



The CARIBOO CONNECTION

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Take Note: All Dancers and Leaders (That's You)

Your Region 5 Association will be holding its AGM on Saturday June 4th, 2016 at the Prince George Jamboree venue. The time will be 9:00 a.m - 10:00 a.m. Before attending the morning round dance session, join us for a quick meeting.

Your executive would really appreciate some company. It's lonely without you.

I will be sending out an agenda in a bit and also posting it on the Region 5 website

If you have anything you would like discussed, let me know so I can include it on the agenda.

New Web Design

The BC Square & Round Dance Federation has revamped its website.

It is located at <http://www.squaredance.bc.ca>

There are some things that still need to be corrected on it but most of it is working well.

Go give it a look-see. You can find information about dancing throughout BC.

It is Time for our Region to Party! We need Your Support.

Sadly the dance season is drawing to a close - but wait - **don't put your dance shoes away yet !** There are 2 special parties to attend in our Region 5 Cariboo and North West.

First comes the Williams Lake Jamboree May 27 - 29, 2016. The theme for this year is "Once Upon a Time" and rumor has it that Little Red Riding Hood and Cinderella might take a turn on the dance floor.

The callers for the weekend will be **Nick Turner** on Friday night and **Dustin McGifford** for the Saturday fun. **Mary Anne Turner** will cue the Rounds. Guest callers and cuers will be welcome to take a turn on the Sunday morning.

Be sure to check out the poster for the events and remember our warning —one of the service clubs in town will be holding a convention on the same weekend and it will be difficult for square dancers to find accommodation. However, the manager of the **Super 8**, Twila Nelson, has set aside a block of rooms for square dancers. Use the toll free number that takes you directly to the Williams Lake branch of the Super 8 chain **1-866-398-8884**. Mention that you are square dancers and would like to accept the rate offered by owner, Twila Nelson, for that weekend. Twila has offered a special rate to square dancers of \$89.00 per night for single or double occupancy + tax . I would advise that square dancers register as early as possible since I don't know how long they will hold the block of rooms for us.

Next is the Prince George Jamboree June 3-5, 2016. Their Jamboree is called "Dancing Under the Sea." The featured caller/cuer for the weekend will be **Murray Few** from Alberta. **Gary Dean** will be leading a round dance workshop on Saturday morning - Rumba and Cha Cha.


The club has arranged for a supper to be served on Saturday evening but it is important to note that you must reserve your place by the deadline of May 20, 2016. Check out their poster for more details.

We used to have many more jamboree weekends in our Region and now we only have 2 left. Without your support - they will die also. Come on, folks. Let's all go dancing !

Williams Lake
May 27-29, 2016

**"Once Upon a Time"
Mainstream Jamboree**

Weekend Package \$45.00 each



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Note our LOCATION

The Long House
(Upper Left side of Stampede Grounds, near the Curling Rink)

At intersection of Hwy 97 and Hwy 20, turn on to Hwy 20.
Take first exit right on to Mackenzie Avenue.
Turn right on to 7th Avenue (Just in front of Auto Pro sign) and go up the hill. Turn right on Pinchbeck St.
Go almost to end of street and the hall driveway will be on your left.

For Info
Dana 250-392-3066
dball@telus.net
Nick 250-392-2432
nmtturner@telus.net

Free dry camping at the hall but the WL Stampede Campground is located very near by. Reservations are likely needed. See
www.williamslakestampede.com/campground

Friday - Fairy Tale Frolic - \$8.00 each

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

Caller: Nick Turner
Cuer: Mary Anne Turner

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
Mad Hatter Tea Party
Caller - Dustin McGifford will lead us in some Mainstream dancing fun.
\$8.00 each

Saturday Evening 6:00 PM
Don't be late for a very important date!
Supper at the White Rabbit Inn
\$16.00 each

Saturday Night - The Glass Slipper Ball

7:30 PM Pre-rounds with Mary Anne Turner
8:00 PM Mainstream Dancing with Our Featured Caller: Dustin McGifford
\$10.00 each

Guest Callers and Cuers welcome on Sunday

Sunday - Enjoy a Continental breakfast and casual dancing before leaving to "Live Happily Ever After"
\$6.00 each
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM - Breakfast is Served
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Mainstream Dancing



Williams Lake Jamboree

You don't have to register ahead but.....

we would like to know you are coming so we can correctly plan for refreshments and the main meal. Just send an email to one of these people or make a phone call.

