

Region 5 Report for 2023 BCS&RDF AGM  
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## REGION 5 SUMMARY

As mentioned in previous reports, square dancing has greatly declined in our region following the years of Covid shut down. Region 5 now has only 4 clubs still dancing and each one is struggling to survive due to the smaller membership numbers. We have approximately 65 members registered with the BCS&RDF.

Our clubs are so far apart that there is almost no interaction between them (Dawson Creek, Vanderhoof, Prince George, Williams Lake).

No special dances or Jamborees were scheduled during this 2022/2023 season.

Region 5 has a website at <https://r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca> (Webmaster: Mary Anne Turner). The Promotions page on this website has been accessed by people across the country. It contains a collection of flyers and certificates that are editable as well as 2 documents written by Nick Turner to assist newer callers with the teaching of the SSD program.

## CLUB INFORMATION

### 1. Dawson Creek Mile Zero Grand Squares:

Dawson Creek is dancing 2 squares, once a week. They dance basic and mainstream. They had 3 new dancers this year but struggled to accommodate them due to their shift work. The caller is Brian Johnson and they will finish dancing for this season at the end of April. Dawson Creek has little interest in BCS&RDF activities. Only the club and the caller are registered as Federation members. None of their dancers are registered.

### 2. Vanderhoof Drifting Squares:

Dolores Young is calling Mainstream and SSD for Beginners. They are round dancing for the second half of the night. They try to meet weekly on Friday

nights. Unfortunately they are lucky to have a square most nights. They have had 5 new dancers come and go through the season and many of their dancers are not regular attendees.

### 3.) Prince George Northern Twisters Square Dance Club:

Gys Koops is the club caller and Gary Dean is the cuer. They registered 32 dancers with the Federation but they rarely have 2 squares turn up for dancing. They have had 5 new dancers this season. At another location during the week they have 1 square of A dancers meeting on Tuesdays and a square of Plus dancers on Thursday.

### 4.) Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways:

Nick Turner is the club caller with assistance from Bill Cave when he is in town. Mary Anne Turner is the Round Dance Cuer. The 2022/2023 season ended on April 13. We continued to have 1 or 2 squares during the season. Our 5 new dancers completed the SSD Program and they were well supported by all the club members. These new dancers have all said that they were looking forward to joining us again in the fall. We met once a week on Thursday nights for Phase II Round dancing at 7:00 PM and SSD and/or Mainstream at 7:30 PM.

To pass information around and for advertising purposes, Mary Anne Turner maintains a website for the Whirlaways at <https://wmslk.squaredance.bc.ca> and a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/williamslakesquaredancers>