



BETWEEN TIPS

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Highland Capers Square Dance Club Closes

The Highland Capers Square Dance Club in Sydney Mines was formed in 1974 with Charlie (Chuck) Fleming and his wife Elsie. Chuck had called in Ontario but when he retired from the Navy, they returned to Sydney Mines, Elsie's home town.

Four couples, Cliff and Yvonne Farnsworth, Leonard and Jean Finney, John and Chrissie MacLean, and Tom and Gwen Gardner, met at Trinity Church Hall to learn what modern western square dancing was all about. This was the fall of 1974. The next fall we received our badges and chose the name. Chuck wanted to call at MCCA and had to be a club caller.

We danced in various places! upstairs at the "Old Post Office" now the Municipal Building, in the hall at Sydney Mines High School, and at the S.O.B.I. Hall, now the Sydney Mines Food Bank. It was here that Chuck had us all "Route Marching" to learn Wheel and Deal. Chuck and Elsie were living in Sydney Mines but wintered in Florida. He taught us in the fall and then would leave us tapes and instructions which we diligently worked at all winter in the basement of John and Chrissie's house. We were finally stumped and frustrated by the call Half Tag Trade and Roll.

When the Flemings returned to Ontario to live and work, Tom and Leonard took the plunge and went to Caller's School at Acadia University. Under the great leadership of John and Fran Essex, Jack and Delores MacArthur, and Jim and Pat Alguire they started their careers as Square Dance Callers. Tom continued as the caller for the Highland Capers Square Dance Club. We danced in the common room at the Memorial High School and then at the Recreation Center under their banner for a number of years. New dancers came and went and many couples were exposed to the Fun and Fellowship of Square Dancing. The last ten years we have been dancing in Trinity Hall, where we first started almost 30 years ago.

We have had Wendell and Bev Carroll as members of our club and they have been cueing rounds at our club dances. The last two years we have danced PLUS, but the numbers are down and as the church is closing the hall we have decided to retire our banner and close the club. We have had many faithful dancers over the years – Cliff and Yvonne have been with us since the beginning. The dancers have been good to take offices; bring lunch and help drag the equipment over the stairs. Thanks to all of you for your support and help over the years. Keep dancing somewhere. We hope you all support the Sydney club, Town and Country Dancers, who dance on Wednesday night in Christ Church Hall in Sydney.

Tom and Gwen Gardner, Sydney Mines, N.S.
December 6, 2003

Notice to all Clubs and Dancers

Many of you have enjoyed dancing with and have fond memories of Club Members who are now deceased. A list of deceased dancers that are fondly remembered is being compiled and about to be added to our website.

The information needed for the list is:

Full Name
Nick Name (if commonly known and used)
Club or clubs regularly danced
Death Date

Please send information to our webmaster & editor,
Alex Ritchie, (address above)
to have your fondly remembered dancer added to the
list.

Following two days of snowy weather, Dec 4th saw the sunshine return to Pictou County in time for the Highland Squares Christmas Party. This year's theme was Christmas hats. Nearly 50 dancers from the Cobequid Twirlers of Truro and the Maple Leaf Whirlaways of Antigonish joined the host club to "Share that Christmas Feeling". Most brought along their personally designed hats. The many unique and varied designs attested to the creativity of these dancers. More decorated hats adorned the NSCC cafeteria with Santa looking down from the wall. A small Christmas tree stood aglow with lights in the corner and several legends of Christmas stories (from the origin of Christmas pudding to the creation of Silent Night) were displayed around the room. Then the Dance and the fun began.

Club caller Ed Giles ably led the dancers from class to plus level in many Christmas songs. At intermission, Joy MacDonald, in her special way, gave a reading entitled "Sharing". Then Anna Mae Thompson brought forth gales of laughter with her version of grandchildren praying to Santa for toys or was it to Grandma. Everyone took part in a Christmas movie quiz, covering movies like "Miracle on 34th Street", "White Christmas", "Home Alone", and others. Joy & Lloyd MacDonald took the prize for the quiz – a supply of popcorn and hot chocolate for their next home movie night.

