

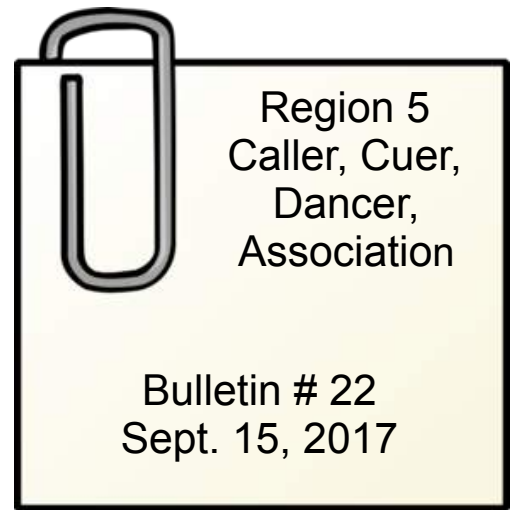
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KEEPING YOU INFORMED - Mary Anne Turner, R5CCDA President

(Sometimes I receive information that should not wait until the next Cariboo Connection to be passed on to you. In those cases, I send out bulletins. Please let me know if you wish to be removed from the Region 5 E-Mail list or if you know of anyone that should be added to the list.)

Gosh, I can't believe it is the middle of September already! Summer seemed to go by in a puff of smoke - literally. Many dancers in the Cariboo have suffered through a fiery summer with alerts, evacuations, property losses and so many smokey days. Hopefully we can put this stressful summer behind us and enjoy another happy dance season.

As you will notice from the banner above, Region 5 once again has a full slate of volunteer officers. I remain your president for another 2 year term and Nick begins another 2 year term as secretary. Bill Cocker begins his 2nd year of a two year term and Sandi Jespersen begins the first year of a 2 year term. Contact information is listed above and on the Region 5 website if you have questions, comments, suggestions or requests that you wish to direct to any of these volunteers.

Website Stuff - Clubs - please ensure that the information listed on the Region 5 website at <http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca> is up to date.

Send an email to nmtturner@telus.net and let us know what changes you want made. Is the location correct? Are the dates correct? Are the contact people correct?

Do you want any posters included? If so, send a pdf or a jpg to me. The posters can be in colour for the website but remember that they need to be grayscale for the Cariboo Connection newsletter.



B.C. Square & Round Dance FEDERATION



NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER, 2017
by Ken Crisp - President of BCS&RDF

The Summer is almost over and our members are returning to square and round dance activities around the Province. Whether you have taken a break from our recreation or attended every Festival and Summer dance you could find it is now time to put energy into promoting the fun and fellowship that we have and introduce others to the activity.

The Federation's Annual General meeting was held at Festival 2017 in Cloverdale in July. There was a motion to increase the Federation fee from \$5 to \$10 per year but on the recommendation of our Treasurer this was amended and an increase of \$2 to \$7 per year was approved. Information on collecting Federation and Society fees will have been sent to the Treasurer of each club by the Federation Treasurer. This increase will allow us to continue our programs and activities and hopefully find ways to effectively build our recreation.

It was decided to have Squareup BC continue to advertise on Social Media such as Facebook for another year. Some Regions are experiencing positive results with this activity and others are not. It cannot work for you if you don't get the information on your square dance classes to Squareup BC well in advance of the start dates. This may be the opportunity to tune in with younger generations who seem to be pre-occupied with their electronic gadgets.

The next Provincial Festival will be in Salmon Arm in 2019 and will be jointly sponsored by Regions 3 and 9. Please look for information on the Federation website and plan to register early so they are able to plan the activities that you prefer. There will also be a Canadian Festival in Surrey in 2020 and promotion of this event will begin in earnest at the Canadian Festival in London, Ontario in 2018.

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The purpose of the Federation shall be to preserve, promote and perpetuate Square Dancing, Round Dancing, Contra Dancing, and other related forms of dance in the Province of British Columbia.

Dance Fees for 2018 - Our Region 5 volunteer treasurer, Bill Cocker, has sent the forms for the 2018 membership registrations to your club contact.

Please note that there is an increase in the B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation dues from \$5.00 per caller, cuer, partner, dancer, club and association to \$7.00 which was approved at their AGM this summer.

There is no increase this year in Region 5 fees (\$4.00) or the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society (CSRDS) fees (\$3.00). This means that the total fees for dancers, callers, cuers, etc. will be \$14.00 each this dance season (*plus whatever fees your club charges.*)

Also note that a further increase in the B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation dues from \$7.00 to \$10.00 will take effect for next dance season (registering in September 2018).

Although we all hate to see fees rise, our membership in these organizations qualifies us for a liability insurance that most of the halls require before allowing us to dance in them. Our cheap rate is the envy of many nonprofit organizations, particularly local sports teams.

So, once again I remind you that it is important that dancers and club treasurers submit their fees in a timely manner so that we will continue to be insured. Bill Cocker needs the registration forms and fees by **October 25, 2017** so that he will be able to complete the BC Federation forms in time. If you will not be attending your club before then, please let them know your dancing plans and arrange to pay your fees somehow.

Treasurers - please follow Bill's instructions and stay in touch with him if you think you will have a problem meeting the deadline date.

Also, please note that CSRDS, BCSRDF & R5CCDA do not charge fees for teen dancers (under 19); however, they must still be listed on the membership list.

Cariboo Connection Newsletter

I remind everyone that the deadline date for sending information or articles for the first issue of the Cariboo Connection this year is **October 20, 2017**. With luck it will be delivered some time in early November.

I know that some of your clubs will not have been dancing for long by Oct. 20 but there has not been a Cariboo Connection **since last April** so you will likely have some club news you can report on. Jamborees? Summer travels? Summer dance events? New dancers? Suggestions? Promotion successes?

It sure would be nice if more dancers and leaders would take a stab at writing an article for the Cariboo Connection. We welcome all the help we can get. Don't worry about your spelling and/or grammar, we will do our best to fix it up for you if you have difficulties.

Remember that the second edition of the newsletter will not be published until February so think ahead. **If you want to advertise any events that will occur between now and then**, send us your posters in electronic form in time for this first edition.

Hope you have a happy dancing season. I will talk to you again in the Cariboo Connection.

Meantime, don't forget.....**your club treasurer needs to get the money and the forms to the Region 5 treasurer by October 25 so help out by paying your fees quickly. If you won't be dancing before then, contact your club treasurer and let him or her know your intentions for the season.** We need to work efficiently to make sure our dancers and our clubs continue to be insured. Without insurance, many of our halls will not let us dance there.

Mary Anne Turner

President - Region 5 Caller, Cuer, Dancer Association

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