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The summer is hardly here and already we are speaking of the Fall. It is unavoidable, I suppose, when *plans* are the topic. Anyway, just to make one thing perfectly clear, Fall SCD classes in Vancouver will be on **Wednesday evenings**, as usual. The group is attempting to shift the class to Tuesday evenings, but that change is "on hold", at least until after the Fall session.

Say, speaking of summer, how 'bout a *picnic*? Did you know Leverich Park in Vancouver (just off I-5 at exit 3) has a *large* covered area with a smooth cement floor? Or what about Lewisville Park, north of Battle Ground? Or at someone's house? I'm just throwing out ideas -- the summer's yet young, we can get a phone tree going if people are interested. ☺

I am intrigued by a coincidence. Perhaps you noticed the advertisement for the Highlandwear on the internet elsewhere in this issue. The firm is Campbell's of **Aloha**, in Scotland. Now, I've heard of a town with a similar name in Oregon, specifically **Aloha**. I've been told the two town names are pronounced the same (with the 'h' in Aloha, Oregon, being silent, unlike the "aloHA" in Hawaii). So, is Aloha, OR, named for Hawaiian immigrants to this area, or for Scottish immigrants?

And finally, please keep a lookout for these **back issues** of The Scottish Country Dancer:

- Vol I #5, Feb 1985
- Vol I #6, Mar 1985
- Vol III #4
- Vol III #5
- Vol III #6
- Vol X #1 Jul/Aug 1993

These issues appear to be missing from our archives. If anyone has a copy of any of these issues he or she would like to donate, please contact John at 360-576-5678.

These are so *easy*!

The following was intercepted from the Internet and submitted by Van Hord:

Here is the world's easiest test. You should be able to get 100% on this one.

1. How long did the hundred year war last?
2. Which country makes Panama hats?
3. From what animal do we get catgut?
4. In what month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5. What is Camel's hair brush made from?
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
7. What was King George VI's first name?
8. What color is a Purple Finch?
9. Where are Chinese Gooseberries from?
10. How long did the Thirty Years War last?

Pencils down! Ready for the answers? See the next page...



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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Vancouver USA Scottish Country Dancers - May 25, 1999

Manager Geri Stuart brought the meeting to order at 9:16 PM on May 25, 1999.

Teacher Marge van Nus reviewed the past year, which included 13 demonstrations.

Secretary/Treasurer Van Meter Hord gave a summary of the past year's finances to date.

There were discussions about changing the time of the Spring Dance. It was moved, seconded but defeated to change the dance to the first Saturday in June. It was moved, seconded and passed to have the dance later than the present 3rd Saturday in April. Scheduling with Parks & Recreation and the availability of rooms may determine the timing.

Tom Halpenny and John Shaw will be working on a web-page for the group.

Geri Stuart and Lisa Scott will be looking into changing the up-coming class times to Tuesday evening, instead of Wednesday evening. The change will depend on Parks & Recreation's class scheduling and availability of an appropriate room. [Update: The classes will continue on Wednesday evenings until further notice.]

Geri Stuart complimented the group on the past year's activities. There is need to encourage new people to join the classes and the dance association.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Van Meter Hord



Answers to the Easy Test:

1. 116 years, from 1337 to 1453.
2. Ecuador.
3. From sheep and horses.
4. November. The Russian calendar was 13 days behind ours.
5. Squirrel fur.
6. The Latin name was Insularia Canaria -- Island of the Dogs.
7. Albert. In 1936 he respected the wish of Queen Victoria that no future king should ever be called Albert.
8. Distinctively crimson.
9. New Zealand.
10. 30 years of course. 1618 to 1648.

Scottish Highlandwear on the Internet

Campbell's of Alloa in Scotland are pleased to announce they are now selling kilt outfits on the Internet. Established in 1836, this family business is keeping up to date with new technology.

If you are interested in buying a new outfit or any accessories please contact:

W.S.Campbell
32 - 34 High Street
Alloa FK101JF

Email:
enquiries@campbellkilts.demon.co.uk

Or visit their web site at:
www.campbellkilts.demon.co.uk.

Calendar of Events

- July 11 **Kirkin' of the Tartan**, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 N.E. Hancock, Portland. Service at 10 AM, with dancing to follow.
- July 17,18 **Portland Highland Games**, Mt. Hood Community College, N.E. 247th at 17th Street, Gresham, OR.
- July 23-Aug 4 **Dancing in Scottish Castles & Sightseeing** in Scottish Gardens. Contact Ken McFarland, 800-822-3435, or email farlands@ptialaska.net.
- Sept 10-12 **Seattle Branch Fort Worden Weekend SCD** classes at all levels and cape Breton dancing. Contact Sig Brown (206) 243-8110 e-mail:RightFromStart@msn.com. Information: <http://www.SeattleRSCDS.org>.
- Sept 15 **Fall SCD Class Starts**, Oak/Elm Rooms at the Marshall Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. Vancouver, WA.
- Oct 9,10 **Pumpkin Festival**, Pomeroy Living History Farm, 20902 NE Lucia Falls Rd, Yacolt, WA 98675 360-686-3537. Free admission.
- Mar 18-25, 2000 **Dance Workshop in Hawaii**, on the island of Kauai. Music will be provided by **Alisdair Frasier**. Contact Ken McFarland, 800-822-3435, or email farlands@ptialaska.net.