

BETWEEN TIPS

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Editor's Comments: It's nice to receive enough submissions to produce this BT before the end of the dance season! Hope readers enjoy the special dance reports, associated photos, and the Historical items.

HALIFAX NATIONAL FESTIVAL 2010

The **FESTIVAL 2010** Directors held another meeting in April to continue the planning process. Ron & Dot Connell briefed them on the "Critical Path" planning process which will be used to keep the **FESTIVAL 2010** projects on track. The **FESTIVAL 2010** Director's positions have all been filled by volunteers, except for the "Ceremonies". There have already been a number of Registrations and it's to be hoped that more Nova Scotia dancers will soon do so.

The first **FESTIVAL 2010** fund-raiser on 15 March was a great success with 9 squares on the floor dancing up a storm to the calling of the special caller from BC - Brent Mawdsley. Some dancers who had never experienced that calibre of calling were certainly impressed with Brent's singing and calling. His warm personality and inter-action with the dancers gave everyone a delightful experience. He was offered an invitation to call for us again whenever he comes to visit his brother again! He did promise to come for **FESTIVAL 2010!**

The **FESTIVAL 2010** Web-page is up and ready for the world-wide square dance community to visit at www.squaredance.ns Click on the numbers **2010** in the upper right corner of the first page.



F2010 St. Patrick's Square Dancing



F2010 St. Patrick's Round Dancing

FEDERATION SUMMER BROCHURE

The 2006 Summer Brochure has been produced and is being distributed to the six provincial regions. Clubs are asked to take some to all local tourist centres & attractions where square dance visitors might find them.

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS (Also see the Calendar of Events at www.squaredance.ns.ca)

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

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

"Let's All Mix in 2006" - Pink Registration Forms are available at all NS clubs. If not at yours, contact the Editor. This is the closest National Convention before we Nova Scotians will be hosting **Halifax National Festival 2010!**

37th Maritime Square & Round Dance Convention (MCCA) - 10/11 November, 2006 - Fredericton, NB
Fredericton Inn, 1315 Regent St., 1-800-561-8777. (Quote Code MCCA-11-1 when booking hotel room)



IN MEMORIAM

Gordon Ivany (1941 - 2006)



Gord Ivany passed away in Windsor Junction on March 5, 2006. He and Phoebe, were stalwart supporters of the Scotia Dancers club since 2002. Gordon and Phoebe worked hard to bring new dancers to the club where they were always willing to pitch in and help where-ever necessary. He served a term and one half as club treasurer until he began the struggle with cancer. His quiet, warm nature, and quick wit will be missed by many friends he made during a brief square dance career. The square dance community has lost a valuable person in Gordon Ivany.

Valley Dance for Heart

Valley Region clubs got together under the leadership of Harold & Clara Redden to host the annual Vally Dance for Heart on 25 Feb. in the Waterville Fire Hall. An excellent turnout of 10 squares danced to the calling & cueing of a number of Valley Callers and Cuers. The evening was a time for fun and re-newal of friendships as well as fundraising for the Heart & Stroke Foundation of NS. The highlight of the evening was a marvelous performance by the young members of the Mary's Islanders Dance Troupe. Their annual performance donation is certainly appreciated by all the Valley dancers in attendance. The Troupe has been invited to perform at a NATO event in Italy this summer! They will be holding a special fund-raiser on 24 June at the Waterville Fire Hall to help fund the trip.

The proceeds of \$1,775, raised for the Heart & Stroke Foundation were turned over to Foundation representative, Linda Hiltz, who expressed her appreciation for this donation. The Heart-Healthy lunch that followed, was enjoyed by the weary dancers! Harold Redden thanked Valley club members for making the very successful dance arrangements.



Valley Dance for Heart



**Valley Donation to
H&S Foundation**

Metro Dance For the Heart

Friday March 3, 2006, much thanks to all who made this night a good time. We had over 34 couples on hand including about 6 couples of non dancers. The Metro Fiddlers did an outstanding job and Dottie did her normal job of putting the dancers old and young, the proficient and the non dancers through their paces. An excellent lunch was served at the conclusion of the night with the normal results, all went away filled and food was still left over to take home. Collection at the door was \$ 700.00 and the 50/50 took in an additional \$ 17.50.

Submitted by: Don Scott, Chairman, METRO Association.

M.M.M./OCEAN WAVES GIVE A BIRTHDAY PARTY

On 7 March, 2006, the Metro Merry Makers/Ocean Waves invited all their members and the square dance community to join them for an evening of Birthday celebration.

Roy and Jean Sewell both celebrated their 85th birthdays in March. This special couple have made many faithful friends since beginning their square dance career in 1986 with the Metro Merry Makers.

Both Roy and Jean have been a vital part of their dance clubs. They travelled and supported other special dances and fund raisers. They have been members of the "banner stealing" squares and always ready to enjoy the fun activities of the club.

