

Regional reports for Oct. 16, 2022 Resumed AGM

of the BC Square and Round Dance Federation

Region 1 Alex Wotherspoon and Kirk Rockerbie, Directors at Large

Alex Wotherspoon, LVI Dancer Assoc: Both square and round dancing has restarted for the 2022-2023 season in Region 1 – Lower Vancouver Island. The *Country Cousins* and the *Mavericks* have continued with their joint Mainstream square dances two Friday evenings a month at Royal Oak Hall beginning September 9. The two clubs are also sponsoring a joint new dancer class on Sunday evenings at the same hall. The *Dance A Rounds* resumed round dancing on Saturday evenings at Royal Oak Hall beginning October 1. The *Frontier Twirlers* resumed Mainstream square dances two Saturday evenings a month starting September 17 at Colwood Hall and have a new dancer class on Sunday evenings at the same hall. *Rainbow Rounders* resumed round dancing on Tuesday evenings at Colwood Hall on September 13 and have both Phase II and Phase III classes on Wednesday evenings at the same hall. The *Salty Wheels* Square Dance Club has not yet restarted dancing on Salt Spring Island. The *Sooke Squares* resumed dancing as a new dancer group for the first time since the pandemic shutdown on Tuesday afternoons beginning on October 4 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Sooke. The *Star Twirlers* resumed Plus workshops/dances on Monday evenings at Colwood Hall beginning September 19 and Plus Dances two Wednesday evenings a month at Royal Oak Hall beginning September 28. The current plan is to resume Advanced dancing on Tuesday evenings beginning November 8 at the Colwood Children's Hall. The LVIWSRDA and the V&DCTA held in-person workshops and general meetings on Sunday, September 18 with the next ones scheduled for Sunday, November 20.

Alex Wotherspoon, Director at Large – Region 1 (LVIWSRDA)

Kirk Rockerbie, VDCTA: Both square and round dancing has restarted for the 2022-2023 season in Region 1 – Lower Vancouver Island. The LVIWSRDA and the VDCTA held in-person workshops and general meetings on Sunday, September 18 with the next workshop and general meetings scheduled for Sunday, November 20. There are currently 9 VDCTA members active in cueing and calling.

Kirk Rockerbie, Director at Large – Region 1 VDCTA

Region 2 Betty Langtry, Director at Large (Appointment of a 2nd Director at Large is pending)

Norm Cox: Fifteen clubs have started up. Social media reporting new dancers coming to some classes. Surrey Square Wheelers have the most, as far as we know. Chilliwack also has a good number of new dancers. Abbotsford Grand Squares' caller Heather Reynolds resigned as she is pregnant with twins; Steve Edlund and Mike Rohde are calling for them. One club has changed its name: The Swinging Singles (and Couples) Square Dance Club of BC are now the "*Circle 8's Square & Round Dance Club of BC*" or "*Circle 8's*" for short.

Region 3 Brian Elmer and Peter Tennant, Directors at Large

Five clubs are somewhat active in some manner. In Vernon they got a good new dancer class going with money paid up front. They are planning 3 intros in the year in the SSD program. Tennants are dancing

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rounds Sunday. OK Clogging lost its venue in Kelowna. Westsyde Squares is seeking a caller and cuer; considering using recordings for experienced dancers. Allan Peterson of Salmon Arm called, cued, workshopped the refresher dance. Oct. 11 was the memorial dance for Bill Morey and Bill Browne, deceased this summer.

Mae mentioned a caller school is badly needed and members in their club are eager to be callers.

Region 4 Albert and Carol Robideau, Directors at Large

Region 4 currently has no active association or clubs

Region 5 Bill and Jan Cave, Directors at Large

The region lost one club; there has been no word from dancers in Dawson Creek.

Prince George has 2 squares and some new dancers. Guys Koop is calling.

Williams Lake has 7 new dancers but lost a square of experienced dancers; they have 2 squares; Nick Turner is calling/ teaching.

