



Williams Lake's Travelling Audio System



Dana Ball & Ellen Wiege of the Stampede Whirlaways enjoying the Squaroling at the Dollar Dollar Store.

## There They Go A-Squaroling - an Awareness Idea

Last year in the Cariboo Connection an Awareness Idea called Squaroling was suggested. It was mentioned that a club had loaded the caller's equipment on a wagon, along with a mobile battery pack and dancers had walked through malls, parks and other areas of their town, stopping often to square dance to a Christmas singing call.

This year, the Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways decided to give that idea a try. They have a garden wagon that they had decorated to look like a small covered wagon (the symbol on their club badges) and it was retrofitted to hold the audio equipment and microphone. Caller, **Nick Turner**, used an iPad for his music source. The speaker was hidden beneath the cover of the wagon.

On Friday, Dec. 7, 2012, after prior arrangements had been made, the Williams Lake Square Dancers rolled their wagon into the Save-On Foods store. Nick sang Christmas carol singing calls while the dancers kicked up their heels. Customers and staff members could be seen tapping their toes and there were smiles all around.

After such a warm welcome at Save-On, the dancers, caller, and wagon moved on to the Dollar Dollar Store. Again they sang and danced and this time some of the store staff members asked if they could join in the fun. Store owners, **Carl Johnson** and **Katalin Szauer**, as well as employee **Debra Mailhiot**, quickly mastered a few square dance steps and were whirling around the floor in no time.

The Whirlaways enjoyed the 'squaroling' activity and it was decided to submit a press release along with photos to the local newspaper. The hope was that the article would be published and would create more awareness for the club.

Fortunately, the Williams Lake Tribune was happy to publish the article and they printed it as submitted - word for word. It seems that editors like to receive local news and are often happy when they receive it print ready.

Again, we encourage clubs to give press releases a try. Promote your club year round. There are many free sites on the internet that explain how to write a press release and free templates are available. Also, located on the Region 5CCDA Web Site at [www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca](http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca) there is an article by **Brian Elmer** the Chairperson of the advertising arm of the BC Square and Round Dance Federation. His article is titled, **An Informal Peek into Press Releases** and it contains much valuable information.

Good luck and we hope that you will be willing to share your attempts and successes or failures with the rest of Region 5. Don't wait for the reporters - do it yourself.

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Williams Lake dancers, Gill McCall and Madge Struthers, return to jump into a square at the Dollar Dollar Store.

Williams Lake Square Dance Caller Nick Turner sings 'squaroling' for the dancers held at Save-On Foods.

## There they go "a squarolling"



**Mary Anne Turner**  
Special to The Tribune

When a Christmas celebration combined with square dancing, an enjoyable activity is created that our local square dance club will be proud to share.

The Friday, Dec. 7, the Williams Lake Square Dancers were welcomed at Save-On Foods to spread a little Christmas joy.

Club president, Marna Gibbons, that had been contacted to hold the public square dance and microphone caller Nick Turner, sang Christmas carols while the dancers kicked up their heels.

Customers and staff members could be seen tapping their toes and there were smiles all around.

Like most activities, there was no dance then they called to another location - the Dollar Dollar Store.

Again they sang and danced and this time some of the store staff members asked if they could join in the fun.

For more information, contact Nick and Mary Anne Turner Square Dance Caller Round Dance Square Dancers as well as employees at Save-On Foods.

As the Christmas season approaches, the Williams Lake Square Dancers are excited for their annual Christmas dinner and dance.

Approximately 30 people attended the club was especially pleased to have their new dancers attend the party and show off their newly acquired dancing skills.

Club president, Marna Gibbons, commented: "It was a pleasure to see the new people dancing at the party and show off their newly acquired dancing skills."

The club will not be dancing over the Christmas holidays but they will be set up again on Jan. 3, 2013.

Square dancing is a great way to start a new year! Fun, exercise and friendship.

For information about the Stampede Whirlaways Square Dance Club, go to their website at [www.wlwhirlaways.bc.ca](http://www.wlwhirlaways.bc.ca).

For more information, contact Nick and Mary Anne Turner Square Dancers Caller Round Dance Square Dancers as well as employees at Save-On Foods.

# REGION REFLECTIONS

## Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways by Gil Mc Call

During the Christmas season, the Whirlaways had great fun Squaroling instead of Caroling. We danced to seasonal songs at Save-On-Foods and the Dollar-Dollar store. Those who stopped by seemed to really enjoy it, and who knows, some may eventually become dancers.

This year's beginners group is doing a great job and learning quickly. They will join the Mainstream bunch at least once per month for the rest of the season. That is in addition to their regular Friday evening session. It was nice to have most of the newcomers join us for our annual Christmas dinner and dance.

Next in line will be our annual Pie Night on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be held at the Child Development Center on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North. Pies are donated by Whirlaway members. We eat half of them at 'goodie time' then we auction the others, with all proceeds to the development Centre. It feels good to know you're aiding a very worthwhile cause. It feels just as good when you're eating those delicious specimens. What great pastry cooks we have!!!!

Everything is coming together for our annual Jamboree, to be held this year May 24, 25 and 26. The theme this year is Polynesian Paradise. Featured caller will again be **Dustin McGifford**. **Nick and Mary Anne Turner** will be busy bees with calling and cueing. Several club members are working on special entertainment. Of course, we will have the super-duper Cariboo roast beef dinner and free dry-land parking. See our poster elsewhere in this edition of the Cariboo Connection. It will give you all the details of the various events. We hope you can make our Jamboree a part of your dancing schedule.



## Williams Lake Polynesian Paradise Mainstream Jamboree

May 24-26, 2013  
Glendale School  
4100 N. Mackenzie Ave.

Lei'd Back  
Weekend  
Package  
\$35.00 each .



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  
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250-392-5360

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250-392-2432

Friday - Break out your colourful shirts and grass skirts

Join  
Nick & Mary Anne  
Turner  
for the  
**Hula Hop**  
\$6.00 each

Guest Callers  
and Cuers welcome

7:30 PM  
Pre-Rounds

8:00 PM  
Mainstream Dancing



Saturday  
Morning  
10:00 - 11:30 AM

Enjoy a  
Round Dance  
Social

with  
Mary Anne and  
Nick Turner  
Phase II+

\$6.00 each



Dancing Fun  
&  
Tropical Treats  
1:30 P.M.

