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Newsletter of The Manitoba Highland Dancers Association

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### Premier 7 & under 10 years

Mya Pilat and Celeste Roy

### Premier 10 & under 12 years

Laura Unruh, Jasper Bain and Alanna Holens

### Premier 12 & under 14 years

Jean Thomson, Camryn Watson and Madelaine Baigrie

### Premier 14 & under 16 years

Allison Unruh, Meaghan Fennell and Gillian Foster

### Premier 16 & under 18 years

Rachel Unruh, Kelsey Wog\*, Keelyn McGinn, Claire Schon

### Premier 18 & under 21 years

Julia Domke, Alia Cappellani and Jennifer Watt

### Premier 21 years & over

Lauren McCombe, Kelsey Watchman, Gwendolyn Richer

\*Kelsey Wog isn't able to attend SDCCS 2015. Claire Schon will represent Manitoba in her place.

## Best Bud, Spud & Steak Fundraiser Yet!

For the 3rd year, the MHDA has organized a Bud, Spud & Steak fundraiser for dancers heading to the ScotDance Canada Championship Series. It has seen some adjustments and improvements each year and 2015 proved to be the best one yet.

We were excited to see the participation of 12 of our 20 Mb Reps, plus 3 additional dancers heading to London in July. There were a total of 155 tickets sold, 15 Scottish Auction baskets and 2 door prizes donated and 18 dancers performing at the danceout. The evening brought in over \$2500 that is being divided up amongst the participating dancers.

Special thanks go out to Lauren Mitchell-Lawson for organizing the performance, Catherine Green and Sonya Warga for working the door and Ian Watson for selling Scottish Auction and 50/50 tickets. Plus all the families that sold tickets and donated prizes, all the dancers that performed and of course, all the wonderful guests that helped make the evening such a success. Canad Inns Polo Park was a joy to work with, making organizing such an event simple and fun.

Good luck to everyone travelling to London in July. We know you will represent Manitoba and the MHDA well.

## Congratulations Team MB

Congratulations to all dancers who competed in the Manitoba provincial selection meet and pre-premier competitions on May 2, 2015. There was a lot of great dancing to watch throughout the day and everyone should be very proud of their accomplishments.

At the selection meet, some dancers won spots to represent Manitoba at the ScotDance Canada Championship Series in London, Ontario this July. We would like to recognize them and wish them luck and know they will do Manitoba proud at the Canadian championships.

Other dancers from Manitoba will also be attending the event, so good luck to everyone making the trip to London!





## MHDA Trophy Trivia

### DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ That MHDA has created a picture and Excel inventory of perpetual trophies to track and identify trophies that need to be refurbished or replaced due to age, condition or lack of engraving space.
- ❖ That MHDA currently maintains a record of trophy recipients for each perpetual trophy and year the trophy is awarded, dating back to 1979.
- ❖ That many MHDA perpetual trophies have been awarded since the 1960's. Should you be presented with one of these trophies, regard it as a great honour and achievement that you share with dancers from our past. Another opportunity to celebrate the rich history of highland dance in Manitoba!
- ❖ 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](mailto:jwatt10175@aol.com). Thank you!



## Ena Sutton Dancers Celebrate 50 Years!

Ena Sutton Highland Dancers of Winnipeg (ESHDW) are celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2015.

The 50th anniversary competition will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015 with a dinner/dance to follow.

Follow the ESHDW [Facebook](#) (click to link) page for updates, photos and more information regarding the dinner.

Looking forward to seeing all past and present members!

## Upcoming Events

**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. This weekend also marks 'Tag Day' a fundraiser for SDCCS 2016.

**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](mailto:twila.macnair@gmail.com)).

**June 20, 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](http://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.

**August 8, 2015** - Fergus Scottish Festival in Fergus, Ontario. A great summer festival for those looking to travel and keep the legs fresh while MHDA takes a competition break for the season. For more info on summer competitions in Canada visit [scotland.ca](http://scotland.ca).

**August 9 to 15, 2015** – The Pavilion of Scotland will be running during the second week of August this year. Keep an eye out for updates on opportunities to perform during this popular Winnipeg summer festival!

**September 26, 2015** - SDCCS 2016 will be hosting a celtic Ceilidh fundraiser, featuring popular band the Dust Rhinos. More details to come. Anyone interested in volunteering or collecting prizes contact Bonnie Bain.

