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Newsletter of the Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association

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Help Build the Stage for SDCCS 2016

When you host the world at one of the largest highland dance competitions, you have to provide staging for hundreds of dancers. For those who have never attended this Championship Series before, the stage will span almost the entire width of the newly expanded 3rd floor at the RBC Winnipeg Convention Centre. Our costs for the stage alone are quite high and we have been busy fundraising (thanks to your help!) for this and the many other expenses associated with this size and stature of event. The good news is the cost goes down for each volunteer we who can help the company that is providing the base material and supervising the stage build!

On Tuesday, July 5th we will need 20 or more volunteers, at 3 pm or after work who:

- are not afraid of some heavy lifting (don't worry, nothing over 50 pounds!),
- can bring work gloves and wear good shoes (no open toes!)

A handful of experienced builders are needed during the day to 'set the stage' so to speak, so let us know if that's you!!

So talk to your family members or friends and email donna.cram@icloud.com to sign up for our stage build at 10 AM or 3 PM (or after your work day finishes). Your dancers will thank you when they have a great stage to dance on in the days that follow!

Thanks

Your SDCCS 2016 Steering Committee

MANY Volunteers Needed for SDCCS 2016

With hundreds of dancers expected at SDCCS 2016 here in Winnipeg we're going to need all hands on deck!

All volunteers will receive a free full day pass on the day they are volunteering.

Check in on the 2nd floor of the RBC Winnipeg Convention Centre a minimum of 15 minutes prior to your start time.

Please [click here](#) to sign up for any available shift(s).

We very much appreciate every volunteer and thank you for helping us host a wonderful SDCCS for all participating dancers!

Should you have any questions, please email sdccs2016vol@gmail.com.

Thanks again and we will see everyone in July!



Selkirk Settler Descendants Picnic

Kildonan Park near Shelter 3a

on Sunday June 5th from 12:30 to 4:00

Join a historical trivia scavenger hunt.

Play bocce ball, horse shoes & frisbee.

Tour the cemetery at Old Kildonan Church to learn a bit of Manitoba's history.

Enjoy a hot dog & drink at a beautiful Winnipeg Park.

It's casual, it's free, it's fun!

For more information or to register contact

Edith Lyon [\(204-885-1927\)](tel:204-885-1927) or

Twila MacNair twila.macnair@gmail.com

Ever Wonder if You are a Descendant of The Selkirk Settlers?

Want to read incredible stories of their early history?

Check out the website.

<http://www.lordselkirk.ca/>

Click on "The Settlers"

You might see a surname that you recognize from your family tree.

To find out more send an inquiry by clicking on "Contact Us"

If you don't yet have enough information to confirm your descent,

our historian would be happy to help you in your quest.

Upcoming Competitions

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Manitoba Closed Provincial Selection Meet & Competition

Where: St. James Civic Centre, Winnipeg

Time: Pre-Premier Registration at 8:00 a.m.

Premier Registration at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday & Sunday June 11 & 12, 2016

Mid-Canada Open Championships, Competition & Premiership

Where: The Forks, Under the Canopy, Winnipeg

Registration Closes: May 30, 2016

www.mbhighlanddance.com for more info

Sunday, July 3, 2016

Manitoba Highland Gathering Competition

Where:

Registration Closes: June 20, 2016

Visit <http://www.eventry.net/> to register!

July 6 to 10, 2016

SDCCS 2016 here in Winnipeg!

Visit sdccs.ca for more info. Please register ASAP if you have not already!

Coming soon...

Highland Hoppers Wine Raffle

In support of...

- Tickets \$2ea
- Available for sale at May 14 Provincials
- Draw at June 11 Mid-Canada

1st Prize: 15 bottles

2nd Prize: 10 bottles

3rd Prize: 10 bottles

4th Prize: 5 bottles

5th Prize: 5 bottles





SDCCS 2016



Heart of Canada Banquet Photo Stream

We need your help!

The 2016 Banquet is going to feature a photo show of you- our dancers!

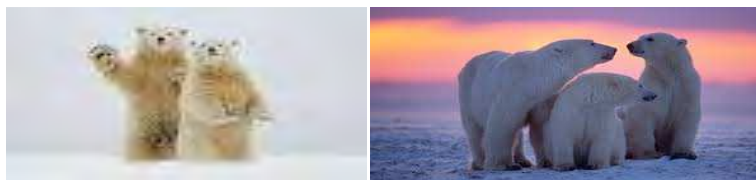
If you would like to see yourself on the big screen during the banquet- here is your assignment:

Get together with your *best dancing pals* and take some *fun* pics-

Serious ones are boring!

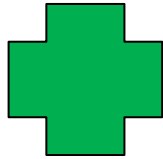


There's *one catch*- your photos need to somehow incorporate a polar bear.



A polar bear?

Not only are they amazing animals and part of the theme of our banquet, but Manitoba is one of the few places in the world where humans and wild polar bears coexist. To get into the spirit of SDCCS 2016 in Winnipeg we want to see Highland Dancers and Manitoba's unofficial mascot coexisting.



