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## 5th Annual SDCCS Travel Fundraiser a Big Success!

Submitted by Lisa Omand

On June 1, the MHDA once again hosted a fundraiser to assist dancers travelling to SDCCS. We stayed with the CanadInns chain, but used Cowboys Nite Club at the Windsor Park location. This year was a terrific success. We had more participants, guests, money raised and dancers performing than ever before! We are proud to have had some level of participation from 27 dancers, ranging from Primaries to adult Premiers. There were 24 dancers filling the stage and floor to perform for over 200 guests. Our silent auction, with an impressive 29 baskets, generated almost double last year's sales and the 50/50 pot was over \$350! All together, we raised over \$4000 to share among the dancers travelling to Calgary later this month. (Cheques will be distributed at MidCanada.)

An event like this couldn't be successful without a great committee & supporters. Thank you:

- Lauren Mitchell-Lawson for managing the dance-out performance
- all the dancers that performed
- John Chabih for all the organization and set up of the silent auction
- Bryan Cummings at Unique Ireland for the door prize donation
- Stewart's Trophies for the prize basket donation
- Bardal Funeral Homes for 2 prize basket donations
- all the families that donated baskets
- everyone that volunteered at the event
- all the friends and families that sold and bought tickets
- all our guests for attending
- and especially Jennifer Lange for being a fantastic event co-coordinator



The MHDA is proud to provide this opportunity to its members and happy to see such an overwhelming response!

## SAVE THE DATE: MHDA AGM

Save the Date for Sunday, September 23 at Crescentwood CC for the 2018 MHDA AGM. We will be offering supper & costume exchange once again. Full details regarding meal choices, times, agenda, elections and where to RSVP will be out in August.

## Workshops with Shendl Russel

### - June 8 & 10

We are fortunate to have a prestigious and well-known judge, such as Shendl Russel coming to us from Scotland during MidCanada. ScotDance Manitoba is offering 2 workshops to take advantage of Ms. Russel's knowledge and experience. One is for Teachers and the other is for Premier dancers only.

Please see below on how you/your dancer can get in on this wonderful opportunity.

#### Professional Session - Friday, June 8th 6:30 - 9 p.m.

2018 Championship and Premiership Step Lecture (CPD credits available) St. Pauls Anglican Church, Narthex room. 430 North Drive

#### Premier Workshop - Sunday, June 10th 2:30-4:30pm (Premier dancers only)

Championship Step Critique Dancer Workshop - June 2018

St. Paul's Anglican Church Main hall. 430 North Drive. Dancers please RSVP by June 5 to: [melb1997@mymts.net](mailto:melb1997@mymts.net) with dancer name, age, and teacher name.

Fee: \$30 payable to "ScotDance Manitoba" at Mid-Canada event (Teachers, please collect for your school and pass along in an envelope on Saturday June 9 to M'Liss Bunting, with list of dancer names and your total fees)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Saturday June 9 & Sunday June 10, 2018 -

Good luck to everyone competing at the MHDA competition at the Forks on June 9 & 10.

**Sunday, June 10, 2018** - Premier dancer Championship step critique workshop with Shendl Russel. Details to the left.

**Saturday, June 23, 2018** - The Manitoba Highland Gathering dance competition is being held. Register online at <https://www.eventry.net/mhg/2018-manitoba-highland-highland-dance-competition-entries> close on June 23, 2018.

**Saturday, June 30 to Wednesday, July 4, 2018** - SDCCS 2018 in Calgary takes places! Good luck to all dancers travelling to compete, including our Manitoba Provincial Representatives.

**August 5 to 11, 2018** - The Pavilion of Scotland runs the first week of Folklorama this year! An email will be coming out soon to members to sign up to perform with the Manitoba Highland Dancers Association!

## Manitoba Representatives 2018



Congratulations to the dancers who were selected to represent Manitoba at the upcoming Canadian highland dance championships at SDCCS in Calgary, all pictured left. Representing Manitoba this year will be:

Sydney Stibbard, Juleah Chabih, Ainsley Lamb, Grace Melnic, Céleste Roy, Mya Pilat, Alanna Holens, Laura Unruh, Madelaine Baigrie, Lauren Horvath, Camryn Watson, Chloe Mathers, Kennedy Molloy, Jennifer Watt, Lauren McCombe and Terryn Shiells.

