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Report to the B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation Annual General Meeting

via the Zoom Videoconferencing Platform

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Summary of Activity in Region 3: Okanagan Square & Round Dance Association

A total of six (6) dance clubs comprise the activity in Region 3 under the Okanagan Square & Round Dance Association, involving 3 different dance forms:

1. Star Country Squares, Vernon

2. Lumby Squares, Lumby

3. Rhythm Rounds, Vernon

4. Okanagan Cloggin', Central Okanagan

5. Westsyde Squares, Central Okanagan

6.. Westside Youth Square Dance Club, Central Okanagan

Most all of the region's clubs have resumed regular and/or new dancer activity. Some have only undertaken select events.

At this point, the Association's leadership has assisted several clubs with the promotion of newcomer lessons through Facebook group posts throughout the Okanagan Valley.

The Association has also presented some special dances during the year. In March it re-launched the "Spring Fling" at Vernon. Originally a weekend of dancing, the return of the event was just for one day on this occasion. At that event, retired caller Rene Bourget of Vernon was recognized for 25 years of calling with a certificate from B.C. Fed. & Cdn. Society. The honour was presented to Rene at the Spring Fling by Mae Fawcett, the Federation's 1st Vice-President.

In June, an effort was made to introduce square dancing to the residents and area around the North Okanagan city of Enderby. Held on Friday nights, several newcomers attended to try the recreation and enjoyed it. Regional Facebook group posts helped promote it and some people travelled from nearby Salmon Arm and Vernon to participate. Association leaders took an attractive pullup banner featuring the benefits to square dancing that enhanced the front of the hall. In past years, a club was active in the city by the name of the "Enderby River Dancers."

In May of this year, the Association supported interest by absolute newcomers in trying square dancing in the small community of Okanagan Falls, south of Penticton. Apart from many promotional posts on Facebook and the distribution of posters, the regional publication "Skaha Matters" was sent several news releases by the Assn. President, Rosalyn Garnett of West Kelowna. The newsmagazine published all the submissions. The special introductory dance event drew about 6 squares of dancers. See the actual post event article as well as two others about Penticton's Festival 2026 as they appeared in the magazine at these links:

Summary of the Okanagan Falls dance on page 22 in the June ‘26 issue of Skaha Matters. See the lower left with the headline “Fun Social Recreation Discovered In Okanagan Falls:”

https://heyzine.com/flip-book/55e6413f19.html#page/22 <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/55e6413f19.html#page/22>

Announcement at lower center page headed “Big Dance Convention In Penticton” - Page 16 in the July Skaha Matters Issue:

https://heyzine.com/flip-book/9b50707867.html#page/16 <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/9b50707867.html#page/16>

A post-Festival article with two photos on page 21 in the August Skaha Matters Issue. At the top of the page the heading reads: “The 24th Canadian National Square, Round And Clog Festival In Penticton:”

https://heyzine.com/flip-book/0fbe9e3621.html#page/20 <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/0fbe9e3621.html#page/20>

As the national convention Festival 2026, featuring square, round and clog dancing, approached Penticton in mid-July, the Association posted many notices to South Okanagan Facebook groups

and submitted a media release to the press. The main goal was to raise awareness of our great recreation and hopefully attract spectators to both see the Festival dancers and have them attend the free introductions to our dance forms on the Saturday July 18 date. Another attraction mentioned was the Aqua Ducks event during the noon hour on that day, where a large number of square dancers had fun dancing in the lake, just off the beach.

Notable was how the Aqua Duck dancers enjoyed posing for photos in front of a 12-foot high yellow duck inflatable, complete with big blue sunglasses. It was situated on the beach to help the dancers and spectators find the location. Thanks goes out to Roxy Rollins of Vernon who handled “decor” elements at the Festival and arranged for the wonderful yellow “Aqua Duck!”

Specific Club Reports

Star Country Squares, Vernon

President & Chairperson, Joe Marcotte

Oct 24, 2026

In September 2025 Star Country Squares chose to just do one intake so that all the current SSD level

dancers can review the moves and progress to full Mainstream Level. We put out our best efforts to

advertise and get a good batch of new dancers. Our numbers at intake were low, but what we lacked in

quantity we excelled with quality. We've had a good foundation of dancers to take us through the season until May.

This year included organizing our 3 rd annual Sock Hop, which included making it into a weekend event.

Our generous guest callers and cuers provided an exciting dancing experience. We look forward to raising the roof on the 4 th Annual Sock Hop in 2027.

During the summer, the Canadian National Square, Round and Clog Dance Festival took place in our neighbouring Okanagan city, Penticton. Since there are no clubs in Penticton, our club was quite involved with the committee who pulled together a tremendous and memorable Festival.

Our Thursday night dances included an hour of Plus level dancing with Nelson Reeme. Our Club Caller, Allan Peterson taught the Mainstream level from start to finish. We had monthly themed party nights. The dancers had lots of opportunities to socialize, learn new moves and have FUN. Our executive members worked well together and did what we could to address the challenges of keeping

our dancers happy. Supporting newer dancers and challenging those who want to grow is a delicate

balance. Our club was fortunate to have Tuesday afternoons in the same venue to practice moves to

build confidence. A few initiatives were: Try it Tuesdays (for new dancers), Mainstream Bootcamp and

Steps to Plus. Tuesdays are quite flexible and we adjust as needed.

By the end of the season, we had a whole club of (old) Mainstream dancers. Some of these dancers

will move to Plus level and our current season will adjust to include Plus dancing and those learning

Plus.

