



## And Then There Were Two.....

In Region 5, *Cariboo and North West*, we are entering the "Jamboree Season." Sadly, at the end of last season we had to bid a fond farewell to the South Cariboo Jamboree after 57 years of fun. Fortunately however, in Region 5, we still have two special dance weekends organized for our dancing pleasure.

May 23 - 25, 2014 **Williams Lake** is putting on the Let's Get Nautical Jamboree with **Dustin McGifford**. Break out your cruising outfits and sailor hats and join in the nautical fun. See the poster on page 7.

June 6 - 7, 2014 **Prince George** hosts their Dancing In The Stars Jamboree with **Jerry Jestin**. See the poster on page 8.

**Come on Folks! Let's get out and dance. Your attendance is needed to keep dance events like this alive. Make an effort.**

Special weekends are hard work to organize but they provide lots of extraordinary dancing fun. If you do not support them, they will quickly disappear. Costs rise daily and your attendance is needed to enable the clubs to pay the expenses of hosting such enjoyable events.

Jamboree season is the time to visit with new and old friends and the time to experience other callers and cuers.

Come out for fun, laughter and great exercise at a very reasonable price.

## Dancing for a Good Cause

On March 1, 2014, over 30 square dancers from the Williams Lake and South Cariboo area attended a March Merriment Dance. It was hosted by the Stampede Whirlways and was held at the Cariboo Chilcotin Child Development Center in Williams Lake.

The dancers who attended were looking forward to fun, exercise and a welcome break from the unseasonably chilly weather. But, in addition to their dance shoes, they arrived carrying pies and extra money in their wallets.

**Nick and Mary Anne Turner** kept the dancers hopping and happy for 2 hours to a variety of lively tunes and then it was time to turn attention to the pies.

After socializing with a snack of pie and ice cream, the dancers were encouraged to open their wallets for an auction of the remaining home-made pies. They were happy to do so because the March Merriment Dance has become an annual opportunity for the dancers to support the Cariboo Chilcotin Child Development Center in all the good work they do with the children of the area.

Caller, **Nick Turner**, put on his auctioneer's hat and some lively bidding ensued. Nick wasn't able to get husbands bidding against wives this year but he did manage to get some dancers bidding against themselves!

Club president, **Marie Gibbons**, thanked all the dancers for their generosity and reported that the pie auction, combined with donations from dancers who could not attend that night, totaled \$950.00 Quite an amazing feat for a small club to accomplish.

The following week, the money was presented to **Nancy Gale**, Executive Director of the Cariboo Chilcotin Child Development Centre. Nancy was pleased with the donation and she spoke to the dancers about the upcoming plans for the construction of a Cariboo Autism Centre in Williams Lake. She explained that the money needed for such a venture is great and every donated dollar is appreciated.



## How are You Doing with Press Releases and Social Media Publicity? by Mary Anne Turner

In the past few issues of the Cariboo Connection there have been various articles encouraging clubs to explore using social media and press releases as a means to keep square dancing in front of the public throughout the year instead of just at recruiting time.



If you have had successes in this area, please share them with us in future editions of the Cariboo Connection.

For example, after the Stampede Whirlaways held their dance and pie auction last month, the following activities occurred....

- a press release was written and sent electronically to the Williams Lake Tribune. The following week this newspaper published the article along with a photo. It was also in the March 26, 2014 edition of their *electronic* version of the newspaper and could be seen on page 33 at <http://www.wltribune.com/eeditions/130871903.html>

- **Mary Anne** wrote a tweet about the event and included a link to the photo and to the Whirlaways website.

- The local internet news site saw the tweet and they retweeted it to their 512 followers.

- The local radio station saw the tweet and retweeted it to their 534 followers.

So, with a little effort and no expense, news of the square dance club's activities arrived in a lot of homes. Maybe this awareness will help bring us to mind when the time comes to look for new dancers in September.

## Dance Etiquette Tip Wait.... Don't Thank Your Square Yet.

Square Dancers are very good about thanking the people in their square at the end of a tip. But don't be so quick to do so. There is something else you should do first.

As the music ends, dancers should remember to clap before thanking each other.

Why? Who are they clapping for? Why the **caller**, of course.

It is only polite to acknowledge the work of the caller at the end of each tip.

