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The CARIBOO CONNECTION

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Attention - all Clubs ! A response is Requested

Our Region 5 Delegates -

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will be attending the Board of Directors' meeting in Abbotsford on April 2nd. They will be representing Region 5.

Prior to the meeting they are required to send a report from our region to the BCS&RDF secretary.

Please **assist them with this report** by sending them an email with information about your club.

Things like:

- how many members does your club have?
- how many new dancers you have this year and how are they doing?
- does your club have any Milestone events coming up this year that you are going to be celebrating?
- any caller or cuer news?
- anything you want the rest of the province to know about your club?

Also, do you have any questions or concerns that you want our delegates to relay to the Federation? If so let them know. If you have anything you wish brought up at this meeting please let your Delegates know ASAP, so that they can ask for it to be put on the meeting Agenda.

The club reports are due in soon so please don't delay. Our delegates should receive an email from each club. Put "Report for BOD" in the subject line of your email.

If you are in the Abbotsford area on April 2nd, why not drop into the meeting to see what goes on at a Federation Board of Directors' Meeting. It sounds like a fancy name but the Board is made up of 4 delegates from each square dance region. We are very lucky to have volunteers like Helen, Henry, Bill and Marilyn to represent us as delegates to these meetings. The meeting will be held at the ASAA Hall, 33889 Essendene Avenue, Abbotsford.



A Recruiting Tool for You from the Federation Revitalization Committee

As announced in the Bulletin #16, copies of

a new square dance brochure and a rack card have been designed and produced.

They are being paid for by the BCS&RDF and will be available at no charge for reasonable orders to those clubs sponsoring New Dancer sessions.

They are very attractive and modern looking and should be a very useful way of getting your club's New Dancer information publicized.

Copies of the new brochure and rack card were mailed to each of our Region's club Presidents. Be sure to take a look.

Information about them can be directed to Dennis Sutton dsutton9@telus.net

To save postage expenses, you might ask your Delegates to pick up copies at the BOD meeting in March or anyone attending the AGM in Penticton in August.

The brochure and rack card, along with the Health Brochure produced a few years ago, are useful awareness tools when you are advertising your new dancer sessions in the fall or in January. They can be placed in your local library, doctors' dentists' and physiotherapists' offices, hospital waiting areas, bulletin boards - anywhere where people gather. Remember to ask permission to place these.

Off the Mainstream Path by Nick Turner

Something New

There's something new in Square Dancing! It seems that now you may be able to hire a caller from anywhere in North America to call for your club, party or special dance using Skype.



For those of you who are not acquainted with Skype, it is a computer program that allows you to talk with someone and at the same time be able to see each other as you converse.

Already the first successful dance has been called using this technology. The dance was held in Wausau Wisconsin, while the caller, Andy Alememao, was in Southern California. A 46 inch screen hanging on the wall let the dancers hear the calls and see the caller and the caller could see the front 4 squares as he called.

The club that hosted this dance is in an area that has very few callers available to them and they are trying this Skype method as a way to get a variety of talented callers for their dancers to enjoy. They plan to host a Skype dance twice a month.

Michael Streby, a caller from Wisconsin, reported that there was no time delay with the sound and that the dancers really enjoyed the trial run. His comment was that "Andy was literally bigger than life on the 46 inch screen." He did mention that this system would probably work for all of Canada and the USA but may not work if the sound was being bounced from a satellite from overseas. Time will tell, I guess, as clubs experiment with this new approach.

Callers, there's a great way to listen to Square Dance music with most of the producers on one website called Music For Callers: <http://www.musicforcallers.com>

You can listen to song clips and order songs which will come as an MP3 download and some of the producers have a few CDs available. MP3s are same day download using PayPal. Dancers, you can even buy a song you really like for your caller!

Unfortunately, with the current \$US/CDN exchange rate, one song is about the same cost as buying a head and a half of cauliflower.

Something Old

It looks like vinyl 45 RPM square dance records are a thing of the past. Recently over 200,000 were consigned to the recycle bin after a buyout of a major Square Dance music distributor.

