



Take Note: All Dancers and Leaders (That's You)

Your Region 5 Association will be holding its AGM on Saturday June 3rd, 2017 at the Prince George Jamboree venue. The time will be 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Before attending the morning round dance session, join us for a quick meeting.

Your executive would really appreciate some company. It's lonely without you.

I will be sending out an agenda in a bit and also posting it on the Region 5 website.

If you have anything you would like discussed, let me know so I can include it on the agenda.



In the last Cariboo Connection, I asked the club presidents to email information to our new volunteer Federation delegates. This information was to enable them to write the report that they had to submit on behalf of our region.

Sadly, not one club did this and I had to help the delegates out by writing the report myself, using the limited information that I had.

Can't we do better? Can't I have some help? It is discouraging!

Square Dance Promotion is Work....and Fun

Promoting Square Dancing should be an all year-long activity for all of us - but it is hard work. We often run out of ideas. Well, here is a good idea - check out the Pinterest Boards that have been created for us by the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society (CSRDS). Pinterest boards are online bulletin boards where pictures, videos, posters, newsletter links and so much more have been posted to help us out.

Thanks to the hard work of Rachele Cournoyer and Claudia Littlefair, who established a Pinterest account for the CSRDS, we have hundreds of ideas (pins) available in one place for us to look at and use. The ideas are sorted into Bulletin boards so they are easy to locate.

You can find ideas on such things as:

- Dance Theme nights
- Posters, videos
- Callers and Music
- Clogging, Contra
- International square dancing
- Great dance websites
- Dance newsletters and magazines
- History information on square dancing
- Dancing with the Handicapped
- Round Dancing
- Provincial Associations

.....and lots more.

You will need a Pinterest account of your own in order to see the CSRDS Pinterest page but it is easy and free. Just go to **[pinterest.com](https://www.pinterest.com)**. and sign up by providing an email address and creating your account.

Once you are set up with a Pinterest account, go to **<https://www.pinterest.com/canadiansquarea/>** and start exploring the bulletin 'boards' and the 'pins' that are posted on them.

Check back often, because new things are constantly being added to the boards and the collection of ideas for us to use will continue to grow.

Warning - Make sure you have a lot of time available when you first go to the the CSRDS Pinterest page because you will be exploring there for hours. It is fascinating!

REGION REFLECTIONS

Stampede Whirlaways -Williams Lake

by Gil McCall

We recently held our annual March Merriment Pie Night. It was a huge success and another article in this edition will give you all the details. As a matter of interest, I was looking through old editions of Cariboo Connection and found that on Pie Night in 2009, we raised in the neighborhood of 460-dollars for the Child Development Center. Just wait 'til you see this years total. Wow...what a big jump!

Recently CDC head honcho **Nancy Gale** visited us for the cheque presentation. Nancy outlined the progress of the CDC and told us about something relatively new. And that is working with kids who suffer from ADHD.

My research tells me that ADHD stands for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and it affects about ten percent of school-age children. Boys are about three times more likely than girls to be diagnosed with it, though it is not yet understood why. Youngsters with ADHD tend to act without thinking, are hyperactive, and have trouble focusing. They may understand what's expected of them but have trouble following through because they can't sit still, pay attention, or focus on details. This all hurts a child's ability to function socially and academically. The good news is that with proper treatment, kids with this disorder can learn to successfully live with and manage their symptoms.

I'm beating the drums now for our annual Mainstream Jamboree coming up May 26 to 28. It's a SAFARI EXPEDITION this year and we look forward to welcoming dancers from around the Province. There's lots of dryland parking space right outside the hall or the fully equipped Stampede Parking area is real close. See the poster ad in this paper for all the details. I bet you that **Nick and Mary Anne Turner** and guest caller **Dustin McGifford** are working hard to find music to fit the theme!

Many of our members are currently working out details for upcoming vacation trips. For reasons of security, I will not tell you who is going where or when. But as they return I'm sure there will be plenty of good stories to be related by my successor.

