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## Annual MHDA Tartan Tea a Big Success!

*includes submissions from Lisa Omand and Jennifer Lange*

The 2017 Tartan Tea was a very successful one. We were pleased to welcome over 450 paid guests and make \$5500 profit, up \$1000 from 2016. We took in 468 tickets at the door! Including children and volunteers we were over 600 in numbers. What a wonderful way to celebrate our Scottish culture through Highland Dance!

This continues to be our biggest fundraiser each year. We confirmed recently, that the Tartan Tea began in 1955. So, it is not only a 62 year-old year tradition, but is a great way to come together as a Highland Dance community in a non-competitive way. The variety, creativity and talent displayed by the 7 participating schools and all their dancers is remarkable.

This was my (Lisa Omand's) 7th Tartan Tea as the Coordinator and probably the easiest thanks to my new crew – Jennifer Lange, Jennifer Watson, Janet Lyon-Anderson and Martha Clyde. In addition to thanking them for their valuable support, perspective and new ideas, I would like to send many thanks to all the member families, dancers and teachers that contributed to our success.

Thank you goes out to...

**Performing Schools:** Kids In Kilts, Ramesar, Cram, Court, Highland Hoppers, McCallum, French

**Additional performances:** The Boys' Mentorship Program, MHDA Members traditional dances & SDTA Scholarship participants

**Volunteers:** Kids in Kilts serving, Ramesar & Court dainty cutting/plating, Cram Scottish Auction & 50/50, Hoppers Bake Sale, McCallum Jar Bar, French Front Door and dancers' goodie bags

**Stage Set up:** Roy Family, Gill Family, Watt Family, Laver-Wright Family, Westdahl Family & Sonya Warga

**Trailer towing:** Dan Barry

**Stage Tear Down:** Court Family & Osabutey Family

**Clean-up** was a flurry of activity with many people pitching in. It went so smoothly and quickly.

**Dance-out Coordinator:** Lauren Mitchell-Lawson

**Sound/PA Assistant:** Yves Roy

**Piper:** Adam Tingskou

**MC:** Bart Omand

**Volunteer Face painters:** Katie, Robyn, Linea, Ashley, Heather & Nadia

**Santa & Mrs. Claus:** Craig & Carla Oliphant

**ScotDance Manitoba**

**The MHDA members**

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All the schools and individuals that donated to the Scottish Auction, Bake Sale, jar bar and dainty table. As well, special thanks to the mother of Martha Clyde for the beautiful tartan quilt and Bill Knight Flooring for the Jets tickets that made up the 2 Grand Prizes.

We welcomed 10 vendors this year that all donated door prizes as well:

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| 1. Jennifer Lange - Wabisabi Design     | 6. Erin Kuhtney and Suzanna Moufflier -      |
| 2. Karen Nixon - ThirtyOne Gifts        | ceramics and water colour cards              |
| 3. Bryan Cummins - Unique Ireland       | 7. Kristin Buhler - Jolie Handmade Jewellery |
| 4. Veronica - Steeped Tea               | 8. Jenna - Sweet Makers Honey Company        |
| 5. Loriccia Pacholko-Matheson- handmade | 9. Deanna Nixon - Tupperware                 |
| ceramics and stuffies                   | 10. Alison McDougall - Black Card Ink.       |

As always, the rest of the MHDA Executive provided valuable feedback, support & assistance: Christine Foulkes, Joan Holmstrom, Bonnie Bain, Gayle Roy, Jennifer Lange, Cathy Laver-Wright.

We continue to strive to make the Tartan Tea a pleasurable experience and valuable event for our members. We are finalizing details for the 2018 and look forward to being able to announce the details this spring. If you ever have questions, suggestions or would like to assist, please contact the committee at

[tartantea@mbhighlanddance.com](mailto:tartantea@mbhighlanddance.com).

## It's Wine (Fundraiser) Time!

We have begun selling tickets and soliciting donations of wine or cash for our 2018 MHDA Wine Raffle!

