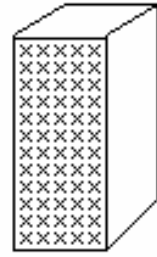


ANSSRDT NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2005

DATE OF OUR NEXT MEETING: Saturday, September 10, 2005

LOCATION: E. H. Horne School in Enfield. Off Highway 102 take exit 7 going towards the Irving Big Stop on old route 2. The school is a large brick building on the left opposite the cemetery.

SCHEDULE: For more info contact Kathy Dorey, nkdorey@ns.sympatico.ca, 644-2757

Note Change in Plans – Since most of the Cuers could not be present they have opted to cancel their workshop time. Therefore we have scheduled more time for Caller workshops.

9:00 – 9:30 Meet, Greet, and Second Hand Record Box time

9:30 – 11:00 Sight Calling for the new caller and / or new dancers.

Resolving from Facing Lines and using only moves up to Bend the Line.

11:00 – 12:00 ANSSRDT Business Meeting

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 3:30 Callers: Four couples of new dancers will be present. Each caller is assigned a move to teach to these brand new dancers. If your move cannot be done from a Squared Up Set, consider how to move the dancers into an applicable formation and how to repeat the move if necessary. Your job is to describe the move precisely.

Bonus points for finding a way to resolve. The assignments follow.

Paul B.	Dancer Naming, Circle Left/Right	Barry B.	Wheel & Deal from 2-faced lines
Fran A.	Right & Left Grand, Promenade	Dottie W.	Spin the Top
Laurie I.	Flutterwheel	Dave P.	Swing Thru
Ed G.	Lead Right, Circle to a Line	Wayne I.	Scoot Back
Pat M.	Star Thru	Ken E.	Ladies Chain
Kerry F.	Square Thru 4	Terry L.	Right and Left Thru
Ralph M.	Walk and Dodge	Barry W.	Circulates (centres, ends)
Neil D.	Pass Thru, Cloverleaf	Nelson L.	Grand Square

3:30 – 4:30 Dealing with Problem Dancers. Please bring any handouts or be ready to describe any methods you use to deal with dancers who do not conform to the suggested guidelines for behavior.

ANSSRDT OFFICERS ELECTED IN APRIL 2005

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FESTIVAL '05 in YARMOUTH

A very successful Federation Festival was held August 5 & 6 in Yarmouth. There were 280 dancers in attendance including leaders. The Burrige Campus provided very nice facilities with smooth wood or tile floors. Thankfully, cool ocean breezes blew in either windows or doors most of the time. On Saturday morning more than 10 squares of dancers enjoyed the opportunity to dance outside by the harbour and many stayed to watch the noon docking of the CAT from Bar Harbor. Some notable special touches were the official greeters for every dance and a nice new set of large square dance sketches decorating the gymnasium. Thank you and congratulations to the South Shore Committee for a job well done.

LONGEVITY AWARD CRITERIA CLARIFIED

The following clarification of the word "continuous" has been added to the Federation Longevity Award Criteria. The names of eligible dancers who have not yet received an award should be submitted by their Leader or Club Executive to the appropriate Regional Representative.

Continuous shall be interpreted for a club as offering regular dances during a normal dance season.

Continuous shall be interpreted for a dancer as reasonably steady attendance at square [round] dances during a normal dance season. Such attendance should be in Nova Scotia at the time of the award but years of square [round] dancing elsewhere may be counted in the total.

For both clubs and dancers, the total number of dancing seasons must be at least 20, but they do not have to be consecutive.

PROPOSED FEDERATION PLUS DANCE

At the August 7th Federation Meeting the possibility of holding a Federation Plus dance was discussed. The obvious possible conflict in obtaining leaders and enticing dancers with the Maritime Convention just two weeks later was discussed, but the vote was to go ahead anyway. If you are able and would be willing to call or cue at this event under the conditions described, please let our SRDFNS Liaison, Dottie, know so that a response for Bob can be compiled.

Bob Ruohoniemi sends the following invitation to participate:

The Square and Round Dance Federation of NS are planning to hold a "Fund-raising Dance" on Saturday, 29 October, 2005 at the South Woodside Community Centre from 8 to 10 pm. The funds earned at the dance are intended to provide funding for the Federation activities during the 2005-2006 dance season. The dance level is to be Plus with various levels of Rounds in a 1 square dance tip of patten and singer plus 2 rounds format.

The Federation Board would like to invite ANSSRDT callers and cuers to donate their time and talent to support this dance. In lieu of normal fees, the Federation would like to offer a donation of 10 percent of the dance profits to the Alguire Callers Memorial Fund. In order to permit timely advertisement of the dance, it is requested that the Board receive a response to this request prior to 15 September, 2005.

