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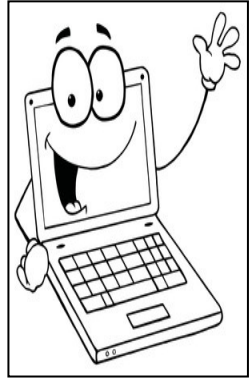
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We sincerely invite you to submit material for inclusion in your Journal. **Articles, reports, cartoons, Club news and letters to the Editor are needed on an on-going basis** to keep our publication interesting and relevant. Interesting material for reprint is welcome as well, provided permission to publish and the original source are included. Our readers are interested in the **doings of others, the history of dance activities in NB, and many of the same things you are**. Suggestions for the Journal's improvements or comments on its value are also useful. Please send all contributions to the Editor in time to meet the deadline dates.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



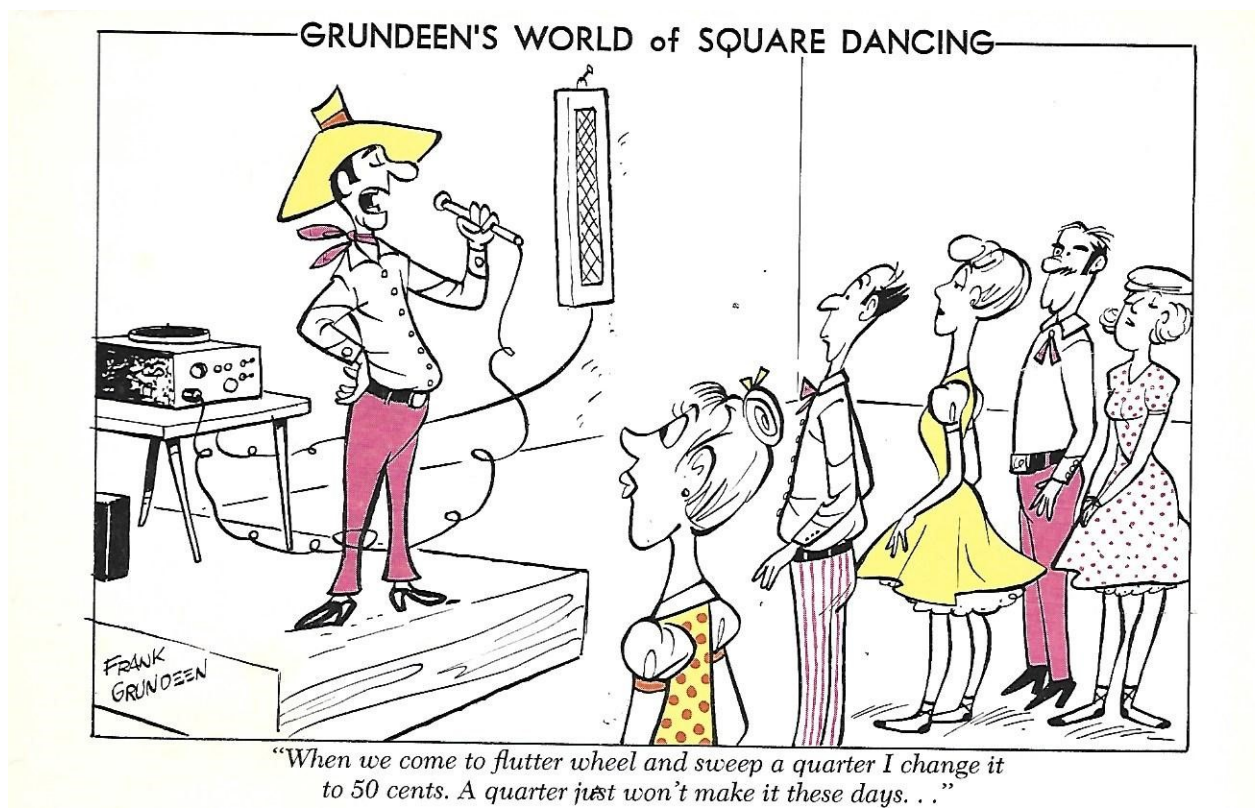
Happy May everyone! It is nice to see dancers back on the floor, especially the snow birds that have returned from the south.

Just as the regular dance season comes to a close, we can look forward to some of the special summer dancing. One of my favourite special dances is, and always has been, the Strawberry Dance! I am soooo looking forward to it. Yummy!

But first, we have the important Distinguished Service Award Presentation dance to be held at the end of the month. Anyone have any guesses who the recipients will be this year? Make sure to attend and find out!

I want to thank everyone who sent information to me and helped me prepare for this Journal. I had certainly been out of touch during Covid.

Sharon McCallum



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- access to all national dance activities and programs, sponsored by the Canadian Society through the Federation's membership in this national body.
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- listing in our Federation's Club Directory, located in the Journal, facilitating both contact between member Clubs and access to information on the Federation's activities.

So, if your Club is not already affiliated, encourage this to happen in any way you can. We hope you will agree that you really get quite a lot for very little spent.



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Hampton Hoedowners
Rounds with Terry

Tuesday

Capital City Sequence/Rounds
Starlight Promenaders
Tantramar Twirlers
Washademoak Swingers
Browns Flats Beaus and Belles

Wednesday

Woodstock Wheelers

Thursday

East Coast A's
Elm Tree Square & Round Dance

Friday

Sussex Corner Square Dance Club

Saturday

Town & Country Squares

Associations

Southwestern Association (2014): President Couple: **Ron and Barb Lowe**,
3 Willowbriar Drive, Quispamsis, NB E2G 1N3; **Tel:** 506-847-5236; **email:**
hrlowe@rogers.com.

Zone 3 (Central) Association (2013): President Couple: **Mike and Gerry Lefebvre**. 55 Christopher Drive, Burton, NB E2V 3H4 **Tel:** 506-457-8484 **mail:** gnmle5s@gmail.com

NB and PEI Callers' Association: President Couple: **Jim and Pat McLean**, 18 Millhaven Drive, Quispamsis, NB E2G 0A2 **Tel:** 506-333-5329 **email:** patandjimclean@gmail.com

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Square and Round Dance Clubs

Beaus and Belles: **Caller:** Ron Lowe; **Cuer:** Ron Lowe; **Place:** Mission Church Hall, Millidgeville;
Club Contact Ron and Barb Lowe, 3 Willowbriar Drive, Quispamsis, NB E2G 1N3 **Tel:** 506-847-5236
Email: hrloewe@rogers.com or **Tel:** 506-652-1813

Capital City Ballroom, **Email:** ford@nbnet.nb.ca **Tel:** 506-458-1362 **Place:** Willie O'Ree Place, Fredericton North,
(Cliffe Street) **Time:** Tuesday 7:00-10:00pm; **Level:** Sequence Dances, some Rounds Phase II-IV; **Contact:** David &
Audrey Ford **Tel:** 506-472-0583

East Coast 'A's: **Caller:** Ron & Barb Lowe; **Place:** St. Luke's Church Hall, Main Street, Saint John, NB
Time: In Summer, most Mondays 7:45-9:45.; **Level:** A1-A2; **Contact:** Ron and Barb Lowe, 3 Willowbriar Drive,
Quispamsis, NB E2G 1N3 **Tel:** 506-847-5236 **Email:** hrloewe@rogers.com

Elm Tree Square and Round Dance Club: **Caller/Cuer:** Terry Hebert; **Place:** Fredericton Senior Centre, 112
Johnston Avenue, Fredericton; **Time:** Thursday 7:30-10:00 pm; **Level:** Basic-Plus; Rounds: PhII –IV. **Contact:** Mel-
onie Hebert, 35 Berwick Street, Fredericton, NB E3A 4Y2 **Tel:** 506-472-1444 **Email:** sdcaller@nbnet.nb.ca

Fundy Wheelers: **Caller:** John Rathburn; **Place:** Martinon Community Centre, 3224 Westfield Rd, Grand Bay-
Westfield; **Time:** Wednesday 7:30-9:30 pm; **Level:** Class-MS-Plus; **Contact:** John & Barb Rathburn, 95 Shannon Road,
Grand Bay-Westfield NB E5K 1J9 **Tel:** 506-738-3471 **Email:** skit@nb.sympatico.ca **currently inactive**