# Manitoba dancers compete at Regina Highland Games

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Dancers from a variety of different schools in Manitoba travelled to Regina to compete at the highland games over the May long weekend. Some dancers from the Court and Ramesar Schools (Abby Sigurdson, Joslyn Moisey, Alex Finnbogason and Emilie Mclean) even got to meet Ron Mclean and Don Cherry who were in town for the Memorial Cup. See below for results, next page for pictures. *If your results were missed, please submit to terryn.shiells@gmail.com for the next edition.*

## Saturday, May 19, 2018

### Primary 5 years

Karys Douglas: PDB & high cuts - 3rd

Natasha Roy: PDB - 4th, PDB & high cuts - 2nd

### Beginner 6 & 7 years

Kali Champan: Fling - 4th, ST - 4th, Lilt - 4th

Allyson Stubbe: Fling - 6th, Sword - 4th

Morgan Weiss: Fling - 2nd, Sword - 2nd, ST - 2nd, Flora - 3rd

### Beginner 8 & 9 years

Veronica Daniel, participation

Payton Young: Fling - 4th, ST - 3rd, Lilt - 5th

### Novice 7 & under 10

Thea Conley: Fling - 3rd, Sword - 1st, ST - 2nd, Flora - 3rd

Keira Weibe: ST - 3rd, Flora - 5th

### Novice 10 & over

Ainsley Bosak: ST - 4th

Kaitlyn Coutu: Fling - 2nd, Sword - 4th

### Intermediate 8 & under 11

Abby Sigurdson: Laddie - 6th

### Intermediate 11 & over

Tessa Laver-Wright: Laddie - 5th

### Premier 7 & under 10

Sydney Stibbard - Fling - 5th, Sword - 4th, ST - 6th, Reel - 4th, Overall - 4th Runner Up

### Premier 12 & under 14

Mya Pilat - Fling - 3rd, Sword - 4th, ST - 4th, Reel - 4th, Overall - 3rd Runner Up

Céleste Roy - Sword - 2nd, ST - 3rd, Reel - 3rd, Overall - 2nd Runner Up

### Premier 14 & under 16

Laura Unruh - Fling - 2nd

Lauren Horvath - Fling - 5th, Sword - 6th, Reel - 4th, Overall - 4th runner up

### Premier 16 & under 18

Camryn Watson - Fling - 4th, ST - 4th, Reel - 4th, Overall 3rd Runner Up

### Premier 18 & over

Jennifer Watt - Fling - 2nd, Sword - 2nd, ST - 3rd, Reel - 2nd, Overall 1st Runner Up

Allison Unruh - Fling - 5th, Sword - 3rd, ST - 3rd, Reel - 3rd, Overall 2nd Runner Up

## Sunday, May 20, 2018

### Primary 5 years

Natasha Roy: PDB - 3rd, PDB & high cuts - 3rd

### Beginner 6 & 7 years

Kali Champan: Fling - 2nd, Sword - 5th, ST - 2nd, Flora - 2nd

Allyson Stubbe: Fling - 4th, Sword - 3rd, ST - 5th, Lilt - 4th, Flora - 3rd

Morgan Weiss: Fling - 4th, Sword - 2nd, ST - 2nd, Lilt - 1st

### Beginner 8 & 9 years

Veronica Daniel, participation

Payton Young: Fling - 1st, Sword - 4th, ST - 1st, Flora - 3rd, Overall Winner of Beginner 8 & 9 years class

### Novice 7 & under 10

Thea Conley: Fling - 4th, Sword - 3rd, ST - 6th, Lilt - 2nd, Flora - 3rd

Keira Weibe: Fling - 5th, Sword - 6th, ST - 5th, Lilt - 4th, Flora - 5th

### Novice 10 & over

Ainsley Bosak: Fling - 4th, ST - 2nd

Kaitlyn Coutu: Fling - 5th, Sword - 6th, ST - 4th, Flora - 5th

### Intermediate 8 & under 11

Abby Sigurdson: Lilt - 2nd

### Intermediate 11 & over

Tessa Laver-Wright: Fling - 5th

### Premier 7 & under 12

Juleah Chabih - Jig - 5th

### Premier 12 & under 14

Mya Pilat - Flora - 2nd, Scotch Measure - 5th, Earl of Errol - 3rd, Jig - 5th, Overall - 2nd Runner Up

