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The CARIBOO CONNECTION

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Last summer many of our Region 5 dancers enjoyed the BC Square and Round Dance Festival that was held in Salmon Arm. They came home with weary feet and lots of good memories of the dancing fun. Congratulations to the hard working committee that organized and ran the event.

But that's not the end of it....there is more fun to come. In July 2020, the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society is sponsoring a National Festival. It will be hosted by Region 2, the Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association and will be held in Surrey, BC.

We are so lucky that there are dedicated dancers and leaders in BC who are willing to take on the enormous task of organizing this event. Such volunteers are hard to come by these days. You can help them out by registering now so that they can efficiently plan the event with respect to dance types and levels.

In addition to the festival dancing from July 30 - Aug 1, 2020, there will be a Trail In Dance on Wednesday, July 29 and a Trail Out Dance on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2020.

All kinds of information is available on the Festival website at www.squaredance.bc.ca/2020 If you wish to contact someone with festival questions, here are 2 email addresses for you to use

Steve Edlund — edlunds@live.com

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***Yes, there is a National Festival
coming your way !***

**21st Canadian National
Square & Round Dance Festival 2020**

This festival is to be held in Surrey in 2020 - July 30,
31, and Aug. 1.

It's time to start planning. For information and
registration forms, check out the convention website at
<http://squaredance.bc.ca/2020>



Register Now.

REGION REFLECTIONS

Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways

by Dana Ball

Hi to all in Region 5. This year has had some exciting events and some very sad moments.

Thanks all of you who attended our Jamboree last May. We even had several guests that were not dancers. Hopefully they enjoyed it enough to join a club where they live. Again, **Mary Anne**, with a little help from **Kathy Steen**, produced decorations that were breathtaking and the entertainment for our "Call of the Canadian Wilderness" theme was hilarious. We hope to see you all next May 22-24th for our 62nd Jamboree. Who knows what Mary Anne will come up with next !!

The Museum of the Cariboo-Chilcotin decided to put on a special Heritage Gathering event last summer. The Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways were invited to Dance and invite audience participation. Just as we arrived it started to rain, but **Nick** and **Bill Cave** who was helping Nick as he was recovering from knee surgery decided that if the dancers would dance they would call. So we did several short tips. Then **Joan**, disguised as the Cat in the Hat, **Mary Telfer**, the Museum Director, and the Stampede Royalty, Queen **Laurin Hurd** and Princess **Emilie Nichols** braved the rain and joined in. A damp good time was had by all.

Ten members of the Whirlaways traveled to the BC Festival in Salmon Arm. They were **Tyla Garreau**, **Glen and Cathy Davidson**, **Betz and Ray Ratch**, **Kae Stafford**, **Karen Piffko**, **Jordi Guri**, **Dave White**, **Bill and Jan Cave**, and myself, **Dana Ball**. It was a first festival for me and it was a great experience. I met so many fun and interesting people. Bill Cave even did some calling. All 4 delegates from Region 5 were there and attended the BC Federation's AGM. I personally want to thank Region 5 for letting me represent you the last several years. It has been a very enjoyable learning experience.

As we seem to do yearly, the Whirlaways had a booth at the Williams Lake Fall Fair promoting Square Dancing and the start of New Dancer sessions. We had a fairly good turnout of 15 new dancers the first night. Some didn't come back but new ones came and we ended up on the 4th night with 12 new dancers, 5 of which are under 19. It is so good to have the younger ones coming. They really liven up the session.

Sadly we lost two very dedicated and longtime members with the passing of **Ellen Wiege** and **Gill McCall**. I wonder if all the thunder and rain we've had this summer is them, Square Dancing above the clouds !



Ho Ho Ho

Join the Stampede Whirlaways for their
Christmas Dance Party

Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019
Child Development Center
690 North 2nd Avenue
Williams Lake

7:00 PM - Round Dancing
7:30 PM - Square Dancing
Mainstream and New Dancers - \$5.00 each

Donations of a new, unwrapped toy or a non-perishable food item would be appreciated for our Food Hamper collection.

Festive Tunes!
Delicious Party Platters!
Dancing Fun!

Vanderhoof Drifting Squares

by Sandi Jespersen

The summer was active for some of our dancers.

