

Manitoba Square and Round Dance Federation 2018

As we write this we are thinking of all the square dance friends we have lost in the past 2 years and find we are meeting many of our old square dance friends at funerals. Our dancer membership is declining and in the west we lost our line dance caller which caused the club to fold. We are having fun dancing at different clubs and events, and everyone is trying really hard in getting new people into our square dance squares.

We seem to be celebrating 60th anniversaries . The Eastern Association was in November of 2017 and Western Association dancers celebrated April 15th, 2018. We have a lot of couples celebrating special anniversaries and we even have a wedding this fall to dance to.

In the 2017-2018 season, Manitoba Square and Round Dance Federation is made up of 4 Associations. Parkland has one Association, 2 clubs and 34 dancers /leaders. Eastern Association has two Associations, 18 clubs and 414 dancers. The Western Association has one Association, 3 clubs, 55 dancers . 9 Callers/curers are included in these totals. So in summary we have 23 clubs and 512 active members.

Each Fall we host a Come Together Jamboree to get as many dancers together from the Associations. At this day, we have our Annual General meeting, Hot roast beef supper and afternoon and evening dancing, with 2 callers and a cuer. It is a fun way to get some business done. During the supper break, we honour our dancers with the Crocus Awards. October 2017 we honoured 1 couple for Merit from the Western Association and one couple from the Eastern Association. In the Long Service category we had one single from the Western Association . This October we will have a full slate of twelve couples , as we realize the importance of honouring our dancers and celebrating .

We are pleased to have a webmaster look after our Federation Web Site www.squaredancemb.com We are working to advertise our dances and ensure correct contact information is on the site All clubs love visitors and if visiting in the area, please join our clubs. We have had very good experiences in other countries by looking on the internet finding a club and calling their contact number and would love to reciprocate the hospitality. So if in Manitoba make an effort to contact someone. See you across the square.

Edward and Rosalie Beamish,
President Couple.

