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The Official Newsletter of the Manitoba Highland Dancer's Association

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## Our Spring BBQ Bird & Bevie is back!

Save the Date of Friday, June 1, 2018 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Cowboy's Nightclub in Canad Inns Windsor Park as the MHDA will once again run a Spring fundraiser for dancers traveling to SDCCS. For dinner, we are offering a BBQ Chicken dinner (with potato and salad sides, plus beverage). This fundraiser will maintain the same format and conditions as the last year. This event is open to all dancers traveling to the ScotDance Canada Championship Series in Calgary, AB in July. There are multiple ways to participate and earn funds to assist with the expenses of traveling to this prestigious event.

In order to participate, please provide proof of registration regardless of dancer classification. Once participation is confirmed, there are 3 ways to earn funds (choose what works for your family):

- 1) **Sell tickets:** \$10 from each ticket sold goes back to the dancer that sold the ticket (for example, sell 10 tickets, receive \$100). Dancers can sell tickets to friends, family, coworkers, etc whether they are personally available to attend or not.
- 2) **Donate or collect a prize:** Provide a minimum of one prize basket in order to receive funds from the Silent Auction. After the silent auction is completed, all proceeds will be divided equally amongst all the dancers providing a minimum of one basket each. Families with multiple dancers must provide a basket from each dancer in order to receive multiple shares. Dancers need not attend to participate, however, you must make your own arrangements to ensure the basket is delivered in time for the event and clearly marked with the donating dancer's name. Anyone requiring a donation request letter, please advise Lisa Omand.
- 3) **Perform:** Dancers that participate in the Dance-out performance that evening will split the proceeds of the 50/50 draw. (Dancers do not need a ticket to attend for performing only, however, they will not receive a meal and no outside food or drinks are permitted).

Contact Lisa Omand ([president@mbhighlanddance.com](mailto:president@mbhighlanddance.com) or 204-479-3021) or Jennifer Lange ([fundraising@mbhighlanddance.com](mailto:fundraising@mbhighlanddance.com)) for questions, tickets and for a donation request letter. Tickets will be available on May 6 at the Provincial Selection Meet and via phone/email arrangements before or after that.



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## Manitoba dancers take on competition in Alberta

Nine dancers from Manitoba traveled to compete at the Northern Canadian Championships and City of Edmonton Premiership on April 14 and 15, 2018. Great job to all dancers, see some of their results and pictures below:

### Northern Canadian Championships

Saturday, April 14, 2018

#### Premier 10 & under 12

**Ainsley Lamb**

Seann Triubhas - 6th

**Mya Pilat**

Fling - 4th

Sword - 5th

Seann Triubhas - 4th

Strathspey & Half Tulloch - 6th

**Overall - 3rd Runner Up**

#### Premier 14 & under 16

**Madelaine Baigrie**

Fling - 5th

Sword - 6th

#### Premier 16 & under 18

**Camryn Watson**

Fling - 5th

Sword - 6th



### City of Edmonton Premiership

Sunday, April 15, 2018

#### Premier 10 & under 12

**Mya Pilat**

Flora - 3rd

Scotch Measure - 2nd

Earl of Errol - 2nd

Irish Jig - 3rd

**Overall - 2nd Runner Up**

#### Premier 12 & under 14

**Celeste Roy**

Flora - 5th

Scotch Measure - 5th

Earl of Errol - 4th

**Overall - 3rd Runner Up**

#### Premier 14 & under 16

**Madelaine Baigrie**

Earl of Errol - 6th

Irish Jig - 3rd

**Overall - 5th Runner Up**

#### Premier 16 & under 18

**Camryn Watson**

Scotch Measure - 3rd

Earl of Errol - 5th

Irish Jig - 5th

**Overall - 4th Runner Up**

**NEW!**

New this year for the Forks competition on June 9 and 10 - the two days will now be treated as two separate competitions! This means stamps are available on each of the two days and anyone with a birth date of June 10 might not dance on Sunday in the same age category as Saturday.

Some dancers may have to change dance categories over the two days. For example, if you are a beginner dancer and received your first stamp prior to June 9, 2017 and you get your 6th stamp on June 9, 2018, you will need to compete as a Novice on the Sunday.