The records were deemed too heavy to ship, too many to store. Callers, hang on to those old records! Some of those songs may never appear as newly recorded MP3s and new callers will be wanting some of this stuff to convert to digital format when you hang up the microphone.

A Bit of Nostalgia

Some great old calls have disappeared from most callers' repertoire. Who remembers.....

Box the Flea,
Red Hot,
Divide,
Throw in the Clutch (put 'er in low)
Catch All Eight,
Rip 'n Snort,
Dixie Chain
Grand Spin?

Grand Spin was the feature of the singing call The Grand Colonel Spin to the tune of Colonel Bogey.

Talking of "Grand", Burleson's Square Dancers' Encyclopedia lists 150 calls that start with "Grand _____". How many have you danced?

My 1992 edition of the encyclopedia listed 4998 calls and you can bet many more have been added in the years following 1992!

BC FESTIVAL 2017

SQUARE & ROUND DANCE



MINI FESTIVAL

JULY 6, 7, 8

Cloverdale Rodeo Grounds

6050 176 St., Cloverdale, B.C.



THURSDAY

Registration opens at 11:00 a.m.

Dancing and workshops 1:30 p.m. till 5:00 p.m.

Dinner break 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremony 7:00 p.m.; Dancing till 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

Halls open at 9:30 a.m.

BCSRD Federation AGM 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 noon

Dancing and workshops 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon

Lunch break 12:00 noon till 1:30 p.m.

Dancing and workshops 1:30 p.m. till 5:00 p.m.

Dinner break 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

Dancing 7:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m.

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Dancing and workshops 1:30 p.m. till 5 p.m.

Dinner break 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

Closing Ceremony 7:00 p.m.; Dancing till 10:00 p.m.

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A BC Square and Round Dance Provincial Festival is Heading Your Way! July 2017

It has been quite a few years since a full provincial square and round dance festival has occurred for our dancing pleasure. Happily, a dedicated group from the lower mainland has stepped up to organize one for July 6, 7, 8, 2017. It will be held in Cloverdale and requires a minimum pre-registration of 417 dancers in order for the festival to receive the final go-ahead. Organizing committees have been formed and Registration Forms are now available on the website at BCFestival2017.squaredance.bc.ca

While it may seem very early to register, **Wendy Krueger**, a Co-chair for the festival has sent us this message to pass on to you.

“Oh, Wendy!” you say. “The festival is 18 months away!” Yes, it is and just think of how quickly the last 18 months of our lives went by!! July 2017 will be here shortly, and all I am asking you to do is plan to attend so our committee can plan the event.

The first step FOR YOU in the planning, is filling out your registration form and sending it in with your payment to our registrar.

Next, I want you to turn the pages in your five year calendar to July 2017 and block in these dates: the 6th, 7th, and 8th. Write BCFestival 2017 Cloverdale. And then write “I AM REGISTERED” in BIG, BOLD letters.

I want to point out that the registration form is asking for your name and contact information and also for the 3 levels and phases of square dance and round dance that you plan to dance the most at the festival.

When we put your top 3 together with everyone else’s top 3, we will be able to plan that satisfying and enjoyable program of dance offerings that will make BCFestival 2017 the highlight of your dancing experience.

So don’t take a wait and see attitude. Don’t try to leave your options open. Putting on this festival is a big commitment involving lots of people and here it is, time for you to put it in writing that you are coming.

I’m dreaming of a white New Year—white with the pages and pages of registration forms piling up in our registrar’s mailbox. Remember the number 417. It will take 416 people dancing beside me in Shannon Hall for my dreams to come true in July 2017. It is a big, big dream.

Send in your form and dream big with me.

REGION REFLECTIONS

Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways

by Gil McCall



So, here we are into a new year and we hope it's going to be a great one for square dancers everywhere. The Whirlaways are fortunate to have a great group of new dancers. They are

mostly young, enthusiastic and talented. Our new people started this past September and joined the Mainstream club early in January. They are just what any club needs to put new life into the organization. We welcome all of you and hope it is just the start of a long and happy time.