Saturday Evening  
6:00 PM

Supper at the

Stampede  
Whirlaways  
Outrigger  
Cafe

\$12.00 each

Saturday Night - **Beyond the Reef Ball**

7:30 PM Pre-rounds  
with  
Mary Anne  
Turner



8:00 PM Mainstream Dancing  
with  
Featured Caller:

**Dustin McGifford**

\$6.00 each

Sunday - Enjoy a Continental breakfast and casual  
dancing before departing - \$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

## Lac La Hache News by Helen Hall

On Oct. 29, 2012 Lac La Hache had their annual "Halloween Party" at the Pioneer Centre. Between the 100 Mile Twirlers dancers and our club, we had 2 Squares of enthusiastic dancers. A great variety of imaginative costumes were worn by the dancers. At coffee break, door prizes were drawn and were enjoyed by the winners

We attended our South Cariboo afternoon Pot Luck Xmas Party on Nov 29 at Creekside in 100 Mile House. Dancing started at 2:00 p.m. with rounds for 1/2 hr. followed by Squares and Rounds from 2:30 to 4:30. Santa (**Art Schoenknecht**) arrived and gifts were given out by his Elves (**Irene Rasmussen & Diana Rixen**). As usual, we had a most enjoyable pot luck dinner. Due to the weather conditions at this time of the year, we are finding it more practical to have afternoon dances thus allowing the dancers to travel home at an earlier time.

This year, our New Year's Dance was held at the Lac La Hache Pioneer Centre. We decided to use the same format we used for the Xmas Party. We arrived at 2:00 p.m. and did Rounds for 1/2 hr. and Squares and Rounds 'til 4:30 p.m. This was followed by a social hour and then a Pot Luck Supper. After supper, we donned our New Year's hats and danced a Tip, and then welcomed New Years in about 7:00 p.m. Everyone had a great time and left for home before the roads got icy.

On Jan 14, 2013, we had our annual "I'M BUSTED DANCE" Monday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. We were so busted our decorators, **Hazel Parker & Fran Campbell** could only afford brown paper and newsprint. Even the gifts were wrapped in newsprint. Unfortunately, our attendance was down this year due to illness and the fact that some of our dancers were still away. In spite of that, everybody had a good time. Lots of laughs at the dancers' costumes, when the door prizes were opened.

Monday, Feb 11th, 2013: Don't forget! If you are down in our area, we have our "Valentines" dance at the Pioneer Centre in Lac La Hache starting at 1:30 p.m. for Rounds then Square and Round dancing till 4:00 p.m. The more the merrier.....

## 100 Mile Twirlers by Audrey Hoeg

The 100 Mile Twirlers have suspended their Thursday afternoon dances at Creekside, in 100 Mile, for the winter season due to poor driving conditions and a shortage of dancers.

The Club still exists – it and all the members are registered, insured and paid up on all their fees for the year 2013. Dances will resume when there are enough people to make a square or more.

In the meantime, the 100 Mile dancers will join the Lac La Hache Caribooters at their dances in Lac La Hache.

The Big News is that we are in the process of planning our **57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance**. It is to be held at the Creekside Seniors Activity Centre, on **Saturday, April 13, 2013**, with dancing in the afternoon followed by a catered luncheon. Admission will be by donation, with all proceeds to go to a local charity of our choice in 100 Mile.

The final details of times etc., will be decided shortly and we will let everyone know - but mark the date on your calendars and plan to come help us celebrate.



## Join the Whirlaways for some March Merriment !



**Saturday, March 2, 2013**  
Child Development Center  
690 North 2nd Avenue  
Williams Lake, BC

7:30 P.M. Pre-Rounds - Mary Anne Turner  
8:00 P.M. Mainstream Dance - Nick Turner

### Treat yourself to a happy night out. Dance with Friends. Enjoy pie & Ice Cream



**Dance, Eat, and Be Merry !**  
(Extra pies will be auctioned after the dance.  
Proceeds will go to charity.)

Marie 250-392-5360



**57th and FINAL South Cariboo Square Dance Jamboree** by Bill Rose

Come and join us for our 57th (and Final) Annual South Cariboo Square Dance Jamboree sponsored by the Lac La Hache Caribooters and the 100 Mile Twirlers, to be held on June 14th, 15th, 16th, 2013 at the 108 Community Centre, 4924 Telqua Drive, 108 Mile Ranch, B.C.

Our clubs are getting smaller. With no new members for several years and with our members getting older, it is becoming difficult to get volunteers to prepare, plan and execute such a large event. It is with deep regret that we must announce that this will be our last Jamboree of this size.

We appreciate the support that we have received from the various clubs throughout the past years and hope that we can count on you again to help us this year for our "Final Farewell." Let's go out with a bang!!

B.J.'s Donuts and Eatery have been booked once again this year for our Saturday dinner which will be served at 5:30 p.m. DINNER RESERVATIONS are required by June 1st, 2013, please. Reservations can be made by email with Bill Rose at [bilmar2@hotmail.com](mailto:bilmar2@hotmail.com) and also with Kai Rasmussen at [kaiandirene@gmail.com](mailto:kaiandirene@gmail.com)

Sunday morning breakfast is being offered as part of your admission with pancakes, sausages, orange juice, coffee and tea. This year we have booked the Lac La Hache Community Club to supply it for us.

For those that have trailers or campers we are again able to offer FREE dry camping on the Community Centre parking lot. For those needing a hotel we have been able to get special rates for Square Dancers very near to our function at 108 Resort and Outdoor Adventures and also The Hills Health Ranch. Please advise them that you are Square Dancers for the special rate.

Please refer to our poster for details and rates. If you need additional posters, get in touch with us and we will be glad to supply them for you. Looking forward to seeing you on the Dance Floor!