Our current season is looking at two intakes, September and January and will teach the New

Mainstream program. We have been successful with our ambitious advertising action this year and this

September we have 14 new dancers that have joined our club. Our Thursday dances see up to 5

squares during the night. Looking forward to providing the joy of Square Dancing to our community.

Thank you!

The Executive of the Star Country Squares

Star Country website: https://starcountrysquares.wixsite.com/star-country-squares <https://starcountrysquares.wixsite.com/star-country-squares>

Star Country Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/p/Star-Country-Squares-100057717487549/ <https://www.facebook.com/p/Star-Country-Squares-100057717487549/>

Rhythm Rounds, Vernon

Cuer-teachers Peter & Stella Tennant of Vernon

The round dance club Rhythm Rounds relaunched in September after an inactive period. Cuer/teacher Peter Tennant of Vernon reports that the club presented Monday night sessions for absolute newcomers followed by dancing for accomplished round dancers. Attendance was sufficient to maintain weekly lessons. They're dancing at the Halina Activity Centre in Vernon.

Peter has had some health challenges but is stable at this point and anxious to keep the round dance club rolling along.

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Lumby Squares (Lumby is a 20 minute drive east of Vernon along Highway #6)

Caller/teacher: John Fawcett, Vernon

By club leaders Lorraine Gray & Dianne Richardson

What started as a dream became a reality last year when we believed in ourselves and with courage and determination organized and held try-it dances.

The interest was there and with a good turnout we registered 18 members, including 4 teens with the BC Square and Round Dance Federation. Lumby Squares was created. Our first year was very successful having 2 or 3 squares dancing most weeks. Dancers completed the Mainstream dance level.

Lumby Squares dancers visited other clubs in Region 3 and Region 9 and enjoyed the Penticton Square Dance Festival 2026.

Our second year began with a few bumps in the road but with the dance hall and caller finally confirmed we organized 2 complimentary 'Open House' lessons. With returning dancers and 4 new dancers making up 2 squares attending, we anticipate another good year!

The club has a Facebook page at this link: https://www.facebook.com/p/Lumby-Squares-61579797471128/ <https://www.facebook.com/p/Lumby-Squares-61579797471128/>

Okanagan Cloggin', Central Okanagan

Clog dance teacher & club leader: Barb Bizovie, West Kelowna

Okanagan Cloggin' participants enjoy contemporary precision clog dancing.

The club has been operating September through May with classes at 3 different venues in the Central Okanagan on different times and days:

- Monday nights at the Westside Seniors Activity Centre, West Kelowna

- Wednesday nights at the Village Dance Studio in Kelowna

- Friday mornings (11 am) at the Village Dance Studio in Kelowna

The club is known for an annual "Clogover Vine" workshop weekend, usually in June, at the Westbank Lions Community Hall, operated by the City of West Kelowna. It's well-attended by cloggers from throughout the Pacific Northwest. At the moment it's unknown if the weekend will continue in 2027.

Although Clogover Vine is an event for accomplished cloggers, in recent years all ages of the public have been invited to stop in on the Saturday afternoon at 1:00 to learn some steps at a free 1-hour lesson conducted in an adjacent hall. They can then watch the accomplished cloggers having fun in the main hall.

Although some of the links shown within are no longer active, an extensive Facebook post of June 24, 2018, detailed that year's Clogover Vine event held June 15 to 17. Many photos show the fun to be had on the clog dance floor. (Note: a link to a webpage for another Central Okanagan clog dance club, Got 2 B Cloggin, is not longer in place.) See it at:
https://www.facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation/posts/1892806450764703
<https://www.facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation/posts/1892806450764703>

The currently active web page for Okanagan Cloggin' is at this link:
https://www.okanagancloggin.ca/ <https://www.okanagancloggin.ca/>

Westsyde Squares, Central Okanagan

By Brian Elmer, Club President, West Kelowna

A brand new community hall in West Kelowna's Lakeview Heights district is the new home for the Westsyde Squares. The building is known as the Lakeview Heights Community Hall, 860 Anders Road, and the dancers gather there on Friday nights at 6:30.

The first lessons for absolute newcomers started in March of 2026 and continued into early Summer. After a Summer break, sessions started up again in September. Both new dancers and Angel dancers are having fun together weekly now through Friday December 11.

Promotion of the lessons has included broad Facebook community group exposure, online events listings, poster placements and paid newspaper advertising.

The Westsyde Squares is grateful to new caller/teacher Joe Marcotte and his wife, Roxy, of Vernon. They drive to West Kelowna in the late afternoon every Friday to entertain the dancers.

A couple of former Fraser Valley dancers now settled in Kelowna named Michael Presbury and Christina Rodrigues have been most helpful by establishing a club Facebook page. See that at:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1294230256234514
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1294230256234514>

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Westside Youth Square Dance Club, Central Okanagan

By Brian Elmer, West Kelowna

While not currently an active group of youth square dancers, this entity is in place to take advantage of new opportunities to teach children, adults and families through “pop-up” dance events. Through introductions to square dancing, names and contacts can be collected from those interested in learning more.

Such special one-time dance occasions introduce square dancing to the community in new ways like birthday, anniversary and family reunion events.

Past pop-up opportunities have included the following:

- A 60th birthday family event
- An early summer family reunion
- A special lakeside square dance for visiting bachelorettes and the bride-to-be

● A convention of organic growers

The availability of this youth group will be publicized, promoted and advertised broadly to build interest in our great dance form.

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