



BETWEEN TIPS

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Editor's Comments:

This edition of BT has information from your Federation, 50+EXPO, FESTIVAL 07, clubs, & some history. If there is sufficient material, a June BT will be published. **Deadlines: 15 May and 15 August**

NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION

- The Spring meeting of the Federation Board was held in Bridgewater on 21 April. The main business items were:
- The Federation Presidents, Ralph & Valerie Brown have been invited to receive a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Square & Round Dance Clubs of Nova Scotia. This honour is for the fund-raising carried out for the Heart & Stroke Foundation of NS. It will be awarded by the Lieutenant Governor of NS on 4 May.
 - The Board approved the purchase of a TV capable of playing DVDs; to be used by any Federation members at exhibitions, shows, etc. It will be in the custody of Bob Ruohoniemi, who may be contacted for its loan.
 - The Board approved the printing of 600 Summer Brochures to be distributed to Tourist Bureaus, Airports, Hotels, Ferry Terminals, etc. so that visiting Square Dancers will be informed about the NS dance schedule.
 - The Awards Committee reported that several Longevity Awards would be made this year. It was suggested that they be given at FESTIVAL 2007 on 21 July.
 - The Board accepted the nomination of Gerry McLellan as the new DANS Representative for the Federation.
 - The Board nominated Cathy Langille to become a member of the DANS Board at the DANS AGM, 24 June.
 - The Board accepted the nomination of Marion McLellan to the Finance Committee at AGM 07, 13 Oct.
 - The Board Summer meeting will be held at 10:00am. 22 July at the Sackville Heights Community Centre.

50+EXPO

The Federation has rented a booth at the annual Halifax 50+EXPO being held on **8 & 9 June** at the Exhibition Grounds. There is an opportunity to showcase our activity to thousands of attendees. The program guide will list Square Demos at 10am., 12, 1, 2, & 4pm. each day. Volunteer dancers are needed for these demos. They will be at an easy dance level, so all can enjoy themselves. **Admission is free to dancers in traditional dress.** To volunteer to join this event, contact Bob Ruohoniemi, (902)757-3884 bobruoho@ns.sympatico.ca
If your club accepts new dancers, please send your Fall start dates & contact information now to Bob Ruohoniemi so handouts can be printed.

SRDFNS FESTIVAL 2007

This fund-raiser for Halifax National Festival 2010 will soon be here! Readers should mark their calendars for **July 20 & 21, 2007.** Festival 2007 will take place at Cole Harbour Place, Dartmouth with tile floors & full air-conditioning! Callers & Cuers from ANSSRDT & MCCA will provide Basic, Mainstream, Plus, & Rounds. It's hoped to have "special" entertainment and some "extra" features at this event.

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

- 56th National Square Dance Convention - 27 - 30 June 07 - Charlotte, NC www.56thNSDC.com
- 38th Thunder Bay Sq. & Round Dance Festival - 5/7 July 07 - Thunder Bay, ON Email: donduduck@hotmail.com
- NS Federation FESTIVAL 2007, 20 - 21 July - Cole Harbour Place, Dartmouth, NS Email: dwelch@ap.stmarys.ca
- Harvest Ball 2007 - 28 - 30 Sep. - Ottawa, ON www.iagsdc.org
- 38th Maritime Square&Round Dance Convention - 9/10 Nov 07 - Wolfville, NS Email: nkdorey@ns.sympatico.ca

News from Sunrise Squares

Sunrise Squares dance Friday nights 8-10pm. at the MARC in Dayspring Lun. Co., Neil Dorey 644-2757

Well here it is May already and Christmas and New Years are a memory. Sunrise Squares dancers are still talking about our New Years day Frolic at he Bridgewater fire Hall. We started with a delicious potluck supper, then followed by entertainment and dancing.

We were entertained by talented members of our club, some of these members were Irving and Geraldine Ramey, with Irving playing the fiddle, and Geraldine accompanying on the keyboard. The Ukulele Players, and Jack MacNeil and the True Tones, also Valerie and Ralph Brown, with Ralph playing the accordion, and Valerie on keyboard. The evening closed with Neil leading us in the Friendship song.

Congratulations to Earl & Goldie Fancey on their 50th wedding anniversary. Valerie and Ralph Brown, Presidents of the Federation, presented them with a certificate on behalf of the Canadian Society.

Until next time, Good Squares and Happy dancing! Written by Hazel Hebb/Club Historian.