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Welcome to Prince George for Northern Twisters Spring Jamboree!

DANCING UNDER THE SEA

Featuring Murray Few
And Gary Dean



WEEKEND PROGRAM **June 3, 4 & 5, 2016**

Friday June 3		
7-10p.m.	Trail in Dance - panel of cuers and callers	\$10.00
Saturday June 4		
10am -12	Round dance workshop - Gary Dean Ph III Rhumba/Ch	\$8.00
1-3p.m.	Mainstream Workshop - Murray Few	\$8.00
6p.m.	Dinner - Turkey & Ham (<i>RSVP to Glenda 250-563-774 (leave message any time) Deadline: May 20/2016</i>)	\$17.00
7-7:30p.m.	Pre Rounds - Murray Few	
8-10p.m.	Mainstream Dance - Murray Few	\$15.00

Dance Package \$35.00
(Does not include meals!)

Sunday June 5		
9a.m.	Pancake Breakfast - (by the Hart; pay them separately)	\$8.00
9:30-11a.m.	Trail out dance - Panel of Cuers and Callers	

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

For Billeting call Reta 250-962-2740
Dry Camping available, for other accommodation check our website
Web page: www.northern-twisters.ca



Prince George Jamboree

You don't have to register ahead but.....

If you wish to attend the supper on Saturday night, you must make a reservation before May 20, 2016.

The turkey and ham supper will be \$17.00. You can phone Glenda and leave a message any time. Her number is 250-563-7743

REGION REFLECTIONS

Stampede Whirlaways -Williams Lake by Nick Turner

Happily, the Whirlaways have doubled the number of dancers attending the regular Thursday night club dances. All our new dancers from September joined us in January. We started our new dancers in September and offered 10 weeks of instruction. During this time, they learned some of both the Basic and Mainstream calls. The idea was that



when they joined the club in January, there would be enough meat and potatoes in the choreography to keep the experienced dancers happy and away from the feeling that they were just doing ‘beginner stuff’

We changed our programme so that the first tip would be for everyone and then there would be two full Mainstream tips for the experienced dancers while Mary Anne took the new dancers into a separate room and taught them one or two new Mainstream calls. For the rest of the evening we would all dance together to reinforce the new material, review other calls, and just have fun. It worked very well and the new dancers have only two more Mainstream calls to learn.

We especially enjoy the younger dancers, whose enthusiasm and energy give us all such a boost and dancing four or five squares instead of two makes it a party!



Our March Merriment Dance and Pie Auction was a huge success and thanks to the incredible generosity of the club members, we raised \$1,307 for the Child Development Center. Many thanks to those who baked! The cheque was presented to CDC Executive Director Nancy Gale at our St. Patrick’s Dance.

St. Paddy’s saw a good turn out from our members and a lot of green in the hall. There were plenty of Irish songs for both the Squares and the Rounds and it was great to be able to dance on the actual day.

While we don’t have snowbirds, many of our members travel during the dance season. **Bill** and **Jan Cave** are just back from 5 weeks in Hawaii, **Ordell** and **Kathy Steen** also back from Hawaii. **Tina** and **John Derksen** are in Osoyoos for a holiday. Our new dancers also travel: **Bill Drebit** is off to Manitoba, **Judith** and **Rick Favelle** off to India, **Angela Rud** off on a school band trip to Whistler, **Pat Harton** to Seattle to a hockey game.

We wish **Madge Struthers** and **Betz Ratch** a speedy recovery to full health and here’s hoping the coming spring’s warmer weather sends Arthur Ritis into hibernation.

Plans are well under way for our “Once Upon a Time” Jamboree. Check out the poster on page 2 and we hope to see you there.

