



HALIFAX NATIONAL FESTIVAL 2010 NEWSLETTER – JULY 2008

17th Canadian National Square and Round Dance Convention July 29, 30 & 31, 2010 Halifax, Nova Scotia

Ahoy Mates!

'Tis a nautical province ye'll be visiting with the sea never more than 100 kilometres away.

Tourist Information – "View from the Crow's Nest":



Tourist Information for your adventures before or after the Convention can be found at the **Nova Scotia provincial website** <http://novascotia.com> or the municipal sites at www.halifax.ca/visitors or <http://destinationhalifax.com>. This is the land of world record high tides in the Bay of Fundy, the Lighthouse Trail and the Marine Drive along the Atlantic coast, the Cabot Trail in Cape Breton, and lots of Canadian history including the first European settlement in 1604 at Port-Royal.



If you have time to explore more of the Maritimes, there are many wonderful covered bridges in New Brunswick and a bridge or ferry connects us to beautiful Prince Edward Island of "Anne of Green Gables" fame.



Cookbook – "From the Galley"

*Nutritious and Delicious
Nova Scotia Dishes*



Square and Round Dance
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The Bluenose RV Campers have coordinated the collection of more than 440 recipes from dancers in the Maritimes. We are delighted to announce that this cookbook is now available for \$10 apiece.



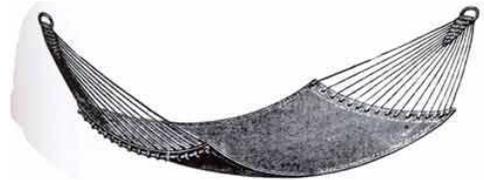
World Trade & Convention Centre and Metro Centre – "Chief Port of Call":



All dancing will take place within this combined venue. It is centrally located in downtown Halifax just below the Town Clock and overlooking the harbour from the slopes of Citadel Hill. It is entirely air-conditioned, and interconnected with escalators and elevators. We will provide the best floors we can with either polished cement or some hard surface in all areas. At peak times the dancing may expand onto carpet so bring appropriate shoes if possible.

Accommodations – "Berths and Hammock Hooks":

Several **hotels** are within easy walking distance of the dancing. These are accessible through pedways, or within a few short blocks. The attached map shows the closest accommodations. The top three choices are the two Deltas (1-800-268-1133) and the Prince George (1-800-565-1567). Details about all hotels,



motels, inns and hostels can be found at www.novascotia.com or by searching the websites of the hotel chains. All hotels have a high occupancy rate so make your reservations soon.

The closest commercial **campsites** are 16-20 kilometres or 9-12 miles away. There are limited city bus connections to Woodhaven Park and Shubie Park. In addition we plan to arrange transportation from and to Woodhaven Park each morning and evening.

Restaurants – "Down the Hatch":

Restaurants abound in the prime tourist area of downtown Halifax. There's seafood of course, but also look for various ethnic choices catering to tourists from around the world.



Parking – "Anchorage":



Parking is available at most downtown hotels. Scotia Square has a multilevel parking garage within one block of the dance venue. Please see the attached map for other parking locations.

Registration – "From the Purser's Office":

Registration is \$105 per adult dancer and \$50 per youth dancer until 31 December 2008. After that the cost increases to \$125 per adult and \$60 per youth. Come visit one of our tables in London, Ontario to register in person. Please plan to **pay by cheque or money order in Canadian or U.S. Funds.** Sorry, but it was impossible to arrange for payment by credit card. Contact Ralph & Valerie Brown, Registration Chaircouple, at rwjbbrown@eastlink.ca or 902-543-5278.

Program – "Action Stations":

The Program will include Basic, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, and Challenge Squares, Contras, Rounds, Clogging, and Wheelchair dancing. There will be a **Trail In Dance** on Wednesday evening in the Metro Centre to welcome early arrivals. **Solos** are welcome and will have meeting spots. Remember that your early registration helps us plan appropriately.

