



THE BAVARIAN SCHUHPLATTLERS
SINCE 1971 IN EDMONTON ALBERTA CANADA



This is the **15th annual** report of **The Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton!** 2010 saw a *Robin Hood*-themed **Heimatabend**, a visit with fellow plattlers at the **Vancouver Aprilfest**, summer at the **Edmonton Heritage Festival**, and a round of **Oktoberfests**. 2011 will be our **40th anniversary Maifest** celebration, details inside, so **don't miss it!**



For more news and pictures go to our website
www.schuhplattler.edmonton.ab.ca

by **Frank Friesacher**

2010 was my fourth year as BSE President, and it also marked 25 years since I first joined the group... a full quarter-century of *plattling*!

In some ways 2010 was a less-overwhelming year plattler-wise, although many of us also participate with the *Blauen Funken* which occupies much time from November to March.

Our highlights this year were the annual **Heimatabend: Robin Hood and His Merry Men** as well as the always busy **Oktoberfest** season. We visited our friends west of the Rockies, in *Vancouver*, for **Aprilfest 2010** workshops and a gala event.

Personally, Loretta and I had the great opportunity to visit Germany and Austria in September and of course attended the **Munich Oktober-**



Horst Schmid



fest on opening day!

Upcoming, **2011** is a milestone for the BSE, as we mark our **40th Anniversary & Maifest** on

the Victoria Day weekend, with a visit from other Western-Canadian groups. About a month after that, we will be heading off to Orlando, Florida for the **2011 Gaufest**, which will be an amazing gathering of *Plattlers* and *Mädels* from across North America!

This group owes its existence to the support of many. Key among those are three people: founder **Horst Schmid**, and longtime leaders **Rudy & Hilde Kirrmaier**. Thank you!

See you all at **Heimatabend**, and **Maifest**, or on any Thursday at 7:30 pm for practice!



Rudy & Hilde Kirrmaier

Heimatabend 2010—Aprilfest in Vancouver—Kiwans Senior Lodge
Shaw Cable Video—German Day (Victoria Club)
German Language School of Edmonton 50. Anniversary
Edmonton Heritage Festival —GCCA Oktoberfests (5 nights)
Germany Reunification 20. Anniversary—Norwood Legion Oktoberfest
Calmar Oktoberfest—Lloydminster Oktoberfest—Shaw Rocktoberfest
Wildrose Yodel Club Harvest Concert [Innisfail]—GCCA Adventskonzert

2011 BSE EXECUTIVE

Photos:
Uwe Welz, Ole Berger,
Franz & Frank Friesacher

President Frank Friesacher
VP Membership & 2. Treasurer Sylvia Kiel
VP PR and 1. Vorplattler Ronny Fritz
Treasurer Sylvia Harte
Secretary Frank Friesacher
2. Vorplattler & Past Prez Bernd Kallenbach
1. Vormädel Loretta Friesacher
2. Vormädel Marion Fritz
Honorary Vorplattler for Life Eric Seneka
Honorary President for Life Rudy Kirrmaier

Heimatabend/Maifest
Posters: Martin Hansen



On stage with Trooper!

Newsletter Contributors: Bernd Kallenbach & Sylvia Kiel



**The Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton
are a registered charity
Consider a tax-deductible donation today!**

COMING UP...



For tickets call Bernd
at 780-929-8325 or email
mail@schuhplattler.edmonton.ab.ca
Tickets on sale as of 24 March 2011

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

German Canadian Cultural Centre - 8310 Roper Road (51 Ave) www.schuhplattler.edmonton.ab.ca

FROM THE ARCHIVES



HERITAGE DAYS 2010



MEMBERSHIP

There were few changes in 2010 to our adult membership, age 16 and up. Prior member **Charlene Schmidt** has returned to active status with us! One of our guys, **Tim Reuscher**, took a job in Calgary, but manages to make it back up north for many key performances! **Kathryn Calder** and **Vanessa Sands** are busy raising their little ones, but also come when they can!

Our current **active adult membership totals 25: Ole Berger, Kathryn Calder, Christophe Deniaud, Marta Deniaud, Lisa Friedl, Mitchell Friedl, Robert Friedl, Frank Friesacher, Loretta Friesacher, Fran-**

cesca Fritz, Marion Fritz, Ronny Fritz, Stefan Fritz, Sylvia Harte, Bernd Kallenbach, Melody Kallenbach, Sylvia Kiel, Joe Niederleitner, Tim Reuscher, Vanessa Sands, Marvin Schaaf, Charlene Schmidt, Eric Seneka, Annette Wagner and Mimi Ward.

Of course, our friend members are **Chuck Lammers** and **Uwe Welz.**

UPDATE: At the start of 2011, two new prospective members, **Carson Golly** and **Erica Kivell**, have started practicing with the group! We are always looking for more members, men and women, new or returning!