Dave and **Terri-Anne** attended jamborees and danced their socks off. **Lorna Beatty** attended her first jamboree in Prince George. We had 12 dancers at the Vanderhoof Fall Fair and some from Prince George.

We are off to a great start this fall. We have 7 new dancers!!! One youth, **Elaina** - who joins her sister **Anessa** and her mom **Laura** in our dancing group. We also have **Anna Jakimczuk, Marina Saulig, Jeanette, Chris Beagle, Joanne and Dave Fergusson**. So happy to have them join us and they are doing really well.

In the first three weeks of September, **Dolores** ran Round Dance lessons for beginners and most of our new dancers were there to start some rounds. The rounds are going well.

We have a slight change in our schedule: We do beginning Rounds from 6:30 to 7:15, beginning Squares from 7:15 until 8:15 (interspersed with beginning Rounds) and then from 8:15 until 9:30 we do Mainstream dancing and Rounds in every tip.

So far it's going well. **Gys** is only calling on the second Thursday of the month, **Sandi** is doing beginning Squares when Gys is not here and **Dolores** does rounds every week, and Mainstream calling when Gys isn't here.

We welcome out of town dancers to come and join us. **Kathy** (MS dancer) and **Ivan** (beginner) from Smithers came and danced with us on October 3rd. They have said they will join us occasionally this year.

So far this year we have danced with 2 squares on the floor - we haven't done that for quite a while. We have only one Mainstream square usually, so we welcome you to come and help us out.

Special dances coming up:

Potluck dinners: set-up at 5, we eat at 5:30.

Halloween dance on Oct 24 (no dance on Oct 31)

Christmas dance and potluck Dec 12

(Winter break - no dancing - Dec 19 to Jan 2 inclusive)

Hat Dance (wear a hat and dance for free) Jan. 9

February Sweetheart dance and Potluck.....Feb 13.

Mile -O- Grand Squares - Dawson Creek

by Bernie and Jean Smith

Mary Anne & Nick - We were a bit disappointed with our summer, with rain, wind and cool temperatures. Unfortunately we were unable to attend the Jamborees due to health issues. Sometimes it is just not nice to grow old and deal with health problems.

We were able to travel to Penticton and spend five days with Jean's sister, thank goodness the weather was warm and no rain.

One of our dancers is interested in learning to call. He attended a caller school in Alberta this summer. It would be great if he could give Bernie a break .

We spent 10 days at Carp Lake, it is our yearly gathering with all our family. We have been doing this for 56 years, and the grand children say they are going to continue gathering at Carp Lake after Bernie and Jean are unable to travel. The fishing was very good this year and we all went home with our quota of rainbow trout.

We are thankful to be retired from farming. The farmers in this area are having a hard time. There has been too much rain for good hay, and now it is too wet for combining. A lot of harvesting to be done yet, but the weather is still not co-operating (Oct. 15).

We are dancing 2 squares with a few spares. There are 4 new dancers. Hopefully they will keep coming. We are dancing in the Senior Hall again this year, the hall has a very good dance floor. We dance Thursday at 7 pm - that was the only evening that was available.

Prince George Northern Twisters by Julie Skead

So, to 'cover the bases', here are some bits from the 7 months since the last newsletter. Just came across this on a History of Northern Twisters website:

In the 1999-2000 dance season **Nick and Mary Anne Turner** started writing the Cariboo Connection, a comprehensive collection of square dance activities in Region 5. We sure appreciate their ongoing dedication to the dance community.

Gys Koops, our present caller, assisted **Ed England** (21 years our caller) in the mid 90's, and in 1995 took on 15 new dancers twice a week, assisted by **Maurice Mingay**. Gys shared the calling with **Larry Mann** till Larry passed away suddenly during the 2011/12 season.

We thank **Gary Dean**, our round dance cuer, who started cueing for our club in 2004, and who, with his wife, **Barb**, has offered instruction for Round Dance in their studio over the years.

We admire **Dolores Young, Jolanda Van Dyk, and Maurice Mingay** for stepping in to call and /or cue.

Lorne Paulson continues to coach and keep A1-2 and Plus dancers on their toes. We are grateful to our Executive as well as those taking on other jobs, e.g. **Emery's** motivation, taking photos at special events. We are grateful for **Bev Rein's** time as President and welcome **Dolores Young** in the position.

