

**Hurray!**

**The Cariboo Connection is 20 years old!**

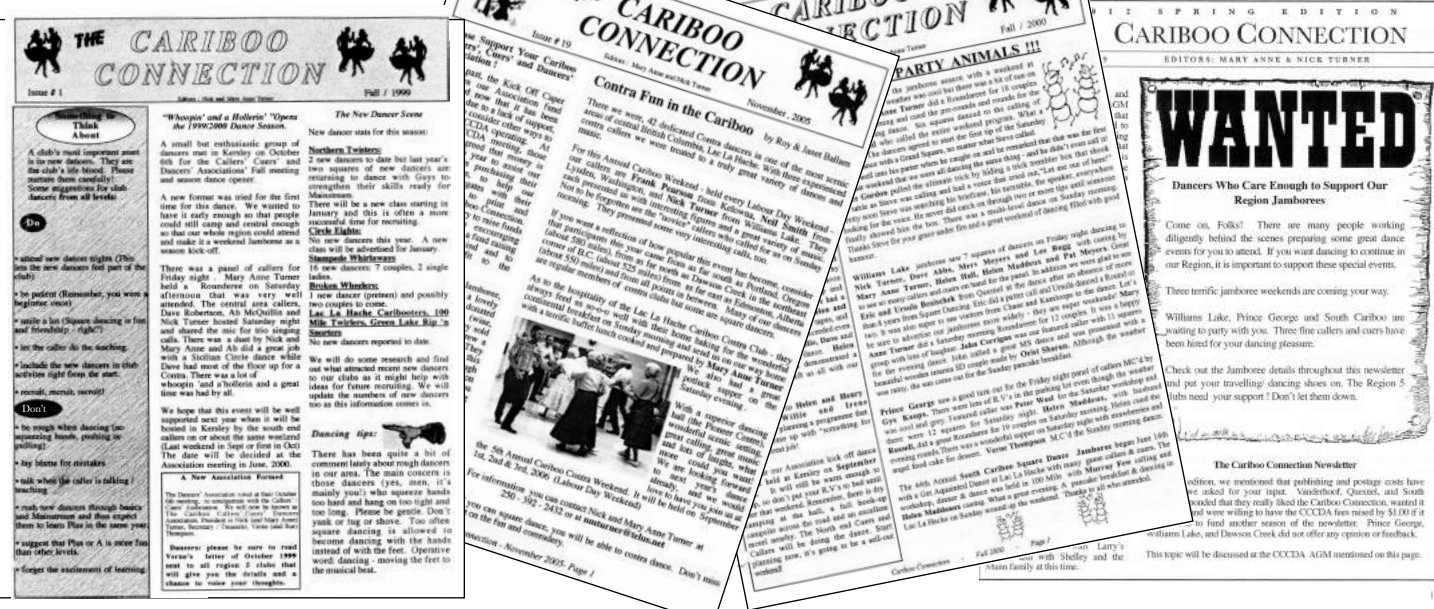
*(A Note from the Editors)*

This edition marks the end of the 20th year that we have been publishing the Cariboo Connection. The first issue was printed in October 1999 and we have now completed issue #60. The first edition was not very spectacular - just 4 pages - but it was the start of an attempt to keep our geographically large region united in dancing and friendship.

In days gone by we had many more correspondents who submitted articles to help us fill the newsletter. Sadly, some clubs and/or organizations in our region no longer exist or contribute. We greatly miss submissions from 100 Mile Twirlers, 150 Broken Wheelers, Quesnel Circle Eights, Terrace Skeena Squares, Prince George Teen Twisters, Cariboo Contra Club, South Cariboo Jamboree Committee, and the Region 5 Promotion Committee.

Happily, we still receive regular articles from Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways, Prince George Northern Twisters, and Vanderhoof Drifting Squares. Occasionally we hear from Lac La Hache and Dawson Creek. We sincerely thank all the dancers and leaders who have contributed to the Cariboo Connection over the years and hope that some of you will continue to do so.

We also thank all the members of the Region 5 Caller, Cuer and Dancer Association. A portion of your membership fee is used to fund the Cariboo Connection. Hopefully, more of you will assist us in keeping the newsletter going by contributing an article or two. Why not write a letter to the editor, share your thoughts about a dance you attended, or put forth ideas for theme nights or for recruiting new dancers. We would welcome the assistance.



## A Plea from Region 5 President

Here I am again, requesting assistance from a kind volunteer in our region. I recently received a letter of resignation from our Region 5 volunteer treasurer, **Rosetta Meyer** in Prince George so now I turn to you for **help**.

In order for us to keep our region association alive, and thus keep us eligible for our liability insurance, we need a new volunteer to be the treasurer.