Hampton Hoedowners: **Caller:** Ron & Barb Lowe; **Place:** Hampton Senior Resource Centre, 31 DeMille Court,
Hampton; **Time:** Club and Class; Monday 8:00-10:00 pm.; **Level:** Basic-Plus; **Contact:** Bertha Johnston, 7 Maxwell
Drive, Sussex, NB E4E 2E1 **Tel:** 506-432-5643 **Email:** bertha.johnston46@gmail.com

Rounds with Terry: **Cuer:** Terry Hebert **Place:** Fredericton Seniors Centre, 112 Johnston Avenue, Frederic-
ton, NB **Time:** Monday 7:30 pm **Level:** Rounds PH II - IV **Contact:** Terry Hebert, 35 Berwick Street, Fredetiction,
NB E3A 4Y2 **Phone:** 506-472-1444 **Email:** sdcaller@nbnet.nb.ca

Starlight Promenaders: **Caller:** Pat & Jim McLean; **Place:** Fairvale Outing Association, River Road; **Time:**
Tuesdays 8:00-10 pm; **Level:** Class/MS/Plus; A1 7:30-8:00; **Contact:** Jim & Pat McLean, 1163 Route 845, Clifton
Royal, NB E5S 2A1 **Tel:** 506-763-2634 **Email:** jpm@bellaliant.net.

Stardusters: **Caller:** Kerry Fletcher **Place:** South Woodside Community Centre, 5 Everette Street, Dart-
mouth, NS
Contact: George and Annie Robson, 902-404-7686 or **email:** grobson26@icloud.com Mainstream dancing.

Sussex Corner Dance Club: **Caller:** Rosalie Danells; **Place:** St. John's United Church Hall, 3 Needle Street, Sussex
Corner; **Time:** Friday 7:30-9:30 pm.; **Level:** Class, Mainstream, Easy level rounds. **Contact:** Rosalie and Stan Danells,
320 Lakeside Road, Hampton, NB E5N 6M6 **Tel:** 506-608-8005 **Email:** rosaliedanells81@gmail.com

Tantramar Twirlers: **Caller:** Doug Leaman; **Place:** Mount Whatley Hall, Aulac; **Time:** Tuesday 7:30-9:30 pm.;
Level: Mainstream; **Contact:** John & Judy Carlisle, 181 Pond Shore Road, Sackville, NB E1L 1M1
Tel: 506-536-1710 **Email:** jcarl@nb.sympatico.ca

Town and Country Squares: **Caller:** Ron Lowe; **Place:** Kirk McColl United Church Hall, King Street, St. Ste-
phen; **Time:** Saturday afternoon, 1:30 to 3:30 pm; **Level:** Basic-MS-Plus; **Contact:**
Tel: **Email:**

Washademoak Swingers: **Caller:** Terry Hebert; **Place:** Municipal Building, Cambridge Narrows;
Time: Tuesday 7:30-9:30 pm; **Level:** Basic-Plus; **Contact:** Terry Hebert, 35 Berwick Street, Fredericton, NB E3A
4Y2 **Tel:** 506-472-1444 **Email:** sdcaller@nbnet.nb.ca

Woodstock Wheelers (2015): **Caller:** Eugene Dickinson; **Place:** Y's Men's Club Woodstock; **Time:** Class/Club;
Wednesday 8-10 pm; **Level:** MS-Plus; **Contact:** Ron & Betty Brown, 4500 Route 105, Northampton, NB E7N 1G1
Tel: 506-328-2297 **Email:** rpbrown@nb.sympatico.ca

Certificates of Recognition

A call for recognition certificates on behalf of the Federation of Dance Clubs of New Brunswick has been ever growing in the past, so the time has come that we here in New Brunswick will honor those such milestones for our dancers in our province.

Beautiful colour Certificates have been produced by the Society for use for special recognition and presentation:

- to Clubs, Associations and Federations on 20th anniversaries and at 5 year intervals;
- to Callers, leaders and instructors on 20th anniversaries and at 5 year intervals;
- wedding anniversaries every 10 years starting with the 50th;
- Charter members, and to recognize contributions to the Square & Round Dance Society.

A sample of one of the certificates is listed below.



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Club executives can request more information on obtaining a Certificate by contacting your N.B. Provincial representative on the Board of Directors, **Eric and Dianne McCormack**, 79 Law Avenue Hampton, NB, E5N 5C2, 506 609-0038, E-Mail—ericpmcc@gmail.com

This is a sample of one of the Certificates.



Society Logo Pins Now Available

The Canadian Square and Round Dance Society now has logo lapel pins available for dancers through the Provincial PR Committee. These colourful red and white pins are 3/4" square with a single pin back and safety clasp for easy fastening. These pins provide a visible symbol of our activity. Dancers are encouraged to wear one proudly as one way to provide some individual and personal PR in their local communities. The cost is only **\$3.00** each; and any proceeds will help promote square and round dancing even more at the Provincial Federation level.

Clubs may place orders by contacting NB's PR Committee representatives, Mary Mersereau at 506-476-0706. Further contact information is given on page 2 of each Journal.

From Behind the Microphone , by Ron Lowe

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This is the second in what we hope will be a series of informative columns from our Activity Leaders. We hope the readers see value and ask to see the presentations continue.

HOW TO BE A TEAM PLAYER:

When we step into a square to dance, each of us takes on the roll of a team player, in this group of eight dancers. What is your role and what can you do to assure and perhaps improve the dancing experience for all?

Following is a list of simple steps that, with a little effort on your part, will become dancer habits and improve the dancing experience for all. When joining a square, ask yourself the questions below:

1. Am I in a head or a side position? This is also referred to as 1&3 and 2&4.
2. Who is my partner? See, I told you this would be easy.
3. What is my couple number – 1, 2, 3 or 4?
4. Am I dancing in the man or woman position? Often in today's dance world we take on different roles. If so, are others aware? Tags/badges do help.
5. Who is my corner? Opposite? Knowing who your corner is can be a big help, especially as they progressively sequence in a singing call figure.

Then, listen for the music to start and be prepared to act, as the first call may be for you.

Touching hands with adjacent dancers can help to affirm your current position.

The square "breathes" as we dance, so do what you can to keep it from losing definition or growing too large.

Generally speaking, do not extend your hands to the point that your elbows are more than four inches (10 cm) from your sides. DO NOT reach out, dance into the position or hand hold.

Keep the shoulders of the inside dancers in close proximity, especially during promenades, both on the inside and around the perimeter of the square.

Dance your part and be in your position, as this is often the best way to help others. Sometimes you can get great info by observing your position counterpart in the other squares.

When attempting to assist other dancers, DO NOT physically turn them unless they may be in danger of falling or being tripped, as usually the Leader will be watching the people and can offer assistance. An extended hand, a point or a quick whisper, often suffices. If you feel that more direction is required, ask the Caller to offer assistance, usually after the tip is ended.

In summary, the experienced dancers can and often do, provide a great environment for newer or less experienced dancers to grow. If you are a newer dancer, learn to evaluate your dancing experiences and measure your abilities. Follow the simple guidelines as listed above and allow yourself time to learn - from dancing, dancing, dancing, every place and every time you can. Once again, knowing your part, as a team player, is the best action you can take to improve the dancing experience for all. I strongly feel that most square breakdowns can be avoided. Read the Call list for the level you are dancing and self evaluate your abilities. Leave the rest to the leaders, as we are always here to help.

Too all dancers...

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Dance for Fun!

President's News

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“If you can’t get rid of the skeleton in your closet, you’d best take it out and teach it to Dance.”
---George Bernard Shaw

It has been awhile since our last journal, and a lot has happened, but we are now on the right track with COVID-19 in our rear view mirror. We saw the closure of three clubs (Country Cousins, Oromocto Pioneers and Hoban’s Heroes). Other clubs started out slow with slight set backs due to COVID -19 rearing its “ugly head”, but are now in full swing ---- catching up on lost time.

Now as to what has happened during COVID-19, we did not have our Distinguished Service Awards Dance in 2020, but we’re able to present the awards to the lucky recipients -- George Henwood, Elm Tree and Faye and Jerry Germon, Hoban’s Heroes.

