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# *Silver Slipper*

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## *Nanaimo Ballroom Dance Society*

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### **New Executives**

**Y**our new executives have now been elected and they will try to bring you another exciting year of dancing. It will be difficult to follow the footsteps of the retiring team of executives under the able leadership of our former President, Nelson Wong. The new team is headed by Louise Severn, our current President. Her executives and committee directors are Jim Beaman (Vice-President), Lucy Whittam (Secretary), Mike Brierley (Treasurer), John Maher (Music), Marilyn Metcalf-Joiner (Door/Table), Elaina Fredrich and Andrea Kaminski (Entertainment), Joyce Willis and Revelina Bereska (Phoning/Promotion), Chester Scott (Bar), Pinky Wong (Newsletter), Bruce Joiner (Librarian), Nelson Wong (Welcoming) Louise Severn and Pinky Wong (Island Fantasy Ball).



### **Other Business**

**O**ne note of concern at the annual general meeting this year was that there were no nominees for the office of Vice-President (our Constitution provides that the Vice-President becomes the President in the following year). It seems that there is a misconception amongst our members that if you were the President, you will automatically have to organize the Fantasy Ball. A proposal was made at the annual general meeting that a new "Island Fantasy Ball Committee" be established with two directors. It

is hoped that the creation of this Committee will encourage more members to run for Vice-Presidency. It was unanimously passed at the annual general meeting that such a Committee be established.

The Society has received suggestions from members to cut down the number of theme dances for the year. There were 7 theme dances in 1995 **excluding** our annual Fantasy Ball, Anniversary, Christmas and New Year's Dances. The new executives have therefore acted on such recommendation and reduced the theme dances to 5 for next year. These theme dances would be more special than ever. Watch for the dates in the new Dance Calendar which will be printed shortly.

It has also been decided that the Anniversary dance will now be a dinner and dance event to be held in September. This will serve as our new season kick-off dance after the summer break. More details later.

In the past, our annual general meetings had always been held on a Thursday evening. Requests were made by some members to have this meeting changed to a weekend so it will not conflict with their regularly scheduled Thursday evening commitments. Our next annual general meeting was therefore re-scheduled to Sunday, October 20, 1996 to enable more members to attend. However, the time and place have yet to be confirmed. Information will be printed in our future issues.

All members will receive a \$.50 discount off the price of their Christmas dance tickets for each

dance attended during the year. Attendance at the annual general meeting will also be counted.

The Entertainment Committee will attempt to schedule certain fun fillers between 8:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at our Friday night dances. This may include lessons on line dancing or group dances such as the Emeraldale Watzl, Square Tango, St. Bernard, Gay Gordon, Slosh, Electric Slide, New York New York, and many more. Don't miss it. Come early!

## Members Watch

**S**cott Hughes (our former Treasurer), his wife, Susan, and their family moved to Vancouver about a year ago due to Scott's job transfer. They were pretty busy with Susan trying to settle the family into their new home on the North Shore, and with Scott taking on a new and challenging job, that left no time for dancing. Recently, Scott and Susan have taken up dance lessons again. Their instructor is Calvin Lee, our T.V. Co-Host at the Fantasy Ball.

**L**ast year Doug and Carol Rogers moved back to Ontario. They are now building their dream home in Barrie, Ontario. Doug and Carol haven't done much dancing since they left. They want to say "hi" to everyone.

**R**emember a few years ago when Gary and Brenda Stewart moved to England and subsequently to France because of Brenda's job exchange program. They are now back in good old Nanaimo. If you are wondering why haven't they been out dancing, well, the truth is Gary loathes dancing. Brenda on the other hand loves to dance. Want a partner, anybody?

**A**t the recent 2nd annual Grand Ball held at The Grand Ballroom in Richmond, David Duncan and Evelyn Matthews did it again, they won the Silver Modern event. Way to go, guys! If you don't see Evelyn out dancing in the next

little while, don't worry. Evelyn's spouse is working on a job in Australia for about 2 months and she will be travelling there to visit with him. You can't leave your dance partner behind! Come back soon.

**O** Oooooouch! You could have heard Louise Severn from blocks away. She really did it this time! She cooked up such a storm which got so rough that a cast iron lid felt on her toes. Lucky they weren't broken. Well, we can't feel sorry for her, can we, because she is limping off to Hawaii for 2 weeks with those sore toes of hers (dragging Michael along, of course).

**D**ella Burrell is now recovering quite nicely from some minor surgery work done about 2 weeks ago. She should be back dancing with us again very soon. Take good care of her for us, Jim.

**D**on Panek had a car accident about a month ago when he was on his way to our Friday night dance. The accident happened at the Cassidy intersection and Don's car had to be towed away. Don was not seriously hurt but banged up his legs pretty bad. He is now recovering quite well at home. Ever since the accident, Jim Burrell has been acting as Don's chauffeur by driving him around. Thanks Jim. Get well soon, Don.

**S**ara Treutler also had minor surgery done a few days ago. She is recovering very well. Hopefully, her parents, Jim and Minnie Beaman, would give her more time off work. After all, what are parents for, right!

**"P**lease send the newsletter to me in the mail, it's hard to keep track of what's going on unless you are at the dances" says Judy Croll. Well, Judy, the editor will make sure that you get a copy of this newsletter. We hope to see you out at our Christmas Dance.

At our recent Halloween Dance, the winners of our "Parade of Costumes" were May Stimpson (1st Place - Pregnant Angel), Nelson and Pinky Wong (2nd Place - Charlie Chaplin and Christmas Tree), Sieggy and Elaina Fredrich (3rd Place - Clown and Scarecrow).