**October 24, 2015** – Ena Sutton Highland Dancers of Winnipeg (ESHDW) are marking their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a competition followed by a dinner and dance.



## MB Dancer Chosen To Dance At Edinburgh Tattoo

Congratulations to one of MHDA's own members, Julia Domke, who was chosen to perform at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Edinburgh, Scotland this summer.

Julia will be travelling to Scotland to perform at the shows throughout the month of August after applying for the team earlier this year.

"I applied for the tattoo in January just by filling out an application form. I was contacted later to send videos of myself dancing to Scotland," said Julia.

The dance team will consist of 66 dancers from countries around the world, including Canada, the United States, Scotland, and Australia.

The shows are performed every day in August, except for Sundays, and take place in front the Edinburgh castle.

"I am very excited to be a part of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo dance team!," she added.



Julia, pictured at a local dance competition. This photo was part of her application for the dance team.

## Out of Town Results

Many MHDA dancers made the trip out to dance at the Saskatchewan Highland Gathering over the May long weekend, and danced very well. Below are Premier results for Manitoba dancers, sourced from the Saskatchewan Highland Gathering web results. My apologies to any dancers who were missed, as I compiled most of the results because only a few people submitted theirs individually and may not have recognized the dancer as being from Manitoba.

### Queen City Open Championship

#### Premier 7 to under 10

##### Celeste Roy

Fling – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sword – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Seann Truibhas – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Reel – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Overall - 4<sup>th</sup> runner up

#### Premier 10 to under 12

##### Laura Unruh

Fling – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sword – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Seann Truibhas – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Reel – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Overall - 1<sup>st</sup> runner up

##### Alexandra Finnbogason

Fling – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Reel – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Overall - 5<sup>th</sup> runner up

##### Jasper Bain

Sword – 6<sup>th</sup>

##### Norah Eldridge

Reel – championship points

#### Premier 12 to under 14

##### Camryn Watson

Fling – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sword – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Seann Truibhas – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Reel – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Overall - 3<sup>rd</sup> runner up

##### Jorden Kennedy

Fling – championship points

#### Premier 14 to under 16

##### Allison Unruh

Fling – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sword – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Seann Truibhas – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Reel – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Overall - Champion and Dancer of the Day

**Alexandra Kaskiw**Fling – 6<sup>th</sup>Sword – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Seann Truibhas – championship points

Reel – 3<sup>rd</sup>Overall - 3<sup>rd</sup> runner up**Gillian Foster**

Fling – championship points

Sword – 4<sup>th</sup>Seann Truibhas – 3<sup>rd</sup>Reel – 2<sup>nd</sup>Overall - 1<sup>st</sup> runner up**Taryn Watson**Fling – 4<sup>th</sup>**Premier 16 & over****Jennifer Watt**Fling – (tie) 1<sup>st</sup>Sword – 2<sup>nd</sup>Seann Truibhas – 2<sup>nd</sup>Reel – 2<sup>nd</sup>Overall - 1<sup>st</sup> runner up**Julia Domke**Fling – (tie) 1<sup>st</sup>Seann Truibhas – 3<sup>rd</sup>Reel – 3<sup>rd</sup>Overall - 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up**Kelsey Wog**Fling – 4<sup>th</sup>Sword – 3<sup>rd</sup>Seann Truibhas – 4<sup>th</sup>Reel – 4<sup>th</sup>Overall - 4<sup>th</sup> runner up

*Allison Unruh with her awards at the Queen City Open Championship*

**Prairie Valley Premiership****Premier 7 to under 11 years****Celeste Roy**Highland Laddie – 6<sup>th</sup>Flora MacDonald – 6<sup>th</sup>Scotch Measure – 6<sup>th</sup>Hornpipe – 5<sup>th</sup>Overall - 5<sup>th</sup> runner up**Premier 11 years****Laura Unruh**Highland Laddie – 1<sup>st</sup>Flora MacDonald – 1<sup>st</sup>Scotch Measure – 1<sup>st</sup>Hornpipe – 1<sup>st</sup>