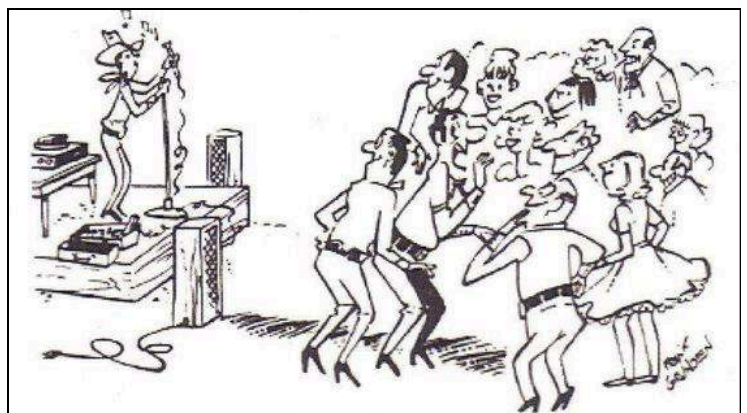
Yes, this is my swan song as the reporter for the Cariboo Connection. I've enjoyed doing this for several years and feel it's time to turn it over to someone else. The only tough thing about the job is deciding what to write about. Like...the deadline is three days away and what the heck am I going to include this time around?

Many thanks to editors Mary Anne and Nick for their grammar guidance and spell-checking. I'm sure the powers that be will try to find someone younger...but in this case that should be easy. Madge keeps reminding me that there aren't many people older than us! Geez...I think that is rude... BUT it is true.



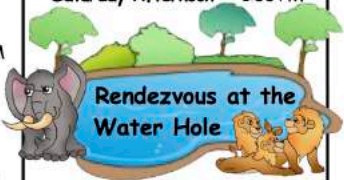


Speaking of swans:

A swan walks into a drugstore and buys some chapstick. The clerk says "will that be cash or charge"? The swan replies..."oh heck, just put it on my bill".

Ooh, that's for the birds.



**"Let's really confuse him tonight.
...We'll dance what he calls."**

<p>Williams Lake May 26-28, 2017</p> <p>"A Safari Expedition" Mainstream Jamboree</p> <p>Weekend Package \$45.00 each</p> 		
<p>↓ ↓ ↓</p> <p>Note our LOCATION</p> <p>The Long House (Upper Left side of Stampede Grounds, near the Curling Rink)</p> <p>At intersection of Hwy 97 and Hwy 20, turn on to Hwy 20.</p> <p>Take first exit right on to Mackenzie Avenue.</p> <p>Turn right on to 7th Avenue (just in front of Auto Pro sign) and go up the hill. Turn right on Pinchbeck St.</p> <p>Go almost to end of street and the hall driveway will be on your left.</p> <p>For Info Dana 250-392-3066 dball@telus.net</p> <p>Nick 250-392-2432 nmturmer@telus.net</p> <p>Free dry camping at the hall but the WL Stampede Campground is located very near by. Reservations are likely needed. See www.williamslakestampede.com/campground</p>	<p>Friday - Rumble in Jungle - \$8.00 each</p>  <p>7:30 PM Pre-Rounds 8:00 PM Mainstream Dancing</p> <p>Caller: Nick Turner Cuer: Mary Anne Turner</p>	
	<p>Saturday Morning 10:00 - 11:30 AM</p> <p>Enjoy a Round Dance Social with Mary Anne and Nick Turner Phase II+</p> <p>\$6.00 each</p>	<p>Saturday Afternoon 1:30 PM</p> <p>Rendezvous at the Water Hole</p>  <p>Safari Treats and Mainstream Fun with caller: Dustin McGifford</p> <p>\$8.00 each</p>
		<p>Saturday Evening 6:00 PM</p>  <p>Supper at the Whirlaways Funky Monkey Bistro</p> <p>\$16.00 each</p>
	<p>Saturday Night - The Serengeti Swing</p> <p>7:30 PM Pre-rounds with Mary Anne Turner</p>  <p>8:00 PM Mainstream Dancing with Our Featured Caller: Dustin McGifford</p> <p>\$10.00 each</p>	
	<p>Guest Callers and Cuers welcome on Sunday</p> <p>Sunday - Enjoy a Continental breakfast and casual dancing before leaving. "See you later, Alligator!"</p> <p>\$6.00 each</p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM - Breakfast is Served 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Mainstream Dancing</p>	



Williams Lake Jamboree

You don't have to register ahead but.....

we would like to know you are coming so we can correctly plan for refreshments and the main meal. Just send an email to one of these people or make a phone call.

dball@telus.net 250-392-3066

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250-392-2432

March Merriment Pie and Ice Cream Night by Anne Christie

Raisin, banana cream, strawberry, apple, lemon meringue, pumpkin, bumbleberry, cinnamon buns, lemon tarts, chicken pot pies and more!! On March 4th, the Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways held their annual fundraiser for the Child Development Center. We had over 30 club members participating, and were also very pleased to welcome four guests from Lac La Hache.