To put my mind at ease, please contact me quickly if you would consider taking on this role or if you know of someone who might be persuaded to do so.

The job requires someone with computer abilities as far as emailing documents and forms is concerned and because of the large distances between our clubs, our communications are done by email.

There are 2 busy times.....

Late September to early December the treasurer contacts the region clubs with the information they need to collect fees. The treasurer receives the fees, makes bank deposits, fills in the appropriate forms (available on the Federation website) and sends a cheque to the BC Federation Treasurer.

At season end, the treasurer prepares financial statements for availability at the Region 5 AGM in May.

In between time, there is little to do except maintaining the financial books and processing the odd late registration.

We can't keep our Region going without extra support from dancers and/or leaders.

Somewhere in our Region I hope there is a person willing to help us out in this area. Please let me know quickly.



## Have You Registered Yet for Summer Fun?

The Thompson-Shuswap and Okanagan Square & Round Dance Associations invite all dancers worldwide to come dance with us at the **BC FESTIVAL on JULY 11-13, 2019 in SALMON ARM, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.**

This is a **full festival**, and includes workshops for various levels in **Square, Round, Clogging, Contra, and Line** dancing. In addition, there is a Trail-In dance on July 10 and a Trail-Out dance on July 14.

The Thompson-Shuswap and Okanagan regions are renowned for their wineries, orchards, lakes, and beaches. Why not make it a holiday as you weave your way through the wonders and beauty in our area! **Salmon Arm is a popular tourist destination and accommodations should be booked as soon as possible.**

Please visit our website **bcfestival2019.com** for registration form, fees, brochure, accommodations, and caller/cuer questionnaire. More Information will be posted as it becomes available.

**Take Note: All Region 5 Dancers and Leaders (That's You)**

Your Region 5 Association will be holding its AGM on Saturday May 25, 2019 at the Williams Lake 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.

All Region 5 dancers/leaders are eligible to attend and share your opinions or gather information. **Your executive would really appreciate some company. It's lonely without you.**

I am preparing an agenda for the meeting and now it needs your input. What items do you wish to have added under Old Business or New Business? Please let me know soon so I can complete the agenda and forward it around the region before the meeting.

Also, the following people will have completed their term of office at the end of this season. So, we need to elect new people or re-elect those who are willing to let their name stand for an additional 2 year term. Please let me know **now** if you are willing to run for one of these offices.

President - Mary Anne Turner has completed 3 terms for a total of 6 years

Secretary - Nick Turner has completed 3 terms for a total of 6 years

Vice-President - Sandi Jespersen has completed 1 term for a total of 2 years

Treasurer - Rosetta Meyer has completed 1 year and has resigned.



Prince George Northern Twisters

# Snowflake Dance

November 1 & 2, 2019

*Merv and Sandy Meyer*  
...calling and cueing



Friday		
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Mainstream Dance with Rounds	\$15
Saturday		
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Mainstream Workshop	} \$15
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch break	
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Rounds Workshop	
6:00 pm (sharp)	Potluck Supper... ...a donation of food OR	\$10
7:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Pre-rounds	\$15
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mainstream Dance with Rounds	

**\$40 WEEKEND PACKAGE**  
...dancing only, dinner is extra!

Trinity United Downtown  
(Knox United Church)  
1448 5th Avenue, Prince George, BC

www.northern-twisters.ca Northern Twisters Facebook hunters2@telus.net

Thompson - Shuswap Square & Round Dance Association

# Chase the Fun 2019

June 14, 15, 16  
Chase, BC



Hall Location to be determined

Caller  
**Steve Edlund**



Cuers  
**Allan & Laura Peterson**



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



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Please send cheque (Canadian funds)  
Made payable to: Thompson - Shuswap Square & Round Dance Assoc.  
c/o Enid Antonenko, 2059 Grasslands Blvd., Kamloops, BC V2B 0A6  
or register online at ChasetheFunJune@gmail.com  
For further info: 778-254-3157



# REGION REFLECTIONS

## Stampede Whirlaways -Williams Lake

by Anne Christie

Valentines Day actually fell on our club dance night this year, so of course we celebrated in style. Betz Ratch and Marie Gibbons organized a delightful strawberry shortcake snack. We had a good turnout of 3 squares and did uniquely themed dances. **Bill Drebbit** won the big door prize, and **Cathy** won for her colorful Valentine's outfit. We tried something new with a Valentine's Quiz with fill in the blank famous love quotes, name the singer for well-known love songs, and name the other half of famous couples. **Dave White** and **Mary Anne** partnered up and got almost all the answers right. **Candace** and **Ed Seibert**, and **John** and **Tina Derksen** were not far behind and all were rewarded with Valentine's gifts.

