

Report to the BC Square and Round Dance Federation AGM 2023 from

VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT CALLER/TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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Our membership list has 19 callers and cuers this year. Seventeen clubs have returned to an active schedule of dances since the restart phase following the Covid-19 shut down. Summer dancing and charity fundraiser dances have also resumed.

Our Association is a member of both CALLERLAB and Roundalab.

Our members put on a dance between Christmas and New Years for a New Dancer Mid-Term Party. It was well attended and a lot of fun. There were 79 dancers, 9 dance leaders and 2 honorary members who attended. We set the level at Lesson 6 of the SSD program. Everyone had a good time confidently dancing the calls. Phase II rounds were cued between tips.

We have another dance scheduled for new dancers to close out the dance season on April 29th, 2023.

Several of our members are part of a joint promotion committee with FVSRDA members, chaired by caller Brent Mawdsley. We are promoting clubs learning to put announcements on community Facebook pages. We are grateful to the BC Federation for a Promotions Grant to fund our radio advertising campaign. The radio ads for new square dance classes in our region will be on the air on The Breeze 104.3 FM from approximately mid-July to the end of August. Listeners will be directed to a new URL DanceForFun.ca. On that new webpage, they will see the halls and clubs where lessons are offered, and they can click on links to contact a club leader. Another initiative of the Promotions Committee has been to put permanent signage either outside (4' x 8' signs on fences) or smaller signs inside all the venues where our clubs dance.

This past November our Association awarded retiring caller couple Chuck and Marguerite Jordan with recognition for 60 years in calling achieved in 2021, as well as honorary membership. Brian and Darlene Penny received recognition for 30 years, achieved in 2020. Alison and Scott Hampton achieved 25 years in 2020. Heather Reynolds and her dad, Blair Wallace also received recognition for 25 years. Krista Baird as well received recognition for 25 years. Pat Meyer was recognized for her 20 years. Dan Adams Jr. was recognized for calling for 10 years. Wendy Krueger too was recognized for her 10 years.

That concludes our report.

Wendy Krueger

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