There were up to four squares dancing to Nick's calls and **Bill Cave** was the guest caller for the evening and did a great job with "American Pie" and "Ghost Chickens in the Sky". The club was also treated to a wonderful duet "Play Me Some Rag" by **Nick and Mary Anne**. Dancers enjoyed trying something new with the Double Square dance (a square within a square), which was actually easier than anticipated!

About 20 pies (and tarts and buns) were baked by club members and either served with ice cream after the dancing, or put on the auction block with Nick as our able auctioneer. Bidding was brisk with at least four pies going for more than \$50 apiece. The top bid of the evening though was reserved for **Mary Anne's** famous chicken pot pies.

All of the proceeds from admission, the pie auction, and donations, totaling a whopping \$1,049, were donated in their entirety to the Child Development Center.

Prince George Northern Twisters by Dolores Young

Julie, who usually writes for the newsletter has been in Taiwan for the last two months. Her son was in a motorcycle accident and she is still there caring for him.

Ken Sipes called our Robbie Burns Dance in January. He is a very smooth caller and did some fun things with us : Star the Route, Six couple Squares and his yodeling song (can be seen on the Internet). Roy, in all his regalia: kilt, sword, lace, gave a toast to the haggis. We enjoyed a fabulous roast beef dinner. Thank you Cath & Gervin for staying at the hall all day to cook the roast. Susan & Neil did a superb job with the decorations. It was a very enjoyable day.

St. Patrick's Dinner Dance was held on a regular Monday. We had Irish stew and soda bread, salads and dessert. As is our custom on Party nights, guest callers and cuers: Jolanda, Dolores and Don performed along with Gys and Gary.

Gys is moving along quickly with our beginners. Gary is cueing a round dance between each tip. He has included rumba into our repertoire to follow up on the workshops we

have attended.

Dancers dressed up for our 50/60's night. Orange and root beer floats were served at break and all that FUN music was played.

Ben Panter came to St. Patrick's Dance with flashing LED shoes. They change colour with a click near the ankle and of course he had the Green on. (Shinmax - focus on LED shoes) Myrtle was so enchanted that he ordered her a pair and arrived with them this week. We could dance in the dark with those shoes.

Chris MacDonald spent two months in Los Ayala with a party of twelve. They went hiking, held barbecues, potluck meals, games nights. She had broken her wrist five weeks prior to the trip . A nurse in the group coached her in Ocean Physio to get back the use of her hand and to strengthen her wrist.

We're working towards our 60th Jamboree. Gys wants to see 1000 people there! See you on the dance floor.



Prince George Jamboree

•If you wish to attend the supper on Saturday night, you must make a reservation before May 20, 2017.

•The Saturday Night Theme is purple and white (our club colours).

•No Need to Pre-register ahead of time for workshops and dances.

•Region 5 Meeting will be 9:00 A.M. at the Jamboree venue.

Accommodations:


- Billeting – call Reta 250-962-2740

- Dry Camping on site

- Hartway RV Camping across the road – full hook ups, hot showers, WIFI, coin laundry included. 1 night \$38, 2 nights \$70- 7729 South Kelly Road ph. 250-962-8848


- Grama's Inn Rooms; 2 queen beds, 4 people allowed for the same price \$85 per night. Check out website: www.gramasinn.com. 901 Central St., P G

Come and join the Northern Twisters for our 60th Jamboree!




LOOKING BACK:

June 2, 3, and 4th, 2017 in Prince George




Featuring:



Jerry Jestin


And





Murray Few

Venue: Hart Pioneer Centre

2nd Friday	7:30pm - 8:00pm	Pre-rounds	
	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Mainstream dance	\$15
3rd Saturday	10:00am - 12:00 noon	Rounds	\$12
	1:00pm - 3:00	Mainstream	\$12
	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Plus	\$12
	7:30pm - 8:00pm	Pre-rounds	
	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Mainstream dance	\$15
4th Sunday	10:00am	Trail out dance	No charge
		Panel of callers and cuers	No charge




Not included in Weekend Package price:

Saturday 6:00pm Dinner	\$18.00	Reserve dinner by May 20 phone Glenda 250-563-7743
Sunday 9:00am Breakfast at the Hart	\$8	Web page: www.northerntwisters.ca

Dry Camping is available on site. Billeting is available call Reta 250-962-2740



Venue: Hart Pioneer Center, 6966 Hart Highway, Prince George, B.C.

