

The Bavarian Schuhplattlers - 1996

Past Year Activities

The Schuhplattlers have had a busy year. We started with Heimatabend in April. At Heimatabend, the group honored Eric Seneka for his many years of service to the group. For the past few years, Eric has been the group Vorplattler.

In June we held our 25th Anniversary party. Over 150 people attended this two day event including over 50 past members. At the Saturday Dance, the group gave Reiner Hartl an Ehren Mitglied for his past dedication to the Schuhplattlers. On Sunday, the party continued at Reiner's Alpine Farm for a roast pig barbecue.

On the Labour day weekend, the group headed off to Kimberly, B.C. for three days of dancing and partying at the Alpine Dance Fest.

For the Oktoberfest season we performed at Mayer-thorpe, Harry Ainlay High School, German Canadian

Cultural Association, Forest Heights School, Rideau Park School and Wetaskiwin. Our last Oktoberfest performance was at the Jasper Park Lodge

Group Membership

We've had a few members leave in the past year. Tony Klingbeil was transferred to Kamloops in the spring. Bronya Mlcuch has moved to Vancouver. Diana Labrecque's busy schedule of parenting has required, what we hope, is only a temporary leave of absence. Our last member to leave was Michelle Hamilton.

Martin Roch, who danced with the children's group for several years, has joined as a special junior member.

Our present membership includes Brandi Day, James French (Chick Magnet), Frank Friesacher, Marion Fritz, Ronny Fritz, André Hüllstrung, Bernd Kallenbach, James Konkin, Karen Konkin, Marta Laube (Stud Recruiter), Loretta Martin-Friesacher, Marvin Schaaf, Melissa Scheuerer, Charlene Schmidt, Russell Schmidt, Eric Seneka, Sylvia Unterieser, Ralph Garneau (Accordion), and Juergen Ellendt.

Special Event

Loretta Martin and Frank Friesacher got married on July 13th this year. André from the Schuhplattlers was one of the groomsmen at the ceremony. André stole the show at the church when a combination of the heat, fever and his medication caused him to lip stand (pass out). In the usual Schuhplattler tradition, the group performed at the reception afterwards.