



THE TOWN CRIER

VILLAGE GREEN ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCERS

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING IS FRIENDSHIP SET TO MUSIC



AUGUST 2010

Visit our website at <http://www.villagegreenenglishcountrydancing.org>

UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

OPENING SOCIAL STARTS OFF THE 2010 / 2011 SEASON

SEPTEMBER 8, 2010
REGISTRATION FROM 7:00 P.M.
DANCING AT 7:30 P.M.
**ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
830 NORTH DRIVE**

Join your VG friends in the first dances of the season. Your friends or family could be our newest members – bring them along! Use the Registration Form on page 4.

**2010- 2011 General and Beginner
Classes Start Wednesday,
September 15, 2010 at
Harrow United Church
955 Mulvey Avenue**

**POSTER INCLUDED WITH TC
EMAIL AND SNAILMAIL.**

CHALLENGE CLASS START DATE

SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

Classes are will held about twice a month on Sundays at Norberry- Glenlea CC at 1:30 p.m.

Contact Jeannie Gilbert at 269-6012. See Danceophile's Corner on **Page 2**

SOCIAL EVENTS

Oct. 6 Tea Night following Class
Nov. 3 Tea Night following Class
Dec. 11 Christmas Social

OTHER EVENTS OF NOTE

Sept. 26 Canada Culture Days
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**Apply for the
SHARON GREEN DANCE CAMP AWARD
up to \$1,0500 on Page 3**

Hello all Village Green members,

I am delighted to tell you that your new executive has met in June and plans to meet again in August before you lace up your dancing shoes once again. They are a fine group of individuals who get along well and will work together to make a wonderful year of dance and celebration.

We are in the process of planning an event in conjunction with the **Canada Culture Days** at the Forks on September 26. Many details are yet to be settled but I really hope this is going to happen. The event will not only allow us to celebrate our culture (dance, dress, music) but will also be an opportunity to advertise and perhaps entice some new members to join us. I am very excited about this opportunity and hope you will keep this day clear on your calendars. Challenge class: I hope you will forgive us for infringing on your schedule, and hope that you will join in with your usual zest for fun and dance. Interesting that it is the same day as our auction last year: September 26 !! That was certainly an amazingly successful day and I hope this Forks event will be as well. (Also my Dad's birthday.)

As a group, we need to address the power of the executive to make decisions that involve larger sums of money. Members brought up this topic at the AGM and we need to address it. I believe that the executive has the power to make decisions as long as no agreements are entered into that would put VG into the financial **red**. The executive should make all major decisions with input from the membership. This could be through discussion, the newsletter, emails, phone tree and maybe special meetings. Remember there are many, many decisions made that are trusted to your elected executive. If you feel strongly that all decisions need to be reviewed by the membership then perhaps you should be willing to sit on the executive! Should we have a limit to spending beyond the current parameters set up by our constitution? Sue Stanton has volunteered to chair a working committee to develop those parameters and for a decision to be made at the next AGM. This group will be open to anyone who wishes to attend and will begin to meet in January 2011. Please think about these issues and be willing to participate. (EDITOR'S NOTE: SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE INFORMATION).

Which brings me to my theme for this submission: **HAVE FUN: ENJOY!!** It was originally going to be rest up, it's the summer, we need a break. In particular, I felt I really needed a break. However, on contemplation, I don't need a break as much as I need to be rejuvenated. I believe life is for the taking; opportunities waiting to happen - not at all a drudgery. Plan a family event; surround yourself with people and things that bring you lightness of spirit. Replace heaviness and tiredness with joy as much as possible. Turn on some music and dance in your kitchen. Believe me, I am not a Pollyanna - but I do want to see life (this summer—today) as an adventure and a journey. Enjoy!! I look forward to seeing you and "dancing" with you in September.

Joan Cormie

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM



DANCEOPHILE'S CORNER

Interesting and Educational Information for Dancers

An Explanation About Class Options and Fees

Every one that joins Village Green Country Dance pays an annual membership fee of \$30.00. This fee contributes to the sustainability of the organization.