Céleste Roy - Flora - 4th, Scotch Measure - 4th, Earl of Errol - 4th, Jig - 3rd, Overall - 3rd Runner Up

### Premier 14 & under 16

Lauren Horvath - Jig - 6th

### Premier 16 & over

Camryn Watson - Flora - 6th, Scotch Measure - 6th

Jennifer Watt - Flora - 3rd, Scotch Measure - 2nd, Earl of Errol - 3rd, Jig - 2nd, Overall 1st Runner Up

Allison Unruh - Flora - 5th, Scotch Measure - 5th, Earl of Errol - 2nd, Jig - 3rd, Overall 2nd Runner Up



## What we will do on June 9 or 10 if it's raining?

If it is not raining heavily, the competition should be good to go ahead at the Forks. The stage is under cover. Please do stay tuned into your email and watch the MHDA facebook page for any updates and notices if the weather appears uncooperative.

Balmoral Hall school has a theatre that has been booked as a back up and the MHDA will try to get the word out to all registrants and their teachers as fast as we can.

If we are able to be at the Forks, just a reminder that it is a very public venue and you ought to keep an eye on your belongings.

You must also adhere to the ScotDance Canada Policy about using the provided changing facilities. Dancers are not to walk around in sports bras or cropped tops. A warm up jacket or shirt are expected if you are not wearing your vest.



Check out some pictures from the recent Regina Highland Games! Some Manitoba dancers switched hats for the weekend and competed in the pipe band competitions. Congratulations to all who attended, you did Manitoba very proud!

## Out of Town Results - Toronto & BC

Congratulations to dancers who also recently travelled to Championships in BC and Ontario. Results below!

### BC Open Championship, Vancouver, B.C. April 7, 2018

#### Open Championship 14 years

**Laura Unruh** - Fling 3rd, Sword 1st, ST 3rd, Reel 1st,  
Overall 1st Runner-up

#### Open Championship 15 years

**Lauren Horvath** - Fling - 5th,  
Sword - 5th, ST - 4th, Reel -  
6th, Overall 3rd Runner Up

#### Open Championship 18 & under 21 years

**Allison Unruh** - Fling 3rd,  
Sword 4th, ST 5th, Reel 3rd,  
Overall 2nd Runner-up



#### Nationals 14 and under 16 years

**Laura Unruh** - 1st Flora, 1st Blue Bonnets, 4th Earl of  
Errol, 6th Hornpipe

**Lauren Horvath:** 5th Blue Bonnets, 5th EE, 4th Jig

#### Nationals 18 & over

**Allison Unruh:** 6th Flora, 2nd Blue Bonnets, 2nd Earl of  
Errol



### Eastern Canada Highland Dancers' Alliance Open Championship, Toronto, Ontario May 12, 2018

#### Premier 14 and under 16 years

**Laura Unruh** - 4th Sword, 5th  
Seann Truibhas, 5th Reel,  
Overall 4th Runner-up

#### Premier 18 & over

**Jennifer Watt** - 4th Fling, 5th  
ST, 5th Reel, Overall 4th  
Runner-up



## Irene Baird featured in Riverview Health Centre's 'Health Views' newsletter



You can view the article in full online at:  
<http://www.rhc.mb.ca/index.php/life-at-riverview/health-views-archive>