Back in April our club danced at Jubilee Lodge, one of five Seniors Care Facilities.

At Graduation time 5 squares celebrated with the new dancers. There were some Plus dancers, some retired dancers, and a good turnout of Round dancers. It's always heart warming to be around those who make square and round dancing an important activity in their lives: spirit, friendship, joy.

Williams Lake's Stampede Whirlaways' Jamboree... Those who have been to this event before weren't surprised at the work, the hospitality, the entertainment, and the experience gained. We were proud to dance to Jolanda and Dolores among the guest callers. From our club were: **Norman, Doreen, Susan, Neil, Gervin, Cathy, Jolanda, Laurel, Glenda, Julie, Dolores, and Philip**.

Our May Jamboree, Teddybears' Picnic, was a full weekend with well known caller, **Murray Few** from Edmonton. Those dancers who were able to join the Decorating Committee work bees assisting **Susan** and

Neil were greatly appreciated. Up to 6 squares were on the floor. 3 squares danced around Mr. PG and up to 3 squares danced at the Trail Out Sunday morning.

We welcomed dance community friends from Smithers, Terrace, Ft. St. James, Vanderhoof, Hixon, Edmonton, and Surrey, and retired dancers from our club.

Thanks to **Gary and Barb Dean** for a foxtrot round dance demo, for a Beginners' Foxtrot workshop for 30 dancers and an evening group demo. 'Plus' square dancing called by **Murray Few**, at Gary and Barb Dean's studio, was a bonus, a great opportunity for 20 dancers.

Chase The Fun: Oh, my gosh I want to keep going to their festivals! 11 squares, 20 or so Round dancers. Seven dancers from our club took in this weekend in June. (Jolanda and I hit the road Friday with her tent, last minute after deciding I could dance with 13 staples in my elbow from the removal of pins and plates of December surgery.) Six of us danced PLUS; thank you **Lorne Paulson**. Jolanda and Dolores were among the guest callers/cuers. The main caller was **Steve Edlund**, with his dear to our hearts sense of humour, with **Alan and Laura Peterson** calling / cueing.

We danced at a new outdoor festival held at our Civic Center in June. The Multicultural Services Society partnered with Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, Le Cercle des Canadiens Français, and the Folkfest Society to celebrate culture and show Prince George as a welcoming and inclusive community. Our dressware for our 13 dancers was planned as mixed traditional and casual. Nine from the crowd accepted Gys' invitation to dance in 2 squares, and will hopefully one day consider checking square dancing out.

Some dancers get the bug and are able to travel to some of the dancing weekends in other cities; **Gervin** and **Cathy H.** are prime examples. In five locations, 7 dancers represented Prince George. We marched behind our club banner at the Provincial Festival in Salmon Arm mid July. There was a huge selection of recycled dance clothing by donation, a 'candy store' to some of us! (I actually skipped some dancing minutes to scour the racks.)

Jolanda connected/ networked and was invited to take part in Callers' School/ Alberta after; we're proud of her.

Gary and Barb Dean traveled to the Red Deer area in August to honour **Jerry Jestin's (Janice)** retirement. Jerry is an internationally known caller, who started in 1967.

Four Prince George dancers attended the Peachfest in Penticton

Julie and **Jolanda** made the trip to Vanderhoof Fall Fair and demo dancing with the Drifting Squares. They got to see Mutton Busting riders under 8! **Sandi** called; **Dolores** called and cued; **Jolanda** was a guest caller.

Six of us went to the Alberta Jamboree in Fort Saskatchewan. Jolanda took on duets and trios with some established callers. She has become a member of Alberta Callers/ Cuers Assoc. It was an honor to dance at one of **Jerry Jestin's** last venues before his retirement. **Gary Winter**, and **Tim Crawford** (Ontario) were the other well known callers and **Mary & Bruce Nelson**, the Cuers.

We marked time for 3 days, then there were seven of us at the Alberta Convention in Lacombe.

At PG's Exhibition at the CN Center, two of us were part of a Line Dancing demo.

The following was submitted by our President, Dolores Young).....