Let him or her know that you appreciated the music choice and the dance moves that were created for you to have fun with.

Let the caller know that you appreciated the time he or she spent to practice singing the song and to prepare smooth flowing and interesting choreography.

You can never go wrong by taking the time to show appreciation

And **then**..... you can thank your square.

**(The same can be said for showing appreciation to the round dance cuer.)**



# REGION REFLECTIONS

## Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways by Gil McCall

Words seem inadequate to express the sadness felt about the passing of Whirlaways stalwart **Joanne Bibby**. Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Bert Bibby** and all the family.

Joanne's greatest joy was making others happy. She was well known for her catchy and infectious laugh. She was born in Ladner in 1946 to Leonard and Jessie Robertson, dairy farmers. The family moved to Williams Lake in 1962. Joanne completed high school in the Laketown and ultimately became a registered nurse and began work at the new hospital in 100 Mile House. This is where she met Bert and they were married in 1970. Eventually they moved north and lived in the Dawson Creek area and Tumbler Ridge. In 2007, the Bibbys moved to Felker Lake. Joanne loved the water and would be in swimming not long after the ice was out...and right into late fall. Joanne taught Bert to square dance while in 100 Mile and they kept at it through the years. She not only danced, but became a fine caller. She will be missed by all of us.

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Why do people take up square dancing? To try and answer this question, I recently talked with two new members who are in their first year.

**Cindy Jacobsen** has been in the Williams Lake area for fifty years. She and her husband ranched at Tye Lake. Following his passing, Cindy ran the ranch alone for eight years. Now her son has taken over and Cindy found that after all those busy years, she had spare time on her hands and reached out to other areas, including learning to square dance. Cindy says, "I just love it...and the Turners are great teachers."

Cindy has taken on the task of dancing the man's position ...and is doing a great job.

**Dave Scheer** was an athlete, having raced in B.C. and Alberta on the Mountain Bike Pro Circuit. This Heartland Toyota shop foreman felt he needed 'something active' and acted promptly to enroll for the new square dancer sessions. He says he really loves dancing, but wishes it was two nights each week, instead of one. Dave says it's not only a good physical

activity but 'an intense mental workout'. He says he really enjoys the action and has been delighted to meet many new people.

As an aside, Dave helped in the construction of Nick and Mary Anne's dance studio in 2000.

As usual, many Whirlaways have done some winter traveling, but are returning to the Cariboo now that spring is here!! (Is it really here?) **Sheila Finnie**, who not only dances, but works at the Child Development Center, took another trip 'way down east' to visit daughter **Shulilah** and four-year-old granddaughter **Claire**. It was her daughter's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday... and guess what mom Sheila gave her for a gift....lobsters, lobsters and more lobsters! Oh, that's Halifax!

Our 2014 March Merriment event (Pie Night) was a rousing success - see a complete write-up elsewhere in this edition. But I just want to say thanks to all those who brought and all those who bought!

Activity surrounding our annual Jamboree is at a fever pitch as the club works hard on the entertainment segment. As you might know by now, the theme is NAUTICAL and again you'll find full details on another page. I'm sure featured caller **Dustin McGifford** is working hard on his list of sailor songs and sea shanties!

If you're in a NAUTICAL (not naughty) mood, you might think about cruising. Let me tell you the story of the musician who signs up with an orchestra on a luxurious cruise ship. He was having difficulty keeping time with the rest of the band. Finally, the Captain said, "Look buddy...either you learn to keep time or I'll throw you overboard.... it's up to you.... SYNC OR SWIM."

The best cure for sea sickness is  
to sit under a tree. ~ Spike Milligan



The Whirlaways were pleased to see **Pat Mackay** back on her feet after a nasty fall that cracked her pelvis. She came to visit on our last dance night and plans to be back dancing in the Fall.

## Lac La Hache and South Cariboo News

by Bill Rose

The South Cariboo Dancers / Lac La Hache Caribooters are still able to dance every Monday from 1:30 p.m. for rounds, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for squares with a few rounds in between. If any dancers from other clubs are in town or passing through, please feel free to drop in any time to join us. Your presence would be most appreciated.

On February 10th, we had two squares at our Valentine Dance held at the OAPO Centre in Lac La Hache. We were happy to have our guests **Juliette** and **Leonce Desbiens** from Clearwater join us. They have been dancing with us regularly (weather permitting) driving from Clearwater in the morning and returning home after dancing each time.