Prince George Northern Twisters by Julie Skead

Hello again, as 2016 rushes on, and we put any troubles aside and fill a part of this time with dance. Our club continues to have turn outs of 3 to 5 squares and some Round dancers every Monday. (Plus dancers and A1/A2 meet with Lorne Paulson at other times, as do Round Dance 2-step with Gary and Barb Dean)

As always, THANKS to our executive, to others who hold necessary positions, to all who help with chairs, snacks, coffee, and hall clean up and who man the kitchen, 'do' decorations, and prepare food for our 'special' dances. Our caller and instructor is **Gys Koops**, our cuer **Don Hollis**, with **Dolores Young**, and **Maurice Mingay** jumping in now and then. (Dolores is also a dedicated member of the Vanderhoof club.)

Robbie Burns Day for our club, was Jan. 23rd, an afternoon workshop, a roast beef and haggis (courtesy of **Gervin** and **Cathy**) supper, with evening square dancing and round dancing. The hall looked classy with black tablecloths to show off the handsome plaids of the runners **Susan** has made. Wall banners, table centers - all impressive - set the stage for **Dolores** and **Maurice** marching in the haggis to bagpipe background music. What a stirring speech **Maurice Mingay** prepared preceding the toast to the Haggis. He did his Scottish ancestry proud, speaking with expression and the accent of his childhood and of his father's coaching over the phone! Enough were able to come to make up 3 squares (including guests and experienced dancers **Marion Nelles** and **Ellen Jamieson**) and **Gys** diligently worked on teaching us a reel!

Valentine's Dance - Traditional decor set the stage for the sweetheart themed music **Gys** brought to the table. Red, white, pink, lacey.....oh, the pretty gals and the handsome dudes.

50's 60's Dance - I think we love this one. We get the bobby socks, saddle oxfords, circle poodle skirts, the neckerchiefs, the ponytails...the slick Fonzie looks, then.....the wild patterns and psychedelic colors of the mod late 60's. I guess those 2 eras include a large portion of our club.

St. Patrick's Supper and Dance - signs of the Dollar Store influence for sure....the green sparkles, the hats, the scarves, the vests....the spirit of the club shone amongst the pots of gold, the rainbows, the elves of **Susan** and her decorating crew's setting.

Gervin H. (Cathy) wrote,

"Well not much has happened since the last newsletter. Hasn't the weather been great! Our club events, Robbie Burns, St. Patty's Day, have been fun with lots to eat and terrific dancing! It would be great to see all of our members attending these events."

We're still square dancing three evenings a week.....Mainstream, then Plus and A1/A2. Everyone is doing extremely well with their Plus dancing on Tuesday evening.

We'll be busy May to September square dancing. We've signed up for 7, yes 7 jamborees....Williams Lake, Prince George, Chase, Regina, Penticton, High River and Chase. Hope to see some of you at these jamborees - specially the one in Regina. We also won't forget our grandchildren fix this summer. Everyone will be meeting in Sorrento. We now have a new grandson, Logan....5 boys and 1 girl.

*Oh, I forgot to mention **Maurice** and **Adele** joined us for 2 weeks in Tulum in February. (Caribbean coastline of Mexico, the Yucatan Peninsula, Mayan Riviera archeological site) Yes, we studied our square dancing at the beach. Hope you all have a terrific summer!"*

Rosetta and **Martin M.** wrote.....

"We enjoyed our trip to Cuba and found the people to be very friendly. We especially enjoyed the old cars from the 1950s. There are literally thousands of them, and many of them are taxis. The Cubans are very ingenious in finding ways to keep them on the road. We had a ride in a taxi that was a 1956 Chev. It had a beautiful two-toned body with nice upholstery, and had a retrofitted diesel engine in it with no muffler! We also saw a 1953 Dodge that had a Toyota engine in it."

Cris and **Mike** met other couples at a destination they love north of Puerto Vallarta...back dancing end of February looking so healthy and relaxed.

"Mike and I spent a wonderful 2 months in Mexico."

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We stayed in a bungalow in Los Ayala again,hiking the jungle trails, walking the beach, swimming in the ocean, pot lucks, pool parties, games nights. Loved relaxing on our patio. It was so beautiful and warm. Wonderful friends there... truly an amazing holiday."

