



### *Are You Lively? Get it on Video!*

ARTS - The Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance - is a newly awakened organization that is making intelligent plans to revitalize Square, Round and Traditional Dancing.

Take a look at their website: <http://www.arts-dance.org> - there's some really interesting information there that gives you a bigger picture of our Square Dance world. Take special note of the Re-imaging section.

One of their objectives is to re-image square dancing as a **lively** activity rather than one most associated with 'old folks' - hence the Live Lively Square Dance Slogo that many of us are displaying in our car windows.

Another objective is to use electronic media for publicizing our activity and to join the amazing explosion of "home grown" videos on YouTube. Information on this project was shared with some of the Williams Lake dancers and with people we met on our dance travels - with happy results:



A big thank you to **Glen Davidson** of the **Stampe Whirlaways** who did a super job making a video clip for Mary

Anne to send to the Live Lively ARTS group. He videoed himself sitting on his whitewater raft with the message: "I love whitewater rafting and I LOVE square dancing!"



Thanks also to **Bob and Dorothy Simpson** from The Wheel Arounds Club on Vancouver Island who made a 30 second video of them hiking in the mountains with a similar message.

These videos help show the world that Square Dancers are active, lively people with many different pursuits. Why not make one yourself? It could show you gardening, cycling, bowling, curling, swimming, jogging, walking, birding. You could be reading, painting, doing crafts, quilting, sculpting, building a hotrod, creating a treehouse.

We could make a collection of HD videos for our Region's Club websites. All that is needed is a 30 second High Definition video ending with words like, "I'm a (name the activity you enjoy) and I LOVE TO SQUARE DANCE." If you make such a video, send it to Mary Anne Turner [nmtturner@telus.net](mailto:nmtturner@telus.net)



*The Executive of the  
B.C. Square and Round Dance  
Federation  
would like to wish you and your family  
a very Merry Christmas  
and a healthy and happy New Year  
with lots of fun-filled dancing.*

**Ken Crisp, Bill Wood, Gord Ruedig,  
Pat Zeeman and Wendy Krueger.**

## STAMPEDE WHIRLAWAYS 57th JAMBOREE

Jolly Old England Theme



What do **King Henry VIII**, a **Suffragette**, and a **Beefeater** have in common? They were all seen entering the Long House during the weekend of May 22-24, 2015 to attend the Whirlaways 57th Annual Square Dance Jamboree and the theme this year was "Jolly Old England".

The dancers had transformed the Long House with scenes of cricket players, the Black Prince Tavern, Sherwood Forest, an English Village, Buckingham Palace, and Tower Bridge complete with a London taxi, and a double decker bus. Congratulations and thanks **Mary Anne Turner** for all the hard work in making the backdrops that covered every wall of the Long House and the stage.

Approximately 70 dancers attended the weekend from South Cariboo, Okanagan, Vanderhoof, Prince George and Williams Lake. There were many costumes fitting the theme but everyone was very surprised when our featured caller from Kelowna, **Dustin McGifford**, entered to call the Saturday evening dance dressed as a Beefeater. (His dad was Henry VIII and mom the Suffragette!)

During the weekend, **Dustin**, along with club caller, **Nick Turner** and cuer, **Mary Anne Turner**, provided 8 1/2 hours of dancing fun to a wide variety of tunes. Songs such as "Streets of London", "My Old Man's a Dustman", and "A Letter to the Beatles" added to the fun.

On Saturday morning there was a Round Dance Social with **Mary Anne** - an hour and a half of interesting dances mostly written by the Turners to fit the weekend theme.

The Saturday afternoon square dance was billed as a 'Royal Event.' The guests were treated to a performance by dancer, **Bill Cave**, dressed as the Queen complete with tiara and pearls. 'She' used the occasion to explain the proper etiquette for consuming a scone and the proper way to wave like she does. **Dustin** was her Prince Charming and consumed a scone under Her Majesty's instruction. Tea (in china cups



and saucers) and scones followed.

During the Saturday night intermission, the Williams Lake square dancers entertained the guests with a Canadianized English Morris Dance. With bells fastened to their knees and sporting black top hats, they jingled their way through a Morris routine using hockey sticks and featuring a lot of face-offs and cross checks accompanied by an accordion version of Stompin' Tom's "Good Old Hockey Game."

All in all, it was a weekend of great fun. **Susan Hunter**, from Prince George, commented, "This was a very enjoyable Jamboree. We would encourage our local dancers to watch for the 2016 Jamboree in Williams Lake. Every time we've attended one of their jamborees we have been amazed at the way the theme weaves its way through everything - decorations, food, music, clothing." Many photos and videos of the weekend fun have been posted on the Williams Lake Square Dancers' Facebook page for others to enjoy.

The Whirlaways thanked out-going president, **Marie Gibbons** and her husband, **Mike**, for 5 years of strong, supportive leadership. They were presented with a carved wooden sign for their home gatepost.

The Club would also like to thank **Heartland Toyota** for generously donating the use of a marquee tent for the weekend, along with a crew to put it up and take it down. Such community support is greatly appreciated.

