



# BETWEEN TIPS

"BETWEEN TIPS" is the official bulletin of the  
**SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION OF NOVA SCOTIA**  
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## Editor's Comments:

This edition of BT has news from the Federation, the last Halifax National Festival 2010 meeting; Festival 2008; Canadian Society information, and Club events. Many thanks to those who have sent in articles and photos. Readers are reminded of the next **BT deadlines: 15 April and 15 May.**

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## NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION

Two provincial clubs have shown interest in the International Dance Day on 29 April. As described in the last edition of BT, this day is set aside by the International Dance Committee of UNESCO to celebrate all forms of dance. The Dice Hill Squares in Ardoise, West Hants Co. have combined with the Mount Uniake Ministerial committee to host a Family Dance Party at the Mount Uniake Legion Hall. The LaHave River Ramblers of Bridgewater are hosting an afternoon of dancing at the Petite Riviere Fire Hall. The public are invited to both events to observe, take part, and enjoy all forms of dance from 2 to 4pm. "This is a celebration of the gift of dance as a means of bringing families and communities together in peace and friendship, across cultural and political boundaries."

If Clubs have not yet sent in their **Summer Brochure** information they should do so immediately to Dottie Welch [dwelch@ap.stmarys.ca](mailto:dwelch@ap.stmarys.ca)

Clubs that will accept new dancers and want their information to be in the **50+EXPO** handouts, should send their contact/open house/ location info to Bob Ruohoniemi [bobruoho@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:bobruoho@ns.sympatico.ca) by **1 May**.

Your Federation still needs a Secretary, Publicity Officer, DANS Representative, & two Finance Committee members. The duties of these positions are not onerous! Here is a brief listing for you to consider:

**Secretary** – produce Minutes of Board and Annual General meetings (4/year). Deal with correspondence received and sent by the Federation.

**Publicity Officer** – arrange for Federation advertising, act as liaison between the Canadian Society Publicity Committee & the NS Federation, and co-ordinate the preparation of the Federation Summer Brochure.

**DANS Representative** – (an individual dancer) act as liaison between the Federation & Dance Nova Scotia (DANS), represent & vote for the Federation at the Annual General Meeting of DANS (1/year), maintain contact with the Official Representative of the Federation on the DANS Board of Directors.

**Finance Committee Member** – should have some financial experience and concern for the future of Square & Round Dancing in Nova Scotia, assists in making decisions regarding investment of Federation funds. Most discussions are carried out by telephone consultation.

**To help keep our activity alive**, you are encouraged to contact the Federation Presidents: Ralph & Valerie Brown 543-5278 [rwvjbrown@eastlink.ca](mailto:rwvjbrown@eastlink.ca) to offer your assistance or to get more information.

If you plan to attend the LaHave River Ramblers Friendship Dance in Bridgewater on **21 April**, why not come early & attend the next **Federation Board meeting at Sobeys, Bridgewater, 1:30pm.**, to meet your Federation Board volunteers. The meeting is open to any dancer who wishes to attend!

## NEWS FROM HALIFAX NATIONAL FESTIVAL 2010

The FESTIVAL 2010 organizing committee met on 24 Feb. to review progress to date. The main topic of discussion was recruiting volunteers to join the group. In particular, two very important positions need volunteers; a Secretary is needed and someone who enjoys fund-raising activities to co-ordinate raffles and other promotions. It was decided to visit NS clubs and explain what work was involved with the various committee jobs so dancers would have a better idea of what was entailed. Preliminary discussions about the promotional show at Festival 2008 were begun. This will require some rehearsal next season. The next meeting is planned for 26 May at the Bedford Superstore at 2pm. .../2

## 16TH NATIONAL SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

MAKE A DATE FOR 2008 - COME & JOIN US IN LONDON, ONTARIO JULY 17, 18, 19, 2008

The 16<sup>th</sup> National Square & Round Dance Convention will be held in the London Convention Centre, in the heart of downtown London. The tentative program includes Squares: Basic to C3. Rounds: Phase II to VI. Clogging: Basic to Advanced. Contras, Line Dancing and Wheelchair squares. All Round Dancing will be held at the YMCA across the street. All facilities are fully wheelchair accessible, and are Fully Air-Conditioned. The sound has been checked and was found excellent. Snap-lock flooring is being placed over the carpets for comfortable dancing. The floors at the YMCA are hard wood. Healthy snack food will be available in both buildings.

