

BBS&RDA - 2026 QUEBEC REPORT FOR THE CSRDS AGM

The BBS&RDA has 5 clubs as members:

Swinging Stars (report included)

Montreal Acey Deuceys (MAD) (report included)

Glengarry Tartans (no report included since they are physically located in Ontario)

Swinging B's (no report included since they are physically located in Ontario)

Seaway Swingers, no report received yet

REPORT SWINGING STARS

2025/2026 season began in September 2025 and will end June 2026. However just like last year, we will have limited summer dancing.

We danced 3 evenings per week – Class, Mainstream and Plus.

Tuesdays - Mainstream class night, Wednesdays - Plus night with a side of the old Advanced calls now included in 2026 Plus level; while Thursday evenings were reserved for Mainstream dancing with a side of some Plus calls.

Again this year, we had a mix of callers calling throughout the year - Don Moger, Claude Richard and Dave Hammock. We offered 1 class course for the entire season. Don taught class the 2026 Mainstream calls, in person and remotely. While Don snowbird in the States, Claude took over Plus night and Dave and Claude shared Mainstream evenings. Claude continues to call Mainstream once a week in Don's presence and is participating at caller showcase dances.

We held 2 overwhelming successful open houses in September with over 45 potential dancers in attendance and over the following weeks attracted over 20 students, all becoming members. With a minimum of 17 completing the course and 15 graduating in June.

Similar to last year, one student returned to Swinging Stars after a number of years of absence, while a few others returned to Square Dancing from now closed clubs, but the vast majority are new to Square Dancing. Our Japanese visitor unfortunately had to return to Japan with a promise to come back to us in the future.

New and old members mainly hear about Swinging Stars through word of mouth, our flyers on the BBS&RDA and EOSARDA websites, our announcements in the Dollard-des-Ormeaux activity guide. We are quite active on Facebook, a bit on Meetup, and other platforms and weekly emails are sent to all members.

A few years ago we invited Global News to do a piece on the benefits of Modern Square Dancing and Swinging Stars. We continue to present this short video at every possible opportunity. With a large monitor at our park chalet location and with the help of many, one of our members prepared a PowerPoint presentation that can be viewed from one of the chalet's ground windows, to entice some to come in, inquiry about our activity and try it out. We also had a sandwich board outside of the chalet promoting our Square Dancing activity within.

Swinging Stars is now 67 members strong. However many of our members have been laid up with injuries from falls, broken bones and other issues. Some for the entire season. And on a happy note, a few of our members have become couples and one of our active members is getting married next month at the young age of 90.

Swinging Stars will have had 6 dances this year with our last dance, our Graduation Dance, to be held on June 7th. All were well attended, some better than others. Everyone had an opportunity to dance at each one, as the dance levels are always Class thru to Plus. We also had a few theme nights, such as Halloween and Easter. Many of our members dance at other clubs and also go to many of the other clubs' dances.

This is the first year that the city of Dollard-des-Ormeaux has invited 2 of Swinging Star' directors to an evening that recognizes the time and effort given by the volunteers in the DDO community. It is an evening that brings together all the dedicated volunteers who have assisted their associations during this past year

2026/2027 season planning is just beginning and will start in September. However dancing throughout the summer, especially in hopes of retaining the newest members and their current level of dancing, Again this August we plan to participate in Dollard-des-Ormeaux registration and information night

Submitted by Sheila Marcus, Director of Membership, Director of Publicity

REPORT MAD (MONTREAL ACEY DEUCEYS)

Montreal Acey Deuceys with Don Moger has been calling Plus and Advanced on Wednesdays for the 2025-2026 season with snowbird absences, and will continue fall 2026.

Submitted by Don Moger

SEAWAY SWINGERS, GREENFIELD PARK: no report, info taken from website thru Plus Dance

Every Tuesday

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm: Class; 8:30 to 10:00 pm: MS & Plus - sept.8 to May 10

Cynthia Coull Arena (Jubilee Hall) 195 Empire St. Greenfield Park, QC J4V 1T9

Caller Don Moger