The newcomers were amongst the 62 persons who attended our annual Christmas Party in December. It was an excellent event, complete with the turkey and all the trimmings, Santa Claus...and of course the excellent calling and cueing of **Nick and Mary Anne Turner**. The Turners chose seasonal music to fit the occasion and they did a duet that I thought was outstanding. The song is called "Unto



Us This Holy Night" and was recorded by an Australian Band called The Wiggles. You can watch The Wiggles version on You Tube. It's a wonderful song.

Our next special event will be March Merriment and Pie Night on March 5th. Our club members bring the pies. At the end of the dance, we eat some of them (oohh, so good) then we auction the rest. Monies from the auction go to the Child Development Center. They use the money for general facility improvements, such as the re-done kitchen, featuring

a new floor and appliances. We are very proud to be a part of that!

Out-of-towners are especially welcome to attend March Merriment. You'll have a lot of fun...and oh, those pies!

ONCE UPON A TIME. That's the name of our annual Mainstream Jamboree...and it's coming up on May 27, 28 and 29. This fairy tale theme will no doubt encourage an outburst of special events and entertainment. I know it is being diligently worked on. Our featured caller will again be **Dustin McGifford** from the Okanagan. Nick, Mary Anne and he work very hard to match the music for rounds and squares to the theme.

Friday night will be the Fairy Tale Frolic featuring Nick Turner as caller and his good wife Mary Anne doing the rounds. Saturday morning will see the Round Dance Social. Dustin is the caller for the Saturday afternoon fun called The Mad Hatter Tea Party. Saturday evening at six, the big dinner will take place at the White Rabbit Inn.

The dancing resumes at 7:30 with pre-rounds and then The Glass Slipper Ball with Dustin McGifford. During this period, there will be special entertainment. We'd love to have you all. For info, call President Dana at 250-392-3066...or Nick at 250-392-2432.

There is a poster print in this edition that will probably answer any questions you may have.

As mentioned in previous editions, we seem to have a group that likes to travel. I'm not attempting to cover everyone, but here's a little sample:

Werner and Susanne Moessner arrived home just before Christmas from their annual trip to Europe. This year they visited Germany, Italy, Austria and Switzerland. They told us they had a great time.

Mike and Marie Gibbons spent three weeks in Maui in the fall and they had Whirlaway visitors whilst there. **Karen Piffko** dropped in to spend a couple of weeks with them and **Wendy Cartwright** and her son traveled to the beautiful isle for a week.

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Marie told me they went square dancing in Maui and it was fine...but couldn't begin to match the frivolity of our club. Now, mind you, after being president of the Whirlaways for five years, she could be a little biased. Hmm...no, not Marie.

Bill and **Jan Cave** enjoyed a trip to England. Bill says it was to celebrate an old friend's birthday, and a good time was had by all. They went to several areas of the country but he didn't tell me if this included Buckingham Palace. I thought that after his performance as the Queen at last year's Jamboree, he may have been welcome at the royal residence!..or not?

Ellen Wiede and **Dana Ball** traveled with **Willie Crosina's** bus to the National Rodeo finals in Edmonton. They said it was a tremendous trip and they stayed at the Sutton Place Hotel on 101st. Street. If I'm not mistaken, that's the old St. Regis Hotel, where I used to guzzle a few beers as a teenager. Whoa, I mean as a younger man. Anyway, Ellen told us how from that location, you can go underground to endless shops and stores without facing that Edmonton weather! And the rodeo was terrific.

Earlier in the year, Prez Dana went all the way to Redding, California for her 60th Shasta High School reunion. She said there were 60 to 65 grads in attendance. She stated further that they all seemed to have changed in appearance - except one! Guess who? Of course, Dana was only four when she graduated!

We have to take a trip to Kamloops. I hate driving in winter conditions - always afraid it might turn out to be The Grand Spin.....



It's Time for our.....