Maurice M., Gervin H., and Ray L. continue to sing with the Tenth Avenue Seniors' Center's 'Forever Young' choir. Their Spring Concert with songs from many countries, will be 3 shows beginning of April.

*Spring Jamboree, 'Under The Sea' (mermaids? sunken treasure?) June 3-5th (Friday evening, Saturday workshop stuff, supper, dancing, and Sunday breakfast and dancing) at the Hart Pioneer Center.... looking forward to caller/cuer **Murray Few**, from the Country Sunshiners club in Edmonton, calling since a teen in the late 60's, and guest calling all over Canada, and in many states. Come join us!

*Let's keep a look out for opportunities to invite past dancers, other acquaintances and family to join us for special suppers and dances.

*Travelers to the Prince George area please plan to join us in dance, Mondays, 7:00 p.m. at Knox United Church on 5th and Brunswick.

Skeena Squares - Terrace

A Note from Diane Weismiller

We had our last dance of the season on March 7th. The school closed for Spring Break (2 weeks) and Easter Monday. We will be away at the beginning of April and then Music Festival starts so it seemed like a good idea to quit for this year. We hope to see you at the Williams Lake Jamboree in May if all goes well.

Mile - 0 - Grand Squares, Dawson Creek

A Note from Bernie and Jean Smith

We have no news, we will be having our last Square Dance on Monday Mar. 28. We hope to do a bit of traveling to jamborees this spring and summer. Hope to see you on the dance floor somewhere, have a great summer holiday.

Lac La Hache and South Cariboo News

by Bill Rose

We have been able to dance every Monday - Pre-rounds 1:30 to 2:00 pm and Square Dancing from 2:00 to 4:00pm with a few extras to fill in.

One of our dancers - **Jim Milliken** (not currently able to dance) celebrated his 95th birthday at Carefree Manor in 100 Mile House on March 10th, 2016. He is still recovering from a bad fall he had last fall.

Henry Hall is now coming out to our functions but is still not able to get on the dance floor as he would like to (soon he says). **Helen Hall** is having trouble with her hips and is also not able to dance currently but hopes to get back soon.

Prior to this issue being published **Bill and Marilyn Rose, John Tutte and Del Hustwait** are heading down to Abbotsford to attend the B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation board meeting being held on April 2nd, 2016. They will be representing Region 5 on behalf of all the dancers and leaders.

Thanks to John and Del for filling in for Helen and Henry Hall who are unable to attend due to health issues.



Mayfest 2016

Jamboree
37th annual square dance weekend

Please note that Mayfest will be a one day only event and is moving back to Kamloops where it all began*

Saturday May 7, 2016

St. Paul's Cathedral 360 Nicola St. Kamloops, BC

Featuring:

Caller: Steve Edlund of Surrey, BC

Cuer: Mariann Sanford of Sorrento, BC

Program of events:

Plus	2:00 - 2:30 pm pre-rounds 2:30 - 4:30 pm Plus dance
"A"s	following Plus (if enough interest)
Potluck Supper	5:30 pm - set up, dinner to follow (remember to bring dishes & cutlery)
Mainstream	7:30 - 8:00 pm pre-rounds 8:00 - 10:00 pm Mainstream Dance

Coffee, tea and refreshments provided

Cost \$10.00 per person per dance
(no additional cost for A dancers who have paid to dance Plus)

Please note: Although there is private RV parking in Kamloops, there won't be any dry RV parking available at the hall.

For more information contact:
Dennis/Pat (250) 375-3568
email: dennis_ptnska@shaw.ca

Due to rising costs of putting on Mayfest and fewer dancers to support it, this could be the final Mayfest.

Vanderhoof Drifting Squares by Sandi Jespersen

This has been a short time on the calendar since we had a submission in the Cariboo Connection but we are coming along just fine. Our New Dancers (5 of them) are working hard to complete the Basics but we are having a problem because we dance past some of their bedtimes. They are hanging in there and continuing on. I am glad that even though I see yawns, they are smiling and succeeding.

