

REPORTS ATTACHED TO SRDFNS AGM MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 16, 2010

President's Report to SRDFNS 2010 AGM

This Dance Year has been a good year to be President of the Square and Round Dance Federation of Nova Scotia. It was a very busy year for the many who devoted their efforts to the betterment of the Square dance activity in this province. It has been an enjoyable year for the dancers who attended the many special occasions which took place here and it was a joy for those who attended Halifax Festival 2010 and took advantage of the thousands of hours of planning which went into the four day event. It was a privilege to represent you on stage and to accept the many positive comments about experiences of those who were in attendance. We are proud to be part of such a great organization.

Without a doubt, this year's highlight was the success of Halifax Festival 2010. It was a class act by any standard as Square Dance events go, and it was carried off by a relatively small number of very dedicated individuals in a very professional way. From the vantage point of a dancer, which we all are, first and foremost, things went along so smoothly that it seemed to be on automatic pilot. The Square and Round Dance Federation of Nova Scotia recognizes and appreciates the efforts made by the committee and all the volunteers who carried out their tasks so well. Thank you for a job well done.

We also recognize all members of the Federation executive for your support in the day-to-day operation of our organization. When each member carries part of the load, no task is too large. When each member operates in a cooperative way, it makes the work easy and enjoyable for all. Thank you for your contribution to the square dance activity in Nova Scotia. We hope you will continue to actively support our aims and to encourage others to step up with ideas and participation so that square dancing may once again grow in Nova Scotia.

Success of the square dance activity depends on success at the club level. Every job in the club contributes to its success. All club positions are equally important and club survival depends in the unselfish contributions of all of us at the club level. Thank you to all who support your club by doing your job well. You are an inspiration to us all.

Thank you for all the support you have given us over the past two years. We will continue to support the Federation in whatever way we can and wish the incoming executive every success in the coming years.

Barb & Ralph MacDonald

Fundy Region Reports for October 2010

Marion & Gerry McLellan, Regional Reps

Border Rounders

We did not start new classes last year but continued to work with the twelve couples who are presently dancing; 7½ couples phase III and IV, 7:00 – 8:30; 4 couples phase II and III. Classes were held weekly at the Experimental Farm Pavilion with 2 of the above phase II couples graduating during the year. We do not expect to offer new classes this year but are happy to have one of our former couples come back after surgery.

We "party" twice a year with a Christmas celebration and a May closing dance. At those times we invite a few couples (space is limited) from Charlie's Angels and 2 or 3 of the original Border Rounders. Several of our members often support the Moncton club and round dance venues at festivals and conventions.

Four couples, (three joint members of Cumberland Twirlers) attended July National Festival.
Beth & John Dickinson

Cumberland Twirlers

Our season has started with a 'Welcome Back Barbecue' the last 2 years & is a big hit with the members. In Dec 2009 our club Caller of 15 years, Ken & Fran Eagles, retired; we were fortunate to obtain the services of Faye & Gerry Germon who took over the "reins" Jan 2010.

Once a month, one of our Tuesday night dances is usually a fun event, often inviting Sackville, Moncton & Truro to join us for at least St Patrick's dance in March & Western night in November; Sackville are great supporters. Twice a year we join Sackville to assist with the MASSIE (Mount Allison Sophomore Semester in English) immersion program, introducing square dancing to foreign students who are learning the English language and Canadian culture. We 'kettle set' for the Salvation Army at Christmas as well as entertain at the Joggins Fire Department Senior Christmas Party. We support the 'Christmas for Kids' program at our club Christmas party. Club hosted our two annual outside dances for the 36th year – Maple Fling in March, Blueberry dance in Sept. Club met obligation in raising \$1,000 to help National Festival 2010; four couples from our club attended and all couples took part in volunteering.