**March Merriment
Pie & Ice Cream Night**



**Saturday, March 5, 2016
Child Development Center
690 North 2nd Ave.
Williams Lake, BC**

7:00 PM - Pre Rounds - Mary Anne Turner
7:30 PM - Mainstream Dancing - Nick Turner

\$8.00 each (Charity Fund Raiser Night)



*Extra pies will be
auctioned after the dance.
Proceeds will be used to
support the Child
Development Center*

**After the dance,
enjoy
pie and ice cream.**

Is Your Club Building Its Online Presence?

Building an online presence using venues such as Facebook, Twitter, Websites, Instagram, etc. is time consuming and it is only beneficial if you post consistently. If your followers have nothing to read for a long time, they will leave you.

Postings can be far reaching. An example is the video of the Stampede Whirlaways Christmas Party - it has been viewed 1003 times so far.

If you have a club member willing to take the time to post news articles, posters, photos and videos on a regular basis, you are lucky. But ask yourself if you could assist this person in anyway.

Do you have ideas for a post? Could you write an article or opinion piece? Could you take and submit photos or videos of club activities?

Vanderhoof Drifting Squares by Sandi Jespersion

Where has the time gone??? When I saw that another Cariboo Connection was going to be published, I was thinking that Mary Anne was kidding! But here we are - another edition going to the printers. Many thanks to Mary Anne and Nick for keeping us informed and enjoying our craft.

For those that follow us on Facebook, there are videos about our summer dancing in Fort St. James and many pictures from our fall dancing. Glad to see some people checking us out.

Our Christmas Dance was a huge success and we saw many old faces that no longer dance with us (for various reasons). More than 30 people out for the dinner, some stayed until 8 or so and watched us dance and we had 2 squares on the floor most of the time. Great dancing and great food. We really enjoyed the evening and hope that we have as many out for our Valentine's dance and pot luck on Feb 11th.

The winter has been gentle and although there have been some days that made it hard for people to travel, we have had at least one full square every night. The new dancers are doing well and the Mainstream dancers are being "angels" to the group. I thank you so much for helping these new dancers to develop their dancing skills.

I think I forgot to thank Prince George dancers, Williams Lake dancers and some southern dance groups. The used clothing is really an asset to our younger "new - brand new" dancers. The occasional crinoline is wonderful and although I still have boxes of used dresses, shirts (men and women) and skirts, we are using them and appreciate them. Any money donations go towards the food bank here in town. Thanks so much.

The fall was a hard time for Bob and I. My mom broke her neck in early September so I was away from dancing for many weeks during the fall. I spent many hours each day at the hospital in Chilliwack.

Bob's dad was diagnosed in late fall with lung cancer and brain tumors, so Bob spent most of his waking day at the hospital in Vanderhoof helping his dad with feeding and comfort. Dad's passing Jan 11, has been hard. We are all adjusting to the changes.

January has been a good month for our dancers and I am glad to say they are progressing well. With all the events with Bob's dad, I have taken time off from calling and Dolores has stepped up and filled in for the group. Gys continues to be in Vanderhoof to call twice a month. I

am grateful for our calling team. Happy Winter to all and we would love to see you dance with us.

Special Dances for Vanderhoof Drifting Squares
Feb 11...Valentine's Dance and Pot luck.... callers Dolores, Sandi and Gys. Dinner at 5:30, rounds 6:30, new dancers 7, followed by Mainstream. United Church Hall

March 10th and **March 24** - dancing at extended care and senior's hall. Call for times and directions. Callers Dolores, Sandi and Gys.

April 14 - Birthday (12th) dance and potluck..... United Church Hall (usual pot luck times). Callers Dolores, Sandi and Gys.

May 12 - Year end dance and potluck. If weather is fine, it will be a picnic on the church lawn. If not ... in the hall. Regular times. Callers Dolores, Sandi and Gys.

Lac La Hache Caribooters by Bill Rose

We still have our scheduled dances on Mondays. Time has changed to 1:00 to 1:30 pm for pre-rounds and 1:30 to 3:30 for square dancing. We have a couple of dancers that drive from Clearwater to join us and it allows them to get home a little earlier before it gets too dark. This is due to the weather this time of year.