The announcement of the recipients for 2021 were also delayed by a year as dancing was off and on. Thus, at the 25th Distinguished Service Awards Dance, which took place Saturday, November 5th, 2022, hosted by Elm Tree Square and Round Dance Club, presentations were made to the well deserved recipients. Congratulations to our 2021 recipients, Terry and Melonie Hebert, Elm Tree and Eric and Dianne McCormack, Directors, Federation of Dance Clubs, New Brunswick, Inc (FDCNB) and Canadian Square and Round Dance Society (CSRDS).

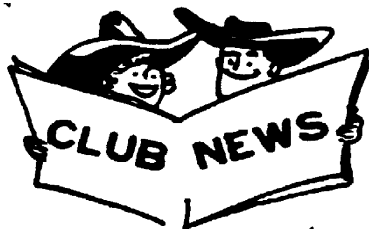
For 2022, the recipients are Clifford Jackson and Jackie Sprague, Town and Country Squares and Raymond and Linda Gallant, Country Cousins. Terry and Melonie Hebert also received the Award of Excellence from CSRDS which was presented at the 22nd Canadian National Square and Round Dance Convention this past July. All write-ups and photos can be found in pages to follow.

Upcoming events that will take place this summer and late fall will see Washademoak Swingers Annual Strawberry Dance, Saturday, July 29th, 2023, Jemseg Lions Club, Jemseg, #2 NB Route 695 and the 51st Maritime Callers and Cuers Association Convention, November 3rd and 4th, 2023 at the Best Western Plus, Glengarry, Truro, NS. Be sure to register for this event or look for more information in the pages following.

As a reminder, if you are interested in expanding your dance family and making new friends, the next Canadian National Square and Round Dance Convention will take place in Calgary, AB from July 17th to 20th, 2024. Register now if you haven’t already. Information regarding this event can be found www.squaredance.ab.ca. Of note, the Calgary Stampede will take place just prior to this event (July 5th to 14th, 2023).

Mike and I, would like to see all clubs well represented at the Awards Dance, which will take place Saturday, May 27th, 2023 hosted by Town & Country Squares, St Stephen, NB, to show their appreciation for the hard work and dedication done by clubs who have put forth a nominee, as well as, recognition for the previous recipients. We look forward to seeing you in a square or doing a round.

Mike and Gerry Lefebvre, President Couple



Editor's Note: This page(s) has been allocated to encourage clubs to write news items of their special events, to share with others their individuality. We also welcome any club to submit a brief account on what makes your club special to its members.

Contributions to this page are not limited to member clubs — anyone may submit suitable items for this space.

WASHADEMOAK SWINGERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Washademoak Swingers Square Dance Club starts dancing again!

We started dancing sporadically again in the Spring of 2022. In September we resumed our regular schedule of Tuesday evening dances with Terry Hebert as our caller. We have an enjoyable evening of dance, fun and fellowship. Due to the promotion by our regular dancers and active promotion locally and on social media, we have had several people come and try out dancing and five people continue, taking the basic class during the year. We now have close to 20 people regularly attending dances, thanks in part because dancers from other clubs join us regularly.

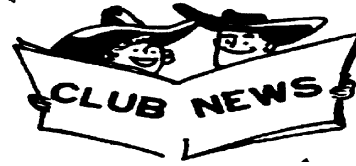
Strawberry dance resumes! This year we are excited to announce the return of the annual Strawberry Dance on July 29, 2023 from 2-4 pm. All dancers are invited. The admission will be \$10. Tasteful casual attire.

New Executive: In April 2023, we voted in a new Executive and Terry Hebert will be our new President and Joy Hollister our Secretary/Treasurer. We thank our outgoing President Joan and Bill Harding, Diane and Aubrey Trail as Secretary/Treasurer and Joy Hollister who steps from Vice-President to Secretary/Treasurer.

by Diane Trail

TOWN & COUNTRY SQUARES

We have been dancing on Saturday afternoons during the winter months and it has worked out really well. Besides taking away the need to drive after dark in potential bad weather, it has also given other clubs the opportunity to visit our regular dances. You know we love to have visitors! Come for a dance or two and stay for a lunch and some lively conversation!



OROMOCTO PIONEERS

Sadly, The Oromocto Pioneers had to fold as a club on December 31, 2022. Try as we could, we were unsuccessful at gaining new dancers. Our Vice President couple Gerry and Yvette Barriault, moved to Quebec on Gerry's retirement. Ellen Reid moved out of province to NL. Those who did want to dance could not dance for the entire dance evening. We did not have enough dancers for one square. Many health issues kept our most enthusiastic dancers on the sidelines.

Following the successful 22nd Canadian National Square and Round Dance Convention in July 2022, a survey of members was circulated in early September. The Convention was the first in-person event held at the Fredericton Convention Centre after the lifting of Covid restrictions on July 1, 2022.

The Oromocto Pioneers held an in-person Annual General Meeting on September 18, 2022, the previous one being held on May 6, 2019. The results of a member survey conducted in early September showed the membership reluctantly had to concede that the club could not continue to operate. A motion was passed declaring the Oromocto Square Dance Club would fold. The financial assets were donated to Gerry O'Hara and Elm Tree Club, and all other assets and property were then dispersed as per the OPSDC Bylaws (May 2014).

On November 14, 2022 club members held a celebratory luncheon honouring the long-time caller, Gerry O'Hara and all the dancers who supported the club throughout the years. Pictured below from left to right are:

First photo; Deborah Daigle and Brenda Currie, Gerry O'Hara in background.

Second photo; standing Carolyn Levere, Andy Stewart, Gerry Lefebvre, seated Mike Lefebvre.

Third photo; Bill Scott and Henry Daigle

Fourth photo; Elaine Graham

Fifth photo; Carol and Jim Buttmer

Sixth photo; Jean and Fred Hossack

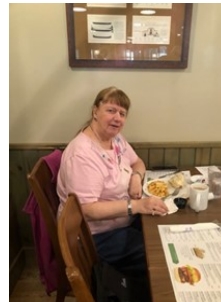
Seventh photo; Barb Jamieson and John Eldridge

Eighth photo; Vernon Cliff, Anne MacDonald, Mary Smith and Randy Pollick

Ninth photo; Gail Cusack, Les Smith, Rose Carolyn Smith, Marilyn and Garfield Dee

Absent; Sharon Kingston Eldridge, Ally Eldridge, Aiden Pierce and Natalie Brannon

Submitted by Vernon Cliff, Club President and Mary Mersereau, Secretary.



ELM TREE NEWS

We here at Elm Tree were back to dancing in early 2022 as we worked ourselves up to be able to dance at the Canadian National Convention in our city in July. We averaged between 2-3 squares most weeks leading up to the summer break and resumed dancing in September.



Like many clubs we struggled to maintain dancers during the pandemic. With the amalgamation of the Oromocto Pioneers to become part of the Elm Tree family, we have seen some familiar faces we had only seen at special dancers now on a weekly basis.

We have mainly focused on our own club and keeping within building up our strengths again. We have enjoyed the ease of our new dancing venue as we are not subjected to weaving through crowds like we were at the rink. We have the whole building to ourselves. We can be found weekly at the Fredericton Seniors Centre on Johnston Avenue Fredericton North right off main street.

We have not returned to entertaining at the senior's homes as of yet due to restrictions and our own Covid worries as well. Maybe in the fall we will look at the possibility of returning.

For the most part we have had our ups and downs with being able to meet weekly. Our Christmas gathering saw us host a pizza party for everyone. In November, we were fortunate enough to host the annual Federation's Distinguished Service Awards Dance.

As we look to the fall we hope to return to full activity again. We are hoping to have a new beginner class in the fall, start back to some light entertaining at the nursing homes and maybe even see a special dance here and there with other clubs.

We hope all clubs have had a great start back to the dance activity and take some time to recharge over the summer. I know we will all be looking forward to the Strawberry Dance in Cambridge Narrows in July.

See you on the dance floor everyone! Have a great summer!

Starlight Promenaders

Our club started dancing in late September this year. We dance at the Fairvale Outing Association building on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:30 pm. We have been averaging 2 - 3 squares each night. We have been fortunate that Ron Lowe and Rosalie Danells come out to the club, as that makes four callers in the hall and all participate during the evening. Unfortunately we don't have any new dancers this year, but we are certainly open to having some.

