

2021/22 Annual Report
Victoria and District Caller Teachers Association

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Covid-related restrictions mandated by the Provincial Health Officer made 2021/22 a challenging dance year for cuer and caller members of the Victoria and District Caller Teachers Association.

Square dancing was largely shut down, with some brief start-ups only to be followed by closure due to changes in provincial health orders. In recent weeks, square dancing has started up again with four clubs (mainstream and plus) in action in the Victoria area. Square dances are well attended. It appears that square dance clubs have made it through the recent Covid period relatively well in terms of return dancers.

Two round dance clubs in the Victoria area have been very successful in providing dance opportunities during summer 2021 and continuing through to the present. Dances held by these two clubs have been met with great appreciation by the round dance community and are in some cases attended to hall capacity as set by hall operators during the Covid period.

An upcoming challenge to the Vancouver and District Caller Teachers Association will be resourcing cuer and caller resources for summer dances which are jointly sponsored by the Lower Vancouver Island Western Square and Round Dance Association, and the Vancouver and District Caller Teachers Association. In recent years there has been a decline in the number of cuer and caller members of the Association due to retirements. This challenge will persist into the future.

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