

UNB FORESTRY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Monte Carlo Casino Night

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MONTE CARLO CASINO NIGHT: A RETURN TO THE WILD WEST

"If I had a million dollars (If I had a million dollars!)
I would buy you a house, I would buy you a house.
If I had a million dollars (If I had a million dollars!)
I would buy furniture for your house-maybe a nice
Chesterfield or an ottoman.
If I had a million dollars, I'd buy your love..."
-The Bare Naked Ladies

A million dollars would be a fabulous thing to have right now, especially in this era of shrinking budgets and slimming wallets. Well, for all you card sharks out there, a million dollars might not be such an unattainable goal after all. Have you ever heard the expression "five will get you ten"? The deal is even sweeter than that, because now five will get you five thousand - but only if you're in the right place at the right time. The place is the Capital Winter Club, the time is Friday, March 18. The occasion; The 40th Annual Forestry Monte Carlo Casino Night!

Let's face it, anything with a forty year old history has got to have a lot going for it, and Casino Night is no exception. We foresters are extremely proud of our many long-standing traditions at UNB and they don't come any better than Monte Carlo! Casino Night has always adapted with the changing times; early photos reveal bell-bottomed Chippendales and Bunnies with Farrah Fawcett 'dos. In spite of its venerable history the spirit of Monte Carlo has remained the same and the basic premise has never wavered: to play cards, spin the wheels, party with your friends and have the best possible time doing so!

Spearheading the Casino Night efforts this year are fourth year foresters Jillian Weldon and Len Parsons, who bring with them a new twist on an old idea. Casino Night will remain "Monte Carlo" in name only, as we spin the globe and return to the Wild West with a brand new theme for the evening. "We wanted to have something new and a little different" says Jillian. "Casino Night games will remain unchanged but we'll have gunslingers and saloon girls instead of the usual Bunnies and Chippendales." So shine up yer kickers and dust off yer hats before you roll into town on March 18 - sorry, check your six-shooters at the door.

All it takes to get to the Wild West is five bucks and a little kindness of heart. Organizers are requesting the donation of non-perishable food items at the door for the Fredericton Food Bank (entry fee is six dollars without donation). Not only does this fee get you access to the most boot-stompin', spur janglin', card playin' bunch of cowboys north of the Grande

Ole Opry, you also get \$5,000 worth of play money to get you started off on the right boot.

Once you arrive, wander around and check out the joint. There's games a-plenty to tickle the fancy; choose from horse wheels, roulette, blackjack, crown and anchor and dice toss. And if by now you're thinking to yourself, "Oh, another one of those forestry parties", think again. Sit down to play blackjack and you rub shoulders with students from all faculties who know a good time when they see one. As a matter of fact, that guy who's winning all your money may turn out to be a prof, for even faculty gets into the spirit of things at the Monte Carlo Casino Night!

Once you've played your fill of cards, you might want to quench your thirst, smoke a stogie or two and check out the list of the evening's sponsors. Fredericton merchants are exceedingly generous when it comes to Casino Night and the array of prizes available is astonishing. Previous years have seen the donation of free car rentals, weekends at Fredericton's finest hotels, compact disks, computer software, jackets and clothing, dishware and coffee makers, and of course cruising vests, compasses and assorted forestry equipment (it is a forestry event, after all!) On the stroke of midnight your funny money turns to gold as the auction begins. The more you play, the more you win... and the more money you have to auction on the fabulous prizes!

Lest you may be thinking that you hate to play cards, and thus this evening is not for you, don't forget all the other attractions that Monte Carlo Casino Night has to offer. Picture an old Wild West saloon, replete with bartender, dancing, good music, cigars and munchies and above all... a highly sociable atmosphere. Need we say more?

The UNB Forestry Association extends its warmest invitation to all for the 40th Annual Monte Carlo Casino Night. Remember to bring your food donation for the Fredericton Food Bank. Mark your calendars and get your best cowboy outfit together, and come on down for the best Casino Night you'll ever attend!

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