Directions: Follow Highway 97 North through Prince George, approximately 10 Km from 5th and Central Street. Once you pass by the Hart Mall on the left, watch for signs on the right- Hart Pioneer Center is right beside a Pentecostal Church. Check Northern Twisters' Square Dance Club on Facebook!

Fort St James News by Dolores Young

Dave Riske organized a small group who were interested in square dancing in Fort St. James. We meet Sunday evening, 6:30-8:00, at the Anglican Church. By Christmas time we were dancing Square Thru and Swing Thru. The dancers wanted some review.

Since then, we have had new people show up a bit sporadically every week, so the more experienced dancers are getting lots of review and are becoming Angels in their very first year.

Thank you to **Nick Turner** who has given me help and materials to start me off teaching and learning to call.

Mile-0-Grand Squares, Dawson Creek by Bernie and Jean Smith

We had a good year. Seven new dancers joined our club, and three others came for a short time then decided to quit. Our new dancers are very excited and are planning to recruit some of their friends to join us in September when our new season starts.

We were invited to do a demo dance in Spirit River, Alberta, just across the border from Dawson Creek. We were able to take a full square plus a few extras.

The Mile Zero Grand Squares will have our end of season dance on March 27th. We are having a pizza supper provided by the club, and members will provide the desserts. Supper will be served at 6:30, followed by square dancing, rounds and contra.

We plan to attend the Williams Lake Jamboree, and the Prince George Jamboree. Hope to see you all there.

Lac La Hache and South Cariboo News

by Bill Rose

We don't have a lot to report but thought that we should let everyone know that we are still active! We started out dancing one day per month and have now graduated to two days per month - second and fourth Mondays. We confirm our next date each time and dance pre-rounds 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. and squares from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Last Monday, March 13th, we had an odd thing happen: we had more men than ladies and in fact we were short on ladies. **Ron Boehm** and **Bill Rose** took turns dancing the reverse roles to allow our square to keep going. It was very interesting and with the exception of a few near head-on collisions, we made it through the day successfully.

If anyone is planning on joining our Monday group in Lac La Hache we suggest that you phone first to make sure that we will be dancing. Call Laverne McLean 250-396-7322 or Helen Hall 250-396-4311.

We are working to get a group together to attend the Williams Lake "Safari Expedition" Jamboree on May 26th to 28th. Looking forward to the event!

A special thanks from **Helen and Henry Hall** and **Bill and Marilyn Rose** to **Bill and Jan Cave**, **Dana Ball** and **Karen Piffko** for volunteering to take over the delegate positions for Region 5 and attend the BC Federation Board of Director's meeting in Abbotsford.

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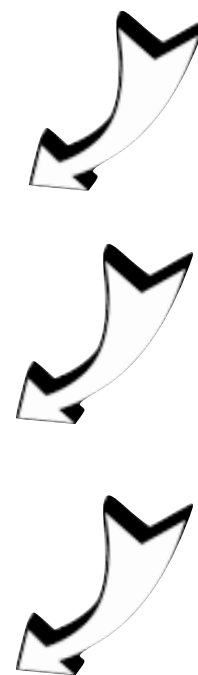
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20th Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention



Vanderhoof Drifting Squares by Sandi Jespersen

We've come up with a "temperature regulation". When the temp falls to -25C at 4 pm, then we call Gys to cancel his trip out to Vanderhoof and also 'phone people to say "no dance tonight". So far we've had to cancel once and not because of the temperature..... the temperature that night was dubious, but we couldn't get enough dancers because of illness etc. Everyone had a night off, but we caught Gys in his driveway leaving for the "Hoot". Everything works out if you let it. Dancers have been good about letting us know if they can't make it to dance. The Face Book page has been good for that. Then the few that don't have computers use the old stand by..... the land line.

In February we had our Valentine's Day dance but I had dinner at our pot luck and then headed home to bed. I got a horrible cold from one of the students and as of today, March 22, I am still suffering with it. I don't think I'm alone. I've heard from a great many people who get this nasty winter cold that it comes back several times. I'm on my third go round for this one. Stay healthy everyone.