We had 18 dancers (including Vanderhoof & Ft St James dancers and one young volunteer from the audience) for the afternoon show, two squares on the small stage at first and then just one square for the remaining time. **Gys** made light of any mistakes we made and invited people to come and make mistakes with us in September. We had two signs that **Bev's** granddaughter made up for us so it was clear who we were. Gys sent out several invitations throughout the sessions and our members had cards to give out in the crowd. Gys did a fabulous job, sang an hour straight, non stop, twice, every song different and well sung, swept us through any mistakes, made us look good. Well done, Gys! Thank you to the dancers who came out. I think we put on a good show. Will we get new members from it? Fingers crossed.'

Our club Square and Round dancing continued once a month over Summer break. We welcome our new Fall dancers and are happy to support them as Gys moves them through the Mainstream program.

Oct. 7th dance evening was marked by PG's first snowfall...but saw 3 squares plus round dancers anyway, just requiring hand warming - no problem!

Consider attending our Robbie Burns January 17/18 with **Heather Reynolds** from the Fraser Valley (Her knowledge since 2003 Callers' School with **Steve Edlund**, her experience, singing voice, and humor make her loved

everywhere she calls/ cues.) and our Spring Fling May 1-3 with **Steve Edlund!** (from Surrey, calls in Canada, USA, Costa Rica and Oslo, Norway; has been calling for over 35 years. He records for square dance and is on the staff of Elite Records/ Houston,Texas.)

We encourage all dancers to experience any Square and Round Dance activities they can, with other clubs, and to sign up for the 21st Canadian National Square and Round Dance Festival July 29 - August 1, 2020 at the Sheraton Guildford, Surrey, followed by the opportunity to sail with over 100 dancers on a Celebrity cruise / Alaska. www.swingthrualaska2020.com



Glenda M and Julie S finally taking a break after miles of dancing at the BC Festival!

The Northern Twisters
invite you to join us for our

Robbie Burns Mainstream Dance Weekend

January 17 & 18, 2020

Heather Reynolds
...calling and cueing!

Friday
Evening....Mainstream dance with Rounds

Saturday
Afternoon....Mainstream Workshop
Pot Luck Supper...with roast beef and haggis
Evening....Mainstream dance with Rounds

Actual times and costs to be announced at a later date

Trinity United Church Downtown
(formerly Knox United Church)
1448 5th Avenue
Prince George, BC

*Check our web page at
www.northerntwisters.ca or
our Facebook page at
Northern Twisters Square
Dance Club or e-mail
twisters@telus.net in
November for more
information.*



Roses and No Raspberries !



- Roses to **Bill and Marilyn Rose** (Lac La Hache Caribooters) Thank you so much for picking up a box of Moving and Grooving binders and delivering them to Abbotsford for us. It sure saved a lot of postage!
- Roses to **Dana Ball** and those Williams Lake Whirlaways who volunteered to do a shift at the Fall Fair this year. It is important to keep square dancing in the public eye.
- Roses to those who helped us out with this issue of the Cariboo Connection by taking the time to write some articles. It was greatly appreciated.
- Huge bunch of roses for our **club treasurers, our Region 5 treasurer, Jordi Guri, and our BC Square & Round Dance Federation treasurer, Pat Zeeman** of Victoria. They have been working hard to fill in the necessary forms and complete the fee collections for this dance season.



Happy dancers at the Salmon Arm Festival

SPIRIT OF THE DANCE

It isn't the place we go to dance,
 Nor the fabulous dresses, nor the fancy pants,
 Nor the really fine caller with the finishing touch,
 That makes this the dance that we love so much.
 It's the spirit you have and the friendly smile,
 It's the circle of friendship that gives it style,
 It's the friendly touch of another hand,
 As you dance around in a Right & Left Grand.
Author unknown

Northern Twisters' Jamboree

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

May 1,2,3 2020

With guest caller...

STEVE EDLUND

Hart Pioneer Senior Centre, 6986 Hart Highway,
Prince George, BC

(Dry camping is available on site!)



FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020		
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Mainstream Dance (with Steve)	\$15
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020		
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Round Dance Workshop (TBA)	\$15
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch	\$10*
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Mainstream Workshop/Dance (with Steve)	\$15
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner	\$20*
7:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Pre-rounds (TBA)	
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mainstream Dance (with Steve)	\$15
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020		
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Pancake Breakfast	\$8*
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Dancing to panel of callers	NC

DANCE PACKAGE



* Package does NOT include any meals!

