



# Orange County Ceilidh



Newsletter of the Orange County Branch of the RSCDS

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Visit our website at [www.rscds-oc.org](http://www.rscds-oc.org)

“For naught can cheer the heart sae weel, As can a canty Highland reel” — Robert Fergusson

## Greetings from the Chair

Happy spring! We have still been having rainy days, unusual for April in Southern California, but we can look forward to lots of flowers (and weeds) as a result. We have been busy dancing in the area and have been fortunate to have our local band, the SO-CAledonians play for events in San Gabriel,



Orange County and San Diego. Our beginner dance in February and the afternoon March dance were well-attended. Thanks to all who made the drive to join us.

In February, a number of Orange County dancers performed at the Cerritos International Festival of Friendship. This was just the first of several opportunities to showcase Scottish Country dancing. The SO-CAledonians will be holding a ceilidh in Huntington Beach in May, in addition to the annual one in August. The Scottish Fest at the Orange County Fairgrounds will be returning again over Memorial Day weekend. The local branches will be providing demonstration and audience participation dances and hope to entice a few attendees to join us in class. There is also a new Celtic Festival in Placentia in June where we will be displaying our favorite dance form. Thanks to Pat Zschoche for coordinating our dance teams.

*Terri Speakman, Chair*

## Orange County Classes

### MONDAY

Columbus Tustin Recreation Center  
17522 Beneta Way, Tustin  
Intermediate: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Connie Walker: [samanthasem@yahoo.com](mailto:samanthasem@yahoo.com)  
Pat Zschoche: [swisslassie@hotmail.com](mailto:swisslassie@hotmail.com)

### WEDNESDAY

Columbus Tustin Recreation Center  
17522 Beneta Way, Tustin  
Basics: 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.  
Beginner: 8:15-9:30 p.m.  
Connie Walker: [samanthasem@yahoo.com](mailto:samanthasem@yahoo.com)

### FRIDAY

Columbus Tustin Recreation Center  
17522 Beneta Way, Tustin  
Experienced: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Pat Zschoche: [swisslassie@hotmail.com](mailto:swisslassie@hotmail.com)

**Note: Classes require enrollment through Tustin Parks and Recreation ([www.tustinca.org](http://www.tustinca.org))**

**It's membership renewal time!** You will find a membership form with the email in which you receive this newsletter. Please renew by June 1. We will be holding elections at our AGM on June 8.



## Calendar of Events

(see branch website [rscds-oc.org](http://rscds-oc.org) for flyers of upcoming dances)

### HERE

#### April 2024

No branch dance

#### May 2024

- 11 Branch Dance, 7:00 p.m., Tustin Senior Center (recorded music)
- 19 SO-CALedonians ceilidh, 3:00 p.m., Shipley Nature Center, Huntington Beach Central Park
- 25-26 Scottish Fest, Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa

#### June 2024

- 8 Annual General Meeting, Potluck Supper and Dance – Potluck 6:00 p.m., meeting 6:30 p.m., dancing 7:00 p.m., recorded music
- 15-16 California Celtic Fest, Kraemer Park, Placentia

#### July 2024

- 13 Branch Dance, 7:00 p.m., Tustin Senior Center (recorded music)

#### August 2024

- No branch dance
- 10 SO-CALedonians ceilidh, Shipley Nature Center, Huntington Beach Central Park

### THERE

#### April 2024

- 20 SGV Branch Beginner Tea dance, 4:00 p.m., Church of Our Saviour, San Gabriel (recorded music)

#### May 2024

- 5 L.A. Branch Spring Fête, 2:00 p.m., El Segundo Woman's Club (recorded music)

#### June 2024

- 22 L.A. Branch AGM, Potluck Supper and Dance – Potluck 5:00 p.m., meeting 6:00 p.m., dancing 7:00 p.m., First Christian Church, Studio City, recorded music. Also a used kilt sale.
- 29 San Gabriel Valley Branch AGM, potluck lunch and dance. Potluck noon, meeting 1:00 p.m., dancing 2:00 p.m., Church of Our Saviour, San Gabriel, recorded music.