The highlight of the evening was the Christmas hat fashion show. As their names were announced, each dancer expertly navigated the 'cat walk' to show off their creations. A descriptive commentary, given by Lola Patterson, added to the fun of the seasonal fashion parade. Judged expertly by Kitty Giles of Great Village and Vi Macintosh of Tatamagouche, the following folks received prizes for their efforts to Share that Christmas Feeling. Best Hat Couple were Minnie & Alex Burke, Antigonish, wearing ball caps where upon sat two loveable snow people straight from a winter wonderland, whose outfits matched their dancing creators. Most Original Hat Couple were Sandra & Robert Partington, Westville. Theirs was a salute to our feathered friends in winter, Sandra in an open weave tall hat reminiscent of a basket, and Robert in a low-set hat with a nest to comfort our birds in winter. Wally MacKay, Truro, captured a prize for the best Christmas feeling with the least decoration, a Christmas red, foreign legion type hat, long tail in back with peaked front, reminding us of the red cardinal that visit our yards in winter. Best representing Scrooge's Christmas feeling went to Betty Strople, Truro, for wearing no hat at all. A child's feeling of Christmas was a snow covered hat by Lola Patterson, trimmed with toy drum, a Christmas stocking, toy soldier and train. The Prettiest Hat Couple were our newest class couple of the Highland Squares, Crystal & Lionel, with a pair of country straw hats, adorned with ribbons, bows and flowers. Lila Sutherland, New Glasgow, received the prize for the smallest hat. She wore a Christmas red "Haida of the Alps" hat with long white braids and bells on top. We could almost hear the bells ringing across the alpine meadows. Most commercial prize was won by Hilton MacIntosh, in a sporty wee black number wearing a tag that guaranteed it to be a genuine, laid-back, good old age survival and combat kit. The hat that most shared the Christmas feeling went to Audrey Weatherbie. Her creation made us smile and wish we were kids again with her version of the loveable Frosty the Snowman. Prizes for the most patient couple no matter what the season went (without a doubt) to our Caller and Taw. Ed received Tylenol for all the headaches we cause when we can't figure out which is left or right. Kitty received a crying towel with a Christmas motif, for the times we test her patience beyond the pale.

Next on the program was a medley of special Christmas songs called by Jack MacArthur that soon had one and all up on the floor with toes a-tapping.

The closing tips were by caller Ed as he called to club and class dancers in his unique, up beat style some of the old Christmas favourites .

Under the direction of Paula Dunn, the ladies of Antigonish and Stellarton served a tasty buffet of sweets and sandwiches. Gerald Patterson poured the tea and Marshall Dunn replenished.

In the midst of laughter and joyous Christmas wishes, our friends departed for their homes, taking some of that special Christmas feeling with each and everyone. And leaving us feeling that warm glow of having shared that Christmas feeling with our friends.

Lola Patterson (Highland Squares)

On November 1st, at the Michelin Sports and Social Club in Waterville, friends, students, and acquaintances gathered together to recognize Mary Dunlop for having reached a milestone in her career. Reid Harrison, on behalf of Dance Nova Scotia, presented Mary with the Recognition of Service Award for thirty years of teaching. In his presentation to Mary, Mr. Harrison spoke of her leadership and professionalism and how, over the years, she has exhibited patience, sincerity and love for what she does and for the children she teaches. She has taught her students that there is a whole new world of possibilities waiting for them. A world filled with confidence, pride, and self esteem.

As a teen Mary (a native of Cape Breton) enjoyed Cape Breton Square Dancing, Scottish Country, Step Dancing and Highland. Her particular style of Cape Breton Step Dancing has won her numerous awards and accolades across the Maritimes. Over the years, Mary attended Dance and Choreography classes in PET, Ontario, Winnipeg, South Carolina, and attended callers school in Massachusetts. Today she runs four dance schools, one in Paradise, Greenwood, Berwick, and one in Kentville where her students learn a multitude of dance disciplines which include Clogging, Scottish Country, Square Dancing, Tap, Hip Hop, Acadian Step Dancing, Highland, Line Dancing, and Irish. Mary also calls for two Square Dance Clubs in the Annapolis Valley, Hightide Twirlers in Hantsport and the Tartan Twirlers in Torbrook, and has guest called as far away as British Columbia.