## Premier dancer taking the stage in Switzerland this summer



Congratulations to Lauren McCombe for being selected for the elite Canadiana Celtic 2018 - Basel Tattoo Highland Dance Team in Switzerland.

The directors state that after countless hours of deliberating over numerous auditions, they are satisfied that they have selected an exceptional group of dancers to represent Canada, coast to coast, at this prestigious, world-renowned event.

The Military Tattoo will run from July 20 to 28th. Perfect timing for Lauren, as her university classes start up again on August 7th. Already some of her classmates are planning European vacations and have looked into reserving tickets for the Tattoo! When so far from home, it will be nice to know some familiar faces in the audience. Well done Lauren! Any MHDA members planning to travel abroad in July? Check it out online at: <https://bit.ly/2vMdVmE>

## THE MHDA LOGO: FROM OLD TO NEW

You may have noticed that the MHDA logo looks a bit different this dance year. In the spring of 2017 the MHDA Executive approved a “refresh” of our existing logo. The goal for this refresh was to incorporate the existing elements of the logo, changing the colours to reflect those of the Manitoba Tartan and make the lines cleaner so that it would translate better on a variety of items from print materials, to the website and merchandise.

The bison remains as it is a recognizable image for our Province – it is on the Provincial Flag, Coat of Arms, etc. We incorporated a softer, less “angry” looking bison image with a “Celtic” feel. The belt surrounding the bison acknowledges the heritage of Scottish Highland Dance and although MHDA is not a “Clan” it is a symbol used to show allegiance to the organization. The use of the swords reflects the most recognizable dance to the general public and mastery of the required skills for this dance are difficult. Finally, the name of the Association is no longer obscured by the

swords.

The phase in of the new logo on awards has been gradual as supplies of the old style continued to be used until we no longer had sufficient quantities for a competition. Some of you may have noticed that the new logo was on the

award ribbons and keeper trophies at the March competition. The new medals will be awarded for the first time to the Pre-Premier dancers at the competition on May 6th.

We would like to acknowledge the work of Valerie Salerno-McCord of Inkblot Graphic Design

Studio for her gracious contributions to the refresh of the logo. If you are looking for custom design check her website [inkblotgds.com](http://inkblotgds.com).

The Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association is not defined by its logo. It is defined by everyone who ever has and continues to contribute to culture and heritage of the sport of Scottish Highland Dance in our province.



## Swimmer owes part of success to highland dance training

In a recent article published by the Winnipeg Free Press, former competitive dancer Kelsey Wog gives a nod to highland dance.

The article states:

**"Wog, who puts in about 20 hours of training per week, has been swimming competitively since she was seven. She's able to draw on her training as a highland dancer, where she competed on a national level between the ages of four and 17 — finishing as high as sixth in the country. "It gave me good body awareness," she said.**

To view the full article, visit

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/sports/amateur/swimmer-on-upward-trajectory-478241633.html>

Congratulations to Kelsey Wog for all her success in swimming.

Has Highland dance helped you accomplish other goals? Send your stories in to [terryn.shiells@gmail.com](mailto:terryn.shiells@gmail.com).

**The next Tartan Press deadline is Friday, June 1, 2018!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, May 6, 2018** - MHDA Provincial Selection Meet & Competition. Good luck to all competitors!

**Monday, May 7, 2018** - Entries are set to open the evening of May 7 for the June competition at The Forks (June 9 and 10, 2018). Announcements will be made via email to MHDA members and on Facebook.

**Monday, May 28, 2018** - The deadline to enter SDCCS 2018 in Calgary this summer is Monday, May 28. Entries received after May 28 will incur a late fee (\$25.00) and may not be included in the program. No entries will be accepted after June 4, 2018.

**Friday, June 1, 2018** - The MHDA BBQ Bird & Bevy Fundraiser is set for June 1 at Cowboys. This is to support provincial representatives and dancers heading to compete at SDCCS in Calgary this summer. More info on page 1.

**Saturday June 9 & Sunday June 10, 2018** - The next MHDA competition is being held at the Forks on June 9 & 10. Entries expected to open May 7!