# 57th (and Final) Annual South Cariboo Square Dance Jamboree

June 14, 15, 16, 2013

Lac La Hache Caribooters - 100 Mile Twirlers

**Friday, June 14, 2013**

**108 Community Centre  
4924 Telqua Drive, 108 Mile Ranch**

**Sunday June 16, 2013**

**Get Acquainted Dance**  
Evening MC- Dave Abbs  
Guest Callers and Cuers  
Pre Rounds at - 7:30 p.m.  
Square Dancing - 8:00 p.m.  
**\$7.00 each**

Caller: **Murray Few**  
Edmonton, Alberta

Cuer: **Helen Hall**  
Lac La Hache, B.C.

**Pancake Breakfast**  
From 8:30-10:30 a.m.  
**\$6.00 each**  
Dancing during breakfast and continuing until Noon.  
Guest Callers/Cuers are welcome

**Saturday, June 15, 2013**

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Fun with Easy Contra**  
Callers: Nick & Mary Anne Turner  
**No Charge** - give it a try!

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Square Dance Workshop**  
With Murray Few - **\$7.00 each**

5:30 p.m.  
**Dinner - \$25.00 each**  
(Advance reservations needed)

7:30 p.m. **Pre - Rounds**  
8:00 p.m. **Evening Dance**  
**\$10.00 each**



Spectators Welcome

**Weekend Packages**  
**#1.** Includes all dancing, breakfast, and the dinner **\$50.00 each**

**#2.** Includes all dancing and the breakfast **\$25.00 each**

No pre-registrations are required for the dance portion of the weekend.....

**But**  
**Advance Reservations for the dinner are required by June 1, 2013**

**Mainstream - Come out for a fun - packed weekend.**

*(Note: This will be our final Jamboree. Please come and support us to make it a memorable farewell.)*

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ACCOMMODATIONS	(Announce that you are square dancers to receive the special rates shown below)
108 Resort Golf & Outdoor Adventures 4816 Telqua Drive, PO Box 2 108 Mile Ranch, B.C. V0K2Z0 Toll Free: 1-800-667-5233 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:108golfresort.com">108golfresort.com</a>	Standard Room Rate (2 people) \$79.99/night + Taxes (includes free continental breakfast)
The Hills Health Ranch 4871 Highway #97 North, PO Box 26 108 Mile Ranch, B.C. V0K2Z0 Toll Free: 1-800-668-2233 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:thehills@spabc.com">thehills@spabc.com</a>	Standard Room Rate (2 people) \$99.00/night + Taxes  Chalet (Max 6 people) Full kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom \$169.00/night + Taxes  Includes use of: Indoor pool, Sauna, Jacuzzi
Dry Camping Available at the 108 Community Center Parking Lot	No Charge

J.W. Western & Dance Apparel will have his trailer available at the Jamboree this year.

Toll Free: 1-866-599-3781 E-Mail: [bhaywmich@telus.net](mailto:bhaywmich@telus.net) or [jwwestern@telus.net](mailto:jwwestern@telus.net)



**SEE YOU ON THE DANCE FLOOR**



## Prince George Northern Twisters by Julie Skead

All hail the dancers who regularly help with chairs, snacks, coffee, and hall clean up every Monday, and President **Glenda Matthews**, V P **Nolene Smith**, Secretary **Debbie Nordal**, Treasurer **Krystal Leason**, and Publicity **Gervin Halladay**. Five or six squares of Beginners, Mainstream, Plus dancers and both beginners and experienced Round dancers are enjoying the comradery and laughs of another season. We commend the new dancers, recalling our fears and insecurities and the expansive files the brain must open at the moment of a call!

Our caller and instructor is **Gys Koops**, with **Don Hollis**, **Maurice Mingay** and **Dillon Dawson** taking turns. (Gys and Lynn are in for a long haul as Lynn mends from a broken leg, a fall on the ice.) We also appreciate our Round dance cuer, **Don Hollis**.

Hats off also to all our members for the lovely supper that 48 shared at our November Snowflake Dance, and to the white, silver and blue decorations by **Susan/Neil Hunter**, **Cathy/Gervin Halladay**, **Dianne Wanless**. The delightful **Kirah** and **Nikita** joined us from Youth Club, as well as some Plus Dancers and some from Vanderhoof. The round dance cuer was our own **Don Hollis**. Our guest caller **Ken Sipe**, from Edmonton kept us on our toes but smiling, guiding us through Contra, and Squares: All 8 Pass The Ocean, All 8 Spin The Top, All 8 Right And Left Through, All 8 Slide Through, Load The Boat, Chase Right, Star The Route, and a square within a square doing Grand Square! We had so much fun and we're proud we got through them smoothly.

Reds, greens, silvers, golds...such appropriate dance apparel and classy decorations for our Christmas Dinner and Dance. Our beginner dancers braved the Mainstream calling for the first time. Donations for the Phoenix Transition Home were collected. Vanderhoof dancers (who often come to both our regular dancing and our special dances) organized their own Christmas potluck and dance. A couple of squares got together with **Gys Koops** hitting the highway to call. Also in December a square of dancers entertained the seniors at Parkside Care Home.

New dancer **Helen** and friend, **Anne** did a cross Canada driving trip this fall. The latest grandchild, 1 year old, was a highlight in Quebec. Old forts, the St. Lawrence, voyageurs history, portage sites, are 'up there' for experiences. The fall colors were hard to find words for! After Nova Scotia, a loop through the Eastern States included a year-round Christmas Store the area of 3 football fields! **Geraldine** (piano) and **Emery** were spotted leading Christmas music sing-a-longs at the Railway and Forest Museum. **Ray** put in his usual volunteer time there also, keeping the bonfires going, entertaining with his guitar, and giving rides on the mini train daily for the 2 week lead up to Christmas. **Maurice, Gervin, and Ray** did their part in choir concerts for care homes and public venues over the Christmas season. **Don and Reta** spent 10 days in the Okanagan over Christmas visiting Reta's Dad. He turned 94 in October. His lack of hearing at times does interfere with visiting. They were still able to play many games of crib, crokinole, shuffleboard and have meals with him. **Wolfgang and Trudy** enjoyed a trip to Puerto Vallarta. **Ben and Carol** enjoyed a relaxing holiday in Palm Springs, 85 degree weather! They will be heading for Cuba in March. **Dennis and Penny** will be off to England in February; a birthday celebration for Penny and her twin brother! **Gervin and Cathy** spent 3 weeks in Fiji and Australia...did some snorkeling; now are off to Cuba for 2 months. Is this the start of whole winter getaways? **Carli Bennett** and her husband **Tim** welcomed their first child November 13, 2012. A healthy baby boy Ryan Michael David Bennett weighed in at 6 lbs 9 oz, and is now busy being adored by his elated parents and family. 25 year member **Irene Rigler** contributed to our local newspaper, a part of her memoirs, documenting Sylvan Glade School in 1931 at Vivian Lake about 30 k NW of here. She remembers her parents' home being used for the 12 students until the log school was complete. Irene and 2 sisters slept in the living room so the first teacher could board at their home. (Irene later became a teacher in Prince George.)