### Thank You, Angels by Nick and Mary Anne Turner

Another Square Dance season has started and many clubs are several weeks into teaching new dancers. They come in all sizes, ages and abilities and they are the future for our clubs. We are especially grateful to the Whirlaway angels who come each Monday ready to help fill up a square and who often have to sit on the sidelines when they are not needed for a particular Tip. You are very special people and we are amazed at your patience, the generosity with your time and the way you help our new dancers learn how we square dance. Thank you! Thank you to *all* the experienced dancers in our Region's clubs who show up to help the newcomers and make their learning enjoyable. Your patience and help is appreciated - especially by the caller who doesn't always see everything that goes on in a square! At the end of a Tip, tell your caller if you think a move or two needs a further teach or which new dancer is having particular difficulty. You can also show a beginner a particular move during the break between Tips. If you have never been an angel, give it a try - it is really rewarding!

# REGION REFLECTIONS

## Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways

by Gil McCall

Firstly, a gigantic thank you to **Marie Gibbons** who served as our President for five years! What a great job she did and we all appreciate her efforts. Now, we welcome our new head honcho, **Dana Ball**. Dana is a dedicated worker and is looking forward to working with all members of our club. Let's all give her our help and support.

We're so happy to be dancing again, following a great summer. Our annual barbecue get-together was hosted this year by **Bill and Jan Cave** at their beautiful home in Kersley. The Caves have a big swimming pool in the back yard and it was utilized by many of our dancers as **Nick** called several 'water specials'. We also danced in the yard. Of course, we stuffed ourselves on the great variety of food. Yum, those ribs were great and those wieners huuuuuge!

We had a Whirlaways booth at the Fall Fair and were pleased to meet many potential dancers. Some, I'm sure, are amongst the good turnout at our beginner sessions now being held. Thanks go out to the Mainstreamers who show up and lend a hand at the newcomer sessions.

Upcoming specials include our Christmas dinner and dance party, December 5<sup>th</sup>....March Merriment (Pie Night) March 5, 2016....and of course, our Jamboree will happen May 27, 28 and 29/2016. The popular and talented **Dustin McGifford** will again be our guest caller. **Nick Turner** will call Friday evening, while **Mary Anne** ably handles the rounds for the weekend. (*See a special story in this edition regarding our past jamboree, Jolly Olde England.*)

Some members of our club are ardent travelers and have put on many, many miles around the world, but none can match the humungous holiday heroics of our very own JOE PASO! Back in 2002, the late **Jim Struthers** was President of the Whirlaways. Jim came up with the idea that we should have an ambassador who would travel around the world promoting our club. Thus, Joe Paso, our teddy bear was introduced. Resting comfortably in a special travel box made by **Orist Sharun**, Joe was passed to another club with a request they pass him on....and on and on and on to the dancers who attended from furthest away. Joe spent years traveling and visited places such as Austria, Germany, United States, Taiwan, New Zealand, Australia and others. When Joe returned home, his diary contained some very interesting notes.

*From Queensland, Australia... 'Joe is a great dancer - not even the slightest oops and always in the right place at the right time'.*

*From Upper Hill, New Zealand (July, 2003)... 'Joe Paso was guest of honor at our birthday dance. Our badge---showing the native bird 'fantail' is now attached to his ear'. Quoting Joe... 'Hey, I had a good sleep, despite all the things people keep putting in my travel house. I woke up refreshed and I hope I end up in a good place tonight'.*

*From Colonial Heights, Virginia, October 28, 2005... right now, Joe Paso is at the home of Betty Steward, being watched over by her 2 Tuxedo cats!*

*From Salisbury, Maryland, January 13, 2006....we received Joe November 20, 2005. After a couple of months, tonight we will pass him off to the person who travels furthest to our dance.*

*From Gilmer, Texas, May 27, 2006.....I will give Joe a short tour of East Texas before taking him to the National Convention in San Antonio.*

*From Taipei, Taiwan...April 7, 2007....Joe Paso is our guest at 3<sup>rd</sup>. Taiwan International Square Dance Convention. I got him in San Antonio in June, 2006. I will hand Joe over to Japanese friend or American caller whoever would like to take him home to Canada. Sorry, English poor but love square dancing. Signed Jennie Wang, Taiwan*

Caller Todd Fellegly did indeed bring Joe Paso to the USA and eventually shipped him home to Williams Lake. At the moment he is living comfortably with Mike and Marie Gibbons...AND.....will be making a personal appearance at our Child Development Centre very soon!

That was some kind of holiday...even for a cute little teddy bear. Way to go JOE PASO!

## **Lac La Hache Caribooters** by Bill Rose

Our first dance of the year started on September 28th, 2015. We had two squares in attendance. **Helen Hall** started us off with a half hour of round dancing followed by two hours of square dancing with **Dave Abbs**. Our dancers are coming from as far as Clearwater, B.C.

We are still dancing every Monday from 1:30 p.m. pre-rounds and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for squares. Feel free to join us at any time, your presence would be most appreciated.