On February 23rd, twelve members arrived at the home of **Vic** and **Irene Green** on Sulphurous Lake for our annual "Mytie" Dance. The temperature was minus 13 celsius so outdoor activities were somewhat curtailed. We actually spent time socializing and sipping tea, coffee and wine etc. Irene made her traditional "Western Bean Bake" which was served with other items brought by the members. As Vic had been dealing with some health issues, we were considering whether to cancel or not. However, their son and grandson came over to help out and all went over exceptionally well as usual. Vic is on the mend slowly. PS - The temperature on the 24th was minus 30 celsius.

**Vic Green** says: *Please thank all who attended this year's Mytie for their help to put it on and the wonderful food and special thanks to son **Keith** and grandson **Daryl**. We had a great time as we do every year at this dance.*

On March 10th, we had a birthday cake and joined with **Jim Milliken** to celebrate his 93rd birthday. He dances with us every week on Mondays and he and **Denise Johnson** usually join the Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways for their Thursday evening dance. Jim is looking forward to the snow disappearing so that he can get back on his bike again to tour the trails of 100 Mile House and 108 Mile Ranch.

On March 17th, we held our St Patrick's Day Dance. We had 14 members present. **Bev Abbs** had returned from her trip to England to visit her NEW grandson. Good to have her back as she was away for six weeks. (two weeks to recover from the cold she brought back from England). It was also nice to see **Vic** and **Irene Green** back again dancing. Vic is feeling much better now and is happy to be back.

On March 24th, we will be helping another member, **Art Schoenknecht**, to celebrate his 94th birthday. (Actual date is March 22nd) Art has just renewed his driver's licence so will likely be driving himself to his party. He is currently a resident at Carefree Manor in 100 Mile House.

On April 4th, **Henry** and **Helen Hall**, **Bill** and **Marilyn Rose** will be heading down to Abbotsford, B.C. to attend the B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation Board of Directors' meeting being held on April 5th. They have been chosen (volunteered) to be the four Delegates for Region 5 at the meeting.

April 28th will be our T.G.I.S. (Thank God It's Spring) dance at the OAPO Centre in Lac La Hache. We would enjoy seeing any guests that have time to come out and dance with us. This is our last planned dance for the season.



## **Vanderhoof Drifting Squares** by Sandi Jespersen

We now have a FaceBook group page. Just type in "Vanderhoof Drifting Squares" in the FB search and "we" should pop up. We list what are going to do the following week at square dancing, who will be calling, special dances coming up and what we did the past week. Good way to keep you current. If you want to get notifications... "friend request". I'll be glad to add you.

This winter has been hard on us but we have held it together. We average a square and a spare dancer. Gys Koops is faithful and calls every second and fourth Thursday without fail. We are glad to have him here and between **Dolores Young** and **Sandi Jespersen** we keep the other Thursdays going along quite well.

Our new dancer in the fall, **Kaye Dube**, has decided not to dance. She lives quite a ways out and when she gets home from work.... we all know how hard it is to get out again.

January 26, six of us attended the Robbie Burns dance in Prince George: **Jerrita** and **Terry Holmquist**, **Dolores Young**, **Dave Riske**, **Sandi Jespersen** and **Bob Fritchey**. I tried the Haggis and it was good. We are hoping to go again next year.

We had a great time dancing our Valentine's Dance at the Omineca Manor (extended care unit). There were 12 dancers out, dressed in red and white and our square was very effective. The residents loved it!! **Gys Koops** called and **Dolores** did a few rounds. A couple of residents and a caregiver got up and danced or swayed along with Dolores. Part way through the evening Gys's new lap top programme gave out and we had to go back to our record player. Technology is great when it works!!

We are encouraged by the wonderful doctors in this province. **Terry Holmquist** suffered through 3 minor heart attacks in a weekend and they shipped him to Vancouver, put in a stint and he was dancing the following Thursday. Amazing! He has been doing well on the dance floor ever since, thanks to the care system we have!

A few mini blizzards and many COLD (-32C!) days and nights... but the dancers didn't let us down. We always had a square. I don't think we will do as well when the gardening and ranching season comes along. (Terry and Jerrita report that the calving is coming along fine and so far they haven't missed a dance for calves.)