Mary has taught at elementary and secondary schools, recreational facilities, parks, exhibitions, guide camps, universities, malls and camp grounds. Her expertise in a wide variety of disciplines has afforded her the opportunity to judge and adjudicate at several competitions. She works with numerous communities across the Valley, volunteering her time and that of her dancers to perform at seniors homes, hospitals, and fundraises for the Canadian Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke Foundations, countless community fundraises, Christmas Daddies, Family Shelters, Food Banks, and Palliative Care Units

Mary has encouraged her students to share their love of music and dance and as a result has turned out seven very capable dance instructors. Under her leadership, her dancers have gained unparalleled popularity and recognition through their performances at Disney World, the Kennedy Space Centre, Rhythms of the World in Toronto, Ontario Place, The CN Tower, Fiddlers and Followers in PEI, the 24th Newfoundland and Labrador Folk Festival, Port Aux Basque Viking Days, Multicultural performances from Halifax to Ottawa, and July 4th celebrations in the USA to mention only a few.

Dance Nova Scotia has recognized Mary on two previous occasions. In 1997 Mary received a Recognition of Service Award for Outstanding Contribution to Dance, and in 1998 was awarded the John Essex Award for Excellence in Teaching Dance.

When asked to what she attributes her energy and longevity of teaching she said, "I believe that all teachers (no matter what they teach) must never lose their own enthusiasm to learn. Through the children and my peers, I learn something every day. Over the past thirty years I have endeavoured to instill and promote fun and fitness by using dance as the tool. I have been blessed with the opportunity to teach and touch the lives of so many children. Today I teach the children of the children I once taught".

Following Mr. Harrison's presentation, Brenda Vidito, on behalf of the parents support group presented Mary with a beautiful bouquet of flowers as everyone in the hall gave her a well deserved standing ovation.

Congratulations are indeed in order for Mary as she celebrates her thirty years of dance in our communities - well done Mary.



Mary Dunlop - 30 Year Milestone

Square & Round Dance clubs
Registered with the
Square & Round Dance Federation of Nova Scotia
For 2003/2004 as of January 24, 2004

APPLE VALLEY DANCERS

Plus & easy Rounds
Tuesdays 8:00-10:00 pm
St. Mary's Elementary School, Aylesford
Caller: Nelson Labor
Contact: Nelson & Pat Labor
36 Willow St.
Kingston, NS B0P 1R0
(902) 765-2247 pnlabor@auracom.com

BLUENOSE TWIRLERS

Basic & Mainstream
Tuesdays 8:00-10:00 pm
Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 61 William St., Yarmouth
Caller: Elmer Lennox
Contact: Dan & Jeanette Burke
R.R. # 3, Box 49
Tusket, NS B0W 3M0
(902) 648-2593 jandan@vtechworld.com

COORDINATORS

Plus
Mondays 8:00-10:00 pm
North Woodside Community Centre, 230 Pleasant St.,
Dartmouth
Caller: Dottie Welch
Contact: Mary Sargeant
31 Esdaile Ave.
Dartmouth, NS B2Y 3N5
(902) 463-3170 msargent@ns.sympatico.ca

DANSEURS ACADIENS

Mainstream
Thursdays 8:00-10:00 pm
Saulnierville School Gym, Saulnierville
Callers: George & Wendy Michaels
Contact: Lester & Yvonne Comeau
Box 8, Meteghan, NS B0W 2J0
(902) 645-2808 lester.c@ns.sympatico.ca

FUN TIME ROUNDS

Ph II-III Rounds
Mondays 8:00-10:00 pm
Bloomfield Centre, Argicola St., Halifax
Leaders: Larry & Marg Clark
Contact: Larry & Marg Clark
24 Heritage Ct.
Fall River, NS B2T 1E7
(902) 860-0886 clarks@accesscable.net

