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From the Chair's Desk

Happy New Year!

It is a time to reflect and a time to look forward. It was a wonderful year full of dancing. I saw a lot of newcomers taking leaps of faith by trying new dances, balls and workshops. I saw fellow branch members encouraging and helping these newcomers. I am proud of all of you.

We are growing. Although we are small in numbers and large in distance, we are a strong knit community. I personally felt incredibly supported by our branch during the season of grief last year after my brother died. I am eternally grateful.

Currently our branch hosts 5 yearly events. First of all, the Chapel Hill Valentine's Tea Dance kicks off the year in February. Then the Loch Norman Games in Charlotte with Balls on the Friday and Saturday evenings is in April. The Charleston Games with a Ball afterward is in the beginning of November. Then the St. Andrews Day Dance in Greensboro is towards the end of November. Finally, the Christmas Social in Greenville is a great way to end the year. So mark your calendars, and make the Branch Events a priority.

Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School is an affair on its own and we share the hosting responsibilities with the Atlanta Branch. We are contributing to the promotion of Scottish Country Dance in a mighty way. I just want to encourage everyone to get involved in some manner.

Again, I want to remind everyone to join the zoom meeting on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Peace and blessings to you all for the new year.

Caroline aka Caz

Barnwell Scottish Country Dancers



Our teacher is Caroline Freeman



We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month (unless there is a conflict) from 6:00-8:00pm

At the Palmetto Innovation Center 218 Main St. Barnwell, SC 29812

We break at the end of dancing for socializing and a cup of tea.

For more information email Dancing-Thistle@outlook.com or call 843-973-2806

Charleston Scottish Country Dancers





Highland Island Festival



We meet on the first Sunday of every month from 2:30 - 4:30pm (unless there is a conflict)

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Northwoods Community Center Gym 8348 Greenridge Rd. North Charleston, SC 29406

We go to the Codfather after class for some proper fish and chips

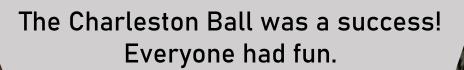
For more information, email us at CharlestonRSCDS@gmail.com
or call 843-810-7797

Like us on Facebook at <u>Charleston Scottish Country Dancers</u>
Follow us on Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/charlestonscots/





Charleston Ball



There are very few pictures, because everyone was dancing and enjoying themselves.

Pictures provided by Caz Freeman



Charlotte Scottish Country Dancers

Teacher: Arthur Baum

When: Weekly on Thursdays from 6:00-8:30 pm

Where: Providence United Methodist Church

2810 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28211

Cost: \$7 for adults, \$3 for students

New dancers and seasoned dancers are welcome.

If you know of anyone in the Charlotte area who would be interested, please let them know about the class.

Let's dance!

For more information please email Arthur <u>arbaum@gmail.com</u>

Durham/Chapel Hill Scottish Country Dancers

The teachers are Pam Stephens and Eilean Yates

We meet Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00pm at Triangle Dance Studio 2603 S. Miami Boulevard, Durham 27703

For more info, email us at dancescottishdurhamnc@gmail.com or call 917-763-2418 or

find us on Facebook *Durham Chapel Hill Scottish Country Dancers*



Save the date:

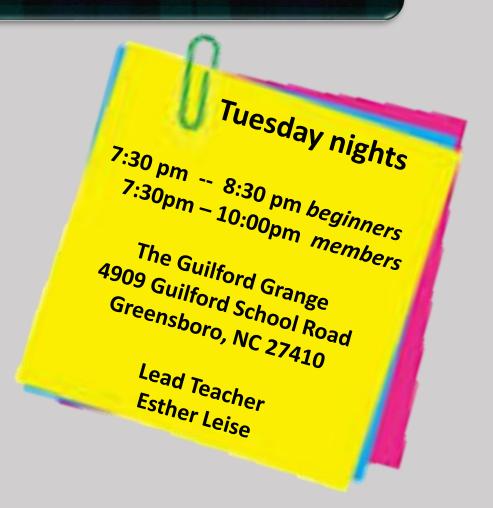
We will be hosting our traditional afternoon Valentine's Day Tea Dance on February 10, 2024 at the Chapel in the Pines Church in Chapel Hill with musicians Mara Shea and Julie Gorka!

