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Your Board of Directors is pleased to be serving you for another year. Several projects are underway including the process for nominating inductees to the NSCMHF for the year 2010.

Because so many forms were incomplete in past years, the Board is emphasizing to those sending forth nominations that ALL parts of the form must be filled in. The Board does not want deserving individuals to be overlooked for recognition due to incomplete forms.

Contact Arthur Brown if you have any questions re completing the form - (902) 543-2050

# NOVA SCOTIA COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME

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## NOMINATIONS DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15, 2010 FOR 2010 INDUCTEES NOVA SCOTIA COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME

The deadline is looming for folks to get in their nomination forms for their chosen musicians or builders to be considered for induction to the NSCMHF !

### February 15, 2010 postmark deadline

#### Categories include:

**VOCALIST** - A singer

**INSTRUMENTALIST (A)** - a lead performer

**INSTRUMENTALIST (B)** - a back-up to a vocalist or instrumentalist

**BUILDER** – Anyone who has contributed significantly to country music in NS— not necessarily a vocalist or instrumentalist

#### Nominees must be born in Nova Scotia

#### IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS RE NOMINATION

- Forms must be **COMPLETELY** filled out;
- Incomplete Forms will **NOT BE CONSIDERED**;
- Forms received in previous years that were not completely filled out were not considered as the rules stated: Even telephone numbers, addresses and other information requested must be included or the form cannot be considered;
- Include all information about the person nominated that is of interest which outlines musical awards, recordings, concerts, airplay, compositions, awards, contributions etc. by the nominee for review by Judges ;
- Check the website for full instructions and nomination forms; **or**
- Call Arthur Brown at (902) 543-2050 to receive one.

## Lloyd "Boots" Langille

Lloyd "Boots" Langille was born in Oakland, NS in 1930. He received his first guitar, a \$7.50 beauty and a Hank Snow song-book for Xmas in 1939. In the 40's & 50's Boots accompanied various well-known musicians at local dances. In the Spring of 1949, Boots started playing with Fiddlin Jim Hamm on a daily noon-hour program on CKBW radio. Boots later formed a band called "Musical Boots" in which his wife Doreen and son Terry played. He continued to play all over the South Shore at weddings, garden parties, dances, house parties and birthday parties gaining experience and recognition.

Boots is a lifetime member of the South Shore Bluegrass Music Association which led to the

formation of the band "Boots and the Boys" playing for benefits and at various festivals. At the time of the G7 Conference in Halifax, Boots and Jim Hamm entertained the wives of the delegates at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic in Lunenburg. He belongs to the Lunenburg County Fiddlers Club, some-times playing the fiddle, but mostly guitar. Boots continues to play benefits and has assisted the NSCMHF on occasion including this year at the Chester Basin Variety Show where he played and sang to the delight of the audience. As a past Inductee Boots is honoured each year at the Induction Ceremony and the NSCMHF is appreciative of having him there each year. Boots Langille has a great sense of humour and we will hear more about him in a future issue.



Boots Langille

## Lorimer Higgins

2005 inductee to the NSCMHF, Lorimer Higgins at 75 years old is not letting the grass grow under his feet. This summer at the River John festival he won the Open Class Fiddling Contest. Lorimer played well known tunes as well as his own compositions. He has played fiddle not only in NS but across the country & in Florida with his own flair and distinctive style. He has several records, tapes and CD's where he is featured. His days of fiddling began in a family where 8 were fiddlers out of 11 members. His first fiddle was bought by his Mother at the T. Eaton Co. for \$19.00 and a Champion fiddler was born. Lorimer not only competes but performs at fundrais-

ers, shows and festivals as well as judging competitions. He has composed 29 fiddle tunes published in "Fiddle Tunes by Lorimer Higgins". He played live on CKCL, Truro at 17 yrs old & with the group "Lorimer Higgins and the Bible Hill Swingsters". He is a founder of the Lunenburg County Fiddle Club & a member of the Maritime Fiddle Assoc & past President in both. He received the Curtis Hicks Memorial Award and the Tara Lynne Touensnard Memorial Award. Lorimer is a member of the Hank Snow Society and plays for bus tours at the HS Centre and is a regular at HSS shows & events including the Hank Snow Tribute.



LORIMER HIGGINS

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**Let Carol or Arthur know if you would be willing to host an event to raise monies for NSCMHF.**

**A Variety Show, Raffle, Penny Auction, Dance, Bingo, Yard Sale, Country Supper and on it goes...the possibilities are endless. We would love to have you help the NSCMHF with your fundraising ideas and help.**

**JUST LET US KNOW !!!**

### FUNDRAISER— PENTZ UNITED CHURCH HALL

A joint effort with the Pentz United Church via Fred Speth was held on November 1, 2009. Sound was provided by Danny Penny. Joyce Seasmone was the MC and performed the final act of the afternoon with her rendition of many well-known songs by some great performers. Graham Moorehead and friends provided the audience with harmonies and pleasing musical melodies. The group Southwind had a fun set with their distinctive bluegrass/gospel sound. This group

gives their time singing songs that folks in the audiences love and tap their toes to. Sharon Reyno, who has wonderful stage outfits, performed a great set. The Pentz Women's group had a most delicious canteen with homemade pies and delicious renderings for all to sample. The audience enjoyed the wonderful music and all in all the show was a great success and monies were divided between the NSCMHF & the Pentz United Church whose Minis-



ter was an eloquent auctioneer of many wonderful looking pastries and cakes. A special treat was a performance by Chet Brown who captured the hearts of all with his great voice and humorous quips.

