



METRO MATTERS

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METRO SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

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METRO ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Summer Dancing 2011:

- Last summer we had an average of two squares present at the ten summer dances. With the fund raising dance at the beginning and the live music dance at the end, this resulted in a profit of \$249 for Metro.
- Callers included Barry and Dyanna Bendle, Kerry Fletcher, Bruce Savage, Mark & Jackie Savage, Barry & Claire Walker, Dottie & Gary Welch, and Ted Hughes (visiting from Massachusetts).
- Lionel Crowe cued at several of the dances.
- Mary Sargeant was a loyal attendee who helped with the door duties several times.
- Several new graduates attended one or more of the dances to hone their skills.
- We also had a few visitors including one couple from California who attended the US National in Detroit and then continued east to tour the Maritimes.
- Judging by the average arrival time, we plan to change the start time to 8 pm next summer.

New Year's Eve Dance, December 31, 2011:

- **Potluck Supper at 7:30 p.m.** (Coordinate your food contribution through Dottie)
- **Dancing 9 p.m. to Midnight plus a tip**
- **Basic, Mainstream, Phase II Rounds, Contras, Mixers**
- **Caller and Cuer: Dottie Welch**
- **Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, School Street, Dartmouth, NS**
- **Admission \$10 per person for the dance**
- **Information:** Dottie & Gary Welch, 435-4544, dwelch@eastlink.ca
Or Don and Carol Scott, 865-5780, dwscott@ns.sympatico.ca

Heart Fund Dance 2012 scheduled for Saturday, February 25th:

- This year Metro Association will host its 16th Annual Heart Fund Dance in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia at North Woodside Community Centre in Dartmouth on Saturday, February 25th, 2012.
- This dance will feature live music by the Metro Fiddlers with Dottie Welch calling.
- It is open to the general public who will have an opportunity to try square dancing.
- Invite your friends to come, hear, and dance to this toe-tapping music.
- We hope the entry fee of free-will donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation will better our past records for generosity to this worthy cause.
- Square and Round Dancing is strongly recommended as an excellent activity for maintaining a healthy heart.

Canadian Square & Round Dance Society Appeal To support Earthquake and Tsunami victims

On July 10, 2011 Japan was devastated by one of the worst earthquakes of all time. This earthquake and the resulting tsunamis have killed thousands and left many more thousands homeless, without food, water, or shelter.

Many of these unfortunate people are fellow square dancers or their relatives and friends.

The CSRDS will collect the monies and forward them to the Japan Square Dance Association to distribute to the needy as they see fit.

This is an opportunity for the square dance world to unite for a common cause.

Send cheque or postal money order made payable to
"Square and Round Dance Federation of Nova Scotia",
Marked as "Japanese Sq. Dancer Appeal"

Mail to: CSRDS Japanese Sq. Dancer Appeal
c/o Dance Nova Scotia

1113 Marginal Road, Halifax, NS B3H 4P7

All donations will be acknowledged (no charitable tax receipts are available).

Our provincial goal is at least \$3 per dancer donated towards this cause.

Clubs are encouraged to hold a Japanese Night and make their contribution as a group.

42nd Maritime Square and Round Dance Convention Prince Edward Delta Hotel, Charlottetown, P. E. I. November 4-5, 2011

- Plan to support our Maritime Convention, make and renew valuable friendships!
- The new click flooring (purchased with the support of profits from the Halifax Canadian National 2010) will be in use. All halls will have some hard surface dance floor.
- Dancing begins at 2 pm Friday with the Early Bird Dance.
- If you are not already registered, the \$45 per couple registration is payable at the door.

Canadian National Festival 2014 to be held in Ottawa

July 17-19, 2014 at the new Ottawa Convention Centre

Website is <www.Festival2014.ca>

Are you planning to make Ottawa part of your 2014 summer?

Parkland at the Lakes – New Dancing Opportunity

- As part of Metro's attempt to promote Square and Round Dancing, we have arranged some afternoon community dancing.
- On first and third Wednesdays each month from 2-3:30 pm there will be dancing at Parkland at the Lakes, 82 Baker Drive, Dartmouth.
- The dancing is in the theater room of Harris Hall.
- Parking is available in the visitor's lot near Baker Drive.
- Attendance is primarily aimed at residents and neighbors of the Parkland at the Lakes facility, but it is open to any interested dancers from the community.
- Please come and join the fun and help us promote Square and Round Dancing.