The highlight of our year was probably the Retirement Party for Ken & Fran held in May with many Callers & past graduates attending. Chris Ayres, Ralph MacDonald, Doug Leaman, Kerry Fletcher, Jack MacArthur each called a tip throughout the evening; club Caller, Faye Germon, closed the dancing with a special tribute tip. Many presentations & well wishes were made in their honor including a queen size quilt, designed and quilted by Club members; silhouette dancers of complementary colors adorned plain blocks, each embroidered with the signature of a club member.

Club reps, Sid & Eileen Glennie

Cobequid Twirlers

Cobequid Twirlers closed Jan 2010 as a result of membership decline.

Strathmore Strutters

No classes last year. Danced M/S and Plus on Monday nights, alternating tips. We continue to visit nursing homes even throughout the summer. Danced only one or two nights at club last summer; many went away, had company or was just too hot – next summer we aren't even going to try.

Had our usual Christmas and New Years parties / 10 year time capsule was opened Jan 1st, very interesting & entertaining. Our Canada Day festivities were supported by a good turnout. Played a variety of games, indoors & out, followed by a delicious pot luck & barbecue. Ended the evening with dancing & enjoying the fireworks in town.

We are sorry for the closure of Cobequid Twirlers and welcome members to our club
Phyllis & Bob Fiddes

Valley Region Report to the SRDFNS AGM, October 2010

Dice Hill Squares:

The Dice Hill Squares retained one of the five Solo ladies that started in September 2009.

The regular and special 2009-2010 dances have had from one to 2.5 squares dancing with Caller Bruce Savage. The special dances with "Crazy Hats" in November and the "Pajama Dance" in January were well attended last season and will continue this season. The Mulberry Dance in May, 2010, had 4 squares enjoying themselves on the floor. Guests from both the Valley and Central regions were present. Three Summer dances were held during the summer months. Some of the members attended Festival 2010 and also served as volunteers.

Unfortunately, on the last Saturday of July we lost one of our most dedicated members due to a fall from a high ladder. Dice Hill members miss the support of Hans Wielens.

Following the two Open Houses this September, the club has 24 regular members and 3 new dancers. All Nova Scotia dancers are welcome to visit the Dice Hill Squares on Thursday nights for dancing from 8 to 10 pm at the Ardoise Community Hall, School Road and Highway 1, Ardoise. The regular evenings begin at 7:30 pm with a teach of Easy Square Dance Rounds. Easy Rounds are provided at all dances during the Square Dance breaks.

Submitted by: Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi, Co-ordinators, Dice Hill Squares

SUMMER DANCING

Summer Dancing was done again this year at Morden on the Bay of Fundy. Four Valley callers namely; Laurie Illsey, Tommy Collins, Barry Walker, and Terry Lewis took turns calling. Some \$1200 was realized which was split between callers and Morden Community Centre. A 50/50 draw was held every dance with the dance 50 to help expenses for Halifax Convention. However finances were not needed for Convention so monies will be donated to Heart and Stroke at Dance in February. This is a well-attended dance and plans are to continue again next summer.

Belles and Beaus:

The Bells and Beaus opened the 2010-11 season on Thursday October 7th with a pot-luck supper and Dance at the Anglican Church Hall in Berwick. Tommy Collins "caller" advises dances will be at this hall this season. The Club hopes this new location will interest more dancers to come out and dance.

West Kings Twirlers:

West Kings Twirlers held their first class dance on Friday October 8th. They expect a square to take instructions this year. Laurie Illsey is the instructor. Nelson Labor has recovered from his illness of last year and is again sharing the calling with Laurie.

Apple Valley Dancers:

Apple Valley Dancers opened their season October 4th with three squares present. They are dancing at the Melvern Square Community Center again this year. Plus callers are Laurie Illsey, Terry Lewis and Barry Walker. Dances are Tuesday Nights starting at 8pm.

Fundy Squares:

Dancing out of Wilmot Community Center on Wednesday evenings with caller Tommy Collins, They again this year will organize the Heart Dance in February.

