

DEVISE A DANCE COMPETITION

A New Dance

If you are a bit bored with no dancing, then this is for you. Christopher Smith has suggested to the Branch that we run a competition to devise a dance to celebrate our 95th Anniversary. The competition is open to all Branch members and the winner will be announced on 25th September 2020 (the date of our now postponed 95th celebration).

Closing date

The closing date is 14th August 2020. Devisers may submit up to two dances, either by email as a Word document or by post; please contact perthscds@gmail.com who will supply the email / postal address to use for the competition. When submitting your dance please state full name, email address and/or contact telephone number. All submissions will be acknowledged.

The Dance Requirements

The dance should not previously have been published. It should be a 32 bar dance in jig, reel or strathspey and should be reasonably easy so that everyone can enjoy it. If possible the instructions should use RSCDS standard terminology (as in the RSCDS books) but this is not essential.

The Dance Name

The dance name should be relevant to the Branch and/or the anniversary.

The Music

The dance can be submitted with a new tune or a suggested traditional tune not used as an original elsewhere. If no tune is identified, the committee will take advice from a local musician as to which tune should be used.

Judging

We hope to be able to trial all the dances received. The dances will be anonymised prior to the dance trials and dance devisers will not be able to take any part in the dance through or in the decision process. The final decision will be made by members of the committee, who have not submitted a dance, using the results from the trial. If no committee members are available then a panel of at least 3 local teachers will be asked to judge the winner.

The Winning Dance

The winning dance will be published on the Branch website and in The Highland Gateway newsletter. The deviser of the winning dance will receive one ticket for the 2021 Perth Ball.

Depending on the response, the committee may decide to produce a booklet of dances chosen from those submitted.

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