GOLDEN SQUARES & ROUNDS

Basic Sqs / Easy Rnds
Wednesdays 10:00-11:30 am / Fridays 10:00-11:30 am
Dartmouth Senior Service Centre
Caller/Cuer: Alex Ritchie & Bernice Thurber
Contact: Alex Ritchie
58 Oakdale Crescent
Dartmouth, NS B3A 2L8
(902) 469-1492 alexr@eastlink.ca

BERWICK BELLES "N" BEAUS

Basic & Mainstream
Thursdays 8:00-10:30 pm
Berwick Town Hall, Berwick
Caller: Barry Walker
Contact: Linda Hiltz
37 Crescent Pt Rd RR 3
Springfield, NS B0R 1H0
(902) 547-2944 hiltz_forest@ns.sympatico.ca

CELTIC ROUND DANCERS

Ph II-IV Rounds
TBA
Carroll's Home, 21 Minwell Ave., Sydney
Leaders: Wendell & Bev Carroll
Contact: Wendel & Bev Carroll
21 Minwell Ave.
Sydney, NS B1M 1A7
(902) 562-4262 bev-wendell@yahoo.ca

CUMBERLAND TWIRLERS

Mainstream
Tuesdays 8:00-10:00 pm
Jonathan McCully Elementary School, Nappan
Caller: Ken Eagles
Contact: Laurence & Alice Harrison
41 Clifford St
Amherst, NS B4H 2G3
(902) 667-2021 landaharrison@eastlink.ca

DOUBLE DORY DANCERS

Class & Mainstream
Saturdays 8:00-10:00 pm
Rosedale New Horizons Hall, Hwy 10, New Germany
Caller: Neil & Kathy Dorey
Contact: Neil & Kathy Dorey
736 - Hwy 208
RR # 4
New Germany, NS B0R 1E0
(902) 644-2757 nkdorey@auracom.com

FUN SQUARES

Mainstream & Ph II Rounds
Saturdays 8:00-10:00 pm
St. Lukes Anglican Church Hall, Veterans Ave.,
Dartmouth
Callers: Bruce, Mark, & Wade Savage
Contact: Bruce Savage
37 Bumpy Lane
Lake Echo, NS B3E 1B8
(902) 829-2075 brucesavage@accesswave.ca

HIGHLAND CAPERS

Plus & Rounds
Mondays (7:30 class) 8:00-10:00 pm
Trinity Church Hall, Queen St., Sydney Mines
Caller: Tom Gardner / Cuer: Wendell Carroll
Contact: Ida & John Finney
3 View St
Sydney Mines, NS B1V 1G8
(902) 736-9289

BLUENOSE R V SQUARES (Chapter C-182)

Mainstream
One Weekend per Month from May to October
inclusive
Various campground locations in Nova Scotia
Caller: Vicky Elliott (member# 12329)
Contact: Keith & Barbara Harrison
24 1st Street
Hammonds Plains, NS B4B 1P8
(902) 865-7476

COBEQUID TWIRLERS

Mainstream, Rounds
Tuesdays 8:00-10:00 pm Rounds at 7:00 pm
Bible Hill Village Hall, Bible Hill
Caller: Ed Giles
Contact: Ed & Kitty Giles
74 Little Dyke Road
R.R. # 1, Great Village, NS B0M 1L0
(902) 662-3159 ekgiles@hotmail.com

DANCING SHADOWS

Ph III-V Rounds
Wednesdays 8:00-10:00 pm
St Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall, School St.,
Dartmouth
Leaders: Alex Ritchie & Bernice Thurber
Contact: Alex Ritchie
58 Oakdale Crescent
Dartmouth, NS B3A 2L8
(902) 469-1492 alexr@eastlink.ca

FOUR SEASON SQUARES

Basic & Mainstream
Fridays 8:00-10:00 pm
Anglican Parish Hall, Deep Brook
Caller: Wayne Isles
Contact: Wayne & Linda Isles
P.O. Box 9
Clementsport, NS B0S 1E0
(902) 638-8081 wayne.linda@ns.sympatico.ca