Robbie Burns (January 19) afternoon workshop with caller/cuer **Ray Brendzy** from Burnaby was a success with 4 squares. He has a great singing voice, calls of varying skill levels, unwaning enthusiasm, and a very special sense of humor. The steaming hot haggis was paraded in by President **Glenda Matthews** and **Roy Nielsen** in full regalia, to music of the pipes. Roy delivered the address to the haggis with his best Scottish accent. Potluck was added to the haggis and roast beef supplied by the club for a hearty supper. The kitchen and serving volunteers and the many who helped with tables and chairs are so appreciated. Evening dancing brought out 6 squares and some pretty awesome Round Dancers. Tartan table runners and wall hangings, a wall display of Robbie Burns' history, poetry and lyrics, and several dancers sporting plaid, set the theme. (Thanks once again to the talented **Susan** and **Neil** and assistants.) We were glad to have guests from Hixon, Vanderhoof, Fort St. James and Terrace, some Plus Dancers and some dancers of yesteryear join us.

We're looking forward in January, to a square dance demo at Kinsmen Place, for Aimhi. Last year some enthusiastic spectators joined in.

Hope to see you at our Spring Jamboree - May 3-5, 2013. See the poster on page 11 for details.

## Vanderhoof Drifting Squares by Sandi Jespersen

Happy New Year to all and all the best in 2013. The Drifting Squares celebrated Christmas in style but the weather kept the Prince George Dancers from traveling to join us. We are sorry to not have them join us. We danced one square and a few extra dancers to spare us off, and **Oscar and Dorothy Walstrom** (no longer dancing with us) watched and cheered us on. We had great food for our pot luck (turkey and all the trimmings) and the dancing was varied and great. **Gys Koops** did the main calling for our squares, **Dolores Young** and **Sandi Jespersen** did more squares and Dolores did a couple of rounds. **Jerita Holmquist** helped out with rounds and all in all we had way too much fun.

This fall we have not seen our new dancers come out. We are hoping that we can rally them. **Chevy Turgeon** was a real spark of a new dancer (teen dancer), so we would really like to see her return. Weather has been a real problem since 4 of our dancers come from Fort St. James. We hope for the best in the New Year.

Welcome back to **Laura Roiter**. Laura had a little girl in July, 2012 and started back square dancing in January.


**Gys Koops** continues to drive out from Prince George alternate weeks to call for us and **Sandi Jespersen** and **Dolores Young** are working hard on their new calling skills. Sandi taught 2 brand new dancers in January (using the "Moving and Grooving" curriculum) and it went very well. Dolores is continuing to work on both square dancing and round dancing (when there are round dancers) and this does help Gys with breaks and someone to teach. We both hope to do at least one call at the PG Jamboree. We haven't had more than a full square most nights, so we haven't been doing any contra lately. Hope to get that going again in February.

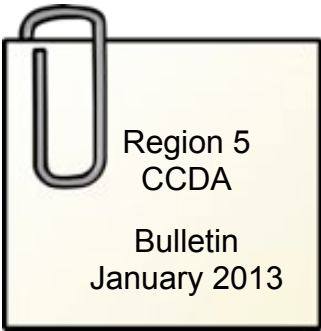
One of our dancers, **Jerusha Turgeon**, has just recorded her first vocal CD. She was highlighted on CBC on one of the morning shows out of PG and we wish her all the best in her endeavors. Way to go Jerusha!!! (I m sure she has CDs to sell if you ask her.)

This Spring we are going to have a Valentine's dance on Feb 14 (imagine that!!), St. Patty's dance on March 14th, our 10th anniversary dance and pot luck on April 11th, and our last dance (also with pot luck) of the year on May 9th. There could be some interruptions in our regular schedule because Sandi and Bob will be away in March or April but just call ahead if you are coming to dance and we will let you know our most recent schedule. Sandi and Bob are planning an extended trip with family to New Mexico in late May and June. It won't interfere with our club dances but we will miss some jamborees. Our club is hoping to send at least 6 dancers to the PG Jamboree. See you there.

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*Editor's Note: the Vanderhoof Club has been experiencing scheduling difficulties with the hall that they use for dancing. Since some of their dancers come from quite a distance away, we are going to try and help them out by printing their proposed schedule below. However, it is probably wise to continue to contact Sandi at 250-567-2088 and double check time, date and location before traveling great distances to a dance.*

Proposed Dance Schedule (all dances in the United Church Hall unless otherwise specified) Feb 2013 to May 2013	**** Remember PG dances on Mondays at the Anglican Church Hall on 5th, PG)*****	Pot Lucks start at 5:30 Dances without Gys start at 7, With Gys @ 6:30
Feb 7th Dolores and Sandi	March 21st Dolores and Sandi	May 3,4,5 PG Jamboree Hart Hwy Seniors Hall
Feb 14th Valentine's Dance (wear red or pink) Gys, Dolores and Sandi	March 28th Hall unavailable	May 9th Pot Luck and Dance Gys, Dolores and Sandi (closing dance)
Feb 21st Dolores and Sandi	April 11th Our 10th Birthday Pot Luck and Dance Gys, Dolores and Sandi	
March 7th Dolores and Sandi	April 18th Dolores and Sandi	
March 14th St. Patty's Dance@ Riverside Place (wear green and yellow) Gys, Dolores and Sandi	April 25th Gys, Dolores and Sandi (Last chance to practice for PG Jamboree)	



**Happy New Year** to all the dancers and leaders in the region from your Region 5 executive. We hope that 2013 will bring hours of dancing pleasure your way.

