



# **B.C.S. & R.D.FEDERATION**



## **President's Newsletter August 2014**

The BC Square and Round Dance Federation held their annual general meeting in Penticton on August 8, 2014. I was elected President and thank those present for giving me the honour to represent you in our Federation. I would like to thank Norm Cox and the outgoing Executive for the wonderful work they have done in the past years. I pray and hope that the new team will be able to continue as effectively during my term.

I congratulate the following members newly elected or continuing on the Executive:

- Norm (Mary) Cox, Past President, Region Two
- Ken (Sally) Crisp, President, Region Two
- Bill (Jean) Wood, First Vice-President, Region Nine
- Gordon (Yvette) Ruedig, Second Vice-President, Region Eight
- Wendy Krueger, Secretary, Region Two
- Pat Zeeman (Gary Dodds), Treasurer, Region One

The following members are chairs of Federation Committees:

- Beth and Darcy McGifford, Delegates to Canadian Society
- Connie Ritchie, Round Dance Coordinator
- Brian Elmer, SquareUP BC
- Nick and Mary Anne Turner, Moving and Grooving
- Phil Douziech, Webmaster
- Al Ritchie, Four Score n' More
- Roy and Janet Ballam, 1-800 Information Line
- Dennis Sutton, Revitalization Committee

You can read the AGM minutes and committee reports by going to [www.squaredance.bc.ca](http://www.squaredance.bc.ca) and clicking on the page marked "Meeting / Minutes / Reports". You may be surprised at how much great work is being done by these dedicated people. Brian Elmer's SquareUP BC report, for example, has great ideas on promoting Square and Round dancing. The promotional tools we are using today may not be reaching today's market of potential new dancers.

Square and Round Dance Awareness Week is scheduled for September 14 to 20, 2014. I hope that each Region has planned some activities to support this initiative. The Proclamation from Victoria has been placed on the website and can be copied for use with your awareness week activities.

Sally and I attended Powell River's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary August 15 to 17, and we were impressed with the way the club organized their event. There are more Anniversaries coming, so check the Federation website and plan to attend them when you can. If your club or Association has a special Anniversary, let the Secretary or myself know, so we can post it and present a crest or certificate, if required.

Please make sure that Federation and Society dues are submitted to the BC Federation Treasurer by December 1, 2014. New dancers who start in the Fall of the year will be automatically covered until the end of the year. Fees remain unchanged for 2015.

The Festival in Ottawa was a success, and the next National Festival will be in 2016 in Saskatchewan. If you are interested in attending, it would really help them plan the Festival if you can register early. We are interested in hearing from members in any Region that would like to consider hosting a Festival or Mini-Festival in 2015 or 2017 in your area.

Please remember that funding may be available for New Dancers, Caller/Cuer training, Education and Leadership. You can check the handbook (on line) to find details.

We wish you a happy and healthy season with lots of dancing and many good friends.

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