You could do a pic with a [real](#) polar bear, a [drawing](#) of a polar bear, [someone dressed up](#) as a polar bear, [photo-shop](#) a polar bear into your pic, the options are endless!

Once you take your pics post them to Instagram using [#SDCCS2016highlandpolarbear](#) and you'll see yourself on the big screen during the banquet. But, please make sure to make your account 'public' otherwise we won't be able to find your photos, even if you use the hashtag!



Thanks for your help!

-Deanne Magnus

SDCCS 2016 Banquet Committee

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Out of Town Results

Congratulations to Jennifer Watt for her success in a BC championship and competition held April 30 and May 1st!

Hornpipe Challenge 18& over - 3rd

Well done Jenny!

Fraser Valley Open Championship - 18 Year & Over Adult class:

Congratulations as well to Mya Pilat who had a very succesful time competing in Arizona!

Fling- 6th

Sword- 3rd

Sean Tribuhas- 3rd

Strathspey and highland reel- 2nd

52nd Arizona Scottish Gathering & Highland Games

1st - fling, seann truibus & jig

2nd - sword & reel

*2nd runner up to the 18 & Over Adult Champion

11 & Under Aggregate Trophy Winner

National competition - 18& over Adult class

Earl of Errol- 2nd

Village Maid- 4th

Blue Bonnets- 4th

Manitoba Dancer Impresses In National Poetry Reading Competition

Winnipeg dancer Meaghan Fennell earned a spot in the Poetry in Voice national competition, which is a competition that helps celebrate a youth's passion for poetry.

In this competition, high school students from around the country choose a category they wish to be involved in: English, French or bilingual. Meaghan chose to be in the bilingual stream.

In December, she competed in an in-class competition and was chosen by her teacher to move on to the next stage. Only top 5 scores will move on to the next stage: the school competition.

At the school competition, there is a prompter, 3 judges and an audience. This year, the audience was the grade 11s. Meaghan clinched first place to move on to the next round, online semifinals where she competed against 500 other people.

She was chosen and was granted a free trip to Toronto to compete against the other 11 at the national competition.

She had a lot of fun competing in Toronto and said it was an honour to be chosen even though she didn't make it to the final round.

Kelsey Wog Making Waves On World Swimming Scene



Is it a coincidence that Highland dancers often seem to excel in areas outside dance? Whether it is another sport, academics or other interests, we celebrate them all! Currently, we are helping the Wog family celebrate with the notoriety their daughter Kelsey has achieved in international swim circles.

We were both amazed and heartbroken by Kelsey Wog's swim in the Olympic trials in Toronto!

She had qualified to swim in four races, broke one of her own personal records and in her specialty event, the 200 metre breaststroke she had both a wonderful and wicked experience. Announced as the "youngster" of the race at age 17, she swam against 9 others who were Pan Am and Olympic-experienced seniors. In the last of 4 lengths of the pool, we were on the edge of our seats watching CBC Sports live, as Kelsey gained on the former-Olympian in second place for a spot on the Olympic team. Her time was faster than needed for the Olympic standard but she also needed to reach the second spot to be heading to Rio! As they neared the finish, the announcer said Kelsey just needed just a bit more real estate to outreach the senior swimmer beside her....you could see she'd been gaining on her in the last stretch! By a fraction of a second Kelsey came in third for a Bronze medal. An amazing feat for our "youngster" from Manitoba, but a fraction short of making the team. Both wonderful to accomplish the best swim of her lifetime, and wickedly heartbreaking all at the same time!

The University of Manitoba Swim program is pumped to have her in their ranks! We are certainly pumped that she remains in our highland dance ranks despite her extreme commitment to swimming at this international level. Kelsey goes on to the Junior Pan-Pacific Championships in Hawaii this summer. She is still considered a "Junior" despite competing with seniors for the Olympic team! Good luck with all your future goals Kelsey!



Don't Forget Your Grocery Gift Cards!

Just a reminder to bring in your money and to pick up your Grocery Gift Cards from the latest SDCCS 2016 fundraiser at the May 14 competition at St. James Civic Centre.

SDCCS Dancer's Welcome Bags – donations accepted until June 1st!

We are looking for support from companies, businesses and individuals to donate products and

samples to our 800+ dancers that will be attending the ScotDance Canada Championship Series

July 6 - 10, 2016 at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

It is customary for the hosting province to provide each registered dancer with a gift bag containing sample products, small gifts and coupons. Popular items include water bottles, hair

accessories and products, first aid and sewing kits to name a few.

If you have any contacts that you think might be interested in donating products to be included

in the dancer's welcome bags, please email Elaine Douglas at emdouglas@shaw.ca.
Donations

will be acknowledged in the souvenir program and the ScotDance Canada Championship Series website www.sdccs.ca

Donations can be mailed or dropped off at:
SDCCS 2016

c/o 316-1671 Plessis Road
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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or call Elaine at 204-998- 7445 to arrange for pickup.

Creating excitement and interest in highland dance and promoting Scottish culture in Manitoba

is an important part of the mandate of the SDCCS 2016 organizing committee and the Manitoba

Highland Dancers' Association. We hope you will consider making a donation towards this exciting event.