

TARTAN PRESS

The Official Newsletter of the Manitoba Highland Dancer's Association



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Welcome!



Welcome your new MHDA executive!

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Big Changes for the MHDA Annual Tartan Tea!

We are moving the Tartan Tea to the AMAZING Assiniboia Downs. This facility is fully wheelchair accessible with plenty of free parking. There is also very limited set-up or clean-up required. It will be a more convenient and comfortable venue for our dancers, guests and volunteers. So, on Sunday, December 4, 2016, please join us between 12-4pm for the MHDA's biggest and longest running fundraiser. There will be a Jar Bar, so start collecting trinkets, toys, and more!

Please help the MHDA carry out the Holiday Tradition of inviting friends and relatives to enjoy an afternoon of dancing entertainment and dainties. Dancers look forward to showcasing their talents in a non competitive environment and later have an opportunity to visit Santa or get their face painted.

Tea attendees find The Bake Sale Table an ideal way to stock up on some Holiday Baking without all



the work or to purchase some of the baking they sampled while watching the dance program. For many families it is a tradition not only to attend the Tea but in working together while preparing family favorite recipes that they donate to both the bake table and kitchen. Often Grandparents or other relatives who enjoy cooking offer to assist. Baking is required both for serving and the bake sale. If every dancer brings at least 2 dozen squares, cupcakes, cookies or similar dainties, there will be plenty for everyone to enjoy and purchase.

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Big Changes for the MHDA Annual Tartan Tea in 2016! - continued

For families attending the Tea there are great prize raffle baskets that are donated from either Dance Schools or Businesses. The prize draws are done at the end of the Tea. However, you do not have to be in attendance to claim your prize; arrangements will be made with the winners to receive their baskets at a later date. If you have a donation, please contact Lisa Omand.

Kids just love the Jar Bar Table with the surprised filled containers that they select. It is a delight to watch the excitement on their faces as they uncover the candy or treats hidden inside or watch the negotiations made between friends as they barter and trade their loot. Start collecting up goodies to put in sealed, wrapped jars or containers to add to the Jar Bar. These can be delivered to the Jar Bar upon your arrival at the Tea on December 4. Jars will be \$3 or 2 for \$5.

The Tartan Tea is MHDA's major fundraiser, Ticket sales are important and a basis for determining government funding. So please encourage your friends and families to attend and help support our organization. Revenues generated from the Tea help to cover the costs of our Competitions.

The contributions made by the Teachers, Dance Schools and Volunteers have ensured the success of this annual event and we appreciate the continued support in making



the 2016 Tartan Tea a Timeless Tradition!

Contact your dancer's teacher for which school is covering which station. If you are not part of a participating school, but wish to volunteer, please contact Lisa Omand.

Tickets \$10 each (children under 10 are free with an adult admission). Dancers that are performing at the Tea get in for free. Tickets are available through dancers, at the door or by contacting Lisa Omand at tartantea@mbhighlanddance.com or 204-479-3021.

Court and Ramesar Schools Pointsetta fundraiser



REMINDER: The Court and Ramesar Schools will be holding their Holiday fundraiser again this year. Poinsettia's (in multiple colours) and wreaths from Shelmardine's are being joined by Bothwell cheese (yum!).

Delivery will be at the Tartan Tea once again. Funds are going toward travel to PEI for SDCCS 2017. Order forms will be at the November MHDA competition or please let us know if you would like to be notified when order forms are available. (kathyramesar@gmail.com or gimlit@mymts.net)



Laura Unruh's Successful Year!

Submitted by Gaelyn McGregor



Laura Unruh, 13 yrs, student of McGregor Studio of Dance, won 8 championships in 3 countries in 2016! The following is a list of all the championship titles Laura can claim as winner -- a feat that has never been accomplished in Manitoba before!

February - Manitoba Open Champion - Winnipeg, Manitoba
 May - Manitoba Closed Champion - Winnipeg, Manitoba
 June - Mid-Canada Champion - Winnipeg, Manitoba
 July - Canadian Champion - Winnipeg, Manitoba
 July - ScotDance Canada Open Champion - Winnipeg, Manitoba
 July - Grand Rapids Open Champion - Michigan, USA (as part of the USA Championships)
 August - Commonwealth Champion - Stirling,

Scotland

August - Scottish Champion - Cowal, Dunoon, Scotland

Besides winning her many championship titles this year, Laura was also the winner of multiple dancer of the day, high aggregate of the day, winter and year of the Manitoba Highland Dance Association and Premiership title winner. This is the first year Laura was able to qualify to dance in the World Championships and by winning the Scottish

Championship she danced the following day in the Juvenile Championship as a then 12 year old -- the age group 12 - 15yrs. She won a medal in the Highland Fling and also received a judge's placing in Seann Triubhas. Many heartfelt congratulations to you Laura and may you have continuing success in the years ahead!



Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 12, 2016
 MHDA Closed Competition at Balmoral Hall School (630 Westminster Avenue, Winnipeg)

Pre-Premier Registration 9:00 a.m.
 Premier Registration 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, November 13, 2016
 ScotDance Manitoba Professional & Premier Dancer Championship Workshops at Prairie Theatre Exchange (3rd floor, Portage Place, Winnipeg)

Professionals 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
 Premier Dancers 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 4, 2016
 This year's Tartan Tea will be on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at Assiniboia Downs from 12 to 4 p.m. See first two pages of the Tartan Press for more information!

Saturday, January 21, 2017
 MHDA Closed Competition at St. James Civic Centre in Winnipeg. Entries will open on December 14, 2016 and close on January 11, 2017.

Saturday, February 11 & Sunday February 12, 2017
 Open Winnipeg Scottish Festival and Championship (non-MHDA) at the Victoria Inn. Stay tuned for more details on registration and the workshops!

News from the McGregor Studio of Dance

Submitted by Gaelyn McGregor

Alia Cappellani is temporarily residing in Waterloo, Ontario while she studies and earns her Optometry degree. When Alia isn't studying, we see her at classes via FaceTime! All the best, Alia!

Kim Hurst is temporarily residing in Herstmonceux Castle in Sussex England studying Science through Queens University.

OUT OF TOWN RESULTS

Big congratulations to all the MHDA dancers who made a splash at some out of town competitions recently! See below for their results.

If you would like to submit your out of town results, please send them to terryn.shiells@gmail.com - pictures are great too!



USIR 2016, Pearl Magnuson Memorial Premiership July 15, 2016 - Grand Rapids, Michigan

Laura Unruh
Premier 12 & under 14 years
Johnny - 3rd
Earl of Errol - 4th
Jig - 4th
Overall - 2nd Runner Up

Allison Unruh
Premier 16 & under 18 years
Johnny - 6th
Earl of Errol - Judges placings
Lilt - Judges placings
Jig - 1st
Overall - 3rd Runner Up

Rachel Unruh
Premier 18 & Over
Jig - Judges placings

USIR 2016, Grand Rapids Open Championship July 17, 2016 - Grand Rapids, Michigan

Laura Unruh
Premier 12 & under 14 years
Fling - 3rd
Sword - 1st
Seann Truibhas - 1st
Reel - 1st
Overall - Champion

Allison Unruh
Premier 16 & under 18 years
Sword - 6th
Seann Truibhas - 6th
Reel - 6th

Commonwealth Championship August 21, 2016 - Stirling, Scotland

Laura Unruh
Premier 12 years
Fling - 2nd
Sword - 1st
Seann Truibhas - 1st
Reel - 1st
Overall - Champion

Scottish Championship, Cowal Highland Gathering August 26, 2016 - Dunoon, Scotland

Laura Unruh
Premier 12 years
Fling - 3rd
Sword - 1st
Seann Truibhas - 3rd
Reel - 1st
Overall - Champion

World Juvenile Championship, Cowal Highland Gathering August 27, 2016 - Dunoon, Scotland

Laura Unruh
Premier 12 and under 16 years
6th Fling - 6th
Seann Truibhas - Judges placings

Calgary Highland Games September 3rd, 2016 - Calgary, Alberta

Laurie Tyndall
Restricted Premier 22 years & over
Village Maid - 4th

IHDA Fall Competition October 8th & 9th, 2016 - Kamloops, BC

Lauren Horvath
Premier 13 years
Fling - 6th
Highland Laddie - 6th
Sailor's Hornpipe - 5th

Canada's Capital City Championship October 29, 2016 - Ottawa, Ontario

Jennifer Watt
Premier 18 & under 22 years
Fling - 2nd
Sword - 2nd
Seann Truibhas - 2nd
Reel - 2nd
Overall - 1st Runner Up

OHDA Open Highland Dancing Competition October 30, 2016 - Ottawa, Ontario

Jennifer Watt
Premier 18 & over
Highland Laddie - 4th
Irish Jig - 3rd
Village Maid - 4th
Flora - 3rd



Possible MHDA Charity Golf Event

Submitted by Jennifer Lange

The Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association is looking into the possibility of hosting a charity golf event. Our new fundraising director Jennifer Lange is hoping to get your feedback on this idea.

Please contact Jennifer via the MHDA website or by e-mail at wabisabidesign@hotmail.com if:

- You have a connection to a certain golf course where the event could be hosted
- You have any tips for putting on an event like this
- Would like to volunteer your time to assist in planning the event

If you have any questions, please feel free to also contact Jennifer!



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Quote the code a couple of times a month!