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Editorial

Starting the year off at the wrong foot !

With my deepest apologies to Bob Ruohoniemi I send you this extra issue of the European Newsletter.

The first input I received for the 2013 Newsletter came from Canada.

I was very happy with it...
AND I DID NOT PUT IT IN.

On the evening of New Year's day I was fiddling around at the computer and my wife Corry came up. She had been reading the Newsletter and asked: You talk about being happy with input from Canada but where is it. ?

After a few moments of silence I got the concept on the computer and ... used some not printable words.

All I can do is send this extra issue and hope that you will have mercy on me.
Nevertheless I wish you all a good 2014

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News from the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society

The Canadian Square & Round Dance Society (CSRDS) is incorporated in Canada, "to bring Square & Round dancers and their organizations together to coordinate the activities of the square & round dance movement in Canada." The included dance categories of the Society are: Modern Square Dancing, Round Dancing (choreographed ballroom dancing), Clogging, Line Dancing, and Contra Dancing. There are approximately 11,000 CSRDS members in the 10 Canadian Provinces, belonging to 357 clubs.

CSRDS provides bursaries for square dance Callers, round dance Cuers, and Leaders in the other dance categories. The Society promotes the various dance categories through Canadian media and with handout DVDs. Dance programs are also supplied to schools throughout the country. The official website of the CSRDS is: www.squaredance.ca There are listings of all Canadian Clubs, Callers, Cuers, and Leaders. It also has listings of Provincial special dances as provided by the provincial organizations. CSRDS has a toll-free phone number throughout Canada: **866-206-6696**.

A Canadian National Convention is usually held during the summer of each even-numbered year. In 2014, 17 to 19 July, Festival 2014 will be held in Ottawa, Ontario. For information about Festival 2014, please visit: www.festival2014.ca There, you will find the details regarding dance levels, hotels, and pre-registration forms. Registrations received prior to **31 May, 2014**, are less expensive than the final fee. Since the Festival is being held in the National Capital, Ottawa, there are an exceptional number of interesting tourist sites to visit, using an excellent public transit service. The chance to visit the land of the "Mounties", in mid-summer, is one not to be missed!

Should you miss Festival 2014, please note that plans are being made for the following Festival 2016, for July 28 to 30, 2016, in Regina, Saskatchewan. Giving you a chance to see the great Canadian Prairie where the grain fields stretch to the horizon!

The usual custom in Canada is that visitors to dance clubs receive an especially warm welcome, particularly if they are from "overseas". The Society has enjoyed the pleasure of hosting dancers from Europe, at many National Conventions. If readers need an excuse to visit Canada, here is a personal invitation to come to share the fellowship of dance with enthusiastic Canucks!

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