The Whirlaways March Merriment fundraiser evening was a big success again this year with 29 attendees and 3 squares for most of the evening. Thanks to some very determined and generous bidders, almost **\$1,400 was raised for the Child Development Center** in Williams Lake. The selection of goodies both for sampling and for auction was vast and delicious with the famous banana cream pies, as well as chocolate raspberry, lemon cream cheese, lemon meringue, blueberry and apple pies, and the ever popular chicken and meat pies. Not to mention the sourdough bread, butter tarts, cream puffs, strawberry crisp, cheesecake with chocolate dipped strawberries and date pecan cake. Twenty-three items were auctioned and the highest bid of the evening was a remarkable \$155 for a banana cream pie!

A special thank you to a friend of **Tina's** who does baking at the Seniors Activity Centre, **Iva Mowery**, who baked two fantastic pies (lemon meringue and blueberry) for us to auction when she heard about

our fundraiser event. We were also delighted that several folks who are not able to dance anymore turned out to support our fundraiser. Thank you **Doug McIntosh**, for your generous bidding (we know that Mary Anne's meat pies are worth it!), **Pat Harton** for your thoughtful donation and of course **Ellen Wieve** for your renowned pies and **Marie** for your famous cream puffs.

Nick had us try a number of different dances for the evening. We had lots of fun with the Tandem Squares doing Grand Squares and with the inside and outside squares reversing positions part way through. We also tried a dance with couples holding each other by the waist and dancing as one person. That one took a while to figure out. There were lots of laughs watching 2 ladies dance together and 2 men together and responding to the cues of girlboy and boygirl.

.....and a note from Nick

*We had five new dancers for most of the season. Congratulations to **Jordi** who never missed a session, to **Tyla** who so quickly caught up when unavoidable absences caused her to miss and to **Ed, Candace** and **Nathan** who had to miss the last few sessions due to family events. We sure look forward to you joining us again in the Fall and hope to see you at any summer events the Whirlaways stage.*

*Thanks, **Mary Anne**, who taught the new dancers three or four Mainstream calls each week enabling the experienced dancers to dance a couple of full Mainstream Tips. We think our 'plan' is working!*

*Thanks, too, to **Bill Cave** who called a couple of tips each Thursday and is progressing very well through the intricacies of learning to call. For the 2019/20 season we will be doing all dancing - new dancers and Mainstream - on Thursday evenings in the Child Development Centre.*

<p><b>61st Mainstream Jamboree</b></p> <p><b>Williams Lake</b> May 24-26, 2019</p> <p><b>Weekend Package \$45.00 each</b></p>		<p><b>Theme</b></p> <p><b>'Call of the Canadian Wilderness'</b> (Past and Present)</p> <p>Think ...gold panners, lumberjacks, voyageurs, forest animals, camping, hiking, canoeing, etc.</p>	
<p>↓ ↓ ↓</p> <p>Note our LOCATION</p> <p><b>The Long House</b></p> <p>(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 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><b>Friday - Hike to our Neck of the Woods for Dancing Fun.</b> \$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><b>Saturday Morning</b> 10:00 - 11:30 AM</p> <p>Enjoy a Round Dance Social with Mary Anne and Nick Turner Phase II+ \$6.00 each</p>	<p><b>Saturday Afternoon</b> 1:30 PM</p> <p><b>S'More Fun for Everyone.</b></p> <p>Special Treats and Mainstream Fun with caller: <b>Dustin McGifford</b> \$8.00 each</p>	<p><b>Saturday Evening</b> 6:00PM</p> <p>Jump in your canoe and paddle to</p> <p><b>Supper with the Whirlaways</b> \$16.00 each</p>
	<p><b>Saturday Night</b></p> <p>7:30 PM Pre-rounds with <b>Mary Anne Turner</b></p> <p>8:00 PM Mainstream Dancing \$10.00 each</p> <p><b>STRIKE IT RICH</b> dancing to the 'Golden Voice' of our featured caller <b>DUSTIN MCGIFFORD</b></p>		
	<p><b>Guest Callers and Cuers welcome on Sunday</b></p> <p><b>Sunday - Happy Trails to You</b></p> <p>Enjoy a Continental breakfast and casual dancing before leaving. \$6.00 each</p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM - Breakfast is Served 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Mainstream Dancing</p>		
<p>For Info Dana 250-392-3066 dball@telus.net</p> <p>Nick 250-392-2432 nmtturner@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</p> <p><a href="http://www.williamslakestampede.com/campground">www.williamslakestampede.com/campground</a></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

**nmtturner@telus.net**  
250-392-2432

**Accommodation**

There are several hotel/motels in the area but the manager of the **Super 8** has offered a special rate to square dancers of \$69.95+ tax per night for single or double occupancy.

