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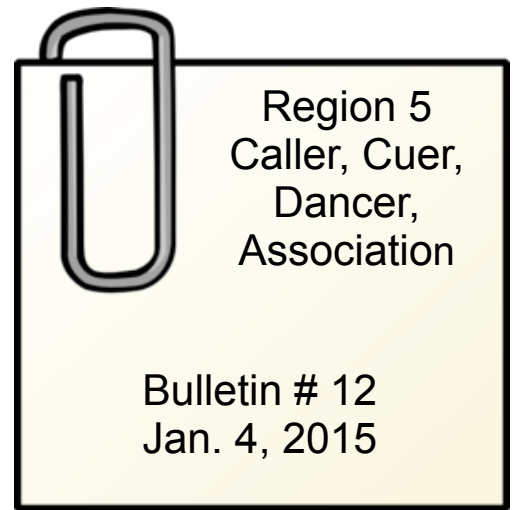
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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Mary Anne Turner, R5CCDA President

Happy New Year to all the dancers and leaders in Region 5. *(If you paid your dance fees at the start of the dance season, you are a member of this organization.)*

I can't believe that 2015 has arrived so quickly. I hope that you were able to have a relaxing and happy holiday break with many visits to family and friends. And now we can look forward to another year of happy dancing.

As I write this bulletin, our insurance cards have not yet arrived or been distributed. It is reassuring to note, however, that with or without a card, your insurance is valid as of January 1, 2015. I expect they will arrive soon.

CARIBOO CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

It will soon be time to put together the February issue of the Cariboo Connection Dance Newsletter so I wish to notify all members of Region 5 that the deadline date for submitting articles, ads, notices, etc. for the next issue is January 18, 2015.

You may send articles at any time from now but be sure to note that the deadline is Jan. 18

More than just announcements, it is very interesting to read news from clubs and dancers from around our huge region so don't hesitate to write something. Our last issue was early November so we are anxious to hear what is new with you and your clubs. Tell us how your Christmas events went. How are your new dancers doing? Any new promotion ideas to suggest? Praise or thanks to anyone? Requests or suggestions? Any interesting travels? Did you attend any noteworthy dance events?

This is your newsletter and all entries are welcome. See if you can contribute in some way.

Also, it is important to **send your posters** in to me if you have events you wish to advertise between now and the end of the dance season. I can put coloured posters on the Region 5 website but if you wish them printed in the newsletter, you need to choose grayscale colours that are crisp, clear and will photocopy well. It is free advertising so be sure to take advantage of the opportunity.

BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION-President's Newsletter December, 2014

I wish you all a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" from the Executive of the BC Federation. It has been a busy season and I am sure that most of you will give a sigh of relief as the seasonal obligations wrap up for another year.

Thank you to the members, clubs and associations that submitted their Federation and Society dues on time. Please remember that registrations for New Dancers for liability insurance will be accepted until March 31, 2015.

A big thank you goes to Mary Cox for her work on the BCS&RD Federation handbook. It is up to date and on the web page for your information.

Requests for funding for New Dancer classes must be in to the First Vice President, Bill Wood, 5192 Highway 97B SE, Salmon Arm, BC, V1E 2P7 (wjjlwood@gmail.com) by March 1, 2015. Forms for applying for this funding are in the BCS&RD Federation Handbook Pages 17, 18 and 19. Also on the website click on Handbook - Table of Contents – Appendices 16, #9 New Dancer Classes – Guidelines & Application Forms.

We are always interested in receiving nominations for the Sillery Award and information is in the BCS&RD Federation Handbook on page 20, and on the Webpage #10 – Sillery Award Criteria.

The Board of Directors meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on March 28, 2015, at the ASA hall in Abbotsford, 33889 Essendene Avenue. Please submit your executive, committee and/or delegates reports to the secretary, Wendy Krueger (wkrueger@shaw.ca) by March 6, 2015, so they can be posted on the website prior to the BOD meeting. If you have agenda items, please submit them to the president, Ken Crisp (kcrisp@telus.net) as soon as possible, because the agenda must be distributed and posted 30 days prior to the meeting on March 28, 2015. Also please note that the names and e-mail addresses of delegates from each Region are due to the Secretary, Wendy Krueger as of now.