We are a geographically huge region, extending from the club in Dawson Creek to those clubs in the South Cariboo. Because of this, it is understandably difficult to feel unified at times. An important goal set by the R5CCDA executive is to keep the members informed of current dancing news and to encourage communication between the clubs.

One of the ways we do this is by maintaining a Region 5 website at <http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca> But we depend upon you to provide us with accurate information about your club. Be sure to check the website often and update us if things have changed. We would also like to encourage members to send us electronic posters (PDF or JPG) of your upcoming events, or your new dancer sessions and we would be happy to add them to the website.

Another way we keep members informed is by financing and publishing the Cariboo Connection, a Region 5 newsletter, three times a year. Clubs and individual members have the opportunity to write articles of general interest to other dancers and can also advertise their own dance events. Please take advantage of this opportunity. The **deadline** for the next issue of the Cariboo Connection is **March 25th, 2013**.

The third method of keeping members informed is through a R5CCDA bulletin such as this one. We had hoped to contact you earlier but medical emergencies and technical difficulties got in the way. We will be sending this newsletter by email to those contacts we have but we ask someone in each club to print a copy and take it to your club dance for others to read. It will also be posted on the Region 5 website.

An additional goal of the R5CCDA is to help promote square & round dancing throughout the area. One way to do this is to have you share promotion/publicity ideas and recruiting successes or failures so that we can publish them for others to read. It is helpful to exchange ideas.

For example, it was a pleasure to read that the Dawson Creek Club had a good recruitment drive this year. We would like to pass on our congratulations to them. Caller, **Bernie Smith** and his wife **Jean** have worked hard to grow this club. Some of the things they did this year were reported by Jean in the Cariboo Connection.

Jean stated, *"We advertised in the local newspapers, on the local radio station and T.V., as well as placing posters and flyers in doctors' offices. Fortunately, our local TV sports*

*announcer is very aggressive! She phoned us and requested a live interview to be broadcast during her evening sports news. She did a great job, even used some pictures from YouTube.*

*The announcer also came and joined in with the square dancers on Monday night. She will be coming to our second dance to do some filming of our square dancing to use during her sports broadcasts.*

*We also had two other newspaper reporters come to the first dance to take pictures and have interviews with Bernie and me. The daily local newspaper came out on Tuesday with a full page ad with pictures and a good write up, and there were also pictures covering half of the back page. "*

On a sad note, we were informed by Bill Rose, President of the South Cariboo Association, that June 2013 will be the 57th and **final** South Cariboo Jamboree to be held. Bill stated, *"We voted to make this our **LAST** Jamboree. We just do not have enough people or the interest any more to do a proper job of organizing the activities. We are going to advertise the facts on our poster and hopefully we will get a lot of support from the clubs for a final farewell .*

Further details will be included elsewhere in the Cariboo Connection. Please encourage your dancers to support this final South Cariboo Jamboree so they can go out with a bang!

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A date change to make note of is the Williams Lake annual Pie & Ice Cream Dance. They have traditionally held this dance in early February but have changed it to March 2, 2013. It is hoped that the weather will be more cooperative at that time of year.

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Once again, Happy New Year from Peggy-Jo, Mary Anne, Krystal and John.

Our association is small and funds are scarce but we can share, communicate and support each other. Let's hear from you.

**R5CCDA Executive 2013**  
**(Region 5 Caller, Cuer and Dancer Association)**

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**BRIAN FLETCHER** By Gil McCall

Whirlaway club members were saddened to hear of the passing of a long-time member on November 27<sup>th</sup>. **Brian Fletcher** died at age 81 after a lengthy battle with cancer. He had been an enthusiastic, loyal and stalwart part of the club for many years. We offer condolences to his wife **Wendy**, children Terry, Sue, Pam and Dan and all members of the family.

Brian, an only child, was born and raised in Powell River B.C., where his folks operated a clothing store, but 'the kid' was only interested in clothing that would aid in his life-long ambition of being a cowboy. The story is told that the day after his high school graduation in 1948, Brian and a buddy headed for the Big Country...Cariboo/Chilcotin...to become engaged in their dreams.

Upon arriving in Williams Lake, the boys headed to the Lakeview Hotel to find out how they might best get out west of town and become an active part of the industry. They were advised they'd best contact the powers that be at Hodgson Truck Lines. Sure enough, in exchange for helping to load and unload merchandise, they received a ride to Lee's Corner. Brian went to work to earn his pay and the respect of the Lee family. He was especially attracted to daughter Wendy---and she to him. They were married in 1951. Then followed four little Fletchers: Terry, Sue, Pam and Dan.

Brian and Wendy established their own ranch in 1973 and operated it for 27 years. They moved to a smaller operation on the Likely Road in the year 2000 and to a residence on Bionic Road for a few years. In 2008, they decided to head south and established a home at Grindrod.

Back on the dancing scene, Brian and Wendy started square dancing at Alexis Creek about 1967. As a matter of interest, they helped teach our current caller, Nick Turner, to learn to square dance. They ultimately joined the Whirlaways and became an integral part of the club.

By his own admission, and confirmed by daughter Sue, Brian lacked musicality and always said that's what he loved about square dancing.... "all you have to do is make the correct HAND moves, and the FEET will follow!" We miss you Brian.

**JOHN STIRLING** By Nick Turner

The Whirlaways lost another long-time member when **John Stirling** passed away on December 23rd, aged 81. We offer our sincere sympathies to his partner of 32 years, **Pat MacKay**, son Richard (Maria), daughter Marie (Geoff) and grandchildren Theresa, Emily and Erik.

It was John who helped teach me to Square Dance in the early 70s. We danced to records in the basement of his ranch house at Redstone in the Chilcotin, with a small group of enthusiastic family, friends and neighbours. We danced to singing calls - Redwing, Pussy Cat, Rosabella, Little Red Wagon, Calico Girl, Jelly Bean and our favourite - Mighty Joe. I have them all and still call them - but slowed down and always with a walk through as there are some really interesting figures on these records.