FUNDY SQUARES

Basic & Mainstream
Wednesdays 8:00-10:00 pm
Wilmot Community Centre, Wilmot
Caller: Tommy Collins
Contact: Jack & Irene Barlow
R.R. # 1
Wilmot, NS B0P 1W0
(902) 765-4962 scole@ns.sympatico.ca

HIGHLAND SQUARES

Mainstream & Plus
Thursdays 8:00-? pm
NS Community College, 39 Acadia Ave., Stellarton
Caller: Ed Giles
Contact: Gerald & Lola Patterson
438 Cameron Ave.
New Glasgow, NS B2H 1T6
(902) 752-4727 gerald.patterson@ns.sympatico.ca

IN THE PINK

Ph III-V Rounds
 Fridays 8:00-10:00 pm
 Rockingham Community Centre, Rockingham,
 Bedford Hwy.
 Leaders: John & Valerie Pinks
 Contact: John & Valerie Pinks
 11 MacDonald Pt Rd
 Seabright, NS B3Z 2Y2
 (902) 823-2230 jandvpinks@cs.com

MAPLELEAF WHIRLAWAYS

Mainstream
 Mondays 8:00-10:00 pm
 St. James United Church Hall, Antigonish
 Callers: Ralph MacDonald & Murray Workman
 Contact: Allister & Harriet Cameron
 R.R. # 5
 Antigonish, NS B2G 2L3

NB - NS BORDER ROUNDERS

Ph II-IV Rounds
 Thursdays 7:00-10:00 pm
 Jonathan McCully School, Nappan
 Leaders: Beth & John Dickinson
 Contact: David & Brenda Van Zoast
 R.R. # 7 Stn Main
 Amherst, NS B4H 3Y5
 (902) 667-3088

RIVERVIEW DANCERS

Mainstream
 Wednesdays 8:00-10:00 pm
 Wilmot Community Hall, Hwy #1 Wilmot
 Caller: Tommy Collins
 Contact: Tommy Collins
 RR 5
 Kingston, NS B0P 1R0
 (902) 847-9087

STARDUSTERS

Mainstream & Ph II Rounds
 Thursdays 8:00-10:00 pm
 South Woodside Community Centre
 5 Everett St., Dartmouth
 Caller: Kerry Fletcher
 Contact: David Stewart
 317 Beaver Bank Road
 Beaverbank, NS B4E 1K1
 (902) 865-6810

TIMBERLEA TWIRLERS

Mainstream
 Mondays 8:00-10:00 pm
 Lakeside Fire Hall, Myra Rd., Timberlea
 Caller: Barry Bendle
 Contact: Barry & Dyanna Bendle
 76 Prestwick Close, Suite 102
 Halifax, NS B3S 1M4
 (902) 876-2266

VALLEY ROUNDERS

Ph II Rounds
 Thursdays, 7:00-10:00 pm
 Leader: Pat Labor
 Contact: Pat & Nelson Labor
 36 Willow St.
 Kingston, NS B0P 1R0
 (902) 765-2247 pnlabor@auracom.com

LAHAVE RIVER RAMBLERS

Mainstream
 Thursdays 7:30-10:00 pm
 Wileville Fire Hall, Wileville, Exit 13 off Hwy #103
 Caller: Barry Bendle
 Contact: Ruth Murray, Secretary
 P.O. Box 155 Bridgewater, NS B4V 2W8
 (902) 543-1817 paul.conrad@ns.sympatico.ca

METRO MERRY MAKERS / OCEAN WAVES

Mainstream, Plus, & A1 Workshop
 Tuesdays 8:00-10:00 pm, (Fri 8:00-10:00 pm for A1)
 Bloomfield School, Agricola St., Halifax
 Callers: Mark, Wade, & Bruce Savage
 (& Kerry Fletcher for A1)
 Contact: Paul & Reta Blades
 94 King Rd
 Wellington, NS B2T 1A2
 (902) 861-1972 paul.blades@pwgsc.gc.ca

RAG ROUNDS

Ph II-III Rounds
 Mondays 8:00-10:00 pm
 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall, School St.,
 Dartmouth
 Leaders: Alex Ritchie & Bernice Thurber
 Contact: Alex Ritchie
 58 Oakdale Crescent
 Dartmouth, NS B3A 2L8
 (902) 469-1492 alex@eastlink.ca

