

# The Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton



*Treu dem guten alten Brauch*

THE BAVARIAN SCHUHPLATTLERS  
SINCE 1971 IN EDMONTON ALBERTA CANADA



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**W**elcome to the **13th annual** report of **The Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton**, having finished our **38th** year of knee-slapping and skirt-chasing! Join us as we contemplate 2008 as it seemed to us, and 2009 as it might still be! Our goal: to bring a smile to the faces of our audiences, and have a little fun while we are at it! **Schuhplattling... It's drug-free Prozac & Viagra all in one!**



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[www.schuhplattler.edmonton.ab.ca](http://www.schuhplattler.edmonton.ab.ca)



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by **Frank Friesacher**

A second year in charge of this motley crew has come and gone! As always, a highlight was the annual **Heimatabend: Oscar Night**. We also performed at the **Edmonton Heritage Festival**, participated in a **large** slate of Oktoberfests, and had an all-around great time!

Two special achievements this year. First, we had the privilege to perform with German Volksmusik stars **Marianne & Michael** at the **Winspear Centre**! Second, through



much hard work we were able to gift the GCCA with an "echt-Boarisch" **Maibaum** to recognize their 25th anniversary.

As you can see, the membership of both the adult and the children groups remains vibrant, and with **23** active adults, **12** junior members and **2** friend members, we have surpassed our all-time current membership records!

On a sad note, 2008 was a loss, not only for our group but for the whole German community of Edmonton, as

## IN MEMORIAM SIEGFRIED KLOTSCHKE 1926-2008

Few people had the impact on the German-Canadian community in Edmonton as did

### Siegfried Klotsche .

The master craftsman's fraternal ties to the world-wide *Schlaraffia* (devoted to the German language, friendship, humour and the arts) and the *Blauen Funken* Mardi Gras As-

sociation are examples of this. For the *Bavarian Schuhplattlers* of Edmonton, Mr. Klotsche was an honorary member and a devoted supporter, and we were pleased to call him a friend. He



## EVENTS IN 2008

Virginia Park  
Leduc Seniors Lodge  
Gyro Club Performance  
Heimatabend 2008  
Rotary Club  
Lifestyles Retirement  
German Day—Victoria Club  
Schwabebauer Wedding  
Fort Edmonton  
Heritage Days—2 days  
Lake Isle Lutheran Camp  
GCCA 25th Anniversary  
Winspear—Marianne & Michael  
Forest Heights Oktoberfest  
GCCA Oktoberfests—4 nights  
Petroleum Club  
Lloydminster Oktoberfest  
Shaw Rocktoberfest  
GCCA Adventskonzert  
Agra Foundation Party



**Save the Date**  
**Our 40th Anniversary**  
**20-23 May 2011**  
**DETAILS TBA**



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COMING UP...

**HEIMATABEND★2009**

***Greased Plattling***

***Saturday, 18 April 2009***

**Tickets \$15 Doors 7 pm**  
**Performances by the**  
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**Music by Premium Akkord**



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longtime Schuhplattler supporter and honorary member **Siegfried Klotsche** passed away.

On the horizon is a possible trip to Toledo, Ohio for the **2009 Gaufest** in August, and as well the **BSE 40th anniversary** is just short two years away, in **2011** (stay tuned for more details next year!).

Our call for donations was heard, and we are grateful to those sponsors for their generous contributions! We also thank the **GCCA** and **GCAA** organizations for their donations this year.

Our executive for **2009** is as follows: VP Membership **Sylvia Kiel**, VP PR and 1. Vorplattler **Ronny Fritz**, Treasurer **Annette Wagner**, Secretary **Chuck Lammers**, 2. Vorplattler **Stefan Fritz**, Past President **Bernd Kallenbach** and Vor-mädel **Lisa Friedl**. **Tschüss!**



and wife **Käthe** have always been generous in their support, especially of our dancing children.



His ever-positive manner and never-ending supply of jokes will be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to **Käthe Klotsche**.

