



# Halifax National Festival 2010

## July 29, 30 & 31, 2010

World Trade & Convention Centre / Metro Centre  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

### December 2009 E-Mail Promo and Info Letter

Hello Everyone,

We are attempting to reach club contacts and leaders with information about our upcoming major dance event. Please help us promote by passing this along to anyone in your club or area who might be interested.

The 17th Canadian National Square and Round Dance Convention will be held in the capital city of Nova Scotia during the summer of 2010. For square, round, contra, and clogging dancers this is a golden opportunity to visit the beautiful Maritime Provinces in the northeast corner of North America.

#### **Pack your duffle, and set your sails to head downwind to Nova Scotia!**

**TOURIST:** In addition to the dancing, take time to enjoy the winding roads along gorgeous coastlines featuring cool sea breezes, sandy beaches, rocky headlands, fishing villages, and impressive Fundy tides. Historic parks and local celebrations highlight Acadian, Scottish and Maritime cultures.

Nova Scotia Tourism website is: <novascotia.com>      Check In NS Reservations 1-800-565-0000  
Halifax Tourism is: <halifax.ca/visitors> or <destinationhalifax.com>

Our Nova Scotia Federation website is <<http://www.squaredance.ns.ca>>.

To reach Festival 2010 information press the 2010 button near the upper left corner of the home page. Look under the Newsletter button for .pdf files of our recent newsletters. Here are recent updates and general information.

**FLYING IN:** Halifax has an International Airport with all of the usual amenities. Check <[FlyHalifax.com](http://FlyHalifax.com)> for current flight options. There is regular shuttle service from the Airport to downtown hotels (30 km). If you want to tour outside of the city, you will need a car. Several car rental companies have booths at the airport.

**BY AUTO OR TRAIN:** The Trans-Canada Highway enters Nova Scotia in Amherst where a visitor center will provide provincial maps and guidebooks. Signs clearly mark the turn south in Truro towards Halifax. VIA Rail also connects through Montreal to all rail destinations in North America.

**BUS TOURS and CARAVANS:** We are aware of bus trips coming from Alberta, Ontario and New England. Please let us know if you would like contact information or would like to be added to this list.

**DANCE AREA:** All dancing will be under one roof in the World Trade & Convention Centre and Halifax Metro Centre complex. It is fully air-conditioned. A pedway system connects the complex with several hotels, shops, and eateries.

**FLOORING:** There will be a mix of polished cement, vinyl tile, carpet, wood, and click flooring. There will be at least some hard surface in all dance areas.

**DOWNTOWN PARKING:** Most of the nearby hotels have their own parking areas. Scotia Square includes a multi-tier parking garage within a short walking distance of the dancing. Street parking is free on weekends and after 6 pm on weekdays. A free FRED bus loops Pier 21, Lower Water Street, Scotia Square, Barrington, Citadel Hill and Spring Garden Road.

**ACCOMODATIONS:** These nearby convention hotels are within walking distance.

The Prince George: \$185, 1-800-565-1567, <[www.princegeorgehotel.com](http://www.princegeorgehotel.com)>

The Delta Halifax: \$169, 1-800-268-1133, <[www.deltahalifax.com](http://www.deltahalifax.com)>

Citadel Halifax Hotel: \$149, 1-800-565-7162, <[www.citadelhalifax.com](http://www.citadelhalifax.com)> and

Cambridge Suites Hotel: \$159, 1-800-565-1263, <[www.cambridgesuiteshalifax.com](http://www.cambridgesuiteshalifax.com)>

There are many other possible places to stay. See <[www.novascotia.com](http://www.novascotia.com)>.

**CAMPING:** The best commercial camping options are listed below. There are limited city bus connections to both. We are planning morning and evening shuttle connections to Woodhaven.

Woodhaven RV Park, 1-902-835-2271, <[www.woodhavenrvpark.com](http://www.woodhavenrvpark.com)> and

Shubie Park Campground, 1-800-440-8450, <[www.shubiecampground.com](http://www.shubiecampground.com)>

**DANCING:** Come and enjoy 3 days of Basic to C3 Squares, Rounds Phase II - VI, Contras, and Clogging (10 a.m. - noon, 2-5 p.m., 8-10:30 p.m.). There will be Square and Round Trail In Dances at the Metro Centre on Wednesday, July 28th beginning at 7:30 p.m. Convention dancing will be scheduled morning, afternoon and evening on Thursday through Saturday. Plans are underway for some morning dancing along the scenic and historic waterfront.

**ATTIRE:** Tasteful casual attire is acceptable during the day and at the Trail In. Please plan to wear Traditional Attire (including prairie skirts) for evening events.

**BANNER PARADE:** Bring your club banners for a short parade on Thursday morning.

**FASHION SHOW:** Our aim is to showcase and inspire with custom made, one-of-a-kind creations. This will be presented in the main arena with free and ample seating for all. Please let us know if you are interested in participating.

**EDUCATION:** There will be a heritage room and various educational seminars for leaders and club executives. Are you interested in Digital Music, Competitive Dancing, or better Marketing?

**REGISTRATION:** The current registration price is \$125 per person for 3 full days of dancing and all other events. The registration form is available on the website. Leaders should be registered by the end of February 2010 to ensure a place on the program. Cancellations currently are refunded all but a \$5 administration fee and our policy regarding late cancellations will be as generous as possible.

**EXCHANGE RATE for foreign visitors:** The Festival price is quoted in Canadian Funds. We will accept the equivalent in the form of a cheque written in foreign funds on a foreign bank. Please use the exchange rate for the date of the cheque (changes between writing and cashing time balance out). Example: If the conversion rate is \$1 Canadian = \$0.9 US then \$125 Canadian x 0.9 = \$112.50 US

**HOSPITALITY:** Our welcoming committee is organizing greeters at arrival points.

**SOLOS:** A Solo Get Acquainted Dinner is being planned for Wednesday before the Trail In Dance.

**MORE QUESTIONS:** For more information go to <<http://www.squaredance.ns.ca>> then open the 2010 button near the top left. If you have additional questions e-mail or phone:

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## *Promenade to Halifax in 2010*

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