We have to preorder Saturday evening dinner so please RSVP by April 24, 2020 to Loretta and Darwin McKinnon at 250-964-9236 or drmcck@telus.net

For more information visit...
 ...our website at www.northern-twisters.ca
 ...our Facebook page at Northern Twisters Square Dance Club
 or email hunters2@telus.net



Bits n' Pieces

Our Trip to the Board of Directors' Meeting

by Karen Piffko

The 2019 Square & Round Dance Federation Board of Directors' Meeting was held in Victoria this year on March 30th. **Dana Ball** and I were fortunate to attend this meeting, along with **Bill & Jan Cave** the other two delegates from Region 5.

Dana and I were billeted with **Gary & Wendy Weeks**, who made us feel very welcome. Staying in a home is a new experience as we usually stay in a motel. Billeting is way better!

We had a suite downstairs, and we ate and visited upstairs. The suite looked out over the back yard which was filled with flowers, shrubs and birds.

There was a "Trail In Dance" that evening, and since Gary & Wendy had a previous commitment, they had arranged for neighbours and fellow square dancers to drive us there and back. This was a real blessing as we didn't have a clue where it was located.

The next morning we attended the B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation B.O.D. where we saw some familiar faces from past meetings in Abbotsford.

There was discussion of the new constitution and various other subjects which Dana has reported on in an earlier issue of the Cariboo Connection newsletter.

In the evening, Gary, Wendy, Dana and I attended the dance celebrating the 60th anniversary of the "Frontier Twirlers". It was great. There were 200 people enjoying the great callers and friendly folks. It was wonderful to see people keeping square dancing so alive.

On Sunday, Dana and I became tourists and visited the Butchart Gardens and the Butterfly Garden, both very interesting and enjoyable.

In the evening, Gary, Wendy, Dana and I went to a nice restaurant and enjoyed good food as we got to know each other a little better. Dana has since stayed in touch with them.

The next morning as we were putting our things in the car to leave, Gary was gathering daffodils from the yard to make a huge bouquet for us.

On April 1st, despite the good company and weather, flowers and birds, we were looking forward to our return to the Cariboo - - No foolin'!

The Changing Size of Region 5

Like many areas of the square dance world, the number of clubs and dancers in our region is diminishing overall year by year. At registration time this year we can report that the Skeena Squares (Terrace) have suggested that they will no longer be registering with our Region 5 Association and will probably not be dancing. They do not have a caller and can not find enough dancers to put a square on the floor.

In the south end of our region, the Lac La Hache Caribooters have registered their club and only one dancer. They wanted to keep the name of their club alive but do not seem to be able to round up enough members to dance.

Happily, Dawson Creek, Vanderhoof, Prince George and Williams Lake are still hanging in there. However as the current dancers and callers continue to age, the need for the remaining clubs to continue to offer New Dancer Sessions is greater than ever.

My First Ever Season in Dancing

by Jordi Guri (Williams Lake)

This is for all of you guys out there that may have had your partner say to you, "Honey, we should try square dancing sometime. It would be so good for us." .. I understand and I feel your pain.

When I was a young teenager I remember occasionally seeing parts of "Don Messer's Jubilee" on CBC TV. My parents would regularly watch this show. Back then I tried to comprehend why anyone especially my immigrant parents, would willingly waste their time watching such nonsense. I tried to understand my parents. So I would sometimes watch parts of this show. Baffled I thought, "Am I really their biological son?" There were large groups of people square dancing during some episodes. "They're all nuts. You'll never see me square dancing. Please shoot me if I ever become one of them."

That was 1964 to 1969. A few years later I graduated from high-school, and in preparation for our graduation festivities all of us grads had to learn (heaven forbid) ballroom dancing. Thus many of us guys especially, were ecstatic when our grad dance was over with. We could now get on with our own lives and forget about silly outfits and dancing.

Years later since then, the "dance" subject would enter my mind the odd time. I liked music, and dance after all (I finally admitted to myself) was an expression of music. But I wasn't about to utter such nonsense to any of my friends at the time.

