



# BETWEEN TIPS

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**Editor's Comments:** This edition has a few final items before the Summer break! But for those who can, there are lots of dances and events to keep you in shape over the summer. The biggest one of course being the National Convention in Montreal! Thanks to all the BT contributors. **Next deadline for your newsletter: 15 August 2006**  
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## HALIFAX NATIONAL FESTIVAL 2010

Another meeting of the **FESTIVAL 2010** Directors was held on 13 May, with all current members in attendance. The meeting resulted in a decision to acquire a VISA terminal for registrations so that those who prefer that method will be able to offer their monies immediately! There was a thorough discussion about what arrangements would be made for promotions at the NATIONAL CONVENTION in Montreal 13 - 15 July 2006. Nova Scotia dancers in Montreal who have NS tartan outfits, are encouraged to wear them on the evening of the fashion show. The highlight of the meeting was the voting to determine what the slogan & logo of **FESTIVAL 2010** is to be! There were 29 Slogan entries and 4 Logos to choose from! Thanks to all those who took part. The winner of the Slogan/Logo contest for both items was Dottie Welch. Both are shown below:

## PROMENADE TO HALIFAX IN 2010



Nova Scotia Dancers are asked to consider registering for **FESTIVAL 2010** as soon as possible. This will not only help pay the early bills, but also make planning that much easier. There will be registration forms at most of the summer events such as METRO and VALLEY summer dances and the summer "special" dances. For those with access to the Web, the Registration form is available at: [www.squaredance.ns.ca](http://www.squaredance.ns.ca) and click on the **2010** in the upper right corner. The **discounted fee** will be available only until **31 August** this year!

## ALLIANCE OF ROUND, TRADITIONAL, and SQUARE DANCE (ARTS)

For the information of our members, a new organization has been formed in the United States. ARTS has brought together the leadership of eleven US National organizations. They represent the Dancers, Callers, Cuers, & Teachers from the Round, Traditional, & Square Dance Communities. The ARTS programs include such things as the development of marketing & recruiting programs to encourage non-dancers to join the activity. A toll-free number has been established (similar to our Canadian Society's 1-866-206-6696). Efforts are underway to develop a video to depict the fun of our dance, to develop in-school programs, and an ARTS Travel program. The initial ARTS NEWSLETTER and further information is available on the ARTS website [www.arts-dance.org](http://www.arts-dance.org)

## UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS (also see the Calendar of Events at [www.squaredance.ns.ca](http://www.squaredance.ns.ca))

- 55th US National Convention - 21/24 June - San Antonio, Texas - [www.55thnsdc.org](http://www.55thnsdc.org)
- 15th Canadian National Convention - 13/15 July - Montreal, QC - [www.geocities.com/convention2006](http://www.geocities.com/convention2006)
- 37th Maritime Square & Round Dance Convention(MCCA) - 10/11 Nov. - Fredericton, NB

The Federation Board members met on 6 May at the Sackville Heights Community Centre. Discussed items: There have been no bookings for the Federation Parade Trailer so far. This Trailer represents an investment of several thousand dollars and yearly expenses. Clubs, Callers, & Cuers are encouraged to consider using this valuable publicity asset to bring our activity to the public at parades or other events. Bookings for the trailer can be made with either: Harold & Clara Redden 538-9513 [buttons@ca.inter.net](mailto:buttons@ca.inter.net)

Board members expressed concern that one operating NS club had not registered with the Federation, and therefore their members are not covered by liability insurance nor are the members considered as Federation members. Efforts to ensure all NS dancers and clubs are paid-up Federation members will continue in the Fall.

The Publicity Officers reported that the Canadian Society is preparing promotional DVDs for use by members. It was suggested that the Federation consider purchasing a DVD/TV for use by clubs at shows and events.

The Board members agreed that the Square dancers need to make their presence evident, as the general public doesn't know we exist! Colourful, eye-catching posters need to be placed on public bulletin boards everywhere; flyers & business cards should be placed where the public can pick them up; and dancers should take part in events & shows. A Summer to Fall timetable for various marketing & promotional activities was presented:

June & July - Take part in Exhibitions, Festivals, Parades, Shows.

August - Parades, Demonstrations, Flyers/Poster/Cards blitz.

September - Public Service Announcements(PSAs), Exhibitions, Fairs, Open Houses.

The Board agreed to take part in this year's 50+ EXPO at the Halifax Exhibition Grounds on 9&10 June. In addition to speaking to the public at the booth, there may be an opportunity to dance on the main stage. NS square dancers are invited to come to the 50+EXPO in their square dance outfits on either day. Here is a good chance to show over 5000 people per day that we exist!

The New Dancer Handout that was prepared by Ron & Dot Connell is now available at no cost to all NS clubs.

Clubs, Callers, & Cuers should contact Ron & Dot at 434-3023 or 7 Terrace Court, Dartmouth, NS B2W 3J3.

The Board approved the selection of one couple for the annual Mayflower Award. It is planned to present it at the Cumberland Twirlers Blueberry Fling, 9 Sep.

Ron & Dot Connell volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee to seek volunteers for the positions of Federation Vice President and of Secretary to be elected at the AGM.

The Board Summer meeting will be held at the Ardoise Community Hall, Hwy1 & School Rd., Ardoise, at 1:30pm. 2 July.

The **Annual General Meeting of the Federation** will be held at the **Bible Hill Fire Hall, 30 Sep. at 1:30pm**. All clubs should plan to have a representative at this meeting to determine the future of our activity.

