

2018-19 Central Alberta Square and Round Dance Association Annual Report

The Central Alberta Square and Round Dance Association began operation April 8, 2018 with a new Chair Person, Irene Mykytyshyn, elected by acclamation. Chair Mykytyshyn promptly thanked retiring President John Henderson for many years of dedicated service to the Association, to which the assembly responded with resounding and long applause.

The 2018-19 Dance Season saw many changes, the first being a decision to divide annually available Casino funds equally among CASRDA member clubs, discontinuing the former practice of providing casino grants based on club initiatives designed to attract new members. The new practice also saw an initiative to encourage and help individual clubs to obtain a license operating their own casino. Treasurer Rudy Neufeld, familiar with such casino applications to the AGLC volunteered to provide any assistance needed. A co-operative approach among CASRDA clubs for volunteers to work the casinos was also instituted.

Chair Mykytyshyn analyzed the content in several years of Cloverleaf publications, consulted with the Cloverleaf Editor, club executives and club members and found a consensus that the repetitive nature of the content in multiple Cloverleaf publications was confusing, expensive and frustrating for the editor. Consequently, the Cloverleaf in the 2019-20 dance season will revert to a single issue published in May of 2019 and annually thereafter. If there is a downside to this change, it is found in the necessity of providing the Cloverleaf editor with 12 month club dance and promotional program information by a single due date. There not being a chance to update or correct individual club plans in a later issue, however the on-line edition may be updated or added to. As well, the newly initiated email fan-out system may be used for unexpected changes or additions.

In keeping with streamlining Association functions and in response to Club Committee requests to reduce the number of Association meetings, two meetings per dance season will now suffice to maintain operations of the Association. This change is partly due to fuel costs, and partly to reduce

traveling for an aging dancer population during winter darkness. There will be a meeting in early September at the start of a new dance season, and the Annual General Meeting in late March or early April, close to the end of a dance season when there are longer days and the likelihood of bad roads is diminished.

Several years back the Association devolved it's fund raising dances (Toy, Mid-Winter, Round-Up & Membership) to individual clubs wishing to host them, with CASRDA still responsible for the cost of the caller and venue. Without a dance director to co-ordinate overall planning, difficulties arose with scheduling, venues and callers as well travel distances for club members was an issue resulting in a motion by Bruce Boles at the September 16, 2018 General Meeting to return Association dances to the administration and operation of CASRDA. This motion was seconded by Wayne Lowther and Carried.

In response to Club Committee requests to reduce the number of Association dances, and in keeping with Bruce Boles motion, the CASRDA Executive decided to hold a "Celebrity Gala" with an international guest caller, a social hour and supper, combining the Mid-Winter and Membership dances, and held at the end of the dance season in early May.

Chair Mykytyshyn reorganized the email fan-out system to have the Association secretary send messages to 2 club chosen contacts who would then distribute as requested, to club executive or members. The fan-out initially was being sent to too many individual club members, with the result no one was responsible for making certain every club member was notified. Reports now indicate the system is working to advantage.

Central Alberta Square and Round Dance Association is sponsoring 2019 Alberta Convention in Lacombe on the September long weekend. Chair Norm Demeule has the event well organized and it's success can only be assured by everyone's attendance.

Parkland Belles and Beaux (Blackfalds)

We are a small enthusiastic group of dancers. We meet and dance each Tuesday evening at the United Church Hall in Blackfalds

This dance season, we have averaged two squares per night. Our club has provided refresher lessons for one dancer and lessons for two others. All three have joined our club as new members.

December 31st, we hosted an enjoyable New Year's Eve dance, and plan to host another in 2019 at the Kozy Korner in Lacombe.

Our by-laws have been accepted by the Government of Alberta's Societies Act, and are now in our possession. We are presently working on an application for a Casino slot.

Blackfalds United Church is being sold. Hopefully the new owners will allow us to continue dancing there. However, we are presently looking for a new venue, in preparation, should the need arise.