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of a former square dancer. Dolores's husband, **Brian Young**, passed away February 22nd. The funeral was held in the hall where we dance. The dancers did the luncheon for Dolores and there were many dancers from PG there as well.

Leah Holmquist is back in the area with her newborn but they will be in Prince George University hospital for the next 2 years until a kidney operation for her child can be done. The family is by her side so that she can get a day of respite and spend time with her husband and first born in Vanderhoof. We wish her well.

We also would like to take note of **Lorna** (and **Rick Beatty**'s dad who has been up and down - health wise - and is on oxygen and doing better. We wish him continued good health (at 92!) and hope to see Lorna and Rick back dancing.

A special thanks to those who bring refreshments every week for our dances. The support for our club is great and I don't take that for granted.

We have had a few special dances and our turnouts are better this year than last year's participation. Our Valentine's dance was a great turnout and great potluck. We had a couple from PG (**Kevin** and **Pearl Blood**) and it made our squares a little more fun.

We danced twice for St. Pat's Day: one the week before St. Pat's actual day at the Riverside Place (seniors' living apartments) and we had enough dancers to dance continuously for 90 minutes. It was good to see **Judy Carter** back and dancing with us at Riverside. (We are hoping she and her husband **Don** will be back with us in the fall.) Our New Dancers really shone. The residents came out to watch and one even joined in a square for one tune. Thanks to **Gys** and **Dolores** for taking on the night. I was home sick with the traveling head cold that is running (or should I say galloping) around Vanderhoof. Then we had our own St. Pat's dance. Dolores and I called and cued (Dolores did most of the teaching that night) and green and white was

EVERYWHERE! We had clothes in perky greens and food for snacks that fit the bill. The New dancers had a go at "Grand Spin" and did quite well indeed. The square didn't break down - so that says something. Well done!

This next week, March 24th, we are dancing at The Manor (assisted living and dementia services). **Gys** will be back to help with the calling and **Dolores** and **Sandi** will help with a few tips.

April will be busy and hopefully a great deal of fun. We start with **Bob** and **Sandi** heading to Chilliwack and Victoria to visit Sandi's son **Brian**, Bob's cousins and a former PG dancer, **Shelley Mann**. We leave the club in Gys and Dolores's capable hands.

As soon as we return it is our club's 13th birthday (not our 12th as I announced in the last CC) with a Potluck and dance April 14th. Come if you can. Then April 21st, we are having our annual Spring Youth night. We invite anyone but especially young wannabe dancers from 8 to 18, to come out and give square dancing a try (the local public and on-line schools put the info in their weekly newsletters). For one hour I will start them off with a few moves, have some fun and hopefully a few of them will return in the fall to join our club. One year we had 3 squares (with our angels) and the age range was from 8 to 75 - kids, grandparents, parents, aunties and uncles. They had a grand time! We're looking forward to doing it again.

We have our last dance on May 12th - potluck and dance. All are welcome. Come join our New Dancers and the rest of us, we'd love to see you.

This summer some of our club will once again be trekking down to William's Lake for their Jamboree, May 27 - 29th (check poster in this newsletter) and attending the PG Jamboree June 3 - 5th. I think a couple of dancers are thinking of attending the Penticton Peachfest Jamboree - August 3 - 6th. On August 20th, we will once again dance at the Vanderhoof Fall Fair. It is our fair's 50th year and should be lots of fun!

And that takes us to September. We are back to New Dancers Sept 29th but even Mainstream dancers from "away" can come and join us. We are thinking that this year we might start with a picnic (5:00 p.m.) but that is a "plan" - and that's a 4 letter word.

Have a busy, safe and fun summer. Join us to dance when you can. We'd love to see a few new faces and some old friends we forgot we had.

One Man's Opinion - British Columbia Square and Round Dance Federation by Nick Turner

The BCS&RD Federation Board of Directors meeting was held on April 2nd. We hope you sent information about your club to our Delegates and also hope you had some questions or suggestions for them to bring to the meeting.