Use the toll free number that takes you directly to the Williams Lake branch of the Super 8 chain. That number is **1-866-398-8884**.

Or you could email them at **[super8wl@shawcable.com](mailto:super8wl@shawcable.com)**

Mention that you are square dancers and would like to accept the rate offered to dancers.

## Mile -O- Grand Squares - Dawson Creek

by Bernie & Jean Smith

We had a great turn out this season, with three squares most nights. One new couple joined us and they seem to be enjoying dancing and are progressing very well. The club is now dancing in the Senior Citizen Hall. The Sudeten Hall is condemned and has not been repaired yet. Our last dance of the season will be March 28. We do not expect many dancers as several couples have gone on holidays. Because we are having very few dancers we plan to gather at a Chinese café for supper. Following our meal, we will go to the Hall to dance and enjoy a fun evening.

## Vanderhoof Drifting Squares

by Dolores Young

We've had some poor club nights this winter, not able to get even one square together and some cancellations due to weather, but now our attendance is very good and we are dancing two squares some nights.

January started with a "Hat Night" and March will see a "Flowers Night". Some people are so creative aren't they? For St. Patrick's, we danced at Riverside. I think we put on a good show. We all had fun. Neither Gys nor I had enough Irish music for the whole session. We had to fill out the evening with some Rock'n Roll.

Condolences to **Gys** whose father-in-law died on St Patrick's Day. Also to **Lorna** and **Rick**, her father died in December. Rick is back square dancing after a repair to a tendon at his knee. Between cross stitching, sewing, quilting, and dog sledding, Lorna is working in her heated greenhouse enjoying her blooming nectarine and peach trees. Lorna made herself a poodle skirt and Rick a shirt for Northern Twisters 50/60's night. On the skirt and back of Rick's shirt were their two Samoyeds in full harness...no poodle .

**Bob** and **Sandi** are preparing to move Bob's mother into residence at the Manor.

**Steve** spends time in the evenings and weekends with his ham radio, talking to people all over the world. He uses Eco Link on his computer.

**Cheryl** is new to us this year. She learned to square dance 14 years ago in Vernon and Enderby. We're glad she joined us.

**Terri Anne** is looking after her parent's farm for the month that they are in Australia. She is getting seedlings and plants ready for the Farmers' Market.

**Dave** is expecting his aunt's visit in July. He and his mom have ambitious plans to show her parts of B.C., Alberta, Alaska and the Yukon. Next year Dave and his mother hope to visit this aunt in Germany.

**Laura** and family are going to Olds to visit her daughter at college. On the trip they will take in Drumheller, the Vancouver Aquarium, the Britannia Mine Museum and visit with family in Vancouver. Laura home schools three of her children. They have been going horse back riding on these sunny days.

**Heather** has completed her first year as an Independent Demonstrator for the company Stampin' Up and has decided to continue with the business. She does a lot of

paper crafting, greeting cards and scrapbooking. She and her husband have a farm and calving has started.

**Terry** and **Jerita's** daughter **Leah** and her family have moved in with them to help on the farm. They are pleased that their granddaughter, **Ady**, three and a half, is almost the right size for a kidney transplant. Because she is on dialysis every night, Terry and Jerita have signed up with BC Hydro for the first time in 25 years.

I had my left hip replaced in December. It is great to be back dancing. I want to thank those people who came to visit me in Prince George during my first two weeks there.

**Jerita** stayed with me for the first 3 days . It was such a comfort! **Gervin** took me walking, to the Mall one day and to Costco the next. I hadn't left the house before that. Thank you.

Some of us are planning to travel to square dance events this summer so we'll see you on the dance floor

### *From the Brown Girls:*

*The weeks seem to be flying by as Spring is finally approaching! It seems we've had a very busy term for school. With all of the girls doing excellent in their studies and **Jessica's** report card showing exceeds expectations on many subjects.*

*We've been enjoying time swimming at the Vanderhoof Aquatic Centre and are thankful it's finally open! We are always excited for Thursday night to dance. We are enjoying adding to our square dancing outfits as we find new things! It was wonderful to dance at Riverside last week. We are all looking forward to opportunities to dance at other places.*



## **Prince George Northern Twisters**

by Julie Skead

*Knox United Church name has changed to 'Trinity United Downtown', 5th and Brunswick (side parking lot, ground level door to basement ) The Twisters dance here every Monday evening.*

**Gys Koops** -Square Dance caller

**Gary Dean** -Round Dance cuer.

Dancers **Dolores Young, Jolanda Van Dyk,** and **Maurice Mingay** sometimes get the opportunity to share in calling and /or cueing.