At the end of February **Robert** and **Missy** surprised us and showed up at dance. It is so good to have them back. They travel almost 3 hours to come to dance and then go back (to Houston BC) that night (usually). That's amazing!

In March we have done well. At our St. Patty's dance there were 12 dancers and everyone arrived in green and white. It is so nice to see everyone get into the spirit of the theme and have so much fun. In mid March a former dancer showed up (**Alex** with his partner) and danced with us. His partner is a new dancer and she tried a few squares and they both said they would be back at the end of March and dance with us until the end of the season. Great to have them back.

In April there will be a little bit of a change to our schedule. **Bob** and **Sandy** are away from April 9 to 20 so on April 17, the United Church Hall is not available and there will only be one caller but no music equipment. The other Thursdays (1st, 3rd, and 4th) we will dance. This is a change from what I posted on Face Book in Feb.

We are also changing our birthday dance to April 24. Potluck at 5:30 then Rounds start at 6:30, squares at 7. Cost is \$5/person and we dance until about 9:30. We'd love to have you come and dance with us.

We are planning on having dances until May 22. That dance will be a potluck and dance. As with the birthday dance - food at 5:30 (etc) and we dance until 9:30.

We have 6 dancers hoping to head to the Jamboree in Prince George, first weekend in June. **Bob** will be away so not sure if I can attend much of the dance. **Stephen**, **Dave**, **Dolores** and **Terry** and **Jerrita** are hoping to be there. **Bob** and **Sandi** will be in Salmon Arm at the beginning of May for a "Bus Nuts" gathering. (It's a BlueBird and bus thing!) This shouldn't change the club's dance schedule.

We wish you safe travels, great dancing and favourable weather. See you on the dance floor.

### Special Dances:

April 24 Potluck and dance: Sandi, Dolores and Gys calling 5:30 until 9:30 \$5/dancer

May 22. Last dance .....Sandi , Dolores and Gys calling 5:30 until 9:30 \$5/dancer

## Prince George Northern Twisters by Julie Skead

An ongoing thank you goes out from all of us to our callers, and cuers. Thank you also to the dancers who hold positions on the executive, who help with chairs, snacks, coffee, and hall clean up each Monday, and to those who take care of theme decorations. We also appreciate our club photographer, **Emery Cawsey** along with **Krystal** and the **Cockers** for their parts in assuring advertising.

A square of our dancers entertained once again for the seniors at Parkside Care Home and twice at Gateway Lodge.

It's good to see **Sharon Hollis**, who has recently returned to square dancing. Her experience is welcomed in our squares.

**Maurice, Gervin, Ray and Pat** who sing with a seniors' centre choir have ongoing rehearsals for public shows such as 3 recent sailing/pirate theme ones. They have a ball in their costumes, calling upon some drama skills as well.

I (**Julie**) recently returned from a driving 'vacation' with my daughter and 3 grandchildren, to the West Edmonton Mall. I recommend the passes that basically give unlimited access to water slides, wave pool, 3-story rope bridges, amusement park rides, mini golf and ice skating. We put on a few kilometres in the mall for sure.

The last part of winter found about 8 of our dancers off to the Caribbean, to the Phoenix area or to the west coast of Mexico. We appreciate their stories so that we can make mental notes of holidays we would like to take one day. **Cris** and a friend had a wonderful 2 weeks in Los Ayala Mexcio. She says to sit on the beach, to swim in the ocean, was extra special seeing it was -31 back home!

Our Robbie Burns supper and dance was a hit, with caller / cuer **Ray Brendzy** from Burnaby. A variety of tartans graced the walls and tables and mounted poems were on display. The haggis was brought in ceremoniously by **Roy Nielsen** in full attire, our president **Glenda Matthews**, and our guest caller, to the music of the pipes. Four Score And More members, **Kay Greensill, Irene Rigler, Myrtle and Eugene Nesbit, Pat Sexsmith, Muriel Robinson,** and **Don Higgins** were among the 50 or so who toasted the occasion, ate heartily, and danced and/or visited the night away. We were also glad to see **Norma England** there. Once again, the talents of dancers who are able to dance both parts were called upon, including **Cindy Wolfe**, who within one vigorous tip, was the lady in one square then was replaced seamlessly



as she floated into position in a neighboring square when **Eugene** needed a break!

