



Cape Breton Fiddlers' Association



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Hello Everyone!

Welcome to *Fiddlers' Info 33*. Winter is moving along very well; I hope you are enjoying it! What a wonderful festival we had in 2015. We had a tremendous amount of talent, hardworking volunteers, and appreciative audiences. Thanks to everyone who made the days and evenings so happy and fun-filled. A special thanks to all those who stayed at the end of the festival so that everything could be cleaned up on Sunday evening. None of this could take place without your willing help and your presence at the festival and the practices.

A heartfelt "thank-you" goes to Rodney MacDonald and the staff at the Gaelic College for their assistance now and throughout the year. Gail is our right-hand gal for this festival, and she does a wonderful job for us. The kitchen staff, the office staff, and the maintenance crew are there to help whenever we need it. As well, Rodney, CEO of the Gaelic College, has helped us this year and in many years to come because of his decision to eliminate our annual rental fee of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00). In return for this generosity, the Cape Breton Fiddlers' Association will participate in one of two events the Gaelic College will sponsor throughout the year. One such event we will be participating in this year is the extremely popular "Kitchenfest" series that will be happening in early summer. More details will follow as we learn them!

Festival of Cape Breton Fiddling 2016 is taking place on Saturday, August 20, and Sunday, August 21, at the Gaelic College. The format will be similar to the last few years, with one or two additions. The Board will be meeting in late March to finalize plans for the summer. Eddy has given me lists of sets for the festival and for the year. They are listed in this issue. Please keep these dates free if you possibly can do so; it is very important to have you there in August.

What adjective best describes the Boston Trip???.....FABULOUS! The group had so much fun, and the camaraderie was overwhelming. One could sense the welcoming atmosphere and the appreciation we received from the Canadian American Club. Cape Breton music was the STAR of the week. Mind you, the sightseeing tours were well attended and much enjoyed as well. The hard work and the dedication of you, the participants, culminated in this week long adventure of pure enjoyment. I would not dare mention any one name because so many of you donated your time, your energy, your expertise, and your talents to make this trip possible. The many, many events showed your commitment to this trip taking place. Thanks so much to all.

Our Celtic Colours concert was exciting for all musicians. It was a treat to meet and to play on stage with the very talented Calvin Vollrath and his band. The audience certainly enjoyed the music and the dancing by all of you. Thanks so much to the Celtic Colours Board for inviting us to participate in this wonderful festival each year. Our performance at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre saw a large number of musicians participating to bring a great evening of entertainment to the audience. This venue is very welcoming to us, and we appreciate it.

Our monthly ceilidhs were well attended, and the Christmas practice was lovely. Because of the generosity of an anonymous donor, the December ceilidh only cost the Association \$279.80; the other \$300.00 was donated to the Association. Thank you so much! There are six practices for

2016, with the last one being an “overnighter.” All dates are listed in this issue. Please keep this list for reference. Thank you.

As in any community, ours has had many changes since our last newsletter. There have been happy and sad occasions.

Get-well wishes and kind thoughts go to Inga Milburn, Betty Campbell, Marie Cameron, Jean MacNeil, and George Jackson. Our prayers are with all of you.

Congratulations are in order for Father Eugene Morris on his fiftieth anniversary to the priesthood; for Mike Barron and Danielle Martensson on their recent marriage; for Mary MacNeil and Eugene MacNeil on the birth of a granddaughter and daughter, Ella, and for Allie Mombourquette on her recent marriage to Andrew Kehoe.

Sincere condolences to:

The family of Allen MacPherson

The family of Alex MacDougall

The family of Peter Chaisson

The family of Raymond Ellis

The family Alan Donovan

The family of Joe A. Doucette

The family of Joe Cormier

Joe and Margaret MacNeil on the death of his brother, Leo MacNeil.

Catherine, Lawrence, and Cameron Family on the death of “our” Santa Claus, Martin Cameron

Margaret Anne and Kate MacCuspig on the death of their husband/father, Graham MacCuspig

Glengarry fiddlers and friends of Alan Gillis

Mary MacNeil and Family on the death of her brother, Jimmy MacDougall

The MacAskill Family on the death of Peggy MacAskill (a great friend and volunteer for many, many *Festival of Cape Breton Fiddling* concerts over the years)



Alex MacDougall was a true gentleman, a member the beginning. Peter Chaisson, a humble man who was a fiddling giant, was instrumental in running the Rollo Bay Festival in P.E.I. Another famous fiddler was Joe Cormier who lived most of his life in the Waltham/Boston area. Many of you would remember Joe. A. Doucette from Ingonish and Allan MacPherson from the East Bay area. Raymond Ellis and Alan Donovan were at many Association events several years ago. We lost our Santa Claus when Martin Cameron passed away; he added such joy to our Dec. Ceilidh.

Some notes regarding the financial statements...membership fees are up slightly which is great. Please help them stay this way by getting your dues in quickly. The monies left over from the Boston trip were deposited into an account with the \$3200.00 we received from the sale of Jack Bulmer’s beautiful fiddle. It was a Clay Carmichael fiddle, and I am sure Mike Bates is thoroughly enjoying it. This money is set aside for a few projects we hope to finalize soon.

Enclosed in this issue are all financial reports, a registration form, dates for ceilidhs, lists of sets for 2016, and a lovely tune by Brent Aucoin. Thanks so much for the lively tune, Brent.

