Welcome to BCHDA's annual Open Competition!

BC Open Highland Dancing Championship
West Coast Open Scottish National Premiership
Restricted Highland and National
Pre-Premier Highland and National
Diane Tikhane Memorial Dance-Off
Soar to Scotland: the Angus MacKenzie Grant

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Competition</th>
<th>Workshops</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Saturday, April 4</strong>\textsuperscript{th}</td>
<td><strong>Friday, April 3</strong>\textsuperscript{rd} (Teachers/Judges)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Riverside Community Church</td>
<td><strong>Sunday, April 5</strong>\textsuperscript{th} (Dancers/Teachers/Judges)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2329 Freemont Connector, Port Coquitlam</td>
<td>Location TBA</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Judges</th>
<th>Pipers</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cheryl Kirby, MD (Championship)</td>
<td>Andrew Lee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elizabeth Low, Scotland (Championship)</td>
<td>Derek Davidson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alison Plemons, MI (Championship)</td>
<td>Rob Johnston</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sherril Medd, AB (Championship)</td>
<td>Richard Brown</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Keltie Stowkowy, AB (Championship)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Myra Miller, Scotland (Championship)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wenda Crawford, BC (Pre-Premier)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Steven MacRae (Pre-Premier)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Entries Open: January 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 8PM PST
Entries Close: March 8\textsuperscript{th}, 11PM PST
Late Entries Accepted with $10.00 Fee until March 25\textsuperscript{th}

Enter online at: [https://bchda.wildapricot.org](https://bchda.wildapricot.org)
Welcome to BC Highland Dancing Association’s annual Open Competition! We are pleased to once again be hosting a Championship, Premiership, Restricted Premier and Pre-Premier categories, as well as the annual Diane Tikhane dance-off.

For the second year in a row we are thrilled to be offering the Angus Mackenzie grant to one of the BC Open Championship dancers. The top two dancers in each class will be entered in a draw to win the grant, with the winner awarded airfare and entry to the World Highland Dance Championships in Cowal, Scotland.

Historically our Open Competition event draws a large number of dancers from all over, and this year we look forward to hosting our event in a beautiful new space, the Riverside Community Church. See you there!

Look for further information re: Judges, special events, workshops etc. on our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/bchighland/

EVENT INFORMATION
PREMIER EVENTS (Sections A - D open to Premier dancers only)
Premier dancers may enter a maximum of 8 dances. They may choose any two sections but cannot enter three sections.

RESTRICTED PREMIER EVENTS (Sections C, D)
A Restricted Premier dancer is defined as one who has not won an overall trophy in a Premier or Restricted Premier class for two (2) years preceding April 4th, 2020

- An overall trophy win is defined as the dancer with the highest total number of points having competed in more than one (1) individual dance in a Premier age category that has 6 or more competitors.
- Winners of special dances such as a Special Hornpipe or Special Jig, Best-Dressed or Choreography event do not qualify as an overall trophy win and are therefore, able to enter the restricted premier section.

*note: A minimum of 100 Premier dancers in total must be entered on this day of competition, before Restricted Premier classes will be offered. In the event this condition has not been met, the organizer is under NO obligation to advise dancers prior to the event.

SPECIAL PRIZE INFORMATION
*note: open to Premiers only; dancers do not need to register to qualify for either Special Prize.
DIANE TIKHANE MEMORIAL DANCE-OFF
Dancers placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their respective class in BC Open Championships (“Section A”) Seann Triubhas will be eligible to compete for this award presented by Diane’s family.

“SOAR TO SCOTLAND” THE ANGUS MACKENZIE GRANT
- Champion and 1st Runner-Up from each class in the BC Open Championships (Section A) will have name automatically entered into a draw for the Grant.
- An amount totaling no more than $1,500 CAD will be presented to one (1) dancer whose name is drawn from the pool for airfare to Scotland and entry fees to the World Highland Dance Championships.
- The awarded dancer will have two (2) years from the date of drawing to submit their airfare receipt and entry confirmation, at which time BCHDA will reimburse these costs to a maximum of $1,500 CAD.
- There is no restriction on travel dates, however the trip must be inclusive of the Cowal Highland Gathering for the year in which they enter.
- No dancer substitutions permitted.