Class fees cover the delivery of dance instruction at weekly classes.

The dancing season is comprised of two terms - the Fall term, from September to December, and the Winter term, from January to April. If a member is only available to attend class on a regular basis for one term then he/she can pay for that one term only. The payment would be equal to half the annual fee for the General Class.

Beginners pay a non-refundable Beginner (Repertoire) Class fee that covers the class fee for the Fall term only. They may then elect to join Village Green by paying the VG Membership fee then registering for the General Class Winter term.

Returning dancers can register for both the Fall and Winter terms of **General Class** for \$60.00. You may opt to pay the General Class fee in two equal installments; installments are due at the beginning of each term (before the end of September and at the first class in January).

For returning dancers, who due to circumstance or choice, may not be dancing regularly, there is a **drop-in fee**. However, only members with a current (2010/2011) paid-up membership (\$30) are eligible to "drop-in" to class on occasion. Members using this option will be required to sign-in and pay the drop-in fee of \$5.00 per class attended.

Members choose to attend at the **Challenge Class** based on self-selection. Every year the teachers ask that members who would like to attend the class reflect on the following criteria. **DO YOU:**

- feel comfortable and confident dancing a straightforward dance (3 or 4 basic figures) with only a talk through or one walk through? (i.e. don't need to walk such a dance through from each position)?
- Enjoy working on the technical aspects of a dance (phrasing, handing, covering, dynamic of dance, and awareness of others in set)?
- Feel confident dancing an intricate, complex dance after working through it from each position; are you able to recall such a dance in a subsequent class after a briefing?
- Hear the music and are you able to move in a manner that suits the music?
- Have a desire to grow in dancing - to be a better dancer?

Bring a Friend to the Sept. 8th Welcome Dance! Yes, we know you don't have to bring a partner – but how about bringing a potential new member? Help us bring in more members by finding a place to put up the registration poster (included with this TC) in your community – community centre, nearby church, billboard or hydro pole.



Volunteers are the 'heart and soul' of any organization. Given your volunteer hours yet?

We know that everyone enjoys the extras such as the refreshments at our socials and after dance teas, the newsletter, the Christmas parties and other special events.

Upcoming volunteer opportunities:

1. Volunteers to assist our Social Convener, Carolyn, at the following events:

- Sept 8th
Opening Social

2. Volunteers to provide dainties for the following after class tea nights:

- Oct. 6
- Nov 3rd

Please, don't leave this for someone else to do. Don't assume someone else has volunteered. Do your part and offer your assistance.

PHONE CAROLYN, OUR SOCIAL CONVENER, AT 477-8131 TO SIGN UP.

The VG Ball is coming on April 30, 2011. Marion Tetrault, Ball Committee Chair, will be looking for volunteers in the near future. Watch for more information on the theme and other exciting news soon.



YOUR 2010-2011 VILLAGE GREEN EXECUTIVE

**SEPTEMBER 26TH
CANADA CULTURE
DAYS CELEBRATION
AT THE FORKS**

VG will be providing a 2-hour program under the canopy at the Forks Plaza as part of the Manitoba Culture Days Celebration. Between 3:00 p.m. and 5 p.m. VG members will demonstrate "Friendship Set To Music" in our usual joyful way. Joan will have more details closer to the date. Check out other activities at this site: <http://culturedays.ca/>

**AD-HOC
COMMITTEE ON
POLICY**

Sue Stanton is convening an ad-hoc committee of 3 people to create policy on large or out-of-the ordinary expenditures to guide the VG Executive in future decision-making. Please contact Sue Stanton or Joan Cormie if you are interested in taking part in this important work. See VG Executive for contact information for either one.

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NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: AUGUST 24, 2010

ANY CONCERNS/SUGGESTIONS FOR EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION:
CONTACT THE PRESIDENT OR VP.