John became President of the Williams Lake Whirlaways and when they lost their caller to a work transfer in 1978, it was John who invited me to become the club caller. It was his encouragement that kept me going - but not without some admonishments. I remember very well the night I daringly called "**Heads** Face, Grand Square" and, when the floor broke down, he gently told me I should not call that!

He and Pat moved to Gibsons and started dancing with the square dance club in Sechelt but unfortunately the Sechelt club did not have the same ambience as our Cariboo clubs and so John and Pat quit Square Dancing for many years.

They returned to Williams Lake last year and have enjoyed visiting the Whirlaways - especially our special dances and summer parties. John could no longer dance, but Pat joins in a few squares with evident enjoyment and we look forward to seeing her on Thursday nights. ( I have "Crystal Chandeliers" - her favourite singing call - practised and ready)

Pat was just as special as John to my calling endeavours, for she not only gave me huge encouragement when I was falteringly learning to call while teaching in Alexis Creek, but she typed out all my singing call figures on easy-to-read cards made from manila tag - which we laminated. I still have them tucked into their record sleeves.

Thanks, Pat and John. You launched a caller who has lasted for over 35 years!



## Australia/New Zealand Cruise by Bill & Marilyn Rose

*Editors' note: Bill has written a fascinating and detailed account of their cruises but because of space constraints, we have drastically shortened it. However, we will put the unedited version on the R5CCDA website for you to read.*

<http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca>

On September 23rd, 2012 Marilyn and I left on our trip of a lifetime to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We flew from Vancouver, B.C. to Honolulu, Hawaii for a one night stay and then we boarded Royal Caribbean International's "Radiance of the Seas" bound for Sydney, Australia.

Our first port of call was Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia. We took a 2 hour bus tour to look at Tahiti's East Coast highlights. In succeeding days we visited Moorea and Bora Bora with more bus tours. Temperatures were 27 - 28 C with humidity of 60 - 64%.

From October 3rd to 7th we were at sea en route to Wellington, New Zealand and then to Picton, NZ. Temperature was 14 Celsius with humidity at 76%.

On October 10th and 11th we crossed the Tasman Sea with 124 kph winds on the starboard side of the ship. We arrived at Sydney, Australia and docked at Circular Quay right across from the Sydney Opera House and in front of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

This was the end of a 17 night journey. We were fortunate to have a Deluxe Oceanview Cabin c/w Balcony. There was no end of choices for excellent food aboard the ship for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinners with snacks available anytime 24/7. Entertainment was spectacular every night with very talented entertainers playing instruments and singing, as well as Hollywood shows.

On October 12th we again boarded the "Radiance of the Seas" for a second (Back-to-Back) Cruise around Australia.

On October 14th we arrived at Brisbane where we took a bus tour of the historical sights

On October 15th and 16th, we were again at sea arriving at Airlie Beach, south of The Great Barrier Reef.

As the ship could not anchor any closer to the reef, we took a 2 hour ride on a Catamaran to the reef in 4-1/2 foot waves. Of the 258 people onboard at least 100 were seasick! We tied up to a 50' x 100' pontoon anchored on the reef and from here we boarded a glass bottomed boat and also a mini sub to view the coral and sealife. The trip lasted around seven hours.

On October 17th to 19th we were at sea. We travelled through The Great Barrier Reef with the aid of a Pilot and on October 20th we arrived at Darwin. We took a 1 1/2 hour bus tour viewing Christchurch Cathedral, Government House, Old Admiralty House and the Botanical Gardens and past the

luxury waterfront houses. Temperature was 33 degrees Celsius with humidity at 58%.

On October 21st and 22nd & 23rd we were at sea and took a side trip to Benoa, Bali, Indonesia. Our bus tour took us for two hours North into the jungle to Taro to an Elephant Safari Park. This was one of the highlights of the second cruise seeing the amazing things that elephants can be taught to do.

On October 25th we arrived at Port Hedlund, one of the largest seaports in Australia where trade reached 247 million tonnes for the last financial year.

On October 27th we arrived at Geraldton. We took a three hour bus tour to Greenough Wildlife, Bird Park and Leaning Tree Pioneer Village. Marilyn got to hold a 3 month old gray Kangaroo and a 10 month old red Kangaroo Joey that had lost their mothers. The Leaning Trees are actually that. They grow about four feet out of the ground and then they go exactly horizontal facing away from the shore (wind).

On October 28th we arrived at Perth, docking in Fremantle, approximately 10 km from downtown Perth. This was the end of our second cruise - 16 nights. Our cabin - with a three foot diameter round window - was on the third deck. We departed the ship, cleared customs and immigration and boarded a tour bus for a city tour and a lunch stop before they dropped us off at our pre-booked hotel. We found out that the cost of living in Australia was a little more expensive than at home. Supper the first night was Fish and Chips (\$22.00 each) a glass of Beer ( \$9.20 ) and a bottle of Smirnoff Ice ( \$10.00 ) - Total \$63.20.

On October 30th we flew to Sydney and toured the city.

On November 2nd we breakfasted at the airport (each having two eggs, two pieces of fatty bacon, two small pieces of toast, two glasses of orange juice and one cup of coffee- total \$56.00 Canadian) before boarding a Quantas 747 and flying for 13 1/2 hours to Los Angeles and then for an additional 3 hours to Vancouver. We are glad to be home but had a wonderful and memorable trip.



**BC Square and Round Dance Federation Working for You**  
Edited from Newsletter written by Norm Cox, President BCS&RDF

Now that all that Christmas stuff is put away for another year and you have started to mark Dates on your 2013 Calendars there are many important dates coming for you to note:

**April 6, 2013** The B.C. Federation Board Of Directors (B.O.D.) meeting at Abbotsford.

**May 17, 2013** Ripple Rockets, Campbell River 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**July 11, 12, 13 2013** Mini Festival at Ocean Side – a Plus and Advanced event. Registration Form on Website.

**August 7-10, 2013** - Peachfest at Penticton

There are many more where there is Mainstream Dancing and a good place for you to get those New Dancers out to enjoy themselves. There are many outstanding weekend dances also. Please check your Region News and Websites.