### ELSEWHERE

#### July 2024

- 5-13 Pinewoods Scottish Sessions, RSCDS Boston Branch; for info: [rscdsboston.org/pinewoods](http://rscdsboston.org/pinewoods)
- 17-24 Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School, Boone, NC

#### July 14-August 11

RSCDS Summer School, St. Andrews, Scotland

#### July 28-Aug 4

- 2 TAC Summer School, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario. [tac-rscds.org](http://tac-rscds.org)

## Minutes of the COM of April 14, 2024

### Meeting Highlights:

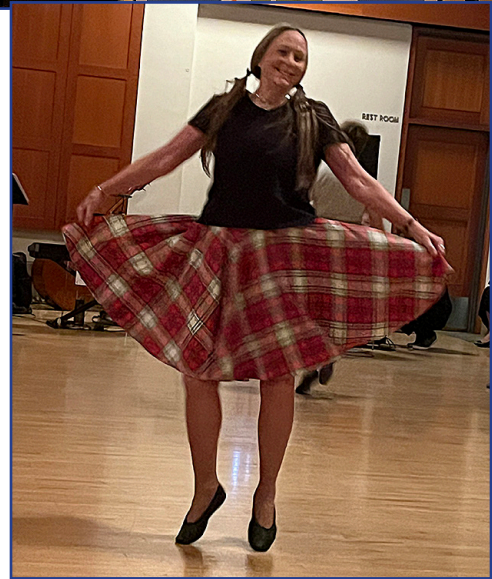
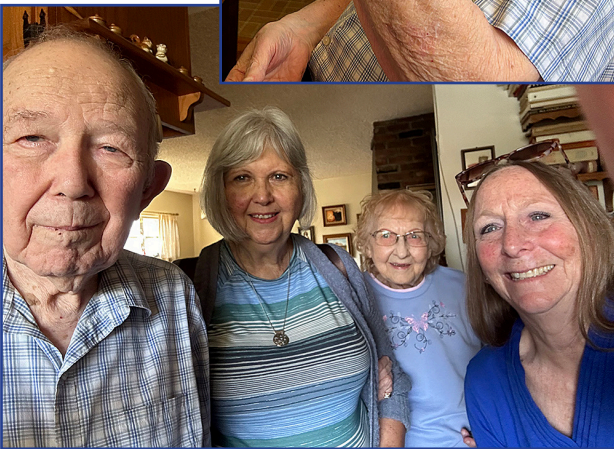
- **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Several cards sent; there is a new New Member Guide; Dance Around the World Nov. 23, 2024.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance in the general fund is \$7634, the Scholarship Fund has \$2298. Due to increased bank fees, the scholarship fund is now combined into the checking account.
- **Membership:** 2023-2024 membership is 30 adults and 34 associate members. Flora Morgan will assume responsibility for membership in the 2024-25 fiscal year.
- Pat Zschoche will coordinate demonstration dancing at the Scottish Fest May 25-26 and the California Celtic Festival June 15-16.
- The 2024 Burns Ball showed a small profit.
- Members of the branch honored Bob Harmon with an engraved watch.
- The California Raffle Permit application was rejected. More research needed.
- A new large banner was purchased as was a color laser printer for branch materials.
- All current branch committee members will stand for reelection at the AGM:  
Chair: Terri Speakman  
Vice-Chair: Norm McCallum  
Treasurer: Connie Walker  
Corresponding Secretary: Edie Archibald  
Recording Secretary: Randi Kraemer  
Members at Large: Pete Anderson, Steve Bryan, Karen Kerman, Connie Learn, Flora Morgan, Pat Zschoche
- Connie W. will investigate finding a new bank.
- Bob Harmon donated a large collection of music and dance materials to the branch.
- Flora and David Morgan will host a party at their house following the dancing at the Scottish Fest on Saturday, May 25.

The next Committee of Management meeting will be held on August 11, 2024. Copies of the full minutes of the meeting are available from Recording Secretary Randi Kraemer.



## A Thank You Gift for Bob

Members of the Orange County Branch presented long-time teacher, provider of music, photographer (and so much more) Bob Harmon with an engraved watch to thank him for all that he has done for the branch.





