

NOT AGAIN!!

# Spring Ring 2022 Cancelled

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You are likely saying to yourself “NO! Why cancel again!”

The BCGEHR Board of Directors, in consultation with the Spring Ring 2022 Nanaimo Planning Committee, came to this difficult decision with the most recent BC Health Regulations allowing for 50% of venue capacity or 50 people, whichever is greater, for an event. With the possibility of only 50 people being able to attend we revisited the reasons to have a BCGEHR Spring Ring (SR), as follows:

1. The goal for Spring Ring is provincial representation and to be a large enough gathering of bell ringers to appropriately have a large massed ringing experience. Having only 50 people amounts to only three or four choirs in total that could attend — about the size of a regional workshop.
2. Profit to support BCGEHR — Spring Ring is intended to provide a financial gain to BCGEHR that would not be possible with so few attendees unless costs were inflated.
3. Youth participation — with this restriction of attendance numbers would the teachers, students and their parents be interested in the travel and accompanying costs?
4. Workshops — the focus for Spring Ring is to present many workshop options to support learning new musical and fun ways to ring and perform. Less attendees means less workshops and clinicians.
5. Experience ringing for all Levels of handbell musicians — it is unlikely that there would be enough ringers to



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offer a Level 1–2 session, which means one conductor would have to be asked to drop out.

The Board and Planning Committee felt that it was important to keep to the goals of a Spring Ring to have the full massed and levels ringing experience, many fun and interesting workshops, and the camaraderie that comes with meeting others from around the province.

Also, planning a Spring Ring is a lengthy and very involved process. It has therefore been decided that Spring Ring will be planned for a time when we can again offer it at full capacity.

The next Spring Ring will be held in Nanaimo once Covid regulations for social distancing have been in place for enough time that we will all feel comfortable to gather and ring as a group again.

We, as the Spring Ring Planning Committee in Nanaimo, want to have you here as our guests to experience a full Spring Ring and the beauty of the Island. When BCGEHR Board of Directors feel we can do it properly once again, we will be so happy to re-ignite the process of hosting “Coastal Carillon.” We look forward to seeing you as soon as we can all gather together!