

Stokes Collins School of Irish Dancing

Presents

The South Tyneside Championships
5th & 6th September 2009

Brinkburn School Community Centre
Harton Lane, South Shields. NE34 0PJ
(Next to South Tyneside General Hospital)

Adjudicators

Deborah Mulvenna ADCRG - Belfast
Chris McPartland ADCRG - London
Brendan O'Brien ADCRG - Dublin
Helena McCarron ADCRG - Birmingham

Musicians

Martin Daly - Glasgow
Majella Collins - London

**Beginner & Primary sections are open to
dancers from any region.**

Dear Teachers and Parents,

On behalf of the Stokes Collins School of Irish Dancing we look forward to welcoming you to our first South Tyneside Championships. We welcome our friends, past and present as well as new faces.

We have great adjudicators and musicians, fantastic awards and a lovely venue. All Open Championships will be judged by a panel of three adjudicators with the top three dancers receiving sashes/pennants.

All children will be placed in the Reel in the grades and all dancers in the Open Championships will be placed in the first two rounds. This ensures that all competitors will go home with at least a medal.

The beginners and primary sections will be open to dancers from any region.

The canteen will be open from 8.30am each day and will sell a selection of hot and cold food at very reasonable prices.

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to all our sponsors.

We look forward to seeing you all there and hope you will have a successful day. Thank you in advance for your support.

Best Wishes,

Susan Stokes Meikle TCRG

Maria Collins Chapman TCRG

and

The Friends of the Stokes Collins School of Irish Dancing

Rules Governing The Feis

1. Entries to reach Mrs Susan Meikle, 40 Grange Park, West Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear NE25 9RU on or before 10th August. Tel 07960054846. All entries to be signed by teacher.
2. Entries without fees will not be accepted. Cheques made payable to 'Friends of Stokes/Collins'.
3. Age to be taken from 1st January 2009.
4. The adjudicator's decision is final. The Feis committee has the right to substitute an adjudicator if necessary.
5. Beginner competitions are open to dancers who have never won a 1st place in that particular dance, in any age group and must wear a class costume or a skirt/trousers and top. Only basic steps to be performed.
6. Primary competitions are open to dancers who have never won a 1st place in that particular dance in any age group (excluding beginners).
7. Intermediate competitions are open to dancers who have never won a 1st place in that particular dance in their present age group.
8. Beginner and Primary Trophy Reel competitions are only open to those who have danced the respective reel competitions at this feis. The Intermediate Trophy Reel competition is open to dancers who have danced in the Intermediate Reel at this feis. If there are 5 or less competitors in any Beginner, Primary or Intermediate competitions, this will not count for grading purposes (i.e. 1st place dancer will not move out of the grade, provided that they have not won 1st place in that particular dance in that particular grade 3 times).
9. If there are 15 or more competitors in any Beginners competition, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed dancers will move up to the next grade. If there are less than 15, only the 1st place will count.
10. With the exception of Under 6 & 7 age groups, any dancer who has won an Open Championship, must dance in the Open Grade in the calendar year in which this was won.
11. Any under 6 or 7 dancer, who has won an Open Championship, must dance Open for the dances performed in the Championship but may dance the other dances in the appropriate grades.
12. Special Premier Competitions are confined to dancers who have never won a Special, Preliminary or Open Premier/Championship. A dancer must compete in one light round and one heavy round to be eligible to compete in a Special Premier or an Open Championship. The Special Premier is open to dancers from any region and will be held in yearly age groups, provided there are more than five competitors.

13. Teams may contain up to 75% from a younger age group. Dancers may only dance in one team in the same age group (i.e. one two hand dance etc.). The only exception to this is where a dancer could dance in a mixed and unmixed 8 hand ceili team in the same age group.
14. Competitors must be present when their competition is called, otherwise they may lose their right to dance.
15. All cups are perpetual and must be returned when requested. The recipient is responsible for any loss or damage to cups whilst in their possession. Awards must be returned in adequate time for next year's championships.
16. Any objections to be made in writing and handed to the Feis committee with a fee of £10, within one hour of the competition. If the objection is sustained, the fee will be refunded.
17. No video, digital camera, digital phone camera or flash photography is to be used in the halls during competitions. Mobile phones and electronic games to be switched off in dancing areas.
18. The feis committee reserves the right to cancel or amend any competition. Teachers will be notified of any changes. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with An Coimisiun rules.
19. No smoking is allowed anywhere in the building.
20. Dancers must be suitably dressed at all times. Changing facilities will be provided, therefore there should be no changing in public areas.
21. The feis committee will, as far as reasonably practical, provide a surface suitable for dancing. No liability will be accepted for injuries sustained whilst dancing. The lodgement of an entry will be deemed to be an acceptance of this provision.
22. No hairsprays or aerosols to be used in competition areas.
23. No make up can be worn in Beginner and Primary Grades, up to and including Under 12 age group.
24. Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids and subsequently refuses to remove them will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition. Medically prescribed apparatus (proof of which may be required) will be exempt from this ruling.
25. No block or en-pointe steps, stationary or moving, can be performed in Age Groups up to and including Under 12.
26. All North East Teachers must send a copy of their entries to the Records Clerk, Louise Killen, 10, Orpington Road, Cramlington, NE23 2YQ on or before the feis closing date. If this is not adhered to, a £20 fine will be imposed by the NE Regional Council.
27. Claraithe leis An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha.