Believe it! John Maher has been crowned "The King of Almost Perfect Attendance" having attended 20 out of 22 dances this year. The runner-up is no other than his lovely wife, Tina Maher, who attended 19 out of 22 dances. Tina, if you want to know who John brought to that one dance which you missed, you can call me.

P.S. The editor, however, will take bribes of large monetary value which will guarantee sudden loss of memory.

One sad note, we have lost one of our members, Allan MacLean. Allan passed away in October this year. Our prayers are with you, Lorraine.

## Island Fantasy Ball

Our 4th Island Fantasy Ball is fast approaching so mark this important date on your calendar "**Saturday, May 4, 1996**". The Island Fantasy Ball Committee is open to all members. The 1st meeting was held on November 12, 1995 which was attended by 17 members. The Committee has booked the top Canadian 10 Dance Champions, Pierre Allaire and Mereille Veilleux, from Quebec for the showcase. They will also try to organize some workshops for the Sunday following.

If you wish to be a member on the Committee, please call Louise or Pinky. Three Sunday meetings have now been scheduled. The dates are February 4, 1996 at the Willis', March 24, 1996 at the Beaman's and April 21, 1996 at the Bereska's.

Do come out to these meetings if you are interested.

### *Comments about our Fantasy Ball*

The following is an extract from a write-up in the October/November, 1995 issue of Dancin', a Newsletter published by the B.C. Amateur Dancers Association:

*"Ballroom Dancing more than a fantasy in Nanaimo - they have now held three Island Fantasy Balls and each was well attended by over 500 competitors and spectators. The NBDS has decided to make this competition an annual event - so be sure to mark off the first Saturday in May. Not only is it a nice, relaxing atmosphere, it's the best dancing deal around! The competition itself continues to grow each year."*

The following is an extract from a thank you card from Roz Rickard and David Tolksdorff, the B.C. Modern Champions, to the Beamans:



*"We loved our stay with you, thank you so much for everything especially the lovely big breakfast."*

*"Please express our great appreciation to the organizing committee for a wonderfully organized and smooth running competition. Our vote for best competition of the year."*

The following is an extract from a letter from Andy and Wendy Wong to NBDS:

*"We would like to congratulate you and the entire organizing committee of the Island Fantasy Ball on the first class job you folks did in putting this event together."*

The following is an extract from a letter from the UBC Dance Club to NBDS:

*"It truly was a fantastic evening, and we enjoyed the ball tremendously. We were especially*

*impressed with the whole presentation of the ball, and the details that you put into the decoration. Your committee must have put in an unimaginable amount of effort into making this one of the most fabulous balls that we have ever seen."*

The following is an extract from a letter from Calvin and May Lee to NBDS:

*"Congratulations on a very successful event!! The dinner was great (especially when competitors were allowed to eat first)."*

The following is an extract from a letter from U Vic Dance Club to NBDS:

*"Thank you very much for a first class experience at the Island Fantasy Ball. It was a visually exceptional experience in a perfect setting. The organization was wonderful and enough good can't be said about the meal. Congratulations."*

The following is an extract from a letter from Pat Nikleva, Chairman of Judges, to NBDS:

*"I would like to congratulate you on the very successful Island Fantasy Ball, I was pleased to be part of the team and contribute my skills to the event. You and your members are all to be congratulated on the success of the ball, the enjoyable dinner and wonderful food at the after party."*

## Christmas and New Year's Dances

**G**ood news! Our Christmas Dinner and Dance tickets are now on sale and they are \$22.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members. All members will get a \$.50 discount off the price of their Christmas dance tickets for each dance attended during the year. Marilyn Metcalf-Joiner has tabulated the discounts for each member. You may purchase your tickets from Mike Brierley. Tickets are limited, so act early.

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If you are unable to attend the dinner, you may still come to the dance. Members will be charged \$4.00 and non-members \$6.50 for the dance.

Our New Year's dance will be a pot luck dinner and dance at the Wellington Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 each. You may purchase them from Irene Scott. Please also advise Irene as to what you type of dish you will be bringing to the dance.

For those who were at the New Year's Dance last year, you will probably recall how bad the dance floor was. Your president, Louise Severn, reported that the matter had been looked into and corrected. The dance floor is now much better and is danceable.

## Video Library

**O**ur video library proved to be very successful with members. Approval was obtained at the annual general meeting for a further tape to be ordered. The librarian has placed an order for a "Waltz - Membership Level" tape by Elizabeth Romaine. This tape is similar in format and style to the Cha Cha tape. The tape will be available to members once it is received. You may record your name with the librarian if you wish to borrow the tape for viewing. This will be done on a first come, first serve basis.

## Volunteers Wanted

*by Irene Scott*

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oon the food, door and music committees will be posting a chart near the admission table each dance night. It will show the dates of dance nights with spaces for names.

We urge each member to choose dates when you will be able to provide food, look after the door, provide the music and write your name in the space provided. Please take this seriously. Volunteers make our dances successful. If, for some reason, you will not be able to serve when that chosen date arrived, please attempt to arrange for a substitute to fill in for you. In the event you are unable to find anyone, please contact the committee director as soon as possible.

In the past non-members have asked if they could be allowed to serve. We welcome their participation as well.

Thank you for your help.

## Upcoming Events

**December 15, 1995**

Club's Christmas Dance (Limited Tickets)  
Contact: Mike Brierley 758-1478

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