On a sad note, we lost one of our founding members on April 22nd, 2015. **Hazel Parker** passed away peacefully at Carefree Manor in 100 Mile House at the age of 88 years. She was club President for many years and will be missed by all who knew her. A Celebration of Life was held in Lac La Hache, B.C. on August 22nd. On March 17th, 2015 we had danced at Carefree Manor where Hazel was presented a Lifetime Membership from the Lac La Hache Caribooters.

As our members are getting older our numbers are getting fewer. Our last few weeks, we were down to one square with a few left over to fill in. Hopefully now that the travel season is coming to an end we will get back to two squares again.

On July 10th, 2015, **Bill** and **Marilyn Rose** hosted a BBQ at their home on Timothy Lake for the Lac La Hache Caribooters. It was a potluck where the hamburgers and chicken was supplied by the Roses and the members brought salads and desserts. Nineteen members enjoyed a very sociable day.

In July, Bill and Marilyn travelled to Prince Rupert with their truck and 5th wheel trailer. En route (day 2) the truck started to act up around Quesnel. By the time we reached Prince George it was time to have the concern looked at. We stopped at Northland Dodge (with trailer attached). They said that they could look at the problem but as their lot was extremely overcrowded we would have to get rid of the trailer. We spent the night south of Prince George at the Sintich RV Park. We were able to continue our planned trip the next day. (\$550.00. to fix an electrical problem.)

We had planned to phone and visit with **Sandi Jesperson** and **Bob Fritchey** in Vanderhoof. While

en route from Prince George (about half way to Vanderhoof) we passed Bob's "BUS" heading towards Prince George so we knew they would not be home. We visited the National Historic site of Canada at Fort St James and then continued on our journey westward.

We spent three days in Prince Rupert. An interesting tour that we took was the National Historic Site "North Pacific Cannery" at Port Edward. Well worth the price of admission. Wonderful seafood in Prince Rupert - lunch at Cow Bay Cafe and supper at Dolly's Fish Market (best halibut ever tasted - highly recommended!)

We left Prince Rupert and travelled to Kitimat where we had hoped to tour the Rio Tinto smelter. Unfortunately tours had been cancelled due to major construction going on. We stopped that night at Lakelse Lake Provincial Park south of Terrace. What a nice site and the only night on our trip that we could sit out and enjoy the evening sunshine. The rest were either cloudy or raining.

We still had some time left on our schedule so we drove to Historic Barkerville. Two days were spent touring the site, taking in the Courthouse, attending the Theatre Royal shows and just relaxing. Arriving home after driving direct from Barkerville, we had to get back to our routine gardening chores. We are looking forward to our travels next year - in B.C. again.

**THANK YOU - All of us in Region 5 owe a debt of gratitude to our volunteer treasurer, Bill Cocker. He has just completed the fee collection process for this dance season with great patience and efficiency.**

**After the club treasurers finally submitted the fees, Bill had to complete 24 forms to submit on our behalf so that we could all dance knowing that our clubs, our dancers and our executives have 3rd party liability insurance. We are so lucky that people like Bill volunteer for tasks like this.**

**Vanderhoof Drifting Squares** by Sandi Jespersen

Since we closed down our 14/15 square dance year, many things have gone on. **Bob, Sandi, Jerita** and **Terry** went to the William's Lake Jamboree and danced quite a bit. Sandi's knee was giving her trouble so there was no dancing for her on Sunday but she did call a couple of tunes. We enjoyed the theme "Jolly Old England" very much. The entertainment was so much fun and we could sing along to the calling. **Jerita, Terry** and **Dave** were at the PG Jamboree as well. A nice way for them to end the dance season.

We have 22 people on our membership list! We haven't had that many for a few years. Good to see a square all the time on the floor. Because Sandi has been suffering with an arthritic knee, she is not dancing at the moment but usually we have enough without her and she gets to practise her calling more often. If we could just get everyone out to dance every week (I'm sure clubs say this all the time) then we would have 2 squares on the floor all the time. With only 9 Mainstream dancers (6 are men) it's hard.

In August the Drifting Squares danced at the Nechako Valley Fall Fair once again. Thank you to Prince George dancers for coming out and dancing with us. And we'd like to thank **Bernie** and **Jean Smith** for including our fall fair in their travel plans. It was fun to have 3 callers on the stage. **Gys Koops** had a schedule conflict for that weekend, so we were glad to have Bernie up to the plate.

In September, the Drifting Squares danced at the closing of the Fort St. James Historical Site. They danced alongside the Metis dancers and preceded their tips with a club potluck lunch. Something new for us. Again thanks to the PG dancers for adding to our numbers.

Now we are up and going and have 8 new dancers! Two are teens and 6 are adult dancers. Welcome to **Mike Tiedeman, Katherine** and **Mike Martens, Debra Brown** and her daughter **Jessica**, And **Laura's** daughter **Anessa Penner**. Welcome back to **Missy** and **Ian Neal** from Houston. Missy danced with us a few years ago (but she's still a beginner) and brings Ian as a new dancer to Vanderhoof. We have lots of beginning tips each evening and Sandi is working them through the "Moving and Grooving" program of teaching square dancing. Our "angels" are helping them get through many of the new (to them) moves and it is going well.