Jack MacNeil, Lorraine Wambolt, & Valerie Brown
of the True Tones



Federation Presidents Ralph & Valerie Brown

Sunrise Squares held the Honolulu Hoedown on March 23, 07, with good dancing, a lovely lunch (we could munch all evening), and colourful dancing attire added to the fun. Neil & Kathy Dorey decorated the hall with wall hangings, plants, and soft lighting to give a good feeling atmosphere to dance to. The dancers appreciated their work. The highlight of the evening was Bob Ruohoniemi presenting dancers Janet and Delmer Ritcey & Delta and Lorraine Wambolt with 50th wedding anniversary certificates from the Canadian Society. ---Congratulations!!! The evening closed with the Friendship song led by Caller Neil Dorey. Sunrise Squares closing dance will be May 11, 07 at the MARC, in Dayspring. Not May 18th as advertised.



Janet & Delmer Ritcey, Bob Ruohoniemi, Delta & Lorraine Wambolt

News from Berwick Belles and Beaus

The Berwick Belles and Beaus held a special surprise Birthday celebration on 12 April at the Berwick Recreation Centre. The occasion was organized to honour the senior member of the club on her 94th birthday!

Family and friends joined in the party with a special cake, singing, and Esther's favourite activity - Square Dancing!

The evening also marked the 45th year of dancing for Esther. She has been a member of the Berwick Belles and Beaus for 44 years. The Club will be marking their 45th Anniversary this Fall with a special dance.

Esther received many expressions of warm good wishes on this special occasion as well as a certificate from the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society, presented by the NS Directors Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi.

The attending dancers shared a great time dancing to the the club caller Tommy Collins.



Esther Chute

News from the Scotia Dancers

The Scotia Dancers (Senior club in Metro Halifax) held their 24th annual Spring Fling and their 40th Anniversary Dance on 14 April. The Sackville Heights Community Centre was a lively building with over 8 squares sharing in the fun and excitement. The dance had several visiting callers who provided a variety of music and choreography. Special presentations were made to founding Caller Pat Alquire and to the senior club member Edna Myers. Edna has danced with the club for 35 years. Although the size of the club has fluctuated drastically over the last 40 years, the current members continue the tradition of providing the best Spring dance in the area. Door prizes and lunch were a big hit!



Ken & Jean Murphy receiving Appreciation Certificate from Scotia Dancers Presidents, Don & Carol Scott



Scotia Dancers 24th Spring Fling and 40th Anniversary Dance

SQUARE DANCE FOR HEART - by Clara Redden.

The recent square dance for heart, held in Waterville Fire Hall, was billed as the 15th annual dance, which would make the first one being held in 1993. Looking through some archival materials recently, I found reference to a Heart Dance held in 1990. I had remembered this dance being held in the fall, but no one that I talked to had seemed to remember it. I now know the reason why I remembered it so well is because Harold and I organized it on behalf of the Haley Dancers Club.

Someone from the Heart and Stroke Foundation had suggested to caller Jim Alguire that it would be a good charity for square dancers to support. He in turn had mentioned to Harold that it could be a good idea for a start-up fall dance. It could involve the public, by asking for pledges, and showing the public what square dancing was all about. We might then benefit by signing up new dancers.

Somehow, Harold and I then became the organizers of this dance and it was held on Sept 15th, 1990 at Horton High School. Funds raised totaled \$800.00.

As guest entertainment we had Pomorze, a Polish Dance Group from Halifax, under the direction of Dominic Gniewek, and the Western Kings 4H Club Square Dancers, under the direction of Mary Magee. Callers for the evening were Don Haley, Barry Walker and Cuer was Ken Atkinson.

Various nutritious snacks were enjoyed at the end of the evening, and copies of heart healthy recipes for some of the snacks were available to take home.

Joan Fraser, the Executive Director of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, was present. As a former square dancer, she joined in the dancing. At the end of the evening, she expressed her thanks for the evening of fun and she was extremely impressed with the entertainment, refreshments and effort the club had put in to the evening, and the available recipes for take home.

We had hoped that another club would get on the band-wagon and hold another dance the next fall and it could be a regular happening. However, I was unable to find any further references to a Heart Fund Dance being held here in the valley in the fall.

The next dance was held February 6th, 1993 organized by 8 valley square dance clubs and was held in Berwick at the Lion's hall, and it became known as the 1st Annual Square Dance for Heart. \$951.00 was raised that evening. These annual dances have been held in the month of February. Regular entertainment at recent dances has been Mary's Islanders and we appreciate and enjoy their enthusiastic participation very much. Many, if not all of the recent annual dances, were co-ordinated by Rainbow Dancers. All available valley callers and cuers have participated.

The final total raised at this recent dance was \$1300.00. It Appears that things have come full circle, because coordinators of the last two dances have been Harold and I. Our thanks to all who give of their time and participation to make these dances possible.