Banville & Jones have been gracious enough to continue their support of our organization.

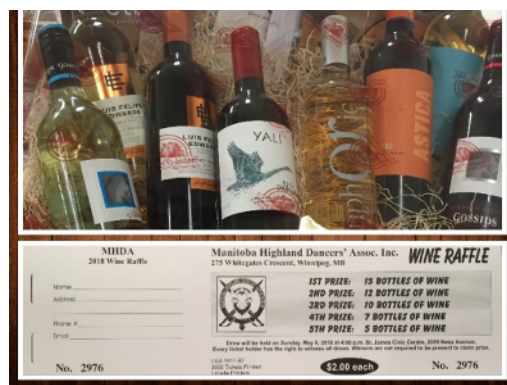


To donate wine for our fundraiser you may:

1) Donate cash or bottles through your dance school's raffle representative

2) Go to the MHDA Banville&Jones's online wine registry:

<http://banvilleandjones.cornervine.com/wine/reg/308>



- All wines are on registry – once a wine is selected, click the picture, and then 'Add to Cart for Registry'
- If you want to add more than one wine, just press the back button on the browser
- Review your order and click 'Checkout'
- At this point you can Log in or Create a CornerVine account (to see the benefits of CornerVine click here: <http://banvilleandjones.cornervine.com/home/support/gettingstarted>) If you want to bypass this set, click 'Skip This Step' you will be able to purchase the wine without an account.
- At checkout, click off the button that says 'Registry Storage' - this will indicate that the wines will be stored at B&J until the event.
- You can also attach a note to the bottle in Additional Instructions

## Award Presentations at the 2017 Tartan Tea

This year, we had 3 special presentations.

We awarded the The Walter Hagborg Community Service award to Janie Watt (*pictured below accepting her award.*)



The award was created last year to honour the materials, time and skill Walter Hagborg donated to MHDA in the refurbishing of

numerous perpetual trophies.

This year, Jan French, graciously presented this new annual award and spoke about Janie's hard work, dedication, attention to detail and fabulous ideas as Awards & Trophies Coordinator.

Janie fulfilled this role for MHDA for 5 years, as well as being a key contributor to the Awards Committee for SDCCS 2016. During Janie's term, she took inventory of our extensive perpetual trophy collection, noted their condition and set into motion a plan to repair, refurbish &/or replace in a fiscally responsible manner, which included the talents of Mr. Hagborg. She helped with the smooth transition of the position for this year and continues to make herself available to assist, answer questions and provide ideas.

Thank you Janie, for your dedication and positive attitude. We look forward to your contributions to future projects within the MHDA.

We also officially inducted Keith Rempel (*pictured right*) as our 36th Past President. While his term as President ended in 2016, he remained on the Board as Chairman for 1 more year, and was unable to attend the 2016 Tartan Tea. So, we took a moment to acknowledge and



thank Keith for a decade of service to the MHDA.

Over the past 10 years, he has served as Vice President, President & Chairman of the Board, as well as our representative to the Pavilion of Scotland. In addition, Keith was the designer and webmaster of the original MHDA website, and IT support for all things electronic within the organization. Keith has always been proud to represent the MHDA at public events and could always be found chatting up potential dancers or sponsors at every opportunity.

While his daughters have moved on from dancing, Keith can still be found volunteering at the Pavilion of Scotland every summer. Thank you, Keith for everything you have done for the MHDA and good luck with your future endeavors.

Lastly, we inducted Wes Sheppard as our newest Honorary Life Member. Wes who has been piping since the age of 9, began piping at dance competitions in the early 80s. He "retired" briefly in 2008, but returned within a few years, and continues to pipe to this day.

Wes is a well-known and popular fixture in the Scottish community, not just in Manitoba, but all over North America, including piping at no less than 5 different ScotDance Canada Championship Series. Not only is he a sought-after professional piper, but also a pipe major, instructor, adjudicator and clinician. He is usually involved with multiple pipebands at any given time, having been a founding member of many of them. Wes' talent and technique are obvious as soon as you hear him play. What stands out above all else are his love of the music and dedication to the Scottish Community.