The Valentine's Day evening was grand with decorations and dancers in reds, pinks, and lace.



Our 50s 60s Dance took many of us back to our youth. It was 'cool' to check out the selection of 45s and 'long plays' and the Hit Parade print outs from those years, displayed on the walls. Poodle circle skirts, bobby socks, neckerchiefs, bangle bracelets, headbands, ponytails, blue jeans with cuffs turned up, jet boots, high school sweaters, Fonzie looks, sported the dance floor. **Gys** chose music from those eras to call to. Snacks included licorice allsorts, caramels, and Lifesavers...candies that have stood the test of time.



And...let's not forget about our St. Patrick's Day evening! Special treats for snacks, green showing up in the dance wear, and **Susan's** touch again with suitable decorations.

The Northern Twisters will participate with a booth at the Home Health And Volunteer Expo at the Rolladome May 2-4. Arrangements for a dance demonstration are in the works. Visitors will be able to stop at the table to learn about square and round dance and find out how to get involved!

We look forward to seeing some of you, who enjoy traveling, at our spring Jamboree which this year is June 6-8th with featured caller/cuer **Jerry Jestin**.

\*A reminder to all members to watch for opportunities to invite acquaintances and family to observe and to perhaps join us in dancing in the Fall.

\*Remember, your news, interests, and travels are worth sharing. E mail me at [juliamcgowan@gmail.com](mailto:juliamcgowan@gmail.com)

\*Travelers to the Prince George area are welcome to join us in dance, Mondays, 7:00 P.M. at Knox United Church on 5th and Brunswick.

## Set Sail for Fun with the Stampede Whirlaways

Preparations are well underway for our annual Jamboree. The club is working hard to produce a weekend of fun for you.

Decorations are being made, food is being planned. **Nick, Dustin** and **Mary Anne** are rounding up some great music and practising their singing.

The half time entertainment is being rehearsed and is sure to cause some laughter. Last year **Nick Turner** had to wear a grass skirt. You won't believe what he has to do this year !

It will be a great 'sail-a-bration' but only if you come. We look forward to your attendance so we can have a terrific party.

It is not necessary to pre-register but if you know you are coming it would be helpful to let us know so we can be sure to throw the right number of potatoes in the pot! [nmtturner@telus.net](mailto:nmtturner@telus.net)

Please be aware that due to school closures, we have had to relocate this year. Our jamboree will now be held at **Mountview School - 1222 Dog Creek Road.**

Coming from the South Cariboo - approaching Williams Lake, turn left at the intersection on to Highway 20 West, heading toward Bella Coola. Go approximately 2.1 km and turn left on to Dog Creek Road. Go 2.6 km and the school will be on your left.

Coming from Prince George - as you approach Williams Lake, go through the intersection and the road becomes Highway 20 heading toward Bella Coola. Go approximately 2.1 km and turn left on to Dog Creek Road. Go 2.6 km and the school will be on your left.

We look forward to dancing with you.

Ahoy There!

# Let's Get Nautical



## Williams Lake Mainstream Jamboree

May 23-25, 2014

Set sail on the SS Whirlaway for a Weekend of High Seas Hi-jinx.

**Weekend Package \$35.00 each**

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Note our **NEW LOCATION**

Mountview School  
1222 Dog Creek Rd  
Williams Lake, BC

**Friday - Anchors Away - \$6.00 each**

**Embarkation Information**

7:30 PM Pre-Rounds  
8:00 PM Mainstream Dancing

**Caller: Nick Turner**  
**Cuer: Mary Anne Turner**

(No Panel of Callers/Cuers until Sunday.)