Enter the fall of 2018 .. It was just another fall season where I would maybe sign-up for a "night-school" class or two, to try and learn something and keep busy. Then one day during this time my friend **Karen Piffko** (from the Stampede Whirlaways) says to me, "You should try Square Dancing."

.. A tiny bug entered my head and it began chewing away what was left of my rational brain ..

Maybe it was the images that had been imprinted in my mind over the many years which finally crushed me. Seriously troubling images like; goofy dance outfits & regalia, tacky dangles & ribbons, my parents looking like zombies wearing scary grins while watching "Don Messer's Jubilee", and me having to dance with someone much smellier than I during the grad dance.

Or maybe it was because as an older guy I realized that the team sport of square dancing was probably much safer than many other team sports. One in which I could still survive and not be maimed or killed, and it was friendly and musical, too. It seemed like a "win-win".

So last fall I attended my first "beginners square dance" class. These sessions were held at the Cariboo Arts Center one evening each week during the months of September & October. I think I started there very late in the second month of the beginners lessons and got just 2 evening lessons (if even that). This was not enough for me. But **Nick** and **Mary Anne Turner**, and a number of their experienced dancers were all very kind and generous. They, along with my friend Karen, all got together to make up a dance square for a square dance session just for me at Nick & Mary Anne's home, so that I could get caught up with the other beginners. With everyone's help, kindness, patience and support, along with the help of the "Saddlebrook Squares" DVD set and the YouTube videos, which can be found on the internet at:

<https://videosquaredancelessons.com/lessons/>

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_Oe8oaX_keaihUiIspgiu0cE7P_CBodX

I was able to get caught up so that I could continue the 2018-2019 Square Dance season and become a square dancer in the Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways club. A first ever for me for any form of dancing. All thanks to these wonderful folks.

Later that season in May/2019, Karen and I attended the Williams Lake Jamboree. Not only did I survive through that just fine, but I really enjoyed the time

there square dancing and taking part in our skit and helping out. I met many new people including **Neil & Susan Hunter** who are distant friends that I knew from the 1980's.

Then in July/2019 Karen and I went to the Salmon Arm Festival for 5 days, along with other Stampede Whirlaways members and friends (Bill & Jan, Ray & Betz, Dana, Kae & Dave, Glen & Cathy).

What a large gathering there, and what a variety of dances and callers and cuers! Battalions of people walking around town shamelessly wearing colorful outfits & regalia, sparkling dangles & ribbons, and annoying all of those other people around Salmon Arm that were having to do their real jobs.

Karen and I also attended a couple of beginners round dance lessons while we were there. At the end of the Festival all of us were pretty much "danced-out". But for all of us I think it was a wonderful and memorable experience. It certainly was for me.

Our time in Salmon Arm was fantastic and the people there were very friendly. Many thanks to all of the Stampede Whirlaways and the help that I received from them. They were the reason I made it to the Salmon Arm Festival. It was one of the best experiences for me. Don Messer and my parents understood all of this long ago.. My only regret is that I should have tried this years ago. But no matter, it's wonderful now and hopefully for many more years to come.

So go ahead, I guess you can shoot me now. :)



SO MUCH FUN
Square Dancing is Fitness the Easy Way

TWO COUPLE DANCING

Nick Turner

What a neat idea! Want to dance at home with your friends but have no caller and not enough dancers for a square? Try dancing with just two couples.

Tony Collingwood, a Square Dance caller, has recordings available at all levels from Mainstream to C3B (whatever that is) for dancing with just two couples.

I checked out the choreo for the Mainstream recordings. This is not Plain Vanilla! But it is very interesting stuff and the calling on the recorded dances is very clear. The dances start with two facing couples and return you to "home"

These MP3 recordings are **free of charge** and you can request a written copy of the choreography - which would enable you to walk through the patterns.

email Tony: pace@collingwoods.org and request the recording(s) of the level(s) you would like to have.

Tony says, "Two Couple Dancing is great for home use, enabling dancers to practice away from the club in a more relaxed setting. Why not give it a try yourself - you only need to "recruit" another couple to join you."