Four Season Squares: No Report

NS Directors Canadian Square & Round Dance Society
Report to the SRDFNS AGM 10 MEETING

The Canadian Square & Round Dance Society (CSRDS) held one Board meeting by teleconference and one face-to-face meeting at Festival 2010. The Society AGM was held here during Festival 2010.

- Once again, Ralph Macdonald did a great job to have all Society memberships completed by the December, 2009 deadline, except for one club. Those requiring proof of Liability Insurance should contact Amy Robinson, 1-306-569-6709.
- The membership numbers for Nova Scotia for 2009 - 2010 were:
4 Federations & Associations, 27 Clubs, 32 Callers/Cuers, and 676 Dancers.
In Canada, there are 56 Federations & Associations, 412 Clubs, 483 Callers/Cuers, & 13,099 Dancers. The Canadian membership declined by 5.5% rather than the usual 10%.
- The attempts to have someone in Nova Scotia take over responsibility for the Canadian Square Dance toll-free number **1 886 206-6696** were unsuccessful. There is a possible volunteer in British Columbia to take on this task.
- The Society accepted two Bursary applications, but one subsequently decided not to attend the Caller School.
The previously introduced policy to have Leaders wait for 3 years after receiving 2 Bursarys, before applying again, has been canceled.
- A bid for a National Convention in 2012 has not been received, Ottawa will be bidding for 2014, after sorting out some difficulties regarding the venue.
- There were only two Nominations for Society Awards this year. Members are encouraged to submit nominations by 28 February 2011. An information message will soon be issued.
- At the Society AGM, 3 new couples were accepted on the Board.
Darcy & Beth McGifford - BC
Mathieu Lapointe & Stephanie Charters – QE
Eric & Dianne McCormack - NB
As a result of resignations, the following were accepted to the indicated positions:
President Bob Ruohoniemi
Vice President Eric McCormack
Membership Chair Mathieu Lapointe
Public Relations Chair Stephanie Charters
Professional Development Chair Bill Treleaven
Professional Development Committee member Darcy McGifford
Honours and Awards Chair Wendell Brown
Society Webmaster Dan Roy

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- At the 2010 AGM, a motion was passed that: “in any year that no National Convention is being held, teleconference meetings will be acceptable to the general membership.”

This will reduce the costs of holding the AGM as a face-to-face meeting.
Arrangements to permit the general membership to have input at the AGMs are being investigated.

- Also at the 2010 AGM, a motion was passed that: “the square dance Federations, Associations, and Clubs with teen dancers under the age of 19 years, submit their request for Society membership funding, to the CSRDS Public Relations Committee who are authorized to cover that expense.”

This means that teen dancers under the age of 19 years will not have to pay the Society membership fee.

- The Society Webpage has been completed re-arranged and updated. Members are encouraged to visit it at: www.squaredance.ca
- The Society Board will meet again by teleconference on 21 November, 2010.

Submitted by: Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi
Nova Scotia Directors,
Canadian Square & Round Dance Society

ANSSRDT LIAISON REPORT to SRDFNS AGM October 16, 2010

Submitted by Dottie Welch, ANSSRDT Liaison

ANSSRDT Executive for April 2010 - April 2011:

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ANSSRDT (Association of Nova Scotia Square & Round Dance Teachers):

- April and September 2010 Newsletters are available on the website.
- ANSSRDT met on April 17th, and September 25th, 2010 at E. H. Horne School in Enfield. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9th, 2011 at the same location.
- We held workshops on sight calling, reading cue sheets, modifying singing call figures for classes and aging dancers, and agreeing on a few "safe" basic singing figures.
- ANSSRDT has agreed to host the next provincial festival, July 22-23, 2011 at Old Orchard Inn.

ALGUIRE CALLERS MEMORIAL FUND and CALLERS SCHOOL:

- The fifth biannual Alguire Memorial Callers School is scheduled for August 21 to 26, 2011 at Elm River Park Campground.
- Donations to the fund may still be made through Alex Ritchie or DANS.

