

Pre-AGM / AGM 2023 Report to the CSRDS from British Columbia:

It has been a challenging three years, to say the least. We are back dancing in British Columbia, for the most part. Our numbers are down; however our British Columbia Square and Round Dance Federation is doing everything they can to assist clubs and Associations recruit new dancers and “recycle” former dancers.

We have offered financial aid to clubs for expenses incurred in restarting their clubs that would not normally be payable. There is additional funding available for advertising and promoting new dancer classes, and we offered the regional Associations in British Columbia extra funds to assist them in raising awareness of square dancing (and related activities). In addition, there are grants available to assist with the costs of running a class as we are finding that not all classes have the numbers to be self-sufficient.

We are now investing funds in the training of callers, cuers and leaders.

It is a very symbiotic relationship – without callers, cuers and leaders – there would be no dancing; without dancers, there would be no need for callers, cuers and leaders.

We are still hoping that there will be a renewed interest in square and round dancing as a means of connecting with other people post lockdown. It seems to us that there are still a lot of people out there who are looking for something to do outside of the confines of their homes – we just need to let them know that we might be what they are looking for.

Square, Round and Clog Dance Awareness Week has been proclaimed in the Province of British Columbia for August 27th through September 2nd, and we are attaching a copy of the Proclamation to this report.

Planning is underway for a Provincial Festival in Langley, BC for July 24, 25 and 26, 2025 – mark your calendars!

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