# Febuary Beginner Dance





## THE NEW DANCE

by Pat Batt, RSCDS London Branch  
Originally published in the London  
Branch newsletter, May 1993

Guess who's written a brand new dance,  
With a brand new figure in it,  
Not easy to learn – but worth a try,  
As you'll hear, if you give me a minute.

It is, of course, a “meanwhile” dance  
And sounds, perhaps, complex,  
But it's quite straightforward as long as you know  
Your number, your partner, and sex.

Threes and fours on the opposite side –  
You'll find it better that way.  
You've curtsied and bowed, so now get set  
And cross your fingers and pray!

An inverted rondel is how it begins  
And then the new figure you'll see  
With simple instructions on sheets 1 and 2  
And diagrams 1, 2 and 3.

Two highland settings, a knotted barette,  
And end in the form of a square.  
Crossing reels, look behind you, and with any luck  
You'll find that your partner is there.



Your partner is there, but  
ignore him or her,  
The pattern now subtly alters –  
You grab someone  
else and all promenade round  
Backwards – but only three quarters.

The Mic-Mac Rotary bit comes next,  
You loop and you loop again,  
A quadruple figure of eight, and then  
A five-and-a-half-bar chain.

A two-and-a-half-bar turn ends the dance,  
An experience no one should miss.  
Wherever, whenever, whatever you've danced  
You've never met something like this!

I hope you enjoy it – I think that you will –  
And I do hope you think it's alright  
To give you this preview of what he might dream  
When he's having a very bad night!

(Written for the John Drewry dance,  
“The MicMac Rotary”, a 96-bar jig)



## BIZARRO By Wayno and Piraro





# March Dance with Music by the SO-CAledonians





## May Branch Dance

**May 11, 2024**, Dancing 7:00 p.m., recorded music  
Tustin Senior Center, 200 C Street, Tustin  
Cost: \$15 Members; \$18 Non-Members

A Diamond for Belfast	J B	Watson/Belfast Jubilee
The Two Gray Cats	R I	Walduck/Other Kanga
The Dundee Whaler	S B	Clowes/Ormskirk 1
Welcome to Ayr	J I	Book 47
Gang the Same Gate	S I	Book 26
The Cape Breton Hornpipe	R I	Inglis/25 Dances

Fair Enough	J B	Book 51
Zytglogge	R A	Blackburn/Collecta Ursis
Dark Lochnager	S I	Boyd/SCD Archives
Granville Market	J B	2nd Graded Book
The Glengarry Homestead	S I	Brenchley/Kangaroo
Waverley/Fugal Fergus	J I	Book15; 3 by Foss

Maitland to Manchester	J I	Thomas/Wallace
The Kissing Bridge	R I	Book 47
Seattle Landing	S B	Vandegrift/Leaflet
The One O'Clock Canon	R A	Book 47
The Legacy	J B	Goddard/Pinewoods

## June AGM and Branch Dance

**June 8, 2024**, Potluck 6:00 p.m., Meeting 6:30 p.m.,  
Dancing 7:00 p.m., recorded music  
Tustin Senior Center, 200 C Street, Tustin  
Cost: \$15 Members; \$18 Non-Members

Gloria's Wee Jig	J B	McMurtry/Devil's Q
He Built a Crooked House	R I	Kuipers/Yankee Samp
The Genteel Weasel	S I	Collin/Lockdown
Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterarder		

	J A	Hamilton/30 Popular
Seattle Landing	S B	Vandegrift/Leaflet
The Kissing Bridge	R I	Book 47

Pelorus Jack	J I	Book 41
Scotch Mist	S A	Drewry/Summer Coll
Reel On	R B	Goldring/Gr & Soc 3
Bonnie Stronshiray	S I	Campbell/Glasgow Assy
Scott Meikle	R I	Book 46
The Legacy	J B	Goddard/Pinewoods

Best Set in the Hall	J I	Book 46
The Dundee Whaler	S B	Clowes/Ormskirk 1
The Mathematicians	R A	Gray/Tweeddale 4
Welcome to Ayr	J I	Book 47
The Deil Amang the Tailors	R B	Book 14

