

B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation

Newsletter – July 2023

The information reaching me from various sources shows that many clubs have made plans for their usual September restart including, importantly, those seeking to attract new dancers. It is therefore appropriate to remind clubs who welcome newcomers that grants are still available to help with costs. The Class Advertising Grant has been extended for the coming dance year and is available to clubs which have **not** already received it. The new dancer class funding grant which could be claimed only every other year will, for 2023-2024 **ONLY**, be available to every club offering new dancer classes.

The other initiative of the BCSRDF, following the lengthy discussion on this subject at the April 30th AGM Meeting, is to create a committee to explore the possibility of establishing classes for aspiring Callers, Cuers and Leaders to be held in BC in alternate years. The committee members are Lyle O'Hara (Chair), Mae Fawcett, Wendy Krueger, and Robert (Bob) Simpson. If any member has thoughts or ideas which may be of interest to the committee, please forward them to theoharas@telus.net. Our counterpart in Alberta is encouraging us to pursue our investigation and they offered their assistance if needed. We are grateful to them for offering their co-operation. If our activity is to grow and remain healthy, new callers are going to be needed to fill any vacancies which may occur and, ever hopefully, to form new clubs.

I trust many of you are also planning special activities to take advantage of Square Dance Awareness Week which will be proclaimed for August 27th to September 2nd.

I encourage all our members, clubs, and associations to be active and innovative throughout the dance year 2023-24 so that we may emerge from it with pride at what we have achieved.

Dennis Sutton

President