



BETWEEN TIPS

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Cherry Carnival Kick-Off Dance

On Friday 09 July 2004 the Club of Four Season Squares hosted the Fourth Annual Square Dance to Kick-Off The Bear River Cherry Carnival.

This was held at the Bear River Fire Hall and the Guest Caller for the evening was Red Bates, from Maine. Red was accompanied to Nova Scotia by his wife, Ginny. Cuer, Beth Dickinson, from Amherst, provided the Rounds and she was accompanied by her husband, John. Rose corsages were presented to both Ginny and Beth before the start of the dance.

There were fourteen squares in attendance and a number of spectators. Dancers came from many parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick as well as Bert/Shirley MacKenna, from Florida, attended. Half-way through the evening a number of "Cherry" related prizes were drawn. Erma Black, from New Brunswick, received the prize for the "Out of Province Dancer."

Before serving the lunch a blessing was given by Club Member, Bill Troupe. The evening concluded at 10:30 PM with the Friendship Ring. Everyone then socialized and enjoyed a bountiful lunch which ended with "Cherry Pie" and "Cherry Vanilla Ice Cream."



Cherry Carnival Kick-Off Dance - July 9, 2004

Plans for a Fifth Kick-Off Dance are in the works for Friday 15 July 2005. Please check your Calendar of Events for details as they become available.

**ARE YOU A DANCER, CALLER, CUER?
INTERESTED?
IN MARKETING SQUARE & ROUND DANCING IN NS?**

**Have some ideas - suggestions?
For discussion at an upcoming seminar?
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SRDFNS AWARDS PRESENTATION Nov 13, 2004. CENTRAL REGION

**Dancer Longevity Awards presented to
Dancers of
Metro Merry Makers / Ocean Waves**

**Frank & Janet Geitzler - 33 years
Ken & Jewel Spence - 33 years
Bob & Mary Cooke - 33 years
Graham & Sue Skerrett - 29 years
Don & Shirley Bellefontaine - 27 years
Harold & Edie Young - 25 years
Laurie & Georgina Naugler - 24 years
Allison & Esther LeBlanc - 21 years**

**Dancer Longevity Awards presented to
Dancers of
Fun Squares**

**Merle & Audrey Crawford - 35 years
Mark & Jackie Savage - 34 years
Ray Goyetche - 25 years
Bruce Savage - 24 years**

Callers Service Award presented to:

- 1. Mark Savage - 30 years**
- 2. Wade Savage - 28 years**
- 3. Kerry Fletcher - 28 years**
- 4. Bruce Savage - 20 years**



Longevity and Service Award Recipients - November 13, 2004
Allison and Esther LeBlanc, Merle and Audrey Crawford were not in attendance

What's wrong with the Metro Association , or the Federation ?

There are a number of things that are wrong with these organizations but the main problem is a lack of participation by the members of the member clubs. You only get out what you put in.

Why are clubs disbanding or folding ?

Lack of people working to keep it going, if you do not work to keep it going you are just as responsible for letting it die as if you promoted it's demise.

All clubs need people to work at all levels even if is only to help set up the dance floor or to assist the caller set up their equipment. It appears we take no pride in the fact that we are Square or Round dancers. After you have graduated from your class your learning has just started and the fun is just beginning.

You only get out what you put in !!

I keep harping on this for the simple reason that people no not look at it this way. They think that they can do nothing and things will just go on as it has been in the past. **WRONG WRONG WRONG** If you do nothing just **who** is going to do it. Someone else? Well, maybe they are losing interest through lack of supported in doing it as you are, so get off your rear and do something.

If you do nothing then say nothing about the shape your club, your association , your federation and your council are in. If you do nothing then you get out exactly what you put in to it and deserve exactly what you are getting.

If we work together we can turn this around but do nothing and you will see it all end . We need new dancers to survive and we need to work at all levels in order to maintain and to improve what we have.

Get out to other clubs, get out to other callers, get out to meet more people.

You will find that they are just as much fun to dance with as your own club and you get something that you do not get by staying at home, you meet more people that are just as interested in this activity as you are. **YOU ONLY GET OUT WHAT YOU PUT IN** so put something in and you will be amazed at what will come out. Remember divided we fall united we prosper.

