



Orange County Ceilidh



Newsletter of the Orange County Branch of the RSCDS

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

Greetings from the Chair

Greetings, everyone! With September comes the beginning of the new dancing season, beginning with our September dance and then the 37th Annual Interbranch Dance on September 26.

Music will be provided by our local band, the SO-CAledonians and Anthea Macdonald will be again be hosting the Miscellany Sale. This is a great

place to pick up a gently used pair of dancing shoes, skirt or kilt, not to mention lots of Scottish music and other Scottish items. If you have anything to donate, bring it along by 6:30.

We are all looking forward to the Los Angeles' branch 60th Anniversary Ball and Jack Rennie Memorial on November 28th at The Sanctuary, a beautiful historic venue in Long Beach.

Thanks to a very generous bequest from Jack, this event is very affordable. Reservations must be received by November 14.

Following that is our annual Andrew Rankine Memorial Christmas Ball on December 12 with music by Flindrikin. Be sure to put it on your calendar so you won't miss it!

Meanwhile, our classes are continuing to meet through the summer and into the fall. If you know anyone who is interested in Scottish Country dancing, encourage them to try our beginner class on Wednesdays in Tustin, or perhaps the Valley College class on Monday nights, the Torrance class on Fridays, or the new San Gabriel Valley ceilidh class on Sunday afternoons. As you can tell, there is no shortage of opportunity for our favorite dancing style!

Terri Speakman, Chair



Orange County Classes

TUESDAY

Columbus Tustin Recreation Center
17522 Beneta Way, Tustin
Intermediate: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Pat Zschoche: swisslassie@hotmail.com

WEDNESDAY

Columbus Tustin Recreation Center
17522 Beneta Way, Tustin
Basics/Beginner: 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Connie Walker: samanthasem@yahoo.com

FRIDAY

Columbus Tustin Recreation Center
17522 Beneta Way, Tustin
Experienced: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Connie Walker: samanthasem@yahoo.com
Pat Zschoche: swisslassie@hotmail.com

Note: Classes require enrollment through Tustin Parks and Recreation (www.tustinca.org)

The Next Big Event
Interbranch Dance
September 26, 2026
Tustin Area
Senior Center
Music by the
SO-CAledonians



Calendar of Events

(See branch website rscds-oc.org for flyers of upcoming dances.)

HERE

August 2026

No Branch Dance

September 2026

12 Branch Dance, 7:00 p.m., Tustin Area Senior Center, recorded music

26 Interbranch Dance, 7:30 p.m., Tustin Area Senior Center, music by the SO-CALedonians

October 2026

No Branch Dance

November 2026

14 Branch Beginner Dance, 7:00 p.m., Tustin Area Senior Center, recorded music

December 2026

12 Andrew Rankine Memorial Christmas Ball & Supper, 7:00 p.m., Tustin Area Senior Center, Music by Flindrikin

THERE

August 2026

22 LA Branch Dance, 7:00 p.m. First Christian Church, Studio City, recorded music.

October 2026

17 or 18 SGV Branch Dance, 4:00 p.m., location TBD

24 LA Branch Halloween Dance, 7:30 p.m., First Christian Church, Studio City, recorded music

November 2026

28 LA Branch Jack Rennie Memorial and Branch 60th Anniversary Ball, The Sanctuary, 600 E. 5th St., Long Beach. Reception 4:30 p.m., Buffet Dinner 5:30 p.m., Grand March 6:30 p.m. Music by Susie Petrov, KeyReel Raskolenko, and Andy Imbrie.