So for about a month, **Dolores and Gys** did the work to run the tips. I did a little patter once I had a little voice, but after losing my voice for 6 days (completely!) I was glad to do a little "talking" and get back to dance. I do thank Dolores and Gys for taking over when I just wasn't able to do it.

Thanks to **Lorna Beatty** for bringing her "world famous" chocolate fountain. We look forward to it every year about this time.

I was happy to have **Yolanda VanDyk** from Prince George dancers come and call for us on February 9th. Nice to have 4 callers in February for our dance. We really enjoyed it.

Thanks to **Laura Ruiter** for working with very young children and home schoolers and getting them ready to dance with our New Dancers group. They are using the Moving and Grooving Programme. Two of their dancers, **Danielle and Rachel**, danced in our New Dancers session tonight and were excited to learn some new square dance moves. Thanks for coming out.

It's so nice to have Laura "grooming" the next generation of dancers for our group to "adopt" soon.



Gys Koops, Yolanda VanDyk, Dolores Young, Sandi Jespersen calling for the Drifting Squares - Feb. 9

So we had our St. Pat's Dance while I was "squeaking" and doing patter. Our New Dancers are moving along quite well. We are now down to 2 dancers and they are working very hard at all the new moves. Thanks to **Ankie Nellen and Heather Stevens** for hanging in there and doing so well.

and now here we are Spring! We still have our Birthday Dance (which has been moved to March 30th because we couldn't get enough dancers to come out for the planned one in April. This way Gys will be there too.

We will have our last dance on May 11th. Both the birthday dance and the final dance will have 3 callers/cuers - Dinner at 5:30, Rounds at 6:30 and Squares at 7:00. Come if you can.

We are also dancing at the Nechako Manor (extended care unit) on April 13. We always have a good turnout from our dancers for this and the residents enjoy the music and dancing.

Summer (what's that?) will bring a few of our dancers to the Williams Lake and Prince George Jamborees. Not sure who is going, but we usually have a few that go.

*** Note.... because we are not sure of the dancers that will be able to attend our regular dances in April - Spring Break is the first 2 weeks of April here - if you are thinking of coming to dance in Vanderhoof, please call ahead (Sandi 250-567-2088) to be sure we are having a dance that night. We will try to have a dance every Thursday, but no promises. See you on a dance floor.

Bits n' Pieces

Chickens Here and Chickens There !

Last week we laughed a lot during the evening and it was mostly because our squares were broken down and we were running around like chickens trying to decide who went where. It seemed that the more we tried to fix things, the funnier it was and the 'behinder' we got.

Broken squares happen at any square dance club but the secret to continuing to have fun is not to play the blame game. It doesn't matter whose fault it was and standing around arguing doesn't fix anything.

There is a recommended way to solve the broken square problem, however. We have probably all heard it at one time in our dance life but we need reminding from time to time.

If your break down is in a Patter call, the advice is

1. Go home quickly
2. Heads couples slide over next to the Side couple, nudging them over to the right until you have nice facing lines. Now you can resume dancing at the next point where the caller says "You have normal lines" or "Lines go forward and back."
3. You probably will not come out with your partner at the end this way, but at least you can keep dancing and you can fix partners and corners when the sequence is finished.

If your break down is in a Singing Call, the advice is

1. Go back to the home position with any lady, preferably your next corner, and wait for the "Swing and Promenade" or "Allemande Left" call. You won't have to wait long, 99% of all singing calls have these commands seven times through the song!



Some Square Dance Daffynitions:

PARTNER: That person who is looking for you while the other couples are Promenading.

CORNER: That person who will soon be your partner, but by the time you realize it, is already your opposite.

RIGHT & LEFT GRAND: A frantic search for partners.

DIVE THRU: A means by which the caller discover how many dancers are wearing wigs.

Cloverdale, B.C. Hopes to B.C.'ing You

by Jean Galbraith BC Festival Advertising

B. C. Is hosting a great opportunity for all dancers in the region to meet friends, dance to a wealth of callers and cuers, enjoy our amenities, and have a great square dance vacation from July 5 right through to July 9, 2017, and all you need to do to join the fun is invest a bit of time in checking out our website (listed below), and register on line. It's that easy. Or pop a form in the mail, and you're set.

