



**SCOIL RINCE BHRÍOMHAR  
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER  
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## **I. Upcoming Dates**

*March 5-7 2010: POSSAK FEIS AT THE TOWER - Good luck to all of our dancers!*

*March 12 2010: St. Patrick's Day Show at the U of C*

*March 17, 2010: ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!!*

*March 19, 2010: Bhriomhar Ceili, Highwood Memorial Center High River*

*Wednesday, March 24, 2010: Parent Viewing Day for Teams and Beginner I*

*Thursday, March 25, 2010: Deposit Day*

*Friday, March 26, 2010: Parent Viewing day for Beginner II and Intermediate*

*April 1, 2010: Mandatory Class Attendance for year end show begins*

*April 23-25, 2010: Mattieren Spring Feis in the Park, Sherwood Park AB - LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS APRIL 7, 2010. PLEASE TALK TO ALI OR CAIT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.*

## **II. School Updates**

### **MARCH CEILI**

Just wanted to clarify a few things before the big day:

#### **1) The Basics**

Date: Friday, March 19th, doors open at 6 pm

Location: Highwood Memorial Centre, High River

Evening's Events: Potluck supper, live Celtic band, performances from the Bhriomhar dancers, audience participation ceili dancing, general chaotic fun!

## **2) Food**

Each dance family ***will be responsible to contribute one HOT ENTRÉE and either a salad /desert for their family as well as the guests accompanying them to the event.***

Dance families with last names beginning with ***A through M please bring a Hot Entrée and Dessert.*** Dance families with last names beginning with ***N through Z please bring a Hot Entrée and Salad.***

If your guests will be contributing to the Pot Luck directly, please ask them to bring the meal combination that corresponds with your Family's last name. The buns/condiments/coffee and tea will be provided by the OIDA.

## **3) Fees**

**Families** have a min. of \$60 worth of tickets in any child/adult combination. **All dancers are free.**

Extra tickets are **BLUE TICKETS Adults(13 and over)\$10**  
**PINK TICKETS Child(2-12yrs)\$5**

All tickets are needed to enter the Ceili.

Tickets can be purchased on these dates at the school:

Monday Feb. 22 5:30-6:30

Wednesday Feb 24th thru Cait and Ali during dance class

Friday Feb 26th 5:30-6:30

Monday March 8th 5:30-6:30

## **4) Questions**

**Tickets:** Allene Van Oirschot at [davano@shaw.ca](mailto:davano@shaw.ca)

**Food:** Tracy Hansen at [hansen5@shaw.ca](mailto:hansen5@shaw.ca) or Shelly Koch at [shelley.koch@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:shelley.koch@albertahealthservices.ca)

**Dancing/Band:** Ali or Cait at [bhriomhar@yahoo.ca](mailto:bhriomhar@yahoo.ca)

We are still in need of more donations for the gift baskets and silent auction items. If you would like to donate, please contact Kim Meyer at 403-938-9509 or 403-852-8133, or by email at [kdmeyer@shaw.ca](mailto:kdmeyer@shaw.ca).

## **OIDA FEES**

Currently the following fees are owing to the OIDA for each dance family:

### **1) OIDA Registration Fees (mandatory for all families)**

\$10 per family for first year dancers

\$25 per family for second year dancers and above

## 2) Volunteer Points / Fees

Although this information is listed in the handbook, I'll review it here for you all. Each dance family is responsible for earning volunteer "points" during the dance year. The number of points is based on the dancer's level:

Pre-Competitive: 25 points per year  
Beginner / Advanced Beginner: 75 points per year  
Novice / Prizewinner: 75 points per year  
Preliminary / Open: 75 points per year

Dance families may earn points by participating in school events, meetings and fundraisers:

- 1) Attending an OIDA parent meeting: 5 points per meeting
- 2) Having your dancer perform in a show: 5 points per show
- 3) Having your dancer perform in the year-end concert: 5 points
- 4) Providing items for the silent auction/raffle at our annual ceili: 5 points
- 5) Participating in the annual Highway Cleanup Fundraiser (spring): 5 points per family member participating, maximum 15 points per family
- 6) Volunteering on an OIDA committee (i.e. ceili committee) for 1 year: 25 points
- 7) Heading an OIDA committee for 1 year: 50 points
- 8) Serving on the OIDA executive for 1 year (i.e. President, Treasurer, Secretary, etc...): 75 points

When you complete an activity that earns your family points, please email [bhriomhar@yahoo.ca](mailto:bhriomhar@yahoo.ca) to inform us. If your dance family does not attain the required points by the end of June, 2010, any remaining points will be converted at a rate of \$2.00 per point. Save yourself the extra fee now and attend a parent meeting or donate a basket for the ceili!