**Dolores** and **Gys** are calling Mainstream squares and Dolores is working one or couples through some more advanced rounds.

We have our second annual "Youth Night" on Oct 22 - we had 3 squares last year and we hope to have as many this year. Our Hallowe'en potluck and dance is on Oct 29. We are hoping to dance at Riverside Place in November and then we have our Christmas potluck and dance on Dec 10. We encourage dancers in the area to join us. Our beginners are up for the challenge of dancing with visitors.

Our late fall blazing weather has made it easy for us all to get out and dance - great exercise and super friendship and social building. Our two young dancers remind us to smile when we watch them. Their smiles are contagious and we remember what it was like to be a new (young) dancer. They have so much fun. See you all on our dance floor. We'd love to have you come and dance with us.

**ROUND DANCE CUERS - TAKE NOTE**

When Nick and I were dancing this summer, a cuer called a Waltz move named the **Interrupted Box** and we have come across it several times since then.

It would be a good idea to teach our round dancers this move. For the man, it is easy - he just dances 2 waltz boxes while leading the woman to a full right face underarm turn on measures 2 and 3.

For the woman - her steps are:

Measure 1 - she starts the box with the man  
W back R, side L, close R raising lead hands;

Measures 2 & 3 - she does a 2 measure right face turn to end facing man.

W forward L commencing RF turn

W continue 1/2 turn forward R, forward L;

W finish full turn forward R, forward L, forward R;

Measure 4 - she goes to closed position to finish a box with the man

W forward L side R, close L;

## **Prince George Northern Twisters** by Julie Skead

It feels good to be back to square dancing! Although we danced the last Monday of June, July, and August, our 'other' lives seem to direct our thoughts away from square and round dancing. Now we are back in the swing of things every Monday evening at Knox United Church hall, 5th and Brunswick.

We welcome **Gys Koops** back as our regular caller after his recovery from knee surgery. We thank **Don Hollis**, our round dance cuer and sometimes caller, for taking over when Gys couldn't come, and also thank **Dolores Young** and **Maurice Mingay** for stepping in to call and / or cue. We welcome Dolores' cheerful demeanor as our returning President and are thankful for all on the Executive for taking on other jobs.

Family and friends were invited by **Myrtle Nesbit** and daughter **Lyn** to their Salmon Valley home to remember **Eugene Nesbit**, who passed away in May. (25 Year Honorary Members) Myrtle and Lyn continue to dance and brighten a square.

**Randy** and family held a drop-in get-together at the family home here, to remember his mom, **Norma England** (Lifetime Member) who passed away in Kelowna. Many dancers and family friends reminisced, with the help of photo albums.

May found us doing demo squares 2 more times for Gateway, a beautiful seniors' housing and care complex.

Three from Prince George traveled, with costumes, to the Williams Lake Jolly Old England Jamboree at the end of May. (**Susan**, **Neil**, and myself). Too bad that conflicting plans and health issues prevented more from attending this really well done annual dancing event....well worth planning for it next year.

Our Spring Fling, in June, a barn dance theme, attracted people from 8 other communities. We saw members who have retired from dancing and some who had been off sick. We enjoyed the catered supper, the snacks, the breakfast. We sharpened up our awareness and opened all files as 4 squares danced to 9 callers/cuers on the Friday night....a real treat. Our guest caller/cuer, **Jerry Jestin**, from Arizona who grew up in Canada, challenged us and made us laugh. He gave a workshop and called a very special night of dancing. The round dancing was so beautiful to watch. We appreciate **Susan** and **Neil** and helpers who decorated with such

imagination and incentive. (There were barn beams and posts, and a life-sized cow that could be milked!)

On the Saturday there was a good turn out for a well-run (**Mary Anne Turner**) Region 5 AGM for all dancers, callers, and cuers, sharing information, ideas, concerns.

In August, 14 dancers from Vanderhoof, Dawson Creek, and Prince George entertained at the Vanderhoof Fall Fair - 3 callers. If you want an old time fair, take that in next summer - no rides, just a genuine 4H world, impressive logging events and more.

You could do this! **Mary Hunter**, **Glenda Matthews**, **Cindy** and **Ken Wolfe**, **Howard Ure** and **Gary** and **Barb Dean** traveled to Chase to dance in August....had lots of fun.

We remind regular dancers to make welcome in all ways, our nine new dancers as calls are introduced and taught and to take advantage of the review! We have 52 Mainstream dancers registered so far, 4 squares on any Monday. We are glad to see new faces, and happy also to see members return to such a rewarding pastime. We appreciate the dancers who regularly help with coffee and snacks, stacking chairs, cleaning the hall.

This Fall we manned an information table along with other groups in the mall for a weekend. Some dancers joined the Vanderhoof club to dance in Fort St. James at the museum site. We were invited to dance again for the Brunswick Seniors' Centre, at a supper.

