

## 2015 Saskatchewan Square & Round Dance Federation Inc. President's Report

We in Saskatchewan have had an active year. Festival 2016 is the center of our attention. You will recall our green "Partner Up Prairie Style" vests at Festival 2014 last year. Well there are many more green vests around the province now. There are even a few clubs where every member has one.

As President Couple, we made it a goal to visit and dance in each of our 7 Zones, to promote Festival 2016. We got to every zone, but not quite to all the clubs!

Many of our clubs are struggling with low members, especially in the winter when many dancers go South. Age and poor health have also taken a toll. At least 3 square dance clubs have folded due to low numbers.

On a more positive note, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Dance Cuers school in as many years was held in Saskatchewan this summer. Ron & Donna Baba were the instructors and have really helped our 4 or 5 newer cuers.

Some of our callers have been attending Caller Schools in Alberta. This year we had 2 relatively new dancers among those trying out calling.

There are 745 dancers registered in the Sask Federation. We are holding our own due to a couple of clubs who have been successful recruiting and retaining new dancers.

Our annual Federation weekend will be held in Swift Current November 6, 7 and 8. The Board of Directors meets in June as well.

Reported by Earl & Pat Campbell