Since prior to Christmas we have only danced once due to lack of dancers - colds - flu - travels - injuries and it is difficult to get enough persons for a square.

Henry Hall had a fall in early December in his garage and broke his leg below the hip and ended up in Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops for surgery to repair. He is well on the road to recovery but is still not able to dance.

Jim Milliken had a fall in his home in 100 Mile House and ended up in 100 Mile District Hospital with concussion. It is believed that he had a minor stroke. After a stay in 100 Mile House Hospital he was transferred to Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops where he underwent physical therapy to help him gain back his strength and mobility. He is not able to stay home alone any longer so now resides in 'Carefree Manor' in 100 Mile House. He wants to get back dancing but it may be some time yet.

Fran Campbell, one of our founding member dancers decided that it was becoming more difficult for her to look after her home (across the road from where we dance), so she moved into 'Carefree Manor'. She still comes dancing and drives her own vehicle - weather permitting.

Prince George Northern Twisters by Julie Skead

Happy New Year everyone! We continue to have 3 to 5 squares of dancers - familiar faces and personable beginners who are a bonus to the club. Our caller and instructor is **Gys Koops**, with **Don Hollis**, **Dolores Young**, and **Maurice Mingay** jumping in calling and or cueing. We appreciate their dedication.

For our Hallowe'en special evening, we had 4 squares of dancers, many with costumes or dressed in blacks and oranges. Since decoration plans shouldn't be taken for granted, they were made to happen by **Susan**!

Again, we were invited to do a demonstration at the Brunswick Street Seniors' Center. This is enjoyable, but also smart, as many in our audience, being retired, are prime candidates for this healthy spare time activity..... 2 squares, most joined in on their special supper ahead of time.

Our SNOWFLAKE workshop and luncheon (Oh, that hamburger soup!), supper and dance were set amongst the dainty blues and whites of wall, ceiling, and table decorations including large white pom-poms for snowballs (which tempted some more outgoing types to toss them at each other!) We welcomed back guest caller, **Merv Meyer**, and cuer, **Sandy Gregson-Meyer**, from Kamloops. Dancers who took part in the workshops appreciated square dance coaching and singing call duets. Merv has been calling since 2000, Sandy cueing since 2009. They are amazing examples of what smiling, being positive, warm, reassuring and encouraging can do for the spirits of dancers of all ages.

The Round Dance instruction was excellent. Even those watching would have learned some steps. We danced Cha Cha and Irish Washerwoman, a novelty dance, then danced with a square in the middle and round dancers around the square - two callers at once! It was good to see **Ab** and **Mary McQuillin** from Quesnel, **Barb** (recuperating well) and **Gary Dean**, and **Lorne Paulson** (strong even though he had recently lost his wife, **Pat**, whom we all miss). There were 4 squares on Friday, 5 on

Saturday night. Saturday night included a demonstration by Plus dancers of a 6 couple square.

Graduation was held in November for last year's dancers: **Rosetta** and **Martin Meyer**, **Bev** and **Larry Rein**. (5 squares of dancers, wee Grad hats courtesy of **Lorne Paulson** w/ special cake and muffins.) The traditional ceremony was lovely. Angels were also presented with dangles to hang on name badges, representing the patient, caring support given to new dancers. We all know from our first seasons, that friendly coaching is appreciated and important.

Over 50 dancers enjoyed our Christmas Supper and Dance including 'Dirt Cake' that has become traditional, thanks to **Pearl** and **Kevin**. **Jan** and **Bill Cocker's** Christmas Pudding Draw was won by **Randy England**. **Gys Koops**, **Maurice Mingay**, **Dolores Young**, and **Don Hollis** kept us hopping. **Susan** and **Neil** and decorating assistants are to be thanked again, also those who often come early and stay late to do set up and take down. Lots of meeting and greeting was happening throughout the evening. (Good to see **Irene Rigler** drop in on the evening and join in.)

Ray L. did his usual marathon of volunteering daily for 8 days at the Railroad Museum - guitar and singing, stoking the bonfires, promoting the museum and being conductor on the 2 mini electric trains that thousands come for rides on.

