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Star Country Squares 2025 – 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 3rd 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 4th 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