

The Bavarian Schuhplattlers - 1997

Past Year Activities

As usual, the Schuhplattlers have had a busy year. We started with Heimatabend in April, followed by German Days in June, K-Day Promenade in July and Heritage Days in August. We also performed at the Augustfest, an event to collect food for the Food Bank held at Barb and Erie's Restaurant. Also in August we descended on Eric Seneca's cabin at Pigeon Lake for our annual barbecue. Great food and lots of fun for the kids both young and old.

For the Oktoberfest season, we performed at Mayer-thorpe, German Canadian Cultural Association, Usona, Evansburg, Forest Heights School, Wetaskiwin and Barrhead. James French brought his troop of Ukrainian buddies to the German Club Oktoberfest. Since he was wearing Lederhosen, we coaxed James into performing several

dances with us that evening.

We will end our season with a performance at the Jasper Park Lodge on Boxing Day.

Group Membership

We've had a few members leave in the past year. Martin Roch, our junior member from last year has decided to wait a few years before joining the group again. Charlene Schmidt has also decided to take what we hope is only a temporary leave of absence. James French is also on leave since he is busy planning a trip to South America for his Ukrainian Choir group. Marvin Schaaf is also off on disability after smashing his knee at Shad's wedding reception playing basketball.

We also have several new members who have joined the group. Sylvia Kiel placed second in the Northern Alberta Body Building Contest. Needing a new challenge, she decided to give the Schuhplattlers a try. This

spring, Jessica Houle, Andre's fiancee, joined the group. We also have two guys who have just joined in October. Manfred Pade is in 3rd year engineering and Jason Edwards is in second year general science.

Our present membership includes Brandi Day, Frank Friesacher, Marion Fritz, Ronny Fritz, James Konkin, André Hüllstrung, Bernd Kallenbach, Karen Konkin, Marta Laube, George Lauf, Loretta Martin-Friesacher, Melissa Scheuerer, Russell Schmidt, Eric Seneca, Sylvia Unterieser, Ralph Garneau (Accordion), and Juergen Ellendt.

Special Event

Jessica Houle and Andre Hüllstrung got engaged on June 7 this year. The wedding has been set for July 25, 1998.

Danielle Majeau and Shad Carlson, a former Schuhplattler, got married on August 15, 1997.