We're looking forward to our Snowflake weekend with **Merv Meyer** and **Sandy Gregson-Meyer** from Kamloops, bringing encouragement, challenge, and genuine warmth ....workshops/ regular dancing/ supper... November 6th and 7th. Check out our website poster. 'Plus' and 'A' dancers meet to dance on Tuesday afternoons, coached by **Lorne Paulson**. Our hats off to you all.

Also, for those interested in a small group class, **Gary** and **Barb Dean** are teaching Round Dancing in the studio in their home on Tuesday evenings.

The Usual May Graduation time for our new dancers from Fall 2014 was put off for various reasons and will be celebrated in November.

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### PG Travelers

**Reta** went to a memorial service in June, for her dad, who had passed away at 96 in Kelowna. She tells of country dances on the prairies when the children went too....enjoying the rhythm of the music and falling asleep eventually on coats on the stage. Her folks took up square and round dancing after they retired. Her dad was still dancing at 95, and played crib right up until the end.

Here's a 'heads up'! Never take for granted that another driver is alert and respectful of the rules and, keep your own mind clear and aware when you are on the road. **Philip**, a disciplined defensive driver in his vehicle and on his bike, has been recuperating for months and his motorcycle is a write off. The driver of a vehicle didn't stop at a red light. Philip strongly advises motorcycle enthusiasts to wear good quality gear, as without his, he could have been in a wheelchair for the rest of his life! We look forward to Philip's recovery and return of his dedication to all dance styles.

**Emery** and **Gerry** spent a glorious Father's Day at the park with their '55 Buick Special 2-door hardtop (truly has 26,000 original miles!) amongst I would say 300 Show and Shine vehicles and 20,000 people!

I took in the annual Penticton Elvis Festival / Competition, one of 2 in Canada recognized by Elvis Enterprises, so qualifying to send winners on to such competitions as Memphis and Vegas. It is a rare singular focus for a weekend, lovely weather, high school friends. I was immersed in a part of my past and loved it. (One of the Elvis Tribute Artists, **Tyler Wagner**, of Surrey, is a square dance caller. )

**Kevin** and **Pearl** visited family in Victoria....planned on taking in Nanaimo's Square Dancing Festival but forest fires were an issue. Good to see dancers checking to see if events in other districts fit in with their plans.

If you are thinking of exploring The Far East one day, **Reta** and a friend found a great 15 day tour package of China. Spending 2 weeks after, in Vancouver, made the summer go by quickly.

**Ray L.** was on hand as conductor of the Railroad Museum's mini train for the Downtown Summer Fest, for Thomas (The Tank Engine) Days in July, and for the annual 4 day train rides in the Heritage area at our exhibition in August.

I traveled with my daughter and 3 grandchildren, to Savary Island, north of Powell River in August. One of my brothers rents a second cabin out by the week. It was good to spend time with him, his wife, their 3 teenage daughters.

What have **Gervin** and **Cathy** been doing since April? They spent a lot of time visiting with grandchildren; two in Grande Prairie, two in Edmonton and one in Vancouver. And, they got in some square dancing... a jamboree in Chase, our jamboree, two sessions at the Holiday Ranch outside Innisfail, Alta. with **Jerry Jestin** A1 and Mainstream, the Lacombe jamboree, for Plus A1 A2, and locally with **Lorne P.** for A2. Now they've settled back to our routine of square dancing, line dancing, Tai Chi, bridge, choir and the Theatre Northwest plays group. Puerto Vallarta and Thailand are in the works; retirement is so much fun!

**Cris M.** competed in the BC Senior Games in Burnaby....5 runs...medals as usual....a fit and really neat person!

September and October put me and siblings in our home town Dawson Creek for many weeks. Just before a 90th birthday celebration, (6 from in town, 45 from other places including my daughter and her children 12, 9, and 6.) Mom wrenched her back trying to move a loaded bookcase 'just a few inches'! So....2 week hospital stay (2 hour 'leave' for the catered dinner) then 'home time' regaining strength and learning to use a walker. Surprising and amazing how we can adjust so quickly to a sudden necessity that changes our lifestyle!

Say, did you know that **Neil** is a long time member of the Black Powder club? They are active all seasons. Our members are unique and interesting people...good reason to get to know each other.

**Gervin H., Maurice M., Ray L.,** and **Pat S.** are rehearsing weekly with the Forever Young Choir at the 10th Avenue Seniors' Center. Watch for their wonderful Christmas presentations.

Thank you to members, for submitting information for our newsletter. Keep it coming...write an article....tell a joke....keep us posted. (Your vacations give us ideas.....something to strive for!)

'Live Lively. - Square Dance'

Ask about getting peel-off stickers for your vehicle. Get our dance out there!



## Bits n' Pieces

### Travels with Sandi and Bob by Sandi Jespersen

July and August Sandi and Bob traveled for a month. From Vanderhoof to Dawson Creek (we ran into **Gys and Lynn Koops** in the first camp site) stayed with **Bernie and Jean Smith** for a few days, onto Westlock to visit one of Sandi's sister, to Okotos to visit Sandi's brother, Red Deer to friends' of Bob, and then into Saskatchewan.

