

Square and Round Dance Federation of Nova Scotia

Report to Canadian Square and Round Dance Society, August 2019

For the Annual General Meeting in Surrey, British Columbia on September 7th, 2019

Nova Scotia Dancing Population in November 2018:

- 416 registered dancers.
- 19 clubs, 1 regional organization, 2 caller and cuer organizations

Nova Scotia Square, Round and Contra Clubs during 2018-2019 season:

Central Region:

- Contra Time Dancers
- Coordinators
- Funtime Rounds
- Halifax Contra Dances
- Harmony Squares
- Lake City Swingers
- Motivators
- Parkland at the Lakes Seniors
- Sail Sets
- Stardusters

South Shore Region:

- South Shore Squares

Valley Region:

- Apple Valley Dancers
- Fundy Squares
- Young Country Dancers

Fundy Region:

- Cumberland Twirlers
- NB-NS Border Rounders

Highland Region: (both clubs mostly inactive)

- Highland Squares
- Mapleleaf Whirlaways

Cape Breton Region: (no active club)

No Fixed Region:

- Bluenose RV Squares

Metro Square and Round Dance Association (Central Region)

ANSSRDT (Association of Nova Scotia Square and Round Dance Teachers)

MCCA (Maritime Callers and Cuers Association)

Active Leaders as of June 2019:

-- At this time, we have 15 active callers, cuers and contra prompters including Faye Germon who calls in NS but lives in NB. Ralph MacDonald has severe health issues and has not been able to call this year.

Tommy Collins (calls)
Lionel and Janet Crowe (cues)
Jim DesBarres (calls)
Beth and John Dickinson (cues)
Kerry Fletcher (calls and cues)
Faye Germon (calls)
Laurie Illsley (calls and cues)
Katherine Kitching (prompts)
Elizabeth MacDonald (prompts)
Alan Parker (calls, cues and prompts)
Don Scott (calls)
Barry Walker (calls and cues)
Dottie Welch (calls, cues and prompts)

Here are some highlights from Nova Scotia:

-- For square dancers there are opportunities to dance for beginners, Basic, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced and Challenge.
-- For round dancers there are opportunities to dance Phase II to Phase IV
-- The two contra clubs in the Halifax area continue to thrive.
-- Party Nights continue to be requested by various organizations on a regular basis.
-- MCCA is holding its 50th Maritime Square and Round Dance Convention October 25-26, 2019 in Truro.
-- The 9th Alguire Memorial Caller School will be held August 18-23, 2019 at Elm River Campground.
-- We are pleased to announce that Dottie Welch attained CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coach status in June 2019. This re-establishes a Caller-Coach presence in Canada that has been missing since the end of 2010 when Norm Wilcox, Gloria Roth, and Martin Mallard had all passed away.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie and Wilma Illsley, President
Dottie and Gary Welch, Secretary