

Region 5 Caller, Cuer, Dancer Association  
Report to BCS&RDF Board of Directors' Meeting  
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Delegates: Jan and Bill Cave, Dana Ball, Karen Piffko

Our region is geographically large and therefore our clubs do not interact very often. We do keep in contact, however, with email bulletins sent out by region president, Mary Anne Turner. These bulletins are also posted on our Region 5 website at [www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca](http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca).

Additional information is passed on to us in the Cariboo Connection Newsletter which Mary Anne and Nick Turner publish 3 times a year. It contains input from those clubs in our region who wish to contribute. Hard copies are delivered to our clubs and the newsletter is also posted on the internet.

Region 5 is experiencing 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 164 dancers in the Region.

### **Lac La Hache Caribooters**

Caller - Dave Abbs    Cuer - Helen Hall

They had 20 dancers registered in the fall but are having difficulty putting a square on the floor this season. They have adjusted their schedule to dancing only twice a month and only if enough people phone to confirm that they will be attending.

### **Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways**

Caller - Nick Turner    Cuer - Mary Anne Turner

The Whirlaways had 38 dancers registered in the fall and most weeks they are dancing 3 squares. Several people turned out for the New Dancer sessions but retention is a problem. The people come and go and do not seem inclined to attend regularly.

Happily, one of the dancers, Bill Cave, is learning to call. He is being mentored by Nick Turner and calls 2 tips each week. Bill does not wish to become a club caller but the Whirlaways are enjoying having 2 callers to dance to each week.

Williams Lake will be celebrating their 59th anniversary at their annual Mainstream Jamboree on May 26-28, 2017. The theme is Safari Expedition. The featured callers will be Dustin McGifford and Nick Turner. The weekend cuer will be Mary Anne Turner. A poster for the event can be found at <http://www.wmslk.squaredance.bc.ca/postersdates.html>

Mary Anne Turner maintains a website and a Facebook page for the Whirlaways.

<http://www.wmslk.squaredance.bc.ca>

<https://www.facebook.com/williamslakesquaredancers>

### **Quesnel Circle Eights**

This club no longer has enough members to keep dancing. For now, Nick and Audrey Prestage are continuing to register themselves and the club to keep the name alive.

### **Prince George Northern Twisters**

Caller - Gys Koops    Cuer - Gary Dean

The Twisters had 58 dancers registered in the fall. They usually dance 4 squares each week. They do hold new dancers sessions each year.

The Prince George club will be celebrating their 60th anniversary with a Jamboree on June 2-4, 2017. This special event will feature callers Jerry Jestin and Murray Few. A poster for the event can be found at [http://northerntwisters.ca/special\\_dances/Posters/60th%20Jamboree2.pdf](http://northerntwisters.ca/special_dances/Posters/60th%20Jamboree2.pdf)

The Twisters have a website and a Facebook page

<http://www.northerntwisters.ca>

<https://www.facebook.com/Northern-Twisters-Square-Dance-Club-889393164415323/>

### **Vanderhoof Drifting Squares**

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

This has been the 14th season for The Drifting Squares. They dance 1 or 2 squares each week. They welcome new dancers and work hard to accommodate them no matter what time of year they arrive.

Sandi Jespersen maintains a Facebook page for the Drifting Squares at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/VanderhoofDriftingSquares>

### **Terrace Skeena Squares**

The Skeena Squares have no caller but dancer, Diane Weismiller instructs with use of CDs, DVDs, etc. and also uses the Moving and Grooving Program produced by Nick and Mary Anne Turner. They had 13 dancers registered in the fall. They generally dance 1 square. They have no round dancers but have added some line dancing to the evening to add variety to their program.

### **Dawson Creek Mile Zero Grand Squares**

Caller and Cues - Bernie Smith

The Mile Zero Grand Squares had 20 dancers registered in the fall and they generally dance 2 squares each week.