We stayed in Piapot for 4 nights. Who knew there was so much to do in a town of 60! Maple Creek and the near-by Fort Walsh: quilt show in the local museum, great food in the restaurants, some shopping and my cousin was great at putting simple food on the table... BBQ almost every night.

Then to Moose Jaw. We left Piapot because the tornado weather had been following us. So we were in Moose Jaw and were victims of the edges of the storms on the east and west of us. We got a typical prairie lightning storm with 4" of rain in 6 hours! We couldn't leave our motorcoach because we would have need hip waders to get to the dry place. By lunch we were good to go.

Onto Yorkton. And then into Manitoba to take in the Ukrainian National Cultural festival in Dauphin Manitoba. A FULL day of warm weather, music, dancing and more dancing and good food. The amphitheatre had outstanding grand stand shows..... 2 of them!

Back to Yorkton, into N. Dakota and then into eastern Montana to visit Bob's niece for a few days. Her son is just past one and is growing so fast. I visited with an old college roommate and we travelled east stopping in Fort Benton (the town is a must see), and Missoula. Bob's cousin and her family are in a small farming community (Stevensville) and it was nice to stop and enjoy the summer heat and a sudden summer shower. East to Spokane (Bob's sister - thank goodness we have relatives!) Back into BC, Grand Forks, Clinton (stayed at our new favourite campsite with a Texas BBQ - we had our share of ribs on this trip -- yum!!!) and then home. A full month and it was a fun trip, no dancing however, and good to be back in my own bed.

Post script: My mom fell at the beginning of Sept. and broke her neck. She is walking but after a short trip - Bob and I - to Chase to be part of the BC Bus Nuts again, I headed to Chilliwack to help care for her. I will be missing a bit of dancing and calling this fall as I take time to go south and share the care of my mom and dad.

### Square Dance Attire - Editor's Comment

In the last Bulletin we published the newsletter from the BCS&RDF president, **Ken Crisp**. He commented that things will likely have to change in the square dance world if we are going to survive. His statement was, "*Hopefully you are thinking about, and taking action on, programs in your Region. It may not be enough to just run a class the way we used to run a class. I believe it was Albert Einstein who said something to the effect that the definition of insanity is to do things in the same old way and expect different results. We need to consider change.* Some of the changes that are being tried with varying success are:

- Relaxing or removing costume restrictions and accepting non square dance attire*
- Encouraging more upbeat, modern music and using less hoedown music*
- Modifying the program making it quicker and easier to feel like you are dancing.*"

Following this bulletin, we received an email from a dancer who was upset with the idea of wearing casual dress to square dances instead of the traditional fancy outfits.

This is a controversial issue for some, but the fact is, that times always change, whether we like it or not. We can look back fondly on the 'good old days' but have to realize that they are, in fact, the **old** days. A new generation always takes over from the old. We don't have to like it, but it is a fact.

In today's society, there are many women who don't even own a skirt of any kind.. There are also women who are wise enough to realize that square dance skirts and crinolines do not flatter every age, size, and shape.

People need to dress respectfully and cleanly but ask ourselves, do we really need to gussy up for regular club dances? Do new dancers really need to spend hundreds of dollars on costumes? Is it really that important that all dancers wear the costume for special occasions? Does wearing the costume at a demonstration really attract people to come and learn or does it deter some?

It would seem that flexibility is necessary in this day and age. One American caller suggests that the dress code should be "**Square Dance attire is admired - but not required.**" Those who like wearing square dance attire should feel comfortable wearing it and those who don't should also feel comfortable.

But - we have heard that some of the younger set coming to learn, really like the crinolines and puffy skirts - so if the square dance attire is an important issue to your club, maybe the answer would be to go out and recruit young people!

## Turner Travels by Nick Turner

In August, Nick and Mary Anne flew to Edmonton, rented a car, and drove to Fort Saskatchewan to attend the Alberta Jamboree. Alas, Mary Anne's luggage failed to arrive with us but the Air Canada lost baggage office assured us that it would be on the next flight arriving at 8 p.m. that evening and we were 'promised' that it would be dispatched to our hotel that night.

Of course, there was no sign of it then or the next morning. In the meantime the toilet in our room had plugged up and the hotel manager said the maintenance crew would attend to this as soon as they started work at 9:30. (Dancing started at 10)

In the morning, Nick decided to phone Air Canada in Edmonton to see where the bag was. Now to dial out of the room we had to start with 91 so Nick dutifully dialed 91 then 1 - 800 and was answered by a voice saying, "Emergency Services, what is your emergency?" or something along those lines - to which Nick replied, "Sorry, wrong number." and hung up.

Mary Anne had not heard this conversation, so as Nick was talking to Air Canada, there was a knock on the door and a rather anxious looking hotel manager asked if everything was all right.