Camrose Rose City Swingers Square Dance Club

The Rose City Swingers will be continuing to dance for the upcoming 2019/2020 season in the Mirror Lake Centre in Camrose. A new date has been chosen for the **New Dancers' Jamboree - Mar 22, 2020**. Please see the full page poster included in this issue of *The Cloverleaf*. The Summer Campout remains in Round Hill at the Round Hill Hall. A poster is also included.

Throughout the dance season we also have other variety dances such as:

Western Night - Nov 22
Christmas Dance - Dec 13
Robbie Burns Night - Jan 24
Valentine Dance - Feb 14
Crazy T-Shirt Dance - Feb 21
St. Patrick's Dance - Mar 20

For further updated information about these and any other dance evenings in Camrose, please visit the Alberta Square and Round Dance Federation website:

squaredance.ab.ca

and I encourage all clubs in Central Zone 4 to send me your dance information to be publicized on the website as well. It's an easy way to advertise your events for free, in full colour, and to make last-minute changes or corrections which arise after *The Cloverleaf* has been distributed.

Submitted by,
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INNISFAIL CIRCLE CHASE
ROUND DANCE CLUB

2019

Circle Chase started the season off with a Fall Fun Dance, on Sept 14, 2018, open to all round dancers.

Lessons in Waltz and Two-step for beginners began on Sept 21, from 7.00 - 10.00, with advanced dancers assisting. All dancers stayed until 10.00 then coffee and snack. Our cuer is Cliff Dunn, assisted by Jane McKee.

Many came to check us out, and sometimes we had over 30 dancers on the dance floor. We have 29 paid members and many non- members. Our group each week now ranges from 8 - 10 couples.

Halloween Dance was on Oct 26 and was great fun with lots of great costumes.

Christmas Dance was on Nov 30. With a pot luck supper.

Open Dance on Jan 25, was lead by Tom O'Neil. We practiced the men leading without a cuer. He also taught a circle waltz and a Flamingo routine. All in all, it was a fun experience.

End of Season Dance : Friday, April 26. Fun Dance open to all round dancers. Come and join us!

Fund Raising : At Christmas, Andre organized successful silent auctions,

Casino : The work has all been done, and awaiting a time slot in the future.

Signed : President, Wendy Lardner

Lacombe Round Dance Club

Once again Lacombe Round Dance Club enjoyed a wonderful dance season. Our numbers are gradually going up with 6 to 7 couples dancing Monday evenings and 6 to 7 couples taking lessons on Thursday. It is nice to see everyone out and enjoying themselves. We are fortunate to have Cliff Dunn as our cuer/teacher and are looking forward to more dancing in the 2019 - 2020 year.

We had 4 dances over the summer last year with lots of people attending and are planning on having another 4 this summer. We look forward to seeing you there. We also hosted the CASRDA Round Up Clinic & Dance in March with 24 dancers attending the afternoon workshop and 31 dancers in the evening. It was an enjoyable afternoon and evening and was nice to see so many come out to have fun.

Thank you everyone for a great dancing year and I look forward to seeing you this summer and again in the fall for more dancing and lessons.

Betty Lowery

OLDS CALICO CAPERS CLUB REPORT

Our club has been going for 67 years.

On September 14 and 15 we did traffic control for the Octoberfest Rodeo Assc. as a fund raiser.

On October 3 we had our kick off dance. Then on October 10 we started our New Dancers Program, with 6 dancers joining, including 2 children. They are all coming along quiet well. We have had some special dances like Ice Cream Sundae night (this was cancelled due to a snow storm), Christmas, Halloween.

Our new dancers Jamboree is on April 7 2019, 2-5 with a potluck to follow.

Our Camp Out is August 16, 17, 18 2019 with Rick and Kathy Utter calling at the Torrington Hall east of Olds.

Our call Dave Symington resigned on March 27 from future calling for our club. We have hired Larry Jeske to call for us next year 2019-2020, with 3 guest callers in 2020.

See you in a Square Sometime

Marlene and Ed Potter

RED DEER SQUAREDANCE CLUB--REPORT 2018--2019

As of June 2018 the paid up membership of the club was forty two plus five life members.

During the fall and winter period thirteen adults and six youths have completed lessons and

have become members bringing the club membership to a total of sixty four.