AWARD INFORMATION
SECTION A:
- Overall awards 1st to 6th place in each class
- Cash awards 1st to 6th in 16 years & over class
- Any dancer receiving a judges placing in will receive a medal

SECTION B:
- Overall awards 1st to 6th place in each class
- Medals 1st to 6th in 15 years & under classes
- Cash awards 1st to 6th in 16 years & over class

SECTIONS C, D, E:
- Medal awards in all classes, Highland and National as listed

ENTRY FEES:
SECTION “A”: $50.00
SECTION “B”: $50.00
SECTION “A” & “B” COMBINED: $90.00
SECTION “C”: $40.00
SECTION “D”: $40.00
SECTION “C” & “D” COMBINED: $70.00
PRIMARY & BEGINNERS: $6.00 PER DANCE
NOVICE & INTERMEDIATE: $7.00 PER DANCE
### SECTION A
**BC OPEN HIGHLAND DANCING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

2020 RSOBHD Championship Steps must be danced in all classes

**Dances:**
- Highland Fling
- Sword Dance
- Seann Triubhas
- Strathspey & Highland Reel

**Classes:**
- 7 & Under 10 years
- 11 years
- 12 years
- 13 years
- 14 years
- 15 years
- 16 & 17 years
- 18 & Under 21 years
- 21 years & Over

---

### SECTION B
**WEST COAST OPEN SCOTTISH NATIONAL PREMIERSHIP**

2020 RSOBHD Premiership Steps must be danced in all classes

**Dances:**
- Irish Jig (5; *4 steps for 12 & under)
- Flora MacDonalds Fancy (4)
- Highland Laddie (4)
- The Village Maid (4)

**Classes:**
- 7 & Under 10 years
- 10 & 11 years
- 12 & 13 years
- 14 & 15 years
- 16 & 17 years
- 18 & under 21 years
- 21 years & Over

---

### SECTION C
**RESTRICTED PREMIER HIGHLAND COMPETITION**

**Dances:**
- Highland Fling (4)
- Sword Dance (2&1)
- Seann Triubhas (3&1)
- Strathspey & Highland Reel (2 & 2)

**Classes:**
- 7 & Under 10
- 10 & Under 12
- 12 & Under 14
- 14 & Under 16
- 16 & Under 20
- 20 & Over

---

### SECTION D
**RESTRICTED PREMIER NATIONAL COMPETITION**

**Dances:**
- Flora (4)
- Scottish Lilt (4)
- Blue Bonnets (4)
- Hornpipe (4)

**Classes:**
- 7 & Under 10
- 10 & Under 12
- 12 & Under 14
- 14 & Under 16
- 16 & Under 20
- 20 & Over
## SECTION E
### PRE-PREMIER EVENTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PRIMARY:</th>
<th>NOVICE:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Pas de Basques</td>
<td>Fling (4)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pas de Basques &amp; High Cuts,</td>
<td>Sword (2&amp;1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fling (4)</td>
<td>Seann Triubhas (3&amp;1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sword (2&amp;1)</td>
<td>Strathspey &amp; Highland Reel (2 &amp; 2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BEGINNER;</td>
<td>Lilt (4)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fling (4)</td>
<td>Flora (4)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sword (2&amp;1)</td>
<td>Trophy Fling (4)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Seann Triubhas (3&amp;1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Strathspey and Highland Reel (2 &amp; 2)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lilt (4)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flora (4)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trophy Fling (4)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INTERMEDIATE:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fling (4)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sword (2&amp;1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Seann Triubhas (3&amp;1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Strathspey &amp; Highland Reel (2 &amp; 2)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lilt (4)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flora (4)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hornpipe (4)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### SPECIAL PRIZE #1
**DIANNE TIKHANE MEMORIAL DANCE-OFF**
**DANCE: SEANN TRIUBHAS**

