

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

New Zealand Branch, Inc., Auckland Region

Advanced Day Class

Saturday August 12th

Teacher: Damon Collin

Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm

Host: Classes Sub Committee

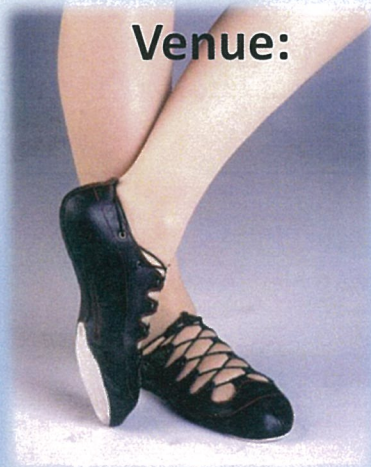
**Venue: Auckland Irish Society
Clubrooms
Rocky Nook Avenue,
Mt Albert
(Fowlds Park)**

Damon Collin

"I am one of the fortunate few that started dancing when my body could handle all the pain and my mind could still get the necessary messages through to the system – ie at the age of 16! So many other dancers have told me in the years since that they wished they had started dancing earlier. I count myself very, very lucky.

I've had the good fortune to be invited to teach at a couple of RSCDS New Zealand Branch Summer Schools and at one memorable Australian Winter School (in Perth). In addition, I've taught at numerous Weekend and Day Schools up and down the country.

I'm still learning and plan to pass on some of my continuing enthusiasm for Scottish Country Dancing in the class".



Damon Collin – Focus of Class

This class should be composed of dancers that are still striving to get to the top of their game or dancers who cannot sustain the level of energy required in a Very Advanced class any longer, (but have been there). Dancers in this group should be able to handle unfamiliar dances largely unaided.

I will put the "strivers" through some step practice and help them to correct any errors. The dances we do will be aimed at perfecting things like phrasing and covering (and posture, where appropriate). They won't be familiar, so everyone is going to have to have their wits about them

To Register:

Either:

- Email : shona.greer1@gmail.com
- Telephone: 021 478215
- Post: 41 Rawene Road Birkenhead Auckland 0626

(A telephone or email registration is a firm booking. In the event of illness, prior cancellation must be notified to the registrar or course payment will be required.)

Payment: \$ 30.00 for non RSCDS dancers

\$ 25.00 for members of the NZ Branch/RSCDS

Please make cheques payable to Auckland Region, NZ Branch Inc., RSCDS

To pay with online banking Direct Credit to: 12-3026-0011887-00. Put your surname and ADV as the reference.

This class is run by the Auckland Region of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS). For more information about the region go to www.aucklandscd.org.nz.

All dancers may attend beginners and elementary classes. For other levels we strongly encourage dancers to belong to the New Zealand Branch of the RSCDS.

Attending the class:

- Please bring own name tag (if you have one)
- Dancers are asked to be suitably dressed – i.e. feet and ankles can be easily seen, clothes enabling movement required for dancing. Knee-length clothing looks good for dancing.
- Please bring own lunch and water bottle. Tea and coffee are provided for morning/afternoon tea.

The Auckland Region, NZ Branch Inc., Royal Scottish Country Dance Society will not be held responsible for any loss or damage to property or injury to dancers or spectators during these classes.

ADVANCED TECHNIQUE

This is a class designed for advanced dancers who can consistently execute steps and formations to a high standard of accuracy showing excellent phrasing, handing, and covering. Dancers are expected to be able to dance for the full duration of the class.

Dancers wishing to go to classes at this level should be able to:

1. Show sustained good flight and ease of movement.
2. Dance with accurate foot positions at all times.
3. Maintain rhythm when dancing to all types of music, including medleys and slow airs, and display the difference between jig time and reel time.
4. Appreciate dancing as a team, from either the women's or men's side of the dance, demonstrating light and shade when dancing.
5. Have the ability to learn new or modified formations easily, and dance correctly with a minimum of teaching.
6. Dance all formations mentioned in previous levels with a minimum of explanation but with more ease and better footwork, and with accurate phrasing and the ability to correct one's own errors unobtrusively.

.....(name)

.....(club)

I confirm that this dancer has attained the above requirements and is capable of participating in this class.

Signed.....
Club Teacher

Please note: The Classes Sub Committee has a firm policy of making sure that the class is a beneficial experience for all dancers and the teacher. Therefore dancers may be recommended to attend a class more suited to their ability/experience. This will be done in consultation with the club teacher.