I will give you a hint as to how we can change the trend we now have at all levels of square and round dancing, it's two simple words, **GET INVOLVED !** **It's your turn.**

Submitted by Don Scott

Fundy Squares, dancing at the Wilmot Community Centre, Annapolis County, on Wednesday nights, is pleased to announce that Tommy Collins will be the regular caller for the Club. We are proud to have Tommy as our caller and look forward to a fun dancing season. Of course, visitors are always welcome to come and enjoy dancing with Tommy and the Fundy Squares.

Wanda Cole, Secretary, Fundy Squares

DICE HILL SQUARES CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN

The Dice Hill Squares held their first-ever Halloween dance at the Ardoise Hall on Thursday, 28 November.

Four squares of mixed goblins and dancers in traditional dress enjoyed a great time responding to the expert calling of Bruce Savage. The enthusiasm of the New Dancers (Graduating in January 05) was contagious, as there were a big number of well-costumed clowns, pirates, witches, and other assorted dancers!

Winners of the fabulous costume prize were Mickey and Minny Mouse (aka Bob & Maxine Ross - Grads of 05). The club has set a very high standard for future Halloweens!



Dice Hill Squares costumed for Halloween 04

The following Nova Scotia Square and Round Dance Clubs marked with an asterisk are registered (as of Nov. 26, 2004) with the Federation and the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society for the year 2005 and as such have the Society's Liability Insurance.

Does your Club have an asterisk? If not then send in your registration form.

VALLEY REGION

Admiral Dancers
 Apple Valley Dancers *
 Berwick Belles 'N Beaus *
 Danseurs Acadiens *
 Four Season Squares *
 Fundy Squares *
 Rainbow Dancers *
 Riverview Dancers *
 Valley Rounders *
 Valley Squares *
 West Kings Twirlers *
 Young Country Dancers *

HIGHLAND REGION

Highland Squares *
 Mapleleaf Wirlaways *

CENTRAL REGION

Coordinators Plus *
 Dancing Shadows *
 Dice Hill Squares *
 Fun Time Rounds *
 Fun Squares
 Golden Squares & Rounds *
 In The Pink Dancers *
 Lake City Swingers *
 Metro Merry Makers / Ocean Waves
 Motivators *
 Rag Rounds *
 Sail Sets *
 Scotia Dancers
 Stardusters *
 Timberlea Twirlers *

FUNDY REGION

Cobequid Twirlers
 Cumberland Twirlers *
 NB-NS Border Rounders *
 Strathmor Strutters *

SOUTH SHORE REGION

Bluenose Twirlers *
 Double Dory Dancers
 LaHave River Ramblers *
 Sunrise Squares

CAPE BRETON REGION

Celtic Round Dancers *
 Margaree Country Swingers *
 Town & Country Dancers *

RV's at various campsites - Bluenose RV Squares *

SCOTIA DANCERS ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 04

Scotia Dancers enjoyed a fun time at two special dances in October and November. The first was the traditional Halloween dance with an assortment of costumes in evidence.

Members and a large number of guests enjoyed tips called by club-caller Pat Matheson as well as those provided by Pat Alquire and Barry Bendle. Everyone enjoyed their excellent calling and the fun that everyone has come to expect with a visit to the Scotia Dancers. The evening rapped up with a good lunch and a time for socializing.

The club held a special dance on Wednesday, 17 November when a half dozen "Goofers" took a turn at the microphone. There were a lot of laughs as amateurs tried to sound like well-trained callers. It was the consensus of all dancers that Padre Michael Mitchell had the best singing voice in that group!



Scotia Dancers and Guests celebrate Halloween



Scotia Dancers in PJ's & Traditional Dress

Not only was it a Goofers night, but the club designated the dance as a Pyjama party! The majority of members and guests wore their very best PJ's and shared a hilarious evening. The spot dance prizes went to Ron & Dot Connell, Fun Squares and Bevan & Linda McGarry, (Scotia Dancer Class of 05).

It was appropriate that the lunch that night was "take-out" Pizza!

In the picture on the left are Linda McGarry (Class of 05) (left) and Edna Myers (The club member with the most years of membership).