Our club has had three special dances (see pictures and info below). We may have a Spring Fling dance as well in late April. Our dancers have yet to decide on whether or not we will be hosting summer dances.

For information on our club, contact Jim and Pat McLean at patandjimclean@gmail.com or phone 506-333-5329.

Pat and Jim McLean



Above: Dancing during the Harvest Dance that was held on September 25, 2022

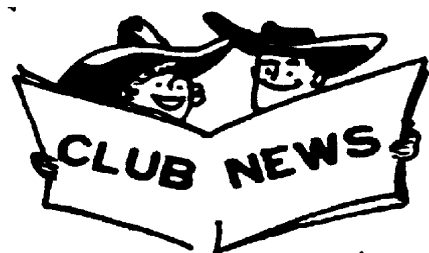
Below: All dressed in red during our Valentine's Day dance held on February 13, 2023



Pictured above during our Christmas Dance that was held on December 13, 2022.

Front row: Jim and Pat McLean, Betty Mitham, Barb and Ron Lowe, Linda Beyea, Roy Carpenter

Back row: Mabel and Ernie McGraw, Eric Stewart, Rosalie Danells, Carol MacDonald, Celine Percy, Dan and Della Tobias, Nancy Carpenter



Sussex Corner Square Dance Club

After 29 Years of Calling, A Caller Retires!

A Surprise Retirement Party was organized by the Sussex Corner Square Dance Club for Chris and Ruby Ayres, on March 10, 2023; in honor of Caller Chris and Ruby's Retirement from Square Dance Calling, Round Dance Cueing, and Contra cueing.

On behalf of the Sussex Square Dance Club, club dancer Patti Crawford-Baxter, presented Chris and Ruby with a Gift Certificate and Flowers for their many years of dedication and commitment, and fun for the Sussex Square Dance Club.

A Gift certificate was also presented to Bertha and George Johnston, for their many years of service, for being Chris and Ruby's Right-hand people for the Sussex Square Dance Club.

Chris and Ruby were so surprised and touched by the many Square Dancers entering the hall. The Callers in attendance were the following: Ron and Barb Lowe, Dottie and Gary Welch, Jim and Pat McLean, John and Barb Rathburn, and Rosalie and Stanley Danells.

Chris Ayres, introduced the Caller for the Sussex Square Dance Club, a new Caller Rosalie Danells and her husband Stanley Danells (Right-hand helper).

Rosalie, thanked Chris and Ruby, and the dancers for this great Calling opportunity as we look forward to lots of dancing fun in the future! Rosalie called a tip for the dancers and she and Chris shared the calling for the remainder of the evening.

Rosalie forwarded regrets from NB, PEI, and NS Callers who were unable to attend and read a special email to Chris and Ruby from Roger and Anna Sherren from PEI.

Chris thanked all the Club Dancers and Callers for such a wonderful Retirement Party.

Rosalie thanked Patti Crawford-Baxter and the Sussex Square Dance Club for the presentations and all those who brought the delicious lunch worked in the kitchen to make sure none of us went away hungry! Thank you to George Johnston and Stanley Danells for greeting the dancers at the door and taking care of the 50/50; and most of all for the dancers coming to support Chris and Ruby on their Calling Retirement.

Career History of Chris Ayres –Chris Ayres was born in England and moved to the Cypress Hills in Saskatchewan where he was as a Cowboy in 1952. He moved to Alberta to work as a trucker in the Oilfield; and there he learned some Square Dances in 1956 such as, " Birdie in the Cage" and "Through the Garden Gate", he later became a bush pilot. Chris said, *"I learned Square Dancing primarily to meet girls"*

Chris moved to New Brunswick in 1982 and learned to Round Dance with " Charlies Angels" in 1990 and learned Modern Western Square dancing from Doug Hoban in 1991. In1993, he proceeded to learn his Square Dance Calling skills with "Hub City Dancers"; where he also started Cueing Round Dancing. He later became an Assistant Caller at "Petti-partners" in Petitcodiac.

One winter, he taught Elementary aged children, from grades 1 to 5 to square dance in Riverside-Albert. Then he called at the "Sussex Senior Center" and eventually relocated his residence to Sussex Corner and started the Sussex Corner Square Dance Club.

Chris and Ruby are members of the Maritime Callers and Cues Association and members of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Caller's Association, and have served as New Brunswick Federation Representatives.

Chris has been calling square dances and cueing round dances for over 29 years! Congratulations Chris and Ruby on your retirement.!

Ruby and Chris will continue square and round dancing with the Sussex Corner Square Dance Club and keep supporting their local clubs.

I know their plans include some traveling to Western Canada. Enjoy!

In July, Chris Ayres will celebrate his 90th birthday. Wow! Now that is Impressive!

Written by,
Rosalie Danells
Permission of Chris Ayres



Pictured above: Left to right: Chris Ayres, Ruby Ayres, Bertha Johnson and George Johnson



Picture on the Right: Ruby and Chris Ayres cutting retirement cake.

News from our NB/PEI Callers Association

Our NB/PEI Callers Association Presidents, Jim and Pat McLean presented 25 year Calling Certificates to Chris and Ruby Ayres - pictured on the right (Chris has called for 29 years), and to John and Barb Rathburn, pictured below.

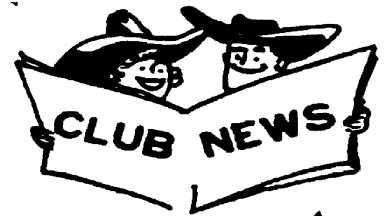
Due to Covid we were unable to have meetings or dances, so at our October 2, 2022 New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island Callers Association Meeting, these presentations were made.

Chris Ayres was originally from England, lived in Western Canada, and moved to New Brunswick in 1982. He had previous dancing experience and joined a square dance club, took up Square Dancing Calling and started two clubs: The Hub City Dancers located in Moncton, NB and The Sussex Corner Squares in Sussex, NB.

John Rathburn is from Grand Bay-Westfield, New Brunswick. John learned to square dance at the Beaus and Belles Square Dance Club in Saint John, NB and was taught by Caller Jim McLean. Then John started his own club the Fundy Wheelers Square Dance Club now located in Bayswater, NB.

Submitted by,
Rosalie Danells,
Secretary NB/PEI Callers Association





Convention 2022

Well here we are in May and it seems like such a distant memory that we hosted by far one of the premier events in New Brunswick last July during the **22nd Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention** in Fredericton. What seemed like a lot of work hinging on whether Covid-19 would allow us to gather, to pulling off an event that those who attended are still talking about, made everything worth while.



While many can say the crowd was small – and it was – 300 to be exact, which is much smaller than all the previous conventions, this convention checked off a lot of boxes for being the first. Our committee which I am thankful for, planned this convention in less than 2 years from being awarded the opportunity to host. The first to have a Canadian event in the middle of a pandemic. The first all female line up of Dignitaries to attend. The first to offer a kick ass Kitchen Party to end a successful week. It was by far a great week. A great time was had by all who attended that week. We certainly cannot have done it without all of those who attended the convention.



Left to Right: Mayor Kate Rogers, Hon. Tammy Scott Wallace, Minister of Tourism, Heritage & Culture, Her Honour Lieutenant Governor Brenda Murphy & Her Honour Linda Boyle

Convention 2022 offered so much to those who attended: dancing, seminars, workshops on all levels, contras, live music, banner parades, dancing on the front lawn of the Legislature, awards being presented, and to showing off the talents of all the great callers to come from near and wide... there was something for everyone. If you ever get the opportunity to attend a Canadian National Convention, take the opportunity to do so. Perhaps you can Stampede to Calgary in 2024, if so, plan to go early and attend the Stampede. It is an event you have to try just once!

I want to thank each and every dancer who attended, to our Maritime and New Brunswick Dancers who stepped up in every way to help us, and to our organizing committee who really gave their all for the betterment of the activity and the convention as a whole.



Our kitchen party props!

