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The Official Newsletter of the Manitoba Highland Dancer's Association

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## Welcome!



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## Manitoba dancers make a splash at SDCCS in PEI!

Many Manitoba dancers made the trip to Prince Edward Island to compete at the ScotDance Canada Championship Series this summer (check out page 2 for some pictures).

Everyone who attended did their friends, family, dance teachers and province proud up on stage competing against some of the best dancers in the world.

Congratulations to the following dancers who attended SDCCS 2017. \*\*If your name is missed and you attended SDCCS 2017 please let us know to include you in the next edition.\*\*

Sidney Sinclair, Alanna Holens, Meaghan Fennel, Kirsten Benidickson, Jasper Bain, Maddy Baigrie, Celeste Roy, Ainsley Lamb, Presley Webb, Alex Finnbogason, Lauren Horvath, Terryn Shiells, Mya Pilat, Laura Unruh, Camryn Watson, Allison Unruh, Jennifer Watt, Rachel Unruh, Lauren McCombe, Jean Thomson, Deanne Magnus, Kelsey Watchman, Tatum Wood, Deanna Carlyle, Gillian Mitchell-Lawson, Claire Schon, Rylie McLean, Natasha Roy, Olivia Ross, Cora Lamb, Alexis Iles, Juleah Chabih, Kendra Hollier, Emilie McLean, Abby and Rowan Sigurdson and Shiloh Osabutey.

This group of Manitobans brought in over 125 medals and 10 trophies including:

Day one: 37 medals and Winner of premier highlands 13 years, Laura Unruh

Day two - "Canadians" : 11 medals, 1st runner up 12 and under 14, Laura Unruh and 4th runner up 18 and under 21, Jennifer Watt

Day 3 - 44 medals, winner 20 to 23 years Nationals, Jennifer Watt

Day 4- 35 medals, winner pre-championship 14 years Madelaine Baigrie, winner pre-championship 17 to 19 years, Kirsten Benidickson, 3rd runner up ScotDance Canada open championship 13 years, Laura Unruh, 3rd runner up ScotDance Canada open championship 19 to 21 years, Jennifer Watt, 4th runner up ScotDance Canada open championship 21 to 24 years, Lauren McCombe, 5th runner up ScotDance Canada open championship 24 and over, Kelsey Watchman



## Photo Gallery - SDCCS 2017 in PEI June 29-July 3





## Antigonish Highland Games (Antigonish, NS July 8-9, 2017)

**Juleah Chabih - Intermediate**, placed in all four dances, including 1st in sword.

### Celeste Roy, Premier 11 Years

#### New Scotland Open Championship:

Fling - 6th

Sword - 6th

Seann Trubhias - 5th

Reel - 6th

**Overall - 5th runner up**

#### Highland Heart Open Premiership:

Blue Bonnets - 6th

Laddie - 6th

### Camryn Watson, Premier 15 Years

#### New Scotland Open Championship:

Fling - 3rd

Sword - 3rd

Seann Trubhias - 2nd

Reel - 2nd

**Overall - 2nd runner up**

#### Highland Heart Open Premiership:

Blue Bonnets - 3rd

Village Maid - 3rd

Laddie - 2nd

Hornpipe - 4th

**Overall - 2nd runner up**

## United States Inter-Regional Championships (Salt Lake City, Utah July 20-23, 2017)

### Jennifer Watt

#### SLC Premiership

##### Premier 18 & Under 21

Laddie - 3rd

Blue Bonnets - 4th

Village Maid - 3rd

Hornpipe - 4th

**Overall - 2nd runner up**

#### North American Open Championship

##### Premier 18 & over

Fling - 6th

Sword - 6th

Seann Trubhias - 6th

Reel - 5th

**Overall - 5th runner up**

## Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games (Eagan, MN July 15, 2017)

### Katherine Walc, Intermediate

Fling - 3rd

Seann Trubhias - 2nd

Hornpipe - 1st



*Celeste Roy (L) and Juleah Chabih (L) at the Antigonish Highland Games*



*Jennifer Watt (L) at USIR and Katherine Walc (R) at the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games.*



## Mid-Canada 2017 re-cap

Congratulations to all dancers who competed in the Mid-Canada open competition weekend on June 9-10, 2017! Some highlights from the weekend include the Canada 150 fling, a new group photo and the parent/family fling competition (photos for both below).

We also handed out some special awards to some very deserving dancers. Congratulations to the winners of Most Promising Beginner, Novice & Intermediate: Cora Lamb, Joselyn Moisey, Juleah Chabih. Laura UnRuh was the winner of the Most Promising 13 year old award, Jennifer Watt took home the Dundee Shield, high aggregate for the weekend and Jean Thomson was presented with Premier high aggregate for the 2016/17 dance season..



**Most Promising Beginner, Novice & Intermediate:**  
Cora Lamb, Joselyn Moisey, Juleah Chabih.



**Some of the parents/family fling competitors!**



**Most Promising 13 year old:** Laura UnRuh



**Dundee Shield winner:** Jennifer Watt



**Premier High Aggregate for 2016/17**  
**Winner:** Jean Thomson





On Friday, June 16, the MHDA held it's forth SDCCS travel fundraiser. Any dancer travelling to PEI was welcome and encouraged to participate in our Barbeque Bird & Bevie event at Reign Nightclub. (It was just like the Bud, Spud and Steak dinners before, only with chicken).

This was the most successful SDCCS Travel fundraiser yet. We had 22 dancers participate in some way. There were 18 who danced, 20 Silent Auction baskets, a 50/50 pot of \$265 and over 150 tickets sold! Over \$2700 was raised to help those dancers travelling to PEI for SDCCS 2017.