Please see Rules and Regulations on page 3

### SPECIAL PRIZE #2
**“SOAR TO SCOTLAND”**
**THE ANGUS MACKENZIE GRANT**

Please see Rules and Regulations on page 3
FURTHER RULES & REGULATIONS
The BC Open Championship and Premiership are recognized by the RSOBHD

1. The Rules and Regulations of the RSOBHD will govern all dancing events.
2. When all entries are received, the Association will determine breakdown of classes and reserve the right to divide, combine or cancel classes if necessary.
3. Six placings will be awarded in all Championship events
4. In Restricted and Pre-Premier events placings/awards will be given on a half (rounded up) basis. In the case of a limited number of dancers in an event the number of placings/awards will be at the discretion of the Association.
5. Dancers will compete in reverse order of entry for ALL events including Championship events. First to enter will be last to dance.
6. Any dancer not ready when called shall forfeit entry in that event.
7. All Championship and Premiership dancers must dance 2020 RSOBHD set steps.
8. RSOBHD Dancer Registration card must be shown upon request. A $5.00 administration fee will be charged for forgotten cards.
10. Age for entry for all events will be as of April 4th, 2020
11. No refunds will be given
12. Dancers must fill in for Reels as requested.
13. Competition Secretary must be advised of Category changes by email at bchda.competitionsecretary@gmail.com by March 30th, 2020.
14. Privacy Statement and Photographic Release Policy of BCHDA are available on our website.

ONLINE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS
Registration opens January 22 at 8pm PST

1. Click on events in the top menu and register for 2020 BC open competition online registration: https://bchda.wildapricot.org/
2. When registering for the event, please fill out all information correctly.
3. If registering more than one dancer, please select “invoice me on the review and confirm page, then register another dancer. Once finished, select “pay online”.

*Note: BCHDA Members and those who have registered for BCHDA Hosted Events (BCHDA Winter Competitions, BC Open, BC Closed & City of Vancouver Championships or BC Highland Games) in the past 3 years should already have an account. If you have never registered for any of these events, you will need to create a guest account: go to the Join Us link (https://bchda.wildapricot.org/join-us) If you have any questions, please email the competition Secretary, Leah Holand at bchda.competitionsecretary@gmail.com
SCOTDANCE CANADA WAIVER

I am aware that participating in the BC HIGHLAND DANCING ASSOCIATION’S BC Open Highland Dancing Championships, Premiership, Restricted and Pre-Premier Competition and related events (the “Event”) involves the potential for risks, dangers and hazards, including but not limited to:
(a) Injury to myself / my child as a result of the physical nature of dance competition and performance; and
(b) The taking and/or release of unauthorized photographs, video and/or other recordings of myself and/or my child, notwithstanding efforts to enforce Event policies.

In consideration of my / my child’s participation in the Event and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS against ScotDance Canada, its directors, agents, employees, executive members, volunteers and organizers of the Event (the “Releasees”), which I now have, or hereafter may have against the Releasees. In particular, but without limiting the foregoing, I agree to release the Releasees from ANY AND ALL LIABILITY for any loss, damage, injury, or expense I / my child may incur as a result of my / my child’s participation in or attendance at the Event. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, INJURY OR EXPENSE, including legal costs, that the Releasees may incur due to my / my child’s participation in or attendance at the Event, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, and whether caused to my child or otherwise. I understand that the Releasees will photograph and otherwise record the Event, its participants and attendees. I consent to and authorize such recording. I further consent to and authorize the Releasees to publish my / my child’s image, likeness and information in any medium, including but not limited to photographs, videos, DVDs, and web-casts. I understand that this publication will take place in the public domain, including in printed materials, public announcements, and on the internet. I specifically consent to the public release of the following information: 1. Name; 2. City, Province, Country of Residence; 3. Tartan; 4. Age; 5. Results.

I acknowledge that by signing and submitting this entry, electronically or otherwise, that I have read this agreement carefully and fully understand it, and agree to all of the above terms and conditions.

Dancer(s) Name ...........................................
Parent/Guardian Name ..................................
Authorized Signature .................................. Date........................................