3) Ceili Tickets: \$60 minimum per family. Remember that children's tickets are \$5 each and adults are \$10 each. Additional tickets are available upon request. Cheques should go to Ali or Cait at class or Allene Van Oirschot.

If you have any questions regarding the OIDA and fees, please contact our Treasurer, Ilka Corsar at [icorsar@shaw.ca](mailto:icorsar@shaw.ca).

## **MANDATORY CLASS ATTENDANCE: BHRIOMHAR YEAR-END CONCERT**

This is the first year that Bhriomhar is putting on a show. As this will encompass many new choreography numbers that incorporate numerous classes, we will be starting a **mandatory class attendance** as of **April 1, 2010**. Please note that **Friday classes will be extended to 7:30pm**. This means that **Beginner II will stay until 7pm**, and **Intermediate will stay until 7:30pm**. If you cannot make it to a class, please email Cait or Ali ([Bhriomhar@yahoo.ca](mailto:Bhriomhar@yahoo.ca)) to let us know.

### ***Our New Instructor!***

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Tiegan Hurtak who will be joining us on Mondays and Fridays for class. Tiegan has danced in the Western Canadian Championships numerous times, and has been a regular member of Ceili Teams and choreographies at the National and International level. We are very excited to have her on board! If you haven't met her yet, please take the time after class to introduce yourself.

### ***Shout-Outs!***

A huge thank you goes out to our show coordinator Carol MacDougal, and all of our parents for organizing the St. Patrick's day shows at various school locations! ☺

### ***Class Attire***

Many of our students have been coming to class in pants, leggings, etc. While these can be appropriate for warm-ups, they do not allow the instructors to properly view knees and ankles. **ALL STUDENTS MUST ARRIVE WITH SHORTS, DANCE SHOES, WHITE SOCKS, A T-SHIRT, AND A WATER BOTTLE. HAIR IS TO BE TIED BACK DURING CLASS TIME.**

### ***At-Home Practice***

We would like to remind our competitive students of the importance of practicing outside of class time. Not only does this ensure that you come to class prepared, but it increases your confidence at competitions. Being prepared for class means that the instructors can start to drill and work on technique, instead of having to teach steps over. If you are confused on the requirements for practice, or don't understand what to practice, please feel free to approach an instructor.

## **III. What We're Learning**

### ***Beginner I***

Our new Bhriomhar students are continuing to work on their Beginner Reel, Light Jig, and Single Jig. They have completed the Waves of Tory, the six-hand reel, and have recently learned the Walls of Limerick and the Harvest Time Jig which they will be able to perform at the Ceili.

### ***Beginner II***

These dancers are continuing to drill their advanced Reel and Light Jig, Single Jigs and Slip Jigs, and preparing for the upcoming Feis in March. The older students have completed the first step of their beginner treble jig, and will be learning the second step in the coming weeks. They have completed Riverdance, and will be learning a new choreography for their class, as well as a few new group dances to do with Beginner I.

### ***Intermediate I***

Our Intermediate and Advanced students continue to work on their steps as they prepare for the Feis this weekend, and many of them have recently learned a new slow treble jig step. They are continuing work on their choreographies including the Countess Kathleen and The Vikings, among others.

## **IV. Volunteer Opportunities**

There are numerous volunteer positions available, especially with the Ceili coming up in a few weeks. Please contact Allene regarding the Ceili ([davano@shaw.ca](mailto:davano@shaw.ca)) or the OIDA for more information on various available positions.



Cheers,

Ali and Cait