## SUPPORTERS

**Special thanks goes out to the following for their charitable donations to our group in 2008!**

**The Wetaskiwin Elks**  
**Siegfried & Käthe Klotsche**  
**Bernd & Wendy Reuscher**  
**Horst Schmid**  
**Rudy & Rose Seneka**  
**Rainer & Anne Hartl**  
**Rudy & Laurene Kiel**

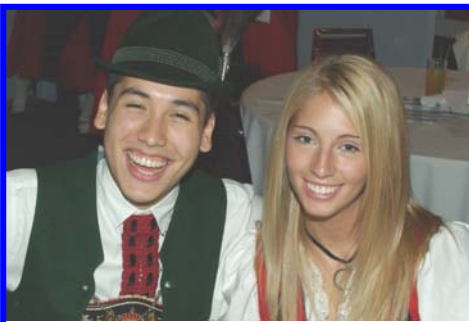


# MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased probationary member **Tim Reuscher** became a full-fledged member last September. Longtime junior **Stefan Fritz** turned 16 in July and therefore joined the "adult" group, (the fourth **Fritzplattler!**); **Melody Kallenbach** also became a full member in March 2009. A name change for **Sylvia Unterieser** as she married **Desmond Harte** (but she'll always be "**Untie**" to us!).

Congratulations to **Marta** & **Christophe Deniaud** on the birth of second son Lucas!

Our current **active adult membership of 23** is: **Ole Berger**, **Kathryn Calder**, **Christophe Deniaud**, **Marta Deniaud**, **Lisa Friedl**, **Robert Friedl**, **Frank Friesacher**, **Loretta Friesacher**, **Francesca Fritz**, **Marion Fritz**, **Ronny Fritz**, **Stefan**



New member Tim Reuscher with Francesca Fritz

**Fritz, Sylvia Harte, Bernd Kallenbach, Melody Kallenbach, Sylvia Kiel, Joe Niederleitner, Tim Reuscher, Vanessa Sands, Marvin Schaaf, Rita Scherrer, Eric Seneka & Annette Wagner.** **Dietmar Sollbach** continues to dance with us on occasion as a probationary member and **super** volunteer. We welcome **Paul & Irma Why-nacht** and **Linda Badke** as our newest dancers!

Rounding out the group are friend members **Chuck Lam-mers** and **Uwe Welz**. See page 6 for **Bernd's** report on the junior membership.



At the Mark & Kim Schwabenbauer wedding





# HEIMATABEND 2008



Guests took a walk down the red carpet at the Oscar's and revisited classic films at 2008's annual fundraiser, **Heimatabend: The Bavarian Academy Awards**. *Psycho*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Maltese Falcon*, *The 10 Commandments*... only a few of the



many spoofs which kept the audience entertained.

Thanks to all, and especially **Heimatabend Director Sylvia "Schpeckie" Kiel**; evening **MCs Ronny Fritz & Loretta Friesacher**; **Lisa Friedl, Frank Friesacher & Kathryn Calder** shared the writing duties; **Uwe Welz** took photos, **James Kallenbach** videotaped, **Ole Berger** handled the hi-tech stuff, & **Martin Hansen** made the poster. As always, the whole group worked hard to make the night a success. Calgary-band **PREMIUM AKKORD** filled in the blanks with the usual perfect mix of music. We had a great time, and hope that our friends and family did as well. Please make sure you come out in 2009 for **Heimatabend: Greased Plattling!**



**feierabend\***  
3. Friday of every month

**next party:**  
**17 April 2009**  
**8 p.m.**  
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April 17, 2009  
May 15, 2009  
June 19, 2009

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Bavarian Schuhplattler summer BBQ at Marvin & Janina's



by **Bernd Kallenbach**

As usual, the **Alpen-  
spatzen** children's group  
needs more **boys**! During per-  
formances, our adult men cur-  
rently fill in as required. At



one event,  
**Frank Frie-  
sacher** at  
6'2" was  
paired with  
**Hanna  
Saric**, under  
4'; Frank  
ended up on  
his knees for  
part of the

dance!

Our "longtime" members of  
the **Alpenspatzen** include  
**Veronica Wagner, Nicole  
Scherrer, Kaitlin Clough,  
Toni Saric, Hannah Saric,  
Leilani Konietz, and Mimi**



**Ward. Eli Schubert,**  
who  
joined in  
2008, al-  
ready  
knows

five dances,  
and his younger  
sister **Maddie  
Schubert** has  
just joined the  
group.

In January  
2009, Veronica, Nicole, &  
Mimi moved up as junior  
members of the adult group.