Here's the text from the article: For fifty-plus years, Irene Baird's life revolved around her family and her business: the Irene Baird School of Highland Dancing. She'd begun highland dancing at the age of five, growing up in Edinburgh. When she came to Winnipeg as a young bride in 1963, it wasn't too long before she was asked to teach highland dance. The rest, as they say, is history. Her school flourished. Over the years, she taught hundreds of young people and travelled with them to competitions around the world. She and her students won countless prestigious awards. But in

her late seventies, Irene's legs were beginning to let her down and her quality of life was diminishing. In the fall of 2016, she moved to the Personal Care unit at Riverview Health Centre. She thought her life was over. Continuing to Teach It wasn't. In fact, she says, it was the opposite. That's because, when asked, staff didn't hesitate to provide a suitable space in the Centre for Irene to continue to teach dance. Now, the 80-year-old finds joy in spending an hour every Sunday morning coaching a small group of highland dancers. "The staff have given me a reason to live," she says. "It's exciting for me to be thinking about dance again." Irene is grateful to Riverview for making this happen, but she's also appreciative of the Centre's overall care. Since arriving, her health – and her outlook – have improved. She says that, busy as they are, staff are always obliging and look after her well. That can even include getting her nails painted (a bright red with silver sparkles!) by the recreation staff. Doing Her Part She plays a role in making sure quality care is provided to everyone – she is president of the residents' association – and she makes it a habit to visit other residents who, she says, "are going through a rough time." When it's time to rest, Irene says she enjoys the privacy of her room and especially appreciates the nature scene right outside her window. "I've always liked to be out in nature and this is such a lovely setting, so close to the river," she says, adding the bright, airy building with lots of windows is a pleasant place to be. And you can bet that on days when the accordion player comes to entertain, Irene is in the place she really likes to be: the front row, encouraging him to play Scottish dance music!



June 23 & 24, 2018  
 Legacy Park, East Selkirk  
 Hwy 59 & PR 212 (Kittson Rd)

Concert by:  
 RCMP "D" Division Pipe Band

Prices:  
 Family/Group (2 adults and their children):  
 Early bird: \$25 1-day pass: \$29 Weekend pass: \$39

Adults:  
 Early bird: \$10 1-day pass: \$15 Weekend pass: \$20

Children/Seniors:  
 Early bird: \$6 1-day pass: \$10 Weekend pass: \$15

Children 4 & under: FREE

Attractions include: Piping & Drumming ,  
 "D" Division RCMP Pipes and Drums,  
 House Band: The Prairie Community Youth  
 School Pipes and Drums Heavy  
 Games, Truck Pull, 27th Annual MB Canoe  
 & Kayak Marathon Championships, Ricklyn  
 Petting Zoo, MB Living History Assoc.  
 ,Children's Entertainment Scottish Market,  
 Wee Willie's Pub/Red Lion Scottish Food

## Winter High Aggregate Winners

On May 6th, awards were presented to dancers with the Winter High Aggregate scores based upon the four competitions hosted by the MHDA in October, November, January and March. Congratulations to **Olivia Ross** (Beginner High Aggregate - The Manitoba Coalition of Scottish Clans Trophy); **Brooke Aronson** (Novice High Aggregate - the Jimmy Baird Memorial Shield); **Katherine Walc** (Intermediate High Aggregate - the Peter Dick Memorial Trophy) and ; **Laura Unruh** (Premier High Aggregate - the Sons of Scotland Benevolent Association Trophy).

## Norah Eldridge - Piper & Dancer

Norah Eldridge's dance family at the Highland Hoppers would like to congratulate her on winning the SDCCS 2004/2016 Premier Scholarship and share her piping success too! Norah is not only a competitive dancer and member of Ena Sutton Highland Dancers, but is also an active piper with the Lord Selkirk RFM Pipeband. This year, at the Saskatchewan Highland Gathering, she attended as a piper. She had a very successful weekend, coming home with the both the SHG Grade 4 Solo Piping Aggregate and the Most Promising Piper Award. Well done, Norah! We are very proud of you! -submitted by The Highland Hoppers



## Thank you to everyone who supported our Wine Raffle!

A special thanks to Banville & Jones for the gorgeous wine baskets. We are pleased to announce we raised over \$5900 this year! Congratulations to our winners:

1st - Gayle Roy, 2nd - Kevin Sweryd, 3rd - Breanne Zitting,  
4th - Kim Coleman, 5th - Jean Person



## REMINDER: MHDA Golf Tournament



The 1st Annual Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association Golf Tournament is taking place on Saturday, September 28, 2018 at Bridges Golf Course! Jennifer Lange will be at Mid-Canada to take registrations. The cost per person is \$150 and includes lunch, dinner, golf, entertainment, prizes, and more. Visit [www.mbhiglanddance.com](http://www.mbhiglanddance.com) for more info!

