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RSCDS NEW ZEALAND BRANCH INC
WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY REGION



Scottish Dancing - FUN, FITNESS, FRIENDSHIP!

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1. President's Pen

Thanks to all who attended our recent region meetings. Our region committee remains unchanged as we look forward to another year of Dancing Scottish. Just a heads up that a number of our committee positions will be available for others to fill after this term.

As our dancing year draws to a close there are lots to be grateful for.

We have ~

- hard working members at club, region and national level within our ranks and appreciate their continued efforts to make dancing enjoyable for all
- more new dancers joining us on the dance floor
- many experienced dancers who support our newer dancers
- enjoyed being part of the centenary celebrations of the RSCDS
- been able to dance uninterrupted throughout the year

I wish you all an enjoyable time over Christmas, however you are spending it and perhaps I will see you at our Hogmanay. To those who will make it to Summer School I hope you enjoy the experience and meet more of our dancing family.

Meri Kirihimete / Nollaig Chridheil / Merry Christmas

Jeanette



2. Editorial



This is a short newsletter just to keep you informed about what is happening over the next couple of months. Thanks to all who have contributed in any way to the newsletter during 2023 and we look forward to all the articles and photos in 2024. Have an awesome Christmas and Bliadhna Mhath Ur (pronounced Bleea-nah Va Oor) Happy New Year.

Agnes



3. Hogmanay



Hogmanay ~ December 31, 2023

Piarere Hall, 5290 SH 29 8pm ~ 1am

The Eyemouth Harbour Reel 8x32 R The St Abb's Collection

Andrew and Gordon's Jig 4x32 J G & S Dances 2

Neidpath Castle 3x32 S Book 22

Montgomeryes' Rant 8x32 R Book 10

The Lady Wynd 8x32 J G & S Dances 2

The Balmoral Strathspey 4x32 S Book 22

Scott Meikle 4x32 R Book 46

Bill Jacob's Jig 4x32 J The Lochiel Collection

Furth o' Clyde 3x32 S Birmingham Diamond Jubilee

Trip to Bavaria 4x32 R Collins

SUPPER

The Old Man of Storr 8x32 R SCD for Children

Farewell to Balfour Road 1x96 Jig Book 52

Culla Bay 4x32 S Book 41

Catch The Wind 8x32 R Book 45

The Frisky 8x32 J Book 26

Orchards of County Armagh 3x32 S Book 53

Pelorus Jack 8x32 J Book 41

Seton's Ceilidh Band 4x64 R Morison's Bush/Book 53

New Year Celebrations

New Year Jig 8x32 J Book 51

Eightsome Reel R Book 2

\$15 and a small plate to share for supper

Discounted entry to \$12 if paid online before December 20

\$5 for youth and spectators

Payment online to Lochiel SCD Club 03-1555-0071288-000

Organisers: Lochiel SCD Club – lochielSCDClub@gmail.com



4. Twilight Dancing

Hamilton Gardens 2024 this is an event where you can bring friends, relatives, perhaps potential dancers to.

We are weather dependent and if rained off we try to advise via facebook. We do have a third date but that will be advertised later if we get rained out for one or more of the other dates. The Hamilton gardens will not be available, for this third date, so we will advise the venue if necessary, later.

Of course, although we meet at 5pm when the enclosed gardens are closed, getting there early and having a good look around at these world class gardens is well worth it. At present they are free but an entry fee to the enclosed, themed gardens is being brought in with the opening of the new visitors centre some time in February.

Dates: Sundays January 14 and February 11

Time: 5 till dusk

Place: The Rogers Rose Garden which is towards the river end of the gardens and easily accessed from Gate 2 where there is a good lot of parking. Our usual venue is not available due to being developed.

Bring: A chair to sit on, your own picnic [or buy from Gourmet in the Gardens which is nearby.] Your own utensil for eating and drinking and your own beverage and a \$2 koha.