We appreciate the dedication of our Executive as well as those taking on other tasks to make regular dance nights and special 'supper and dance' nights go smoothly.

Beginner Round Dance Two Step classes continue with **Barb** and **Gary Dean** at their studio on Tuesdays at 4:30, and Intermediate Round Dance Waltz has recently changed to Rumba classes at 5:00 on Wednesdays. Round Dancing with Gary cueing during Monday Square Dancing is fun and showcases the progress the dancers have made, increases their confidence and hopefully stimulates club interest in classes next Fall.

Plus Square Dancing is on Wednesdays and A Square Dancing is on Tuesdays with **Lorne Paulson**.

The St. Valentine's Day Dance was a lovely and happy evening of lace, pink and red, and heart warming music, e.g., Gary Dean cueing 'Stupid Cupid' for Rounds (when outdoors it was -28). **Gys** invited **Jolanda** to call, and **Dolores** to call and cue.

'Family Day' was a dance night and everyone seemed over the top happy; I think there's something to that Full Moon thing! It was good to have **Gena's** friend checking out what we do, and also a guest dancer fellow from Terrace.

Also in February, was our 50s /60s Theme Dance. The music touched our souls. The outfits included many 'cool' dancers in white T shirts, blue jeans

with cuffs rolled up and rat tail combs in back pockets, black leather jackets, loafers, saddle oxfords, bobby socks, slicked-back hair, poodle circle skirts and cinch belts, neckerchiefs, ponytails. Real records and print outs of Hit Parade Songs graced the walls. Treats included bubblegum, caramels, and Orange Crush and Root Beer floats.

March 18th was our St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance: good friends 'wearing' the green', good food, good dancing, great choice of music.

Thanks go out to dancers who did up posters, brought snacks, made coffee, decorated the hall, and to those who helped with clean up.

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Heh...found a tip in the Plus Square dance calls booklet. Here's a valuable 'heads up'. Rule re returning to dancing if your square breaks down...I have heard someone say, 'Form lines.' but I've never known what kind and direction assumed, so we end up going 'home' and waiting for a call like 'allemande left'.

HERE IT IS.

1. Return to home position.
  2. Head ladies take their corners' hands.
  3. Head couples back out, forming lines at the sides of the square.
- (Caller notices and leads everyone to this for 'everyone forward and back'.)

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**Miracle Theater** presents a professional production every year in Prince George and donates the proceeds to nonprofit organizations. **Ted Prince**, Director and Designer and **Anne Laughlin**, Producer, announced that this year's proceeds would be used to establish a Children of Prince George Fund under the trusteeship of the Prince George Community Foundation. The play "Halfway There" ran for 26 hilarious performances in Art Space, upstairs at Books and Company. Over 60 local business supporters and private donors, and numerous volunteers helped make this production a success. Northern Twisters cuer, **Gary Dean**, was Lead Carpenter and club members, **Neil** and **Susan Hunter** were part of the Fit-Up, Painting and Striking Crews. Neil and Susan also worked the

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front of house for 3 performances. **Gary and Barb Dean** are hosts every year...this year for the Stage Manager, **Rebecca Marchand**, originally from the Shuswap.

The Northern Twisters are looking forward to a busy April. Our AGM and elections, Graduation on another Monday and the month starts off with April Fools' day also on a Monday! Plans are well underway for "The Teddy Bears' Picnic", the theme for our Spring Jamboree. Mark the date for a visit to Prince George, Friday evening, all day Saturday, and Sunday morning, May 3-5; a great weekend of dancing to **Murray Few**. **Gary and Barb Dean** will be giving a Round Dance workshop. All for \$40! (Meals are extra.) See our poster for details or call **Susan Hunter** at 250 962 2435.

And, weather permitting, we will check out Mr. PG. We had a lot of fun dancing around Prince George's famous mascot last year at the intersection of Highways 16 and 97. There are special "Mr. PG" badges that can be ordered - after all, it would be like a walk in the woods with the Teddy Bears!

Hope to see you.  
Bev Rein (Our President)

Again, all dancers are encouraged to sign up for the 'BC' Square and Round Dance Festival in Salmon Arm, July 2019.

The 21st Canadian National Square and Round Dance Festival will be July 29 - August 1, 2020 at the Sheraton Guildford, Surrey, B.C.. FOLLOWED BY AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAIL WITH MANY DANCERS, ON A CELEBRITY CRUISE TO ALASKA.

[www.swingthrualaska2020.com](http://www.swingthrualaska2020.com)

'Live Lively Square Dance'. Ask about getting stickers for your vehicle.