SAIL SETS

A-1 & A-2 Squares
 Tuesdays 7:30-10:00 pm
 Grosvenor Wentworth Park School,
 Downing St., Rockingham
 Caller: Dottie Welch
 Contact: Dottie & Gary Welch
 415 Conrad Road
 Lawrencetown, NS B2Z 1S3
 (902) 435-4544 dwelch@orion.stmarvs.ca

STRATHMOR STRUTTERS

Mainstream / Plus / Class
 Mondays / Wednesdays / Thursdays
 All 8-10 pm
 Bob's Hall, 12281 Lower Onslow
 Caller: Bob Fiddes
 Contact: Tony & Diane Fleck
 RR 5
 Truro, NS B2N 5B3
 (902) 897-9921 tfleck@nsac.ns.ca

TOWN & COUNTRY DANCERS

Basic & Mainstream
 Wednesdays 8:00-10:00 pm
 Christ Church Hall, Trinity Ave., Sydney
 Caller: Tom Gardiner
 Contact: Babe & Allyson Cormier
 40 Maple creek Dr.
 Sydney, NS B1L 1C4
 (902) 562-1374

WEST KINGS TWIRLERS

Basic, Mainstream, & Plus
 Fridays 8:00-10:00 pm
 Melvern Community Center, Melvern
 Callers: Nelson Labor & Laurie Illsley; Cuer: Pat Labor
 Contact: Jim & Shirley Robinson
 Box 634, Greenwood, NS B0P 1N0
 (902) 765-2295 jjmahirl@ns.sympatico.ca

LAKE CITY SWINGERS

Mainstream
 Thursdays 7:30-9:30 pm
 North Woodside Community Centre,
 230 Pleasant St., Dartmouth
 Caller: Dottie Welch
 Contact: Dottie & Gary Welch
 415 Conrad Road
 Lawrencetown, NS B2Z 1S3
 (902) 435-4544 dwelch@orion.stmarvs.ca

MOTIVATORS

Challenge
 Varies
 Welch's Home, 415 Conrad Rd., Lawrencetown, Hfx.
 Co.
 Caller: Dottie Welch
 Contact: Dottie & Gary Welch
 415 Conrad Road
 Lawrencetown, NS B2Z 1S3
 (902) 435-4544 dwelch@orion.stmarvs.ca

RAINBOW DANCERS

Mainstream
 2nd & 4th Mondays 8:00-10:00 pm
 Woodville Community Centre
 Caller: Nelson Labor
 Contact: Don & Jean Killam
 R.R. # 2
 Waterville, NS B0P 1V0
 (902) 538-3949 don.killam@ns.sympatico.ca

SCOTIA DANCERS

Mainstream
 Wednesdays 8:00-10:00 pm
 Sackville Hights Community Centre
 Lower Sackville
 Caller: Pat Matheson
 Contact: Ken & Jean Murphy
 296 Patton Road
 Upper Sackville, NS B4E 3C1
 (902) 865-8851

SUNRISE SQUARES

Class & Mainstream
 Fridays 8:00-10:00 pm
 MARC, Dayspring
 Caller: Neil & Kathy Dorey
 Contact: Neil & Kathy Dorey
 736 - Hwy 208 RR # 4
 New Germany, NS B0R 1E0
 (902) 644-2757 nkdorey@auracom.com

VALLEY SQUARES

Basic & Mainstream
 Not regular
 Not regular
 Caller: James R. Webber
 Contact: James R. Webber
 R.R. # 1
 Bridgetown, NS B0S 1C0
 (902) 584-3624

YOUNG COUNTRY DANCERS

Mainstream, Plus, & Ph II/III Rounds
 Wednesdays 8:00-? pm
 Kentville Lions Hall, 78 River St. Kentville
 Caller: Barry Walker
 Contact: Barry & Claire Walker
 Box 178
 Aylesford, NS B0P 1C0
 (902) 847-3539 vcd@eastlink.ca