

Saskatoon Scottish Country Dancers

Saskatoon Report to the RSCDS SK Branch AGM (Teacher Reporter)

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SSCD currently has 3 active teachers: Jean Gibson, Full Certificate, Bev Will, Unit 4, Helene Nelson, Unit 4.

Bev and Helene shared teaching classes on Wednesday evenings September to May. They have based their lessons on the recommended Unit 5 formations and dances. 12-16 dancers attend with their abilities ranging from very basic to more advanced dancing. This has been a challenge and a good learning experience.

Jean has been coaching the Demo Team for performances at Canada Day, Folkfest, etc., and when invited to entertain at various events. Practices are held on Fridays twice a month and as needed. For the past two years Jean has run the Social Dancing Program following the teaching on Wednesday evenings. These programs included dances being taught, and others containing the same formations, plus some old favourites.

Jean has also been advising and helping Bev and Helene in their goal of taking the Unit 5 final exam.

All SCD teachers appreciate the help and support we have received from the club's retired teachers: Mary Jean Roy, Hugh Goldie and Claude Hutton, and Helene's teachers in BC: Rosemary Coupe, Rebecca Blackhall-Peters, Simon Scott, and Katherine Shearman.

Music for Wednesday and Friday evenings is provided by a new computer and speaker operated by Bob McNaughton and apprentices Bill Richards and Dale Gunderson. This has been a wonderful and great asset for the classes and social dance programs. The teachers are extremely grateful for this support, thank you.

We look forward to teaching in the 2024/2025 dancing season.

Happy dancing,

Jean Gibson