

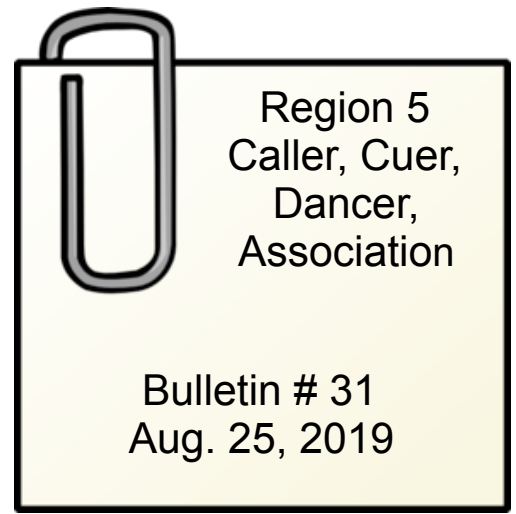
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KEEPING YOU INFORMED - Mary Anne Turner, R5CCDA President

(Sometimes I receive information that should not wait until the next Cariboo Connection to be passed on to you. In those cases, I send out bulletins. Please let me know if you wish to be removed from the Region 5 E-Mail list or if you know of anyone that should be added to the list.)

Another summer has flown by. For most of us it was a cool and rainy season but was much appreciated instead of the fiery, hot and smokey summers we have had lately.

As you will notice from the banner above, Region 5 once again has a full slate of volunteer officers. I remain your president. Nick remains your secretary. Jordi Guri from Williams Lake has volunteered to serve as your treasurer. Sandi Jespersen remains your vice president. Contact information is listed above and on the Region 5 website if you have questions, comments, suggestions or requests that you wish to direct to any of these volunteers.

Please note that as of writing this bulletin, Nick and I are still caught up in the Telus email fiasco. So, if you want to be sure of reaching us - send your message to our Gmail account (nmtturner392@gmail.com) as well as the Telus address shown above. Sure hope Telus straightens things out soon!

Website Stuff - Clubs - please ensure that the information listed on the Region 5 website at <http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca> is up to date.

Send an email to nmtturner@telus.net and let us know what changes you want made. Is the location correct? Are the dates correct? Are the contact people correct?

Do you want any posters included? If so, send a pdf or a jpg to me.

Dance Fees for 2020 - Our Region 5 volunteer treasurer, Jodi Guri, will be sending the forms for the 2020 membership registrations to your club contact. If you have a new treasurer in your club, you need to let us know.

As previously mentioned, we are not including Jordi's contact information on the web due to unscrupulous individuals spamming treasurers and pretending to be me asking for money. He will give you his contact info on the forms he sends out or you can contact me (nmturner@telus.net) and I will put you in touch with him.

There is no increase this year in Region 5 (R5CCDA) fees (\$4.00), the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society (CSRDS) fees (\$3.00) or the BC Square and Round Dance Federation (BCS&RDF) (\$10.00) fees. This means that the total fees for dancers, callers, cuers, etc. will be \$17.00 each this dance season *(plus whatever fees your club charges.)*

Although we all hate to have to pay fees, our membership in these organizations qualifies us for a liability insurance that most of the halls require before allowing us to dance in them. Our cheap rate is the envy of many nonprofit organizations, particularly local sports teams.

So, once again I remind you that it is important that dancers and club treasurers submit their fees in a timely manner so that we will continue to be insured. Jordi Guri will need the registration forms and fees by **October 25, 2019** so that he will be able to complete the BC Federation forms in time. **If you will not be attending your club before then, please let them know your dancing plans and arrange to pay your fees somehow.**

Treasurers - please follow Jordi's instructions and stay in touch with him if you think you will have a problem meeting the deadline date.

Also, please note that CSRDS, BCSRDF & R5CCDA do not charge fees for teen dancers (under 19); however, they must still be listed on the membership list.

Square and Round Dance Awareness Week in B.C.

The Province of B.C. has declared September 15 to 21, 2019 as Square and Round Dance Awareness week.

We encourage all dancers and clubs to plan some activities that will be visible to the public and show our recreation in a positive light. (*You might also consider writing an article about them for the Cariboo Connection.*)

A PDF copy of the proclamation can be seen at:

<http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/proclamations/proclamations/SqrRndDncAwrWk2019>

Brian Elmer of SQUAREUPB.C. - BCS&RDF Publicity offers the following suggestions for using the Square and Round Dance Awareness Proclamation

In order to make good use of the provincial 2019 Proclamation of Square & Round Dance Awareness Week, you might get some ideas from internet articles promoting new dancer lessons that have been posted over recent years in the Central Okanagan.