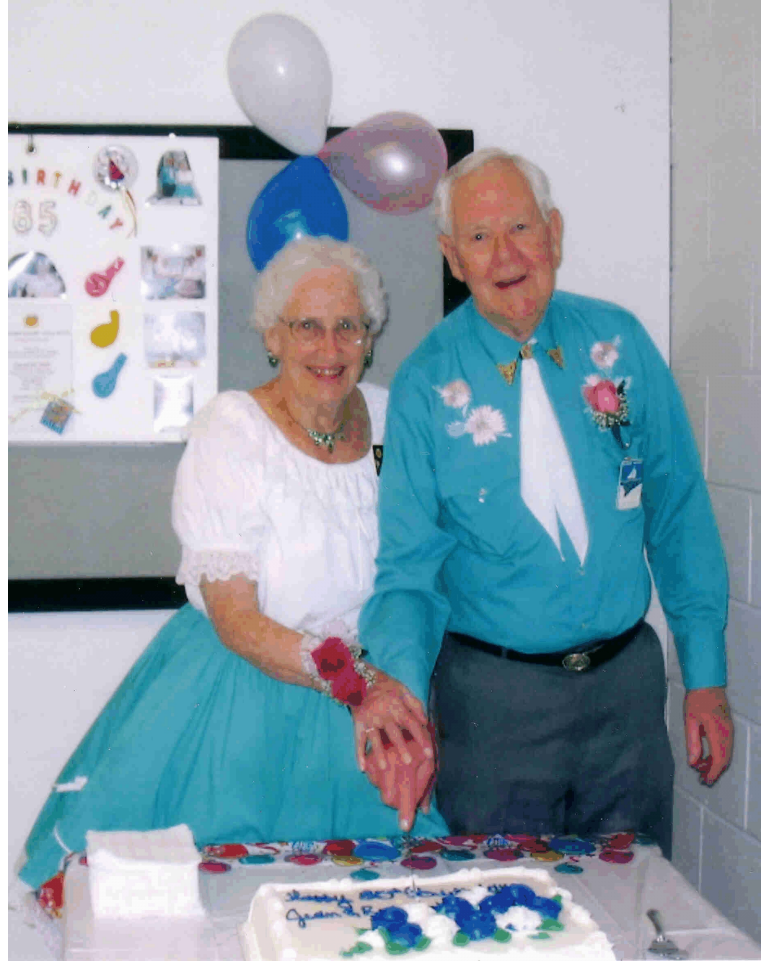
Being a retired chartered accountant, this made Roy the very person to hold the position of treasurer of the Metro Merry Makers. Roy also was on the finance committee of the Square & Round Dance Federation of Nova Scotia and he held the position of chairman of finance for 10 years.

Jean and Roy could be found at all the special dances with camera in hand. Jean has been the Metro Merry Makers/ Ocean Waves historian for 16 years spanning 1986 to 2002.

Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow, you will find Roy and Jean Sewell, each at the fabulous age of 85 years, still dancing twice a week and round dancing three times a week. This busy schedule along with other weekly appointments, meetings, etc., are some secrets to their active lifestyle at 85 years.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!! Happy Birthday to youHappy Birthday to you.....

Respectfully submitted, Club Historian, Reta Blades.



Jean and Roy Sewell
Celebrate being 85 years young!

SUNRISE SQUARES HONOLULU HOEDOWN

Sunrise Square Dance club held their first Honolulu Hoedown on Friday Mar 24,06 The MARC was decorated Honolulu style and made the dancers think of the warm weather to come. The dancers got in the spirit by dressing with warm weather in mind, we had grass skirts and a few brave dancers wore shorts.

Five clubs were represented with over five squares, no break for lunch we danced and munched all evening. It was nice to see old friends and make new ones. The evening closed by caller Neil Dorey leading us in the Friendship song. Our closing dance will be May 12. 06. Good Squares and Happy Dancing.

Sunrise Squares - Mainstream, Fridays, 8PM-10PM at the MARC, Dayspring. Caller Neil Dorey 644-2757

Contact Neil Dorey or Contact Ralph & Valerie Brown 543-5278

Written By Hazel Hebb, Club Historian

FUNDY SQUARES 20th ANNIVERSARY DANCE

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On April 8, Fundy Squares celebrated its 20th Anniversary with a dance at Wilmot Community Hall in Wilmot. Caller was Tommy Collins with past Fundy Squares callers, Wilfred Burns, Cordell Levy and Jim Webber, taking a turn at the mike. The 7 plus squares were welcomed by Al Worthern, President. Besides members of local clubs, there were representatives from the Square Dance Federation and from Bridgewater. One couple from Vancouver Island, British Columbia, were presented with commemorative dangles. After dancing and prizes, dancers enjoyed sharing in the anniversary cake and lunch provided by the club. Fundy Squares was founded by Wilfred Burns and Cordell Levy in 1986. Dancing took place at the Lions Hall in Nictaux. Fundy Squares have been at their present location in Wilmot for 7 years. Wilfred Burns retired as caller approximately 5 years ago. Fundy Squares continues to grow. Caller of 3 years with the Fundy Squares, Tommy Collins, expects to graduate 8 new dancers on April 26th this year.