The **Program Committee** includes several planners with prior experience organizing a Canadian National Convention, so both leaders and dancers can expect a smooth program designed to maximize the enjoyment of all. For program information contact Dottie Welch, dwelch@ap.stmarys.ca or 902-435-4544 regarding Squares and Contras, John & Valerie Pinks, jandvpinks@cs.com or 902-823-2230 regarding Rounds, and Terry Hebert, sdcaller@nbnet.nb.ca or 506-472-1444 regarding Clogging.

Other Events – "Deck Stroll":

Plan to participate in some other events. Bring your club or regional banner for the **Banner Parade**. Begin planning a new outfit for display at the **Fashion Show** and let us know if you want to participate. There will be various **Clinics for Leaders** so let us know if you want to lead one or would like to attend one on a certain topic.



Dance Attire – "Pea Coats and Shiny Buttons":

Square Dance Attire will be on sale in various Square Dance Shops. Please plan to wear Traditional Attire at the evening events.

Information – "The Latest Scuttlebutt":

Information, registration forms, and newsletters are available on our website.

Click on the 2010 button at www.squaredance.ns.ca

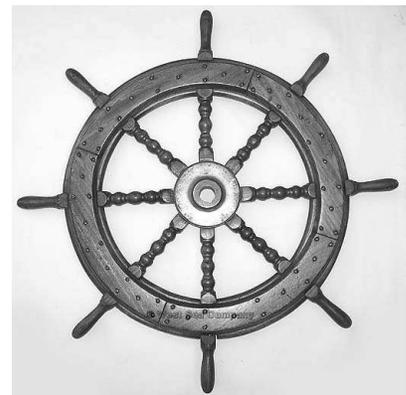
Festival 2010 Committee Activity – "All Hands on Deck":

Nova Scotians and other Maritimers are busy with several Festival 2010 tasks. Many thanks go to all the volunteers.

Watch for our **Promotional Show** during the closing ceremonies in London. We have been practicing a special series of dances showcasing Nova Scotia heritage.

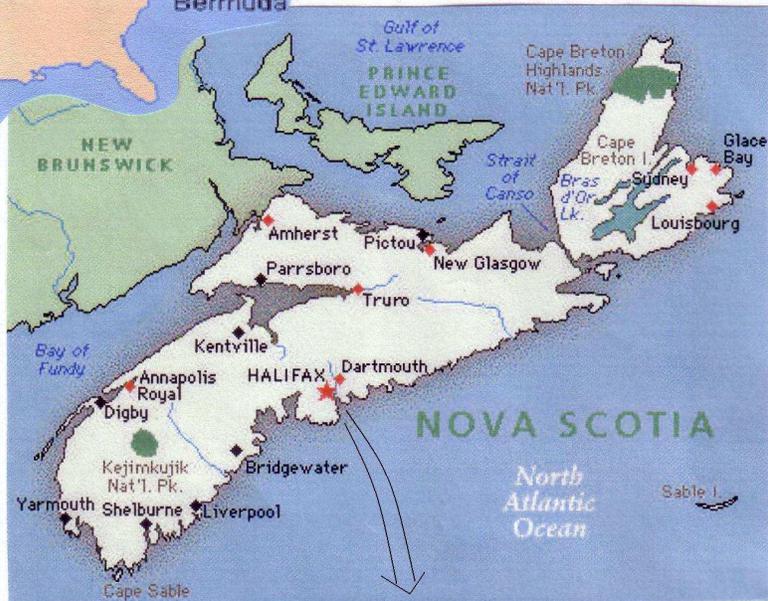
A blue and white queen size **Quilt** is being pieced together by volunteer quilters. Raffle tickets will be available in 2009.

Many clubs are organizing **Festival 2010 Promotional Dances**. Please don your tartan and support as many of these as you can attend.





Welcome to Nova Scotia



Downtown Halifax in 2008