Mary Anne said, "Yes, but our toilet is still plugged." To which the manager replied, "And your husband called the police for that!" (Jerry Jestin relayed this story with great glee to the dancers at the Jamboree.)

The luggage did arrive at 1:30 p.m. but not before Mary Anne had to shop for essentials - hair dryer, curling iron, makeup - and fortunately, the morning dancing was casual clothing.

The weekend was excellent - three callers shared the MS, Plus and A halls and it was a real treat to dance to **Gary Winter**, **Steve Edlund** and **Jerry Jestin**. The rounds were done by **Ron** and **Donna Baba** in a separate hall.

The sound was excellent and all halls used the Bose L1 system. Nick was so impressed he bought a Bose L1 (as did Merv Meyer) and also a Samson headset that Ron Baba used - light, compact and wireless.

We also enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with caller, **Murray Few**, who attended parts of the weekend. (*Murray called for the South Cariboo Jamboree for many years.*)

We really recommend this weekend which comes every two years - so mark the August 2017 Alberta Jamboree as a must attend. We'll keep you informed in the Cariboo Connection.

We also attended the annual Penticton Festival - our 23rd consecutive together and Mary Anne's 30th.

So disappointing to see no other Region 5 dancers there. You are missing an excellent four days of dancing to over 20 different callers and cuers.

**Season's Greetings**  
Join the Stampede Whirlaways  
for their  
**Christmas Dinner and Dance**  
**Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015**  
Child Development Center  
690 North 2nd Avenue  
Williams Lake  
**Dinner at 6:00 PM - Dancing will Follow**  
**Mainstream and New Dancers**  
**Whirlaway Members - \$5.00**  
**Guests - \$8.00**  
Donations to the  
**Food Bank**  
Hamper will be  
most appreciated.  
Dana [dball@telus.net](mailto:dball@telus.net)  
Nick [nmturner@telus.net](mailto:nmturner@telus.net) (If possible, let us know you are coming so we can be sure to have the right amount of food available.)

**A Special Presentation** by Norm Cox  
 Saturday, October 10, 2015 - West Kelowna, B.C.



After a delicious Pot Luck Dinner and a great dance with **Stella Tennant** from Vernon cueing and **Rob Krum** from Spokane calling, to almost everybody's surprise a special

presentation took place. **Beth & Darcy McGifford**, our B.C. Reps. to the Canadian Society presented **Phil and Ingrid Douziech** with the Canadian Long Service Award for their long and dedicated service to Square Dancing. Phil has just recently stepped down as our BCS&RDF WebMaster.

Phil and Ingrid started dancing with Westsyde Squares, Kelowna in 1991 and from then until the present have attended numerous Provincial Festivals, the Penticton Festivals and National Conventions.

Phil has served as Webmaster for Westside Squares,

Westsyde Youth Square Dance Club and created Websites for both clubs. Regionally he has been Webmaster for Okanagan Region 3. Provincially he has been the B.C.S.&R.D. Federation Webmaster for 20 years.

Phil created the Federation Website, The Dance Connection, in 1996 and since then he has added many features such as the automated guest list, random banners, the Blog and continually added new information to the website as it became available. He attended many computer seminars, often at his own expense, so that he could increase his expertise as Webmaster.

He worked tirelessly to help B.C. Square Dancers with computer problems and to help anyone who wanted to set up a club web page. Through his enthusiasm for Square Dancing and his expertise, he has created for the Federation, an incredible website that has become the glue that binds us together. If you asked Phil to do anything with regard to the Dance Connection, his reply was – “No Problem! That is why I am here. Anything you want done just ask.” Congratulations Phil and Ingrid and we wish you many more happy years of dancing.

**FESTIVAL 2016**  
**Canadian Square & Round Dance Society**  
**July 28, 29 & 30**  
 Saskatchewan Trade and Convention Centre  
**Delta Regina**  
 Info: Bill 306-580-7141 tree-line@hotmail.com  
 Donna 306-543-8626 barrygruell@sasktel.net  
 Register on line @[www.saskfestival2016.ca](http://www.saskfestival2016.ca)  
**A Canadian National Square Dance Convention**

Partner Up  
 Prairie Style

In 2016, “Spectacular Saskatchewan” will welcome the world to the Canadian Square, Round and Clogging Dance Festival.

The Festival will be centered in the “Queen City”, Regina on July 28, 29, 30, 2016. Headquarters for the Festival will be at the Delta Hotel. The Delta is centrally located for shopping, restaurants, casino and museums. All are within walking distance.

Known as the ‘Land of the Living Skies,’ Saskatchewan is the home of the 2013 Grey Cup Champions: the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

We urge you to plan ahead and come to our sunny province. The prairies have much to offer – so, in 2016 “Partner Up, Prairie Style” and join us at the 2016 Canadian Square, Round and Clogging Dance Festival!



## *In Memoriam*



### **Pat Paulson - Prince George Northern Twisters**

November 25, 1940 to September 5, 2015

In 1984 Pat decided to try square dancing with her niece. They went to the Northern Twisters for lessons. After a couple of nights they dragged Lorne along. The rest is history – Pat and Lorne were totally hooked on Square dancing.