The closing dance of Fundy Squares will be held May 10 at its regular hall in Wilmot with live music being provided by Wilfred Burns and friends.

Submitted by Wanda Cole, Secretary, Fundy Squares.



Wilf & Goldie Burns and Cordell & Edna Levy founders of Fundy Squares

SCOTIA DANCERS SPRING FLING 2006

The longest surviving square dance club in the Central Region celebrated their annual Spring Fling fund raiser on 8 April. The 6 squares of dancers enjoyed a great evening of dancing at the Sackville Heights Community Centre. The evening's events started with an hour of Round Dancing cued by Alex Ritchie. At 8pm. the main dance got underway with Caller Bruce Savage providing the excitement for the dancers. Between tips, Alex provided easy rounds for the round dancers. With visitors from ten different clubs in attendance, there was a lot of socializing and plenty of laughter. The announcement of raffle prize winners brought woops of joy! The winners were: the Paper Tole - Milford Roy; the Quilt - Betty Chiasson; and the Old Orchard Overnight - Don Wyer.

The evening wound up with the usual excess of food for lunch that makes the Scotia Dancers Spring Fling famous! Submitted by Bob Ruohoniemi, Scotia Dancers, Spring Fling Chair.

A Japanese Square & Round Dance in Nova Scotia

The hall was from another world. Dancers were met at the door by kimono clad hosts, who looked and bowed like Japanese, but were really the 26 Maritimers who were guests of clubs in Japan last year. Japanese decorations and souvenirs were highlighted by a Meiji Shrine gate over the stage with Mount Fuji in the background. Twenty seven squares learned the Japanese style of dancing from Stuart Brink and John Pinks. Japanese tapes were no problem. The food table was decorated Japanese style with flower arrangements and chopsticks for everyone. Nineteen different Japanese dishes seemed to please everyone. One half bowl of one of the exotic dishes was left at the end! Like the Maritimers who didn't want to go home from Japan last year, no seemed to want to go home from this dance.

This "different" night of dancing occurred on 1 October 1988 at Horton District High School in the Annapolis Valley.

A Perfect Holiday in Japan (Written 27 Aug 87)

When everything goes right and no-one wants to come home, one can only suspect that we were on a perfect holiday. This was the experience of 26 square and round dancers from the Maritimes. The weather was perfect, no-one lost any luggage, all tours were on time at the right places, and the budget hotels requested turned out to be the equivalent of our four star. In addition, the tour agent surprised us with extra optional tours at no cost.

A Tokyo club held a special welcoming dance on our arrival in Japan. It was also their 25th anniversary. The welcoming party was unbelievable. Everyone in the hall made sure that we did not have a moment's rest. We soon learned that Japanese dancers do not normally dance with their spouses. The "snack" promised was more like a multi-course meal. We were presented with special welcoming badges.

After a few days of taking in the sights of Tokyo, the group flew to Sapporo on the northern island of Hokkaido for the 26th Japanese National Square and Round Dance Convention.

The Japanese style rooms in the hotel were out of a storybook. Again we were treated as guests of honour. The Hotel staff bowed on our arrival and departure from the dining room. The hot spring baths in a Japanese garden were a favourite spot at the end of each exciting day.

At the Convention, "The Canadians" were the topic of most conversations. We presented a gift from the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia to their Royal Highnesses, Prince and Princess Mikasa. Prince Mikasa is the brother of the Emperor of Japan. We also square danced with the Prince and Princess. They attend the National Convention each year in Japan.

On return to the mainland, the cities of Kyoto and Nagoya and some smaller centres were explored. Tours included visits to temples, shrines, museums, crafts, and fabric centres. The tour buses were almost silent, with crystal chandeliers on the ceiling, and a special rear section which one could only enter by removing shoes and donning slippers. White gloved attendants welcomed us on and off the bus by bowing each time we approached. Hotels included a night in a ryokan or Japanese style hotel, and many exotic Japanese meals. A further insight into the Japanese way of life was a visit and dinner in a Japanese home. Actually, the families were Japanese square or round dancers so we could have something in common. Not many of the families could speak English; we could speak no Japanese, but our hosts went out of their way to help us feel at home.

Another highlight of the tour was a farewell dinner-dance hosted by the eight Nagoya clubs. Our miniature club banners that we took with us from Canada were presented, one to each club. They gave each of our couples or singles a carved wooden gift. The "buffet" dinner was actually attended by five white gloved waiters in formal dress.

We did not meet anyone who didn't like their job. Everyone gave the appearance that what they were doing at the moment was the most important thing in the world. No wonder the Japanese are passing us so rapidly! They work better than we do, enjoy life better than we do, and treat all foreigners as guests not tourists.

The final phase came with a trip back to Tokyo on the famous "Bullet" train. On the final Sunday evening, most of us strolled along the Ginza, where the lighting is superb.

Monday morning, we reluctantly took the plane to Chicago, via Alaska.

This was sixteen days of making new square and round dance friends that we will never forget.

Submitted by: Ron and Dot Connell.