Dancing at the New
Brunswick
Legislature





Left to Right: Dottie Welch, Lionel Crowe, Kerry Fletcher, Paul Langille, Cathy Langille, Eric McCormack, Dianne McCormack, Terry Hebert, Melonie Hebert, Jim McCutcheon, Vicki McCutcheon, Mike Lefebvre, Gerry Lefebvre, Pauline Love, Gary Love, Sharon McCallum, Frank McCallum



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Meetings & Workshop
April & September
All are Welcome to Attend



**Federation of Dance Clubs of New Brunswick, Inc.
Directors and Year Started**

**Board of Directors
General Bylaw – 6 – Number and Power**

6.1 – Affairs of the Federation shall be managed by a board of eight directors who may exercise all powers and do all acts and things which may be exercised or done by the Federation and which are not by the Letters of Patent or bylaws of the Federation or by law expressly directed or required to be done by the Federation at any annual or special general meeting of the members.

General Bylaw – 10 – Term of Office

10.1 – The Director's term of office shall be for two years from the annual meeting at which he or she is elected or until his or her successor are elected. A person appointed by the director then in office shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired term of the board. A maximum of three consecutive terms may be served by any one director.

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Distinguished Service Award

The **Distinguished Service Award** was established in 1997 to officially recognize Excellence, Dedication and Outstanding Achievement in the advancement of the Square Dance, Round Dance and/or Clogging activity by Dancers, Callers Cuers and Leaders in the Province of New Brunswick (NB). The first Awards were presented in 1998. The Award(s) are presented annually, in May, as part of The Federation of Dance Clubs of New Brunswick's Annual Awards Dance. Information on the recipients is included in the Fall issue of The Journal each year.

1998 to Present

Ed & Ruth Garnett
Joan (Pittaway) Rogers
Bill & Marion Kirk
George & Joan Peabody
Al & Helen Kingston
Alan & Doreen Clays
Brenda & Reid Currie
Beth & John Dickinson
Chris Ayres & Edie Hoar
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Jim & Pat McLean
Laurie & Ruth Bishop
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Don & Claire Jones
Barb & Mel Weeks
Ruth & Laurel Lawrence
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Gary & Maybelle Pomeroy
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George Henwood
Eric & Dianne MacCormack
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Bill & Phyllis Clarke
Charlie & Rolla Ross
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Reg & Marjorie Henderson
Ron & Barb Lowe
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Cyril & Glendine Webster
Darrell & Eldora Thomas
The Late Margaret Hebert
Bryan & Belinda Spires
Doug & Esther Wilkes
Bob & Peggy O'Dell
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Richard & Traude Goodick
Erma Price
Charles & Marion Green

John & Shirley Delucry
Carl & Barb Jamieson
Jerry & Faye Germon
Terry & Melonie Hebert
Raymond & Linda Gallant

Distinguished Service Awards 2019

Faye & Jerry Germon



Faye and Jerry started square dancing in 1997 with the Hub City Dance Club in Moncton with Chris Ayers, they graduated in 1998. They were very active members of the club and were president couple in 2001. They wanted to improve their dancing skills so travelled to Petitcodiac to learn plus dancing with the Peti Partners with Charlie Holt. Faye thought she would like to become a caller and did a few tips at Hub City.

In 2002, Faye attended Alguire Memorial Callers School for a week in Masstown, NS and continued to attend the school until 2016. Faye is a member of the New Brunswick Callers Association and was secretary of the association. They have attended MECCA for many years and Faye has called at many levels of dancing at MECCA. They are also active in MECCA and were members of The Federation of Dance Clubs of New Brunswick where they served as directors for 3 years. Faye also took part in the convention in Halifax. Faye has called at many dances in the area as a guest caller, also has for years has held 2 dances for beginner dancers in Mount Whatley, NB. Faye is always striving to improve her dancing skills and is registered to attend a course called Women in Calling Institute in April 2019 being held in Richmond, Virginia, USA. They are also registered for the Convention in BC in 2020.

Faye and Jerry became our caller couple at Hoban's Heroes in September 2015 when our caller retired, our club is a plus club. Faye always arrives at our dances well prepared with great music and good calls. Faye has an excellent personality and is a very positive and happy person. We have 2 couples that travel a long distance weekly to dance with us. Faye enjoys doing some different calls. She has great appropriate music for our special dances. We have one new member couple that has joined our club. Jerry is her driver and sound man; and, encourages her in her calling, always there to help as well willing to step in to dance when needed.

We think we are very fortunate to have this couple as our caller couple; they make the evening enjoyable and would like to see them recognized for their dedication they have to dancing.

Faye and Jerry are also caller couple in Amherst, NS for Cumberland Twirlers Club, traveling over an hour each way. They are a mainstream club. Faye started calling in Amherst in 2010 when their caller retired. They are a very active club doing lots of dances at special care homes, public functions and fund raising which Faye and Jerry willingly

attend. She has graduated over 30 individual dancers since she has joined their club. Faye also is helping a new caller from their club, lending equipment and music; and, with her encouragement he attended callers school.

Faye was born in Bathurst, NB and moved to Boundary Creek when she was 12 and graduated from Salisbury High School. Jerry was born in Fredericton and moved to Allison, graduating from Moncton High School. Faye and Jerry married in 1966. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Faye worked at an insurance company in Moncton until she retired; and, Jerry worked at the CNR in Moncton until he retired.

They are both active in their community and Steeves Memorial United Church – holding many positions including stewards and trustees for Jerry, for Faye – Sunday School leader, Elder and they also sang in the choir until their church closed. They are now members of Mount Royal United Church in Moncton. Faye was also a member of The East End Food Bank and on the management team for many years.

Faye and Jerry are active in the NB Antique Car Association, having travelled across Canada with their antique car with a group of antique car lovers. They are also active in the Studebaker car club, Jerry having restored 3 antique cars.

Distinguished Service Award 2019

George Henwood



Some people may wonder who George Henwood is, they have heard the name and some may have seen him on the dance floor but do they really know who the real George Henwood is. Well those who are close to him know him and well and will tell you a little bit about who he is.

George Henwood has been a member of the dance activity as a whole for close to 65 years now. When asked a recent dance to stand and tell how long he has been dancing he rattles off a number and chuckles about his time on the dance floor. An original member of the Elm Tree Square and Round Dance Club, Charter Member of the Oromocto Pioneers, long time member of then the Capital City Rounders under the leadership of 3 different couples in his time, member of the Harvey Honeybears in his current home town and hard to say how many other clubs he danced with while being in the Army and travelled abroad.

George and his late wife Norma were at every dance they could be in their life together. George once recalled a time they were serving in the army living in Germany – we were as he used to call it a Jack of all trades & Master of None for the RCME of the Canadian Military in his day. He and Norma was dancing with a club in the town they resided and had set up a dance by bus with members of the club to dance in 9 countries in one 24-hour span. George will tell you with a great chuckle in his voice that they almost made it – if it had not been for that one horse's ass of a border guard who would not let them through! George and Chick as he referred to Norma wouldn't let that bother them that was just a speed bump in the road.

George and Chick would be found at just about every dance there was around. The both of them had a passion for dancing that could be seen by all who watched them. Acting foolish was always part of the game when the two of them danced. As years went on and Norma suffered health issues their square dance time together was fewer and fewer but when the round dance come on they were there together smiling, gazing ever so loving into each others eyes as they twirled and swung to the music. A love for dance and for each other that not only was on the square dance floor but even at fiddle doo's as George refers to them. The two of them never left the floor dancing was their love of life beyond their love for each other.

George always used to say that when it was their time to go – it would probably be on the dance floor. For Norma that was a reality. While attending a Saturday night special at an Elm Tree Dance just having left the floor from dancing one of her most beloved round dances she had requested and was listening to the caller sing her favourite singing call When the Saints Go Marching In she quietly passed amongst the family that they both had been part for some time. A loss that was felt by many that evening.

George has never been one to break away from tradition. Even though losing his beloved chick he returned to dancing to find comfort in a life he had shared with his greatest love. He continues to dance today when it doesn't interrupt with his fiddle doo night of course.

George along with Norma like many held every position within the executive of most of the clubs they danced with over the years. Always willing to lend a hand whenever it is possible he is the first to step up.

As a friend of George and Norma's I have heard many a tale over the years. I recall when George was a member of the Don Messer Jubilee in it's hay day. George still pays tribute to Don Messer each year with the aiding in the organization of the Don Messer Dance held during Harvey Community Days and I believe he is also part organizer of the Church Service that takes place not too far away from the old homestead of Don Messer. The stories of when he travelled with the Islanders from show to show on his old motorcycle. He talked one night of him and old Charlie (Chamberlain) were travelling from one town heading to the next gig and he could feel this weight on his back. George being who he was thought nothing of it at the time till he turned around to see how old Charlie was only to find he had fell asleep right there on his back. George still chuckles as to how could one ever sleep through a trip like that – the roads weren't too smooth nor was the ride of his old motorcycle back then either!

