

BRITISH COLUMBIA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION

THE SILLERY AWARD

For Outstanding Service to Square and Round Dancing

CRITERIA

This British Columbia Square & Round Dance Federation award is reserved for any dancer couple or dancer, caller/cuer couple or caller or cuer and leader couple or leader who is a member in good standing of the Federation. Awards may also be made posthumously or to former members no longer active in the movement. This award is for recognition of outstanding service to square, round, contra, clogging or line dancing. This extraordinary service should extend well beyond club level endeavours.

Nominations shall be made in writing and shall be supported by ten individuals (which may include both members of a couple) who are Federation members in good standing from anywhere in British Columbia. Nominations **MUST** provide full substantiation as outlined in the criteria below. **Nomination forms shall be forwarded to the Chair of the Sillery Award committee as listed on the Federation website.** Nominations must reflect, and fully document, the aspects of the nominee's service which deserve special recognition by the presentation of The Sillery Award. To avoid disappointment, it is recommended that candidates **NOT** be informed that they are being nominated.

The **Criteria or Standards** for this award are very high and therefore a nomination must be fully substantiated with details of the services to dancing to be recognized. Substantiation might include news items, copies of publications, or copies of samples of the result of the nominee's work. Accomplishments to be recognized are only those which are **above and beyond normal services**. For example, service in positions on club executives, committees, or boards would not be considered, unless the work in those positions resulted in an outstanding contribution to our dance movement which far exceeds that normally expected by an incumbent in such a position.

Service accomplishments can be in any Square, Round, Contra, Clogging or Line Dance field of endeavor, performed by an individual or couple in the British Columbia square and round dance movement. Service accomplishments should be original in nature or be the recognition of an opportunity not normally seen by others. The result may be reflected externally or internally. Externally, the accomplishment

could enhance the future of the movement by providing more visibility in the public's mind. Internally, the accomplishment could be a positive improvement in the movement now, with some evidence that the improvement will be lasting. Improvements in organization or administration may also be recognized provided they lead to major improvements due to innovation.

Service accomplishments which are local in scope, are normally recognized by local organizations; therefore The Sillery Award will mainly be provincial in scope. However, this does not preclude the Federation from also recognizing an exceptional local accomplishment for the granting of the Sillery Award.

Applications may be submitted at anytime but those received after March 31st will not be considered until the following calendar year. Time is required by the Sillery Award Committee to complete the evaluation process and prepare for the presentation, which would be done at a suitably large gathering of square and round dancers.