

REGION 2 DELEGATES REPORT
BCS&RDF Board of Directors Meeting
March 28, 2015

2014 - 2015 Events and Happenings

- Once again, September saw dancing and camping at the Othello Tunnels sponsored by the Promotion Committee. Ken Crisp was our own Train Engineer and was joined by Merv Meyer from Kamloops. Dancers came from 100 Mile House, Kingston, Ontario, Kamloops and the Fraser Valley, for a total of 37 dancers taking part in the 2014 Tunnel Dance. Next year the Train will run from September 18 to 20.
- Our dancer count is down again this year to 728 as of December, 2014 and we have 20 clubs registered
- A total of 27 Four Score and More Badges have been presented to qualifying dancers from January 2014 to February 28, 2015. The White Rockers Club received honourable mention in the local *Peace Arch Newspaper* referring to us as: “A group of octogenarians were recognized for their commitment to staying fit dancing every Sunday afternoon at the White Rock Lawn Bowling Hall, listing all our 10 members over 80 who still get out “to dance and have lot of laughs”. (15 dancers have received their Four Score and More Badges)
- Abbotsford Swinging Hubs celebrated their 50th Anniversary at a luncheon at Newlands Golf and Country Club on September. 27 with over 100 past and present members attending.
- Chuckwagon 8's celebrated their 45th Anniversary Dances October 8th (A2) and October 9th (Plus).
- On December 6th the Chuckwagon 8's held their Annual Toys for Tots (toys are donated to the Burnaby Christmas bureau)
- FVS&RDA and Valley Circle Magazine celebrated their 55th year in January with a special luncheon
- The Rhythm Reelers held their 60th anniversary on the 23rd of January with a packed hall. One hundred and sixty-seven attended. Twenty squares formed up for the first tip and there were nine callers on the program. *(as quoted from the Chilliwack Progress)* “Sandy Kidd was among the Chilliwack youngsters to get hooked on the dance craze and exactly 60 years later, she's still pulling on her dancing shoes regularly. Kidd was one of the original club's members to turn up and twirl the night away for the Rhythm Reelers 60th birthday celebration at Atchelitz Hall Friday night”.
- In February Ray Brendzy was presented with the Vancouver Elementary Physical Activity Association Career Achievement Award, for his teaching and coaching. *(as quoted from the Vancouver Courier)* “Brendzy, a Vancouver School Board teacher of nearly 35 years, nurtured leadership skills in Grade 7 students by having them organize the school’s sports day. Ray Brendzy is considered one of the top three square dance callers in Canada and one of the top 10 in the world. He served as square dancing consultant to the VEPAA for approximately 15 years, developed the Vancouver School Board’s square dance curriculum and provided workshops to teachers. He has led an annual afternoon of dance for every class, parents and sometimes the preschool, for more than 30 years, boosting school spirit”. Ray also calls and cues for 3 Lower Mainland clubs weekly.
- Heart and Stroke Benefit Dance was held on Sunday, February 15 by the Town ‘n’ Country Swingers.
- “Let’s Do Lunch” was the attraction for the February 21 meeting to discuss Promotion in our area.
- Zajac Ranch Benefit Dance was held by Abbotsford Grand Squares on March 1 (for children and young adults facing chronic, life threatening and/or debilitation conditions to have an opportunity to participate in Zajac Ranch camp experience).
- Royal Swingers celebrated their 45th anniversary on March 6.
- Scroll of Honour for Dancer and Caller will be presented at the Gala Dance on March 21st (sponsored by the FVS&RDA)
- 45th Annual Happiness Dance presented by the Surrey Square Wheelers Club will be held on April 11, 2015 (with proceeds to the Child Development Centre)
- Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Benefit Dance will be held on Sunday, April 12
- New Dancer Jamboree sponsored by the joint Promotion Committee (FVS&RDA & V&DCTA) will be held on April 25
- The “Teen Festival” will be held on May 3rd in Langley, BC
- Town ‘n’ Country Swingers Square Dance Club will celebrate their 55th anniversary in November. Also Surrey Square Wheelers will be celebrating their 55th anniversary in 2015

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