

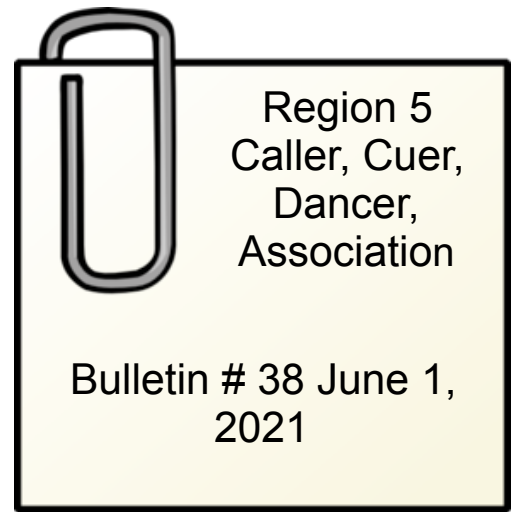
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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Mary Anne Turner, R5CCDA President

Hello again to all the dancers and leaders in Region 5.

Summer is here and we are now able to focus on enjoyable activities such as gardening, bird watching, hiking, and fishing. Because of the somewhat improved Covid situation in BC, we are also able to socialize a bit more and even to dine out if we wish.

The government has put a staged restart program for BC in place and you can read the restart information at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restart>

There are guidelines to follow and goals to meet but if all goes well, we may even be able to start our dance season in the fall at our normal time. Fingers crossed.

Also, there have been changes in the BC Square and Round Dance Federation and below I have included the recent BCS&RDF Newsletter to keep you informed of the situation.

B.C.S. & R.D.FEDERATION

Newsletter, May 2021

Something we learn in life is that things are forever changing, sometimes for the better and sometimes for the worse. This month has seen something of both.

It is with regret that your executive accepted the resignation of **Jean Wood** as President for personal and health reasons. During her presidency Jean worked hard and tirelessly for the benefit of dancing and we are grateful to her for the work she has done. We shall miss her energy and guidance.

Dennis Sutton, in accordance with the Society's Bylaws, will be carrying out the functions of President until a new President is elected or appointed in accordance with the Societies Act, its Regulations and the BCSRDF Bylaws. **Norm Cox**, as head of the Nominating Committee, will be taking the necessary steps to fill the vacancy. All members of the Executive and the Directors at Large are requested to reserve Friday, 25th of June at 7:30 PM as the provisional date for a meeting to complete this process. Confirmation and the agenda will be set out as soon as this becomes possible.

Another major loss to the Federation was the death of **Ken Crisp**. Ken served the Federation with distinction, hard work, good humour, and effective leadership in the many roles he so capably filled for more than 40 years. He was one of the committee of three which wrote the original Constitution and Bylaws of the Federation at the time it was incorporated and was President when the process of re-registration under the new Act was commenced. We shall all miss him.

For the better, we now have good news on the COVID front. The Province's schedule for the lifting of restrictions, assuming targets are met, has been published.

We are undoubtedly all looking forward to being able to resume our activity, renew friendships and benefit from the advantages of dancing.

Following this newsletter is the first page of a note from **Dr. Blair Wallace** setting out his understanding of the effects of the schedule on dancing. It is possible that smaller clubs can get going very quickly assuming that they have an appropriate Startup Plan.

Your executive strongly recommends you visit the Region 2 (Fraser Valley) website, <https://www.region2.squaredance.bc.ca> review the Plan to a Plan which is there and begin the process of planning now. It is better to avoid a last minute scramble in trying to comply with the requirements. Even if your club is not starting until Stage Three or Four, now is not too early to begin the process.

Alex Wotherspoon, of Region 1, volunteered to take over the duties of Zoom Meeting Coordinator, effective immediately, and your Executive has gladly accepted his offer. He may be contacted by email at ajwotherspoon@shaw.ca. Clubs and associations wishing to use the zoom facility should contact him to make their arrangements.

The Executive has already had a meeting to ensure that the work of the Federation is not disrupted by recent events, that it will be able to provide help and guidance with restarting dancing and can help with the development of new ideas to help members.

The Directors at Large are a vital tool in keeping you in touch with the Federation and the Federation in touch with you. Additionally, members of the Executive are always ready to hear directly from any member.

We are all part of a team to enjoy, protect and preserve our activity.

By Dennis Sutton
Acting President

Attachment

From: **Blair Wallace** <jbw.wallace@gmail.com>

Date: **Tue, May 25, 2021** at 3:41 PM

Subject: Restart Plan

To: Restart Group COVID-19 <covid-19-rtdc@googlegroups.com>

All,

Have a read:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restart>

My opinion;

Stage 1 - Starting **Today**

- No dancing

Stage 2 - **June 15**

- ALL dancing Indoor possible with Covid Safety Plan / reduced capacity

Stage 3 - **July 1**

- All dancing in larger groups with Covid Safety Plan

Stage 4 - **September 7**

- Back to "normal" , masks - personal choice.
- Likely will still require a Covid Safety Plan

The dates indicated are - not before dates - and depend on vaccination rates, low case counts, low hospitalizations -

The criteria for moving to Step 2 is at least 65% of the 18+ population vaccinated with dose 1, along with declining case counts and COVID-19 hospitalizations.

The criteria for moving to Step 3 is at least 70% of the 18+ population vaccinated with dose 1, along with low case counts and declining COVID-19 hospitalizations.

The criteria for moving to Step 4 is more than 70% of the 18+ population vaccinated with dose 1, along with low case counts and low COVID-19 hospitalizations.

The "low case counts and low COVID-19 hospitalizations" not defined.

Blair



Please note that Dr. Wallace mentions that when we restart, we will need a written Covid Safety Plan in place. The plan needs to mention how we will meet all the safety requirements put forth by the government at the time of starting. As mentioned above, the Region 2 (Fraser Valley) website, <https://www.region2.squaredance.bc.ca> has information to guide you in writing a plan although it may need to be updated to the current conditions and guidelines.

On another topic, the CALLERLAB organization held its AGM recently and they voted in favour of adopting the Social Square Dancing program (SSD) as a destination program. Callers, clubs, and many areas of the world are trying it out as a means to stop so many clubs from dying out.

I discussed this program in bulletin # 37 and you can reread it on the Region 5 website at

https://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca/r5ccda_newsletter.html

That's it for now. I hope you find this bulletin interesting and will give you lots to think about. Enjoy your summer.

Mary Anne Turner
President R5CCDA