A block of rooms have been reserved for March 28-29, 2015 at the Best Western Bakerview Inn, 1821 Sumas Way, Abbotsford, B.C., V2S 4L5 but must be booked before March 10, 2015 to get our rate of \$79.99. Please phone 604-859-1341 or Toll Free 1-877-336-6156 and use Booking Code BCFSD to get this rate. Delegates wishing to gather Friday night for dinner can meet at Cross Roads Restaurant at this Motel at 6:00 p.m. Also note that Notice of Motions must be into the President and Secretary no later than 90 days prior to the meeting. Dennis Sutton of Region One has completed a review of the accounts, and has made a number of recommendations. Dennis plans to submit motions, and/or notice of motions, to implement some of these recommendations.

Dennis Sutton is also the chair of the Revitalization Committee. This committee has conducted a survey of our members and is reviewing your input. The other members of this committee are Al Ritchie (Region 1), Heather Wallace (Region 2), Brian Elmer (Region 3), Nick Turner (Region 5), Marianne Hall (Region 8), Bill Wood (Region 9) and Ken Crisp (ex officio). We look forward to an interesting report from the Committee at the BOD meeting.

Past President, Norm Cox, submitted the following Notice of Motion:

Whereas a decision has to be made at the 2015 BOD meeting as to whether to continue with four (4) delegates from each Region (as in the By-laws) or change the number of delegates from each region.

If we continue with four delegates I feel that it is very important that we have each Region represented by these four delegates in attendance. In the past I am fully aware that most regions do not compensate their delegates for expenses that they incur attending these meetings so I, Norm Cox, therefore would like to introduce a motion to the effect that the BCS&RDF would hereby reimburse delegates the cost of attending the BOD meeting up to a maximum of \$400.00 per Region upon receipt of expense vouchers/receipts to the Treasurer excluding the host Region where the delegates expenses should be much lower.

I wish you a Happy and Healthy 2015 with lots of dancing and fun.

Ken Crisp, President

BC Square & Round Dance Federation

**LETTER FROM DENNIS SUTTON -
CHAIRPERSON OF THE BCS&RDF
REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**

(Early on in the square dance season, clubs were requested to fill out a survey and return the results to the Revitalization Committee. Here is a letter regarding those surveys.)

On behalf of the Revitalization Task Force, I am thanking you for the more than 200 questionnaires completed and returned. This is an outstanding result and reflects your interest in this activity as well as your recognition of the importance of ensuring its survival.

All the results have been collated and shared with the Task Force, For your information, the feedback has shown that Fun, friendship,

activity and music, in that order, are the aspects most important you, You are recommending we develop flyers, cards and media usable materials for publicity. The number who expressed an interest in assisting with development once the tools are in place was impressive.

With this information and guidance in hand, the Task Force will now be embarking on creating tools and ideas for clubs to use.

Please assist by ensuring these thanks reaches everyone by ensuring distribution to the clubs in your Region.

All the best for the upcoming holiday season and great dancing in 2015.

Dennis Sutton, Task Force Chair.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW

The next Cariboo Connection will not arrive at the clubs until approximately the middle of February so I would like to remind you of the following events that will happen before that time. These are the ones that I have posters for:

Prince George Robbie Burns Dance - Jan. 24, 2015, Caller/Cuer - Ray Brendzy. [Poster Link](#)

Lac La Hache Valentine Dance - Feb 16, 2015 , Caller - Dave Abbs, Cuer - Helen Hall [Poster Link](#)

More news will follow in the next Cariboo Connection. Remember to help our large region feel united by keeping in touch and sharing your news and information. I will post this bulletin on the Region 5 website at <http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca> and I will email it to the addresses that I have.

I will count on my liaison people to take a copy to their clubs for those without internet access. These generous volunteers are:

Lac La Hache - Bill Rose

Williams Lake - Dana Ball

Quesnel - Mary Johnson

Prince George - Julie Skead

Vanderhoof - Sandi Jespersen

If you are not receiving information from the Region 5 executive by email and you wish to do so, please make sure that the Region 5 secretary has your email address.

The secretary is Nick Turner

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Talk to you again in the Cariboo Connection

Mary Anne Turner

President of R5CCDA