CALLERLAB (International Association of Square Dance Callers):

- The 37th CALLERLAB Convention was held March 28-31 in Niagara Falls, New York.
- The "Explore the Roar" theme featured several films of historical highlights and many explorations of new ways to make use of modern computer technology and internet connections.
- The next convention is scheduled for Las Vegas, Nevada April 18-20, 2011.

MCCA (Maritime Callers and Cuers Association):

- The 2010 MCCA workshop weekend was held in Amherst on June 12-13, 2010.
- The 41st Maritime Square and Round Dance Convention is scheduled for November 5-6, 2010 at Old Orchard Inn.

We Remember:

- Gloria Rios Roth died January 23rd, 2010 at the age of 80. Gloria called for 55 years. She and Johnny Roth arrived in Nova Scotia in 1968 and by 1970 had organized the first Maritime Convention and the formation of MCCA. She was a Caller and Caller-Coach of international renown receiving the Milestone Award and Gold Card Life Membership from Callerlab.
- Bill Clarke died September 29th, 2010 at the age of 89. Bill was a member of MCCA for many years and called Basic to Challenge in the Fredericton area. He and Phyllis continued to dance Advanced until this last year. Bill was a multi-talented musician with great enthusiasm for square dancing and creative choreography.

Halifax National Festival 2010 Report to SRDFNS AGM 2010

Submitted by Dottie Welch, Executive Vice Chair Events, October 15, 2010

The long anticipated event of July 29, 30 and 31, 2010 was carried off with great success. Many thanks go to all the Nova Scotians who performed in the Promo Dance, assisted in the planning, provided financial support, and participated in the committee work that made this success possible. Thanks also to all those who attended the Festival and made our visitors from across North America and around the world welcome.

The final registration count was 1166 dancers including 190 from Nova Scotia, 63 from New Brunswick and 12 from PEI. There were 962 Canadians, 158 from 28 States of the United States, 32 from Japan, and a few from England, Germany, Switzerland and Qatar.

Nearly 30 squares danced at Sackville Landing on Friday and Saturday mornings giving us an excellent visual presence in the city. We also obtained publicity in the Chronicle Herald and on Live at Five.

Thanks to all the fund raising efforts, and a late registration surge, we are pleased to report that when all bills and obligations are paid there will be a remaining profit that is being transferred to the Federation. We paid the World Trade and Convention Centre \$50,347 plus \$24,000 in down payments for the facility. An additional \$13,213 was paid for staging, water, ushers, and the Leader & VIP Reception. The WT&CC charges included the new 15% HST on the total amount. We have paid the National Society \$19,712 as their 15% of the Registration Fees. We have returned the \$5,000 Cultural Grant received from the Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Culture & Heritage as required if we made a profit. A bit over \$18,000 has been transferred to SRDFNS. There are still a few outstanding matters to be dealt with such as printing of the final report and production of the video.

A motion was passed at the last Board Meeting saying, "Motion that we hold an appreciation gathering in May or June of 2011 to thank the Volunteers." A request has been made by Wayne and Dianne Burns to set aside some money for this event.

There is a supply of unsold Cookbooks (at least 200) and Canvas Bags (101 of 3 types). These are being transferred to the Federation for future sales. Both cost about \$5 apiece and have been sold for \$10 apiece.

Do we anticipate a future use for 10 plastic water jugs?

The decorations that have been saved are currently at the Welches. This includes the lighthouse and the flat poster decorations.

