

Rotorua SCD Newsletter: May 2024

Welcome

We are delighted that our beginners' class took off with such a flying start and encouraged by the fact that attendance has remained higher than it has been for several years. Thanks to you all and especially to our teacher, Lynne, who has braved roadworks and car breakdowns to make the trip from Te Puke each week.

With several members who are new to Scottish country dancing, we thought it would be a good idea to distribute the occasional newsletter to keep everyone informed about what is going on, both in our club and further afield. We may also include a few hints to help you on your SCD journey.

What we've learned

Our social class is meant to be fun with lots of dancing so, although we demonstrate the correct steps and include a bit of practice, we don't worry about it too much at this stage.

What really matters are the formations which make up nearly all Scottish country dances and a few of those we have learned over the past few weeks are: Hands Across, Rights and Lefts, Promenade, Allemande and Reel of Three.

If you want a reminder, have a look at <https://rotorua.waibopscd.org.nz/steps-and-formations> which links to some really useful videos which were prepared by our head organisation, the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society in Edinburgh.

Two of the dances that were taught recently were 'Monymusk' and 'The Lady Wynd' which you can watch here: <https://rotorua.waibopscd.org.nz/video-dances/>

Coming events

The best way to find out about these is to have a look at the Waikato/Bay of Plenty events page at <https://waibopscd.org.nz/events/>

Two forthcoming events deserve special mention:

- The Tokoroa dance on Sunday 9 June is an annual event for juniors and newcomers (although everyone is invited). Why not arrange car-pooling for an afternoon of easy dances with plenty of instruction and a chance to make new friends. We will make sure that we teach several of the dances on Monday evenings during May.
- We will be holding our own dance in Rotorua on the afternoon of Saturday 27 July. Please try and keep the date free. New members of the club will be able to join in several dances on the programme and any assistance with taking money on the door and tea-time catering will be much appreciated !

SCD on the web

A reminder that a lot of information can be found on the web nowadays: Advice, events, photos, videos, newsletters etc. Two websites of local interest are:

Our Club: <https://rotorua.waibopscd.org.nz/>

Our Region: <https://waibopscd.org.nz/>

You can download this newsletter from our Club website (under 'Leaflets and Videos' on the Menu)

Class dates

Remember that there will be no class on King's Birthday Weekend, Monday 3rd June.

Happy Dancing