The following examples are the result of the submission on each occasion of a press release, not just to a couple of online news & information services (Kelowna Now & Castanet) but to other media outlets as well, including newspaper and television.

September 2013 article:

https://www.kelownanow.com/news/news/Local_News/13/09/13/Local_Dancers_Welcome_Square_and_Round_Dance_Awareness_Week?fb_comment_id=400188190081917_1915407#fs_77196

September 2014 article (including a reproduction of the Awareness Week Proclamation):

<https://www.castanet.net/news/Central-Okanagan/123157/Square-dance-awareness-week>

September 2015 article (including a reproduction of the Awareness Week Proclamation):

https://www.kelownanow.com/watercooler/news/news/West_Kelowna/15/09/12/Square_and_Round_Dance_Awareness_Week_Kicks_Off_in_West_Kelowna/

Extra -- Global Okanagan television coverage from January, 2016:

<https://globalnews.ca/news/2452995/square-dancing-moves-to-a-new-rhythm-younger-voice/>

Best wishes for successful new dancer classes this dance season.

Promotion Reminder

Just a reminder that Nick and I have been working to build a library of helpful promotion ideas for clubs to use and we will continue to add to it. If you wish to see these ideas go to the Region 5 webpage at <http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca>

Click on PROMOTION LIBRARY

At the top of this page you will find some interesting articles including a list of possible places to put posters for your New Dancer Sessions.

At the bottom of the page you will find some **Editable Posters**. Hopefully, if you follow the instructions, you will be able to put your own club information on some new posters that have already been created for you.

Also included on this page are links to some **generic videos** that we have made. They are on YouTube so you can link to them and use them on your own websites or Facebook pages to promote square dancing.

Also - please note that the BC Square and Round Dance Federation will again be putting ads on FaceBook for those clubs who are offering new dancer classes this fall. **But if you want your club included in the advertising**, you have to immediately send Brian the information that he needs to put in the ads. Brian is asking for lesson details, such as date of the 1st free or paid session, times, location, contact information and anything that makes your sessions special (i.e.: first 3 sessions free, free parking, casual attire, refreshments, how late into your lessons you can accept newcomers, etc.). You can send this info to Brian at brian@squaredance.bc.ca

Cariboo Connection Newsletter

I remind everyone that the deadline date for sending information or articles for the first issue of the Cariboo Connection this year is **October 20, 2019**. With luck it will be delivered some time in early November.

I know that some of your clubs will not have been dancing for long by Oct. 20 but there has not been a Cariboo Connection **since last April** so you will likely have some club news you can report on. Jamborees? Summer travels? Summer dance events? New dancers? Suggestions? Promotion successes?

It sure would be nice if more dancers and leaders would take a stab at writing an article for the Cariboo Connection. We welcome all the help we can get. Don't worry about your spelling and/or grammar, we will do our best to fix it up for you if you have difficulties.

Remember that the second edition of the newsletter will not be published until February so think ahead. **If you want to advertise any events that will occur between now and then**, send us your posters in electronic form in time for this first edition.

BC Square and Round Dance Federation

The BCS&RDF (if you paid your dance fees last fall, you are a member) held its AGM in Salmon Arm on July 11, 2019. It was led by president Jean Wood.

The minutes of this meeting can be found on the Federation website at

<http://www.squaredance.bc.ca>

A Request - You may or may not know that several years ago Nick and I produced a dance program for schools and community groups to use. It is called Moving and Grooving and you can see it at

<https://www.movingandgrooving.squaredance.bc.ca/index.html>

We distribute this program from our home but, of course, the postage is a killer! At this time we need to get 7 copies of the program to caller, Wendy Krueger. She lives in Abbotsford.

We are trying to find a way to get these programs to Wendy so we are asking Region 5 dancers if anyone will be travelling to Abbotsford or to a community near there and would be willing to transport them for us? If so, we can make arrangements for Wendy to meet you somewhere.

Or perhaps you have a friend from outside the dance world who could do this for us? It would be greatly appreciated. There is no specific time frame for this. We are going to hold on to the programs until we can arrange something.

Well, that's it for now. I hope you have a happy dancing season. I will talk to you again in the Cariboo Connection.

Meantime, don't forget.....**your club treasurer needs to get the money and the forms to the Region 5 treasurer by October 25 so help out by paying your fees quickly. If you won't be dancing before then, contact your club treasurer and let him or her know your intentions for the season.** We need to work efficiently to make sure our dancers and our clubs continue to be insured. Without insurance, many of our halls will not let us dance there.

Mary Anne Turner
President - Region 5 Caller, Cuer, Dancer Association

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