## MANITOBA DANCER MAKES A SPLASH AT HAWAII HIGHLAND GAMES

Katherine Walc recently traveled to the Hawaii Highland Games, bringing home 8 first place medals over the course of a two-day competition with competitors from Canada, Scotland and the USA. See her results and photos below:

**Hawaii Highland Games  
Saturday, April 7, 2018**

### Intermediate

**Katherine Walc**

Johnny - 1st

Laddie - 1st

Irish Jig - 1st

Special Hornpipe - 1st

**Overall Winner**



**Hawaii Highland Games  
Sunday, April 8, 2018**

### Intermediate

**Katherine Walc**

Fling - 1st

Sword - 1st

Seann Trubhias - 1st

Strathspey & Half Tulloch - 1st

**Overall Winner**



## Boys Mentorship Program Update

The Boys Mentorship traveled to Minnedosa for a practice session and then a dance out at the care home.



We had a wonderful session at the Expressive Dance with Crystal studio before visiting over lunch and heading out to the care home to bring some entertainment in the form of highland dance and fiddling to the residents.

A few of Crystal's highland dance students came out to watch and meet the boys! We are looking forward to the opportunity to do some dancing together in the fall.

The boys were of course not passing up the opportunity to stop at Neepawa DQ on the way home.

As one of our young members said, "It was a two thumbs up kind of a day"!

A special shout out to two of our competitive members, Lachlan and Cullen, who were not able to make the trip whose photo was missed in the last issue (pictured right).



## WINE RAFFLE - DRAW HAPPENING MAY 6!

We are very pleased to announce that we are at approximately \$5700 profit for the wine raffle and still counting! Thank you to everyone who participated by selling tickets and donating wine.

Banville&Jones has once again been a fantastic sponsor. The baskets are spectacular!

**Banville & Jones**  
WINE CO.

My personal thanks to Mya and Allison, Tessa and Cathy, Katie and Lisa as well as Connor for putting several hours in at the Selkirk Canadian Tire with me to get our numbers up there.

I look forward to the final tally.

I will be looking for a volunteer to run the wine raffle for the 2018/19 season. Please contact me if you are willing to help. I will have everything set up.

Jennifer Lange

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

## Registration for our First Annual MHDA Golf Tournament is in full swing!

Do you want to enjoy the full Scottish experience on the course? There will be piping, dancing, haggis and our ever popular scotch! We have two hole-in-one opportunities, many outstanding prizes and the opportunity to create some fantastic memories.

\$150 covers your lunch, golf, cart, and scrumptious roast beef dinner! Join us on September 8th at Kingswood Golf & Country Club.

To register visit our website at [www.mbhighlanddance.com/golf-tournament/](http://www.mbhighlanddance.com/golf-tournament/) or click on the link on our main page. For those who don't golf, dinner tickets will be released shortly. Stay tuned!



## Trophy & Awards FUNDrive Update

After 6 months of collecting items, many kilometers driven for pick-up and drop-offs, and unanticipated delays, we finally delivered our load to Value Village – Unicity on Thursday, April 26th. Lauren was unable to help as she could not miss school which was anticipated. What wasn't anticipated was that our movers cancelled on us at last minute! So with a donated vehicle provided by another storage facility, Total Storage Solutions, Lauren's brother Matthew loaded almost 1.9 tons of goods from the storage locker onto the truck and off loaded at the donation collection centre. Essentially he moved over 3.8 tons of goods and did it in under 3.5 hours!

At this point we have yet to receive the total amount of dollars we will receive from Value Village for the Trophy & Awards Fund. As well, we are behind with totaling the sums donated for each school. We will therefore be announcing the dollar amount, winning school and draw for the prizes at the Mid-Canada competition Saturday, June 9. Sorry for the delay but the response to this initiative was overwhelming and much more "work" than we expected. For those of you who have donated and have yet to receive your "draw tickets" please see Kim on Sunday, May 6th. For those who have their tickets and have not yet handed them in, please bring them on Sunday and put them in draw box. If you forget we will accept them at the Mid-Canada competition until 10:30 on June 9. The announcement of the winners will be made just before the morning Pre-Premier Awards.

Thank you to everyone who supported this initiative! The



folks at Value Village were so impressed and thankful with our donation. I was able to have a tour of the production centre and it really is amazing what needs to happen to get items to the sales floor.