Big thank you's go out to all the dancers and their families that made this event such a great success. Also, thank you to the staff and management of Reign Nightclub at the Fort Garry CanadInns Express for their excellent service and food. We also appreciate the generosity of Brian at Unique Ireland for the donation of a door prize. Finally, I'd like to personally thank Jennifer Lange for being my co-chair, Lauren Mitchell-Lawson for organizing the dance program and John Chabih for setting up the silent auction. This event was this easiest and best one yet!

We were very pleased with this year's event and received some excellent suggestions from participants. We hope to do things even bigger and better next year.

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, September 24, 2017

On Sunday, September 24, we are hosting our AGM and elections at Crescentwood Community Club. There will be a members' BBQ and costume sale area from 5-6. Please RSVP to [lomand@mymts.net](mailto:lomand@mymts.net) with number of guests and regular or veggie dogs no later than September 17.

### Saturday, September 30, 2017

Saturday, September 30 is the deadline to renew your full membership with the MHDA. Visit [mbhighlanddance.com](http://mbhighlanddance.com) to complete your annual membership registration.

### Weekend of October 6 to 8, 2017

The 8th edition of the Scottish Dance Teachers' Alliance (SDTA) North American conference is being held this weekend in Vancouver. Congrats and good luck to any Manitoba dancers who were invited to attend/are attending. More info on the SDTA Vancouver 2017 Facebook page.

### Saturday, October 21, 2017

Saturday, October 21, 2017 will be the date for the first competition hosted by MHDA for the 2017/18 highland dance season. The competition will take place at the Central Plains Rec Plex in Southport MB (just outside Portage la Prairie). More details coming soon about registration!

### Saturday, November 18, 2017

Saturday, November 18, 2017 will be the date for the second competition hosted by MHDA for the 2017/18 highland dance season. More details coming soon about registration and location, etc!

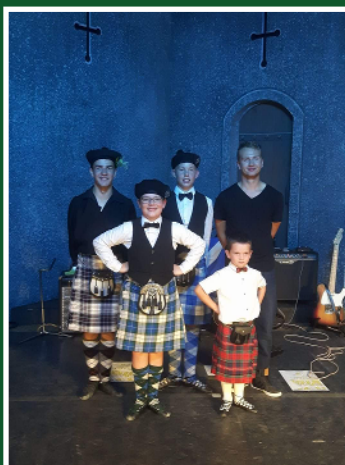
### Sunday, December 3, 2017

Save the date for the Annual Tartan Tea! It will be hosted at Assiniboia Downs once again in 2017. More details on tickets, volunteering and performances are coming soon.

## MHDA performing at the Pavilion of Scotland

Thank you to Lorraine McLean and Alana Sigurdson for taking over as Folklorama Danceout coordinators. Congratulations on a great first year!

Also thank you and congratulations to Emily-Kate McIntosh and Chloe Mathers for being great Junior Ambassadors for the Pavilion of Scotland this year!





## Mhda membership form, volunteer form and AGM information

The MHDA Membership form for the 2017-2018 season now posted on the MHDA website ([www.mbhighlanddance.com](http://www.mbhighlanddance.com)). The deadline for full member renewals is Sept 30 2017 so please renew before this date so you don't incur the late fee!!

Once again this year the form and payments are all online. New this year is the online volunteer form. There is a link to the online volunteer sign up at the bottom of the membership form. Please sign up for your shifts here!

The MHDA 2017-18 AGM will be held on Sunday, September 24 at the Crescentwood Community Club (1170 Corydon Ave.) in the multipurpose room.

### Agenda:

#### 5-6PM Members BBQ

- RSVP required. No charge for new and renewed 2017-18 members. (Watch email for invitation/RSVP details)

#### 6:15PM AGM begins:

- approval of agenda and last year's minutes
- reports from current board members
- election/re-election of executive members: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Competition Coordinator & Secretary
- election/re-election of directors: Membership & Fundraising
- call for various committee positions: Tartan Tea committee, Head Marshalls, Equipment Management, general Fundraising committee
- new business

All executive and director positions are up for re-election.

Most of our current board members are willing to return to their positions. However, we do require a new Secretary. This position is a great entry into the board with minimal extra responsibility. The secretary is required to attend, take notes and circulate minutes for all meetings (approximately 8 per year). They are also asked to keep a record of all meeting agendas, reports and minutes. Occasionally their signature is required on various paperwork. They may join any other committee as they choose.

As well, the Competition Coordinator is seeking an assistant. She will continue to manage the scoring computer, but is looking for someone to assist in some of the organization and set-up prior to the competitions, plus a back-up "gopher" on the day of competitions.

Anyone wishing to take the Secretary position must attend and be elected at the AGM. The Competition Assistant can volunteer by contacting Lisa Omand at [lomand@mymts.net](mailto:lomand@mymts.net).

Once again, a costume exchange area will be set up for those wishing to sell costumes to other members. Please bring your items clearly labelled with your information and price. Feel free to share this information with former dance families wishing to sell costumes. However, this area is self-serve. You will be responsible for your own costumes or any you offer to bring for others.

RSVP to Lisa Omand at [lomand@mymts.net](mailto:lomand@mymts.net) no later than September 17 with number of attendees and regular or veggie dog. Flavourful of drink and chips center be chosen that day.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE! [WWW.MBHIGHLANDDANCE.COM](http://WWW.MBHIGHLANDDANCE.COM)**