On another parallel note, when the Whirlaways have squared up on club nights and don't have enough dancers left to fill another square, four of them will square up as two couples and will dance to whatever I call to the full squares,

They have to fudge a bit and add things like "Partner Trade" when needed and some calls need a full square to dance (Spin Chain Thru e.g.) so they have to regroup. They enjoy the challenge enormously.

(Callers, be sure to studiously ignore the 2 Couple square - it will confuse you no end and you'll lose track of what you're calling to the full square!) 😂



BRITISH COLUMBIA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION
October Newsletter – 2019



Welcome back to another season of dancing, friendship and fun!

The AGM was held in Salmon Arm at the BC Festival this year. If you haven't had the chance, please take a few minutes to read the AGM minutes and the reports submitted for this meeting, as well as any previous ones posted on our website. squaredance.bc.ca/bc-federation/bod-reports-minutes.html

As a result of this meeting, there was some confusion as to the role of Directors versus Delegates. As I stated in the April newsletter, a committee consisting of Dennis Sutton, Bill Cave and Bill Wood was formed to revise the bylaws and rules that we eventually must adhere to. We are pleased to announce that Wendy Krueger has also joined this committee and we heartily welcome her input. Once again, I ask that you please have patience with us as we get all of this into place.

Due to health reasons, Carla Gyle has resigned so, as of the AGM meeting, we have been without a secretary and greatly need a replacement. If you are able and willing to finish the term (until the elections at the August AGM in Penticton), please contact me or one of the other executive members.

We are also in need of a Historian/Librarian for the BCS&RD Federation documents and other property. Much of this has been stored in the homes of members throughout the province. This makes it difficult to be aware of what has accumulated over the years. If we want to move everything to a central storage area and/or put it into an electronic format, we need volunteers to take the job on. If possible, and you feel that it's within your realm, please contact me at jeanwood@telus.net

The Sillery Award, named in honour of Doreen Sillery and her extraordinary contribution to square dancing, is for outstanding service to square, round, contra, clogging or line dancing extending well beyond club level endeavours. The 2019 recipients of the Sillery Award are Alex & Joan Wotherspoon of Victoria. Congratulations and thank you both for all you have done, and continue to do, to support and encourage the dance community in BC.

If you would like to make a nomination for the Sillery Award, the guidelines and nomination form may be found at squaredance.bc.ca/awards-bursaries.

The BCS&RD Federation recognizes milestone events such as club anniversaries or the number of years a caller or cuer has dedicated to performing in BC. Recognition begins on the 10th year, with 5-year increments. It is the responsibility of the clubs, associations or individuals to contact us so that we may provide a recognition certificate and/or banner crest. I have attached a short form that you can send to me with the information about an event that should be recognized. (See page 11)

A Reminder: Membership forms and info must be submitted to the treasurer, Pat Zeeman, no later than November 16th. The necessary forms may be downloaded from squaredance.bc.ca/membership-forms-and-info.

If you have any ideas about how the BC Square & Round Dance Federation can better help the members in BC, please let us know! Let's open those lines of communication and work together for the betterment of dancing in BC.

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Live Lively -



Dance!

The purpose of the BCS&RDF shall be to preserve, promote and perpetuate Square Dancing, Round Dancing, Contra Dancing, Clog Dancing and other related forms of dance in the province of British Columbia.

BCS&RD FEDERATION MILESTONE INFORMATION

NAME: _____
CLUB, ASSOCIATION, ORGANIZATION, CALLER OR CUER

ORGANIZATION'S ANNIVERSARY: _____
MONTH, YEAR

CALLER - CUER - LEADER

YEAR STARTED IN BC: _____ **YEAR STARTED IN CANADA:** _____

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Interested in Round Dance Cueing?

by Peter & Stella Tennant

Hi everyone,



Here is your opportunity to take in a Cuer's School.

Two Cuer Couples will be presenters at this school – Mary & Bruce Nelson from Alberta and ourselves, Peter & Stella Tennant, from BC.

The school is from May 18 to 21, 2020. So there is plenty of time to make arrangements.

There is something for everyone from a brand new Cuer to the very experienced Cuer.

There is a limited space, so if you are interested, get your registration in early.

Please pass this information around to others who may be interested.

Thank You and keep smiling.