Ray, **Gervin**, and **Maurice** continue rehearsing and performing with The Forever Young Choir through the 10th Avenue Seniors' Center.

Chris M. and her friend have another Mexico vacation in the works....excited about meeting up with familiar faces.

Here's a success story. **Ray** (who is 81) volunteered to entertain for patients, visitors and staff in the lobby of the Cancer Clinic. After weekdays for 7 weeks, his acoustic guitar, amp, headset mic, left not far from the reception desk while he went for his truck, was stolen. Staff assured him there would be security video. We visited a major secondhand store/pawn shop. We got a call from them later and

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police took possession of the equipment. The person's face was clear as a bell on the surveillance video! So, after just over a month, Ray has his equipment back. Something special happened. The staff at the Cancer Clinic had chipped in, convinced Sound Factory to give a discount, and got Ray a new amp with a cart for carrying equipment! So.....having used the new one a while, Ray will keep it and sell the one the police returned, which is only a year old. The money will go back to the clinic staff to use how they see fit.

The **Halladays** report:

"**Cath and I (Gervin)** have been busy visiting our five grand children since November. Two weeks in Vancouver visiting our son Andrew's boy Nathan(4), then off to visit our daughter's children....Cael(5) and Myra(2) in Puerto Vallarta, then to Grande Prairie to visit Teagan(7) and Tyler(5) our son Allan's boys. Fun, fun, fun! We are now back to our regular routine, square dancing 4, yes 4 times a week. Our Plus is good with A1 and A2 coming along. Dreaming about Motivate, Mini-Busy, Slip, Slide, Swing and Slither. **Lorne** is a great teacher and has a new group of Plus....five charming and beautiful ladies. We practice with them on Tuesday afternoon. We plan on attending many jamborees in the spring and summer. Hope to see you at the National Jamboree in Regina July 28, 29, 30."

Reta G. would like to say a big Thank You to all the new dancers for how faithful they are, coming every Monday night, and also going to **Gys's** on Sunday for extra dancing time. They are adding brightness to our club with their charming personalities.

On a sadder note. Reta's Dad had passed away in April. Then, she spent 10 days in Saskatchewan at the end of November visiting her very sick younger brother who passed December 18th. He was grateful she came, and Reta is so thankful that she had the opportunity to spend quality time with him.

Remember to keep informed and inspired through our own Regional and Provincial square dancing websites and FBook.

*Dancers, please watch for opportunities to invite past dancers, other acquaintances, and family to join us for club suppers or any dance nights. Show them your level of participation/enthusiasm. Perhaps you will plant a seed.

Mile - 0 - Grand Squares, Dawson Creek

by Bernie and Jean Smith

We are still dancing every Monday at 7 pm in the Sudeten Hall. The club started out the new season at the end of September with two squares of adults. The students that had danced with us in the past two years did not join us this season. They all have other commitments with school and sporting events. Hopefully they will join us again at a later time.

A good time was had at our Christmas dance. Thirty dancers attended, including some of our student dancers. We had a potluck supper followed by square dancing, rounds and contras.

After the dance everyone joined in a Chinese gift exchange, followed by a lunch and lots of visiting.

Bernie and I are hoping to travel to some jamborees this spring and summer, providing health issues don't keep us home. Right now we are both doing well and look forward to seeing everyone on the dance floor again.

Skeena Squares, Terrace

by Diane Weismiller

We had our first session after our Christmas break on January 19th. We didn't try to recruit any new dancers this season but have been concentrating on getting the dancers who joined us last year through the Mainstream program. We still have a few moves to work on but they are now able to dance to many of the singing calls that we have.

I am hoping they will feel confident enough to attend one of the jamborees in the area this spring.

All the best for 2016 to the folks in Region 5. We hope to see you on the dance floor soon.

Bits n' Pieces

Return to Africa

by Bev Abbs



I was very fortunate to return to Africa when I visited my daughter, Karen, son-in-law, Dan and my 22 month old grandson, Ruben in Nairobi, Kenya. After two very long flights I arrived in Nairobi on Sept. 25.

