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The Official Newsletter of the Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association

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It's Wine Raffle (& Cookie) Time!

Our annual MHDA Wine Raffle Ticket sales have started with the big draw happening on Saturday, May 2nd, 2020 at our Provincial Selection Competition. Books of tickets have gone out to the schools and we will have some upcoming dates at some local businesses to sell our tickets - will keep you posted!

Banville & Jones has once again agreed to create our baskets and have put together a registry for anyone interested in purchasing wine online to donate to those baskets. The more wine we have donated, the higher our fundraising profit so please consider this option just follow the link <http://banvilleandjones.cornervine.com/wine/reg/329>, you could even send it to friends and family who may like to donate as well.

Our goal: have all the wine donated AND sell all 4000 tickets - we can do this. But what do cookies have to do with wine???? Saturday, January 18th at the competition we will be selling cookies! Although you can't eat in the auditorium at the performing arts centre (please don't, we want to be able to use this space in the future so we ask you to happily abide by the rules of the venue) it will be easy to purchase cookies in the entrance at the MHDA Fundraising Table and we will package them up for consumption at home (or the car ride, or snacking on the walk to the car, we don't judge).

We will also be accepting any donations of commercially bottled wine at the table should you have any extra not consumed over the festive season, please consider bringing it with you.



MHDA Dancers Perform at Scottish Gentleman's Club Events

Our MHDA dancers were busy in November with 2 nights of dancing for the Scottish Gentleman's Club. Both nights they performed a 20 minute set of traditional dances along with piper Adam Tingskou. Special acknowledgement was given to Presley Webb and Laura Unruh who were the recipients of the Lynn Stevens Award sponsored by the Scottish Gentleman's Club. Both dancers used the funding to participate in the SDTA North American Conference (they were invited to attend the scholarship portion) which took place in Seattle, Washington in October 2019.



ScotDance Manitoba Co-Hosting New Choreography Competition at Winnipeg Scottish Festival

ScotDance Manitoba is excited to be hosting the annual Winnipeg Scottish Festival Dance weekend once again February 8 and 9, 2020 at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg!

The Manitoba Open Championships and Pre-Premier competition are being held on Saturday, February 8.

New this year is the Prairie Provinces Choreography Competition being held on Sunday, February 9, 2020. We're co-hosting the event with ScotDance Saskatchewan and have choreography events for all categories (except Primary)!

Entries are open now until January 28, 2020 at <http://www.mbhighlanddance.com/competitions/>.

As the Winnipeg Scottish Festival operates strictly on donations and entry fees, we are looking for award sponsors for the event. Some examples of sponsorship opportunities available:

- Championship keeper trophies \$50
- Pre-Premier keeper trophy \$40
- Pre-Premier class medal set \$30
- Special Event Full award Set \$45
- Choreography keeper trophies \$40

If you would like to sponsor awards for this event, please contact Janie Peterson Watt at jwatt10175@aol.com or Donna Cram at donna.cram@icloud.com.

2019 Trophy Winners - Returns

If you were the recipient of a Winnipeg Scottish Festival perpetual trophy in February 2019, please have your trophy engraved and polished for return on February 8, 2020 at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg. If you will not be attending the 2020 Winnipeg Scottish Festival, please make arrangements for someone else to return the trophy or contact Janie Peterson Watt at jwatt10175@aol.com to make other arrangements. A reminder e-mail will be sent to each Winnipeg Scottish Festival 2019 perpetual trophy winner with further details later in January.

SAVE THE DATE—Canadians Ceilidh Fundraiser



SCOTDANCE CANADA
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
2020 Kamloops

Save the date! Friday, May 29th 2020 will be our Canadians' Ceilidh Fundraising event this year. We will be doing a Bird&Bevy at Canad Inns Polo Park in their event centre so we will have tickets and support tickets in the next month or so for any dancers planning on travelling to Kamloops in July. We will keep you posted as to details but start spreading the word to friends and family to mark it on their calendars.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18, 2020— The MHDA is hosting their first closed competition of 2020 at Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre. Premier dancers register at 9, dance at 9:30 a.m. Pre-Premier dancers are in the afternoon— registration at noon.