SQUARE & ROUND DANCE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA
ROUND DANCE INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL
MAY 18, 19, 20, 21, 2020



Peter & Stella Tennant
Vernon BC
Cuer / Instructor
Member of: Round-A-Lab,
OSRDA, BCFSRD



Mary & Bruce Nelson
Sherwood Park AB
Cuer / Instructor
Member of: Round-A-Lab,
ICBDA, SRDIAA, EDCIA,
C&D

2 Instructors – 2 Rooms – Separate Sessions

- New Cuer**
Topics
- Leadership
 - Sound/Equipment
 - Teaching Techniques – Hash Modules
 - Reading / Interpreting Cue Sheets
 - Cueing Practise
 - Recognizing Rhythms
 - Dance Master Program
 - MC'ing a Dance

- Joint Topics**
- Socan / Entandem
 - Round-A-Lab
 - Round-A-Lab Code of Ethics
 - Business Side of Cueing
 - Cueing Principles / Preferred Cues
 - Changing Cue Sheets
 - Cueing Practise
 - Teaching Practise
 - Programming
 - Choosing New Dances
 - Introducing Rounds using Mixers
 - Open question/answer

- Experienced Cuer**
Topics
- Choreography
 - Producing Cue Sheets
 - Introducing new Rhythms to your dancers ie) foxtrot to quickstep)
 - Teaching Techniques – Hash Modules
 - Cueing Practise
 - Encouraging Possible New Cuers

The Facility:

Lone Ridge Hall, Wetaskiwin Ab, Canada – 2 miles West of QE2 Highway #2 on Highway #13.

The Program:

The School starts on May 18, 2020 at 9:00 AM and ends May 21, 2020 at 10:00 PM. There will be an open evening Round Dance to be cued by participants on Wednesday May 21, 2020 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

Cost: \$375.00 per teaching unit - \$100.00 Deposit Balance Due April 1, 2020 – Cancellation Policy in Effect

The Accommodations: You must make your own Hotel Reservations.

Dry Camping is available on site. No Power available.

Hotels 20 minutes East of Hall: Best Western Wayside Inn (toll free 1-877-538-6177) (be sure to mention you are coming for the SRDIAA Cuer's School); Super 8 (1-800-454-3213); Wetaskiwin Motel (780-352-7141);

Hotel 20 Minutes West of Hall Village Creek Country Inn (Toll Free 1-877-688-0006)

Co-Ordinator Contact:

Mary Nelson mbnelson1@shaw.ca or 780-467-1141

Enrollment will be limited, so please register early!



REGION 5 DANCE SCHEDULE 2019/2020

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



WHEN	WHERE	EVENT	CALLERS/ CUERS
Nov. 1-2, 2019	Prince George	Snowflake Dance	Merv & Sandy Meyer
Dec. 12, 2019	Williams Lake	Christmas Dance	Nick & Mary Anne Turner
Dec. 16, 2019	Prince George	Christmas Dinner and Dance	Gys Koops and Panel
Dec. 12, 2019	Vanderhoof	Christmas Potluck and Dance	Sandi, Dolores and /or Gys
Jan. 9, 2020	Vanderhoof	Hat Dance	Sandi, Dolores and /or Gys
Jan. 17-18, 2020	Prince George	Robbie Burns Dance	Heather Reynolds
Feb. 10, 2020	Prince George	Valentine's Day Dance	Panel
Feb. 13, 2020	Vanderhoof	Potluck Valentine's Dance	Sandi, Dolores and /or Gys
Feb. 24, 2020	Prince George	Theme Night - 50s and 60s	Panel
Mar. 5, 2020	Williams Lake	March Merriment Dance and Charity Auction of Desserts and Goodies.	Nick & Mary Anne Turner
Mar. 16, 2020	Prince George	St. Patrick's Dinner and Dance	Panel
Mar. 30, 2020	Prince George	Goofer's Night	Panel
May 1-3, 2020	Prince George	63rd Spring Jamboree Weekend	Steve Edlund calling
May 22-24, 2020	Williams Lake	62nd Mainstream Jamboree	Heather Reynolds, Nick and Mary Anne Turner
July 30-Aug. 1, 2020	Surrey, BC	Canadian National Square and Round Dance Festival	Many Callers & Cuers

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January 20, 2020

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