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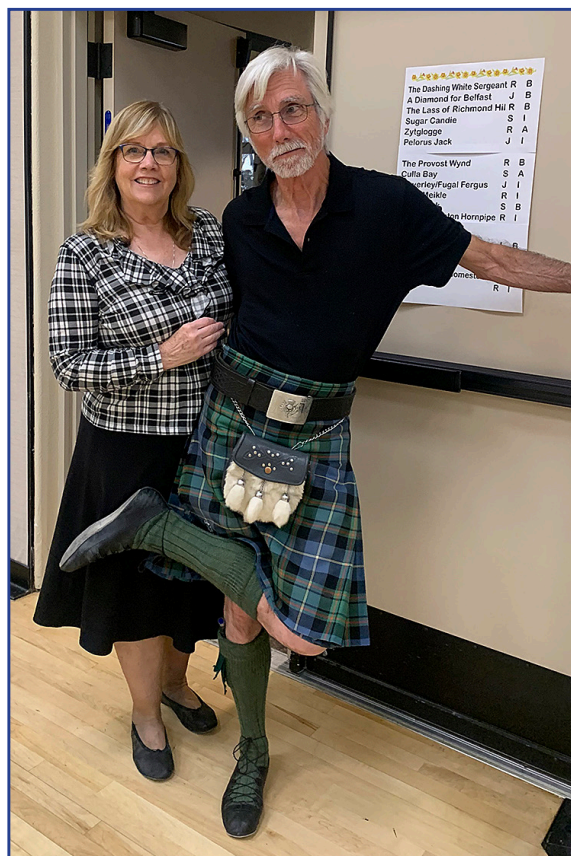
## July Branch Dance

**July 13, 2024**, Dancing 7:00 p.m., recorded music  
Tustin Senior Center, 200 C Street, Tustin  
Cost: \$15 Members; \$18 Non-Members

Gloria's Wee Jig	J B	McMurtry/Devil's Q
The Cape Breton Hornpipe	R I	Inglis/Ottawa 25
Genteel Weasel	S I	Collin/Lockdown
A Trip to the Drakensberg	J I	Book 38
Culla Bay	S A	Book 41
The Provost Wynd	R B	Goldring/G&S

A Diamond for Belfast	J B	Watson/Belfast Diam
The One O'Clock Canon	R A	Book 47
The Mercat Cross	S I	Dickson/Dunedin 3
The Blooms of Bon Accord	J I	Drewry/Deeside Bk 2
Seattle Landing	S B	Book 46
The Two Gray Cats	R I	Walduck/Other Kang

Jennifer's Jig	J I	Book 53
The Bridge of Nairn	S B	Book 13
The Mathematicians	R A	Gray/Tweeddale 4
Fair Enough	J B	Book 51
Bea's Delight	R I	Book43





## OC BRANCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Revised 2020

The Branch has established a scholarship fund to encourage the development of Scottish Country Dancing teachers, dancers, and musicians in Orange County, and to provide opportunities for Southern California Scottish Country Dancing dancers to experience high quality live music both as listeners and as dancers.



To be eligible for a dance scholarship, the applicant must be a current member of the Orange County Branch and be presently attending class regularly for at least one year. Preference will be given to applicants interested in pursuing teacher training.

To be eligible for a musician scholarship, the applicant must be a resident of Southern California, have demonstrated an interest in playing Scottish Country Dancing music, and should play an instrument relevant to Scottish Country Dancing, such as accordion, fiddle, keyboard, piano, recorder, etc.

Applications are available on the branch website and at branch dance classes. Applicants must provide information on how the funds will be used and will need to provide documentation of attendance. Requests must be received at least 30 days before the funds are needed. Awards will be limited to a total of \$500 a year. Requests and awards will be confidential. Scholarships will be granted without attention to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, color, nationality, ancestry, age, or place of origin.

The dance scholarship is in honor of Orange County Branch founding member and long-time dancer Dorothy Craik. The musician scholarship is in honor of Andrew Rankine, a noted accordionist, composer and renowned Scottish Country Dancing band leader.



If you are interested in applying, send your application to Scholarship Committee, c/o RSCDS-Orange County Branch, 8361 Castilian Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92646 or email to chair Terri Speakman at [tjspeakman@verizon.net](mailto:tjspeakman@verizon.net).

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