In July, our B.C. square and round dancers are setting up the final plans to welcome you all to a Festival guaranteed to provide memories of fun and friends for a long, long time. To start off our festivities, we have arranged a great Official **Trail-In Dance** on Wednesday, July 5, right on the Cloverdale Rodeo Grounds, in Shannon Hall, a lovely hall with wood flooring just made for dancing. The fun starts at 7:00 p.m. with Pre-Rounds, and Square & Round dancing to a panel of callers from 7:30-9:30 p.m. This costs only \$6 adults/\$3 youth under 21, and directions to the hall are

located on our website at

www.bcfestival2017.squaredance.bc.ca.

Our first day of the Festival activities will be Thursday, July 6, and we hope you bring your club banner and join in the Banner Parade for the Grand March! Our programmers have lined up over 33 callers and cuers to give us all an entertaining three days of dancing to our favourite levels, and our decorations crew will have a sunrise and sunset theme for our enjoyment in the two main halls. There will be a large choice of snacks and beverages available in the halls, and numerous restaurants within walking distance as well. And why not place an ad in our program, letting the dancers in our area know that your club is proud to participate, and mention your future dances. We are expecting visitors from all over our province, and other provinces as well, and many visitors from the USA, and even from Australia. Contact valleycircle@shaw.ca if you are interested. Our fun continues until Closing Ceremonies on Saturday night, July 8, but it doesn't finish there, because...

We must have a **Trail-Out Dance** to close the whole affair, and swap stories and emails with our new-found friends, and what better place than at Abbotsford, right next door to Cloverdale, in the ASAA Hall, 33889 Essendene Ave., Abbotsford. Square and Round dancing there will be from 1:30-4:00 p.m., with a panel of callers entertaining us some more, and the cost for this will be \$6 (\$5 if you're an ASAA member), and \$3 for youth under 21. Again, our website (see above) has the map

and directions on it. This hall has a great dance floor, used weekly by one of our local clubs, and is also the meeting site for many B.C. Federation meetings and dances, so be prepared to enjoy a great end to a fabulous vacation, and maybe the start of many more.

And please consider our other special events – Williams Lake "Safari Expedition" 59th Mainstream Jamboree will be held on May 26-28. See the poster on Page 3.

Northern Twisters 60th Anniversary on June 2-4 in Prince George has Jerry Jestin & Murray Few lined up for a great weekend, contact www.northerntwisters.ca, and the Chase The Fun event, June 16-18, is always a great time as well, contact 250-675-5375, or email gnaison@telus.net.

In August, specifically Aug. 9-12, in Penticton, B.C.

B. C. Is hosting the Peachfest Square Dance Festival, featuring the world-famous Aquaducks dance along with a full dance program and a chance to participate in the Peachfest Parade. Contact 250-493-4248, or email reanderson@shaw.ca or peachfestival@hotmail.com. This would be a perfect time to check out B. C.'s beautiful interior region after you've met us at the coast.

After all, word is out that our next B.C. Festival is planned for 2019 in the beautiful B. C. Interior, a tourist's and a dancer's delight, from the majestic mountain ranges to the streams and rivers and lakes with that fresh mountain water, to our friendly interior towns and cities. In other words, we want you to come visit us, and we welcome you back again to repeat the fun.

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Another Idea for a Theme Night Dance

The Waggoners Square Dance Club in Hertingfordbury, England held a party with the theme of "Come As You Were When the Ship Went Down"



Hertingfordbury is a small village in Hertfordshire, England. For this special theme, dancers were asked to imagine they were a passenger, or one of the crew, on a luxury cruise liner when the call went out, "Abandon Ship!"

Examples were given as to where they may have been: in the ballroom; in a fine dining restaurant; in the pool; making the beds; cooking or serving food; gambling in the casino or even captaining the vessel and they were asked to join in the fun by coming dressed as they would have been on that night.

All of their singing calls were sea or water related and included "Barnacle Bill the Sailor" and "My Heart Will Go On" (*the love theme from the film "Titanic"*).

Most dancers joined in with costumes ranging from crew members to first class passengers.

One came as an engineer while another was having a shampoo and set in the beauty salon.

One couple imagined that they had only just started to undress, so came with their top half in evening clothes and pyjama trousers!

One dancer had a French maid outfit, complete with garter.

One came dressed as if she were a children's nanny.