January 19, 2020— The Annual Great Canadian Kilt Skate takes place at Seven Oaks Sportsplex from 12:45 to 2:15 p.m. More info on page 3.

January 25, 2020— MHDA dancers are invited to perform at the Elmwood-Transcona NDP annual Robbie Burns Dinner at All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church (1500 Day St). Dancing is planned for 7 p.m., so dancers should be ready in costume by 6:40 p.m. Please email danceouts@mbhighlanddance.com if you are able to participate in this dance out.

February 1 & 2, 2020— The boys mentorship program is hosting a workshop series this weekend. Events on Sunday, February 2 are open to all dancers. See page 4 of this newsletter for more information.

February 8 & 9, 2020— The Winnipeg Scottish Festival is taking place over this weekend, with highland and championship events on Feb 8 and choreography on Feb 9. More information on this page on the left.

March 14, 2020— The MHDA is hosting their spring open competition. More information is coming soon!

March 21, 2020— Prairie Thistle Highland Dance Association is hosting their spring competition in Brandon.

Thank You for Supporting the Tartan Tea

A wonderful time was had by all at this year's Tartan Tea! So many smiles, dances, dainties, cups of coffee, photos and visits with Santa & Ms Claus, wow, what great time!

Congratulations to M'Liss Bunting who was inducted as a MHDA Honorary Member and Jennifer Lange who received the Walter Hagborg Community Service Award.

We couldn't have done it without so many people who donated/contributed their time and talents so please read through this list of generous people/businesses/organizations.

- Van Houtte Coffee Services
 - A Hint of Heather
 - Black Card Ink
 - Stewart Trophies
 - Lorraine McLean
 - St. Andrews Pipe Band
- The Manitoba Highland Gathering
 - The Sigurdson Family
 - Bart & Lisa Omand
 - Paul & Frances Laver
- Once Snap Photo Magnets
 - Santa & Mrs Claus
- Kim & Lauren Horvath
 - Randy Walc
 - Dorolee McCallum
 - Graeme McCombe
 - Terryn Shiells
 - Lauren Mitchell
 - Petrus Hall

The MHDA Tartan Tea 2019 Committee: Lisa Omand, Stacy Bosak, Sam Windsor, Kim Horvath, Jennifer Lange, Alana Sigurdson & Cathy Laver-Wright.

A special thank you to all of the hardworking dance teachers & students who entertained us and also the many family members who participated in running all of the stations as well, an amazing effort. Thank you dancers/parents/teachers from Kids in Kilts, McCallum School of Highland Dance, Highland Hoppers, Court School of Highland Dance, Shiells School of Highland Dance, Susan French School of Highland Dance, Donna Cram Dancers, Ramesar School of Highland Dance, McGregor Studio of Dance and the Boys Mentorship Highland Dance Program, your contributions this year were greatly appreciated! Please put Saturday, December 5th, 2020 on your calendar for the 65th Annual Tartan Tea, back at the beautiful Petrus Hall!

The Great Canadian Kilt Skate—Sunday January 19

Join the fun at the Annual Great Canadian Kilt Skate on Sunday, January 19 at the Seven Oaks Sportsplex (745 Kingsbury Avenue, Winnipeg) from 12:45 to 2:15 p.m.!

THE GREAT CANADIAN KILT SKATE
ALL WELCOME!
 SUNDAY 12:45 - 2:15 pm
JANUARY 19th, 2020
 Seven Oaks Sportplex
 745 Kingsbury Ave, Wpg.
 For more info:
 The St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg
standrewssocietywpg@gmail.com
#SCOTLANDSNOW
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 Refreshments

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Boys Mentorship & Open Highland Dance Workshops—February 1 & 2, 2020

We are very excited to be able to welcome back Tony Cargill for our second annual workshop series, on February 1st and 2nd, 2020, funded again through our original donation from **Harvester Outdoors** in Selkirk.

Tony Cargill is a 4-time World Champion, originally from Scotland and now lives in Pitt Meadows, BC. He started Highland when he was 5 and retired from competing at 22. Tony now coaches high performance soccer for Coquitlam Metro Ford Soccer Club along with delivering coaching courses for BC Soccer.