The Federation cannot exist in a vacuum. The Executive and the Board expect you, the membership, to come up with concrete ideas on ways to Promote, Preserve and Perpetuate Square Dancing. Unfortunately, communication between the Federation and the membership is almost non-existent during the year, so you are seldom given either news of any activities that are taking place or requests for ideas to promote our activity.

However, communication is a two-way street. Don't wait to be asked! If you have concerns about your Federation, then voice them to the President or members of the Executive. If you want to know what the Federation is doing - ask! If you have ideas to get more people dancing then voice them to the President or members of the Executive. - but don't just say "The Federation should do this." or "Why doesn't the Federation do that?" Get involved by coming up with a concrete plan and have plans to carry it out. Don't expect "The Federation" to do this. **You** are the Federation. If you need money for your idea, then ask if any is available.

At the moment, the Federation seems to be mainly a housekeeping organization: fee collection, grant approval, video library, recognition and awards and so on. Recent positive activities however, include redesigning the website and the creation of a new promotion brochure and rack card. Browse the Website. (www.squaredance.bc.ca) Check for accuracy and content. Make suggestions. Make use of the brochure and rack card - they are free - check them out.

Region 5 is almost notorious for its apathy towards the Federation. Why not write to the Cariboo Connection explaining why you feel this way so that we can publish your views in the next edition and maybe get some real communication going between our Region and the Federation Executive and see if we can wake up the sleeping giant?

Our Delegates give generously of their time to attend the BOD meeting - let's give them some positive ideas to take to the meeting each year. The one overriding issue for Square Dancing is attracting new members to our clubs and keeping them happily dancing. Put on your thinking caps!

Delegates **Helen and Henry Hall** are unable to attend the April meeting due to health issues and **John Tutte** and **Del Hustwaite** have generously offered to take their place. Thanks! (John is the Vice President of the R5CCDA) Also representing us will be **Bill and Marilyn Rose** from the Lac La Hache Caribooters.

When the delegates return from the meeting, they will submit a report to our region. We will pass the information on by way of a Bulletin that will be emailed out and also posted on the Region 5 website.

BC FESTIVAL 2017

SQUARE & ROUND DANCE



MINI FESTIVAL

JULY 6, 7, 8

Cloverdale Rodeo Grounds

6050 176 St., Cloverdale, B.C.

Live Lively!



Square Dance!

THURSDAY

Registration opens at 11:00 a.m.

Dancing and workshops 1:30 p.m. till 5:00 p.m.

Dinner break 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremony 7:00 p.m.; Dancing till 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

Halls open at 9:30 a.m.

BCSRD Federation AGM 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 noon

Dancing and workshops 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon

Lunch break 12:00 noon till 1:30 p.m.

Dancing and workshops 1:30 p.m. till 5:00 p.m.

Dinner break 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

Dancing 7:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

Halls open at 9:30 a.m.

Dancing and workshops 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon

Lunch break 12:00 noon till 1:30 p.m.

Dancing and workshops 1:30 p.m. till 5 p.m.

Dinner break 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

Closing Ceremony 7:00 p.m.; Dancing till 10:00 p.m.

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Round Dance Tidbits

(If any of the Region 5 clubs have round dance information to contribute, it would be most welcome.)

A Tip for New Round Dancers

**Don't look at the floor while dancing!
There are no instructions there.**

Williams Lake Round Dancers receive instruction for a half hour before square dancing each week. This dance season they have been working diligently on Phase II waltz steps. Happily, they have almost completed the program and are looking forward to lots of floor time so they can strengthen their skills.

Some of our new square dancers have expressed an interest in learning to round dance, too. So next season should be fun.

Nick and Mary Anne Turner would like to remind the round dancers that they have their own dance studio and are available to give new lessons or brush-up lessons at any time. Just ask !

A Tip for Cuers

There are several sites on the internet where cue sheets are available to you but have you checked out the Roundalab one? <http://www.roundalab.org>

For some parts of the Roundalab website, you have to be a member to access them but the Index of Round Cue Sheets link is open to all.

Amazingly, there are currently 14,975 dances in the Roundalab Dance Database and counting! The data base is easy to search, too. You can look for dances

by choreographer, year, title, rhythm, phase and even the artist.

