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Chasing the Eclipse

32 Bar Strathspey for 3 couples
in a 3 couple set

Bars:

- 1-8: 1st couple set, dance down below third couple, cast up to 2nd place and pass left shoulder to face first corner. 2nd couple step up on bars 3-4.
- 9-16: 2nd, 1st, and 3rd couple dance reels of three on the side, 1st man and 3rd woman, 1st woman and 2nd man passing right shoulder. 1st couple finish in the center facing 1st corner.
- 17-24: 1st couple set to first corners, dance $\frac{3}{4}$ round partner by the right shoulder, set to second corners, and dance round partner to 2nd place on own side and face out.
- 25-32: Promenade Chain progression.
25-26: 2nd and 3rd couples turn partner $\frac{3}{4}$ with right hands while 1st couple dance clockwise $\frac{1}{4}$ round the set.
27-30: 2nd man and 3rd woman turn with left hands 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ times while 1st man and 2nd woman take promenade hold and 1st woman and 3rd man take reverse promenade hold and dance clockwise $\frac{1}{2}$ way round the set.
- 31-32: 3rd and 2nd couples turn partner $\frac{3}{4}$ with right hands to own sides while 1st couple dance clockwise $\frac{1}{4}$ round the set to end in 2nd place

The new positions are 3,1,2. Repeat from new positions.

Note: the movement in bars 25-32 was devised by Tim Wilson.

Devised for Mike and Eilean Yates, formerly of Shelby North Carolina, by Sandy Gallamore in February, 2013. The Yates' have been a pillar of dancing in the Carolinas for decades and also been involved in the dancing at the Loch Norman Highland Games almost since the beginning.

Beyond dancing, Mike's passion for viewing solar eclipses have taken them all over the world. You can detect that in the Promenade Chain progression (thanks, Mary!)

devised by Sandy Gallamore

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## May Social Program

Saturday, May 4, 2013, **1:00 p.m.**

### St. Bede's Episcopal Church

2601 Henderson Mill Road NE

Atlanta, Georgia

#### Programme

|                            |      |                                              |
|----------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------|
| The Highland Fair          | 32J2 | Graded Book                                  |
| Captain MacDonald's Fancy  | 32R3 | Book 7                                       |
| Miss Milligan's Strathspey | 32S3 | Golden Jubilee Dances                        |
| Miss Hadden's Reel         | 32J3 | Book 23                                      |
| The Sailor                 | 32R3 | Book 24                                      |
| The Lovers' Knot           | 40S3 | Book 8                                       |
| Linton Ploughman           | 32J2 | Book 5                                       |
| None So Pretty             | 40R3 | T. Wilson, Book 19                           |
| ~~~~~Intermission~~~~~     |      |                                              |
| The Clumsy Lover           | 32R3 | Richardson, Aurora<br>10th Anniversary Book  |
| City of Belfast            | 32S3 | Mullholland, Belfast<br>Diamond Jubilee Book |
| Muirland Willie            | 32J3 | Book 21                                      |
| The Deil Amang the Tailors | 32R3 | Book 14                                      |
| The Winding Road           | 32S4 | Cosh, 22 SCD + 2                             |
| The Machine Without Horses | 32J3 | Rutherford, Book 12                          |
| The Montgomeries' Rant     | 32R3 | Castle Menzies, Book 10                      |

There will be no charge for the social.

Please bring finger foods to share.

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Demos in 2012

Sewing Guild April 14 – Marietta, GA

Atlanta Scottish Terrier Club May 19 – Dawsonville, GA

Queens Jubilee June 2– Oglethorpe University

Blairsville Highland Games June 9 & 10 – Blairsville GA

Vogel State Park Volunteer Weekend Sept. 29 – Blairsville GA

Cotton Pickin' Fair Oct. 6 – Gay, GA

Stone Mountain Highland Games Oct. 20-21

Fall Ya'll Ball Nov. 3 – Moreland, GA

Murdock Elementary School Dec. 6 – Marietta, GA

Books and Links of Interest to Dancers

For the newer dancers that learn at a faster pace, or the more experienced dancer that needs to brush up on the timing of some figures, there is a book known as The Manual that has most of the figures and their timing. It is free online to RSCDS members or you can order a copy from the RSCDS store or from TAC Books.

Also available from the RSCDS store is a free download of standard terminology. If you are thinking of trying your hand at writing a dance, these are a must have. How many dances have you seen where the description is not clear? Don't let your dance be one of these!