George he remained active every day. He considers himself one of the last of the old timers of the original RCME group here in Camp Gagetown. Still well respected like he was in his earlier day the group looks up to him for his guidance. George has been the organizer of the Remembrance Day Services at the old Camp Petersville cenotaph out in the middle of the training fields of Base Gagetown.

George is very busy within his community life as well. He is an active driver for those in the village who need to go to Fredericton or Saint John for Doctors Appointments or treatments, he is always the first one to his bi weekly fiddle doo in Upper Kingsclear helping set up the chairs and help the guys set up the sound system and putting chairs away each week. He can be found down at the local pewter shop at Atlantic Pewter helping the owners with pieces of their work or even could be found constructing one of his favourite pieces the railroad spike with full train and tracks on it. He could even be making some nifty square dance jewellery to sell periodically at a dance if you ever ask him so nicely.

George always has an open door policy at his place. The door is always open to visit whenever you want. The teapot is always ready to fill and a laugh or two to be had. Lord knows some may even know how to get into his house when he's not home he has returned home to some crowds of people having a good time. He will always tell you when in Harvey and you see the Charlie Little Road, swing in just look for the barn with the orange roof sit a spell and visit.

George is what square dancing is the life of the party, always willing to lend a hand even if you don't think you need it. The first to donate, the first to help, the first to joke and he might even convince you that you need to exchange money at the Nova Scotia border "cause we don't accept blue nose notes in NB"

We at Elm Tree are privileged to offer up one of the greatest friends to the activity we know it to be and know that in some way for many in the Fredericton Oromocto area know that he had a small part in shaping the activity into what it is today. There fore we feel that George Henwood is deserving of the Distinguished Service Award.

Distinguished Service Awards 2021 Eric & Dianne McCormack



There are many
cruit new dancers,

this one is unique. The couple, we are going to honour today, used to take evening walks. While walking they would pass by a house that had loads of good top soil in their yard. Now, this was of interest to this couple, because they needed some for their lawn. The wife wanted to go and knock on the door of this house, and ask the owners where they got the soil, but the husband, kept telling his wife **NO!**

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One evening, the owners of the soil were out working in their yard, when the couple walked by, and the four of them struck up a conversation. Before, these people left to walk back home, they had agreed to be picked up by their new friends, to go and try square dancing. Now, the wife in this case, was not so sure about all of this~~she certainly did not want to go in the back seat of someone else car~~because, if she did not like~~this square dancing~~she wanted to be able to leave and go home.

Well, they stayed at the dance, and ended up graduating in 1999 from the Bayswater Weavers/Fundy Wheelers. Now, we will fill you in on what they have been doing for the square dance world for the last 22 years.

Federation of Dance Clubs of New Brunswick, Inc (FDCNB)

Before long they became involved in N.B.'s first Convention, 2002. They acted as Chairpersons for the Banner Parade in Saint John, they made flags for all the Provinces and Countries in attendance, and he, designed the cover page of the 2002 Souvenir Booklet. They joined the Board of Directors of the FDCNB in 2003. 2021 marks their 16th year on the Board. They are currently the Convention 2022 Committee representatives to the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society (CSRDS). They have been NB Federation Reps to the CSRDS since 2010.

During, their first six years on the Board (2003–2009) many changes took place in the NB Federation. In 2004, they became the first provincial marketing committee. She developed a membership retention questionnaire that was completed by dancers throughout NB. She correlated the results in Power Point presentations for the Board that were shared with dancers throughout the province. As a result, he designed and mailed five thousand introductory dance flyers throughout the province. He, also designed business cards for every club to distribute to prospective dancers and mini brochures for places like doctor's offices and information booths. They worked with a graphic artist to develop the logo for FDCNB and prosed the slogan "Fun, Fitness and Friendship", both of which were adopted by the Federation Board of Directors. He held the position of Vice President for the final 2 years of their first six year term.

In 2005, when the Federation reviewed and relaxed its dress regulations based on the results of the dancer questionnaire, they visited every club in the Province to talk about and display the newly accepted Square Dance Attire.

He served as the first New Brunswick Webmaster; he designed the Web Page which was used for the 12 years he held the job.

She served as Chair of the Bursary Committee since its inception in 2013 (8 years).

South-western NB Square and Round Dance Association (SWNBSRDA)

They joined the Board of the SWNBSRDA in 2005. He did on term as Secretary Treasurer and three terms as Association President. For the first six years of the Terry Fox Dance for cancer research, they volunteered with the Fundy Wheelers/Bayswater Weavers. For the next nine years, they did it under the SWNBSRDA, three of which were while he was President.

Canadian Square and Round Dance Society (CSRDS)

In 2010, they joined the CSRDS Board of Directors, he was elected Vice President, and she accepted the task of Editor of the CSRDS Directors' Manual.

In 2012, early in their second term, he assumed the duties of the Acting/Society President for a six month period. During this same period, he found it necessary to assume the duties of Membership and Insurance Chair, a position he held for the next four years. In late 2013, the Canadian Corporations Act dealing with Not-for-Profit Corporations was completely revamped. Consequently, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and the CSRDS Directors' Manual had to be rewritten. He worked in cooperation with Bob Ruohoniemi, the Society President, on the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations. She completely rewrote the Directors' Manual. This complete refurbishment of all major documents was completed within a four month period.

In 2014, he became President of the CSRDS. He kept his Membership/Insurance portfolio and added that of Privacy Officer. She remained as Editor of the Directors' Manual and assumed the additional duties of Director for By-Laws and Regulations. In 2016, and again in 2018 he was re-elected as President of the CSRDS. They both continued with their portfolios.

In 2020, at the beginning of their sixth term on the Board, he became Past President of the CSRDS. Some changes were made in tasks. He became Chair of the Nominations Committee and Co-Chair, with her, of the Directors' Manual. She retained the By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations Portfolios.

During his tenure as CSRDS President, he represented Canadian dancers as an invited panellist of the ARTS Organization in Springfield, Ma.

They have presented numerous Certificates of Recognition for Club Anniversaries and Wedding Anniversaries throughout New Brunswick.

Where they danced:

During the past 22 years, they have danced in every club in NB, PE and many clubs in NS. They have danced in most of Canada and Eastern United States. They have attended:

17 Maritime Callers and Cuers Conventions;
Six Canadian National Conventions;
Four New England Conventions; One USA Convention;
All of the new Maritime Camporees;

Many Provincial Festivals and Jamborees in Canada and the USA; and innumerable local festivals, special dances and anniversaries. As you can see, this couple has certainly done their part for the square dancing activity. They have attended dances at all local clubs, travelled extensively promoting dancing wherever they went. They have also, promoted fun at the after parties, such as a "Screech In" to make many dancers "Honorary Newfoundlanders". Another fun thing was at a Camporee, they showed dancers how to make and play an Ugly Stick.

We are sure that by now, you know this couple we are honouring, is **Eric and Dianne McCormack**.

Thank you for all your Hard Work!!

Distinguished Service Awards 2021 Terry & Melonie Hebert



He started square dancing in 1987, graduating in 1988 from the Royal Stars Square Dance Club. He started calling the same year he graduated from square dancing. That summer, in the basement of his mentor at the time, he picked up a mic for the first time. Since then, he has called for many clubs in the Maritime provinces, parts of Canada and as well as in the US. He has been club caller for the Gagetown Guys & Gals, Oromocto Pioneers on two occasions, Town & Country Squares, Elm Tree Square & Round Dance Club, Washademoak Swingers, a stint with Woodstock Wheelers for a year and his own Round Dance Club.

In his career he has held many positions with different organizations—he has been Treasurer, President & Training Coordinator for the NBPEI Callers Association, he has been Vice President, President, Past President, back to Vice for close to 20 years with MCCA and is currently the Training Coordinator with Kerry Fletcher and, as well, Convention convener with Kerry. He has been part of the organizing committee for the Canadian National Convention in 2002 looking after the clogging program and part of the 2010 Convention in Halifax looking after the square dance & clogging programs as well as helping with the sound.