Halifax National Festival 2010 Registration Statistics

Family Groups and Home Location Statistics

| | Registrations | Dancers | Cancelled | Corrected | % Corr. |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| Family Groups | | | | | |
| Couples | 539 | 1076 | (x2) 61 | (x2) 478 | 82% |
| Single Ladies | 175 | 175 | 22 | 153 | 13% |
| Single Gents | 48 | 48 | 4 | 44 | 4% |
| Youth | 13 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 1% |
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| Totals | | 1314 | 148 | 1166 | 100% |
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| Canada | | | | | |
| Nova Scotia | 110 | 196 | 6 | 190 | 16% |
| New Brunswick | 39 | 71 | 8 | 63 | 5% |
| Prince Edward Island | 8 | 16 | 4 | 12 | 1% |
| Newfoundland | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0.5% |
| Quebec | 58 | 90 | 8 | 82 | 7% |
| Ontario | 303 | 530 | 80 | 450 | 39% |
| Manitoba | 17 | 33 | 4 | 29 | 2% |
| Saskatchewan | 8 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 1% |
| Alberta | 45 | 73 | 3 | 70 | 6% |
| British Columbia | 30 | 53 | 3 | 50 | 4% |
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| Canada Sub Totals | | 1079 | 117 | 962 | 82.5% |
| Foreign | | | | | |
| United States (USA) | 100 | 184 | 26 | 158 | 13.5% |
| England | 4 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0.7% |
| Germany | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.2% |
| Switzerland | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.2% |
| Japan | 36 | 37 | 5 | 32 | 2.7% |
| Qatar | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.2% |
| Foreign Sub Totals | | 235 | 31 | 204 | 17.5% |
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| Totals | | 1314 | 148 | 1166 | 100% |

Registered USA Dancers from 28 States (without corrections for cancellations):

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|---------------|----|----------------|----|--------------|----|
| Maine | 6 | North Carolina | 6 | Michigan | 8 |
| New Hampshire | 18 | South Carolina | 2 | Wisconsin | 2 |
| Vermont | 21 | Georgia | 6 | Minnesota | 4 |
| Massachusetts | 18 | Florida | 17 | North Dakota | 1 |
| Connecticut | 8 | Ohio | 2 | South Dakota | 3 |
| New York | 10 | Indiana | 4 | Nebraska | 2 |
| New Jersey | 6 | Tennessee | 1 | Colorado | 4 |
| Maryland | 2 | Arkansas | 2 | Washington | 2 |
| Virginia | 5 | Texas | 8 | Oregon | 4 |
| | | | | California | 12 |

Halifax National Festival 2010 Registration Statistics

Registration Amounts Paid

| Time Period | Price per Dancer | Number of Dancers | Percentage Of Dancers | Total Income |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Nov 2005 – Dec 2006 | \$90.00 | 134 | 10.20% | \$12,060 |
| May Greenough | \$0.00 | 1 | 0.08% | \$0 |
| Jan 2007 – Dec 2008 | \$105.00 | 390 | 29.68% | \$40,950 |
| Jan 2009 – Jun 2010 | \$125.00 | 629 | 47.87% | \$78,625 |
| Youth 1/09 – 6/10 | \$60.00 | 2 | 0.15% | \$120 |
| July 2010 | \$140.00 | 80 | 6.09% | \$11,200 |
| Two Day at Door | \$100.00 | 22 | 1.67% | \$2,200 |
| One Day at Door | \$50.00 | 30 | 2.28% | \$1,500 |
| Youth at Door | \$25.00 | 1 for 2 days | 0.08% | \$50 |
| Three Day at Door | \$300.00 | 2 | 0.15% | \$300 |
| Mary's Islanders | Performers (free) | 18 on Friday | 1.37% | \$0 |
| Door Errors | 3@\$125, 2@\$70 | 5 | 0.38% | \$515 |
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| Totals | | 1,314 | 100% | \$147,520 |

Items Sold Through Registration

| | Price | Order | Canc. | Door Reg. | Sold Sep. | Total Purchased |
|-------------------|----------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Maple Leaf Badges | \$8.00 | 124 | 18 | 1 | 52 | 159 |
| Halifax 2010 Bars | \$4.00 | 547 | 78 | 16 | 115 | 600 |
| Souvenir Books | \$8.00 * | 154 | 20 | 6 | 27 | 167 |
| Round Syllabus | \$7.00 | 66 | 9 | 2 | 14 | 73 |
| Clogging Syllabus | \$7.00 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 22 |

*Souvenir Books sold separately at Festival for \$10.00