**Saturday Morning**  
10:00 - 11:30 AM

Enjoy a Round Dance Social with Mary Anne and Nick Turner Phase II+

\$6.00 each

**Saturday Afternoon**  
1:30 PM

Let's Rock the Boat at **Dustin's Deck Party**

\$6.00 each

Nautical Treats Included 

**Saturday Evening**  
6:00 PM

**Supper Buffet on the SS Whirlaway Lido Deck**

\$12.00 each

**Saturday Night - The Captain's Ball**

7:30 PM Pre-rounds with **Mary Anne Turner**



8:00 PM Mainstream Dancing with Our Featured Captain: **Dustin McGifford**

\$6.00 each

**Sunday** - Enjoy a Continental breakfast and casual dancing before disembarking - \$6.00 each

**Guest Callers and Cuers welcome**

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM - Breakfast is Served  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Mainstream Dancing



Free dry camping but as the school is operating, please do not arrive until after 4:00 PM

No smoking is allowed anywhere on School District property

**Clean, soft-soled indoor shoes requested for all events.**

For Info  
Marie  
250-392-5360

Nick  
250-392-2432

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# Dancing in the Stars



Featuring: **Jerry Jestin**

Caller/cuer

**June 6 & 7, 2014**

**Venue:** Hart Pioneer Center  
6966 Hart Highway  
Prince George, B.C.

## WEEKEND PROGRAM

<b>June 6</b>	7:30 to 8:00	Pre Rounds - Panel of Caller/Cuers	
Friday	8:00 to 10:00	Dance	\$8.00
<b>June 7</b>	1:00 to 3:00	Fun Work Shop	\$8.00
Saturday	3:30 to 4:00	Dance Around Mr. P.G.	N/C
	6:00	Dinner <i>RSVP May 1/2014</i>	\$18.00
	7:30 to 8:00	Pre Rounds	\$14.00
	8:00 to 10:00	Mainstream	

RSVP for Dinner to: Glenda - 250 563 7743 (any time) by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

Gys - 250 563 4228 (Tues-Sat 10-5)

Reta - 250 962 2760 (any time)

Pre-Registration by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014: G. Matthews

112-2692 Uplands St.

Prince George, B.C., V2L 2W3

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## Prince George Jamboree

Don't miss the opportunity to dance with **Jerry Jestin!**



Jerry is a well-known international caller. He grew up in Canada but currently resides in the USA. He calls all over the United States and around the world including Australia, Germany, Switzerland and Sweden.

Our Region is so lucky that Prince George was able to book him, considering his incredibly busy calling schedule.

Jerry is also an excellent cuer so you'll have double the dancing pleasure.

He will be right on our doorstep so don't miss the Dancing in the Stars Jamboree in PG.

## It's Lonely at the Top!

If you are in Prince George for the Jamboree, why don't you bring a bag lunch and join us at the Region 5 Caller, Cuer, Dancer Association (R5CCDA) **Annual General Meeting**.

We will be meeting at the Hart Pioneer Center (the Jamboree venue) from 11:30 to 12:30. It is just a brief opportunity to get together and share information between our clubs, discuss ideas for future events or for recruiting, or express concerns about dancing matters.

When the meeting is over, you will be on site for the afternoon Fun Work Shop with Jerry Jestin.

I sure could use some company. **It's lonely without you.**

Mary Anne Turner - President R5CCDA

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## **PeachFest Square Dance Festival**

by Nick Turner

Mark August 6th thru 9th on your calendars and plan an Okanagan holiday.

Follow us to the unique Peachfest dance in Penticton. Four evenings of non-stop Phase II Rounds and Mainstream Squares to the calling of over 20 callers and a dozen cuers.

There is an afternoon Plus dance and a Rounderee with some Phase III and IV dances thrown into the mix. The hall is air conditioned, the crowd of 20+ squares friendly and this makes it one of the few great dances left in the Province (rivaled only by the two Region 5 Jamborees!)

Book hotel/motel/campsite NOW! Why not get a group from your club to attend together and take in a wine tour or two, dancing in the lake, the Peachfest Parade and the Farmers' Market?

For newer dancers who can dance the Mainstream programme, this is a chance to really spread your wings and and enjoy a memorable square dance experience.

Mary Anne and I have been attending for over 20 years and would love to see more Region 5 dancers add a new dimension to their dancing - you won't regret it!

Information and a registration form is available on the internet at <http://www.peachfest.com> In the left hand column, click on the Square Dance Festival link.

## **To Dress or Not to Dress? That is the Question**

The dance season is coming to a close, but in many areas, dancers will be out and about participating in dance demonstrations at parades, fairs, etc. What should we consider when planning a demo dance?

Of course, we know that there are basically two different kinds of demonstrations. One is for the purpose of recruiting and the other is strictly for providing entertainment.