See page **six** for **Bernd's** report on the **junior membership.**



The Schuhplattler family with Ralph Gameau and Jürgen Ellendt at Gameau Place



HEIMATABEND 2010



Medieval mayhem was in the air this past year at our annual **Heimatabend: Robin Hood & his Unmarried Men!** Our own **Ronny Hood** led his merry band of men through the Sherwood Park Black Forest, and later teamed up with **Maid Marion** and her sexy ladies-in-waiting to free **König Ludwig** and the people of Bavaria from **Sheriff Jägermeister of Nottingdorf** and the evil **Prinz Slivovicz**.

Thanks to **event director Sylvia Kiel**, **scriptwriter Frank Friesacher**, **choreographer Loretta Friesacher**, **photographer Uwe Welz**, **videographers James Kallenbach &**

Jürgen Welz, tech guy **Ole Berger**, poster artist **Martin Hansen**, band extraordinaire **PREMIUM AKKORD**, & the efforts of our entire group!

Please make sure you come out on **16 April 2011** for **Heimatabend: LOST on Gerhardigan's Island**, where we will all be shipwrecked together!



GCCA Adventskonzert
Our Bellringers with Herr Professor Glockenspiel & his elves

feierabend*
3. Friday of every month

***Pub Night**
At the German Club

next time:
Mar. 18 2011
after 8 p.m.

German-Canadian Cultural Centre
8310 Roper Rd. (51 Ave)
Tel. (780) 466-4000

Lucky you
It's free

Theme: Après St Patrick's Day Party!

Meet Germans Everybody welcome Make friends Live DJ

Let's get the party started!

New to Edmonton? Want to get in touch with German culture? Come and party with us, have some drinks and snacks, listen to European music and Top 40. Enjoy German hospitality and Gemütlichkeit.

Upcoming Dates

April 15, 2011
May 20, 2011
June 17, 2011

Questions, requests, suggestions - Contact Ole at ossi@shaw.ca

www.feierabend.ca © 2011

KIDS' CORNER

by **Bernd Kallenbach**

Two of our longtime junior members are **Reid Friedl** and **Veronica Wagner**, who are both 14 and have both been dancing with us since 2004. **Reid** has been quite active in hip-hop and therefore spends less time with the *plattlers*, although he is active for Oktoberfests. **Veronica** has been an outstanding asset to the kids' group as well as the adult group.



Our **Alpenspatzen** membership is unchanged in 2011, and currently includes **Lotta Buelow**, **Toni Buelow**, **Hannah Freeman**, **Leilani**



Konietz, Eli Williams & Maddie Williams. We do have an addition in early 2011 of a new girl, **Cassidy Gale**!

A big thanks to **Annette & Veronica Wagner**, **Melody Kallenbach**, **Mimi Ward** and **Tim Reuscher** for helping out with **Alpenspatzen** practices, which are every Thursday from 6:45 pm to 7:15 pm, just before the adult practice.



Dance Daze

Sat, 19 Mar 2011

Tickets At the Door!

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

German Canadian Cultural Centre - 8310 Roper Road (51 AVE)

An Initiative of the German-Canadian Cultural Association
For information call Bernd at 780-929-8325



COMING UP...

The Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton present

Our 40th Anniversary celebration

Maifest

Saturday May 21, 2011

German Canadian Cultural Centre

Tickets \$40 - Doors open 5 pm - Dinner 5:30 pm - Dance 7 pm

Guest Schuhplattler Groups

Music by Premium Akkord

Grand Buffet Included

For ticket information please
call Bernd Kallenbach at 780-929-8325
or contact us via e-mail at
mail@schuhplattler.edmonton.ab.ca



German Canadian Cultural Centre 8310 Roper Road (51 Avenue) www.schuhplattler.edmonton.ab.ca

**Alumni! Please provide us with any old photos
or send your stories to us of your fondest memories!**
**mail@schuhplattler.edmonton.ab.ca or
call Bernd at 780-929-8325**

APRILFEST 2010

by **Frank Friesacher**

A highlight for the group is always an out-of-town trip...and in 2010 that was **Vancouver!** The **AVC Edelweiss Dancers of Vancouver** hosted Edmonton, along with Seattle, Victoria and Calgary's dance groups, for a *Schuhplattler Workshop and Dance weekend* on 23—25 April 2010!

A total of over 40 dancers ate, drank and danced away the weekend. On Friday we had a meet-and-greet, then held



dance workshops Saturday morning and afternoon, had a big Gala that night, and finally a farewell brunch on Sunday. Thanks to AVC Vancouver, and we look forward to returning the hospitality this year at our **40th Anniversary Maifest!**



Calmar Oktoberfest with past members Rudi, Rose and Jeannie Seneka



GAU MEETING 2010

by **Sylvia Kiel**

I had the privilege to represent the group at the **Gau Delegates' Meeting** in **Sandusky, Ohio** on 1—2 May 2010, hosted by **STV Bavaria** from **Cleveland**. There were 225 delegates and observers. The *Gauverband North America*, in non-Gaufest alternate years, holds these meetings to address important issues, including the selection of upcoming events! This time the same location, the *Sandusky Kala-*



hari Resort, Ohio, was selected to host the **2013 Gaufest**, on 20—23 June 2013. We also had the chance to learn some new dances, and of course one of the real treats is the opportunity to make new friends, like these dancers from Washington, D.C!