Another website of interest is the Scottish Country Dance Database <http://my.strathspey.org/dd/index/> where you can find dance cribs, information about the dances and devisors, clips of music recordings that go with the dance, links to videos of many of the dances. You can also rate the dances.

Some Dances Done in Each Class

Athens:

Jan. The Highland Fair, Capelthwaite, Lady Home's Jig

Feb. Anna's Wedding Cake, Little Ross Light, Gypsy Weaver

Buckhead:

Feb. Highland Fair, Tartan Plaidie, Rabbie's Reel

Cartersville:

Jan. Aspen Circle Strathspey, The Huntsman, Pulling Bracken

Feb. Rodney's Rant, Orwell Lodge Strathspey, The Peated Road

Marietta Upstairs:

Jan. Tomalena, Capelthwaite, The Wigtown Cross

Feb. The Lover's Knot, Gypsy Weaver, Open the Door to Three

Flowers of the Forest

The last couple of months haven't been very kind to our dancing family.

Condolences go out to:

- Yoshi Yukishige on the death of his mother in Japan on February 11th.
- Randy Allen on the death of his mother, Miss Frances, on March 1st.
- Eilean Yates on the death of her husband, Mike, on March 6th.
- Bob Messner on the death of his father in Ohio on March 8th.
- Marilyn Blaschke on the death of her husband Ted on April 13th

Someone recently asked me what the phrase "Flowers of the Forest" represented. I answered that it was probably a reference to those who had fallen in a major battle in Scottish history. I wasn't far off the mark. Flowers of the Forest is an ancient Scottish folk tune with lyrics written by Jean Elliot in 1756 and is a reworking of an older song lamenting the deaths of James IV, many of his nobles, and over 10,000 men - the titular "Flowers of the Forest" - at the Battle of Flodden Field in northern England in 1513, a significant event in the history of Scotland. It describes the grief of women and children at the loss of their young men

Due to the content of the lyrics and the reverence for the tune, it is one of the few tunes that many pipers will only perform at funerals or memorial services, and only practice it in private or to instruct other pipers.

News of Members

Susan Tumlin is still experiencing back pain and will have surgery on April 18th.



GREENVILLE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS

FOURTH ANNUAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE

"The Greenville Rum Ball"



Saturday, May 25, 2013 7:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Traveler's Rest United Methodist Church
19 South Main Street, Traveler's Rest S.C. 29690

PROGRAM

The Machine Without Horses	32J3	Rutherford RSCDS Bk 12
The Music Makars	32R3	RGoldring RSCDS Bk 33
John McAlpin	32S3	Foss Galloway Album
The Inimitable Derek	32R3	Goldring
Gardeners' Fantasia	32S3	Cook RSCDS Bk 46
J. B. Milne	32R3	Foss Angus Fitchett Album
Quarries' Jig	32J3	Smith RSCDS Bk 36

INTERMISSION

Montreal Rendezvous	32R3	G Dale Birdsall
Corn Rigs	32R2	RSCDS Bk 4
Postie's Jig	32J4	Clowes Ormskirk 5
Wisp of Thistle	32S3	Kent RSCDS Bk 37
Oh My America!	(R88)Sq.	Barnes Clipper Ships & Other Dances
The Sailor	32R3	RSCDS Bk 24
Cherrybank Gardens	32S3	Drewry Bankhead Bk 1
St Andrew's Fair	32J3	R Goldring 5 SCDs
The Deil Amang The Tailors	32R3	RSCDS Bk 14

Cost is \$5.00

For cheat sheets and additional information contact:
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Smoky Mountain Highland Games

What used to be the Gatlinburg Scottish Festival and Games is now the Smoky Mountain Highland Games held at Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee. The Maryville College facilities, location and the school's Scottish ties, provide an excellent venue for this event. The college is ideally situated between the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Knoxville, the state's third largest city. Please check out the website for the games at <http://smokymountaingames.org/> which provides a wealth of information.

Although there will not be an evening dance, there will be dancing on the field under a tent with a portable dance floor led by Cynthia Atkins-West. Dancing on Saturday (May 18th) will be from 9 – 10:45 a.m. and 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., which will give plenty of time to check out all the other activities. On Sunday (May 19th), dancing is scheduled from 10 – 11:30 a.m. and may continue to 12:30 p.m. with a local band.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact Cynthia at [cynthiaatkins AT hotmail.com](mailto:cynthiaatkins@hotmail.com)

Largo Law and Robinson Crusoe.

