



B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation



Callers School

July 10-14, 2026

Featuring



Barry Clasper
Toronto, Ontario
(*Callerlab Accredited Coach*)



Dottie Welch
Lawrencetown, Nova Scotia
(*Callerlab Accredited Coach*)



4 Instructors - 2 Rooms - 2 Programs (For the Newer & Experienced Caller)

For the New Caller:

- Mechanics of Choreography
- Formation Management
- Teaching
- Resolution Techniques
- Using Music
- Singing Calls
- Voice and Communication
- Timing and Body Flow
- Smooth Delivery of Patter

For the Experienced Caller:

- Improve Teaching Skills
- Additional Resolving Ideas
- Creative Choreography
- Develop Entertainment Skills
- Calling beyond Mainstream
- Lots of Mic Time!!
- Catering to Your Individual Needs and Interests
- Mentoring New Callers

THE FACILITY

Okanagan College, 583 Duncan Avenue West, Penticton, B.C.

THE PROGRAM

The School starts on Friday July 10 at 7:00 pm and ends Tuesday (evening) July 14.

THE ACCOMMODATIONS

See B.C. Festival website for discounted rooms and Camping Information.

festival2026.squaredance.bc.ca

Co-ordinator Contact:

Garry Dodds garryd@dz-dancing.com or (250) 516-6525

Enrollment is limited, please register early!

Registration Deadline June 30, 2026:

Name: _____
(first) _____
(last) _____

Partner: _____
(first) _____
(last) _____

Address: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone #: (_____) _____
Email: _____

Include \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) for each caller attending with no charge for partners.

(Optional \$100.00 Deposit) Final payments are due: June 30, 2026

Contact Garry for payment options including Cheques, E-Transfer and Credit Card (International Only)

Email or mail to: Garry Dodds, 4030 Raymond Street North, Victoria, BC, V8Z 4K8

Your CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coaches:

Barry Clasper: Barry lives in Toronto, Ontario with his wife Pam. They started dancing in 1973, and Barry started calling in 1984. Starting at C2 he has since expanded in both directions and now calls from Basic through C4. He's called at weekends and conventions in 8 provinces, DC, and 26 states, as well as Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Japan, England, the Czech Republic, Taipei, Beijing, and New Zealand.

In 2002 Barry became interested in coaching new callers. Since then he has worked as a Teaching Assistant and Full Coach at many well known schools including the Sturbridge school, Northeast Callers School, Pocono Callers School, Alqure School, the Canadian Callers College, several GCA schools, and the GSI school. Barry has also done numerous caller clinics as well as many presentations at CALLERLAB conventions. He has written extensively with articles appearing in publications such as Zip Coder, American Square Dance Magazine, The Call Sheet, the CALLERLAB DIRECTION, Alberta Chatter, and T&D Topics.

Barry is a member of CALLERLAB, the Gay Callers Association, and the Toronto and District Square and Round Dance Association. Within CALLERLAB he is a member of the Board of Governors, served on the Executive Committee (2011-2017), and is a Past Chairman of the Board (2013-2015). In 2022 Barry and Pam were awarded the CALLERLAB Milestone Award

Dottie Welch: Dottie and Gary Welch live in the Halifax area of Nova Scotia. They have attended all but two Canadian Nationals and helped plan all five held in the Maritimes. As a math teacher and musician who had danced since childhood, Dottie began calling in 1983 for an Advanced tape group. That expanded to include beginners to challenge squares, rounds, contras, schools, and various community events. She has called in 9 provinces and 31 states.

Dottie has been an active member of CALLERLAB since 1995, including Chair of Choreographic Applications since 2004, Community Dance Journal editor since 2004 and CD Leader Seminar staff since 2007, Board Member since 2014, Executive Committee member 2017-2021, Accredited Caller Coach since 2019, Vice Chair of Definitions since 2020, and recipient of the Milestone Award in 2022. Dottie is also on the Board of ContraLab and editor of their Quarterly.

Having been involved in training Maritime callers since 1990, Dottie organized and taught at the first Alqure School in 2003 and continued that biennially until Covid and since then via Zoom. She has also taught at the Ontario Mini-Lab, for the Alberta Callers, at the Northeast Callers School, and the GSI School, as well as presenting workshops locally and at Cdn. and US Nationals and CALLERLAB Conventions.

Much of this work is focused on organizing and passing along knowledge about our world-wide recreation. We encourage you to share in and benefit from that process.

Your Assistant Instructors:

Lorne Smith: Lorne & Barb are from Calgary, Alberta and have been dancing since 1967 and a Caller and Cuer since 1986. He calls from basics through C-1 & cues Phase 2 & 3 rounds

He's worked on many Alberta Provincial and Canadian National Conventions. He served as the Program Chair for the 2004 Canadian National Convention that was held in Calgary, Alberta. Also, he was the Program Chair for the 2007 & 2012 Alberta Conventions. Recently Lorne & Barb were the chair couple for the 2024 Canadian National Convention.

Lorne is currently a member of the Calgary Callers Association, Square & Round Dance Instructor's Association of Alberta & is an Accredited Callerlab member. Lorne & Barb have received the Alberta Rose award & the Canadian Society Award of Excellence.

From 2005 to 2017, Lorne has teamed up with a number of callers to conduct 9 Alberta Callers Schools. Recently Lorne conducted monthly Caller Zoom Sessions from June-December 2025 training newer callers from all parts of the world.

Garry Dodds: Garry started calling in 1965. After moving to Victoria he got his first club in 1969. Over the years he has called provincially and internationally and currently calls and teaches Basics through Advanced.

Invited to join Callerlab in 1978, he is currently serving on several committees including the Caller Training Committee. Garry was among the early callers to earn Accreditation as a General Caller.

Garry mentored his first new caller in 1974 and after attending Bill Peters and Jim Mayo's Super School for caller coaches, he has assisted Darryl Clendenin and Jerry Junck with the Cascade Caller's School (since 1977 both officially and as a volunteer) and conducted season long Caller's Schools on Vancouver Island.

Garry and Pat are BC Directors to the CSRDS and Garry is Vice-President of the CSRDS. Garry is currently Vice-President and Workshop Coordinator for the Victoria and District Caller Teachers Assn. and Pat is Secretary.

Garry's areas of focus include smooth choreography and teaching techniques for teaching new dancers.

DANCE PARTNER IS GREATLY APPRECIATED TO ASSIST AT ALL SESSIONS.

Provincial Federation or Canadian Society Bursary may apply.

For more information contact: Garry Dodds (School Coordinator)

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