



Edmonton Caledonian Branch

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Hello fellow dancers!

We are about nine weeks into this Covid-19 social distancing period.

I hope you have discovered the [RSCDS online weekly class](#). Twelve hundred dancers participated on Wednesday, April 22nd! See below for how you can join in.

We had a wonderful [50th Anniversary](#) celebration at the February 14th-16th Workshop and Ball. Photos are available in the ECCDS folder on the [Fred Rushworth Photography](#) website.



We had a good turnout for our [Annual General Meeting](#) on February 27th. We have familiar and new faces on the 2020-2021 board.

[Thank you to the departing board members](#) for your service to the club: Morag Walker for stepping in as our temporary secretary; Hazel Elborne, our two year term member-at-large; and Ann MacDonald, ball chair who has worked diligently on the board for many years in a few different roles.

[Thank you to the three new board members](#): Lynda Ferguson, secretary; Alexis Young, member-at-large; and Margaret Miller, vice president.

[A big thank you especially to our teachers](#) who were having a very busy year, until the virus hit. Monty returned to teach the Monday evening youth class and some Thursday advanced classes. Barbara added the Wednesday afternoon class to her existing Thursday schedule. And, Barbara and Irene added the Saturday children's class to their teaching load by taking on alternating dates.

Due to provincial health guidelines, our **August 2020 casino has been postponed**. As casino funding is currently about two thirds of our income, what we can afford to spend, especially on a 2021 Workshop and Ball weekend, remains a fluid issue. I would guess that every organization will get a smaller size of the AGLC funding pie when casinos do start again, as there are numerous organizations in the queue.

We certainly hope that we will be able to offer classes in the fall of 2020. The numbers per class will depend on the

health guidelines at that time. I am anticipating that some dancers will remain cautious of the intimate social space of dancing, and hand-to-hand contact, so it may take a while to get our numbers back up.

This too shall pass, and I think we are all looking forward to enjoying the fitness, fun, and socialization of Scottish Country Dancing as soon as possible. ~ **Fay**

DANCER'S LAMENT

Sorry I missed your call ... I was dancing to the ringtone.



Stay connected & keep active

Facebook - Julie has been doing a wonderful job with our [RSCDS Edmonton Caledonian Branch](#) Facebook page. You'll find club and RSCDS updates, dance info, links to Scottish news, and even funny memes.

Dance Scottish At Home - RSCDS is offering a new series of newsletters to members and subscribers. You'll find articles, music, games, podcasts, and online classes to keep us active and connected with dancing friends around the globe. Check out the RSCDS [Dance Scottish At Home](#) webpage for more information.

IRN BRU CHEESECAKE

Whit? Yer aff yer heid!

It might sound daft, but it really does exist. [Check out the recipe here.](#)



(Image is from the website.)

Note from Isla: The Tunnock's Caramel Wafer Biscuits (available at Bulk Barn) don't smash. We suggest you chop them into tiny bits separately. To be honest, we didn't find the cheesecake tasted like Irn Bru, but it was tasty and we've now got the bragging rights to say we made one. ;) Bon appetit!

Wee notes from members the board

Miss all you dancers and instructors as well as the fun, laughs and sociability of our friendly group. My life hasn't changed much but my heart aches for those whose lives have changed drastically, perhaps forever. As a member of the Alberta Genealogical Society I was asked to submit an article to their magazine about my trip to the Clan Gathering last summer in Scotland. It will be published in the May issue of [Relatively Speaking](#). Hope we can all get together in the Fall. ~ Hazel

I love that the world of Scottish Country Dancing gives a warm welcome and is world wide. I also love that dancing is great for my heart, soul and brain...and I've been to some great dance parties! I look forward to the next time I can safely celebrate the joy of the dance with you. ~ Lynda

We hope you've enjoyed this newsletter. At this point, it's a one-off, but if there's interest for more, please let us know! I hope you all stay safe and well. Enjoy the summer. Slàinte. ~ Isla socialcaledonian@gmail.com