A fun afternoon with good friends and fantastic music.



.Harold Tsistinas whose business card is shown here to the right has been a source of invaluable help to the NSCMHF Newsletter staff. Harold was the Recording Engineer for Solar Sound in Halifax for 30 years. He has his own studio now and will record on site or in your home with his mobile recording studio for a professional recording sound. He has recorded many top name performers but no job is too big or too small. Harold looks forward to serving members of the NSCMHF.

Harold can be reached by email — [tstns@eastlink.ca](mailto:tstns@eastlink.ca), or by phone at (902) 448-6766

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A.J. Walling well known media broadcaster, sports announcer & analyst is the creator of the new Queens County Community Radio station with a diversified broadcasting menu. However, QCCR has classic country music featuring many local Nova Scotian performers. They are a supporter of NSCMHF and keep Queens County informed as well as the rest of Nova Scotia on the web. A.J. was a DJ on many stations and is well versed in music no matter what genre. We welcome them as one of our supporters and thank them for their help in keeping country music alive in Nova Scotia.

Welcome QCCR

**DON HAGGART RAISES MONEY FOR NSCMHF**



**GOSPEL TOUR IN NASHVILLE WITH GEORGE HAMILTON IV**

Gospel Tour begins in the Maritimes through Eastern US ending at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville & Graceland in Memphis, Tenn.

George Hamilton IV will host a portion of the 18-day motorcoach Gospel Tour as will Irish Gospel Singer James Bell. This tour will include a concert at the Carter Family Fold in Virginia as well as 8 gospel concerts and includes: JOSEPH at Millineum Theatre in Strasburg, Pa; tour of Amish region; Day in Dollywood; Concert & Tour at Grand Ole Opry; Homes of Stars tour with George IV, Walking Tours; Shopping; day at Graceland; Church services at Cowboy Church and at George IV's home church at Franklin, Tenn.

Cost includes transportation, hotels, breakfasts, 8 dinners, entry fees for JOSEPH, Dollywood, Grand Ole Opry and Graceland. \$2,395/per person twin; \$1,9995/per person triple; \$1,795/per person quad; \$2,9995.00 single.

Tour pickups available at Maritime locations. For more information contact Maureen MacLean at 506-383-8255 email marcon@nbnet.nb.ca OR Drop In Ministries info@dropinnministries.ca OR Vance at 1-800-503-8883

Some NSCMHF folks featured last week on  
**QCCR:**

Joyce Seamone, Lorimer Higgins, Ron DeAd-  
der, Dale Verge, Sue Verge, Mary McRae, Jim  
& Don Haggart, Dave Burbine, Bob Mitchell,  
Brent Williams, Ryan Cook, Carroll Baker,  
Hank Snow, Wilf Carter, Don Messer, Chet  
Brown, Rita MacNeil...

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**2009 INDUCTEES  
DALE VERGE &  
FLOYD SPICER**



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**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

Another year and again musicians and builders in Nova Scotia are being considered for induction to the NSCMHF.

Membership in the NSCMHF is tantamount to keeping country music alive in Nova Scotia including all classifications of country music, old time fiddling and bluegrass music.

An important aspect of this mission is having more folks as members and this would be a good year for all of you to renew membership, bring in new members and to take part in the many events that your Board of Directors sponsor . Taking part can be as a participant musician, volunteer or fundraiser organizer. All of the above are needed to continue the important work of the NSCMHF.

Take a trip to our Website and visit those already inducted.

**MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO CONSIDER INVESTING IN THE NSCMHF TO HELP SUSTAIN THE HALL OF FAME.**

**A CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS IS UNDERWAY. IF YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY, IT IS BADLY NEEDED AND WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

Editor: Vina Moses



The 2009 Induction Ceremony at the Blandford Community Hall was an event not to be missed. The meal was delicious and the folks at the Hall are to be commended for such excellence in dining, the fellowship was great, the Inductees were honoured and gave heartfelt speeches, our President spoke with sincerity and passion for the values and the mission of the NSCMHF, the Minister representing the NS government, the Hon. Bill Estabrooks & Federal MP Gerald Keddy delighted the audience with their memorable stories , the MC was sincere and kept the evening on track, Gerald Seamone and his crew made it possible for everyone to hear the speeches and music, Ted Coombs and his crew kept the parking lot in shape, NSCMHF Directors and Volunteers were cheerful and helpful, Event Chair, Joyce Seamone's organizational skills were evident throughout the evening and the Inductees put on a great show and it became evident to everyone in attendance why they were the 2009 Inductees to the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame. Thank you to everyone who attended especially those who have been previously inducted into the Hall of Fame—thank you for coming & it was a pleasure to honour each of you at the dinner. Thank you to everyone who made the night a reality through preparation, perseverance, and a love of keeping country music alive in Nova Scotia.

**CONGRATULATIONS DALE & FLOYD & thank you for a fine evening!!!!**