



CDS Boston News

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BOARD NOTES - JANUARY

The Board of Directors met at the home of Deborah D'Amico in Brookline.

Membership Secretary Mary Blomberg reported that as of November 30, our membership stood at 407 members - a slight increase over last year at that time.

The Board approved a proposal from the English Dance Committee to establish a 5-month series of third Sunday dances for experienced English dancers. The dances will be held at the Unitarian Church in Belmont beginning in February.

Dan Pearl reported that the new location for the Tuesday Night Contras and Squares series - 7 Temple Street in Cambridge - has been working out nicely and receiving favorable responses from those attending. Dan hopes to see many faces, old and new, at this long-standing series.

The Board approved the Playford Ball budget submitted by Stephanie Jack. The Ball will be held on March 9, at the Perkins School in Watertown. Further details are enclosed with this newsletter.

Cathy Mason spoke to the Board on behalf of Muddy River Morris. Muddy River will be sponsoring a dance in the spring to help raise money for their summer tour of England. CDS will be assisting Muddy River with publicity and set-up.

Deborah D'Amico presented a preliminary budget for the jointly-sponsored English-Scottish Week to be held at Pinewoods in July. Please look for the flyer accompanying this newsletter.

Mary Stafford reported that she has attended a series of courses, on behalf of CDS, which have been offered by the Arts Extension Service of Greater Boston. The courses cover several issues of particular interest to people who work with non-profit organizations.

The February Board meeting will be held at the Church of Our Savior in Brookline at 6:30PM on Friday, February 1. Any member is welcome to attend. Please contact Dan Pearl if interested.

-- Deborah D'Amico

MEMBERS ONLY!

Reserve Sunday, March 31, 1985, for the annual CDS Members' Dance. English and New England dancing to the music of Bare Necessities and a photographic recap of the previous year will make it a fun evening, even if it weren't free for CDS members.

CHRISTMAS PARTY SMASHING SUCCESS

All who attended agreed that the recent Christmas party was a really special evening. The elegant Dwight Hall at the Perkins School seemed to inspire elegance in all the dancers. A simple "hi" was not enough; this was an occasion for "good evening!"

The food table groaned under the weight of the contributed goodies. Thanks go to the leaders, musicians, Reel Nutmeg, and Ira Laby, the coordinator of the event.



THIRD SUNDAY DANCE: NEW FOR 1985

Inspired by the success of the First Fridays Experienced English Dances, CDS plans a new English dance to begin a 5-month trial run on Sunday, February 17, at the First Church in Belmont, 404 Concord Avenue, Belmont. This monthly dance, although aimed at experienced dancers, will not be identical in format to First Fridays. The hope is that Fridays will become evenings when dances of moderate and greater difficulty will be done with a minimum of talk-though; and that Sundays will be limited to dances of higher-level difficulty, including ones new to the repertoire. So polish your thinking caps and plan to join us for a challenging evening!



PROVIDENCE DANCERS START NEW SERIES

ProCon, the Providence Country Dancers, who have in past years had grants from CDS to develop a dance community in Rhode Island, have recently organized a series of dances for 1985 which draw heavily on talent from the Boston area. Scheduled mostly on the first Saturday of the month (with the exception of April), these dances should attract a good audience from dancers on the South Shore, and promise to be great fun! For more information, call (401) 273-1867 or (401) 726-5194.

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Upcoming schedule:

January 15: Jim Gregory with Contraband
(from Hartford, Connecticut.)
January 22: Tony Parkes, Ruthie Dornfeld,
Mark Graham, Russ Barenberg
January 29: Susan Elberger and Unstrung
Heroes

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Treasurer Harvey Cohen reported that high attendance at CDS events made December a very good month for the society's finances. The Tuesday series at 7 Temple Street continues to attract a consistent and enthusiastic crowd, the Christmas Party at Perkins School was a huge success, and the First Fridays series continues to prosper.

The Board discussed the current condition of Hannum Hall at 7 Temple Street and is exploring the possibility of making repairs and improvements with the help of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Boston Branch, and the Cambridge YWCA. The Board feels that the hall is of substantial value to CDS because of the ease of parking, the central location, and ready access to public transportation, and recognizes the importance of keeping it in the best condition possible. Members will be kept abreast of plans as they develop.

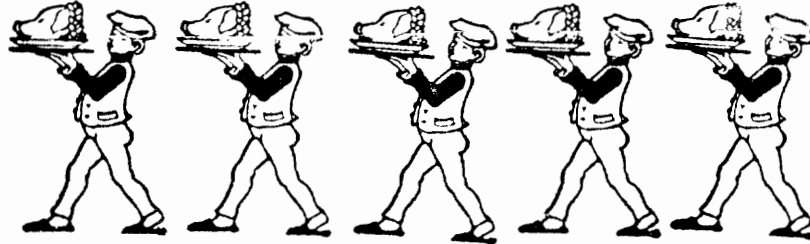
Mary Stafford has recently completed a series of seminars on Arts Management on behalf of the society and presented a report to the Board. She found the seminars useful and informative, affording her the opportunity to learn about the many other non-profit, arts-related organizations across New England. She will be putting her knowledge to good use when she assumes the role of CDS President in March. The Board expresses thanks to Mary for her work on their behalf.

