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The Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton

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2009 Review



Welcome to the **14th annual** report of **The Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton**, having finished our **39th** year! This means that our big anniversary year is around the corner... but it's *platteln* as usual as we carry on with our mandate of fun! 2009 included a *Grease* musical revival at **Heimatabend**, a trip to **Kimberley B.C.** where we saw our friends the Kirrmaiers, an **Oktoberfest** in Yellowknife, NWT, and much much more! **Schuhplattling... the most fun you can have without breaking the law!**



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by **Frank Friesacher**

A third year as BSE President has flown by!

As always, a highlight for the group was the annual **Heimatabend: Greased Platling**. We also had an amazing opportunity to head north, to Yellowknife! After four years we also returned to Kimberley!

We are excited about an upcoming trip to Vancouver in 2010 for an **Aprilfest** gathering of other Western-Canadian groups. This will be



repeated right here in Edmonton in May 2011 with our **BSE 40th anniversary**, an important milestone we hope you will all share in!

Our executive for **2010** is as follows: VP Membership **Sylvia Kiel**/VP PR and 1. Vorplatler **Ronny Fritz**/Treasurer **Annette Wagner**/Secretary **Sylvia Harte**/2. Vorplatler **Frank Friesacher**/1. Vormädel **Loretta Friesacher**/2. Vormädel Marion Fritz/Past President **Bernd Kallenbach**.

NOTES

Adolf Brunnhofer of Calgary passed away in 2008. Group founders **Rudy** and **Hilde Kirrmaier** confirm that Adolf, an Austrian, taught them one of our original dances, the **Haidauer**, back in 1969.



Chuck at the Gaufest

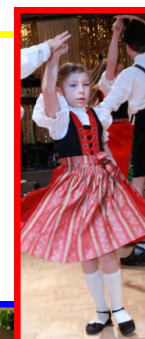
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Our 40th Anniversary
20-23 May 2011
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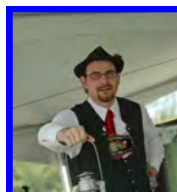
EVENTS IN 2009

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Devon Seniors Lodge—Heimatabend 2009—Leduc Seniors Lodge
Consular Ball—Chyz Anniversary—German Day (Victoria Club)
Lake Isle Lutheran Camp—Kimberley BC MAD Fest—Janke Wedding
Forest Heights Oktoberfest—GCCA Oktoberfests (4 nights)
Global TV at German Club—Winspear with the Oktoberfest Express
Calder/Reimer Wedding—Yellowknife Oktoberfest
Lloydminster Oktoberfest—Shaw Rocktoberfest



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Rudy & Rose Seneka



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HEIMATABEND 2010

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many friends were on hand for the Hawaiian-themed bash at Erika's local pub, **BJs**.

See you all at the next **Heimatabend**, or on any Thursday at 7:00 pm for practice!



I had the privilege to be in Kimberley a second time in 2009, to celebrate **Rudy Kirrmaier's** surprise **70th birthday** in December! Wife **Hilde** and daughter **Erika** had secretly made the plans, and



Rudy, Hilde, Frank & Erika

GAUFEST 2009

by **Ole Berger**

In August 2009, Chuck, Ole, Irma and Paul attended the **22. Gaufest** of the *Gauverband Nordamerika* in **Toledo, Ohio**. Being only few from Edmonton this year, we quickly connected with the fellow Canadian Schuhplattlers from Calgary, Vancouver and Ottawa. We watched the competitions, attended a few workshops and bought gazillions of socks for the group. We particularly enjoyed the Saturday evening which took place in the beautiful outdoor facilities of the local German Festival Society. The perma-

nent tents structure barely fit the thousands of Trachtlers, but provided an nice atmosphere. The highlight of the evening was a 15 minute fireworks unique for North American Gaufests. We will be all looking forward to the Gaufest 2011 in **Orlando Florida** and a lot of our schuhplattlers and friends have the intentions to attend it.