To make a contribution to the Town Crier, please contact:

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THE SHARON GREEN DANCE CAMP AWARD

Dancers may recall when Sharon was here for the last VG workshop she graciously 'donated' her travel expenses and the usual honorarium paid to a visiting teacher. Sharon requested that VG use the money budgeted for these expenses to benefit Village Green and/or The Country Dance and Song Society (CDSS). The workshop committee took on the job of deciding how to award the money. After several meetings, the committee developed these award guidelines:

- VG will award the money to **assist** a VG member or members to attend a dance/music camp sponsored by CDSS or Bay Area Country Dancers (BACD). The award is open to all Village Green members. The Review Committee has the discretion to make the award to one or two members.
- Interested members must apply by **October 15, 2010** using the application form included in the August TC.
- Frances Harris will accept the application and remove the member identification portion before sending the now anonymous form to the Review Committee. Typing the application further insures anonymity. Note that Frances will not be applying herself.
- A 3-person review committee selected by the workshop committee will make the award by **November 30th 2010**. The Review Committee membership will be confidential. No one on the workshop committee is on the Review Committee.
- The Review Committee expects the award recipient(s) to attend one of the suggested camps within **18 months** of accepting the award. The recipient(s) must notify the VG President immediately if unable to meet this criterion.
- The **award is \$1050.00 CDN**; the cost of attending a weeklong camp is approximately \$900 USD plus the cost of travel.

Why should I attend a dance/music camp? Do you remember the exhilaration of dancing all weekend to live music and a wonderful caller? When attending a camp the fun continues for a **whole week**; there are dancing classes in the morning, afternoon and a dance every evening – a truly amazing experience. You will meet musicians/dancers from all over the world who love English Country dancing as much as you do. These two camps are eligible for the award recipient(s):

Pinewoods Camp English Week: August 6 – 13, 2011 Pinewoods, organized by CDSS, is a sort drive from Boston. There is a separate week for musicians lead by Jacqueline Schwab. www.pinewoods.org/

Mendocino Camp: August 21-27, 2011(TBC) Organized by BACD (Sharon's stomping ground) and held at Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg California. Dance Week includes session for musicians running concurrently with the dance sessions. www.bacds.org/eweek/
www.bishopsranch.org/

*Musicians note that because camps have almost as many hours per day working with the dance musicians playing for the dance session, you could play music all day and dance every evening!

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REGISTRATION FORM 2010 / 2011

Please print!

Name (1)

Name (2)
(if a couple)

Address: Postal code:

Phone #s Home: - Work -

E-mail:

I would you like to receive town crier by e-mail. Yes No

Please check if you would you like to volunteer to help various committees as needed.

Village Green English Country Dancers Privacy Policy

The executive require your personal information to keep you informed of the activities of the Village Green English Country Dancers. Village Green distributes a membership list annually to our members. This list will not include any personal information without written permission from you. VG must have your specific directions and permission indicated by your signature.

Please DO NOT include any of my information.

Village Green English Country Dancers has my permission to include my:

- Name Address Phone # E-Mail

Please check each item you wish to have listed.

Member's Signature: _____

VILLAGE GREEN FEES

Membership (Includes " Town Crier")	\$30.00.....	\$30.00
General Class Fees: <i>Fall Term (Sept -Dec)</i>	\$30.00.....	\$
<i>Winter Term (Jan - Apr)</i>	\$30.00.....	\$
Challenge Class: Annual Fee	\$30.00.....	\$
Beginner (Repertoire) Class (Sept - Dec) Fee: <i>(non-refundable)</i>	\$30.00.....	\$
<i>Winter Term Fees are payable in January for continuing Beginners</i>		
Town Crier Only:	\$15.00.....	\$
<i>The Village Green Executive has adjusted class fees to contribute to expenses incurred.</i>		TOTAL \$

Make cheques payable to: VILLAGE GREEN ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCERS

Mail to: Terry Armstrong, VG Treasurer
718 Beresford Ave; Winnipeg, MB. R3L 1K1
OR pay Terry at class by cheque or cash.

TO REQUEST MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL: info@villagegreenenglishcountrydancing.org