

Newsletter #6



24th Canadian National Square, Round and Clog Dance Festival **FINAL Newsletter #6**

The excitement is mounting with each passing day as the almost 600 of you who have registered make your final arrangements for your trip to Penticton, BC. Are there some household tasks to complete before you go? Yardwork or vehicle maintenance? Are you finishing sewing a new outfit, sorting family photos, deciding where to board your pet?

Soon those last tasks will be complete and the road before you will take your attention. Then we will all meet for a reunion, a jamboree, a festival of music, fun and friends!



We have so enjoyed these two years of preparation to be able to bring all of us together for this 24th National Festival. Meeting with our organizing committee, working through every phase of every task together with these amazing individuals, has deepened our friendships and strengthened our appreciation for their dedication. It has been an impressive team effort. While you are enjoying the Festival, please thank a committee member when you see them.

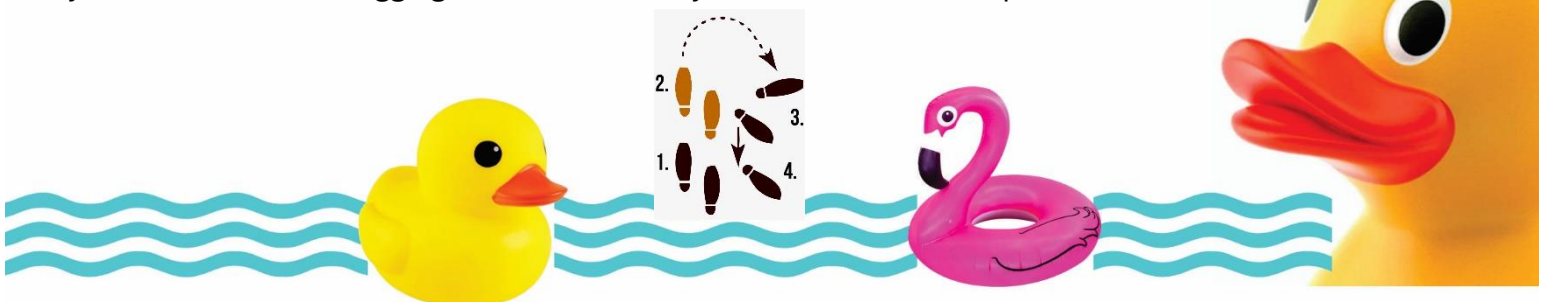
We have a few last items to bring to your attention. These are on the website.



Catered meals at the Convention Centre are proving popular for dinnertime Wednesday through Saturday. The price is \$21.95 per meal. Remember you must pre-order by July 6th. The menu and order forms are on the BC Federation website with the other Festival information.

Two leather pouch making workshops are offered at a cost of \$20 CAD. Pre-registration is required by email to Pat Zeeman, treasurer festival2026finance@gmail.com. There is a limit of 15 people per workshop. You can also register at the main registration table, space permitting.

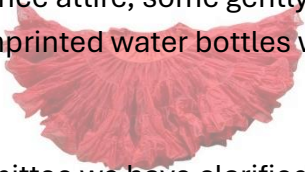
The Try-It! Sessions offer you an opportunity to try Square Dance, Contra Dance, Line Dance and Clog Dance. The public are being invited in for these free sessions on Saturday. In Ballroom 2 you will find Square Dance at 1:30, Contra Dance at 2:30, Line Dance at 3:30 p.m. Clogging leaders are putting on a Try-It! Session in the Clogging Room on Saturday from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.



California Heritage Dancers will perform several times during the Festival. You will appreciate learning some of the history of our dance form. They have our sincerest thanks for coming to dance for us.



Square dance attire, some gently-used and some new, will be for sale in Ballroom 2. On Saturday only, Festival imprinted water bottles will be for sale for \$16 each.



As a committee we have clarified our points of square dance etiquette and shared them with you to promote happiness for everyone on the dance floor. A phrase we coined that expresses our consensus is that a single dancer is equal to a couple with the right to claim a position in a square. Singles need not to have found their partner before they get up for a tip, meaning they can hold a spot, and everyone in the square raises a hand with one crooked finger so a partner can find them.

Meet 'n' Greet for solo participants is Wednesday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at 2965 South Main Street. For carpooling, meet out in front of PTCC at 3:30 p.m. Our volunteers will be there with a sign so you can find each other. There will be fun, interactive games and refreshments.

The Penticton Chamber of Commerce has discount offers for visitors online on an app called Chamber Perks. To download, search "Chamber Perks" in Apple's app store or Google Play. This takes the place of paper coupons and that in the past have been placed in registration packages.

Our souvenir booklet is a great memento of our Festival for only \$10. If you didn't pre-order your souvenir booklet, they will be available at the registration desk while supplies last.

A brief satisfaction survey is the way we get feedback following Festivals. Please help us and the next Festival committee by filling out the survey form on paper or online.

There is ample parking on site if you find the distance from your hotel to the Convention Centre too far to walk or if the weather is inclement.

If you are planning to enjoy the planned dance in Lake Okanagan – a very unusual experience – do not forget to bring your bathing costume. You are guaranteed to get wet!

And finally, please sign Wendy's autograph book! It will be on a table in Ballroom 2.



See you all very soon!

Wendy Krueger and Dennis Sutton

Co-Chairs