Attached to the Convention Centre is the Hilton Hotel. The Delta Armouries Hotel is just a few steps away.

The Fashion Show will be presented in the upscale, tiered 300 seat Theatre of the Convention Centre on Friday July 18, 2008 at 5:00pm. If you have a home sewn outfit that you would like to model in the fashion show please look for the entry form on our Festival 2008 Web Site: [www.swosda.ca/2008](http://www.swosda.ca/2008) or e-mail Liz Dickens at [ldickens@sympatico.ca](mailto:ldickens@sympatico.ca). We welcome families, couples or singles as models. New trends in square dance and round dance fashions are evolving. Prairie skirts and peasant blouses will be included along with traditional square dance attire. We are now accepting entries. All forms must be received prior to June 16, 2008 in order to be included in the show.

The Worship Service will be held at First - St. Andrew's United Church (just 2 blocks from the Convention Centre) on Saturday July 19th, 2008 at 4:00pm. The Church will be open at 3:00pm for dancers who may wish to preview this beautiful historic building. Offerings will be given to First - St. Andrew's for their Outreach Programs. All those interested in Choir, or individual participation, or wishing to play an instrument, please contact Organist and Choir Director Dan Weatherby at e-mail: [d.weatherby@sympatico.ca](mailto:d.weatherby@sympatico.ca) or mail: 260 Winston Blvd., Cambridge, Ontario N3C 1M5. There will be a lower hall (room) available for the organist & choir to practice at 3:00pm.

Marilyn Bond will be our Sewing Clinic Leader. Marilyn has four clinics planned of 1-1/2 hours each. The clinics will cover 4 different skirt styles, 4 different skirt layouts, Accessorize Ideas and Technique Trivia. Prior to becoming an Authorized Educator for Pfaff Sewing Machines in Canada, Marilyn and her husband Lionel owned and operated a sewing store in Brantford, Ontario for 14 years. Marilyn has conducted many workshops at Square Dance functions on both sides of the border.

The Registration Fee for our 3 day convention is \$85.00 per person. On July 1, 2007 the Registration Fee Will Go Up to \$95.00 per person for the 3 days.

Please check out our Web Site: [www.swosda.ca/2008](http://www.swosda.ca/2008) for registration forms, fashion show entry forms, information on Hotels, Camping, University Accommodations, and much more. E-mail: [convention2008@squaredance.ca](mailto:convention2008@squaredance.ca) Thank you, and Happy Dancing Carol Down - Publicity 2008

### News from Sunrise Squares

Sunrise Squares dance Friday nights 8-10pm. at the MARC in Dayspring Lun. Co., Neil Dorey 644-2757

Well here it is April already and Christmas and New Years are a memory. Sunrise Squares dancers are still talking about our New Years day Frolic at he Bridgewater fire Hall. We started with a delicious potluck supper, then followed by entertainment and dancing.

We were entertained by talented members of our club, some of these members were Irving and Geraldine Ramey, with Irving playing the fiddle, and Geraldine accompanying on the keyboard. The Ukulele Players, and Jack MacNeil and the True Tones, also Valerie and Ralph Brown, with Ralph playing the accordion, and Valerie on keyboard. The evening closed with Neil leading us in the Friendship song.

Congratulations to Earl & Goldie Fancey on their 50th wedding anniversary. Valerie and Ralph Brown, Presidents of the Federation, presented them with a certificate on behalf of the Canadian Society.