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MEMBERSHIP

The growth in group membership came from our youth this year, as two of our junior members, **Mitchell Friedl** and **Mimi Ward**, turned 16 and became full-fledged adult members.

Some sad departures: **Rita Scherrer** & daughter **Nicole** have moved to the Cranbrook/Kimberley area. **Paul** and **Irma Whynacht** as well as **Linda Badke** have also moved from Edmonton; we wish them well!

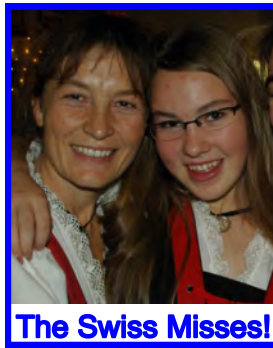
It's also a stork year for the group! Long-time member **Kathryn Calder** married **Martin Reimer** in 2009, and they just welcomed a first boy this year, Jonathan! **Vanessa Sands** and husband (& group supporter) **Dietmar Sollbach** had their first baby girl as well



this year, Emily! Congrats!

Our current **a c t i v e** adult membership of 24 is: **Ole Berger**, **Kathryn**

Calder, **Christophe Deniaud**, **Marta Deniaud**, **Lisa Friedl**, **Mitchell Friedl**, **Robert Friedl**, **Frank Friesacher**, **Loretta Friesacher**, **Francesca Fritz**, **Marion Fritz**, **Ronny Fritz**, **Stefan Fritz**, **Sylvia Harte**, **Bernd Kallenbach**, **Melody Kallenbach**, **Sylvia Kiel**, **Joe Niederleitner**, **Tim Reuscher**, **Vanessa Sands**, **Marvin Schaaf**, **Eric Seneka**, **Annette Wagner** and **Mimi Ward**. Our friendly friend members are **Chuck Lamers** and **Uwe Welz**. See page 6 for **Bernd's** report on the junior membership.



The Swiss Misses!



The Janke wedding



HEIMATABEND 2009

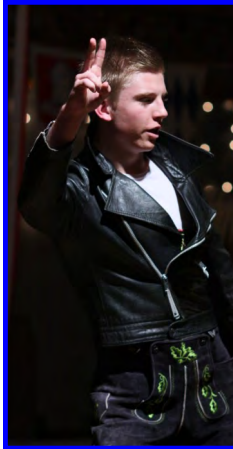


We returned to the 1960s this past year at our annual **Heimatabend: Greased Plattling!** Bobby socks, poodles skirts, drive-ins, and lots of grease and leather were mixed with old-fashioned dancing! As always **HA Director Sylvia "Schpeckie" Kiel** made sure the event planning went smoothly; also thanks to **MC Chuck Lammers**; writer **Frank Friesacher**; choreographer **Lisa Friedl** photographer **Uwe Welz**, videographers **James Kallenbach & Jürgen Welz**, tech guru **Ole Berger**, & poster artist **Martin Hansen**.

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 2010 for **Heimatabend: Robin Hood and his Unmarried Men!**



The Schuhplattler family at Kathryn's wedding



Bavarian Schuhplattler summer BBQ at Loretta & Frank's

KID'S CORNER

by **Bernd Kallenbach**

The **Alpenspatzen** need **boys**! During performances of the kid's group, our adult men fill in as needed; however, since many of our girls are under 4 feet, this is a challenge!

"Longtime" members of the **Alpenspatzen** include **Leilani Konietz**, **Eli Williams** & **Maddie Williams**. We have three new members who joined in the fall, **Lotta Buelow**, **Toni Buelow**, and **Hannah**



Toni Saric, and **Hannah Saric**, left our group this past January; the long drive and



Nicole Scherrer, left the group in November with mom **Rita** when they moved to B.C.

