

**Region 1 Annual Report to BCSRD Federation**  
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All the clubs had a successful 2024-2025 year. Over this past summer we have had the loss of one of our smaller, caller run clubs (the Trailblazers) due to the passing of the caller Dwight Fry. Region 1 doubled down with the summer dance program offering weekly dances rather than bi-weekly events. That went well with an overall greater number of dancers attending. We have noticed an uptick in attendance for dances this fall as well. However, it appears that the dancers seem to be just the same members who are dancing more. New dancer numbers are not growing. We have the Country Cousins, Mavericks, Frontier Twirlers, Sooke Squares, Saanich Squares, Star Twirlers, and Rainbow Rounders in our Region. All remain active providing regularly scheduled events. Saanich Squares provides the only new square dancer class in Region 1. Rainbow Rounders provides training in round dance with a phase I & II class and a phase III class on the same night and a weekly dance in addition. Our total membership remains stable at around 150-160 members in Region 1 for the 2025-26 season. The Region 1 association (Lower Vancouver Island Western Square and Round Dance Association **(LVIWSRDA)**) is celebrating its 71<sup>st</sup> year with a special dance on October 19<sup>th</sup> bringing in Murray Few from Alberta to call. We are looking forward to the LVIWSRDA other special events which are on December 28<sup>th</sup> for a Farewell to 2025, and the March 29<sup>th</sup> joint upper and lower Vancouver Island Region dance with Gary Winter coming.