See ad in this newsletter for more information

Greensboro Scottish Country Dancers



Our class decided to have a wee bit of fun on Halloween. We don't always dress like this.



Classes resume on January 9th

for more information check out our website www.gsoscds.org

38th Annual

St. Andrew's Day Dance







Greenville Scottish Country Dancers

Greenville Scottish Country Dance Class Teacher is Brian Carr

The Greenville continues to hold classes on Tuesday nights at St. James Episcopal Church 6:30pm to 8:30pm

For more information please contact:

Brian Carr gvillescd@yahoo.com



Palmetto Scottish Country Dancers

Colleen Walker is our primary dance instructor



December 18, 2023 Holiday dance class

We meet on Mondays 6:00-8:00pm

Eastminster Presbyterian Christian Life Center 3200 Trenholm Rd,
Columbia, SC 29204

For more information contact Michelle Wilcox at 5mmw5a@gmail.com

Richmond Sottish Country Dancers



Please visit our website for more information at www.richmondscottishcountrydancers.org



The Dance Space, 6004A W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230

Class resumes on Tuesday Jan 23rd from 5:00-7:00pm
This winter term we are offering a 6 week beginners session starting at 5:00pm

From 5:30-7:00pm there will be social dancing

For more information about class or an event please contact: scdrichmond@gmail.com







Valentine Tea Dance

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Admission: \$20

Sponsored by the Durham Chapel Hill Scottish Country Dancers

Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church

314 Great Ridge Parkway

Chapel Hill, NC

Music by Mara Shea and Julie Gorka

Program

New Year Jig 32J3 - Book 51

The Compleat Gardener 32J3 - Third Graded Book

The Orchards of Co Armagh 32S3 - Book 53

The Black Mountain Reel 32H5 - Haynes, Carnforth 3

The Ladies of Dunse 40R3 - Book 26

Something in the Air 32S2 - Book 53

The Braes of Tulliemet 32S3 - Book 7

The Luckenbooth Brooch 32J3 - Book 53

The Countess of Dunmore's Reel 32S3 - Book 49

Toast to the Mousies 32R3 - Book 53

Blue Bonnets 32J2 - Book 3

City of Belfast 32S3 - Book 48

The Flower of Glasgow 32S3 set - Book 46

Swashbuckling lain 32J2 - Hunt SF Collection, V2

Davy Nick Nack 32H3 - Campbell, Glasgow

The Highlandman Kissed His Mother 32R3 - MMM 1

Assembly

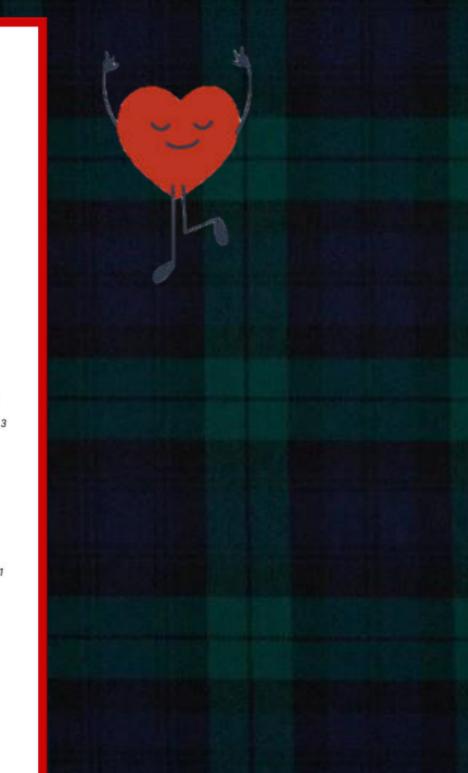
For more information please email

dancescottishdurhamnc@gmail.com

crib-sheet link

download this flyer





29th Annual Loch Norman Highland Games Scottish Country Dances – 2024

Hopewell Presbyterian Church 10500 Beattie's Ford Road, Huntersville, NC

Dave Wiesler - Piano Mara Shea - Fiddle

FRIDAY WELCOME DANCE - APRIL 19 AT 8:00 PM

\$25 at the door or \$23 in advance (if paid by March 31)