\*Check out our website [www.northerntwisters.ca](http://www.northerntwisters.ca) for posters, still photos, and videos.

**NORTHERN TWISTERS' JAMBOREE**  
**THE TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC**  
MAY 3, 4, 5, 2019

"If you go out in the woods today you're sure of a big surprise..."

**MURRAY FEW**  
...calling and cueing.

Hart Pioneer Senior Centre, 6986 Hart Highway,  
Prince George, BC

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Mainstream Dance (with Murray)	\$15
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SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Round Dance Workshop (with Gary)	\$15
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch	\$10*
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Mainstream Workshop/Dance (with Murray)	\$15
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner	\$20*
7:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Pre-rounds (with Murray)	\$15
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mainstream Dance (with Murray)	\$15

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019

9:00 am - 10:30 am	Pancake Breakfast	\$8*
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Dancing to panel of callers	NC

**\$40**

\* Package does NOT include any meals!

We have to preorder Saturday evening dinner so please RSVP to Susan Hunter by April 27 at 250-962-2435 or [hunters2@telus.net](mailto:hunters2@telus.net)

For more information visit our website at [www.northerntwisters.ca](http://www.northerntwisters.ca) ...our Facebook page at Northern Twisters Square Dance Club or email [hunters2@telus.net](mailto:hunters2@telus.net)



## Bits n' Pieces

### Cowboy Festival Fun by Pat MacKay

On Friday, March 15th, five of us from the Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways Square Dance Club - **Betz Ratch, Dana Ball, Kae Stafford, Karen Piffco** and **Pat MacKay**, drove to Kamloops for the 23rd anual Cowboy (and Cowgirl!) Festival. The weather was perfect, roads bare and dry, and the music, poetry and laughter continuous.

All the entertainers provided hours of top notch entertainment for over twelve hours a day. Bernadette Ducharme from Horsefly, did us all proud along with favourites such as Geordie West, Ed Wahl, Jean Prescott, Huch McLennan and Mag Mawhinney, plus newcomers, Tom Swearingen, Linda Nadon and Mikki Daniel.

Granberg Ranch, DeLeeuw Ranch and the Moon Family were all inducted into the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Phillip Camille, Lawrence Elkins and Willie Crosina will be inducted at the Williams Lake Indoor Rodeo on Sunday, April 28th.

The five of us attended the dinner/theatre on Friday and Saturday nights. Both the food and entertainment, which lasted a total of about 4 - 5 hours, were well worth the extra cost. They were followed by a jam session and dancing a little later, which, like all the other shows, were included in the weekend pass.

Workshops were available for those interested and included song writing, stage presentation, all about saddles and all about guitars, plus learning how to play the harmonica. The subjects vary each year.

An Open Mic is held during each Festival for those who wish to read their poetry out loud, play an instrument or try out their singing voice.

Different forms of art - oil or water colour, photography, sculpture in a variety of materials, all were on display, and people were invited to vote for their preference in each category. As well there was a Trade Show.

Cariboo Saddlery was there with saddles, of course and riding accessories. A silversmith had some beautiful jewellery for sale - I loved the bracelets, but didn't give in to temptation!

One booth showed Western wear, another creations made from rope, and knives of every description. Williams Lake

Museum had a booth that always seemed to be busy, and Barkerville was well represented also.

During the day the five of us took in the majority of shows, where we often ran into others from the Williams Lake area. Each show lasted approximately three quarters to one hour. People wandered in and out of the venues as the mood took them, but quietly and with respect for those performing on the stage.

On Sunday morning pre-church entertainment started at 9:30 am. Bernadette, Ed Wahl and Jean Prescott were some of those taking part in both that and the Cowboy Church Service. Bryn Thiessen gave the sermon. The place was packed, for Cowboy Church is very popular.

The various shows and dinner/theatre continued for the remainder of Sunday, but we left by early afternoon. Dana and Karen returned to Williams Lake, while Betz, Kae and I went to see what Value Village had to offer - quite a lot actually, and we all found something we just had to have!

The Kamloops Cowboy Festival Weekend was well worth attending. We look forward to it each year, and have never yet been disappointed. Why not saddle up and ride the trail to Kamloops yourself next year, and experience a weekend of poetry, music and great western entertainment and hospitality. You could find you like it!

June 7 & 8, 2019  
RADIIUM, BC

Barry Sjolfin Gary Winter

\* Friday Night Mainstream Dance 8-10 pm \*  
\* Saturday AM "FUN" Shop 9-11am \* Saturday Afternoon FREE to Relax\*  
\* Saturday Evening Mainstream Dance 8-10 pm \*

To Register contact Gary at callergary@gmail.com

Accommodations Suggestions Pre Pay before June 1, 2019  
Park Inn 1-800-858-1155 or info@parkinn.bc.ca \$25.00/ person for all three sessions.