I spent a month with the family and had a wonderful time getting to know Ruben and his friends. Ruben has many Kenyan friends who live in his complex and all of the children have African nannies. My name is Shosho Ruben which means Grandma Ruben in Swahili. Ruben's nanny, Connie & I had great conversations and she tried to teach me some Swahili.

We visited many places in Nairobi as well as the Karen Blixen Museum, Giraffe sanctuary and the baby elephant orphanage. I am sponsoring a baby elephant and was able to visit her.

Longer trips were taken to Lake Naivasha and the Maasai Mara. We flew into the Mara in a 12 seater Cesna which was so much fun and stayed at

a camp on the escarpment in a very fancy tent. We saw many animals and saw the wildebeest migration though the group did not cross the river as crocodiles were swimming. They came down four times but wouldn't cross that day. We had a very knowledgeable guide.



Nairobi is very security conscious and most places are gated with 24/7 security and cars are searched and people have to go through a scan and belongings are checked. There are few places where you can walk safely. The traffic and air pollution in Nairobi is very bad.

The Kenyan people are very friendly. I enjoyed my stay in their country and I was sad to leave.

Karen & family have now moved back to the UK where they have bought a place in the south of England.

Thompson-Shuswap Square & Round Dance Association

Chase the Fun 2016

Friday, June 17th to 19th
Chase Community Hall

Back for a Return Engagement



Cuer
Mariann Sanford



Caller
Steve Edlund



Cuer
Sandy Meyer

Weekend Pass \$35.
if registered by May 15th

Catered Dinner \$20.

Dry Camping \$5, per night

Schedule

Friday: Trail or Dance
Panel of Callers & Cuers
Pre-meals 7:30 to 8pm - Mainstream 8 to 10:00 PM

Saturday:
Round Dancing - Phase II to TV 9:30 to 11:30 AM
Mainstream Workshop - 1:00 to 2:00 PM
Plus Dance - 2:30 to 4:30 PM
Catered Dinner 4 PM
Pre-meals 7:30 to 8:00 - Mainstream 8:00 to 10:00 PM

Sunday: Trail or Dance
Rotary Breakfast Breakfast
Panel of Callers & Cuers - 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Please send Cheque (Canadian funds)
Made payable to: Thompson-Shuswap Square & Round Dance Assoc.
c/o George & Nancy Alison, 3533 Eagle Bay Rd. Blind Bay, BC V0E 1H1
or register online at: www.chasethefun.com
For further info: 250-873-3376 or gnalison@telus.net

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www.SquareDanceCalgary.com

Join us on May 27 - 29, 2016 for the **Williams Lake**
“Once Upon a Time” Mainstream Jamboree.

Warning !!!!! —one of the service clubs in town will be holding a convention on the same weekend. They are expecting around 400-500 people to be in Williams Lake for the convention and it will be difficult for square dancers to find accommodation.

However, the manager of the **Super 8**, Twila Nelson, has set aside a block of rooms for square dancers. If you try to register on line, it will look like there are no vacancies for that weekend. You can only register for a room by using 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**. Mention that you are square dancers and would like to accept the rate offered by owner, Twila Nelson, for that weekend.

Twila has offered a special rate to square dancers of \$89.00 per night for single or double occupancy + tax . I would advise that square dancers register as early as possible since I don't know how long they will hold the block of rooms for us.