Region 8 Gord Ruedig and Norm Hopland, Directors at Large

Square dancing in Region 8 has started with four clubs remaining, the Amalgam-Eighters, the Ocean Waves, the Ripple Rockets and the Star Dusters. The Amalgam-Eighters, Ocean Waves and Star Dusters also have classes up and running. The Ripple Rockets canceled their class due to a poor showing on the first night. Attendance at island dances has been hovering between 3 & 5 squares per night.

Gord Ruedig, Director at Large, Region 8

The Wheel Arounds in Nanaimo dance Plus on [Wednesday](#) afternoons and Mainstream every 2nd Saturday evening, September to end of May. We run new dancer workshops every [Wednesday](#) evening Sept. to April. Plans are to have new dancer workshops in Ladysmith and weekly Mainstream dancing in Parksville starting Jan. 2023.

Reported by Bob Simpson

Round dance with Connie Ritchie in Nanaimo has started up, sometimes have 3 or 4 couples, other times 7 or 8 couples.

Reported by Connie Ritchie

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Region 9 Wendy Trudel and Steve Stent

It is nice to be looking forward to a new dance year. Hopefully this one will bring with it a full, uninterrupted year of dancing but we will have to wait and see.

Most of our clubs have resumed dancing for the new year and those whom have not plan to do so during the fall. There was some dancing throughout the summer in Kamloops to help keep us on our toes.

Chase the Fun, our associations weekend dance, held in June, was enjoyed by many. I don't have the exact count of how many people were there but those of us who were sure enjoyed it. Thank you to all that attended.

I apologize for not being in attendance at this meeting but unfortunately this meeting was scheduled at the exact same time as our association meeting. The date and time of our meetings were set at our AGM last April with the hall booked and therefore it was not feasible to change our meeting. I also wear the hat of being President for our association and the alternates to the Federation are the Vice President and therefore we are all needed to be present at the Association meeting.

Wendy Trudel, Region 9, Director at large

First Vice-President's report—Mae Fawcett

I have had three clubs requesting grant money for restart Advertising . All three were talked thru the process and with Dennis' help was able to answer questions and get them a successful grant after approval of the BC fFederation board. All three I believe have received their grant money. One needed 100.00 more than was provided with the max 500.00 grant to cover a newspaper ad of 600.00

End of report, Sincerely Mae Fawcett

Peachfest 2023 Committee report by special request of the BC Federation secretary

I have compiled all responses to the Peachfest survey and have received only 6 positive responses. That is only 12 people and a couple of them are 'hope to'.

I think we can confirm that Peachfest is no longer viable, unfortunately. Those of us who started attending 50 years ago and didn't miss any until Covid can say we were fortunate to have been participants in the 'peak'.

It is very sad but there are no longer the callers, cuers or dancers to make it 'happen'.

Susan Boyd

Clogging in BC

Clogging is alive & well even though numbers are declining. Barb Guenette's group on Vancouver Island has been back to in-person dancing since last fall with only short breaks due to lack of attendance. Reggie Paisley's group in Victoria is believed to have started back up for this year. The Rainbow Stew Cloggers in Nanoose danced in the parking lot, weather permitting, during Covid. They are doing some demos to show the people of their area what clogging is all about. However, I don't believe they are dancing indoors as yet.

The Rocky Mountain Cloggers are back dancing again after their summer break. They are finally dancing in person after doing Zoom classes all during Covid.

Barb Guenette's group will be hosting their 30th annual Sealion Stomp Clogging Workshop the weekend of Nov 4, 5 & 6 at Nanoose Place. This will be our last of these workshops. Numbers have declined to the point where we just can't do it financially anymore, plus we are getting to an age where

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it has become a bit more difficult to manage all the prep & work that goes on during the workshop. We have had a wonderful bunch of international instructors as well as our own Regional instructors teach us at the workshop over the years. We have been in several locations but Nanoose Place has been our home for the last 8 or so of them.

Reported by Barb Guenette