



BETWEEN TIPS

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Editor's Comments: This Christmas Edition of Between Tips, brings BIG news to our Nova Scotia dance community! The Canadian Square & Round Dance society has accepted the NS Federation offer to host the Canadian National Convention in Halifax, in 2010. The Federation President provides us with an overview. The next BT will be issued February, 2006, so readers have plenty of time to send in notices, news, or complaints! The deadline for your submissions is 15 January, 2006.

Best wishes from Inge and I, for a very enjoyable Holiday Season and a healthy & dance-filled New Year!

ATTENTION NOVA SCOTIA DANCERS

By this time, some of you have already heard that Nova Scotia will be hosting the 2010 Canadian National Convention, which is being called "Halifax National Festival 2010".

The idea for Nova Scotia to host the 2010 National was initiated around May of 2005. This idea resulted from inquiries by numerous dancers from other areas of Canada and the United States as to when Nova Scotia was going to host another Convention. Many dancers remember the great times enjoyed in 1982 and 1994. Also, no other Province was planning to submit a bid. From May to the end of July, preliminary investigations were carried out to determine if this was a feasible venture.

At the August 7th, 2005 Federation Board Meeting in Yarmouth it was decided to produce a survey form to be completed by all dancers and to have the resulting information ready to submit at the Federation AGM on October 15th, 2005. Also, at the August 7th meeting, it was unanimously voted that Wayne & Dianne Burns be the Chair Couple.

At the AGM, a positive result from the surveys was submitted as well as a preliminary budget which resulted in a motion to submit a bid to the National Society. This motion was unanimously approved.

The bid was presented at the National Society's AGM that was held in Charlottetown on November 12th. The bid was unanimously approved by the Society Directors.

To date, Dottie Welch, Kerry Fletcher, Dianne and I have accomplished the following:

- Dates of July 29th to 31st have been established for the Festival
- The World Trade & Convention Centre and the Metro Centre have been secured as the venue
- Dancing levels have been identified
- Dancing rooms have been assigned on a preliminary basis
- The committee structure has been completed with all but 2 of the Executive and Directors identified

In the very near future the first meeting of the Executives and the Directors will be held and that will mark the official start-up of the numerous committees and the work that will be involved in producing this Festival.

So dancers be prepared, the committee chairs will soon be contacting you for your help.

LOGO & SLOGAN CONTEST

A "logo" and a "slogan" is needed. We have decided to invite all Nova Scotia dancers to submit their ideas for "logo" and for a "slogan". This will be in the form of a contest. A \$50.00 registration credit each, for the logo and the slogan, will be given to the winners. The slogan must be short (4 or 5 short words and should include 2010). Example: "Dance by the Shore in 94". The logo should be something Nova Scotian like a lighthouse, the Mayflower, Old Town Clock, the Bluenose, etc. whatever your imagination can come up with. The cut off for this contest will be March 1st, 2006. Please send entries to Bob Ruohoniemi via email at bobruoho@ns.sympatico.ca (Or via mail at: 6939 Hwy 1, Ardoise RR1, Ellershouse, NS, B0N 1L0. The selection of a winner will be carried out at Board Meeting in May 2006.

NOTE: In the event that 2 or more logos or slogans are identical, the first one received will be the winner.

Periodic updates will be published in Between Tips as the planning process continues.

Submitted by: Wayne & Dianne Burns, Chair Couple, Halifax National Festival 2010



Festival '05 – On the Yarmouth Waterfront

Festival '05 Chair couple Paul & Carol Conrad presenting \$1000.00 cheque to Dottie Welch, who received it on behalf of the Alguire Callers Memorial Fund.



FESTIVAL '05 Yarmouth, NS

**Festival '05 – Registration Desk
Seated: Linda Isles; Frances Dalziel; Marilyn Huskins;
Standing: Jeanette Burke**



Festival '05, held in Yarmouth 5th & 6th of August brought together 269 dancers (280 when Callers, Cuers & Taws are included) from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick Quebec, Ontario and Florida. Supported by the Clubs in the South Region, Executive members came from three of these clubs. Members from these Clubs greeted dancers at the door upon their arrival at the Festival, as well, were there to say good night as they left at the end of the evening.