SATURDAY GALA - APRIL 20 AT 8:00 PM

\$25 at the door or \$23 in advance (if paid by March 31

Hotel Information – Drury Inn: 6920 Northlake Mall Dr., Charlotte, NC Tel: 704-599-8882

www.druryhotels.com (click on: BOOK NOW Add Special Rate or Code Group Code 10094453)

Room Rates: TWO (2) night minimum

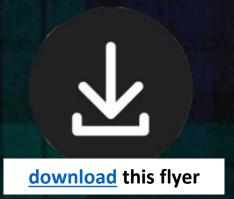
Double Queen \$141/night

Group: Scottish Country Dancers

Drury has a hot breakfast buffet, light dinner buffet, and a free drink in the evening included.

Rate good through March 18

REGISTRATION & RESERVATION 2023 DANCES	
NamePhoneE-mail	_
I/We enclose \$ forFri & Sat reservations to be held for me at the door.	
Return this form to: Brian Carr 12 Wiltshire Ct., Taylors SC 29687 Checks Payable to: Brian M. Carr. Or make a Zelle payment to brian2013tina@gmail.com Please put LN 2024 as a note. Email registration to gvillescd@yahoo.com	
Contact Brian Carr at Gvillescd@yahoo.com with any questions.	



Summer Dancing in Canada! July 28 – August 4, 2024



Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario
Only 20 Minutes from Niagara Falls
and 1 hour from Toronto

Teaching Staff
Graham Donald, Las Palmas, Spain
Barbara Johnston, Edmonton, Canada
Jennifer Schoonover, Boston, USA
Rachel Shankland, Edinburgh, Scotland

Music Director Elke Baker

Registration opens mid February



tac-rscds.org

Sponsored by Scottish Country Dance Teachers' Association (Canada)

2024 Scottish Country Dance-at-a-glance

Please verify all events / dates before traveling

2024	Event	Location	More information
Jan 14	Harrisburg PA 12th Night Tea Dance	Mechanicsburg, PA	https://www.facebook.com/HSCDS/events
Feb 10	Valentine's Day Tea Dance	Chapel Hill, NC	dancescottishdurhamnc@gmail.com
March 15-16	Atlanta Branch Spring Worship	Cartersville, GA	https://rscds-atlanta.org
April 19-20	Loch Norman Dance & Gala	Huntersville, NC	Brian Carr at gvillescd@yahoo.com
April 20-21	Loch Norman Highland Games	Rural Hill, NC	https://lochnorman.com
May 10-12	Boston Branch Highland Balls	MA locations	https://rscdsboston.org
July 7-13	Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School	Boone, NC	www.blueridgesds.org
July 11-14	Grandfather Mountain Highland Games	Linville, NC	https://gmhg.org
July 14 – Aug 11	RSCDS Summer School	St Andrews, Scotland	https://www.rscds.org
July 28-Aug 4	TAC Summer School	Calgary, Canada	https://tac-rscds.org
Oct 18 - 20	51st Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival	Atlanta, GA	http://www.smhg.org



"In 1725, King George I of Great Britain authorized the formation of a "watch" force to patrol the Scottish Highlands. It was composed of 6 Highland clans, including Campbell, Grant, Fraser, and Munro. All were instructed to wear the same tartan -- a mix of dark blue and green, which is likely where the name "Black Watch" originated. This was carried out during an era when England was tightening restrictions on Scots, due to rebellions and uprisings."

"Today, Black Watch is one of the most popular tartans and is recognized worldwide. It is considered an open tartan, which means it is acceptable for anyone to wear, regardless of affiliation. The Black Watch tartan is a universal symbol of bravery and tradition. It is worn by the British Royal family (male and female), Highland athletes, and everyone in between."

from

An Abbreviated History of Black Watch Tartan

August 19 2021 – David Lemmond https://rusticandmain.com/blogs/stories/black-watch-tartan