<p>Williams Lake May 27-29, 2016</p> <p>Weekend Package \$45.00 each</p>		<p>“Once Upon a Time” Mainstream Jamboree</p> 	
<p>↓ ↓ ↓</p> <p>Note our LOCATION</p> <p>The Long House (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 (just in front of Auto Pro sign) 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>Friday - Fairy Tale Frolic - \$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>Saturday Morning 10:00 - 11:30 AM</p> <p>Enjoy a Round Dance Social with Mary Anne and Nick Turner Phase II+</p> <p>\$6.00 each</p>	<p>Saturday Afternoon 1:30 PM</p> <p>Mad Hatter Tea Party Caller - Dustin McGifford will lead us in some Mainstream dancing fun.</p>  <p>\$8.00 each</p>	<p>Saturday Evening 6:00 PM</p>  <p>Don't be late for a very important date! Supper at the White Rabbit Inn</p> <p>\$16.00 each</p>
	<p>Saturday Night - The Glass Slipper Ball</p> <p>7:30 PM Pre-rounds with Mary Anne Turner</p>  <p>8:00 PM Mainstream Dancing with Our Featured Caller: Dustin McGifford</p> <p>\$10.00 each</p>		
<p>For Info Dana 250-392-3066 dball@telus.net</p> <p>Nick 250-392-2432 nmtur@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 www.williamslakestampede.com/campground</p>		<p>Sunday - Enjoy a Continental breakfast and casual dancing before leaving to “Live Happily Ever After”</p> <p>\$6.00 each</p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM - Breakfast is Served 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Mainstream Dancing</p> <p>Guest Callers and Cuers welcome on Sunday</p>	

Round Dance News

The BC Square and Round Dance Federation sponsors a “**Round of the Month**” program.

Three times a year, participating Regions select a Round Dance that they really like and designate it as the Round of the Month for B.C.

Throughout the province, participating round dance leaders assist their dancers to learn and dance the chosen dance.

The honor for February 2016, goes to the dance “In the Garden” by the Nashville Mandolins. The choreographers of the dance are **Nick and Mary Anne Turner** of Williams Lake.

Have fun dancing this pretty waltz. The quick cues are posted below.

If you need or want the full cue sheet, with all the step descriptions, it will eventually be posted on the Federation Website at <http://www.squaredance.bc.ca> Click on Round/Social Dancing.

If you are unable to locate it, contact Nick and Mary Anne at nmtturner@telus.net to request a digital copy of the full cue sheet.

IN THE GARDEN

Artist: Nashville Mandolins:

April 2013 iTunes MP3 download

PHASE II +1 (Corte) Waltz

Choreo: by Nick and Mary Anne Turner

Intro

Wait; wait; Canter Twice;;

Left Turning Waltz Box to BFly;;;

A

Waltz Away and Together;;

Balance Left and Right;;

Twirl Vine 3; Thru Face Closed; Box;;

Step Swing; Spin Manuver;

2 Back Up Waltzes;;

2 quarter right turns to Pickup;;

2 Forward Waltzes;;

Canter Once to center;

B (in PU)

Left Turning Waltz Box;;;

1 Forward Waltz; drift apart;

Twinkle Out; Twinkle In to closed;

1 Forward Waltz; Manuver;

2 Right Turns to Wall;;

Step Forward and Touch; Step Back and Touch;

Twirl Vine 3; Thru Face Close;

C

Box;; Reverse Box;; Step Forward & Touch;

Step Back turn 1/4 to pickup;

2 Forward Waltzes to SCAR;;

3 Progressive Twinkles;;; Manuver;

Two 1/4 Right Turns to Pickup;;

Sway Left; Sway Right; Canter once to center;

B (in PU)

Left Turning Waltz Box;;;

1 Forward Waltz; drift apart;

Twinkle Out; Twinkle In to closed;

1 Forward Waltz; Manuver;

2 Right Turns to Wall;;

Step Forward and Touch; Step Back and Touch;

Twirl Vine 3; Thru Face Close;

Ending

Left Turning Waltz Box;;; Hold; Canter Twice;;

Side Corte and Hold

REGION 5 DANCE SCHEDULE 2016

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

WHEN	WHERE	EVENT	CALLERS/ CUERS
Feb. 11, 2016	Vanderhoof	Valentine Dance & Potluck	Gys, Sandi and Dolores
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
Apr. 14, 2016	Vanderhoof	12th Birthday and & Potluck	Gys, Sandi, and Dolores
May 12, 2016	Vanderhoof	Year End Dance & Potluck	Gys, Sandi and Dolores
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 Festival 2016	Many Callers & Cuers
August 3-6, 2016	Penticton	13th Peachfest Jamboree	Many Callers & Cuers

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