

## Letters/Lettres

Your website is clear and easy to use from this distance, half way around the world. It should make subscriptions easier to pay (if we get email reminders), and is a good way to distribute minutes of AGMs and notices of society affairs. I appreciate the links to other websites of folkies, performers, and other folk music magazines.

As I sit here in the wet season heat and humidity of tropical Queensland, clicking away on the keyboard, Ian Tyson is on the stereo behind me singing about magpies and coyotes.

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I am a radio programmer for McGill University radio CKUT here in Montreal. Presently I prepare to present diverse musicians and their music to listening audiences. A series of interviews is being planned by me of Canadian musicians and music groups. These recordings would be produced, then broadcast on national campus and community radio stations.

From Merlene Wehre at the National Library of Canada's Music Division I learned of the Canadian Society for Traditional Music. If possible, may I please receive a listing of performers

who may be interested to participate in the recorded series?

Next, I will contact them individually to know more about their music, then schedule interviews over the telephone.

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*[As we don't maintain such a listing, we urge our readers who are interested musicians to contact Noel directly.]*

In the most recent issue of the **Bulletin** [32.4, p. 26] there is a request for more info on some of the small folk clubs in southern Ontario. Many of those listed have websites that can be located through **Northern Journey Online**, a great folk music resource. < [www.interlog.com/~njo/](http://www.interlog.com/~njo/) > Here's a bit of information on ones I found that way:

**Brantford Folk Club:** regular open stages on Friday nights and some concerts; run by Brenda and Don McGeogh (519) 759-7676.

**Black Walnut Folk Club:** open stage the third Friday of each month, run by Jack Cooper (519) 578-2942.

**Caledonia Folk Club:** open stage on the 2nd Saturday each

month, with some concerts; for information: (905) 765-3576.

Hamilton Folk Club: open stage every second Tuesday; for information: (905) 529-8896.

Traditional Sessions at the Golden Kiwi are run by the Mill Race Folk Club, for which you indicated you had information.

Old Chestnuts Song Circle in Kitchener is a house singaround on the fourth Saturday of each month, run by Jack Cole (519) 578-6298; Jack also organizes house concerts.

Heritage River Folk Club I was unable to find, but I am sure it is run by Glen Reid in Burk's Falls, who organized the Heritage River Festival this past summer.

Also add to your list Acoustic Harvest, which does a monthly concert in Scarborough; Lillian Wauthier (416) 264-2235.

Sue Goldberg  
Toronto, Ontario

A member of our song circle, Jean Mills, recently pointed out a mention of the Old Chestnuts in your newsletter, saying that you would like to know more about us! I'm happy to oblige. For more information yet, please check the Website,

<<http://www.mgl.ca/~jhcole/>>, where you can find lots of stuff, including copies of our newsletters for the past few years.

The song circle meets in Kitchener on the fourth Saturday of most months, September to May. (We also host house concerts two or three times per year.) The Song Circle format is pass/play/request, which means that everyone in the room gets several opportunities to lead a song, request a song, or just pass their turn. We have one fairly strict rule—all songs must have a participation part—either a chorus, response, or the words are handed out and the song taught. We have members from ages 8 to 70-something, and professional musicians and folks who just come to listen. It's a fun night, with lots of voices, instruments, food and drink and good community. On a typical evening we will have about 25 people, four or five rounds of songs, and a dozen songs handed out. Our biggest crowd was 44, which overflowed the living room!

If there is any more that I can tell you, or if you would like an article about the circle, we would be happy to oblige!

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