The Burridge Community College facility offered non carpeted floors, much to the delight of dancers. Four rooms were set up for Mainstream, Mainstream Singing, Plus & Round Dancing. Callers were Neil Dorey; Kerry Fletcher; Wayne Isles; Nelson Labor; & Dottie Welch. Cuers were Pat Labor & Alex Ritchie. Remarks from dancers indicated these Callers/Cuers made their time at the Festival lots of fun. We thank them for accepting the challenge of performing at the Festival.

Great weather allowed us to have outdoor dancing on Saturday morning on the Yarmouth waterfront. Local Callers George & Wendy Michaels kept the ten squares on their feet with continuous Calling for the entire hour, even when the wind had blown George's cue cards away! Great Calling George & Wendy.

The Festival was successful in terms of facility; Callers/Cuers; attendance & finances. The Festival Executive Committee was very happy to make a financial contribution of \$1000.00 to the Alguire Memorial Callers School. It is felt this money will benefit in the training of much needed Callers, which will help the Square & Round dance population grow in Nova Scotia.

The Festival '05 Committee, who worked diligently to make the Festival a success were:

Chair Couple - Paul & Carol Conrad
Treasure Couple - Joe & Helena Burke
Registration Couple - Leslie Smith & Frances Dalziel
Hospitality Couple - George & Wendy Michaels
Prize Conveners - David & Marion Oickle

Co-Chair Couple - Ralph & Valerie Brown
Secretary Couple - Ruth Murray & Warren Sarty
Advertising/Publicity Couple - Dan & Jeanette Burke
Caller Chair Couple - Neil & Kathy Dorey
Decorating - Bernice & Arthur Hall

We thank all those who attended Festival '05, and for making it a very successful event.

Submitted on behalf of the Festival '05 Executive Committee by Paul & Carol Conrad



Executive Committee: Standing left to right; Helena Burke; Dan Burke; Warren Sarty; Jeanette Burke; Ruth Murray; Valerie Brown; Frances Dalziel; Ralph Brown; Leslie Smith; George Michaels; Wendy Michaels; Carol Conrad. Kneeling: Joe Burke; Paul Conrad. Missing were Neil & Kathy Dorey; David & Marion Oickle.

REGRETTABLE NEWS

The Rainbow Dancers club members have decided to close the club after it provided dancing for over 40 years. Their last dance will be held at the Windermere Hall, Windermere, on Monday, 5 December. The hall is off Hwy 101, Exit 15, Hwy 360 thru Hwy 1 at the flashing light, to Windermere.

WEBMASTER'S REQUEST

The Federation Webmaster, Alex Ritchie, asks clubs, regions, and associations to review their information on the Federation webpage www.squaredance.ns.ca and send him updates and corrections at: alexr@eastlink.ca

An incorrect/outdated entry is worse than no entry at all! There are over 3,000 visits to the NS webpage every month!

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REQUEST

The Federation Publicity Officer, Bob Ruohoniemi, asks clubs, callers, & cuers that have new dancers joining them to conduct a quick survey of them. Please ask: How did you find out about the activity? What prompted you to come to your first square dance activity? Why do you continue to attend? Where should new dancer information be made available? Send answers to: bobruoho@ns.sympatico.ca or 6939 Hwy1, Ardoise RR1, Ellershouse, NS B0N 1L0.

RECYCLED SQUARE DANCE CLOTHES

Recycled square dance clothes are being offered for sale by calling: 865-5300 or 463-6136

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

47th Australian National Square Dance Convention - 20/24 Apr. 06 - Gosford, NSW - www.47ansdc.org.au

48th New England Convention - 28/29 April 2006 - Springfield, MA - www.nesrdc.org

55th US National Convention - 21/24 June 2006 - San Antonio, Texas - www.55thnsdc.org

15th Canadian National Convention - 13/15 July, 06 - Montreal, QE - www.geocities.com/convention2006

37th Maritime Square & Round Dance Convention - 10/11 Nov. 06 - Fredericton, NB - Hosted by MCCA