Deborah D'Amico reported that plans for English-Scottish Week at Pinewoods are continuing on schedule. Publicity flyers have been distributed and ads will continue to run in the current CDSS newsletter and the RSCDS "Tartan Times". Staff and program plans will be finalized within a month. Applications will be available in mid-March.

Due to personal time conflicts, Cheryl Deckert has resigned from the Board.

The March Board meeting will be held at the Church of Our Savior in Brookline on March 1 at 6:30 before the dance. All are welcome to attend.

-- Deborah D'Amico



IT'S FOOD BOOTH TIME AGAIN

At last it's time to start thinking about the New England Folk Festival (April 19 - 21) and our part in it, the CDS food booth. Lots of people are needed to make it a success again this year - you could be one of them. Whether you want to do a lot, a little, spend an hour or more, bake goodies, or staff the food booth, we need you. Get involved and see what goes on behind the scenes! Call Julia Huestis (work - 482-0610/home - 731-3165) or Sandy Borden (work - 878-9006/home - 878-4446). Thanks!



HOMELESS ARTICLES

Found at Brimmer and May: Sweater and colored bag with car key; men's brown vest.

Found at First Congregational Church: Women's watch.





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Also: Cindy Green/March 19, Two Penny Loaf/April 9.

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RALPH PAGE 1903 - 1985

The entire world of traditional dance was saddened to learn of the death of Ralph Page of Keene, New Hampshire, on February 21. Ralph was known to the world as an authority on New England dance and folklore, but he was also known by many of us as a friend.

In 1937, with Beth Tolman, Ralph published The Country Dance Book (Countryman Press), an important book that captured the essence of contra dancing at that time. By 1938, he had begun on his career as a full-time dance caller.

Ralph's first regular appearance in the Boston area was in the early 40's, for a bi-weekly dance for the Belmont Country Dancers. In 1943, Ralph began a stint as the caller for a Tuesday night dance at the Boston YWCA. He participated in the CDS "drop-in" series that ran from 1940 to 1975.

With Mary Gillette and Phillip Sharples, Ralph founded NEFFA in 1944. Ralph and Mary were honored at the 1984 Festival.

Ralph leaves a legacy of publications. Northern Junket is the title of his homespun New England journal, published irregularly, that contained dances, folklore, news, recipes, and unabashedly candid opinion. Ralph also wrote The Ralph Page Book of Contras (EFDSS 1969), Heritage Dances of Early America (Lloyd Shaw 1976), and An Elegant Collection of Contras and Squares (Lloyd Shaw 1984). His calling can be heard on the 78rpm Folk Dancer disks.

I'll remember Ralph for his steadfast reverence for tradition. He frequently campaigned against developments in Modern Western (Club) Square dancing, where he felt the proponents had lost sight of the essence of enjoyable dancing. I'll also remember his unflappable Yankee demeanor and earthy wit.

Ralph's life is the stuff of which legends are made. Callers, dancers, and friends the world over will see that the legends live on, of the man who was "too old to run and too fat to fight."

-- Daniel Pearl

BOARD NEWS

The Board of Directors met at the Church of Our Savior in Brookline on Friday, February 1.

Membership chair Mary Blomberg reported that as of December 31 CDS had 426 members, a significant increase over last year's total. With membership renewals and new member applications, the total is expected to rise.

The Tuesday night American Series at 7 Temple Street is doing well, according to Treasurer Harvey Cohen's report. The series is operating at close to the break-even point.

A new membership incentive program was accepted by the Board. In the period from January 1 to March 1, each new member will receive a chit redeemable for free admission at a CDS-sponsored dance, excluding pre-registration events.

The Board spent some time reviewing the CDS Objectives as stated in the by-laws. An interesting discussion ensued, raising questions about the society's long and short term goals. This discussion will continue at future meetings.

The April meeting had not been scheduled at press time. Contact Mary Stafford for more information. All members are welcome at Board meetings.

-- Deborah D'Amico, CDS Secretary



DANCE NOTES

Two benefit dance events in the near future might be of interest to CDS members. CDS is helping Muddy River Morris produce a dance to raise money for their tour of England this summer. It will be held on Saturday, March 23, at the First Church Congregational in Harvard Square. There will be an afternoon dance workshop with Genny Scheimer, a potluck dinner, and an evening dance featuring both English Country and New England dancing, with calling by Genny Scheimer and Dave Kaynor, and music by Karen Axelrod, Unstrung Heroes, and assorted drop-in musicians. Admission is \$5 for either session or \$8 for both. Your donations will be gladly accepted, even if you can't make it to the dance. For more information call Cathy Mason at 396-5229.

Bare Necessities and other CDS musicians will be performing at the Folk Arts Center's annual Dance Musicians Development Fund dance, an all-afternoon, all-evening gala event that features many local dance leaders, musicians, and performing groups. It will be held on Saturday, March 30, from noon to midnight, at the Brimmer and May School Gym in Chestnut Hill. The DMDF sponsors the development of local dance music and its practitioners in a variety of ways, and helps make this area as rich in excellent live music as it is. Admission is \$8 for the whole day, or \$5 per session; each session includes the potluck dinner from 5 - 7PM. For information call Susan Worland at 625-8303.