Norm McCallum (O.C. Ca. Branch)

(originally published in the *Orange County Ceilidh March/April 2012 issue*. Reprinted here with permission of the editor and author)

Largo Law is a beginner dance, a Strathspey for 3 couples, which is on our program this year. Its name brings to mind Collie Law, a dance we learned several years ago. The word LAW in both dances is the name given to hills in eastern and southern Scotland.

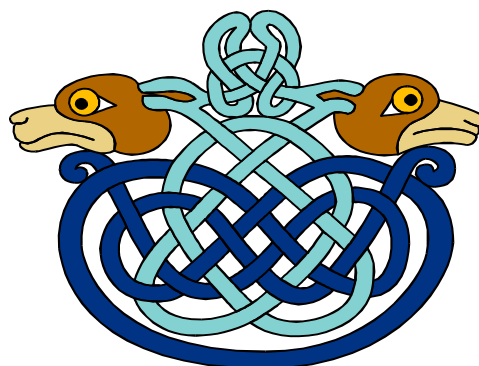
Largo Law is a 965 ft. hill in Fife, on the North Sea coast, south of St. Andrews. One mile south of Largo Law is Upper Largo and south of there is the fishing village of Lower Largo on Largo Bay.

Lower Largo is famous for being the home of Alexander Selkirk (1676 - 1723) whose adventures inspired the novel *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe and is also where Handel's *Largo* was composed.

Selkirk was marooned at his own choosing on the island of Mas a Tierra in the San Fernando Islands off the coast of Chile. He was rescued after 4 years in 1709 and returned to Scotland. Defoe's novel *Robinson Crusoe* was published in 1719 and became an instant bestseller. Defoe was at times a merchant, trader, writer, journalist and "spy" for parliament in London noting the sentiments of the Scots.

Answers from last issue's puzzle:

CROOKET, CAKES, CUMBERLAND, HAYMAKERS, LADY, LAKE, TREWS, FAIRY, WATERLOO, LIGHT, PUNCH, BOOKS, FRANCE, SUMMER, WISP, DREAM, EWES, SLIPPER, JOE, MARRY, SWEET, INCH, NEW, WHISTLE, WOOIN, PRINCE, SOW, FADDLE, SODGER, KISS, WELL, SALTIRE, ARK, VOLUNTEERS, ROAD, THREE, WELCOME, FIDGET, LONGWISE, DIAMOND, VANISHED, NELSON, SHEPHERD, ROUND, VILLAGE, POLLY, CASTLE, STARRY, LAST, ODD, MUSIC, TARRY, LOVE, STREET, NUT, KNOT, VIVRE, PETRONELLA, TRIP, BRIDGE, AULD



Upcoming Events 2013

- April**
13 **Branch Social** – Grace Community Church, Marietta, GA **2pm**
19-21 [Loch Norman Highland Games](#) – Huntersville, NC
- May**
4 Branch Social & AGM – St Bede's Episcopal Church, Tucker, GA - **1pm**
17-19 [Smoky Mountain Highland Games](#) – Maryville, TN
(dancing on the field)
24-25 Greenville Highland Games and Dance – Greenville, SC
- June**
7-9 [Midwest Scottish Weekend](#) – Beloit, Wisconsin
8-9 Blairsville Highland Games – Blairsville, GA
8-9 Silver Thistle Ball & Brunch – Richmond, VA
22 **Branch Social** – Heritage Baptist Church, Cartersville, GA - **2pm**
- July**
7-12 [Thistle School](#) – Banner Elk, NC
11-14 [Grandfather Mountain Highland Games](#) – Linville, NC
14-Aug11 RSCDS Summer School – St. Andrews, Scotland
12-20 Pinewoods [Scottish Session I & II](#) – [Pinewoods Camp](#)
near Plymouth, MA
28-Aug 4 [T.A.C Summer School](#) – Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada
- August**
10 **Branch Social** – Grace Community Church, Marietta, GA **2pm**
- September**
7 **Branch Social** – Heritage Baptist Church, Cartersville, GA - **2pm**
13-15 Timber Ridge Scottish Weekend – Highview, WV
20-22 Charleston Highland Games and Dances – Charleston, SC
27-29 [Fandango](#) – Atlanta, GA (NOTE: ECD and contra – no SCD)
- October**
18-20 **Stone Mountain Highland Games and Dances** –
Stone Mountain, GA
25-26 A Reel Scottish Weekend – Charlotte, NC
- November**
TBA **Branch Social**
1-3 North Florida Fall Workshop and Ball – Gainesville, FL
23 St Andrews Ball – Greensboro, NC
- December**
TBA **Branch Social**



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