Thanks to all of you who got your Dancer Registrations in on time and I hope by now that you have your Insurance Cards. The Canadian Society has opened a window for any New Dancers or late dancers who did not make the 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The new Deadline is Registrations have to be in to B.C. Fed Treasurer, Pat Zeeman by February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 so please get them in time.

The B.C. Federation will now honour a Cuer who has their choreographed dance chosen as the Round of the Month. Please contact Connie Ritchie, our R.O.M. Co-ordinator, at [con\\_al\\_r@telus.net](mailto:con_al_r@telus.net) for more info.

Brian Elmer, SquareUp B.C. Chair had developed a marketing program through YouTube to encourage New Dancers to join our great movement and this has played out over the summer and fall. We would like to know just how successful this was and we are now asking you to survey your New Dancers to see if they encountered this program and please let Brian or myself know. This is the only way we will know whether or not it was successful.

We are asking all groups to use our Health Brochures to advertise the Health Benefits of Square Dancing. They can be found on the Website. Following is a list of places where you can distribute them:

- Doctors and Dentists Offices
- Hotels & Motels
- Bulletin Boards
- Post Office
- Welcome Wagon
- Library.

**If you need new square dance clothes or wish  
to order special badges, be sure to check out  
the website at  
[www.rainbowsquaredanceapparel.ca](http://www.rainbowsquaredanceapparel.ca)**

Some New Dancer Classes are trying different approaches this year – shorter number of lessons and less Basic moves before being introduced into the Mainstream club; Night School approach of 2 nights weeks for lessons for 8 weeks.

6 Suggestions from the ROAR Workshop:

- Dress Code – relaxed
- Music – more variety
- Traditional Lesson Format – Alternative Lesson Format
- Extra ladies – partner each other or singles/dancer rotation – Singles Board
- Dance Program – change level or format to accept new dancers.
- New Graduates are green – add workshops.

Every problem has a solution – and some work!



Come to the B.O.D. meeting **April 6, 2013**, at **Abbotsford Seniors Association Hall, 33889 Essendene Ave., Abbotsford**. The meeting will be held on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10.00 am. This is an all day meeting with a lunch provided and everyone is welcome but only your Delegates will have a vote. We are planning a dance in the evening with guest Callers and Cuers from around the Province. Your Region should by now have registered your Delegates with Ken Crisp, Secretary of B.C. Fed. – 4 Delegates from the Dancers and 4 Delegates from the Callers/Cuers for a total of 8 Delegates from each Region. Please send Items for the Agenda for this meeting to Ken Crisp ([kcrisp@shaw.ca](mailto:kcrisp@shaw.ca)) and Norm Cox ([marymcox@telus.net](mailto:marymcox@telus.net)) by February 15, 2013.

For overnight accommodation contact:

**Best Western Hotel, 1821 Sumas Way, Abbotsford, 604-859-1341 for a special Group Rate of \$79.99 + tax.**

Say you are with the B.C. Square Dance Federation but you must Register with the Hotel before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 to get this rate. This Hotel is on the East side of the city.

Please check [wheresthedance.com](http://wheresthedance.com) to see if the information on your club is up to date and if not please make the changes to update it. This site is a great source of information but only if it is up to date.

Lorne Clayton, caller for the Mavericks in Victoria, has been nominated for Best Gospel Song in the Ozzie Awards. Callers and Square Dancers may listen and vote at <http://www/www.musicforcallers.com>

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 604-584-5506 or [atmarymcox@telus.net](mailto:atmarymcox@telus.net)

## 40 Years of Special Dance Fun in the Okanagan Valley!

Dancers who plan to be in the Okanagan area in early March may be interested in a landmark dance event there. The Okanagan Square and Round Dance Association (OSRDA) presents its 40th Annual Spring Fling dance on March 9th in Oliver.

The Dance Association's enthusiastic organizers say they are planning a great celebration and some fabulous door prizes at the event. They are excited to have engaged as the featured caller the young Adam Christman from Spokane, Washington. Aged 21 now, he called at a state festival when only 6. He'll team up with his Mom, Lorrie Lane, of Kalispell, Montana, who will cue the rounds.

The Spring Fling's being held at the Oliver Seniors' Centre, 5876 Airport Street, beside the RCMP building. The schedule includes a two-hour Plus program dance Saturday at 2 p.m. then the "Blossom Ball" starts with pre-rounds at 7:00 and Mainstream program squares with rounds from 7:30 to 9:30.

If you enjoy wine, attending the Spring Fling in Oliver also presents the opportunity to tour the "Golden Mile," dotted by at least 9 wineries and covered with vineyards. The properties stretch along an east-facing bench south of the city. The "golden" term comes from the location, geography and resulting temperatures that deliver ideal growing conditions. The elevation of the grape vines above the valley floor can be up to 8 degrees warmer, thanks in part to the rocks backing them, making them less subject to fall frost. The Golden Mile grapes ripen properly and produce superb wines.

The Spring Fling poster lists motels in the Oliver area. Additional accommodation can be had at Osoyoos, 20 minutes to the south or in Penticton, about a 30 minute drive to the north. See the poster online at:

<http://region3.squaredance.bc.ca/poster/SpringFling2013.pdf>

Consider helping the dancers, callers and cuers in the Okanagan celebrate their landmark 40th Spring Fling in Oliver. Book accommodation early. It should be great fun!

You might be interested to know that our B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation is helping promote the Association's 40th event with a "tweet" on Twitter and a posting on "Facebook." You don't need to have an account with those social media services to look in on the information. Click on each of these:

[www.Twitter.com/bcfeDDancenews](http://www.Twitter.com/bcfeDDancenews)

[www.Facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation](http://www.Facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation)

## Okanagan Square & Round Dance Association

presents

40th Annual

## Spring Fling 2013

March 9th

Oliver Seniors' Centre

5876 Airport Street (beside RCMP), Oliver



Caller  
**Adam Christman**  
Spokane, WA



Cuer  
**Lorrie Lane**  
Kalispell, MT

At 21 years old, Adam has lots of experience calling. Called at first state festival when he was six years old. Started teaching for Montana Mavericks at 12. Currently teaches/calls for Hi Flyers of Cheney and Spurs & Skirts of Spokane. Calls at several club dances in Spokane area and has been featured caller for several weekend festivals in Idaho, Montana and Washington. He's also called in Canada and Scotland. He currently attends ITT Tech in Spokane.