Betty, for the Cape Breton Fiddlers’ Association

FESTIVAL OF CAPE BRETON FIDDLING 2015
Financial Statement
August 15 and August 16

INCOME

Canteen Sales	\$1488.75
Destination Cape Breton Association	2250.00
Even-Split Sales	2346.00
Gate Receipts	3865.00
Municipalities' Grants	1400.00
Mugs/Tunes books/Cookbook Sales	193.52
Sweatshirt Sales	390.00
Workshops	<u>435.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME**\$12 368.27****EXPENSES**

Even-Split Expenses	\$1193.40
Food	1432.86
High Speed Internet	393.66
Office Supplies	551.76
Postage	112.42
Posters	299.00
Promotion	2606.31
Refreshments	362.00
Sound and Lighting	1000.00
Telephone	209.25
Workers (Parking/Grounds)	880.00
Workshop Instructors' Fees	<u>600.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES**\$ 9 640.66****TOTAL INCOME** **\$12 368.27****TOTAL EXPENSES** **9 640.66****NET PROFIT** **\$ 2 727.61**

CAPE BRETON FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION
Statement of Income and Expenses
January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

INCOME

Celtic Colours Concert	\$ 1500.00
Civic Centre Concert	500.00
Festival of Cape Breton Fiddling 2015	12368.27
Memorials/Donations	30.00
Registration	3268.32
Summer Worker Grant 2014	<u>3768.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME**\$21 434.59****EXPENSES**

Bank Charges and Cheques	\$ 201.88
Christmas Ceilidh	279.80
Computer Maintenance	412.18
Director Fees	600.00
Dues/Scholarships/Conferences	335.65
Festival of Cape Breton Fiddling 2015	9640.66
Fiddlers' Info 32	253.00
Flowers/Gifts/Testimonials	1141.85
High Speed Service	661.22
Insurance	1325.00
Monthly and Thank-you Ceilidhs	642.59
Office Supplies	916.01
Postage	558.33
Summer Worker 2015	3967.44
MERC's for Summer Worker 2014	545.55
Telephone	384.22
Tunes Books	231.00
Web Hosting	<u>123.51</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES**\$22 219.89**

BALANCE FORWARD JANUARY 1, 2015	\$ 7 327.59
TOTAL INCOME 2015	<u>21 434.59</u>
TOTAL	\$28 762.18
LESS TOTAL EXPENSES 2015	<u>22 219.89</u>
ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 6 542.29

BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2015	\$ 6 592.29
LESS OUTSTANDING CHEQUE 23	<u>50.00</u>

ADJUSTED BANK BALANCE DEC. 31, 2015**\$ 6542.29**

CAPE BRETON FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION BOSTON TRIP 2015
Financial Statement
February 20, 2016

INCOME

Deposits from participants	\$24 749.55	
Concerts	3 093.00	
Ashley Concert	7 917.00	
Ball Game	4 335.00	
Salem Tour	1 112.08	
Boston Duck Tour	2 330.00	
Sponsors/Government Grants	6 500.00	
Donations	3 071.50	
Ticket Sales	4 270.00	
Auction	<u>2 526.25</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$59 904.38

EXPENSES

Ashley Concert	\$ 2 377.88	
Tickets printed for various items	184.25	
Ball Game	3 673.68	
Salem Tour	1 102.60	
Boston Duck Tour	2 671.17	
Accommodations	29 989.37	
Transportation	13 274.25	
Office Supplies/Services	583.92	
Telephone	509.47	
Teeshirts	651.43	
Promotion/Thank-You's	752.59	
Bank Charges/Cheques	<u>380.18</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$56 150.79
TOTAL INCOME	\$59 904.38	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>56 150.79</u>	
BALANCE	\$ 3 753.59	



Registration fees constitute a large percentage of our revenue. It is important for all members to keep their dues paid up to date. The fee is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) within Canada and thirty dollars (\$30.00) elsewhere. If you have already paid for 2016, thank you. If you have not, please send your dues in soon. You can take it to our April 3 practice or you can mail it to our office. The address is:

Cape Breton Fiddlers' Association
70 Station Street
Dominion, Nova Scotia
B1G 1W2



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTAL CODE/ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Dates for Practices in 2016

Sunday, April 3 ~ MacKenzie Hall

Sunday, May 1 ~ MacKenzie Hall

Sunday, June 5 ~ MacKenzie Hall

September 11 ~ MacKenzie Hall

October 30 ~ MacKenzie Hall

Christmas Overnighter ~ MacKenzie Hall ~ December 3 and December 4

All practices are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. unless something comes up with the College. The Christmas Ceilidh will be discussed closer to the time. Please bring a plate of sandwiches or sweets to help with the lunch. All members and their families and friends are invited to attend these practices. Hope to see you there!

MILL POND

STRATHSPEY

BRENT AUCOIN



TUNES FOR 2016

There are new sets this year, thanks to Dara Smith-MacDonald, Kinnon Beaton, and Eddy Rodgers. These sets can be accessed on our website at www.capebretonfiddlers.com. For those who don't have a computer, Eddy will have sets at the first practice in April. He wants to practice them this year, but he feels it is unlikely any of them will be played by the big group at the August concert; thereby giving you folks time to practice them during the year.

SUGGESTED SETS FOR FESTIVAL 2016

JIG SETS

Buddy MacMaster's Favourite
 Juanita's Jig
 Races at Carrick
 Black Hoe

STRATHSPEY/REEL SETS

MacKenzie Hay
 Gay Gordon's
 Huntingstone Castle (Mill of Newe)
 James Scott Skinner

SPARES (Crowd Favourites)

Concert March
 Space Available