipe
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Seann Truibhas
Veronica Domke	4 <sup>th</sup>	Hornpipe
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jonny
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Fling
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Seann Truibhas
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Reel
Julia Domke	5 <sup>th</sup>	Fling