Other junior members include



**Dance  
Daze**

**Sat, 7 Nov 2009**

Tickets At the Door!

\$3.00/Person or \$10.00/Family (incl. 2 Adults & 3 Children)

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The organizer of the  
event, **Harald Müller**,  
a producer for ZDF  
German television and  
for "Musikanten Stadl"  
in Germany, had this  
to say!



The performances went fan-  
tastically well – *Ausgezeichnet*  
is what we were told – and we  
were not only relieved, we

*... Es war wirklich ein  
Genuss Euch zuzuschauen,  
selten haben wir eine so  
praezise Schuhplattler-  
Gruppe erlebt, wie  
Eure. Darauf koennt  
Ihr wahrhaftig stolz  
sein. Man sah es  
den Damen und  
Herren an, dass sie  
Spass am Tanzen  
haben.*



were ecstatic! We were  
also complemented on  
our authentic *Tracht*,  
which Michael recog-  
nized immediately.



*Auch Marianne & Michael  
waren von Eurer Gruppe  
sehr angetan.*

There are picture and a **video**  
linked at our website, don't  
forget to take a look!

**Viele Grüße,  
Ronny**



# WINSPEAR REPORT

by **Ronny Fritz**

Occasionally we have an opportunity to dance at a very special event, and that occurred this year when we performed for **Marianne & Michael** at the **Winspear Theatre** as part of a *Volksmusik-reisen* engagement. These two are known in Europe as the *Traumpaar der*



*Volksmusik*; they performed at the *Grand Prix der Volksmusik* and *Lustige Musikanten*, among other televised specials. Interestingly, they understand Schuhplattling and have had some of the best



*Heitauer*, with the *Mädel* wearing their new green dirndl.

Part of the sold out crowd were 170 people direct from Germany, who had come to see Canada and this specific performance. Also performing were the **Otti Bauer Band**, backing up Marianne & Michael, and the Edmonton-based Ukrainian **Shumka Dancers**.

We were very stressed practicing for the event because we naturally wanted to put on a great performance, and knew that Marianne & Michael were accustomed to seeing professional caliber dancers.



groups in Germany perform with them. We danced the *All-gäuer* in our new authentic Tracht, and then later in the program we danced the

# JUNIOR REPORT

by **Nicole Scherrer**

My name is **Nicole**. I am 13 years old and I am a proud member of **The Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton**.

I joined the group with my mom 2 1/2 years ago traveling from Ponoka. Yes, the Bavarian Schuhplattlers are that good! I have always loved to dance with the Schuhplattlers because I learn so many things. You learn everything from a conversa-



tion about socks to the cultural dances of Bavaria and

your own background.

I like the chance of getting to go to many different places and perform like Lloydminster and all over Edmonton.

My main reason I love this group is because of the people. They are amazing to dance with. So if you want to learn, travel or just have a blast, come check us out!





# MAIBAUM REPORT

by **Frank Friesacher**

On 14 September 2008, the **Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton** presented the **German-Canadian Cultural Association** with a Bavarian Maypole (*Maibaum*), in recognition of its 25th anniversary, and as thanks for our many years of cooperation.



The *Maibaum* is a decorated tree trunk, part of German culture since the 1500s, and which is still seen today in virtually every Bavarian village. A modest 20 metres tall, blue-white spirals from bottom left to top right, our *Maibaum* is adorned with six

wooden figurines.

On this Sunday afternoon, we presented the gift and a plaque to G C C A President **Hannelore**

**Fritz**; thereafter, it was christened with Weizenbier and much applause.

President **Frank Frie-**



**sacher** announced that the *Maibaum* had been built in Bavarian tradition, namely, with the support of the entire dance group. We then danced (the Maypole dance, of course!) outside for the crowd.

In particular thanks go out to the following: friend member **Chuck Lam-mers** and **AGRA Foundation**, which obtained & raised the pole, **Ronny Fritz** and his crew of plat-tlers (**Ole**

**Berger, Tim Reuscher & Dietmar Soll-bach**) who sanded and painted it, and to **Sylvia Kiel** and her bevy of belles (**Lisa Friedl, Loretta Friesacher, Marion Fritz & Annette Wag-ner**) who painted and varnished the figurines.



**We look forward to seeing this symbol of Bavarian tradition for at least another 25 years at our German club!**