He has had the opportunity to call at 4 Canadian National Conventions in 2002, 2006, 2008 & 2010. He also called at one US National in Detroit in 2010.

Then life changed, she started dancing in 2010 and graduated from the club she is now President of in 2011. She attended her first dance with him on only their third date. One of the largest requirements of them dating was she had to understand his commitment to the activity. I guess she really did not know what she was getting herself into, but she is still by his side today.

She has been President of the Elm Tree Squares for the last 5 years. At times she has wondered what she got herself into but still smiles and keeps on going.

Together they have attended 8 Callerlab conventions across the US and have represented Canada as much as possible at each convention. They have been part of the executive of the Federation for two different stints 2009-2014 then 2016 to current. They currently hold the position of Past President, and Webmaster. Together they have hosted several MCCA conventions in Fredericton. He had hosted a few before they were together but as a duo, they are a force to be reckoned with. She has been instrumental in the used clothing sale at the last 3 MCCA Conventions and for future ones as well.

Together they have hosted some of the unique events in square dancing. From Plus Blitz days to a Leap Year Dance that seen over six squares on the floor at any one time. They have hosted New Year's Eve dances that sometimes not only had dancing but a lot of tom foolery happening as well at their dances. They even included a square dance during their wedding festivities weekend.

Over the last five plus years, he has found a renewed love in round dancing. He has really come in his own as a Round Dance Cuer and has even written some Round Dance songs himself. He also was able to record his own Square Dance single with Rhythm Records, Dance Tonight.

Outside of the activity, he is busy with the business he and his father have built together over the years. When he does have a little down time, he can if time allows be found out on the trails on the ATV. She is busy with her job as an optician at Costco as well as Vice President of the Opticians Association of NB and National Exam Council representative. She is busy with family as she has an exceptionally large one and he is busy catching up on what he can be doing in the activity to move it forward.

I am sure by the first line we all had a promising idea who we were talking about and really this is just a short bit of what they both have accomplished in the activity. They are what we call true ambassadors to the activity as a whole and we are honoured to present them with the Distinguished Service Award.

Distinguished Service Awards 2022 Clifford Jackson & Jackie Sprague



This

cross border duo teamed up 13 years ago and they have been unstoppable ever since. Clifford and Jackie have been Vice Presidents and Presidents of the club. Clifford has been a member of Town 7 Country Squares since the 1970's.

These members of our club have had perfect attendance during many seasons. Every week they bring a cooler of water for the club without fail.

Clifford & Jackie often travel to special dances that other clubs offer and they are usually encouraging other dancers to come along with them. They have attended MCCA each year, Yogi bear and Strawberry Fest dances, Annual Distinguished Awards events and many others.

In our own club, they help plan our special dances, anniversary dances and both Christmas and yearly closing dances. More often that not, Jackie has assembled a basket to be used for a fundraiser during these dances in addition to a door prize.

Jackie & Clifford have always been available for demo dances to promote square dancing in our area and in New Brunswick. You will always see them both in traditional square dance attire.

In their private lives, they are also busy. Clifford is part of the Shriners. he walks in all the parades locally. Clifford owns blueberry fields that keep him very busy in late summer. Both he and Jackie are heavily involved in the United Church in St Stephen.

Jackie is from the United States and is very active in the craft markets in her area of Topsfield, Maine. She and her daughter sew up a storm which hand crafted items. She uses her allotted time in Canada wisely – she uses it for square dancing!

In their spare time you can often catch them at the Legion Dances often mentioning to the folks there, that they should try square dancing too.

As a group, Town & Country Squares are very grateful for what they do for our club.

Distinguished Service Awards 2022 Raymond & Linda Gallant



This couple started their square dance career in 2000 and graduated in 2003. Shortly after their graduation, they became very involved in the Club's activities.

Over the years this couple have been active participants in the Club. They held the position of Vice President Couple in 2005 before becoming the President Couple for 7 years from 2006 to 2012. In 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 the couple held the position of Publicity Convener and in 2018 & 2019, one half of the couple took on the role as Vice President & Publicity Convener for the Club.

During their tenure as executive members, they attended many Federation of New Brunswick, Inc. meetings as Director Couple of the Federation and have attended many Distinguished Service Award dances over the years as well as many Terry Fox dances.

They attended many Maritime Square & Round Dance Conventions and National Square & Round Dance Conventions as well. They both have acted as Angels for the new Miramichi River Wheeler's Square Dance Club and have recently joined the Miramichi Plus Tippers club in Williamstown.

They are great promoters of square dancing as they helped organize and participated in numerous workshops throughout the area to introduce square dancing and try and encourage new members in places such as schools, senior citizens clubs, Legions, fairs and the like.

This couple has billeted square dance callers and dancers at times at their home over the years and have hosted a number of square dances at their home as well. One evening there was a power outage at our dance hall and they quickly invited everyone to dance at their home.

When we held special events and dances, they would make up signs and place them by the roadside – along Route 11 to welcome our guests and visitor dancers to our hall which was off the main highway. He has also taken up the responsibility of making up name tags for Club Members and always makes sure new members have their accreditation (s) when they graduate.

One half of this couple also became our Santa Claus for as long as we can remember. He passes out candy canes and gifts at our Christmas parties and his gesture is much appreciated by the young at heart as well as our young members. Over the years they hosted the Country Cousins Square Dance Club at their home to festivities and games which has always been well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

One half of this couple pair is especially known to show off her eagerness to showcase her seamstress skills and for her dancing in high heel shoes which is quite a feat unsurpassed by any other. She is known to have modelled 5 or more outfits at a MCCA weekend dance.

As recently, when he was approached by Joan & Bill Harding while in their tenure as Publicity Couple, he was asked to fill out a survey to help develop a brochure to promote square dancing, he immediately volunteered to translate the document to French when the discussion was had to make it a bilingual one.

They are a very valuable couple to our club and the square dance movement in general.

CONGRATULATIONS!! TO EVERYONE





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FEDERATION OF DANCE CLUBS OF NEW BRUNSWICK INC
INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE
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11:00 AM, SATURDAY MAY 27th 2023

Kirk McColl United Church Hall, 70 King Street, St Stephen, NB

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SATURDAY MAY 27th 2023

Meet and Greet 1:30 PM

Squares and Rounds 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Callers: Ron & Barb Lowe/Rosalie & Stan Danells

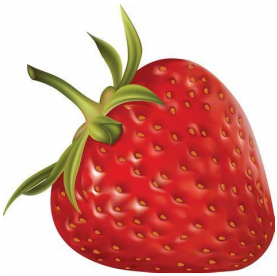
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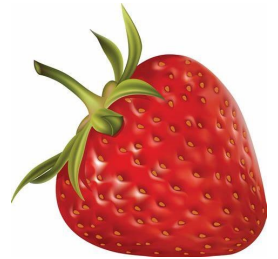
Washademoak Swingers Annual Strawberry Dance

Saturday July 29, 2023

Jemseg Lions Club, #2 NB
Route 695



Air Conditioned Building



Time: 2:00 pm

Caller & Cuer: Terry Hebert

Cost: \$10.00 per person entrance fee
Tasteful Casual Attire

Strawberry Shortcake for lunch



51st MARITIME SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION



FRIDAY, November 3, 2023

8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, November 4, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Best Western Plus Glengarry

Truro Trade & Convention Centre

150 Willow Street, Truro, NS, B2N 4Z6

Phone: 902-893-4311

Email: reservations@bwglengarry.com
(must identify yourself as part of the MCCA)

**DANCE TO MARITIME CALLERS & CUERS
from
NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK
and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**Basic – Mainstream – Plus – Advanced
Phase I to IV Rounds – Contras
Help Us Plan Ahead – Register Early!**

Square Dance attire admired, but not required.

Early Bird, Saturday morning & afternoon dances – tasteful casual attire.

All rooms will have some smooth dance surface.

Dancers under 18 years old must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

No scents would be appreciated.

Dancers, please make your own hotel reservations and identify yourselves as a square dancer attending the MCCA Convention.