Wes has a charm and gentle smile that draw everyone in. Dancers love to see him at competitions and go out of their way to give their favourite tartan teddy bear a big hug. It is with great honour that we induct Wes Sheppard as the 2017 Honorary Life Member of the MHDA. Congratulations and thank you, Wes.



## Value Village FUNDrive Update



Submitted by Lauren Horvath

The Value Village FunDrive is turning into an overwhelming success! We are over 2000 pounds in collected goods! Thank you to everyone who has been involved!

The last day we will be accepting donations is February 10th as there is still much sorting to do of hard and soft items. Arrangements will need to be made with my Mom (Kim) for drop off at the storage locker only. **Please note that there is no collection of donations at the competition this Saturday or at the WSF Championship in February.** The school challenge update will be posted this weekend. Look for our poster at the competition!



## Boys Mentorship Program starting up soon!

Our Boys Mentorship will be starting up shortly for 2018! If you or someone you know would like to join us and give highland dance a try, please contact Jennifer Lange at: [fundraising@mbhighlanddance.com](mailto:fundraising@mbhighlanddance.com) for more information.

We had a spectacular 2017!!! From an idea to a full program with participation by over a dozen boys including: 6 mentorship sessions, a week of dancing at Folklorama in our Scottish Pavilion, and a rousing performance at the Tartan Tea. Thank you to Connor Simpson, Macleod Simpson and Connor McIntosh for bringing this program to life!

Congratulations to two of our members who will be dancing in their first competition in January!



## MHDA Dancers Perform at Scottish Gentleman's Dinner



Some MHDA dancers performed at the Scottish Gentleman's Dinner this past November. For more information about dance outs or how to get involved, contact [danceouts@mbhighlanddance.com](mailto:danceouts@mbhighlanddance.com)

## Kids in Kilts Parent Committee's (KIKPC) Robbie Burns Dinner



Come on out to the Kids in Kilts Parent Committee's (KIKPC) first ever Robbie Burns Dinner Saturday, January 27 at the Glenwood Community Centre. Doors open at 5:30, dinner is served at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and include a delicious Scottish meal and entertainment from Craig Oliphant, Heather Purvis, the Windsor's Fiddling Trio, Kids in Kilts dancers and the Flowers of Scotland Performance Troupes. All are invited to join us as we toast to the immortal memory of Scotland's most famous bard.

Tickets are available from the KIKPC ([kikpc12@gmail.com](mailto:kikpc12@gmail.com)) or at the door. Hope to see you there! Slàinte!

## ScotDance Canada JL McKenzie Scholarship Program



First awarded in 1996 this fund was set up to honour Mr. James L. McKenzie, of Aberdeen Scotland. Mr. McKenzie was instrumental in introducing to, and developing in Canada the techniques of

the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.

The intent of the fund is to assist in the development of a promising dancer who displays not only the competitive spirit, but community spirit, as well as a love and enjoyment of, and dedication to Highland Dance. Guidelines for the award have been set to give dancers equal opportunity to win the award.

Award winners are encouraged to use the funds to further their dance activities. Monies for this fund are acquired through donations (provincial or personal). As well, 1% of all ScotDance Canada's portion of dancer registrations collected is allocated to this fund.

The Award is open to Premier dancers who complete the application process, which includes a demonstration of the Tribute to JL McKenzie. Demonstration opportunities are available at the January and March MHDA competitions, the Winnipeg Scottish Festival in February, and the April ScotDance Manitoba competition. Dancers wishing to participate in the demonstration at a competition must notify [kathyramesar@gmail.com](mailto:kathyramesar@gmail.com) minimum 2 days prior to the event.

Manitoba is home to six award winners! They are: Tara Christie, George Hamilton, Reagan Robertson, Kaylee Campbell, Kirsten Henry and Stacie Nixon. Premier dancers who are interested should contact their teacher for more information.

## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, January 20, 2018

The first competition of 2018 is being held at the Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain. Good luck to all dancers. **(Reminder: Given limited seating at this venue, Pre-Premiers are asked not to arrive before 12:45 p.m.)**

### Saturday, January 27, 2018

The MHDA has been invited to perform at a Robbie Burns dinner hosted by Member of Parliament for Elmwood-Transcona, Daniel Blakie. Please email [danceouts@mbhighlanddance.com](mailto:danceouts@mbhighlanddance.com) with your dancer's name and classification if you'd like to participate.

### February 10 & 11, 2018

The Winnipeg Scottish Festival and Championship will be held on February 10, followed by workshops on February 11. Registration is now open on [www.mbhighlanddance.com](http://www.mbhighlanddance.com) - make sure to register before the closing date on February 1!

### March 17, 2018

The next MHDA competition will take place Saturday, March 17, 2018! More details and registration information will be coming soon. It will be announced on social media and via email - all the details and registration info will be posted on [mbhighlanddance.com](http://mbhighlanddance.com).

## Register for the 1st annual MHDA Golf Tournament!

We are looking forward to a beautiful day of golf, lunch, supper and celebrating all things wonderfully Scottish at our 1st annual golf tournament on Saturday September 8 (Kingswood Golf and Country Club). Our participants will be piped onto the golf course and enjoy a full day of fun and games. Don't miss the scotch tasting!

Register on the MHDA website:

[www.mbhighlanddance.com](http://www.mbhighlanddance.com)

Thank you to Barb Chabih for designing our golf page on the website!

**Want to get involved? Need more info?**

Contact Jennifer Lange at:

[fundraising@mbhighlanddance.com](mailto:fundraising@mbhighlanddance.com)



## Manitobans Bring Home Hardware from Highland Games in Florida

Congratulations to Mya Pilat, Madelaine Baigrie and Jennifer Watt who competed at the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games on January 13 and 14, 2018. See below for their results!

### Central Florida Classic Open Championship

Saturday, January 13, 2018

#### Premier 7 & under 12

##### Mya Pilat

Seann Trubhias - 6th

Strathspey & Half Tulloch - 4th

#### Premier 14 & under 16

##### Madelaine Baigrie

Fling - 5th

Sword - 4th

Seann Trubhias - 5th

Strathspey & Half Tulloch - 4th

**Overall - 4th Runner Up**

#### Premier 18 & over

##### Jennifer Watt

Fling - 1st

Sword - 1st

Strathspey & Half Tulloch - 1st

**Overall - Champion**

### Central Florida Premiership

Sunday, January 14, 2018

#### Premier 7 & under 12

##### Mya Pilat

Flora - 6th

Jig - 6th (tie)

#### Premier 14 & under 16

##### Madelaine Baigrie

Flora - 6th

Scotch Measure - 6th

Earl of Errol - 5th

Jig - 5th

#### Premier 18 & over

##### Jennifer Watt

Flora - 3rd

Scotch Measure - 2nd

Earl of Errol - 1st

Jig - 1st

**Overall - 1st Runner Up**



### FULL KILT OUTFIT FOR SALE:

- 6 Yds green dress Cunningham- Scottish Woven Tartan Kilt with XL hem for lots of growth room
- Green Velvet vest with gold braid and buttons- Size 6-9.
- White blouse with lace Dickie -Size 6-9.
- 1 Pair Dress Cunningham Socks.

**Asking \$1000.00 O.B.O** Worn once for a competition.(2 dances). Will deliver. Contact Darren at [darrenraeside@gmail.com](mailto:darrenraeside@gmail.com) if interested.

## Pavilion of Scotland Seeking Ambassadors for 2018

The Pavilion of Scotland has begun its search for 2018 ambassadors. There are 2 adult and 2 youth ambassador positions available. Interested parties, should contact [dcarey.manitoba@gmail.com](mailto:dcarey.manitoba@gmail.com) with questions or to request an application. Application deadline is March 15, 2018. This year, the Pavilion of Scotland will take place at the Glenwood Community Club between August 5-12.