

REGION 5 CALLER, CUER, DANCER ASSOCIATION - R5CCDA

REPORT FOR BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

MARCH 30, 2019

Submitted by Delegate - Dana Ball, Williams Lake

GENERAL INFORMATION

Region 5 has 5 active clubs, and approximately 120 members

Region 5 Delegates: Jan and Bill Cave, Dana Ball, Karen Piffko

Our clubs do not interact as much as we would like to because of the large geographical area Region 5 covers. We do keep in contact through Email bulletins sent out by region president, Mary Anne Turner, and the Cariboo Connection Newsletter that is published 3 times a year by Nick and Mary Anne Turner. It contains whatever news the clubs in our area wish to contribute. Hard copies are delivered to our clubs and the Newsletters are also posted on our Region 5 website at www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca

Region 5 continues to experience the same difficulties as many of the other regions. We have clubs that have folded, few new callers committed to becoming club callers and a great need for more dancers. We have approximately 120 dancers in the Region this season.

CARIBOOTERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB - LAC LA HACHE

Caller - Dave Abbs Cuer - Helen Hall

The Lac La Hache Caribooters have not been too active so far this year. We are having a difficult time to get enough members for a square due to medical issues, inclement weather and travels.

Starting in March our Cuer, Helen Hall, has located a building close to her home and is going to start with Round Dancing again once a week for all interested persons. We may even be able to get a few squares together.??

In the meantime we have continued with our insurance coverage to allow us to dance with other clubs. Currently a few of our members are planning to travel to Williams Lake to dance with the Stampede Whirlaways.

Submitted by Bill Rose

WILLIAMS LAKE STAMPEDE WHIRLAWAYS

Caller – Nick Turner Cuer – Mary Anne Turner

The Whirlaways had 28 dancers registered in September, we retained 5 of the new dancers, two being young members to add to the two we already have. Several dancers have not registered as club members for reasons such as health conditions, work requirements, and school schedules but they come as guests when they can. So, we often have 3 squares on the floor.

Last May we celebrated the 60th anniversary of our club and the 40th anniversary of Nick Turner as our caller. We would like to thank the BCS&RDF and the CSRDS for their many anniversary acknowledgements and representatives Ken and Sally Crisp, Beth and Darcy McGifford for their special presentations. We sincerely appreciated the many dancers from all over the province that made our Jamboree a rousing success with their attendance and all of their contributions to Nick Turner's memory album.

Also, it was our special treat to celebrate having Dustin McGifford on his birthday as our guest caller for the 10th year. We are already working on next May's Jamboree. The theme this year is "The Call of the Canadian Wilderness - Past and Present". You can bet our cuer, Mary Anne, and the club members will come up with something exciting. We hope you will consider attending this event in Williams Lake on the weekend of May 24-26, 2019. There is a poster for this event at

<http://www.wmslk.squaredance.bc.ca/images/poster2019jamboree.pdf>

We thank Bill Cave for calling our dances while Nick Turner was recuperating from knee surgery and for calling tips on a regular basis during the season. It keeps us on our toes.

Due to illnesses, our only public appearance was a booth at the Fall Fair. Several of our members did canvassing and donated their time helping at various events in the square dancers name.

Regards,

Dana Ball

President of the Stampede Whirlaways

NORTHERN TWISTERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, PRINCE GEORGE BC

Caller - Gys Koops Cuer - Gary Dean

The Northern Twisters meet most Monday evenings September through early May. We have 62 members of whom 10 have been members for at least 25 years, and 4 will be graduating this spring. Since the report last spring, in May we had a successful Spring Jamboree themed “Across Canada” with Murray Few calling.

We enjoyed our annual “Snowflake” weekend, in early November, with cuer, Sandy Gregson-Meyer, and caller, Merv Meyer, doing an excellent job of putting us through our paces. The weekend was well attended.

The Club enjoyed our Christmas dinner and dance on December 10 with Santa and Mrs. Claus as special guests and then took a break until startup January 7, 2019.

On the weekend of January 18-19, 2019, we celebrated Robbie Burns with a guest caller, Heather Reynolds (nee Wallace). Heather did a wonderful job of teaching at the Saturday afternoon workshop and she used the new steps in her calls through an entertaining evening. The Club tried something a little different for this dinner. Instead of a potluck, several members cooked a traditional Robbie Burns dinner (including Haggis!), and other members served the dinner to 49 guests. A piper and toast to the Haggis completed the dinner. We welcomed 12 out of town guests.

Our next large event is the annual spring Jamboree – this year the theme is “The Teddy Bears’ Picnic” with guest caller, Murray Few, back by popular demand. The Jamboree (#62!) takes place on May 3, 4 and 5. We will be getting into high gear shortly in preparation for it including dancing around Mr. PG again this year.

During the year we recognize various days such as Valentine’s and St. Patrick’s with goodies or a potluck (Irish stew!), 50’s – 60’s, a chance for soda ice cream floats! We also have a “Goofers” night so that anyone who wants to try calling, may do so.

We also usually have one or two squares to dance for shut-ins and at Seniors’ homes for their entertainment. We danced at one facility last fall and will be doing another in the next month or so. The Club is holding its own financially, but our membership numbers are down a bit unfortunately.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Rein - President, Northern Twisters Dance Club

VANDERHOOF DRIFTING SQUARES

Callers - Dolores Young and Sandi Jesperson. Gys Koops from Prince George travels to Vanderhoof on alternate weeks to call for the club.

This has been the 16th season for The Drifting Squares. They dance 1 or 2 squares each week. Sandi Jesperson maintains a Facebook page for the Drifting Squares at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/VanderhoofDriftingSquares/>

MILE ZERO GRAND SQUARES, DAWSON CREEK

Caller/Cuer - Bernie Smith

We have not received news from the Mile Zero Grand Squares Club

SKEENA SQUARES - TERRACE

No caller - they use recorded music and calls

This club is not dancing this season due to a lack of members. Some have registered with the Federation, however, so that they may dance at other clubs when possible.