To dress or not to dress is one of the big considerations for either type of demo. If you are providing the entertainment at an event, with no consideration at all of recruiting new dancers, then by all means dress up in your finery. But, remember that you are performing as a group so you should prearrange what you will wear for clothing so that you will have a 'group' look. It will look a bit odd if only one lady wears a prairie skirt while all the others wear short skirts and crinolines. Matching outfits in club colours are sometimes appropriate too, when entertaining.

If, however, you are dancing at a farmer's market or at a fair and you hope to entice spectators to try square dancing in the future, you might want to leave your finery at home. Conventional wisdom on this matter suggests that in this situation, you want to present each dancer as just one of the public. You want the onlookers to be able to visualize themselves in a square without having to worry about finding/buying fancy clothes. Prairie skirts or regular street skirts as well as slacks would be suitable in this scenario.

It has also been suggested that dancers might like to make an effect by co-ordinating a sort of casual 'uniform' when entertaining for recruitment. That just simply means that the dancers could wear matching polo shirts, perhaps with the club logo on them. This would be a way to create the group or team feeling without intimidating those who are watching.

Oh and by the way, if you are hoping to recruit at your demo, don't show off! Keep the steps easy and smooth and provide a good variety of music.

**Computer Struggles** - You may have discovered that if you have computer difficulties, there is often a tech support person you can phone for assistance or advice. The examples below of some of these calls may help to explain why the tech person sounds so exasperated at times.

**Tech support:** What kind of computer do you have?

**Customer:** A white one...

**Tech support:** Click on the 'my computer' icon on to the left of the screen.

**Customer:** Your left or my left?

**Tech support:** What's on your monitor now, ma'am?

**Customer:** A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me at the 7-11.



**Mouse Pad**

## Do You Want to Do it On Your Own?

Have you ever wished you could get people square dancing at a family reunion, church gathering, with a school group or at a house party? Do you know of a club or group who does not have regular access to a square dance caller but wishes to try and get new people involved in square dancing?

Happily, there are some resources available for the dedicated dancer or teacher who wishes to try to introduce square dancing in spite of the absence of a caller. Here are 2 of them - both have been used by **Diane Weismiller** with the Skeena Squares in Terrace as well as others in our region.

### Moving and Grooving Dance Program

The Moving and Grooving Dance Program was created by Nick & Mary Anne Turner for the BC Square & Round Dance Federation. It is available from the website at:

<http://movingandgrooving.squaredance.bc.ca/index.html>

This program contains a 169 page instruction manual with 8 CDs. The first part of the program explores dances in formations such as circles, trios, contra lines, etc.

The second section is entirely Modern Square Dancing. There are ten sequential units, with all instructions and calling done on the CDs.

Lesson plans and terminology for this section are included in the binder but don't be scared away. They are for your information only. All of the teaching and calling is on the CDs.



### Instant Hoedown

The Traveling Hoedowners are a square dance group from Florida. Their mission is to support square dancers and callers around the world to keep square dancing alive and well. They do this by producing high quality instructional DVDs and making them available for purchase from their website at

<http://www.travelinghoedowners.com>

A few years ago they created Mainstream and Plus DVDs. Their newest offering is the Instant Hoedown DVD.

They say that their Instant Hoedown DVD makes it possible for anyone to have a square dance party, even if they have never square danced before! It includes 10 easy square dance lessons with dancing following each lesson for instant fun. Beginners can be dancing in 10 minutes, making it perfect for schools or a western themed party, family reunion - no experience necessary!



Each lesson builds on the previous lessons allowing you to fill 15 minutes or an entire evening with learning and fun exercise for a wide range of age groups. The square dance calls are explained and demonstrated on two DVDs with 21 dances using the calls that are taught.

The music and calls for all 21 dances are also included on a CD so can be enjoyed wherever a CD player is available. The DVD insert lists the times for the lessons, walkthroughs, and dances to help in lesson planning for use in schools, home schooling, clubs, and other organizations.

Will you be in Calgary on May 8 or 9? These dances with caller, Hunter Keller, might interest you.

