

## **Responses to the Fall Survey of Calgary & District Square and Round Dancers Association**

**Question: Please let us know about your thoughts and ideas for the future of square and round dancing.**

1. No longer able to dance due to need for oxygen
2. This questionnaire was a good idea. I hope you get a good response.
3. Square dancing is a wonderful way to keep active and connect in a pleasant way with others. To get the most from this activity a commitment is required.
4. Encourage dancers to dance at any club that works for them and fits into their life.
5. "A) Continue free (2 or 3) lessons at beginning of years. Advertise. B) Have special badges for ""angels""."
6. You're doing a good job right now of keeping dancers informed of opportunities.
7. Bring in younger dancers.
8. Had danced before so checked website for where nearest club was to be found. Started with Swinging Singles as I was single!
9. "My experience is that only bringing friends in produces dancers who might stay, advertising & dances for "strangers" might get temporary results."
10. We have to move to fewer clubs. Clubs can join together and still have their individual identity. We will need to ask C&D to manage that change.
11. Throw out the politics. Put fun back in dancing. Mix.
12. Maybe have assorted callers dance regularly like every month or two. Going to all clubs.
13. Combined club dances every week alternating weeks in north & South locations for beginners & mainstream.
14. "One or two locations for beginners instruction by non-club callers. "willing to help."
15. Hope that it continues!

16. I think effort needs to be made to effectively co-ordinate clubs to function as a unit especially in regards to being able to accommodate new beginners so as they can start any time of the year with the expectation of graduation in that year. Clubs should not compete for new dancers.
17. "Promotions committee on the right track upgrading ""front page"" of website - good idea."
18. I am impressed with the dedication of those on C&D. Keep up the good work.
19. "Love the activity both for mental and physical well-being. Hope it continues in some, or different format."
20. Promote square dancing in schools.
21. One dance nite old tyme waltz and polka.
22. Encourage small clubs (under 3 squares) to merge to better utilize resources.
23. Getting too old to do much but can still do some.
24. We are away for 4 months during the winter so we can only help when we are home.
25. Should be co-operation between the two aspects.
26. "Club membership lists should only consist of paid members not those who have not been at club for years and certainly should not be padded with guest list as part of membership (those who have quit, dead, or who have not attended for years and have no intension of returning)."
27. Most recreational clubs and organizations are suffering from low attendance these days - sign of the times? - we need new dancers with commitment to attend functions - all clubs.
28. "Please note that for several casinos we had members from our club sign up to work at the casino and not get called, they did not even get told why. I had to ask and found out we were the only club not chosen, so it is hard to get people to come forward now."
29. "I mostly dance at our club, so I'm not familiar with how C&D operates. Volunteering is a hard job so thank you to C&D board for all you do."
30. James & Grace (Chen) are great ambassadors for square and round dancing and I feel they should be recognized in some way. According to the bylaws they don't qualify for any awards and I wondered if there is any way a certificate of recognition can be given to them.