We have one more opportunity to do a Value Village FUNDrive. After much discussion amongst our family we have decided to do a very short blitz beginning in September (2018) through the end of October. This will give people who want to hold a garage sale this summer something to do with their left over goods. Or if you were like me and didn't have enough time to cull closets and drawers, you have another shot to get rid of your stuff and help support the MHDA Trophy and Awards fund!

For the next event we would like to focus on soft items since they pay more per pound. Soft items include clothing, footwear, accessories: handbags, totes, belts, wallets, backpacks and jewelry, bedding, towels. These can be placed in **any type of garbage bag** – it is not necessary for the bags to be clear. We will not turn away hard items like household goods, nick knacks, books, records, CDs, DVDs, toys, small electrical items, and sporting goods but **they must be boxed**. Stay tuned for more details of the fall blitz! Thank you again for your support!

Kim Horvath



### MHDA Coordinators

Lauren Mitchell-Lawson - **Dance-Out Coordinator**

Lisa Omand - **Tartan Tea Coordinator**

Lisa Omand - **Folklorama Representative**

Terryn Shiells - **Tartan Press**

Lorraine McLean - **Email Correspondence**

Barb Chabih - **Website**

Martha Clyde - **Community & Media Relations**

## CUPCAKES FOR SALE!

Don't forget to visit our delectable cupcake table on May 6th! Reward those hardworking dancers and parents with a treat.



\$2 each or 3 for \$5.00

## AMBASSADOR ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pavilion of Scotland is proud to announce its Ambassadors for the 2018 season. As Adult Ambassadors, we have Dave Carey and Alana Greene. As Youth Ambassadors, we welcome current MHDA dancer, Connor McIntosh and former dancer, Jean Thomson. We are proud these four chose to volunteer their time to represent the Pavilion and greater Scottish community at this year's Folklorama. Congratulations and thank you!

## SEEKING KITCHEN COORDINATOR(S)

Also, the Pavilion of Scotland is seeking 1 or 2 people to volunteer as Kitchen Coordinator (Co-Coordinators). The responsibilities include delegating and supervising the preparation and cooking of the food nightly, meeting with Health Inspectors, ensuring proper food and work safety practices are being followed in the kitchen, as well as either ordering or communicating the supplies required. Food handling experience is beneficial, however, if interested parties do not hold a current Food Handlers' Safety Certificate, arrangements will be made through the Pavilion to acquire it. You don't need to be Scottish to volunteer. Interested parties should contact Pavilion Coordinator, Bart Omand, at [bomand@mymts.net](mailto:bomand@mymts.net) ASAP."

## MHDA Provincial Championship & Selection Meet

For those new to the world of highland dance, you may have wondered what distinguishes the various trophies and awards presented to Premier dancers at "Provincials". Here is a brief primer.

Selection Meets or Provincials take place in each province to determine what dancers will represent a province at "Canadians" (held as part of the ScotDance Canada Championship Series or SDCCS).

There are 7 age brackets in the Canadian Championship and each province can have up to three representatives for each age bracket. The exception to this rule relates to reigning Canadian Champions. A reigning Canadian Champion has a bye and so for the age category for a reigning champ, a province can be represented by the reigning champion plus have 3 other representatives. Manitoba's Provincial Championship and Provincial Selection Meet is being held May 6, 2018.

The Provincials are a championship event (an event where each dance is judged by 3 judges and dancer placings are determined by the aggregate of the judges' scores for each dancer). When hosting a championship event, there must be a minimum of 6 dancers in each age category to qualify as a Championship class. Since the age categories for Canadians are set by ScotDance Canada, Manitoba cannot group ages in such a manner to ensure that there are 6 dancers in a category.

So, on May 6th, for those age categories where there are at least 6 dancers, the term Championship will be used. Awards will be presented to the 6 dancers receiving the highest point totals over the 4 highland dances (Champion plus 5 Runner-ups- the Champion plus the next two dancers with the highest aggregate point total will be asked to represent Manitoba). For those age categories with less than 6 dancers, the term Championship cannot be used. Instead, a perpetual trophy will be presented to the dancer with the highest point totals over the 4 dances and the next two dancers with the highest point totals in that age category will be selected as provincial representatives for Manitoba at Canadians.

**NEXT TARTAN PRESS DEADLINE:  
FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018**

*Send submissions to [terrryn.shiells@gmail.com](mailto:terrryn.shiells@gmail.com)*