Canyon Campground 250-347-9564 After June 1, 2019 \$30.00/ person for all three sessions

All Dances will held at  
Radium Community Hall  
Hosted by Columbia Valley Twirlers

**The State of Region 5** — BC Square and Round Dance Federation requested a report from each region before their Board of Directors' Meeting on March 30. Below is the report that we submitted to them, based on the information that the Region 5 clubs did or did not submit to us. Our thanks to those who did take the time to respond before the March 1 deadline.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Region 5 has 5 active clubs, and approximately 120 members

Region 5 Delegates: **Jan and Bill Cave, Dana Ball, Karen Piffko**

Our clubs do not interact as much as we would like to because of the large geographical area Region 5 covers. We do keep in contact through Email bulletins sent out by region president, **Mary Anne Turner**, and the Cariboo Connection Newsletter that is published 3 times a year by **Nick and Mary Anne Turner**. It contains whatever news the clubs in our area wish to contribute. Hard copies are delivered to our clubs and the Newsletters are also posted on our Region 5 website at **www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca**

Region 5 continues to experience the same difficulties as many of the other regions. We have clubs that have folded, few new callers committed to becoming club callers and a great need for more dancers. We have approximately 120 dancers in the Region this season.

**CARIBOOTERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB - LAC LA HACHE Caller - Dave Abbs Cuer - Helen Hall**

The Lac La Hache Caribooters have not been too active so far this year. We are having a difficult time to get enough members for a square due to medical issues, inclement weather and travels. Starting in March our Cuer, **Helen Hall**, has located a building close to her home and is going to start with Round Dancing again once a week for all interested persons. We may even be able to get a few squares together.?? In the meantime we have continued with our insurance coverage to allow us to dance with other clubs. Currently a few of our members are planning to travel to Williams Lake occasionally to dance with the Stampede Whirlaways.

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**WILLIAMS LAKE STAMPEDE WHIRLWAYS Caller – Nick Turner Cuer – Mary Anne Turner**

The Whirlaways had 28 dancers registered in September, we retained 5 of the new dancers, two being young members to add to the two we already have. Several dancers have not registered as club members for reasons such as health conditions, work requirements, and school schedules but they come as guests when they can. So, we often have 3 squares on the floor.

Last May we celebrated the 60th anniversary of our club and the 40th anniversary of Nick Turner as our caller. We would like to thank the BCS&RDF and the CSRDS for their many anniversary acknowledgements and representatives Ken and Sally Crisp, Beth and Darcy McGifford for their special presentations. We sincerely appreciated the many dancers from all over the province that made our Jamboree a rousing success with their attendance and all of their contributions to Nick Turner's memory album.

Also, it was our special treat to celebrate having Dustin McGifford on his birthday as our guest caller for the 10th year. We are already working on next May's Jamboree. The theme this year is "The Call of the Canadian Wilderness - Past and Present". You can bet our cuer, Mary Anne, and the club members will come up with something exciting. We hope you will consider attending this event in Williams Lake on the weekend of May 24-26, 2019. <http://www.wmslk.squaredance.bc.ca/images/poster2019jamboree.pdf>

We thank Bill Cave for calling our dances while Nick Turner was recuperating from knee surgery and for calling tips on a regular basis during the season. It keeps us on our toes.

Due to illnesses, our only public appearance was a booth at the Fall Fair. Several of our members did canvassing and donated their time helping at various events in the square dancer name.

**NORTHERN TWISTERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, PRINCE GEORGE BC**

**Caller - Gys Koops Cuer - Gary Dean**

The Northern Twisters meet most Monday evenings September through early May. We have 62 members of whom 10 have been members for at least 25 years, and 4 will be graduating this spring. Since the report last spring, in May we had a successful Spring Jamboree themed “Across Canada” with Murray Few calling.

We enjoyed our annual “Snowflake” weekend, in early November, with cuer, Sandy Gregson-Meyer, and caller, Merv Meyer, doing an excellent job of putting us through our paces. The weekend was well attended.

The Club enjoyed our Christmas dinner and dance on December 10 with Santa and Mrs. Claus as special guests and then took a break until startup January 7, 2019.

On the weekend of January 18-19, 2019, we celebrated Robbie Burns with a guest caller, Heather Reynolds (nee Wallace). Heather did a wonderful job of teaching at the Saturday afternoon workshop and she used the new steps in her calls through an entertaining evening. The Club tried something a little different for this dinner. Instead of a potluck, several members cooked a traditional Robbie Burns dinner (including Haggis!), and other members served the dinner to 49 guests. A piper and toast to the Haggis completed the dinner. We welcomed 12 out of town guests.