Approved by North East Regional Council: *Anne Curran Thomas*

Date: 6th June, 2009

Competitions

Beginners Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Primary Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, Over 13
Intermediate Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, Over 15
Open Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, Senior

Dances

Beginners

Reel, Slip Jig, Single Jig, Light Jig, Trophy Reel, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe

Primary

Reel, Slip Jig, Single Jig, Light Jig, Trophy Reel, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe

Intermediate

Reel, Slip Jig, Single Jig, Light Jig, Trophy Reel, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe

Open Under 6, 7, 8 & 9

**Reel, Slip Jig, Single Jig, Light Jig, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe, Championship
(Plus Traditional Set Dance for Under 8 age group).**

Open Under 10 – Senior

**Championship to consist of choice of Light Round, choice of Heavy Round and recall
Set Dance of own choice.**

**Results will be given of Light and Heavy Round in addition to final Championship
result and all dancers will be placed in the two solo rounds.**

Special Premiers

Under 7 - Step down the line in Reel, Recall Light Jig

**Under 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, Over 13 - Step down the line in Reel, Recall Heavy Jig (Open
to eligible dancers from any region)**

Open Championship Dances

Under 6/7 Reel & Single Jig
Under 8 Reel & Heavy Jig, Recall Hornpipe
Under 9 Reel & Heavy Jig, Recall Traditional Set

Figure Dancing

Under 11 2 Hand, 3 Hand
Under 13, 16, Senior 2 Hand, 3 Hand, 4 Hand (Trad), 8 Hand (Trad)

Entry Fees

Solos	£2.75
Trophy Reels	£3.75
Special Premier	£4.00
Championships (up to U9)	£5.00
Championships (U10 and over)	£16.00 (to include 2 solo rounds)
Figure Dance	£1.00 (per dancer)
Family Maximum	£40.00 (to cover either Grades or Championship, but not both).

Saturday Age Groups	Under 6 – Under 12
Sunday Age Groups	Under 13 – Senior
(Could change depending upon the numbers)	

DIRECTIONS

FROM THE SOUTH;

JOIN A1(M), JUNCTION 57 CONTINUE FORWARD ONTO THE A1(M).
PASS DURHAM SERVICES AND WASHINGTON SERVICES.
BEAR RIGHT ONTO A194.
AT THE ROUNDABOUT TAKE THE 2ND EXIT ONTO THE A194.
AT THE NEXT ROUNDABOUT TAKE THE 3RD EXIT ONTO A1300.
AT THE NEXT ROUNDABOUT TAKE THE 1ST EXIT ONTO BOLDON LANE B1298.
AT THE NEXT ROUNDABOUT TAKE THE 2ND EXIT ONTO BOLDON LANE B1298.
AT THE NEXT ROUNDABOUT TAKE THE 2ND EXIT ONTO HARTON LANE.
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THEN TURN RIGHT ONTO MCANANY AVE.
PLEASE TAKE CARE AS THE TURNING ON THE RIGHT IS IN THE MIDDLE OF HOUSES.

FROM THE NORTH;

JOIN THE A1
MERGE ONTO A19
AT THE ROUNDABOUT TAKE THE THIRD EXIT ONTO A19
AT MOOR FARM ROUNDABOUT TAKE 3rd EXIT ONTO A19
AT THE NEXT ROUNDABOUT TAKE 3rd EXIT ONTO A19
AT THE NEXT ROUNDABOUT TAKE 2nd EXIT ONTO A19
AT THE NEXT ROUNDABOUT TAKE 3rd EXIT ONTO A185
AT THE ARCHES ROUNDABOUT TAKE 1st EXIT ONTO A194
AT TYNE DOCK ROUNDABOUT TAKE 3rd EXIT ONTO HUDSON STREET B1302
AT THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS CONTINUE FORWARD ONTO BOLDON LANE B1298
AT THE NEXT ROUNDABOUT TAKE THE 2ND EXIT ONTO BOLDON LANE B1298.
AT THE NEXT ROUNDABOUT TAKE THE 2ND EXIT ONTO HARTON LANE.
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BOLDON,
TYNE AND WEAR.

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