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## *Manager's Message*

By Geri Stuart

Hello Everyone,

Thanks for all your enthusiasm and dedicated dancing. It's now time for a summer break and I hope you enjoy yourselves. Find other places to dance and keep enjoying it!

Please think of ways we can encourage new people to give our dancing a try, and let us know if you come across anything interesting! Have a great summer!

See you on the dance floor.



## The Portland Highland Games

During the second week in July, the **Portland Scottish Highland Games** will take place in the Portland area. I say "Portland area" because, in addition to the games (which will be at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, on July 15<sup>th</sup>), there will be other related activities during the week preceding the games all over the county.

The week starts with the *Kirkin' o' the Tartan*, to be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, NE 17<sup>th</sup> and Schuyler, near Lloyd Center. Following a special service for the public at 10:00 a.m., there will be a Coffee Hour at 11:00 with piping, and Highland and Scottish Country dancing. Several folks from the Vancouver group will be participating in the dance demos there.

On Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> will be the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual *MacTarnahan's Keg Toss and Ceilidh*, at the Portland Brewing Company, 2730 NW 31<sup>st</sup> Ave, in Portland. The keg toss at 12:30 p.m. is sponsored by American Airlines, while the ceilidh (including buffet dinner) at 6:30 p.m. is co-hosted by American Airlines and the British Consulate.

For all you connoisseurs of the Bagpipe, the *Piobairechd*

## It's Summer Time...

Gee, this reminds me of the last day of school when I was a kid -- the bus hadn't even started up to take us home and already I was missing the place!

The **Vancouver** classes, held at the Marshall Center, have concluded for the year, and will resume in the Fall. Most likely, classes will start again on the Wednesday following the Labor Day weekend. Let's see, according to my calendar, that would be September 6<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to check with the Fall Parks and Rec catalog to verify the date and location.

The **Portland** branch will continue holding classes at the Grange in Tigard through the end of July. This is done to accommodate those who might become interested in SCD after seeing the dance demonstrations at the Highland Games.

*Bagpipe Competition* will be held at the Mt. Hood Community College Theater on Friday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. As the Game's web page states, "Piobairechd, or Ceol Mor, is the classical music of the great Highland bagpipe. A limited number of top international competitors perform this complex and haunting music in a concert atmosphere."

The Games will take place Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. The athletic competitions start about 8:30 a.m. Through the day, there will be bagpipe band competitions, dance competitions, fiddling workshops, tug-of-war competitions, and more. From 6:30 to 9:30 in the evening there will be a Ceilidh for the whole family.

Special note: during the Games, at about 10:00 a.m. and again about 2:30 p.m., members of the Portland branch of the RSCDS will be demonstrating some Scottish Country Dances.

Check out the Web site of the Portland Scottish Highland Games at

<http://www.geocities.com/~ptrip/>

## A Summer Picnic!

Dancers, mark your calendars for a potluck Summer Picnic! It will be at the Shaw's on July 29<sup>th</sup>, starting about 3:30pm. If you have any questions, or need directions, call John at (360) 576-5678, or email us at bcjs@pacifier.com. We hope to see everyone here!

## October Dance Date Set

The date for Vancouver's October Dance has been set for October 21, 2000. That's the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October. (oh boy oh boy oh boy!)



## Calendar of Events

- July 9 **Kirkin' of the Tartan**, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 N.E. Hancock, Portland. Service at 10 AM, with dancing to follow.
- July 15 **Portland Highland Games**, Mt. Hood Community College, N.E. 247<sup>th</sup> at 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Gresham, OR.
- Sept 15-17 **Seattle Branch Fort Worden Weekend** - Classes in SCD as well as English Country Dancing, Stepdancing, and Cape Breton Stepdancing. Info: Eileen Hsu, Ft. Worden Registrar 425-462-0507 eshsu1@alumni.haas.org
- Sept 6 **Fall SCD Class Starts**, Oak/Elm Rooms at the Marshall Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. Vancouver, WA.
- Oct 6, 7 **Pumpkin Festival**, Pomeroy Living History Farm, 20902 NE Lucia Falls Rd, Yacolt, WA 98675 360-686-3537. Free admission.
- Oct 21 **Vancouver's October Dance**, at 8pm in the Oak/Elm Rooms at the Marshall Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. Vancouver, WA.



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