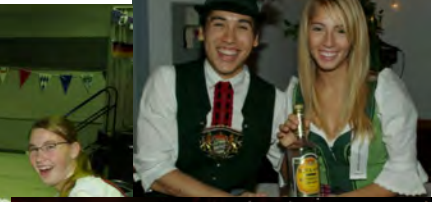
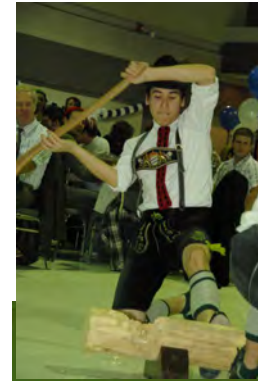
A big thanks to **Annette & Veronica Wagner**, **Melody Kallenbach**, **Mimi Ward** and **Tim Reuscher** for helping me with **Alpenspatzen** practices.

Two junior members that dance with the adults are **Reid Friedl** and **Veronica Wagner**.



time conflicts with other school activities prevented them from continuing to come to Edmonton for practice. Another junior member,

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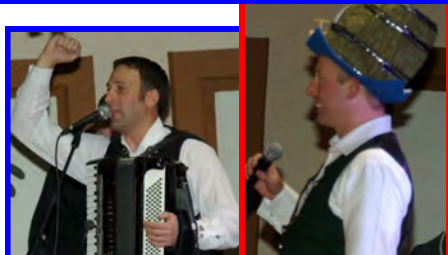
YELLOWKNIFE 2009

An amazing opportunity came for four of our couples to travel to **Yellowknife, NWT**, to perform at an *Oktoberfest*! Sponsored by Canadian North and the Explorer Hotel, all ticket proceeds went to the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre (NACC).



This trip broke our records as the furthest **north** the group has ever performed (smashing the previous record set in **Fort Smith, NWT** in 1974!).

The event was organized amazingly by hotel manager Jitan and banquet manager Veronique. They even provided the log (thinner than we are used to!) for the *Holz-hacker*. Musical entertainment was provided by our friend **Rob Brabec** from Calgary. The crown had an excellent time and really enjoyed our show! We look forward to a return to this jewel of the north.



JUNIOR REPORT

by **Mimi Ward**



My name is Annemarie but I am also known as Mimi. I have recently become a full member of the **Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton** and I am very honoured to be a part of this remarkable group. It has been many years since I first saw the schuhplattlers perform; however, I joined the group about two and a half years ago. Since I joined the group, I have acquired more than just a taste for traditional German beer. 🍷 I have enjoyed dancing with the group for multiple reasons such as the fun of performing at events not only in Edmonton and the surrounding area. Furthermore, would be all the knowledge, I have learnt about Bavarian culture like the dances



and especially the food. I continue to learn so much more when we gather for our weekly practices at the German Canadian Cultural Center. Knowing that I am participating in the continuance of the Bavarian heritage is a feeling of such bliss. It is encouraging to know that the group continues to give so many smiles and laughs to all by our dances at events. I have never seen so much cul-



ture provided by one group of amazing dancers and even better people. They give me the opportunity to learn, laugh and live. It seems to me as the group is just one big family supporting and loving each other and I am so grateful to be involved with them. We are truly an amazing group and if you think you are ready to experience such a rush of culture, we are always welcoming new members of the family.

KIMBERLEY 2009

by **Frank Friesacher**

In September 2009, the group was fortunate to be invited back to Kimberley for the Labour Day long weekend **MAD-Fest** (Music & Dance Festival). We were last in the Bavarian City of the Rockies in 2006, and it is always a special treat because we get to visit with founding members **Rudy & Hilde Kirrmaier**, and their daughter **Erika**.

As always, we had a lot of fun! We performed at the outdoor venue put on by the Rotary Club, did an impromptu dance on the *Platzl*, and then capped things off with a fabulous feast at the **Old Bauernhaus** on the hill. Other familiar faces included **Chef Bernhard** as well as the Yodelling Woodcarver **Adi Unterberger** and wife **Erika**. It's always a great time!