The club arranged 14 dances through the winter of 18/19. Unfortunately two of these were cancelled

(one because the hall was double booked and the other because of the Canada Winter Games)

All dances have been well attended.

The club has held four promotion dances during November, December, and January at Bower Place in

Red Deer. These were well supported by members of other clubs, (OLDS, R.M.H. and Blackfaulds)

The club has also performed demonstration squares at several residential homes in Red Deer

with caller Larry JESKE.

On the 17th January 2019 members of the club and caller Ron MORGAN attended St Gregory The Great

School in Blackfaulds and took years 7-8 and 9 for their physical education lessons for the day.

This was well received by pupils and staff.

The club organised forty eight lessons during the year at Clearview community Hall.

As a new initiative advertising was greatly increased in an attempt to attract new dancers for

lessons commencing January 2019. This included using, posters and the web site, and business cards.

Also the lessons were advertised on the radio 95.5 and 105.5.


This together with word of mouth resulted in 11 adults signing up for lessons in January 2019.

A further new initiative was the introduction of free lessons for youths between the age of 10 years

to 18 years accompanied by an adult on a Monday from 6pm to 7pm. A total of 7 youths have signed up

for these lessons.

The campout for 2019 has been arranged for the weekend of 24-25-26 May at TEES featuring Gary WINTERS.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the author of the report.

March 31, 2019

To: CASRDA Executive

From: Rocky Whirlaways Square & Round Dance Club

Re: Requested Report

Rocky Whirlaways has had a good year. Twenty-two new dancers have come through our square dance lessons program this year. We had two entry times, one in October and one in January. Both times we had a larger than usual number beginning new dancers.

We used the Caller 50 Program to teach the lessons this time and although there are some things we'd like to improve upon it was an overall success. Beginning dancers who couldn't start lessons in October didn't have to wait a whole year to join the program. Also, the two sessions with 12 weeks of lessons each meant that the dancers could join the mainstream of the club much sooner or repeat the lessons if they felt the need.

Our square dance lesson program means we have two callers in the building every week, but with the number of beginning dancers we are getting this is the only way to go.

Our round dance, or cued ballroom section of the club saw ten new dancers this year. We concentrated on waltz and two-step for the new dancers and then after the lessons the more experienced dancers fine tuned their more advanced waltzs, two-steps, cha chas, rhumbas and jives. This year we added another Tuesday night so that the 2nd year and up people had a chance to move forward – a very successful idea.

Our club has 77 members on the roster and we'd love it if they all came out every night but, of course, this new age we're in doesn't promote steady attendance, there are so many things to get involved in these days. Some of our members are just square dancers, some just round dancers and some do both.

We are looking forward to 2019-20 with a new executive, some new weeks to the program and a great dance program worked out for next year with fifty-three dances planned.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Guilloux
Rocky CASRDA Rep.

Renew Your Subscription for 2019/2020 Annual Edition

Deadline April 15, 2020

Mail to Carolyn Preece
#131, 4512 – 52 Avenue
Red Deer, AB
T4N 7B9

ADVERTISING - MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15

Full Page \$20.00 (no gst required)

There is no charge for club reports, obituaries and thank you notes.

Advertising must be submitted by April 15th to insure inclusion in the annual publication.

Blank and white reproduces best. Please leave a margin all around the edge!

Your advertising can be mailed or emailed to Carolyn Preece (email: carolynpreecerd@gmail.com)

SUBSCRIPTIONS - MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15

Copies to be picked up \$4.00 (no gst required)

Copies to be mailed \$9.00 (no gst required)

*Please note that the Cloverleaf is issued on an annual basis in May

SUBSCRIPTION FORM

MEMBER CLUBS

To insure your club received the proper number of copies, it is necessary to complete and submit this form by April 15th and include it with a cheque payable to CASRDA.

Name _____

Club _____

Contact Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Please send _____ subscriptions for pick up at \$4.00 each \$ _____

Please send _____ subscriptions to be mailed out at \$9.00 each \$ _____

ASRDF MEMORIAL SUBMISSIONS

Name of deceased _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____

Name of Club

Name of District or Zone

Submitted by

Email

Cut-off date is June 30th. Early submission will guarantee your names be entered.