Our next large event is the annual spring Jamboree – this year the theme is “The Teddy Bears’ Picnic” with guest caller, Murray Few, back by popular demand. The Jamboree (#62!) takes place on May 3, 4 and 5. We will be getting into high gear shortly in preparation for it, including dancing around Mr. PG again this year.

During the year we recognize various days such as Valentine’s and St. Patrick’s with goodies or a potluck (Irish stew!), 50s – 60s, a chance for soda ice cream floats! We also have a “Goofers” night so that anyone who wants to try calling, may do so.

We also usually have one or two squares to dance for shut-ins and at Seniors’ homes for their entertainment. We danced at one facility last fall and will be doing another in the next month or so. The Club is holding its own financially, but our membership numbers are down a bit unfortunately.

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**VANDERHOOF DRIFTING SQUARES**

**Callers - Dolores Young and Sandi Jesperson. Gys Koops from Prince George travels to Vanderhoof on alternate weeks to call for the club.**

We did not receive a report from Vanderhoof but we know that this has been the 16th season for The Drifting Squares. They dance 1 or 2 squares each week. Sandi Jesperson maintains a Facebook page for the Drifting Squares at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/VanderhoofDriftingSquares/>

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**MILE ZERO GRAND SQUARES, DAWSON CREEK**

**Caller/Cuer - Bernie Smith**

We did not receive news from the Mile Zero Grand Squares Club to use in the report before the BCS&RDF deadline date but we do know they are usually dancing 3 squares this year.

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**SKEENA SQUARES - TERRACE**

**No caller - they use recorded music and calls**

This club is not dancing this season due to a lack of members. Some have registered with the Federation, however, so that they may dance at other clubs when possible.



## REGION 5 DANCE SCHEDULE 2019

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

WHEN	WHERE	EVENT	CALLERS/ CUERS
April 11, 2019	Vanderhoof	16th Birthday Dance	Dolores, Sandi, Gys
May 3-5, 2019	Prince George	62nd Spring Jamboree Weekend	Murray Few
May 24-26, 2019	Williams Lake	61st Spring Jamboree - Call of Canadian Wilderness Theme	Dustin McGifford, Nick and Mary Anne Turner
June 14-16, 2019	Chase	Chase the Fun Dance Weekend	Steve Edlund, Allan & Laura Peterson
July 11-13, 2019	Salmon Arm	BC Festival 2019	Many Callers & Cuers
Aug. 7 - 10, 2019	Penticton	16th Peachfest Square Dance Festival	Many Callers & Cuers
August 17, 2019	Vanderhoof	Exhibition Dance at Fall Fair	

### 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.

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](http://www.squaredance.bc.ca)

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



**Jerry Junck**  
International  
Caller

**SATURDAY, MAY 4<sup>th</sup>**

PLUS DANCE: 2-4 pm

MAINSTREAM DANCE:

Rounds 7pm; Squares 7:30-10pm

**WEST END SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE**  
9629 – 176 Street, Edmonton

**ADVANCE TICKETS: \$10/Dance OR**  
\$15 for BOTH Dances

**AT THE DOOR: \$14/Dance**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM**

Dwayne & Marian Jenkins 780-462-2018

Morley Blazenko 780-486-6413

Barbara Hostyn 780-499-1915

**ON-LINE TICKETS:** Pay by Credit Card  
<https://www.communitydance.org/tickets/>

**\*\* Jerry Will Also Be Calling In \*\***

**CALGARY – Thursday, May 2 – PLUS**

**– Friday, May 3 – MAINSTREAM**

**RED DEER, Sunday MAY 5 – MAINSTREAM**

### ABOUT JERRY

Jerry began square dancing in 1965. He started calling a year later, while still in high school, and for the next 20 years, was the club caller for a number of clubs in northeast Nebraska. He traveled as much as his farming operation would allow. The spring of 1986 brought with it the decision to devote full time to calling square dances.

The year 2018 will mark his 52nd year of calling square dances.

Jerry firmly believes in the development of new callers, and the continuing education of established callers. As an accredited CALLERLAB coach, Jerry has been on the staff of various caller schools and seminars around the country. He conducts his own school, The Heart of America Caller's School, each summer in the Midwest.

During the winter months, Jerry and his wife, Sharon, make their home in Mesa, Arizona where he is the resident caller for three RV parks, and maintains a complete program of square dancing from Beginners through A-2.

Traveling extensively during the summer months, he thoroughly enjoys the traveling side of calling and the many friends he has made throughout the activity.

JERRY takes special pride in calling smooth, flowing choreography with the basic philosophy that "Square Dancing Should Be Fun".