Overall – Champion and Dancer of the Day

**Jasper Bain**

Highland Laddie – Premiership points

Flora MacDonald – 6<sup>th</sup>**Alexandra Finnbogason**

Highland Laddie – Premiership points

Flora MacDonald - Premiership points

Scotch Measure – 5<sup>th</sup>Hornpipe – 4<sup>th</sup>**Premier 12 and under 14 years****Camryn Watson**Highland Laddie – 3<sup>rd</sup>Flora MacDonald – 2<sup>nd</sup>Scotch Measure – 4<sup>th</sup>Hornpipe – 4<sup>th</sup>Overall – 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up**Tatum Wood**

Flora MacDonald – Premiership points

**Premier 14 and under 16 years****Allison Unruh**Highland Laddie – 1<sup>st</sup>Flora MacDonald – 1<sup>st</sup>Scotch Measure – 1<sup>st</sup>Hornpipe – 1<sup>st</sup>

Overall – Champion and Dancer of the Day

**Gillian Foster**Highland Laddie – 2<sup>nd</sup>Flora MacDonald – 2<sup>nd</sup>Scotch Measure – 2<sup>nd</sup>Hornpipe – 3<sup>rd</sup>Overall – 1<sup>st</sup> runner up**Taryn Watson**Highland Laddie – 4<sup>th</sup>Flora MacDonald – 6<sup>th</sup>

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Scotch Measure – 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Hornpipe – 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Overall – 4<sup>th</sup> runner up

### Alexandra Kaskiw

Highland Laddie – 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Flora MacDonald – Premiership points  
 Scotch Measure – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Hornpipe – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Overall – 5<sup>th</sup> runner up

### Noelle Wood

Flora MacDonald – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Scotch Measure – Premiership points  
 Hornpipe – Premiership points

### Premier 16 & Over

#### Jennifer Watt

Highland Laddie – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Flora MacDonald – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Scotch Measure – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Hornpipe – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Overall – 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up

#### Julia Domke

Highland Laddie – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Flora MacDonald – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Scotch Measure – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Hornpipe – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Overall – 1<sup>st</sup> runner up

#### Kelsey Wog

Highland Laddie – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Flora MacDonald – 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Scotch Measure – 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Hornpipe – 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Overall – 5<sup>th</sup> runner up

### E.C.H.D.A Open Championship

Scarborough, Ontario  
 May 9, 2015

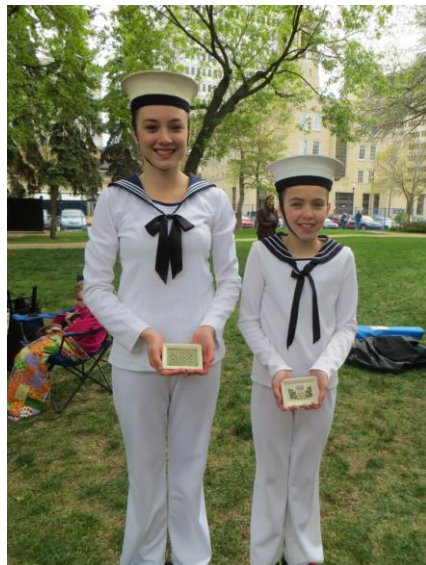
### Premier 10 years and under 12

#### Laura Unruh

Fling – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Sword – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Seann Truibhas – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Reel – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Overall – 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up



Laura Unruh with her 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up awards



Laura and Allison Unruh, who shared dancer of the day during the Prairie Valley Premiership along with Kayla Bogner from Alberta.

**49th MANITOBA HIGHLAND GATHERINGS**  
**June 20, 2015**  
 LEGACY PARK EAST SELKIRK  
 HWY 59 & PR 212 (KITTSON RD)  
 Gates Open at 7:30am  
 Rain or Shine  
 BRING A CHAIR

Sponsors: CWPP, Sunova Credit Union, MacDon, Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism.