## C&D Dances

PLUS  
THURSDAY  
MAY 8, 2014

MAINSTREAM  
FRIDAY  
MAY 9, 2014

Pre-Rounds  
RON & DONNA  
BABA  
7:30 – 8 PM  
Squares  
8 – 10 PM

Foothills  
Academy  
745 – 37 Street NW  
Calgary

\$7/Person  
Tickets Available  
from C&D Reps.



Hunter had been around square dancing all of his life, having been dragged from dance to dance by his grandparents and parents. He met and became friends with many national callers with whom he is still friends today. After the death of his grandfather – his hero – in 2002, Hunter decided that he wanted to do something that would always remind him of his grandfather, and decided to start taking square dance lessons in 2004. A mere four months later he picked up a microphone and began calling.

He is now the caller for two clubs, the 59ers and, in 2008, revived his grandparent's old club, the Checkerboard Squares. Hunter called his first festival in July of 2007 in California and has also traveled to Japan, Germany and Australia to call and has been a staff caller on both land and cruise trips as well.

In 2008, Hunter was honored with a chance to become a recording artist for Royal Records.

Hunter is a ten-year 4-H alumni and a past 4-H leader. Hunter credits almost everything he has learned throughout the past 15 years to 4-H and says that, if it were not for that program, he would not be where he is today.

Hunter resides in Billings, Montana with his mother, father, brother and grandmother.

### Thanks for Volunteering

Region 5 dancers and leaders owe thanks to **Helen & Henry Hall**, and **Bill & Marilyn Rose** from the South Cariboo. These four people have volunteered to travel to Abbotsford this month to represent us at the BC Square & Round Dance Federation Board of Directors' Meeting.

They will attend meetings, participate in discussion groups and express opinions on our behalf. Upon their return, they will submit a report to the Region so that we can all be informed of any issues that arose at the meeting.

It will be too late to publish their report in the Cariboo Connection Newsletter but I will send out a Bulletin to those of you who are on my email list.

By the way, if you do not receive the occasional bulletin and/or news update from me, you are likely not on my email list. Just send me an email message [nmtturner@telus.net](mailto:nmtturner@telus.net) asking to be included and I will add your name.

Meanwhile, thank you Helen, Henry, Bill and Marilyn. It is hard to get volunteers these days so we really appreciate your efforts

Mary Anne Turner,  
President R5CCDA



## REGION 5 DANCE SCHEDULE 2014

(We have tried to be accurate but suggest phoning to confirm the event before travelling.)

WHEN	WHERE	EVENT	CALLERS/ CUERS
Apr. 24, 2014	Vanderhoof	Drifting Squares 11th Birthday	Gys, Dolores, Sandi
Apr. 28, 2014	Lac La Hache	Thank God It's Spring Dance	Dave Abbs & Helen Hall
May 23-25, 2014	Williams Lake	56th Spring Jamboree - Let's Get Nautical Theme	Dustin McGifford, Nick and Mary Anne Turner
June 6-8, 2014	Prince George	Spring Jamboree Weekend	Jerry Jestin
July 17-19, 2014	Ottawa	Canadian National Festival	Many Callers & Cuers
August 6-9, 2014	Penticton	11th Peachfest Jamboree	Many Callers & Cuers

### Once again - Thanks to our Unsung Heroes

- \* our callers and cuers for their time and dedication
- \* our members who serve on executives (local and regional)
- \* our members who write for the Cariboo Connection
- \* those members who support the club by turning up for dances, parades, demos and to help the new dancers
- \* those members who work on the refreshment/kitchen committee
- \* those who help with the setup and cleanup for a dance event

It's true that many hands make light work and square dancers throughout our region generally make a great team. Next season, try to be a part of this team. It'll make you feel good and your help will be most appreciated.

### That's a Wrap for This Season !

This edition wraps up the 15th year of the Cariboo Connection Newsletter. Thank you to those who contributed to the 3 issues this year.

There are many more of you out there that we haven't heard from, however - especially new dancers and callers and cuers. Perhaps next season you will summon up the courage to write an article.

There are lots of possible topics - tell about a dance event you went to, share ideas for a theme dance, share recruitment ideas or successes, thank someone in the dance world, etc.

We look forward to hearing from you next October.

For information on dancing around the province, remember to use the website provided by the BC Square and Round Dance Federation

[www.squaredance.bc.ca](http://www.squaredance.bc.ca)

or call the InfoLine at  
1-800-335-9433



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