The Federation Board looks forward to having the ANSSRDT members joining us in this effort. Yours in Dancing, Bob R.

15th CANADIAN NATIONAL CONVENTION MONTREAL -- "Let's All Mix in 2006"

On August 24th there were 1190 dancers registered for the Montreal Convention to be held July 13-15, 2006. The Montreal Committee has updated their website to the new venue at John Abbott / Macdonald College Campus (part of McGill) in Ste Anne de Bellevue. Follow the link to their website from the SRDFNS site. There you will find lots of information about accommodations, maps and statistics on who is registered. The Registration Fee is now \$80 per dancer. Rooms in the nearby hotels range from \$75 to \$135 per night. Dry RV parking on site is available for \$115 for 4 nights. Leaders who wish to call or cue must register by February 1, 2006.

HALIFAX AGAIN IN 2010?

Preliminary investigations are underway to determine if it is feasible to bid in Montreal to hold the 2010 National Convention in Halifax. Contrary to previous rumors, British Columbia does not intend to submit a bid for 2010 so it appears that the option is open. This was discussed at the Federation Executive Meeting in August and will be on the agenda at the AGM in October. Wayne and Dianne Burns have accepted the Chairmanship and are looking into financial details with the World Trade & Convention Centre. In the meantime, all clubs are asked to poll their dancers regarding their willingness to assist with the planning of this event. Please help ensure that this poll is carried out in a timely and efficient manner. As you all know, this is a huge undertaking and will need strong support across the province to make it successful.

SECOND ALGUIRE MEMORIAL CALLERS SCHOOL

Six callers attended the Second Alguire Memorial Callers School under the tutelage of Jack MacArthur, Kerry Fletcher and Dottie Welch. Students Ralph & Barb MacDonald, Laurie & Wilma Illsley, Pat McLean, Faye & Jerry Germon, Fran & Roger Archambault, and Paul & Reta Blades mustered on Sunday evening August 21 for a full week of Callers School at the Debert Hospitality Center. It was a congenial group and all comments indicated that we all enjoyed the week of learning and sharing ideas about leadership, music & timing, teaching, choreography, sight calling, equipment, voice, showmanship and history. We ended the week on Friday evening with a very successful special dance at the Debert Firehall called by Jack. Dancers came from far and wide to fill the hall with smiles as they delighted in this special treat and thoroughly enjoyed Jack's smooth choreography and masterful rendition of several old favorite singing calls.

JACK'S SOLUTION WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS

Move the dancers into any Facing Lines of Four or a Circle.
Head Men make a two-hand Left-Hand Star
Pick up Partner with an arm around
Men Back Out and the Girls Wheel In to a Right-Hand Star
Head Men (now on outside) Pick up their Corner with an arm around
That Corner pick up their Partner with an arm around.
Break in the middle and back out, All Circle Left.

Alternative Get Out after all dancers are picked up:

Bend the Big Line, Bend the Little Line, Bend the Little Bitty Line, Right & Left Grand

SOME USEFUL GIMMICK IDEAS

Out of Sequence Promenade Fixes:

- 1) Out of Sequence Promenade: Heads Arch, Sides Promenade under
- 2) Out of Sequence Promenade: Put the Lady in the Lead, Promenade Single File, Man #1 turn back towards the outside and everyone else follow him like a giant snake. Join Hands Circle Left, Ladies In, Men Sashay, Allemande Left

Announcement Time at a Mainstream Dance:

Remember your couple number:

Sides Lead Right, Right and Left Thru

Eight Chain your Couple Number (Ends with all facing the stage.)

Start with the front couples and do a Centres In Three times.

(Do Announcements) Bend your Big Line

Star Thru, Leading Couples California Twirl (they will be at the far end from the caller)

If you can Dive Thru

Centres Swing Thru and Turn Thru, Left Allemande

Mainstream 1-53 Get Outs:

From out-of-sequence facing lines with partners together:

Pass Thru, All Lead Left and Promenade home

From in-sequence facing lines with partners together:

Right and Left Thru, Put the Lady in the lead, Double Pass Thru, Face Left, Promenade

Mainstream Get Outs:

From out-of-sequence right-hand 2-faced lines with partners together:

Tag the Line, Girls Go Left, Boys Go Right, Left Allemande

From in-sequence facing lines with partners together:

Ladies Chain, Dixie Style to a Wave, Slip the Clutch, Left Allemande

From in-sequence facing lines with partners together:

Touch 1/4, 6 Walk 2 Dodge (Dodgers are the Leading ladies), Centre 4 Walk and Dodge, First Couple Left, Next Follow, Promenade home

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