The ship's cook bumped into two passengers who had a piece of wreckage to hang on to.

Towards the end of the evening, we found a man dressed as a woman hoping to get into a lifeboat first. All in all, it sounds like it was great fun.

Prince George Dancer Travel News

by Laurel McKirdy

I recently went on a trip to Guatemala, and really enjoyed it.

The first week I spent at a Spanish Language school in a small community. It was a home-stay program with 4 hours of one-on-one teaching in a garden setting. They had several small buildings, just roof, and open to the outside and three of them were on the roof with a thatched roof for shade.

I really enjoyed the setting and the process ---did not have trouble hearing and worked at whatever pace I could manage. In the afternoons we were free to study or just roam around the community (and take a siesta.)

The next 12 days were spent on a tour with Horizons of Friendship. They are an organization based in Cobourg, Ontario that has worked with people in central America and Mexico for about 45 years. We were a small group of 10 people with 2 leaders who translated for us.

We visited the archaeological sites at Tikal and Yaxha to begin with, then visited several groups that Horizons have been working with and heard from them about the work they are doing. I was very interested in the projects where they are teaching the weaving and I loved the markets and all the lovely colours.

I was also very interested in visiting the maternal health clinic and hearing about the very large project they are beginning, to teach more midwives and integrate the care with the medical system and with respect for cultural practices.

They are mostly working with the Mayan people in the rural areas.

We also visited one school where they are teaching one of the Mayan languages. I really enjoyed the opportunity to meet ordinary people there and visit more rural areas, and it was an opportunity to learn more about the Mayan culture.

Dancing Without a Caller

In our region, we have some clubs that are dancing without a caller. They have amassed a collection of CDs, DVDs, our Moving and Grooving Program www.movingandgrooving.squaredance.bc.ca etc. and are using them to host their dance evenings.

I have found another resource that might be useful to these clubs. It is a website located at <http://squaredanceland.com>

This is the website of Chuck Veldhuizen, an American Hall of Fame Square Dance caller. This website might also be useful to Home School groups and it would help those who would like to host a square dance party and introduce your non-dancer friends to square dancing. Perhaps you could use it for fun at a family reunion.

On this webpage, go to the left hand side of the page and click on the link called “**Learn to Dance Downloads.**”

There you will find patter and singing call tips of square dancing that you can listen to. Caller, Chuck Veldhuizen, instructs people right from square one and leads them through a fun dance experience with the basics.

On this page Chuck writes “Simply hook your computer up to a good set of speakers (use an amplifier for larger groups) and you are ready to select any of the singing calls available here. You can also download the music to your computer and burn your own music for Record Dances, etc.”

It is interesting - give it a listen. Let us know how it goes if you decide to use it.

Thompson-Shuswap Square & Round Dance Association

Chase the Fun 2017

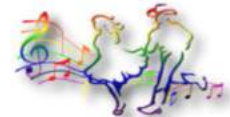
June 16 - 17 - 18

Please note: new Venue in Chase
Adams Lake Recreation & Conference Centre
6349 Chief Jules Drive <http://alrcc.net>

Our Caller
Steve Edlund



Cuers Sandy & Merv Meyer



Weekend Pass \$40
if registered by May 15 - \$45 after that date
Includes continental breakfast Sat. & Sun.
Catered Dinner \$20
Dry Camping \$5 per night

Please send cheque (Canadian funds)
Made payable to: Thompson - Shuswap Square & Round Dance Assoc.
c/o George & Nancy Alison, 3533 eagle Bay Rd. Blind Bay, BC V0E 1H1
or register online at www.chasethefun.com
For further info: 250-675-5375 or gualison@telus.net

for directions to the Hall
and schedule details go to:
www.chasethefun.com

The ‘Run’ and ‘Cross Run’ Confusion

On the website of the Timberline Toppers, Frisco, California, there is a square dance ‘advice’ columnist named Matilda (alias -Dan Schweitzer). Below is her advice on the ‘run’ and ‘cross run’ confusion.

Dear Matilda,

What do I do when my guy runs? --Getting run-around, Breck

Dear G.R.A.B.,

Don't worry, he won't go far. Just give him a little room. You'll find him on your other side and a bit turned around. Now, if he turns up next to that other gal off to your side, that's a Cross Run, he's left you. But don't be cross, slide over and make room for the new guy!

How Would Your Club Score ?