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

### Attractions

- PIPE BANDS
- HIGHLAND DANCE
- HEAVY GAMES
- 24TH ANNUAL MANITOBA CANOE & KAYAK MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS
- PETTING ZOO
- SUNOVA WEE FOLK AREA  
Face Painting, Wee Heavy Games  
Mascots, Petting Zoo
- INDOOR & OUTDOOR SCOTTISH MARKET
- WEE WILLY'S SCOTTISH PUB & RED LION SCOTTISH FOOD BOOTH
- CLAN BOOTHS
- CALLING OF THE CLANS
- SONS OF LUGH (VIKING LIVING HISTORY)
- MANITOBA LIVING HISTORY
- MANITOBA GENEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
- REGIONAL HERITAGE GROUP Displays
- MULTICULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT
- PIPE BAND FINALE

### Local Points of Interest

- RED RIVER HERITAGE PARKWAY • TWIN OAKS
- CHUCK THE CHANNEL CAT • SELKIRK PARK
- TRANS CANADA TRAIL • TRIPLE S FAIR & RODEO
- SOUTH BEACH CASINO • TRINER'S EDGE MARATHON
- SELKIRK COMMUNITY TRAIL • MARINE MUSEUM
- ST ANDREWS HISTORIC LOCK & DAM
- LOCKPORT CATFISH TAGGED DERBY
- OAK HAMMOCK MARSH • SELKIRK WATERFRONT
- SELKIRK ARTS CENTRE • SELKIRK LIFT BRIDGE
- LOWER FORT GARY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
- NETLEY MARSH • TURTLE TIDE WATER SLIDES
- GRAND BEACH • ST PETER DYNEVOR CHURCH
- HOCKON ON THE RED
- ST ANDREWS ON THE RED CHURCH
- ST ANDREWS RECTORY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
- R.M. OF ST. CLEMENTS GEO CACHING SITES

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Don't forget to register online for the Manitoba Highland Gathering! Attraction info seen above.

## Lilt Outfit For Sale



Pictured above is a national outfit for sale, which includes the white dress and tartan shawl. The dress is roughly a ladies dress size 10. Cost of the outfit is \$20.

If you are interested in trying on, or purchasing this outfit, please contact Lee Kear at [leekear54@gmail.com](mailto:leekear54@gmail.com).

## SDCCS 2016 Fundraising Update

Greetings Everyone! Although the 2014/2015 dance season is coming to a close, the fundraising for SDCCS 2016 is just gearing up! I want to take this opportunity to catch you up:

- Thank you for your support of our first fundraiser – the discount cards. To date we have generated roughly \$1,500. Unfortunately, some cards are still unaccounted for. The cards/money have to be returned – otherwise they will cost us money if we cannot account for them all! So please ensure you have turned them in.
- Our spring fundraiser is going to be a ‘tag’ day during the Mid-Canada competition at the Forks June 6th and 7th. What’s a tag day, you ask? That’s when charming dancers in their highland outfits stand along the periphery of the crowd during the competition holding donation boxes and asking passersby for donations. We will be looking to have premier dancers promote the donation boxes while the pre-premiers are dancing, and vice-versa. It should be a minimal effort if everyone

steps up and volunteers for a time slot. I ask you all for your support!

- Mark your calendars! September 26th we will be hosting a Ceilidh with special guests ‘The Dust Rhinos’. We are considering special events during the evening with prizes, so if you have any ideas or would like to be on the organizing committee, please let me know.
- The last fundraiser we are planning will be a ‘School Challenge’. During the 2015/2016 dance year, we are challenging each dance school to run their own fundraiser for SDCCS 2016. We will also be making it worth your while, with special prizes for the top fundraising school (based on per dancer results to make it fair). So put your thinking caps on and we look forward to all of your great fundraising next year!
- Further to sponsorships and fundraising, we will have our formal sponsorship packages ready soon, and will circulate to everyone with guidelines and strategies on how you can all help us out.

On behalf of the SDCCS 2016 Organizing Committee,  
Bonnie Bain, Treasurer

**43rd MANITOBA HIGHLAND GATHERING**

**June 20/2015**  
LEGACY PARK EAST SELKIRK  
HWY 50 & PR 212 (KITSON RD)

**Gates Open at 7:30AM** ANAVET Pancake Breakfast 8AM  
Scottish Foods & Pub 11AM

• PIPE BANDS  
• HIGHLAND DANCE  
• HEAVY GAMES  
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Seas - Selkirk  
One Insurance - Selkirk  
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Baron's Meats - Lockport  
Shops of St. Andrews  
Beach Handmart - Wye Beach  
or call Joyce at 204-794-6587

**MacDon**  
Culture, Heritage and Tourism

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manitobahighlandgathering.org

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Manitoba Lotteries  
St. Clements  
COPPP