Dancing shoes are optional and not essential - sometimes the ground is damp. We at Lochiel look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

In the meantime, wishing you a happy, safe, and healthy festive season

Kate

5. Paeroa

31st Paeroa Highland Games Tattoo and Highland Games Saturday, February 10, 2024

www.paeroahighlandgames.co.nz/



Hello everyone

The organisers of the Paeroa Highland Games and Tattoo have invited us to participate again. Our continuing participation shows Scottish Country Dancing in a positive light to the whole community.

Once again we are looking for volunteers to participate. Up to 36 complimentary tickets will be available for those who participate in the afternoon and evening events.

We hope to have the tickets distributed before the day so you may like to arrive early and take in some of the morning Piping and Highland Dancing competitions.

Tattoo Evening Demonstration Dancing

We would like a minimum of three 4-couple sets (24 dancers) dancing a demonstration in the evening. If our numbers exceed expectations we can easily add another set to the demonstration.

We do have an obligation to present the best item we can for the organiser and hope people will understand if not everyone who volunteers is chosen to dance in the demonstration. We have learnt that dancing on the grass at Paeroa domain has its challenges. Last year the grass was longer than expected, but the caber holes had been filled in!

The demonstration dances will be in the order **Reel On** (4 x32 reel for 4 couples in a longwise set), **Anna Holden's Strathspey** (8x 32 2 couple strathspey, danced 3 times as all couples, middle 2 couples then all dancing again) followed by **Paeroa Castle** (32 bar round room dance, 2 facing 2 danced 3 or 4 times through). Note: Paeroa Castle minicrib is below.

We will assemble for a walk through of all arrangements for the evening demonstration in the clan area at 4.30pm. on the day.

Dress etiquette

Men: White or light-coloured short sleeve shirt and kilt

Women: Skirt or kilt with plain coloured top, or plain coloured dress. Sash optional.

Highland Games Afternoon Dancing

The afternoon dancing will be in three brackets, on the grass in the Clan area. Meet at 12.30pm in the clan area at our gazebo! We will walk through each dance, the audience are invited to join us for most of the dances. The dress code is weather dependent. In recent years it included sunglasses and sunhats as it was very hot, a touch of tartan is preferred.

Proposed dances

First Bracket:

Reel On (Demo)

Kingston Flyer

Cumberland Reel

Second Bracket:

Anna Holden's Strathspey (Demo)

Sandy O'er the Lea

Jig to the Music

Third Bracket

Paeroa Castle (Demo)

The Dhoon

De'il Amang the Tailors



It's a great opportunity to have fun with family and friends. Come as an individual or bring a group.

It would be very helpful if you can confirm your participation as soon as possible for the afternoon, evening or both by contacting:

Shelley email: shelleymcconnel@gmail.com or Txt 021 272 1123 or

Wayne email: mcconnelws@xtra.co.nz or Txt 0272782637

Updates will be posted on the region website <http://waibopscd.org.nz/>

We look forward to seeing you in Paeroa again

Wayne and Shelley

PAEROA CASTLE (J32) 2Cs facing Round the Room Wayne McConnel 8/11/2020

1- 8 All dance RH across & LH back

9 -16 1st & 2nd M turn RH (2 bars), dance R SH around opposite L and pass opposite M R SH back to place

17-24 1st & 2nd W turn LH (2 bars), dance L SH around opposite M and pass opposite W L SH back to place

25-32 Set to partner with M facing CW on second half of setting step. All chase 2 places CW in a square to opposite side and change places RH with partner to face new C in line of dance.

6. What's on

Event	Date	Details
Hogmanay	Sunday, December 31	8pm-1am ~ Piarere Hall, 5290 SH29. More details, see article 3.
Twilight Dancing	Sunday, January 14 Sunday, February 11	5pm ~ Hamilton Gardens. More details, see article 4.
31 st Paeroa Tattoo and Highland Games	Saturday, February 10	More details, see article 5.

Any articles or letters for future publication should be sent to the editor: - Agnes Algra - labradorlane3@gmail.com

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