

R5CCDA Executive 2013

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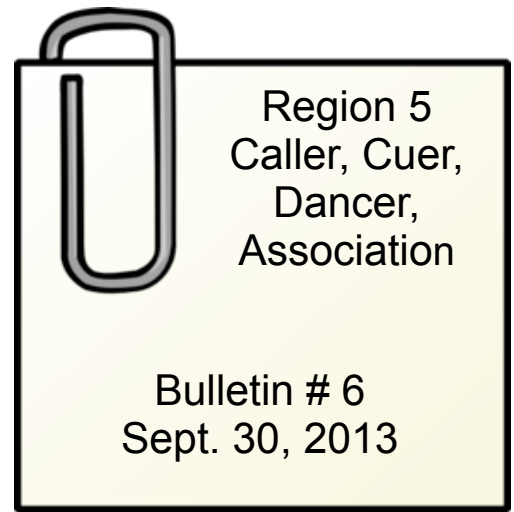
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Help!

Okay folks, we need your help. When you pay your registration fees at the start of the dance season, you become members of the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society, the BC Square and Round Dance Federation, the Region 5 Caller, Cuer, Dancer Association as well as your own club.

Whew! Keep reading, we still need your help! There are benefits to be gained from belonging to each of these organizations but the most important one just now involves insurance. Each year, more and more of the dance venues that square and round dancers use are demanding proof that the club and dancers have 3rd party liability insurance. Without that insurance, they will not let us use their halls. Luckily, membership in the above mentioned organizations includes the required insurance.

Now to the Help. Region 5 needs to keep their Caller, Cuer Dancer Association alive so that we can access this insurance, as well as benefiting in other ways. Since very few people from our region ever attend the one annual meeting that is held, it is clear that most of you have no interest at all in this organization. However, if clubs had to go out and negotiate their own insurance policies, the cost would be prohibitive!

So, to keep the R5CCDA alive, the following members have volunteered their services as executive members:

Mary Anne Turner- President, John Tutte - Vice President, Krystal Leason - Treasurer and Nick Turner - Secretary. As it happens, very few business issues arise in our Region during the year but if any do, the executive members will deal with them using electronic means such as email, Skype, telephone, etc. .

This is where your help comes in. There are times when we might need feedback and information from each of the clubs. There are times when we will send information out and need to be sure that all members receive it.

So we are hoping that **each club will arrange for a club member to be a liaison with the R5CCDA executive. It is not a difficult job.** It is hoped that that person will:

- print a copy of any R5CCDA Bulletins sent out and take it to the club so that those who are not receiving email from us will have access to the information.
- if an issue should arise during the year, the liaison person will be asked to canvas the club for a majority opinion and let the Region 5 executive know so they may make informed decisions.

That's all ! That's it! Someone please volunteer in each club - don't make the club president twist arms.

If you love dancing and want to keep it going - this is one way in which you can help.

Cariboo Connection Newsletter for Region 5

As editors of the Cariboo Connection Dance Newsletter for our region, Mary Anne and Nick Turner invite you to contribute articles to the 3 editions that will be published this year.

The **deadline date** for sending information for the first issue of the Cariboo Connection this year is **October 20, 2013** and it will be delivered some time in early November.

Please make sure that someone in your club has volunteered to be the news correspondent for this season. Also, feel free to write something for the newsletter yourself. Remember that the Cariboo Connection is only interesting if people help us by sending news.

I know that some clubs haven't started dancing yet or haven't been dancing for long but please try to send us some summer news at least. Did any of your dancers travel ? Celebrate milestone events? Attend any summer dance events? Achieve any accomplishments? How did your jamborees go ? Do you have any new dancers ? Tell us about your promotion successes.

Are there any changes to your club dancing this year? Any milestone events coming up? Any dances you want advertised?

Remember that the second edition of the newsletter will not be published until February so 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. Black and white or grayscale is needed so it will photocopy well.

Also, please make sure that we have your club information so we can publish it in the Cariboo Connection and also on the R5CCDA Website. What night do you dance, time, location, level? Who is your caller, cuer? Contact number?

Region 5 Website - Check it Out

Region 5 has a website and it is located at
<http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca/>

I have updated for the 2013 / 2014 dance season as much as I can but I need you to check out the information and let me know if anything needs changing.

I can put your posters on this website if you wish. Just send a pdf or a jpeg to me at nmtturner@telus.net. The posters for the website can be in colour.

BC Square and Round Dance Federation News for You

On the next page, you will find a newsletter from the President of the BC Square and Round Dance Federation. Happy Reading!

We will talk again in the next in the Cariboo Connection Newsletter.