ELSEWHERE

October 2026

2-4 Ft. Worden Workshop, Port Townsend, WA; hosted by the Seattle Branch, registration at rscds-seattle.org/fort-worden/

Oct 30-Nov 1 Asilomar Workshop and Ball, Pacific Grove, CA; hosted by the San Francisco Branch, registration at rscds-sf.org/Asilomar

November 2026

6-7 RSCDS Autumn Gathering and AGM, Dumfries, Scotland



Minutes of the AGM of June 13, 2026

Meeting Highlights:

- The minutes of the 2025 AGM were approved and the Year in Review was read aloud.
- Treasurer's Report:** As of May 31, the balance in the checking account was \$14,637; the net income for the year was \$4057 thanks to a generous donation from the Andersons.
- Membership:** 2025-2026 membership was 28 adults and 35 associate members.
- Elections were held and the following people were elected to serve for the 2026-27 year:

Chair	Terri Speakman
Vice-Chair	Karen Kerman
Treasurer	Connie Walker
Corresponding Secretary	Edie Archibald
Recording Secretary	Randi Kraemer
Members at Large	Steve Bryan, Connie Learn, Norm McCallum, Flora Morgan, Pat Zschoche
- A Branch Award was presented to Pat Zschoche for her many years of teaching and service to the branch.
- Branch teachers were thanked for their hard work and presented with a token of appreciation.
- Committee members and branch members were thanked for their help in running our events.



Pat Zschoche is the recipient of this year's Branch Award for service to the Orange County Branch.

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Summer Dance Photos



2026–2027 LIST OF DANCES

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Note: Dances which are new for the 2026-2027 year are listed in **bold** face

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JIGS

Burns Night	B	McOwen/ Boston 50th
Cutty Sark	B	Book 40
The Duke of Atholl's Reel	B	Book 16
Ecclefechan Feline	B	Le Petit Chat Celtique
Postie's Jig	B	Clowes/30 Popular Vol 2
St Andrew's Fair	B	Goldring/5 SCD 1982
The Yorkshire Rose	B	RSCDS Book 54
Best Set in the Hall	I	RSCDS Book 46
Bill Clement MBE	I	RSCDS Book 47
City Lights	I	RSCDS Book 52
Come, Enchant Our Evening	I	Landon/Woodhall 5
Major Ian Stewart	I	RSCDS Book 35
Quarries' Jig	I	RSCDS Book 36
The Zoologist	I	RSCDS Book 46
The Aird of Coigach	A	Bayly/Imp Bk V1-3
Lads o' Dunse	A	Mitchell/Whetherly 8
Vintage Simon	A	Book 47

REELS

The Barmkin	B	Goldring/RSCDS Gr 2
Crom Allt	B	Golding/ RSCDS Gr 3
Davy Nick Nack	B	Campbell/Glasgow Assy
The Kissing Bridge	B	RSCDS Book 47
Mary Erskine	B	Goldring/RSCDS Gr 2
An Officer & a Gentleman	B	Tague/Fort Worden 10
Pirongia	B	Senior/Sunday Class Bk
The Sailor	B	Book 24
Beth Wilson's Delight	I	Mitchell/Whetherly 3
The Black Leather Jig	I	Selling/Del Val Silver
Broadford Bay	I	Grant/RSCDS Leaflet
The Chairman	I	Dickson/Dunedin 4
The Falls of Rogie	I	Attwood/Alexander 4
None So Pretty	I	RSCDS Book 19
Smiling Lila	I	Bartlett
Starry Night	I	Harmon/Celebrating 50
Toast To the Mousies	I	RSCDS Book 53
Elspeth Gray's Reel	A	RSCDS Book 53
Inverneill House	A	RSCDS Book 35
The Ruby Rant	A	RSCDS Book 49



STRATHSPEYS

Birkenside	B	Goldring/ G & S 1
The Falkirk Lass	B	RSCDS Book 53
First Love	B	Baker/Let's All Dance Too
Inch of Perth	B	RSCDS Book 11
Invercauld's Reel	B	RSCDS Book 11
Lord Selkirk	B	Hamilton/Prairie Gold
Midsummer Moon	B	Moody, Salute to SD
Sandy O'er the Lea	B	MMM
Ardnahoe	I	Robertson
Asilomar Romantic	I	Cuthbertson/30 Pop V2
The Compliment	I	Goldring/22 Dances
Dear David	I	Fogg/Emigrant Scot
Katherine Hamilton	I	Nealley/Del Valley Gold
Sandy's Scotch Broth	I	Sibley/Katannuta
Tulloch Gorm	I	RSCDS Book 8
Broadway	A	Ronald/Big Apple Coll.
Something in the Air	A	RSCDS Book 53
Tuolumne Tournee	A	Saturensky/Celebrating 50