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Friday, April 5: THERE IS NO FIRST FRIDAY DANCE THIS MONTH.

Sunday, April 7: NEFFA Contra with April Limber, Pete Colby, and Bob McQuillen. First Church Congregational, Mason & Garden Streets, Cambridge. 7:15 - 10:15PM. NEFFA members - \$3.00/\$3.25 regular.

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FROM THE (PAST) PRESIDENT'S DESK

This past year has seen a lot of changes for CDS. We came off a particularly tough period where the cost of running CDS and its programs far outweighed the program and membership income. The Board of Directors and program committees took direct action to solve this problem, and all are to be congratulated for their success in keeping CDS in the black for this year. Here they are:

*Officers: Chuck Gordon (VP), Mary Stafford (President-Elect), Deborah D'Amico (Secretary), Brad Sayler (Past President).
Directors: Jim Blackwell, Sandra Borden, Ingrid Christiansen, Lila Farrar, Julia Huestis, Betty Hoskins, and Kathy Terzi.
English Dance: Arthur Ferguson, Sandra Borden, Adam Moskowitz, Mary Stafford.
New England Dance: Harvey Cohen, Julia Huestis, Deanna Marvin, and myself.*

This year, the Wednesday dance leaders and musicians were asked to make some financial sacrifices to keep the series in operation. It is mainly due to their selfless dedication to the dance and dancing in general that the series is as good as it is. Thanks to all the leaders and musicians for both the English and the Ritual series, and especially to Helene Cornelius.

The year was full of wonderful special events, with the energetic producers who deserve special acknowledgement. The NEFFA food booth: Dea Marvin & Joyce Ingold (with help from Diane Biglow, Harvey Cohen, Stan Darcy, and a cast of thousands.) Pinewoods 4th of July: John Krzywicki. Ritual Days: Bob Paul & Cynthia Whear. Summer Series: Mary Stafford. Campers' Week: Robin Rogers-Brown. Labor Day: Honey Hastings. Cardigan: Martin Markham. Christmas Party: Ira Laby. Playford Ball: Stephanie Jack.

Not associated with particular events, these people nonetheless make significant contributions to keep CDS running: Membership Chair: Mary Blomberg. Library Consultant: Ingrid Christiansen. Historian: Evelyn Lamond. Newsletter Editor: Charity Stafford. Office Assistant: Anne Goodwin. Flyers: Mary Stafford.

I'd like to give special thanks to those who provided special guidance to me this past year: George Fogg, Diane Biglow, and Harvey Cohen.

Lastly, I'd like to thank CDS (i.e., all of you) for your special support of CDS this year. Your response to the call for help was truly touching.

Many thanks to you all.

*--Daniel Pearl
Past President*



PINEWOODS ENGLISH-SCOTTISH WEEK, 1985

The Country Dance Society, Boston Centre and the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Boston Branch are pleased to announce ENGLISH-SCOTTISH WEEK at Pinewoods Camp. The program includes 3-1/2 days of classes, live music, and evening dances offering a wide variety of dance and music experiences for Ritual dancers and Country dancers alike.

Jody McGeen will be on hand teaching Cotswold Morris, Border Morris, and, perhaps, a class in Baroque dances. Rapper and Beginning Longsword will be taught by Cynthia Whear. Andy Barrand will be teaching Clog and Intermediate Longsword class. John Trevenen will offer his expertise in several classes including English Country and Scottish Country, while Laura Scott will lead a Highland class. (There is even talk of an Olde Tyme Ballroom class being offered just before supper by veteran teacher Jeanetta McColl!)

The music promises to be superb. Earl Gaddis, known throughout the Boston area (and beyond!) by English and Scottish dancers alike, will return to Pinewoods for English-Scottish Week. He will be joined by Ed Pearlman, Steve Woodruff, and Steve Hickman, to name but a few.

The program begins with dinner at 6:30, followed by an evening dance, on Monday, July 1, and ends with breakfast on Friday, July 5. Applications are now available at the CDS office and at all CDS dances.



The March meeting of the Board of Directors was held on the first of the month at the Church of Our Savior in Brookline. President Dan Pearl had extended a special invitation to all Board nominees, and many were able to attend.

The Membership Secretary's report indicated that membership, as of January 31, stood at 472 members - the largest membership in four years. In addition, Treasurer Harvey Cohen reported that CDS expenses are down from last year.

The Board voted to bestow life memberships to the Boston Centre on three of its members. These memberships were awarded at the Annual Meeting and Dance on March 31.

The Board voted to accept the Pinewoods July 4th budget, as presented by co-chair Judy Otto.

The lively discussion of CDS objectives begun at the February '85 meeting was resumed. The Board will be reviewing its work towards these ends for the next several meetings.

The May meeting will be held at the Church of Our Savior in Brookline on Friday, May 3, at 6:30PM. Any CDS member planning to attend should contact Mary Stafford.

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