Until next time, Good Squares and Happy dancing! Written by Hazel Hebb/Club Historian.

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# 16<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FESTIVAL London, Ontario

**JULY 17, 18, 19, 2008**

The Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario are the proud hosts of the 16<sup>th</sup> Canadian National Square and Round Dance Festival.

This exciting event will be held in the London Convention Centre, in the heart of downtown London, Ontario



With a population of over 335,000 people, London is a thriving, commercial and industrial centre. Because of the many parks and pathways, the city has become known as "The Forest City". The area offers many attractions for the young and 'young at heart' - Museums, Art Galleries, and plenty of local History. Enjoy touring London in a Double-Decker Bus, or visit Storybook Gardens where Slippery the Seal made his great escape a number of years ago. You may also wish to try your luck at the Western Fair Raceway and Slots. Visit us in 2008 and enjoy great Dancing, Touring, Friendship and Fun.

## Make A Date For 2008

Not only is there a lot to see and do in London, but nearby there is St. Thomas, Port Stanley - situated on Lake Erie, Sparta, and many, many other interesting places. Enjoy driving through the Mennonite areas of Aylmer and St. Jacobs, and browse through their country markets. Visit Grand Bend, the home of the Huron County Playhouse, or travel to Stratford for the Shakespearean Festival. Niagara Falls, Toronto, Windsor & Detroit are only a 2 hour drive from London.



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### Festival 2008

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Have a question ? Need Information ?  
Try: [www.swosda.ca/2008](http://www.swosda.ca/2008)

Email: [convention2008@squaredance.ca](mailto:convention2008@squaredance.ca)  
Phone: 519-396-7228, FAX 519-396-6566

"Canadian Square and Round Dance Convention" sanctioned by:  
The Canadian Square and Round Dance Society.



**NOTE: Registration Fee increase as of July 1, 2007**

### UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

49th New England Square & Round Dance Convention - 27/28 April 07 - Springfield, MA [www.nesrdc.org](http://www.nesrdc.org)

46th T & D International Square&Round Dance Convention - 10-12 May 07 - St. Catharines, ON [www.tddance.ca/](http://www.tddance.ca/)

### News from LaHave River Ramblers

LaHave River Ramblers are enjoying a good season of dancing with no cancellations to date. Our two couples and one single class members are responding well to the instructions of Caller Barry Bendle.

We had in excess of seven squares at our Christmas dance, with guests from Yarmouth, Shelburne, Clyde River and Bear River. A hearty array of food trays sent the dancers home full of Christmas cheer.

In February we were able to make a financial contribution of \$342.00 to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Also in February we helped two couples celebrate their 50th anniversary, Lorraine and Delta Wamboldt and Delma and Janet Ritcey. In March we were saddened by the untimely death of Club member Bruce Kenneth "BK" Herman. He and wife Jeanette were last years graduates. We will miss his amiable personality and comradeship. Our thoughts go to Jeanette and son Kyle.

Attached pictures are of Delma & Janet Ritcey, and of Lorraine & Delta Wamboldt. They received cards of congratulations and gift certificates from their fellow dancers. May they enjoy many more years of happiness together. Our annual Friendship Dance will be April 21st at the Michelin Social Club, 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Caller is Wayne Isles. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Paul & Carol Conrad, Club Presidents



Lorraine and Delta Wamboldt



Delma & Janet Ritcey

### Every Club Should Have One!

The NB-NS Border Round Dance club is very unique.

We are probably the only dance club in Nova Scotia (maybe Canada) that has a live mascot. The Boston terrier's name is Duster and he belongs to Stan & Ollie Williams, who dance with the club on Thursday nights.

Duster comes in, socializes with all the dancers, greeting each one in turn, and when the dancing starts he heads for his bed and doesn't move until Stan or Ollie tells him that it's time to go home. He is a great little 'ice breaker' and is loved by all the dancers.

Thanks to Ollie & Stan for providing the evening's entertainment every Thursday night.

