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The Richmond, VA Scottish Country Dancers invite you to join them for a St. Patrick’s Day Dance on Saturday, March 21, 2020, at 2 pm at The Dance Space 6004-A West Broad St Richmond, VA.

Music by Tim MacDonald and Jeremy Ward of Chicago, Illinois.
http://timandjeremy.com/

Program & additional info here: http://www.richmondscottishcountrydancers.org/

In addition to playing for our dance, Tim and Jeremy will be playing a house concert at the Beaverdam, VA home of Malcolm and Peg Shealy on Friday, March 20, 2020. For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact the Shealys at 804-227-9487 or malshealy@gmail.com.

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Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School debuts JULY 5-11, 2020 Appalachian State University Boone, NC, USA

featuring RSCDS certified instructors Linda Henderson & William Williamson with Mo Rutherford (piano), Neil Copland (accordion), & Mara Shea (fiddle)

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Save the Date

RSCDS Carolinas Branch Annual General Meeting

Sunday April 19, 2020 9:30am

Hopewell Presbyterian Church
10500 Beatties Ford Rd
 Huntersville NC
Valentine’s Tea Dance

2-5pm Saturday February 15, 2020
Chapel In The Pines Presbyterian Church
314 Great Ridge Parkway
Chapel Hill, NC

Sponsored by the Durham-Chapel Hill Scottish Country Dancers

Music by
Copious Notes
Mara Shea on Fiddle and Julie Gorka on Piano

Admission $20.00

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The Machine Without Horses 32J3 RSCDS Book 12
The Countess of Dunmore’s Reel 32R3 RSCDS Book 49
Miss Eleanor 3253 set RSCDS Book 49
Rest and Be Thankful 32R3 Grampian Collection
Cull Bay 3254 sq. RSCDS Book 41
Rodney’s Rant 32J3 Diamond Jubilee Dances
Up in the Air 3253 RSCDS Book 20
General Stuart’s Reel 32R3 RSCDS Book 10

Intermission
The Compleat Gardener 32J3 Graded Book 3
Mary Erskine 32R3 Graded Book 2
Delvine Side 3253 RSCDS Book 2
The Bees of Maggletackater 32J4 set Drewry, Canadian Book
Orrington Caledonians 32R3 RSCDS Book 49
The City of Belfast 3253 set RSCDS Book 48
The Cranberry Tart 32J3 Glasspool, 7 Year Itch
The Highlandman Kissed His Mother 32R3 MMM 1
Did Scots Do the Minuet?
by Tom Dillon

When our Greensboro class celebrated the 200th anniversary of the city several years back, we opened the ball with a minuet, which some of us danced and some did not. Ever since then, I have wondered about Scottish dancing and the minuet, which traditionally opened all English country dance balls. So I did some sleuthing on the web recently, and I came across this exchange on the Strathspey Server. I hope you find it as interesting as I did. It started with this from someone named Pat Ruggiero:

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“At an SCD weekend recently, there was a specialty class simply titled ‘Minuet.’ I attended, wondering what the connection was between SCD and the minuet.

“The teacher started right off, without any explanation, demonstrating what he called the minuet step. (Use turnout.)

“Beat 1: step R
“Beat 2: step L
“Beat 3: Close R behind L, taking weight
“Beat 4: step L
“Beat 5: step R
“And so on, incorporating pauses in place of the demi-coupe steps.

“Can any elaborate on this use of a modified minuet step for country dancing? I’ve seen original instructions for some country dances which say to use the minuet step throughout.

I’d always assumed they mean the French minuet step. Now I’m wondering if this simpler step was what was intended.”

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And a gentleman named Richard Goss replied (abridged):

“I have spent years (since the ’70s) attempting to find anything which described a Scottish minuet step, to no avail.

“When I was taught ‘Yellow Haired Laddie’ at St. Andrews, the official teacher taught sort of a three-beat traveling pas-de-bas and had us all loping from side to side.

“Since I can find no evidence of ‘Scottish’ country dances until after 1923, why should I, or anyone, expect to find Scottish minuet steps? If the dancing masters got their training south of the border in England or on the continent, why would they bother to come back to Scotland and teach ‘Scottish’ steps?”

Mr. Goss elaborates on the development of country dancing, from simple dances “for as many as will” to more complicated formations, even including quadrilles. He comments, “Notice that I mentioned nothing about tempo or steps, as these evolved between time and place. People who would have the background to do a minuet would do a minuet, while those who could only master ‘Strip the Willow’ did ‘Strip the Willow.’ Dances were named after and set to popular tunes of their day.”

He concludes, “By the way, if anyone can find a documented reference to a Scottish minuet style, I would appreciate a citation. Second by the way, contrary to rumor, the yellow-haired laddie was not Bonnie Prince Charlie, who was so brunette that the closest he ever came to being yellow-haired was when he was wearing an old wig without powder.”

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I’m really interested in this minuet, and I would like to see it added as an afternoon class at the new Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School, if that’s possible. If such dances really did start balls in the old days, it ought to be useful to learn them. I might add that there is something on YouTube called the Strathspey Minuet. It is vaguely similar to the minuet I know, and I enjoyed watching the demonstration. If you want to get further into this discussion, you might check it out.
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Judi Nicolson
Fred Collins
Ian Muir
Terry Traub
Mary Ross

Teacher Candidates’ Courses
July 19-August 2, 2020
For Units 2 & 3 and Unit 5

Registration opens March 1, 2020
tac-rscds.org

**RSCDS-San Diego**
45th Anniversary

**Sapphire Dinner & Ball**

Saturday March 7, 2020
www.dancescottishsd.org

Music provided by
Reel of Seven

https://www.reelofseven.com/videos

**RSCDS Carolinas Branch Membership**

Form can be found at the branch website under “Membership Application”
http://www.rscdscarolinasbranch.org/

Dues: $40 for single memberships
$66 for two adults at same address
$33 for young adults age 18 to 24
$5 for associate members from another branch

Completed form and dues to be sent by June 30, 2020 for current cycle to:

The Carolinas Branch
c/o Connie Hamilton-Juskow
14 Brennan Place
Greenville SC 29609
~PLEASE VERIFY ALL DATES AND EVENTS BEFORE TRAVEL~

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