Don't hesitate to contact me if a dance-related issue arises or if you need some information.
(Check the Region 5 Website first - you might find it there !)

Mary Anne Turner
President -- R5CCDA



Newsletter Received from the BC Square and Round Dance Federation President

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Hello Dancers and Welcome back to a New Season of Dancing. Make sure you go out of your way to welcome any dancers who come through your doors – they are our Life Blood. The A.G.M. in August in Penticton was well attended. We even had 2 visitors from the Saskatoon area – the President Couple of their Federation. Please note there were some changes made at that meeting and Ken, our Secretary has already sent out the minutes so make sure other dancers in your club get a chance to read these as well as this News Letter. Please post it on your Bulletin Boards.

First, we would like to Welcome our new 1st Vice President – Allen Ebl who is from Region 9. He will be looking after all requests for Grants and Please Make Sure that you use the FORMS in the Handbook when applying for those Grants. Mary Cox has updated the Handbook and each Region has a Hard Copy for their Dancer's Association and one for their Caller/Cuer's Association. More Updates have been sent out by e-mail in September as a result of changes made at the A.G.M. so make sure you insert those in your Handbook when you receive them and keep it up to date.

The B.C.S. & R.D. Federation has Funds available from the Memorial Funds for those sponsoring a Caller/Teacher's School and also Funding available for Caller's who have to travel a distance to attend those Schools. Also note the B.C.S. & R.D. Federation's Memorial Fund is always open for donations in Memory of some loved one, of an important person, or just a donation you would like to make to it. Monies are also available for Clubs sponsoring New Dancer Classes. Information, Criteria and Forms for all of those monies are available in the Handbook or the Federation's Website www.squaredance.bc.ca to be sent to our 1st Vice President.

2014 Dues and Insurance Fees will remain at \$5.00 per Dancer to the B.C. Federation and \$3.00 per Dancer to the Canadian Society and Fees are to be sent to the B.C. Federation Treasurer, Pat Zeeman, NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15, 2013. Keep any late Registrations and we shall let you know if there is a small window open for them to be accepted in the New Year. Each Club pays a B.C. Federation Fee of \$5.00 and a \$5.00 Canadian Society Fee. If you need a Named Certificate go to the Canadian Society Web Page www.squaredance.bc.ca and under Insurance/Certificates you will find the form which is to be completed to receive this Certificate but Please Remember the Top portion of the form is to be completed and signed by City/Organization/Hall requesting this Certificate and the rest to be filled out by the Club. Please take Note of where this form is to be sent as we have new people dealing with the Insurance this year and also please be patient with them.

A motion was passed at the B.C.S. & R.D. Federation A.G.M. that each Region will now send only 4 Delegates to the Spring B.O.D. Meeting. This is for a 2 year trial period but please make sure that your Region has 4 Delegates and send their names and e-mail addresses to Ken Crisp kcrisp@shaw.ca before the end of 2013.

The B.C.S. & R.D. Federation also recognises Club, Caller/Teacher Anniversaries of 15, 20, 25 years and in increments of 5 years thereafter. Please make application for those to our Secretary, Ken Crisp in lots of time.

The Mini Festival (2013) in Parksville was a great success with many dancers coming from different parts of our land – we even had a few U.S. dancers. A Big THANKS to the hardworking Committee members. Keep your ears open for 2015. There are wheels turning in Region 2 (Langley/Cloverdale).

Ken and Sally Crisp were the recipients of the Canadian Society Award of Excellence which was presented to them at Penticton, August 9, 2013 by Darcy McGifford.

The B.C. Federation Sillery Award was presented at the Courtney Corn Roast to a deserving couple – Jean-Guy and Cathy Moreau.

Check in your club to see if any are ready for their 4 Score & More Badges, find out who in your Region is looking after them and have them order them for you from Al Ritchie. The Badges are free but you need to pay for the Name Dangle.

Have you updated your Club Information On Where's The Dance Website? If not, then please do that right away so that dancers will have the correct information when and where your club dances are.

Not everyone receives this Newsletter so Please Share It, Pass It Around, Photo Copy It, E-mail It to others but let's get the word out that WE ARE ALIVE AND WORKING FOR YOU!

BREAKING NEWS: The Mini Festival 2013 has just deposited the B.C. Federation's share of 30% of the Profits from the Festival, in the amount of \$1,761.78, –“ Way to Go, Committee”. A Special Thanks to Deb Schmidt for her efforts in procuring so many donations which kept the Expenses down. This money goes into the Festival Account and can be used for Grants. Thanks so much.

Norm Cox, President, B.C. S. & R.D. Federation.