Lorrie has been square dancing since 1987. After taking round dance lessons, she asked how one becomes a cuer. The next week she was handed a record and turntable and told she was qualified. Has been teaching and cueing for about 20 years. She's cued at state festivals in Montana and Idaho and special dances in Washington. Currently cues and teaches for Montana Mavericks in Flims and teaches weekly in Kalispell. Dancing is the highlight of her day and her motto is "Dance Yourself Silly." She's Adam's Mom.

**Plus Dance**  
(no rounds)  
2:00 - 4:00 pm  
**\$8.00 per person**



**Blossom Ball**  
Pre-rounds: 7:00 PM  
Mainstream: 7:30 - 9:30  
**\$10.00 per dancer**  
Refreshments

Local accommodation:

Cactus Tree Inn - 250-498-2225

Maple Leaf Motel - 250-498-3497

Lakeside Resort - 250-498-2177

Desert Gem RV & Resort 250-498-5544

For more info, contact Bill Morey 250-498-0773



## NORTHERN TWISTERS

PRINCE GEORGE, BC

56th Annual

Spring Jamboree

May 3, 4, 5 / 2013

Caller: **Gary Dodds**  
Cuer: **Pat Zeeman**  
From Victoria BC

**Friday Trail In May 3rd**  
Evening Dance \$8.00  
Panel of callers and cuers  
Pre-rounds 7:30 pm  
Mainstream 8:00 - 10:00 pm

**Saturday Dance May 4th**  
Mainstream dance \$8.00  
Caller: Gary Dodds  
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm

**Saturday dance around Mr. PG**  
Time: 3:30 pm \$ n/c  
Earn a badge

**Saturday evening supper**  
Full course dinner \$18.00  
Time 6:00 pm

**Saturday evening dance**  
Caller: Gary Dodds  
Cuer: Pat Zeeman  
Pre-rounds 7:30 pm  
Mainstream 8:00 - 10:00 pm  
Cost \$12.00

**Sunday Morning May 5th**  
Pancake breakfast \$7.00  
Time: 9:00 - 11:00 am

**Sunday morning dance**  
After breakfast \$ n/c  
Panel of callers / cuers

**Venue**  
Hart Pioneer Centre  
6986 Hart Highway  
Prince George, BC

**RV Parking**  
Hartway RV Park  
Phone: 250-962-8848  
Dry parking available  
at the dance hall

**Contacts**  
Glenda: 250-563-7743  
Gys: 250-563-4828

**Week End Package**  
Does NOT include breakfast  
Package deal \$40.00



## REGION 5 DANCE SCHEDULE 2013

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

WHEN	WHERE	EVENT	CALLERS/ CUERS
Feb. 11, 2013	Lac La Hache	Caribooter's Valentine Dance	Dave Abbs & Helen Hall
Feb. 14, 2013	Vanderhoof	Valentine Dance	Gys Koops, Sandi Jespersen
Mar. 2, 2013	Williams Lake	March Frolic & Pie Night Dance	Nick & Mary Anne Turner
Mar. 14, 2013	Vanderhoof	St. Paddy's Dance	Gys Koops, Sandi Jespersen
Apr. 6, 2013	Abbotsford	BC Federation Meeting - see page 10	
Apr. 11, 2013	Vanderhoof	10th Anniversary Potluck and Dance	Gys Koops, Sandi Jespersen
Apr. 13, 2013	100 Mile House	57th Anniversary Party	Dave Abbs & Helen Hall
Apr. 22, 2013	Lac La Hache	Thank God It's Spring Dance	Dave Abbs & Helen Hall
May 3-5, 2013	Prince George	Spring Jamboree	Garry Dodds & Pat Zeeman
May 9, 2013	Vanderhoof	Year End Potluck and Dance	Gys Koops, Sandi Jespersen
May 24-26, 2013	Williams Lake	55th Spring Jamboree - Polynesian Paradise Theme	Dustin McGifford & Mary Anne Turner
June 14-16, 2013	108 Mile Ranch	FINAL South Cariboo Jamboree	Murray Few & Helen Hall
July 11-13, 2013	Parksville	Plus & Advanced Mini Festival	Jerry Junck & Stuart Hemmings
August 7 - 10, 2013	Penticton	Peachfest Square Dance Festival & BCS&RDF AGM	Many callers and cuers

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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To contact the editors, email us at [nmtturner@telus.net](mailto:nmtturner@telus.net)

Deadline date for submitting to the next Cariboo Connection is March 25, 2013

**To All Dancer and Leaders of Region 5 Caller, Cuer, Dancer Association,**

*(If you paid your dance fees this season, you are a member)*

As Secretary for the R5CCDA, I am informing you of the following message that was recently received from Nick Turner.

RE: Delegates to the BC Square and Round Dance Federation

Mary Anne and I wish to inform you that, effective immediately, we will no longer be serving as R5CCDA Federation Delegates and thus will not be representing the Association at the B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation Board of Directors meetings. We have served as Delegates for 12 years, including 2 years as Federation Vice-President and 4 years as Federation President. We feel that the time has come for others to step forward to represent the Region 5 Callers, Cuers, and Dancers at Federation meetings.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held in Abbotsford on April 6th, 2013. Our Region is allowed 8 voting Delegates so I hope you will find someone to replace us in time for that meeting.

Sincerely,  
Nick Turner

Our Region is entitled to 8 Delegates so we are greatly in need of more volunteers. Basically the job is to attend the Board of Directors' Meeting once a year to bring up any Region 5 concerns, vote, take notes and report back to the Region. Helpful guidelines to being an effective delegate can be found on the Region 5 website at [www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca](http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca)

If you can be of assistance in this matter, please contact the Region 5 Secretary at [nmtturner@telus.net](mailto:nmtturner@telus.net) or 250-392-2432. Mary Anne Turner