



Lower North Island RSCDS Centenary Ball

Seton's Ceilidh Band (4C - 64 - J) Bruce Fordyce 53/12

Bruce Fordyce was a deviser and tutor from Hastings. He was one of the original committee members of the Wellington-Hawkes Bay Association of Scottish Country Dance Clubs - the forerunner of the New Zealand Society and the New Zealand Branch. Jack Seton was the original president. *Seton's Ceilidh Band* commemorates Jack Seton whose band was based at Morison's Bush near Greytown in the Wairarapa, New Zealand. Both Bruce and Jack were early giants of Scottish Country Dancing in New Zealand. They were the principal forces behind the early Summer Schools and the New Zealand Society.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh (3C - 40 - R) Allie Anderson / Florence Lesslie 39/7

Devised by Allie Anderson and Florence Lesslie in 1948 to celebrate the wedding of HRH Princess Elizabeth to HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. Miss Allie Anderson was a contemporary of Miss Milligan and a founder member of the RSCDS Edinburgh Branch. Professionally, she taught PE at James Gillespie's High School, Edinburgh. She also co-authored 'A Complete Guide To Scottish Country Dancing' with John Duthie.

Mrs Florence Lesslie was secretary of the Edinburgh Branch for many years. When she emigrated with her husband to New Zealand she was given special permission to examine teacher candidates by herself - the only person Miss Milligan gave this permission to. The first examinations were held at the beginning of 1965 at the end of the summer school in Whanganui. Mrs Lesslie had a significant impact on New Zealand dancing and assisted the New Zealand Society to become an RSCDS Branch. She was the first life member of the Branch. This well-known dance has a great driving tune, and finishes the programme with a circle of friendship. We remember Her Majesty, our immediate past Patron.

Dancing Spirit (3C - 32 - J) Amy Luxton-Esler 50/11

Amy Luxton-Esler (from Auckland) was one of the young dance devisers who submitted dances for consideration for Spring Fling 2015. The winning entries were subsequently published by the Society in Book 50. Amy has served the New Zealand Branch as a member of the JAM (Junior Associate Members) Committee. She has also published three collections of her dances in her 'Memories Are Made Of This' series.

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