Tony is a member of SDTA and teaches regularly. He has taught many workshops across Canada, America, Argentina, Australia, England & Scotland while also lecturing on the psychology & preparation of performance.

Tony owes his passion and success in highland dancing to his teachers who have all guided him through his career. Lesley Bowman, Delma Wilson, Shendl Russell – who guided him to the 2004 Adult World Championship and his mother, Linda Napier who guided him to the 1998 Juvenile, 1999 & 2000 Junior World Championships.

Also back this year is **Dr. Christine Watson, Vice President of RRC** who has worked in senior administration, leadership, teaching and research for the last 20 years. What are your dreams and goals for the future?

“When we are kids, others often ask us to define our futures based on a certain profession or career area. As we move through the education system and develop individual interests and strengths, the answer to that question can get blurry. Family and cultural expectations can also play a significant role in our decision-making. In this interactive workshop, students and parents explore a variety of education and career options through creative activities. The participatory exercises will generate dialogue about what the future might hold for the student and how parents and students can find ways to navigate the unknown journey together.”

With experience world-wide, Dr. Watson can provide invaluable information regardless of whether you are still in school or are thinking about re-training for a new career.

New to our workshop this year is **Helen Maupin MA, coach, writer, speaker and yogi**. Helen has spent 25 years helping individuals, teams, communities and corporations come to life. She approaches transformation from a whole-person, whole-planet perspective using a variety of tools to assist clients in assessing and adapting to the complexities emerging in their lives. By simplifying the complex and engaging each person's innovative capacity, she enables them to shift from surviving to thriving.

Helen is a proven asset in helping people to be leaders in their own lives. A number of these leadership tools including her transformational model and personal practices can be found in her books – [*From Now to WOW – Step by Step, An Invitation to Transformation*](#) and [*Creating Space – The Practice of Transformation – Vol. 1*](#).

Join us at the University of Winnipeg, **Asper Centre for Theatre and Film** (400 Colony Street) to benefit from these wonderful professionals! Registration is available at the January MHDA competition or by contacting: boysmentorship@outlook.com.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST:

3:00-15:00—BOYS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM HIGHLAND WORKSHOP WITH TONY. PIZZA PARTY TO FOLLOW

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND:

9:00-15:00 - OPEN HIGHLAND WORKSHOPS WITH TONY CARGILL

10:00-11:00 MINDFUL YOGA WITH HELEN MAUPIN

11:00-13:00 EDUCATION/CAREER WORKSHOP WITH DR. CHRISTINE WATSON



Thank you to our generous sponsors!

Thank you to the companies below for providing sponsorship to the MHDA for the 2019/20 dance season! If you or your company/group would like to be a sponsor this year, please contact our treasurer by email at Treasurer@mbhighlanddance.com

Van Houtte Coffee Services:



The Scottish Gentleman's Club:



Stewart Trophies & Engraving:



Ceud Mille Fáilte (100 000 welcomes)

Saturday, June 20, 2020

Sunday, June 21, 2020

**Legacy Park, Recreation Centre East
Selkirk, MB**

HWY 59 at PR 212 (Kittson RD)

RAIN or SHINE (rain venue on site: arena)

Bring a chair!

www.manitobahighlandgathering.org

This year's Manitoba Highland Gathering dance competition is scheduled for Saturday, June 20th, 2020 in East Selkirk, MB.

For more information, visit:
manitobahighlandgathering.org

Kids in Kilts Parent Committee and Kids in Kilts School of Highland Dance

Robbie Burns

EATING, DANCING, PIPING

SATURDAY JANUARY 25, 2020

St. Mary's Road United Church

613 St. Mary's Road

Cocktails: 5:00

Dinner: 6:00

Adults \$25

Children \$15

Under 2 Free

Corporate Table \$350

Includes: 8 dinner tickets,
2 bottles of wine, priority seating and
recognition at the event

Individual tickets available at Eventbrite (search for Kids in Kilts)

Corporate tables available by contacting kikpc12@gmail.com

Cash Bar, 50/50 & Silent Auction