All the search fields are set up so that you don't have to enter exactly what is in the database. The search information can be partially entered. For instance, if you want to see all dances with "baby" in the dance title, just enter "baby" in the dance title search field and click on "Find". This is very handy if are unsure of the exact dance name.

You will have hours of fun puddling around on this site !

Live Lively



Round Dance

FESTIVAL 2016
Canadian Square & Round Dance Society
July 28, 29 & 30
Saskatchewan Trade and Convention Centre
Delta Regina
Info: Bill 306-580-7141 tree-line@hotmail.com
Donna 306-543-6626 barrygruell@sasktel.net
Register on line @www.saskfestival2016.ca
A Canadian National Square Dance Convention
Partner Up
Prairie Style
RCMP Training Depot & Museum
Saskatchewan Legislative Building
MacKenzie Art Gallery

Square Dancers Venture into the Cowboy World

by Patricia MacKay

On March 18, **Kae Stafford, Betz Ratch, Karen Pifko** and I drove to Kamloops for the twentieth anniversary of the Kamloops Cowboy Festival, which features cowboy poetry, music and art. Many of the original performers were included in this years event. The standard of entertainment during those first twenty years was high, and continues to be so. B.C. artists such as Alan Moberg, Gary Fjellgaard, Matt Johnston, Mag Mawhinney and our own Frank Gleeson, were among the well known and respected musicians and poets on stage this weekend.

The Convention Centre provided non-stop entertainment from eleven to four each day, followed by a happy hour before supper.

In the Calvary Church, just across the road, other shows took place during the same hours. This way everyone got the opportunity to see their favourite performers at least once during the weekend. Entertainment and Cowboy Church was also offered there on Sunday morning, which we all attended before beginning our trip home to Williams Lake.

The Horse Barn showcased various artists as well, from eleven to two, Wednesday thru Saturday. A free shuttle bus was available to all venues.

Several workshops were held covering a variety of subjects from the history and construction of cowboy boots, hats and saddles, to guitar picking, song writing and how to make a record. I took the song writing workshop, given by Gary Fjellgaard. No, I don't play an instrument and my singing is best left unsung, but Gary's advice on writing was informative. To me that one hour alone was worth the trip.

The performers were very approachable, mixing amongst the crowd, to listen, advise or just to simply chat. A Trade Show was also part of the event. Our museum had a display there, along with various tourist destinations, such as Barkerville, as well as guest ranches. I met and chatted with the new managers of the Flying U Guest Ranch at Seventy Mile House, the first ranch I worked at after


arriving in Canada in 1964. They had just read my book, and appeared to have enjoyed it.

A roast beef supper was served at six thirty. Each table, that seated six, had a clear view of the stage, and entertainment was provided by Gordie West and his band, and pianist, Jinny Cash, who played a selection of cowboy songs. The evening show continued from seven until ten, and this was followed by a jam session, open to anyone who wanted to stay and listen. However, by the time the jam session was about to begin we were ready to call it a day.

Last year we stayed until the very end, dancing on the carpeted floor until the music was done. What a difference a year makes when you get to a certain age!

Exciting things are coming!

Check the next Cariboo Connection or our Website for more information on Northern Twister's "Looking Back" Event next year.



"Our Committee wants YOU! WE Aim To Deliver GREAT DANCING in HIGH RIVER!"



EARLY BIRD DRAW!
Register by **JANUARY 31, 2016.**
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Continuing the Promotion Discussion

1. Using the Slogo/Logo

Are you remembering to use the new logo/slogo as often as you can to promote square dancing as a lively activity?

This RV with the slogo proudly displayed was seen at a dance weekend in Westcliffe, Colorado. A friend of the owners painted it on the RV for them. What a great idea!

Can anyone come up with other ideas and share them? As it says on the ARTS website - How about displaying the slogo on a building, or in a giant corn maze, or.....?

Look around your town and neighbourhood for potential locations or venues to display our Live Lively message.



2. Flyer Designs - One Size Does Not Fit All

When we create our flyers to advertise the new dance season, we need to pay attention to the fact that 'one design usually does not fit all.'

