



Newsletter #1


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We are excited and pleased to report that the planning for the next Canadian National Square, Round and Clog Dance Festival is well underway for July 15-18, 2026, in beautiful British Columbia. Registration is open and available online on the B. C. Square and Round Dance Federation website.

 **Beautiful surroundings:** The event will be held in Penticton, BC, at the Trade and Convention Centre with ample space for about 1000 dancers. This venue is in the Okanagan Valley in the centre of the province which is a tourist and wine mecca surrounded by mountains and between two large lakes. One of only two cities in the world with such spectacular surroundings.

 **Stay in comfort:** Arrangements have been made with a number of hotels, all within one kilometer of the Convention Centre, with room rates reflecting 2024 pricing rather than whatever increase 2026 might bring. Information about the hotels is also online at the BCSRDF website.

 **Dancing fun for everyone:** We shall be offering multiple levels of square and round dancing, as well as clogging, with separate rooms available for each dance genre as required. The air conditioning is first rate, and we are satisfied that there shall be few, if any, problems with floors. As well, this Festival will revive the spirit of memorable Penticton Peach Festivals that so many remember fondly. Come relive square dancing in Okanagan Lake!

 **Getting there:** The nearest major airport is Kelowna which is serviced by several airlines including Air Canada, Westjet, Porter and Alaska Air. The next closest is Vancouver Airport which is approximately an hour by air to Kelowna or you can look at flying into Penticton Regional Airport, which has limited service. We are investigating the possibility of having buses meet popular flights to reduce the transport costs to and from Kelowna. Both Kelowna and Vancouver offer scenic drives to Penticton if you opt to hire a car, with driving times of approximately one or four hours respectively.

We shall be sending newsletters to keep you in touch with progress and look forward to seeing you on the floor.

A warm welcome awaits you in Penticton! Please join the fun!

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Welcome to the Okanagan!!