Convention Chairman
 Kerry & Tammy Fletcher
 522 Arklow Drive
 Dartmouth, NS B2W 4S4
 902-499-5826
 Kerryfletcher24@gmail.com



Square Dance Programmers
 Faye & Jerry Germon
 1953 Rte 106
 Allison, NB E1G 4H3
 506-856-7880
 jfgermon@rogers.com

Registration
 Christine & Martin R- Belanger
 62 MacLauchlan Highland
 Stanhope, PEI C0A 1P0
 902-218-6399
 cmrbelanger@live.ca

Round Dance Programmers
 Terry & Melonie Hebert
 35 Berwick Street
 Fredericton, NB E3A 4Y2
 506-472-1444
 sdcaller@nbnet.nb.ca

Registration

\$45.00 per couple up to October 15th, 2023

\$50.00 per couple after October 15, 2023 and at the door

Registration desk opens at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 3rd, 2023

EARLY BIRD DANCE – CASUAL DRESS

Friday, November 3rd, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Square Dancing: Basic to Advanced
 Round Dancing: Phase II to IV

Workshops and Contras
 Basic Hall

HOTEL ROOM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Best Western Plus Glengarry, 150 Willow Street, Truro, NS B2N 4Z6

Phone: 902-893-4311, reservations@bwglengarry.com

\$160 per night, for two people

This price includes a Full Hot Breakfast!

Please make your cheque or money order for your convention registration payable to:

Maritime Callers & Cuers Association

And mail to: Christine & Martin R- Belanger, 62 MacLauchlan Highland, Stanhope, PEI C0A 1P0

First and Last Names: _____

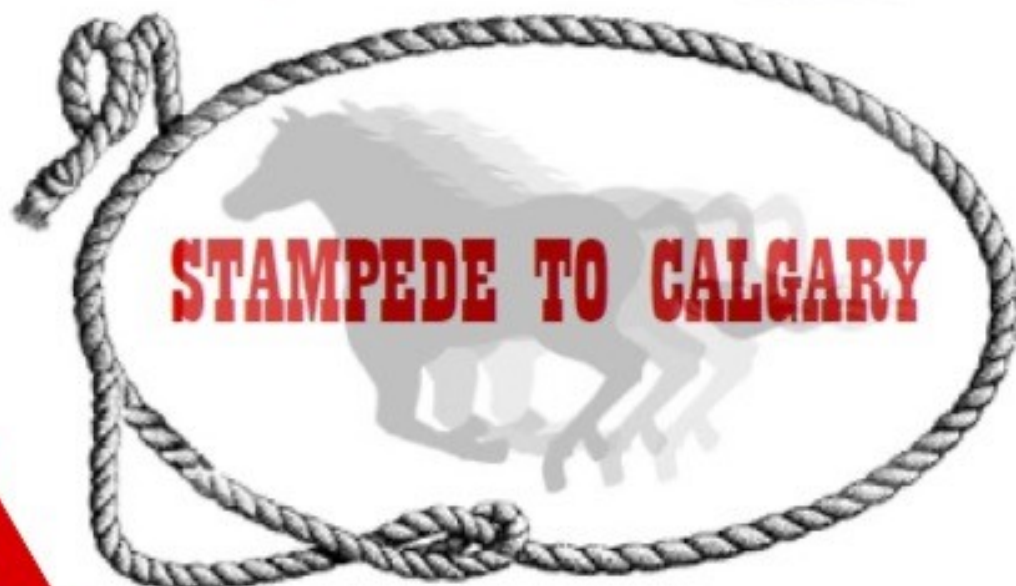
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Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ _____ Cheque [] Money Order []

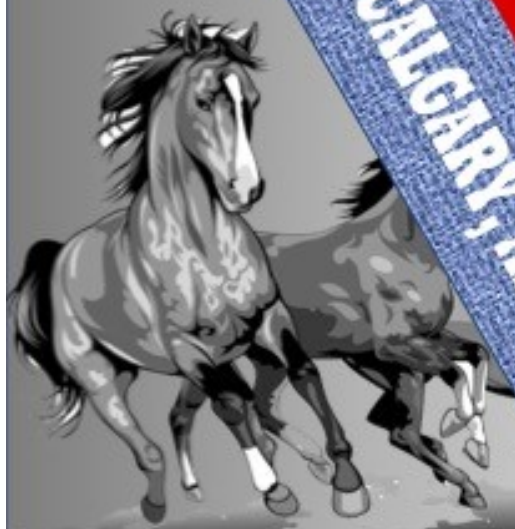
Information & Registration: www.squaredance.ab.ca

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- Hotel direct - 403-279-8611
- Toll-Free: 1-800-661-3163
- Reservations@glenmoreinn.com
- Online reservation: [Click Here](#)

This group rate is available for all the dates
between:

Friday, July 12, 2024

and

Friday, July 26, 2024

Reservations must be made no later than

Friday, June 14, 2024

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Canadian Square & Round Dance Society Festival 2024
23rd National Festival, July 17 - 20, 2024
 Glenmore Inn, 1000 Glenmore Court SE, Calgary, Alberta T2C 2E6
 Email: csrds2024festival@gmail.com / www.squaredance.ab.ca

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Please Print Clearly

Name (one person per registration)

Street Address

City/Town Province / State

Country Postal / Zip Code

Area Code & Phone Number

Email Address (for important information updates and the newsletter)

The Early Bird Registration discount is valid until September 30, 2023.

REGISTRATION & BADGES

Item	Qty	Fee	Total
Early Bird Adult		\$ 125.00	
Early Bird Youth (<18)		\$ 65.00	
Adults		\$ 150.00	
Youth (<18)		\$ 75.00	
Souvenir Book		\$ 10.00	
Maple Leaf Badge		\$ 7.50	
Alberta 2024 Bar		\$ 2.50	
Round Dance Syllabus		N/C	
Clogging Syllabus		N/C	
Trail In Dance		Included	
		Grand Total	

Payment Options: (If paying for more than one, add name to cheque or e-transfer)

Cheque and Money Order

Payable to: Alberta Square and Round Dance Federation

E-Transfer

Email to: csrds2024festival@gmail.com

Mail to: CSRDS Festival 2024 Registrar

83 Millbank Hill SW

Calgary, AB T2Y 2Z1 Canada

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DANCERS - PLEASE COMPLETE

Please use only one checkmark per dance type to indicate your preferred dance level. You are free to attend other dance levels.

[] Solo Dancer (for planning purposes)

Squares

- [] SSD
 [] Mainstream
 [] Plus
 [] A1
 [] A2
 [] C1
 [] C2

Rounds

- [] Phase II
 [] Phase III
 [] Phase IV
 [] Phase V
 [] Phase VI

Clogging

- [] Basic
 [] Intermediate
 [] Advanced

Contra []**Wheelchair** []**PROGRAMMING (Deadline February 1, 2024)**

Callers, cuers and leaders willing to take part will be contacted later with details. Please indicate the level or levels in which you are willing to participate.

Partner Name

SSD [] MS [] Plus [] A1 [] A2 [] C1 [] C2 []

Phase II [] III [] IV [] V [] VI []

Clogging [] Contra [] Wheelchair []

Please select preferred programs

Availability

Dance Form	Call/Cue	Teach	Thu	Fri	Sat
Squares					
Rounds					
Clogging					
Contra					
Wheelchair					

Education

Are you willing to lead a panel or discussion? Yes [] No []

Privacy Policy:

This information will be used solely by the Festival Committee for programming and statistical purposes.

Privacy - Photographic and Video Images:

By registering for this event, the attendee agrees that his/her photo/video may be taken and published on Canadian Square & Round Dance Society sanctioned social and/or public media.

Accommodation:

All dancers are responsible for making their own hotel/motel/camping reservations. Information to follow.

Link to Glenmore Inn Room Booking Form (Festival Headquarters)<https://reservations.travelsclick.com/1110312?groupID=3788572>**Cancellation Policy**

A 20% refund charge will be collected for cancellations prior to Feb 29, 2024, and no refunds for later cancellations. Exceptions include health and family bereavement.

Liability:

The CSRDS Festival 2024 Committee accepts no liability or responsibility for illness or injury whatsoever to persons or loss of their property while participating or attending as a spectator, any activity associated with the Festival including all forms of travel or accommodation.

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Sharon McCallum

223 Mountain Road

Beaver Harbour NB

E5H 1L7

506-456-2058

Email: sharfran@nb.sympatico.ca

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