



# Ottawa Highland Dancing Association

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## Spring 2010 Newsletter

Welcome to the May competition and workshop weekend. A special welcome to our judge: Denise Durant MacDonald of Pickering. A special thank you also to those helping out at this weekend's competitions: Games: Bremen and Yvonne Macleod schools and Kitchen: Adams, Macdonald and Breman schools of dance on Saturday. Thanks also to those who have donated raffle prizes for the competition.

### **DANCERS & PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

- Please note that **ROSIN CAN NOT BE USED** at this facility.
- Please remember to use discretion when changing dance outfits, as our competitions are open to the public. Please be appropriately dressed at all times when you are in the competition area.
- Male change area is the male washroom
- Please **DO NOT** go to other floors/areas in the school

### **CLOTH NUMBERS**

Please ensure that you return your numbers at the end of the competition day prior to leaving the premises. There is a \$10 replacement fee if a number is not returned.

### **WELCOME TO OUR VENDOR**

Please visit and support our vendor for this competition Creative Designs

### **OHDA DANCE SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTATION**

The 2010 OHDA dance scholarships will be presented at lunch before the presentation of the morning awards. A description of the scholarships is below:

#### **Scholarship #1 - Wendy (MacMillan) Ewart Memorial Scholarship - \$350**

Focus is to reward success and assist future achievement of competitive highland dancers. Dancer must be in Intermediate or Premier. Evaluation will place weight on the dancer's actual (heavier weight) or potential success / achievement in competition. Some suggestions for documenting: list competition or championship results; give statistics on how many medals and trophies in career and especially more recently; provide exam and medal test results; include testimonials or comments from dance teachers (names please).

#### **Scholarship #2 - Caitlin Stewart Memorial Scholarship - \$200**

Focus is to recognize the dancer who exemplifies the love of dancing, fun and enjoyment of dancing for its own sake; competitive achievement is not relevant. Some suggestions for documenting: stories and incidents; charity or demonstration shows at churches, seniors homes, Canada Day; helping other dancers; sunny and infectious personality; leading by example. Dancer may be in any category from Beginner to Premier, and of any age.

Note that the scholarship program is expandable. Anyone is welcome to establish a scholarship administered by the OHDA according to criteria that may differ from the above. If you would like to discuss this, please feel free to speak to any member of the OHDA Executive. The OHDA issues tax receipts for such donations. Thanks to Jean Lespérance for his initiatives and continuing participation in the scholarship program.

### **SPRING DANCE WORKSHOP**

One major change is the pre-premier workshops will take place on the same day and location as the competition! This means only a one-day commitment. so that new beginners who may only know the Fling and Sword can attend at well. New dancers who may not even be competing on May 1 are encouraged to attend. They will have the opportunity to work with a new teacher, meet some friends, and also take in some of the Premier competition. Please see the website for further information at [www.ohda.ca](http://www.ohda.ca)

Unfortunately, the Intermediate/Premier workshop has been cancelled at this time.

## CHOREOGRAPHY SHOWCASE

The 3rd annual OHDA Showcase featuring local highland dancing schools and guest starring Bethany Bisaillion will be taking place on May 30<sup>th</sup> at De La Salle High School at 1:30 pm. This event will be showcasing choreography numbers by several dance schools and tickets will be available at the May 1st competition. Ticket prices are \$12 for youth, \$20 for adults. Tickets will be available on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the competition. If you have any questions you can contact Chelsea Champagne [chelsea16@rogers.blackberry.net](mailto:chelsea16@rogers.blackberry.net)

## 2010 COMPETITION DATES

Canada's Capital City Championship and Open Competitions will be held on **October 23rd and 24th, 2010**. Please check the website for further details at [www.ohda.ca](http://www.ohda.ca)

## SCOTDANCE CANADA CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES – Saskatoon, SK, July 7-11, 2010

The ScotDance Championship Series (SDCCS) is the largest highland dancing competition held in Canada each year and it is celebrating its 36<sup>th</sup> Championship Series on July 7-11, 2010, at the Saskatoon Field House, Saskatoon, SK. This prestigious 5-day event, includes the Canadian Inter-provincial championships, choreography, highland, national, jig and hornpipe, and other competitions, draws over 1000 competitors from all levels from around the world.

Events are scheduled to take place from July 7-11, 2010.

For more information, please visit the official website at [http://www.scotdancecanada.ca/SDCCS\\_2010/index.htm](http://www.scotdancecanada.ca/SDCCS_2010/index.htm)

## TROPHY SPONSORSHIP

If you are interested in sponsoring a keeper trophy for one of our upcoming competitions, please speak to one of the OHDA Executive. A donation of \$25 or higher sponsors a keeper trophy and is recognized by an invitation to present the trophy at the competition.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering a few hours of your time to the OHDA, please contact our President, Jill Armstrong, speak to any of the other members of the Executive at the competition, or leave your name at the registration desk. This is an excellent opportunity for high school students who are trying to complete their community service hours. We are always looking for young people to help sell our raffle tickets or help out in the kitchen at competitions.

## FEBRUARY RESULTS AND TROPHY WINNERS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2010 RESULTS

| Trophy  | Group                       | Dancer                         |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Katharine Robinson School of Highland Dancing | Beginner High Aggregate     | Jennifer Moore<br>Sahar Salvja |
| Morrison Lamothe Bakery                       | Novice High Aggregate       | Jannell Walton                 |
| Katharine Robinson School of Highland Dancing | Intermediate High Aggregate | Abigael Le                     |
| OHDA  | Premier 11 & under          | Lauren Fourney                 |
| Cortland Benfield MacDonell                   | Premier 12 - 14 yrs         | Alessandra Bruce-Fuocco        |

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| Duart-Dillon Trophy                    | Premier 15 - 17 yrs       | Logan Green                         |
| National Capital Region Highland Games | Premier 18 yrs & over     | Erin Lee                            |
| Laura Bablitz Memorial                 | Hornpipe Dance off        | Erin Lee                            |
| Winnie McNaule Memorial                | Premier Dancer of the Day | Alessandra Bruce-Fuocco<br>Erin Lee |

**PLEASE BE A RESPONSIBLE VISITOR**

Please keep our facility clean by putting trash into the garbage cans, keeping hallways and passageways clear.