When new dancers are asked what made them try square dancing, many respond that they were looking for a sociable activity, a place to make new friends while having fun.

With this in mind, check out the article below and see how your club would score on the Friendliness Scale. (This article is Adapted from "Pointers for Club Leaders -- How Friendly Are We?" October 1997 Missouri State 4-H Newsletter.)

HOW FRIENDLY ARE WE?

A couple (or single), looking for a square dance club to join, devised the following point system —

If someone smiled at them - 10 points

If someone sitting near them, greeted them - 10 points

If someone told them their name - 100 points

If someone asked them to come back - 200 points

If someone introduced them to another couple - 1,000 points

If someone introduced them to the caller - 2,000 points

They visited eighteen clubs. Using the point scale, none of the clubs had more than 100 points!

Their conclusion

The club may be meaningful, do great things for their community, and be active and friendly, but when a visitor finds that no one cares whether or not he/she is there, that visitor is not likely to come back, let alone join your club.

If a visitor came to your next square dance, what rating would they give your club?

At the beginning of each new year we may see many new faces at club dances and clubs we are visiting. Everyone has the responsibility to make sure that these new faces are made to feel welcome. It takes at least two years to understand the finer points of square dancing, even longer sometimes to understand club organization and member/officer responsibilities and realize the true benefits of being part of the program.

In the meantime, we need to make sure new faces are made to feel a part of the group.

SPIRIT OF THE DANCE

It isn't the place we go to dance,
Nor the fabulous dresses, nor the fancy pants,
Nor the really fine caller with the finishing touch,
That makes this the dance that we love so much.
It's the spirit you have and the friendly smile,
It's the circle of friendship that gives it style,
It's the friendly touch of another hand,
As you dance around in a Right & Left Grand.

Author unknown

Keep Your Dance Shoes On, Folks.

Although the dance season in Region 5 may be coming to an end - keep your dance shoes handy.

Throughout this issue there are ads for various dances that will be taking place this Spring and Summer. **They will only be successful if you support them.** Without support, these events will die out.

Of special interest to Region 5 are:
Williams Lake Safari Jamboree - May 26-28, 2017
Prince George 60th Jamboree - June 2-4, 2017

Hope to see you there. Let's party together!



REGION 5 DANCE SCHEDULE 2017

(We have tried to be accurate but suggest phoning to confirm the event before travelling.)

WHEN	WHERE	EVENT	CALLERS/ CUERS
March 30, 2017	Vanderhoof	Drifting Squares 14th Birthday	Gys, Dolores, Sandi
May 26-28, 2017	Williams Lake	59th Spring Jamboree - Safari Expedition Theme	Dustin McGifford, Nick and Mary Anne Turner
June 2-4, 2017	Prince George	Spring Jamboree Weekend 60th Anniversary !	Murray Few and Jerry Jestin
June 16-18, 2017	Chase	Chase the Fun Square & Round Dance Weekend	Steve Edlund, Sandy Meyer, and Mariann Sandford
July 6-8, 2017	Cloverdale	BC Festival 2017	Many Callers & Cuers
Aug 9-12, 2017	Penticton	12th Peachfest Jamboree	Many Callers & Cuers

Once again - We all owe thanks to these people

- * our callers and cuers for their time and dedication
- * our members who serve on executives (local and regional)
- * our members who write for the Cariboo Connection
- * those members who support the club by turning up for dances, parades, demos and to help the new dancers
- * those members who work on the refreshment/kitchen committee
- * those who help with the setup and cleanup for a dance event
- * those who help the caller and cuer with their equipment

It's true that many hands make light work and square dancers throughout our region generally make a great team. Next season, try to be a part of this team. It'll make you feel good and your help will be most appreciated.

That's a Wrap for This Season !

This edition wraps up the 18th year of the Cariboo Connection Newsletter. Thank you to those who contributed to the 3 issues this year.

There are many more of you out there that we haven't heard from, however - especially new dancers and callers and cuers. Perhaps next season you will summon up the courage to write an article.

There are lots of possible topics - tell about a dance event you went to, share ideas for a theme dance, share recruitment ideas or successes, thank someone in the dance world, etc.

We look forward to hearing from you next October.

For information on dancing around the province, remember to use the website provided by the BC Square and Round Dance Federation

www.squaredance.bc.ca

or call the InfoLine at
1-800-335-9433



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