**THE HIGHLAND SQUARES CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN APRIL!**

The Highland Squares, Stellarton, recently honoured their former caller Herb Muir on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Herb & Kathleen were pleasantly surprised upon arriving at the Heather restaurant for a Club Xmas dinner to find Herb the Guest of Honour. After a turkey dinner with dancing friends including some who hadn't danced with them for over a decade, Herb elegantly expressed his thanks. Following the dinner, everyone gathered at the Community College for an evening of dancing. The Xmas Candy Cane Caper party had to be cancelled last December due to a storm, so on this evening dancers gathered from Truro thru to Antigonish to Honour Herb & Kay as well as celebrate the Christmas season that was! With a Christmas tree and gifts and candy canes decorating the hall, Ed Giles and Jack MacArthur ably led the dancers thru an enjoyable evening of dancing to all the favourite Christmas tunes. During the evening, guests were led on a satirical walk through Herb's life. Later Santa arrived (looking suspiciously like Marshall Dunn) and handed out candy canes to everyone. Prizes were won for the most unique costume: First place went to Emile Boudreau, as the candy cane man, Strathmore Stutters: Second to Ken Murray, for his candy cane earring ensemble, Cobequid Twirlers. Winning door prizes were: Hank & Laverne MacGann, Wally & Bonnie McKay, COBEQUID Twirlers and Eva Cameron Maple Leaf Whirlaways. The prize to the club with the most members visiting was the Cobequid Twirlers. Jack MacArthur reminisced about the adventures he and Herb had enjoyed during their 30 odd years as a square dance callers. Jack also addressed the age-old controversy on just how much women have improved men's lives. Final consensus is pending on that topic! To conclude the evening a buffet lunch was enjoyed complete with Christmas fruit cake. And so, the Pictou County Christmas that was, concluded, as Christmas wishes mingled with birthday wishes as guests departed for their homes.

The Sunrise Squares Dance Club held their closing dance on May 12, with over four squares. We had a very good year and are looking forward to another one next year. We had a few dances cancelled this winter due to the weather. We started the year with two new couples but due to illness one couple had to drop out. During the year we had special dances The Honolulu Hoedown is one that shouldn't be missed. Our Club also held a Benefit Dance in support of the Transition house for abused women and children, Harbour House in Bridgewater and we raised over \$100. On our closing dance Neil lead us in the Friendship Song followed by a lovely lunch and a birthday cake for Gordon Lowe, and Jack MacNeil, this ended our season of square dancing. Hope to see you in a square. Good Squares and Happy Dancing. Have a safe and wonderful summer to all.

Sunrise Squares - Mainstream Friday nites 8PM to 10PM Plus alternate Tues nites 7.30 PM to 9.30PM MARC. In Dayspring. Caller Neil & Kathy Dorey 644-2757, Contacts Neil & Kathy Dorey or Ralph & Valerie Brown 543-5278

Written by Hazel Hebb/ Club Historian

Photos from the Sunrise Squares January Silly Dance:



**Margaret & Lee Nause - "Naturalists"**



**Caller Neil & Kathy Dorey**



**Earl Fancy & Charlie Nelson**



## NEWS FROM THE APPLE VALLEY DANCERS

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On Tuesday, May 16, the Apple Valley Dancers held their Wind up Dance for this season with a pot luck dinner and dance. Everyone wore their club colours of red and black for the occasion. It was a fun night with Nelson calling to 7 squares of dancers and Pat having about a dozen couples on the floor for rounds. The club will resume dancing next season on Tuesday, October 3.



**Apple Valley Dancers at Dinner**



**All Apple Valley Dancers 2006**

## METRO ASSOCIATION SUMMER DANCES - HALIFAX - DARTMOUTH NS

Thursdays: 7:30-10:00pm. Mix of Easy MS, MS, Rds., & Contras, as appropriate for the attendees. Westphal Room, Cole Harbour Place, 51 Forest Hills, Cole Harbour, NS \$5/person, Square Dance attire, please, or tasteful casual on hot nights. AIR CONDITIONED !!!! Contact: Dottie & Gary Welch, 435-4544 [dwelch@orion.stmarys.ca](mailto:dwelch@orion.stmarys.ca) or: Don Scott, 865-5780, [dwscott@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dwscott@ns.sympatico.ca) Webpage: [www.squaredance.ns.ca](http://www.squaredance.ns.ca)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLER</u>
June 8	Kerry Fletcher
June 15	Barry & Claire Walker
June 22	Mark & Jackie Savage
June 29	Ralph & Barb MacDonald
July 6	Dottie & Gary Welch
July 13	No Dance - Montreal Convention)
July 20	Alex Ritchie
July 27	Kerry Fletcher
Aug 3	Paul & Reta Blades
Aug 10	Mark & Jackie Savage
Aug 17	Dottie & Gary Welch - LIVE MUSIC

METRO FUND RAISER for next year

## ANNAPOLIS VALLEY SQUARE DANCE CLUBS SUMMER DANCE PROGRAM

Morden Community Centre (Exit 16 off Hwy #101) - Tuesdays, 8:00 to 10:00pm. Mainstream with one Plus and easy Rounds where noted. Admission: \$7.00 per couple. Dress: Casual. Contact: Nelson & Pat Labor (902) 765-2247

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLER</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>
June 13	Barry Walker	MS, 1 Plus, Rds.
June 20	Nelson Labor	MS, 1 Plus, Rds.
June 27	Fran Archambault	MS, 1 Plus
July 4	Laurie Illsley	MS, 1 Plus
July 11	Tom Collins	MS, 1 Plus
July 18	Barry Walker	MS, 1 Plus, Rds.
July 25	Fran Archambault	MS, 1 Plus
Aug 1	Laurie Illsley	MS, 1 Plus
Aug 8	Nelson Labor	MS, 1 Plus, Rds.
Aug 15	Tom Collins	MS, 1 Plus
Aug 22	All Callers	MS, 1 Plus, Rds.