Better results might be obtained if we took time to create several different flyers, tailoring each design to our different potential audiences.

For example - at fitness centers and recreation centers we should advertise the healthy and gentle exercise of square dancing.

For church groups we could emphasize the wholesome aspects of no smoking, no drinking, no off-colour jokes.

For general public distribution (like grocery stores and community bulletin boards, and for the homeschooling community) we could emphasize the multi-generational family dancing.

If you do take this individual design approach, perhaps you could share your poster ideas with us all and we could build a collection of them for the Region website.

Remember - we are the editors of this newsletter but - you should be the reporters!



My husband, Brian Young, passed away at 4 AM Monday Feb 22, 2016. Brian was diagnosed with frontal lobe Dementia. He was in care for 11 months prior. He could no longer walk, was confined to a wheelchair, he could vocalize but few words were understandable. His funeral was held at the First United Church in Vanderhoof where we square danced together. Rob Smith, minister, and also a square dancer, officiated.

My thanks to square dancers from Prince George, Northern Twisters and Vanderhoof Drifting Squares who looked after the hall set up and cleanup and food for a reception that followed. It was a lovely reception.

I feel privileged to be part of the square dance community where the members are so willing to stand by you in times of trouble.

Dolores Young - Vanderhoof

Thompson-Shuswap Square & Round Dance Association

Chase the Fun 2016

Friday, June 17th to 19th
Chase Community Hall

Back for a Return Engagement



Cuer
Mariann Sanford



Caller
Steve Edlund



Cuer
Sandy Meyer

Weekend Pass \$35.
if registered by May 15th

Catered Dinner \$ 20.

Dry Camping \$5. per night

Schedule

Friday: Trail in Dance
Panel of Callers & Cuers
Pre-rounds 7:30 to 8 pm - Mainstream 8 to 10:00 PM

Saturday:
Round Dancing - Phase II to IV 9:30 to 11:30 AM
Mainstream Workshop - 1:00 to 2:00 PM
Plus Dance - 2:30 to 4:30 PM
Catered Supper 6 PM
Pre-rounds 7:30 to 8:00 - Mainstream 8:00 to 10:00 PM

Sunday: Trail out Dance
Rotary Pancake Breakfast
Panel of Callers & Cuers - 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Please send Cheques (Canadian funds)
Made payable to: Thompson-Shuswap Square & Round Dance Assoc.
c/o George & Nancy Alison, 3535 Eagle Bay Rd. Blind Bay, BC V0E 1H1
or register online at www.chasethefun.com
For further info: 250-675-5375 or gnaison@telus.net

www.chasethefun.com




Well, hello!

Just read the Winter edition of the Cariboo Connection. 'Off The Mainstream Path' covered some unique info. Nick...great input for the newsletter.

I like Gil McCall's sense of humor...great writeup on your club.

My hubby, Ray dances Mondays here, but doesn't want to go out of town. I'm thinking about asking one of our ladies who doesn't have a partner and can dance the man's part, to ride with me, stay at my sister's in 150 Mile, and attend your 'Once Upon A Time' weekend in May.

Re: Upcoming Festival in July 2017 in Cloverdale - What a good presentation of the affair....Hope they get some advance registrations.

Julie Skead - Prince George



REGION 5 DANCE SCHEDULE 2016

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

WHEN	WHERE	EVENT	CALLERS/ CUERS
Apr. 14, 2016	Vanderhoof	Drifting Squares 13th Birthday	Gys, Dolores, Sandi
May 27-29, 2016	Williams Lake	58th Spring Jamboree - Once Upon a Time Theme	Dustin McGifford, Nick and Mary Anne Turner
June 3-5, 2016	Prince George	Spring Jamboree Weekend	Murray Few
June 17-19, 2016	Chase	Chase the Fun Square & Round Dance Weekend	Steve Edlund, Sandy Meyer, and Mariann Sandford
July 28-30, 2016	Regina	Canadian Square & Round Dance Festival	Many Callers & Cuers
August 3-6, 2016	Penticton	12th 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
- * those who help the caller and cuer with their equipment

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 17th 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

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



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