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September Branch Dance

September 12, 2026, 7:00 p.m., recorded music
Tustin Area Senior Center, 200 C Street, Tustin
Cost: \$15 Members; \$18 Non-Members

The Duke of Atholl's Reel	J B	RSCDS Book 16
Beth Wilson's Delight	R I	Mitchell/Whetherly 3
Ardnahoe	S I	Robertson
Aird of Coigach	J A	Bayly/Imp Bk Vol 1-3
Mary Erskine	R B	Goldring/RSCDS Gr 2
St Andrew's Fair	J B	Goldring/5 SCD 1982
Tuolumne Tournee	S A	Saturensky/50 Yrs LA
The Sailor	R B	RSCDS Book 24
The Compliment	S I	Goldring/22 Dances
Best Set in the Hall	J I	RSCDS Book 46
Toast to the Mousies	R I	RSCDS Book 53
Crom Allt	R B	Goldring/RSCDS Gr 3
Bill Clement MBE	J I	RSCDS Book 47
Inverneill House	R A	RSCDS Book 35
Invercauld's Reel	S B	RSCDS Book 11
The Black Leather Jig	R I	Selling/Del Valley 25

37th Annual Interbranch Dance

September 26, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
Tustin Senior Center, 200 C Street, Tustin
Music by the SO-CAledonians
Cost: \$25 members; \$30 non-members; \$10 non-dancers

Mrs. Stewart's Jig	J B	RSCDS Book 35
Invercauld's Reel	S I	RSCDS Book 11
Toast to the Mousies	R I	RSCDS Book 53
Roaring Jelly	J I	SDA Online
The Dundee Whaler	S B	Ormskirk Dances
Pinewoods Reel	R A	RSCDS Book 53
City Lights	J I	RSCDS Book 52
Something in the Air	S A	RSCDS Book 53
Dancing Forth	R I	RSCDS Book 54
White Heather Jig	J I	RSCDS 22 SCD
The Falkirk Lass	S B	RSCDS Book 53
The Black Leather Jig	R I	Del Valley 25th
Light and Airy	J B	RSCDS Book 4
Linnea's Strathspey	S A	RSCDS Book 47
The Sailor	R B	RSCDS Book 24
The Wind on Loch Fyne	S I	30 Popular Dances V2
The Ambassadors' Reel	R B	Vienna Book

November Branch Beginner Dance

November 14, 2026, 7:00 p.m., recorded music
Tustin Area Senior Center, 200 C Street, Tustin
Cost: \$15 Members; \$18 Non-Members

SPECIAL BEGINNER SECTION

Festival Interceltique	R B	Brockbank/Mag 05-09
Thread the Needle	R B	Keppie/Halliburton 10
Gay Gordons Two Step	M B	Collins Book
The Dashing White Sergeant	R B	RSCDS Book 3
Bridge of Athlone	J B	RSCDS Dance Trad
The Ferryboat	R B	Hunt/Let's All Dance

EXPERIENCED SECTION

Mary Erskine	R B	Goldring/RSCDS Gr 2
Tulloch Gorm	S I	RSCDS Book 8
Lads o' Dunse (New)	J A	Mitchell/Whetherly 8
Invercauld's Reel	S B	RSCDS Book 11
The Falls of Rogie (New)	R I	Attwood/Alexander 1
Burns Night	J B	McOwen/Boston 50
Inverneill House	R A	RSCDS Book 35
Sandy's Scotch Broth	S I	Sibley/Katannuta
The Yorkshire Rose (New)	J B	RSCDS Book 54
Smiling Lila	R I	Bartlett



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 or associate 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.

If not deliverable, return to:

The Orange County Branch of the
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