Pat got involved – she was treasurer for few years using all of her banking skills and then, later took on the historian position, something she has done for the past 20 years. This has involved keeping track of everyone and putting all of the pictures, posters and other information into albums. These albums were brought to special dances to be shared with everyone.

Pat and Lorne joined several other couples and travelled to dances all over B.C. and Alberta. These were some of the happiest years, travelling, camping and dancing.

Time passed and Pat and Lorne travelled for 10 years to dance quite regularly to Kelowna and Penticton – again meeting many new friends. As their knowledge of square dancing increased, they invited others to their home who wanted to dance a higher level. Every Tuesday and Thursday, the door was open and a small group arrived about 7:30 to chat and dance.

Here Pat excelled making everyone feel welcome, remembering everyone's birthday with cake and a photo at break time. Pat was such a knowledgeable dancer that she could easily dance either side. She was a great help with the new dancers learning all of the Plus and A moves.

In the last few years Pat and Lorne travelled to Arizona and danced several times a day, a couple days a week. These dancers have become close email and Facebook friends.

As if holding an important position with the club wasn't enough, Pat took on other roles. She made the little mortar boards for each graduating square dancer and always made a huge decorated slab cake welcoming the new graduating dancers. As well, Lorne and Pat started cooking roasts and making the gravy for all the special dances.

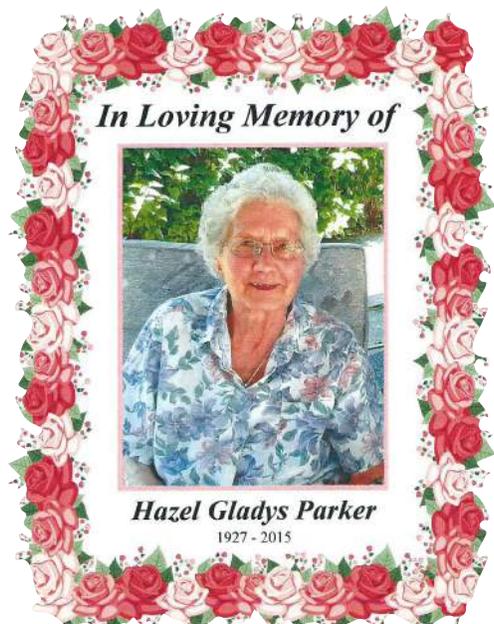
Pat contributed much with her smile and encouragement. Northern Twisters have lost a great friend and dancer.

### **Hazel Parker - Lac La Hache Caribooters**

Hazel was a member of the Lac La Hache Caribooters Square Dance Club for 16 years. During her time with the club, she was a very active member. When the Annual South Cariboo Jamboree Weekend was held, Hazel would be busy at the door welcoming our guests and taking charge of the finances. For the final 4 years of the Jamboree, Hazel generously opened her home and hosted a "wind-down" party on the Sunday for all involved to relax, visit with one another and our guest caller and have some refreshments.

During the 10 years that Nick & Mary Anne Turner had their Annual Contra Dance Weekend at the Senior Centre in Lac La Hache, Hazel was there, in the background, making sure things went smoothly at the Centre and offering Mary Anne much needed assistance in the kitchen.

Hazel was President Of the Lac La Hache Caribooter Square Dance Club for her last 8 years. We all have very fond memories of Hazel and she is really missed by all of us.





## REGION 5 DANCE SCHEDULE 2015/2016

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



WHEN	WHERE	EVENT	CALLERS/ CUERS
Nov. 6-7 2015	Prince George	Snowflake Dance	Merv & Sandy Meyer
Dec. 5, 2015	Williams Lake	Christmas Dinner and Dance	Nick & Mary Anne Turner
Dec. 10, 2015	Vanderhoof	Christmas Potluck and Dance	Gys, Sandi, Dolores
Dec. 14, 2015	Prince George	Christmas Dinner and Dance	Gys Koops
Jan. 23, 2016	Prince George	Robbie Burns Dance	
Feb. 15, 2016	Prince George	Valentine's Day Dance	Gys Koops
Feb. 22, 2016	Prince George	50s and 60s Dance	Gys Koops
Mar. 5, 2016	Williams Lake	March Merriment & Pie Night Dance	Nick & Mary Anne Turner
Mar. 14, 2016	Prince George	St. Patrick's Potluck and Dance	Gys Koops
Apr. 4, 2016	Prince George	Goofer's Night	Goofer Callers
May 27-29, 2016	Williams Lake	58th Spring Jamboree -Once Upon a Time (Fairy Tale) Theme	Dustin McGifford, Nick and Mary Anne Turner
June 3-5, 2016	Prince George	Spring Jamboree Weekend	Murray Few
July 28-30, 2016	Regina, Sask.	Canadian National Festival 2016	Many Callers & Cuers
August 3-6, 2016	Pentiction	13th Peachfest Jamboree	Many Callers & Cuers

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