## Kids in Kilts dancers participate in Dance Manitoba Festival

Since 2012, dancers from Kids in Kilts have been participating in the annual Dance Manitoba Festival. The festival is not a competition but is adjudicated with dancers receiving feedback on their performance strengths/highlights and given constructive critiques followed by 'placings' of Merit, Bronze, Silver, High Silver, Gold or High Gold awarded based on different criteria the adjudicator feels each performance has met.



The festival spans almost 3 weeks with many different disciplines of dance such as ballet, jazz, hip hop and contemporary (to name a



few). KIK perform in the 'National' category where Ukrainian, Irish, Spanish, Oriental etc. dancers participate (think Folkarama in a day and you have an idea of the many different types of dances performed) which makes it a colourful,

interesting category for spectators. What started in 2012 with 3 students (those dancers still participate annually!) has grown to 19 dancers this year performing in a variety of solos, student choreography, duets, trio's and group dance numbers. A very special honour this year was given to Keira Wiebe when she won the Junior National Scholarship this year for her solo 'The Stalwart Sailor' and performed it at the May 18th Dance Manitoba Festival Gala which took place at the Pantages Theatre. It is one of the fun highlights of the Kids In Kilts



dance year with lots of hard work done by KIK director Zoe Wreggitt (creating each group/solo an original choreography) and effort from the KIK participating dancers! We are looking forward to next year already.





## SDCCS 2004/2016 Scholarship Winners

**Pre-Premier:** The purpose of the SDCCS Pre-Premier Scholarship is to encourage a promising pre-premier dancer to strive for excellence. This award is to assist them to attend the ScotDance Canada Championship Series in order to help give them the wonderful opportunity to experience both the competitive and social events at the Championship Series and to help prepare and encourage them to strive to attend the Championship Series in future years.

We had 4 excellent applications this year - all striving for excellence through their participation in competitions as well as promoting highland dance through dance-outs. The winner of this year's scholarship stood out with the following:

- almost perfect attendance at competitions in the last 2 years and with good results
- performing at a VERY high number of dance-outs with the MHDA, Pavilion of Scotland and the dance school
- helped out at the Tartan Tea
- Mum has volunteered at Folklorama and with the dance school
- has travelled to compete in Scotland, Florida and Canmore, AB

The winner of this year's scholarship is actually two sisters who have demonstrated their love of highland dance and their efforts to strive for excellence - This year's winners are Annabelle and Emmaline Windsor, pictured right.



**Premier:** The purpose of the SDCCS Premier Scholarship is to recognize a Premier dancer that displays the spirit of the 2004 & 2016 Championship Series. This would be a dancer that displays not only competitive spirit, but also community spirit and sportsmanship, as well as a love for and dedication to Highland Dance. This award is intended to assist them in attending the ScotDance Canada Championship Series and to experience both the competitive and social events at the Championship Series

We had 4 excellent applications this year who all displayed their love for and dedication to Highland Dance.

The winner of this year's scholarship stood out due to the following:

- Has been an active competitor
- Has promoted highland dancing through many MHDA and Ena Sutton dance-outs as well as at Folklorama;
- Has performed at a number of community activities related to highland dancing
- Mum and Dad both volunteered with SDCCS 2016
  - Mum is also an active volunteer with MHDA and Ena Sutton
  - This dancer also plays the bag pipes!



In her essay, this dancer demonstrated her community spirit and sportsmanship when talking about the importance of friendships and her dance family - the fun they have but also the support that they provide each other if someone is sad or injured. This dancer also demonstrates the competitive spirit through setting goals for herself. She says her passion for highland dance comes from the feeling she has when she dances – It makes her feel like she is flying! In her own words from her application essay:

“Although it's my own hard work that helps me soar, I will only feel like I'm flying if I'm doing it alongside the friends who make up my dance family.” This year's winner of the SDCCS Premier Scholarship is Norah Eldridge (pictured right)