



2026 SUMMER NEWSLETTER



The BC Square Dance community is working on several initiatives to further our activity and to celebrate it. We held a successful provincial festival and put on a callers school in July 2025. A few new clubs are in their beginning months. At the same time, some clubs and 2 associations have ceased operations, sadly, and our membership is down 3% from last year. Our elections in fall 2025 returned Frank McNeil as President, Mae Fawcett as 1st Vice President, and Wendy Krueger as Secretary; with Pat Zeeman retiring from her treasurer service of many years, Vanda Stocks became Treasurer.

Summer of 2026 will be memorable as BC hosts the 24th National Square, Round, and Clog Dance Festival in the jewel of a square dance destination, Penticton BC. Prior to the festival will be the BC Caller School.

Our bylaws will require modification as the board worked on redefining the roles of the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents so that each can work to their strengths; the changes were passed at our general meeting in April 2026.

Caller School registrations for July 2026 in Penticton are currently at 22 with a maximum of 24. The Canadian National Square, Round and Clog Dance Festival registrations are at 531. The break-even point is 650 registrations. The enthusiastic committee has a great dance experience planned for each participant.

A grant for new clubs starting up has passed the final draft. We will develop an application form and get a committee of six to administer the grant. We hope to encourage new club startups and assist new clubs with expenses.

We will be working on a grant for currently operating clubs that need financial assistance to present to the membership for approval at the AGM. We recognize the higher cost of hall rentals places smaller clubs at a disadvantage.

It was suggested that the CSRDS introduce similar grants or support the Federations with grant programs for new clubs and clubs with financial challenges.

Our AGM will be on October 25th at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom.

The elections will be run by our Past President, Dennis Sutton.

Zoom info, Agenda and reports will be posted on the BCFed website. squaredance.bc.ca

Watch for T shirts and Golf shirts with the federation logo for sale to promote our activity.

Square, Round and Clog Dance Awareness week in B.C. will be late August or early September not decided as of the posting of this newsletter.

Respectfully,
Frank McNeil
BCS&RDF President