

OSRDA REGION 3 REPORT

Since last fall the Region has increased membership slightly. The membership consists of four regular Square & Round clubs, one casual Square & Round, one regular Clogging and one associate Clogging club, two Round Dance Clubs R&R Rounders and Rhythm Rounds as well as Westsyde Youth.

Starting in September Westsyde Squares initiated the West Coast program and again in January. With very aggressive Publicity and Marketing on TV, Print, Radio, Social networking plus any free advertising available. This created a plus 20 person response and having a creative and flexible Caller these new dancers and dancers from the earlier program are still attending these sessions. Brian Elmer was the hard worker for the initiative and success of this program. The Penticton Squares also started new dancer sessions in September using the Caller Lab Program. The sessions were very successful but after completion most of the women dropped out due to lack of male partners.

The OSRDA held the annual Sing - a - Long on Sat. 03 Oct. with almost 6 Squares, a slight increase over previous years. During the afternoon of the same day we sponsored a Round Dance workshop for level 2 & lower level 3 concentrating on level 3 moves used in level 2. Only 6 couples attended but was successful, more of this type of workshop will held.

On February 20th. a level 3-4 Round Dance workshop was held covering Rhumba and Cha, with 17 dancers attending. There were dancers from Merrit, Blind Bay, Westsyde, Salmon Arm & Penticton. Great time by all. On the 27th. Feb. we had a workshop for level 3-4 covering Waltz & Foxtrot. In the evening following the workshop a dance was held utilizing the moves covered in the two workshops. It is obvious that the dancers want these workshops.

There are plans in the near future to hold Plus & MS workshops as well as Clogging sessions. The Spring Fling is being held on March 12th. This year there will be an introduction to Clogging from 11-12:30 AM, Plus Dance 2-4 PM and Blossom ball in the evening. Freshman's Frolics Is on May 26th. this year.

The OSRDA Web Page has been totally redesigned by Jean Wood. It has eye appeal, easy to navigate and above all, full of information.

We have submitted a request to the BC Gaming Commission for \$61K plus change. We have our fingers and everything else crossed.

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