Send to
Reuben & Mary Coleman,
ASRDF 2nd Vice-President Couple
RR #1,
Boyle, AB
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ALBERTA ROSE AWARDS GUIDELINES (REVISED 2004)
THE ALBERTA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE FEDERATION

1.0 PURPOSE

The Alberta Rose Award is to officially recognize excellence, dedication, and outstanding achievement by dancers, callers, and leaders in the Province of Alberta.

2.0 CATEGORIES

There is only one category for this award.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

Nominees may be individuals or couples and must have been active in the square dance movement for at least 10 years. Currently active or retired dancers, callers, or leaders are eligible if they have made an outstanding contribution within the scope of square dancing beyond the club level. Nominations for posthumous awards will also be considered.

4.0 NOMINATIONS

Any Individual, Club, or Association may nominate a candidate and forward the application to the next highest organizational level for its support and endorsement. Nominations sent to the Federation Secretary must be reviewed and endorsed by the Association except in those areas where there is no organized Association. The deadline for receipt by Federation is JANUARY 15.

5.0 SELECTION

The annual selection of the Alberta Rose Award recipients will be made by the Federation Board of Directors at their MARCH meeting. This part of the meeting shall be held in camera with Association Directors speaking for or against the nominees with an opportunity for other Directors to question the merits of the application. A motion to approve individual nominees will be at the discretion of the Federation Board of Directors. Applications not accepted for awards shall be destroyed forthwith.

To maintain the prestige of the Awards, all information relating to the discussion shall remain confidential and shall not be made public by any member of the board of Directors or by Association executives.

6.0 AWARD

The tangible award itself shall be provided by the Federation and includes:

1. A certificate with appropriate art work and inscribed as follows:

"The Alberta Square and Round Dance Federation
Proudly presents this
Alberta Rose Award
To (Couple's or Individual's name)"

"The Alberta Rose Award is to officially recognize excellence, dedication, and outstanding achievement by dancers, callers, and leaders in the Province of Alberta"

and be signed by the President Couple of the Federation and the date signed.

2. A Gentleman's and Lady's pin bearing the following inscription:

The Alberta Square and Round Dance Federation' "Alberta Rose Award' The Alberta Rose will also be engraved on the pin.

7.0 PRESENTATION

The Federation shall send or present the physical awards to the respective Association's Board of Directors delegate. The presentation of the award will be at a time and place determined by the Association. If no delegates are available, then the Federation will appoint a couple to present the award.

8.0 RECORDS

An Award file is the responsibility of the Federation Secretary who shall record the recipient's name(s), date, and resume, along with the name of the sponsoring Association and Club. This file shall be updated annually and passed onto succeeding Federation secretaries.

9.0 FUNDING

The entire cost of the awards shall be borne by The Alberta Square and Round Dance Federation.

10. APPLICATION FORM

A simple letter form to include the following:

- Pertinent demographic data
- The nominator
- A brief resume of the applicant's activities
- Comment and signature of the Association President or designee

The date received by the Federation Secretary will be noted and copies of the applications or a summary of the applications will be made available to the members of the Board of Directors for their review prior to the March meeting.

(This is the letter that can be put with the applications when they are handed out)

The nominee(s) must have been active in the square dance movement for at least ten years.

What have the nominee(s) accomplished to make them qualified for this award, not just at the club level but locally, in the zone, within the province, and even beyond our borders—all the activities that not only enhanced square dancing and other related dance programs, but also promoted it?

Be specific in the amount of effort that was devoted to this accomplishment over and above what is normally expected.

Application should be submitted to your local reps by November 30; they will, in turn, get it to the Zone Federation Reps by January 15.

SUBMIT WITH THE NOMINATION
Nominations can be initiated at any level

ALBERTA ROSE AWARD NOMINATION

NOMINEE(S):

ADDRESS:

SUBMITTED BY:

BY MEMBER OF CLUB:

ADDRESS:

CLUB APPROVAL:

NAME OF CLUB:

PRESIDENT:

ADDRESS:

ASSOCIATION APPROVAL:

NAME:

PRESIDENT:

ADDRESS:

DATE:
