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EDITOR'S PAGE

Region 1 Website

On August 11 the refreshed Region 1 (Lower Vancouver Island) website went live. Although the site is complete it is also a work-in-progress as content is updated, new content is added, and the formatting is tweaked.

The site's address is region1.squaredance.bc.ca. Please send any comments or suggestions to Carol Young using the CONTACT page on the website.

Cross Trail News – Online

Each issue of the Cross Trail News in its present format will now also be published on both the Region 1 and Region 8 websites after the printed copies have been mailed. The two main differences are that any ads and photos that are submitted in colour will appear in colour and personal phone numbers and email addresses will be redacted from the contacts and directory sections for privacy reasons.

The September-October-November 2023 issue was uploaded to the Region 1 website on August 28 at region1.squaredance.bc.ca/cross-trail-news/. The link on the Region 8 website is at region8.squaredance.bc.ca/useful-links/.

This issue will be uploaded to the same website locations during the third week of November.

Alex Wotherspoon
Editor

LETTER

FROM: COLWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Square Dancers:

The Colwood Women's Institute wishes to thank all the Square Dancers for their generous support at your recent Colwood Hall Benefit Dance. Your generous donations totaling \$1,989.25 will be put towards the installation of a new gas furnace.

Thank you all.

Yours truly,

Kim Coy
President
Colwood WI

BCSRDF NEWS



B.C.S. & R.D. FEDERATION

Newsletter – October 2023



On the 22nd of this month our AGM was resumed for the primary purpose of receiving the Treasurer's Report and had good representation from across the province. The minutes have been circulated to the Directors-at-Large who shall pass them on to all associations and clubs, so I shall not repeat that information here.

It is gratifying to note that, even having refunded two years of membership dues and making a substantial number of grants to assist with re-starting, including assistance with seeking new members and material costs, our balance sheet remains strong. This will enable the BCSRDF to continue making efforts to support associations and clubs.

The committee struck to investigate the possibility of holding caller/cuer/leader schools in the province, chaired by Lyle O'Hara, is making good progress and we hope that they will recommend this is a viable initiative.

As 2nd Vice-President, the responsibility for maintaining the BCSRDF Handbook is also within Lyle's area of responsibility. He hopes to complete this task within the next few months.

I also wish to recognize the initiative of Nick Turner, working with Lyle, to run an online New Caller School by Zoom and ending up with three days of live practice in Williams Lake. The result – eight new callers. This helps with the chicken and egg problem we always face – who comes first, the caller or the club (existing or new).

Although we do not have a final headcount until late November, I am able to report that membership of the BCSRDF, as at the date of the meeting was 10 Associations (9 Dancing and 1 Clogging) and 51 Clubs (47 Dancing and 4 Clogging).

Finally, I feel upbeat and about the progress we have made since our COVID enforced difficulties and look forward to a year showing continued recovery and still more feet on the floor.

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BCSRDF NEWS

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On behalf of the Executive and myself, thank you for your support and the trust you have placed in us.

Dennis Sutton
President

28th October, 2023

The Purpose of the Federation shall be to preserve, promote and perpetuate Square Dancing, Round Dancing, Contra Dancing, Clog Dancing and other related forms of dance in the Province of British Columbia.



B.C.S. & R.D. FEDERATION



The Executive of the British Columbia Square and Round Dance Federation would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year with lots of fun-filled dancing.

Dennis Sutton, Mae Fawcett, Lyle O'Hara,
Wendy Krueger, Pat Zeeman, & Norm Cox



VDCTA NEWS

WORKSHOP OR FREE DANCE??

Four times during the dance season, all dancers are asked to come to Colwood Hall on a Sunday afternoon (usually September, November, January and March) prior to the General Meeting of the Lower Vancouver Island Western Square & Round Dance Association. You are asked to be there from 1:30 to 2:45, with the meeting following at 3:00.

There has been some attempt to promote this session as a “Free Dance” in order to improve attendance. As this is not working, it is time to be honest and let you know that while there is no charge for attending, it is actually a Workshop.

What is the Workshop for?

Well, usually there will be one or two round dances presented. This will allow the members of the Victoria & District Caller Teachers Association to look at the B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation “Rounds of the Month” prior to having to present them at a dance. Moves that are new to us can be walked through, sections of the dance that might need a closer look are pointed out, and we can see what parts of the dance need to be worked on.

Once a year, we need to choose a round to be the last “Round of the Month”, and sometimes our Region needs to choose the Federation “Round of the Month”. At those workshops, our members are asked to bring some round dances that we will dance through so that we can make an informed choice.

And then there is a square dance portion. This is the time when the Callers will look at different ways to teach moves. They will also have a chance to see if some choreography that they have developed actually works instead of trying it at a dance. If our Association has new members, this is an opportunity to give them some time on the microphone with live dancers.

We know that it is asking a lot of you to come out for a short session on a Sunday afternoon where you might end up standing more than dancing, but it is something that can be of great benefit to the callers and cuers in our Association. Please consider putting aside a little time on the fourth Sunday of November, January, and March this season to help us out.

Thank you.

Pat Zeeman

Secretary, Victoria & District Caller Teachers Association

SPECIAL DANCE

FAREWELL

TO 2023

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

Pre-Rounds - 1:30-2:00 PM

Mainstream - 2:00-4:00 PM

ROYAL OAK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HALL

4516 West Saanich Road, Victoria, BC

PANEL OF

CALLERS

& CUERS



Admission: \$10.00 per person at the door
(Exact change appreciated)

Appies & sweets served during the afternoon.

Please bring your own mug.

Limited parking – please carpool if possible.

Face masks encouraged.

Subject to COVID directives in effect on the event date.

*Sponsored by the Victoria & District Caller Teachers
Association and the Lower Vancouver Island
Western Square & Round Dance Association*

DANCE DATES – LOWER ISLAND

DECEMBER 2023

MONDAY

Star Twirlers Plus Teach/Workshop, ~8:00-10:00 PM,
Colwood Hall 4, 11, 18

TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders Rounds Phase 3-4, 7:30-8:15 PM,
Rounds Phase 2-3, 8:15-10:00 PM, Colwood Hall 5, 12, 19

WEDNESDAY

Dance A Rounds Rounds Phase 2+, 7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall 6, 20
Star Twirlers Plus Dance (with Rounds), ~8:00-10:00 PM,
Royal Oak Hall 13

THURSDAY

Dance A Rounds Rounds Phase 3-4, 1:00-3:00 PM, Royal Oak Hall 7
Star Twirlers Advanced Class/Dance, ~7:30-9:30 PM,
Old Colwood Firehall (upstairs – enter at rear) 7, 21

FRIDAY

Country Cousins
& Mavericks Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall 8

SATURDAY

Frontier Twirlers Plus, 7:30-8:00 PM, Mainstream, 8:00-10:00 PM,
Colwood Hall 2, 16

SPECIAL DANCES

Country Cousins
& Mavericks Holiday Bling, 7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall Fri. 8
Frontier Twirlers Christmas Dance, 7:30-10:00 PM, Colwood Hall Sat. 16
Star Twirlers Christmas Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Hall Mon. 18
Rainbow Rounders Christmas Dance, 7:30-10:00 PM, Colwood Hall Tues. 19
Dance A Rounds Christmas Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall Wed. 20
VDCTA/LVIWSRDA Farewell to 2023 Dance, 1:30-4:00 PM, Royal Oak Hall... Sun. 31
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The L.V.I.W.S.R.D.A.

Executive

wishes everyone

a wonderful holiday season

and a prosperous and healthy New Year.



DANCE DATES – LOWER ISLAND

JANUARY 2024

MONDAY

Star Twirlers..... Plus Teach/Workshop, ~8:00-10:00 PM,
Colwood Hall 15, 22, 29

TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders..... Rounds Phase 3-4, 7:30-8:15 PM,
Rounds Phase 2-3, 8:15-10:00 PM, Colwood Hall..... 9, 16, 23, 30

WEDNESDAY

Dance A Rounds..... Rounds Phase 2+, 7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall 3, 17, 31
Star Twirlers..... Plus Dance (with Rounds), ~8:00-10:00 PM,
Royal Oak Hall..... 10, 24

THURSDAY

Dance A Rounds..... Rounds Phase 3-4, 1:00-3:00 PM, Royal Oak Hall 11, 25
Star Twirlers..... Advanced Class/Dance, ~7:30-9:30 PM,
Old Colwood Firehall (upstairs – enter at rear)..... 4, 18

FRIDAY

Country Cousins
& Mavericks..... Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall... 12, 26

SATURDAY

Frontier Twirlers Plus, 7:30-8:00 PM, Mainstream, 8:00-10:00 PM,
Colwood Hall 6, 20
Country Cousins
& Mavericks..... Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall..... 27

SPECIAL DANCES

Country Cousins
& Mavericks..... At the Hop, 7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall Fri. 12
Frontier Twirlers Down Under Dance, 7:30-10:00 PM, Colwood Hall..... Sat. 20
Rainbow Rounders..... 32nd Birthday Dance, 7:30-10:00 PM, Colwood Hall..... Tues. 23
Country Cousins
& Mavericks..... Tropical Travels, 7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall..... Sat. 27
VDCTA FREE Workshop, 1:30-2:45 PM, Colwood Hall Sun. 28

MEETINGS

LVIWSRDA/VDCTA Association Meetings, 3:00-4:00 PM, Colwood Hall Sun. 28
(following FREE Workshop – see above)



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region8.squaredance.bc.ca

DANCE DATES – UPPER ISLAND

DECEMBER 2023

THURSDAY

Island Gems	Rounds Phase 3 & 4, 7:00-9:00 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo	7, 14
Star Dusters.....	West Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM, Star Dusters Hall, Powell River .	7, 14

FRIDAY

Amalgam-Eighters	Mainstream, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville	1
	West Coast with some Mainstream, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville	15

SATURDAY

Ocean Waves	Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:30 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay	2
	West Coast (with Rounds), 7:00-9:30 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay	16
Ripple Rockets	West Coast (with Rounds), 7:00-9:30 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall	9

SPECIAL DANCES

Ocean Waves	Black and White Dance, 7:00-9:30 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay	Sat. 2
Ripple Rockets	Christmas Dance, 7:00-9:30 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall	Sat. 9
Amalgam-Eighters	Christmas Potluck & Dance, Potluck, 6:00 PM, West Coast with some Mainstream, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville ..	Fri. 15
Ocean Waves	Christmas Potluck Dinner & Dance, Filberg Centre - Rotary Hall, Courtenay (<i>please contact club for time</i>)	Sat. 16
Star Dusters.....	Christmas Dance, Star Dusters Hall, Powell River (<i>please contact club for date & time</i>)	

Please Note – Dance dates information is compiled from a number of sources and is believed to be accurate, however these details are subject to change depending on hall availability, Public Health Orders, and/or other factors. If in doubt please confirm particulars including dates, times, and locations with the event organizers. Club contact information is on pages 37-40. Association contacts are on the inside front and inside back covers. The Cross Trail News cannot be held responsible for any errors.

DANCE DATES – UPPER ISLAND JANUARY 2024

THURSDAY

Island Gems..... Rounds Phase 3 & 4, 7:00-9:00 PM,
Wellington Hall, Nanaimo..... 11, 18, 25
Star Dusters West Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM,
Star Dusters Hall, Powell River..... 4, 11, 18, 25

FRIDAY

Amalgam-Eighters Mainstream, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville..... 5, 19

SATURDAY

Ocean Waves..... Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:30 PM,
Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay..... 6, 20
Ripple Rockets Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:30 PM,
Campbell River United Church Hall 13, 27

SPECIAL DANCES

Amalgam-Eighters Robbie Burns Dance, 7:00-9:30 PM,
Costin Hall, Lantzville..... Fri. 19
Ocean Waves..... Winterfest, 7:00-9:30 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall,
Courtenay Sat. 20



CLUB NEWS

AMALGAM-EIGHTERS, Nanaimo

By Margie Cooper

Our condolences to Barb Caumartin (Wheel Arounds), on the loss of her husband, Aurele, in October. He will be greatly missed, as a friend and faithful supporter of our club.

Although all members weren't home from summer travels in September, the Amalgam-Eighters "Kicked Off" with two enthusiastic squares on the 15th. With newcomers, that swelled to three squares. Wendie Harrington started dance classes the following week, and happily we have a committed class of eight beginners, three Mainstreams, and five beginner/Mainstream "Brush-ups".

Congratulations to Elaine & Andy Bradshaw (25 years), Marie & Ken McCallum (35 years), and Lynette McLeod (55 years), for their lengthy participation in Square Dancing, which was honoured at UVISDA's Caller/Cuer Appreciation Dance. Thank you for your dedication, and for the joy you consistently bring to the dance floor!

Hallowe'en came early, with four squares on the dance floor at our Hallowe'en Costume Dance on October 20th. Friends from four different visiting clubs added to the fun! Thanks to Al Jonsson for stepping in with a tip when we had an electronic glitch. *(See photo on opposite page and group photo on page 16. Photos by Margie Cooper.)*

Please bring your new dancers to our "West Coast" Christmas Dance on December 15th, with Potluck at 6:00 p.m. Have a very Merry Christmas, and we hope you'll join us for a happy start to the New Year, on January 5th, with our guest caller, Gord Reudig.

Dance lessons will begin again on January 8th for West Coast/Mainstream, from 7:00-8:15 p.m./8:15-8:45 p.m., at St. Philip by-the-Sea Anglican Church, Lantzville.

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Christmas is about spending time with family and friends. 'Tis the season to wish one another joy and love and peace.

May the closeness of friends and the comfort of home renew your spirits this festive season.

Marilynne & Alan Cunningham and
the Salty Wheels & the Mavericks Square Dance Clubs



“Arrival Fun” at the Amalgam-Eighters’ Hallowe’en Costume Dance: (left to right) Matt Haapala, Esther Wong, Wendie Harrington, Elke Puglak, Rick Hoggarth, Bob Simpson, and Terry Ohman.



*May this Christmas season
fill your home with joy,
your hearts with love and
your life with laughter.
Connie Ritchie*

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The crowd in costumes at the Amalgam-Eighters' Halloween Costume Dance.

COUNTRY COUSINS, Victoria

By Marion van't Riet

Fall is in full swing, and it's been great to see at least four to five squares out on the floor swinging to the music during most of our joint dances with the Mavericks this season. Thank you to everyone who has supported our combined efforts to host entertaining evenings for all to enjoy. Our theme nights, in particular, have been both festive and fun, with great costumes and superb decorations (not to mention delicious after-dance treats)!

A very special welcome to all of the new dancers on the floor this season – we appreciate your enthusiasm and are so glad that you are joining us.

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*Christmas brings with it fond memories,
special moments, and treasured times
with family and friends.
May Christmas be all this and more.
Thank you all for your continuing friendship.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

Christina Willing

CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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Upcoming special dances include our “British Invasion” on Saturday, November 25, sure to evoke some fond trips down memory lane, and our Christmas theme dance “Holiday Bling” on Friday, December 8. Dig out your best bling and come out to celebrate in true holiday style.

Our first dance of the New Year will be our theme dance “At the Hop” on Friday, January 12.

We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor.

DANCE A ROUNDS, Victoria

By Stuart Hemmings

Hello everyone, so nice to get back to dancing and seeing our old friends, not to mention the strangers who are just friends we haven’t met. The new dances keep coming but it’s nice to hear the old favorites. Never be afraid to ask questions or request a particular dance. Christmas will be here soon, so you better watch out. A Merry Christmas to you all.

FRONTIER TWIRLERS, Victoria

By Penny Kristiansen

The season started with an open house on September 16th followed by regular club dancing. This event generated good interest. Not everyone present joined our new class but everybody there sure seemed to be having fun. I think the participants loved trying out some basic square dance moves which Garry Dodds guided them through. Yes a New Dancer class is underway. Thank you to all the “angels” who come out and support our program.

Our very recent specialty dance “Harvest Memories” on October 21 was a hit. The “big hall” had a smile on its face. It loves it when many square dancers are having fun.

Looking ahead to the festive season – which is not that far away – our annual Christmas dance is on December 16. This is a favourite night. Donations of non-perishable food items to a local food charity will be much appreciated. Another specialty dance is on January 20 – “Down Under” – a celebration of Australian culture.

The Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy 2024.

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CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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ISLAND GEMS, Nanaimo

By Wendie Harrington

Island Gems has had a great fall. Thursdays have become very busy days! Our two-step group in the afternoon is making terrific progress. When we have completed teaching the phase 3 moves we will offer a waltz class. Our Rumba/Cha group is small but we have enjoyed polishing up our steps and are now reviewing some other rhythms as well. We have been dancing to some good new music. Our request list for our “party night” has started to get so long we can’t fit it all in! We welcome round dancing visitors from all over the island on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00. Come out and have some fun with us!

MAVERICKS, Victoria

By Chrissy Torontow

Our joint Mavericks and Country Cousins dance season kicked off on September 8th with Grand Ole Opry and Pie Night: a wonderful combination for square dancers...dancing and eating!! Marilynne and Kirk did a medley of songs by Johnny Cash, Tammy Wynette, and many more.

We were very lucky to have Lorne Clayton to fill in for Marilynne for our September 22nd dance. Lorne hadn’t called a full dance for 5 years and it was seamless. It was like he had never stopped calling. What a wonderful fun evening.

Kirk called the Hippy Dippy dance on September 23rd. The outfits were very inventive and certainly brought back memories of the hippy days.

October 13th was a Black Cat dance with lots of cat ears, swishy tails and made-up cat faces. A shout out to the decorating committee of Barb Clayton, Gary Weeks, and all their helpers!

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U.V.I.C.T.A. Presents

2024 Round-a-Rama

Nanoose Place

2925 Northwest Bay Rd

Sunday, February 18, 2024

1:00 – 3:00pm

- Non Stop Dancing
- Two Thirds at Phase 2
- One Third at Phases 3 & 4

\$10.00/person

Square Dancers Welcome!!

CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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Our upcoming joint dances are November 10th (Roaring 20s), November 24th (regular dance), November 25th (British Invasion dance with Beatles music, etc.), and the December 8th (Holiday Bling) dance to cap off 2023.

We start off 2024 on January 12th (At the Hop) followed by January 26th (regular dance), and January 27th (Tropical Travels).

We're looking forward to all this great dancing and to seeing you on the dance floor!

OCEAN WAVES, Courtenay

By Karin Sorger

We are all geared for a new season of regular dancing! Our first big dance was our Welcome Back dance followed by the Harvest dance, just before Thanksgiving. It is so nice to be out with our friends, getting our exercise, laughter, and socializing. We had three squares on the floor and hopefully more will come out as the year progresses. Pie and ice cream were plentiful and popular at our Harvest dance. Thanks to Denise Jensen and her helpers who makes such a nice spread of goodies. We so love our sit-down snacks and socializing at the end of the dance with announcements from our President, Keith Kent. Decorations added an autumn touch and there were nice prizes thanks to Ellen Granberg.

Thanks to our caller, Fran Archambault, who gets us moving with many new tunes and songs. You make us all use our brains and our legs to get around your moves correctly or as best we can! It's always a happy dance with lots of laughter. And thanks to Fran's helper, Roger.

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At our two free nights for newcomers, we had many who were interested, and all were happy to be mingling and dancing. We have a nice class with newcomers and returnees with about three squares attending each Monday night at the Anglican Church. Square dancing brings people together for a happy evening and our club hopes for prospective new members.

Our next dance is our International dance – let's see how many nationalities will come out.

RAINBOW ROUNDERS, Victoria

By Van Williams & Angel Star

We have finished a summer of monthly round dances that were an enjoyable way to exercise, and socialize, while helping us maintain our moves. Hope you have enjoyed your summer and the start of the new season.

The club's Tuesday night dances have been expanded to 2½ hours with the first 45 minutes dedicated to phases 3 & 4, and includes all eight of the club's current dance styles. Then the remaining time includes all round dancers. This

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70th Year Anniversary
Come Celebrate!
Ocean Waves Square Dance Club
Sunday April 7th, 2024
Mainstream Dance with Rounds
1:30pm – 4:00pm
Native Sons Hall
367 Cliffe Ave. Courtenay



CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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new format has been fun for everyone, and the Hallowe'en Dance on October 31st was delightfully haunting.

Connie and Kirk are successfully teaching three very eager classes on Wednesdays this fall and winter. Connie's afternoon Rumba and Cha-Cha class started with phase 3 figures and will advance to phase 4. The Tuesday evening phase 3 and 4 class has reviewed phase 3 figures and moved into phase 4. Kirk's introductory Two-step and Waltz class has proceeded well; however, it would benefit greatly from having more men for the numerous women without dance partners. Men, if you are available and interested, please contact Kirk Rockerbie at 250-480-9729 or kirkbradrock@gmail.com.

RIPPLE ROCKETS, Campbell River

By Susan Sinclair

For December there will be only one dance on Saturday the 9th with Al Jonsson calling and Brenda Aucoin cueing at the United Church Hall in Campbell River from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. All are welcome. In January 2024 our dances are on the 13th with Al calling and Brenda cueing and on the 27th with a guest caller/cuer to be announced. Again, all are welcome.

STAR DUSTERS, Powell River

By Gord Ruedig

Another season is upon us. After a three-year hiatus and much uncertainty about the future of our Across the Pond Dance, our club held a scaled down two-day event this past August. People came, they danced, and they went home smiling. We'll call that a win! I want to thank all who attended, all who volunteered their time to organize and set up, and the callers and cuers who showed up ready to help with the dance program. Well done!

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We would like to wish everyone a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year of dancing.
Jake and Diana Ring

The Victoria & District Caller
Teachers Association
wishes you a
Merry Christmas
and the very best in the New Year.



SAVE THE DATE!

**Brent
Mawdsley**

**Gord
Ruedig**

**And a panel
of Callers
& Cuers**

**The Powell River Star Dusters'
Across the Pond Weekend
Aug. 15, 16 & 17, 2024**

IT'S OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY

More info to come!

CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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Our club resumed dancing early this September. It was a bit of a shaky start early on, with many dancers still fully engaged in their summer activities, but we've gradually transitioned from those lazy days of summer to the hustle of the fall dance season! Hooray!

We held a couple of free introductory community dances in September and as of October 3rd our new dancer class has been up and running with 12 new dancers registered and lots of willing helpers from our club eager to assist.

Save the date! We are already in the planning stages of next year's Across the Pond Dance, August 15, 16, & 17. This will be a special dance for us as we will be celebrating our club's 60th Anniversary. As you can see, we will be returning to a three-day event in 2024 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday). And here's the icing on the cake: the guest caller and my calling mate for the Saturday evening dance will be Brent Mawdsley from Maple Ridge. Brent is a great caller who calls for clubs in B.C. and Washington and is also one of the best singers in the business. We will be distributing registration forms once we have all the details worked out, so watch for them in the CTN!

See you in a square!

STAR TWIRLERS, Victoria

By Garry Dodds

Well, the season is underway. We have a small number of people wanting to learn or refresh the Plus program so our Monday evening dances will be a combination of reviewing the Plus program moves. For the experienced dancers we are exploring the moves reviewed for the newer dancers and using them from other set-ups and arrangements (Extended Applications).

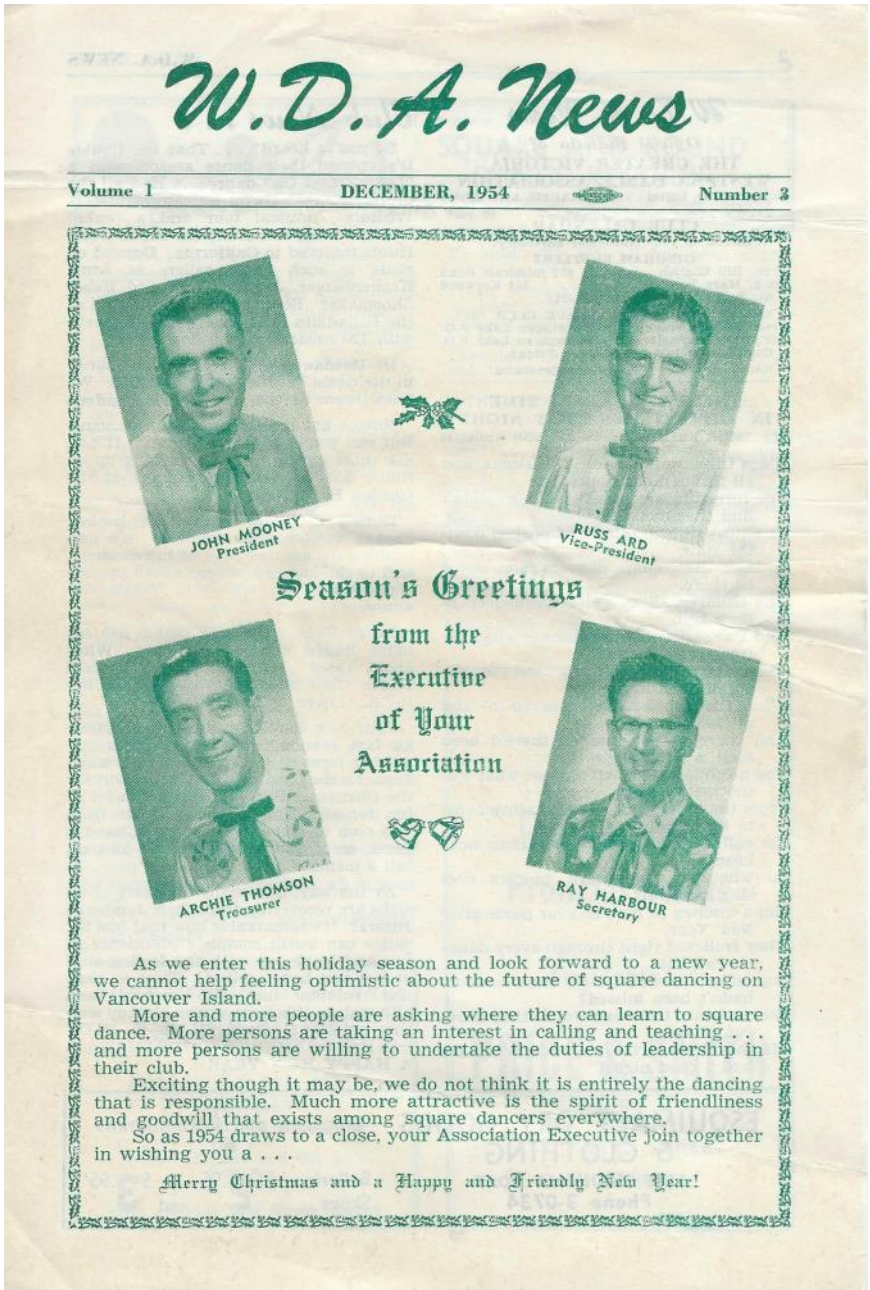
The Advanced classes are progressing well. We have had a lot of dancers away sick and on various trips so it will be nice to get everyone back at the same time. We still need another lady or another couple. We had a very odd situation at the last class. We had eight men and four ladies. The ladies had to work twice as hard.

We have started our Wednesday evening Plus dances (2nd and 4th) and a fair turnout for our first dance (considering so many sick and away). The Wednesday evenings are just straight Plus dancing. I will only review or workshop moves with which everyone is having trouble and it will just be a quick walk through.

Our Christmas dance is scheduled for Monday, December 18 at Colwood Hall. New Year start up will be Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at Royal Oak Hall. See you on the floor somewhere!

NEWS FROM THE PAST

“Season’s Greetings” from 69 years ago – the W.D.A. News, Vol. 1, No. 3, December, 1954, renamed the “Cross Trail News” in September, 1955.



NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

NOTES FROM OUR TRAVELS

By Pat Zeeman

Garry and I frequently combine travelling with dancing – last year, we attended the Canadian National Festival in Fredericton, NB during a trip across Canada, and in April of this year, we combined a trip down the Oregon coast with attendance at the Callerlab Convention in Sparks, Nevada. We are fortunate in that we have a very comfortable truck and fifth wheel to call “home” while we are on the road and can take our Westie, Jamie, with us.

So August saw us head out again – this time, our destination was Lacombe, AB, and the occasion was the Alberta Provincial Convention and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society (CSRDS) which was held in Lacombe in conjunction with the Alberta Provincial Festival.

We decided to take a detour on our way to Lacombe, and travelled via Spokane, Washington for the 67th Annual Summer Square Dance Festival and Salmon BBQ (<https://www.squaredancespokane.org/salmon-bbq>) – a weekend we have attended before when Garry was the caller for the Thursday Trail-In Dance, and I was honoured to be the feature Cuer for the weekend.

This year, the Caller for the Thursday Trail-In Dance was Doug Davis, the feature Caller for the weekend was Tony Oxendine, and the feature Cuer for the weekend was Chuck Weiss. We have known Doug & Priscilla and Chuck & Sandi for many years and although Sandi wasn't present, we certainly surprised Doug, Priscilla and Chuck with our attendance.



From left: Gisela & Jack, Pat & Garry, and Lynne & Domenic in Spokane.

There were two other couples from Victoria present for the weekend – Gisela & Jack Braniff and Lynne Severance & Domenic Abata (see *photo*) and we all agreed that it was a great time!

The square dancing was fast – if you stopped to think about a move, you were two moves behind! No time for mistakes, that was for sure. The round dancing was excellent – a variety of rhythms and levels, and the timing was spot on. And the Salmon BBQ on Sunday afternoon – well, you just have to experience it for yourself! Garry and I are hoping to attend again next year and they haven't even announced the Callers and Cuers!

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From Spokane we headed to Lacombe, Alberta and the 54th Annual Alberta Square & Round Dance Federation Convention on Labour Day weekend.

The Friday evening dance was called by Gary Winter, and the cuer was Mary Nelson. The Callers and Cuers for the rest of the weekend were the Callers and Cuers attending the Convention.

Gary posted on Facebook that there were 21 squares signed in, and 20 on the floor on Friday night. It was hard to track after that as there was a Mainstream Hall, Plus Hall, SSD Hall, Advanced Hall, and a Round Dance Hall – and all seemed to be pretty busy!

Saturday evening's theme was "Sock Hop" and there were plenty of poodle skirts and saddle shoes brought out for the occasion. There were a few Elvis impersonators present as well. There were even a couple of "car hops" on the floor! It was a terrific participation in the theme, and a good time seemed to be had by all! The photo shows us in our theme costumes.

Sunday afternoon was the CSRDS AGM. Garry and I are the Directors from BC to the CSRDS, so attendance at meetings is pretty much mandatory. Most of our meetings are now held via Zoom, but the AGM is held in person when possible.



So what does the CSRDS do for you? There is a lot of information on the CSRDS available on their website - <https://csrds.ca/>. The CSRDS provides website hosting to a number of Provincial Federations.

Of course, the most obvious benefit that the CSRDS provides is the third party liability insurance coverage. Not only does this insurance cover each and every dancer who is registered, but it also provides coverage for clubs, associations and provincial federations. When a venue requires proof of third party liability coverage, a certificate naming the hall will be provided on request. See <https://csrds.ca/insurance/> for more information.

Another benefit is providing funds to assist with caller and cuer training, both in the form of bursaries for callers and cuers, and by providing funding for leadership training. This year, the Square & Round Dance Instructors' Association of Alberta received funding from the CSRDS to assist with both a Cuers'

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and a Callers' School. More information and forms are available at <https://csrds.ca/bursary/> and <https://csrds.ca/leadership-guidelines/>.

The CSRDS also provides recognition – the Award of Excellence; Long Service Awards; Certificates of Recognition for Clubs, Associations, Federations, Callers, Leaders and Instructors on their 20th Anniversary and at 5 year intervals thereafter; Wedding Anniversaries every 10 years starting with the 50th; and to recognize contributions to the Square and Round Dance Society. More information can be found at <https://csrds.ca/awards/>.

And then there is the biannual Convention or Festival. The next one will be held in 2024 in Calgary, Alberta. The CSRDS will provide a non-interest forgivable loan of \$5,000 to provide some seed funding to help the Convention Committee meet initial financial obligations. There is a lot of information at <https://csrds.ca/news-24/>, including guidelines on Bidding and Operations for potential future Convention hosting.

One of the reasons for holding the CSRDS AGM in Alberta in 2023 is to allow the CSRDS Board of Directors to tour the facilities, so on Monday after the Trail Out Dance, we all travelled to Calgary to view the Glenmore Inn, and to discuss registrations to date, plans for use of the various rooms available and anything else relating to the Convention.

The Board of Directors was pleased with all of the arrangements made to date, and the only thing the Calgary Convention Committee is waiting on now are registrations from dancers – that's right, they need to know who is coming and what dancing they will be looking for so that floors can be allocated. If you think you might want to attend, the time to register is now! That way, you won't get to the Convention and discover that you were looking to dance Advanced along with enough other dancers to make up eight squares, but the room allocated for Advanced only holds four squares because not enough dancers registered and indicated that they were interested in dancing that level.

If you do attend the Convention, please set aside enough time to take in the CSRDS AGM, which is held during the Convention in Convention years – usually on the Friday morning. And don't forget all of the other things to do in Calgary – including the Stampede, which is just before the Convention.

Anyway, Garry and I are looking forward to dancing in Calgary next July – right now, we are planning our summer travels around dance events and family get togethers, and it looks like we will be on the road from the end of May to the middle of September!

See you in a square somewhere!

(Photos courtesy of Pat Zeeman.)

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

COLWOOD HALL BENEFIT DANCE – AUGUST 30, 2023

By Gary Weeks

My gosh, where has the time gone. I am writing this report and cannot imagine that we finished off the series of summer dances with a Benefit Dance in Colwood. The dance was anchored by Kirk Rockerbie with Connie Ritchie cueing rounds. It is always a pleasure to see everyone come out to kick off the new dance season and chip in some loonies for the Colwood Community Hall and the Colwood Women's Institute.

These benefit dances always draw out a few people who have extra special memories of years gone by. Sharing those moments in time always invokes a thought and wonder of how that was done and how so much has been accomplished since. Special times at a very special building.

I understand that this year the Colwood Community Hall Committee threw out the old oil furnace. A new 2023 model, gas fired engine has been installed to ensure a warm welcoming climate is maintained into the years ahead. This environmental change will negate the need for coats and sweaters at Colwood Hall dances this fall, winter and into the spring. The Colwood Benefit Dance was instrumental in assisting with the purchase of a new gas furnace to the tune of \$1,989.25.

Thank you everyone for supporting your community and keeping me warm this winter as I attend a wide range of dance opportunities at Colwood Hall. Without a doubt, the continued support of everyone goes a long way in providing warm welcomes to all who enjoy the dance!

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UVISDA CALLER & CUER APPRECIATION DANCE 2023

By Karin Sorger

UVISDA's Caller and Cuer Appreciation Dance was held on Sunday, September 24, 2023. Autumn of course is in the air but it was a nice day for driving with no storm, just one being predicted. It was a nice dance and Kirk Rockerbie gave us lots of singing calls which were unfamiliar to us on the Upper Island. It was a nice change and he has a clear, strong voice. Thanks very much to Kirk for coming up from Victoria. We enjoyed your calling and cueing.

It was too bad that not more dancers came out. What can we do to bring in dancers from all clubs? We had three squares on the floor at all times with another number of dancers who could not dance every dance. But we were all happy to be together socializing and dancing. The goodies were plentiful and delicious thanks to the Amalgam-Eighters.

Bob Chalmers was the emcee. We presented long-standing badges and bars to deserving dancers. This was for four years because COVID years were considered membership years. At the end of the dance we presented many Four Score & More Club badges. They sure are flashy – can't believe I'm 80. Congratulations to all our deserving members! *(See photo on page 45.)*



Callers, cuers, & their partners at the Caller & Cuer Appreciation Dance (L to R): Lynette McLeod & Ron Ervin, Kirk Rockerbie & Anne McCarthy, Connie Ritchie, Wendie & Herb Harrington, and Diana & Jake Ring, with UVISDA President, Bob Chalmers, on stage. *(Photo by Pat Chalmers.)*

NEWS FROM REGION 2 (FRASER VALLEY)

GALA DANCE 2023 PROVES SUCCESS

By Jean Galbraith

On October 21, the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association hosted an event proving to be a real celebration, when the Gala dance provided a full hall of square and round dancers with three hours of great dancing and entertainment. The B.C. Boys, Ray Brendzy, Steve Edlund, and Brent Mawdsley, were there to provide non-stop melody and three-part harmony to a spirited Mainstream level evening, and they were accompanied by cuer Krista Baird, who not only chose some beautiful rounds, but lasted the entire evening, despite a back injury, and still didn't miss a note.

The hall was full of great fall decorations, and the lights from the decorated trees shone a reflection of light on the smiling faces of the many dancers filling the hall with their laughter as the three callers provided their entertaining brand of calling. Krista joined in the fun, and it was hard for the dancers to even tell of her injury. What a trouper! The foyer at the entrance to the dance hall was decked out as well, and dancers were treated to beverages and water, and a delicious selection of eight different kinds of homemade cookies, each better than the rest, if that's possible.

Displayed in the foyer were two wooden plaques honouring past recipients of the Scroll of Honour, and two books containing pictures and stories of each of these recipients, dating back to 1972. The door prizes in the main dance hall were beautifully presented, most wrapped in fall coloured gift wrap, and two huge gift baskets, which topped the list and had dancers oohing and aahing, hoping to win a prize. The singles board was well used, too.

But the crowning event of the evening was the presentation of the Fraser Valley Association's highest achievement award, the Scroll of Honour, to a very deserving Maureen Wilson, who has done and continues to do so much for our recreation. Gala chairman, Dave Hammer, as MC, handled all the introductions, and started the presentation of the Scroll by introducing Wendy Krueger, who then presented the Scroll to a surprised Maureen. The Scroll is always awarded from nominations of dancers and/or callers who have made big contributions to our square dance activity, and is chosen in secret, so Maureen was not aware beforehand of her award. She was congratulated by many as she accepted it, and many gave her a standing ovation.

A big thank you goes out to the hardworking Gala committee and the Scroll of Honour committee for providing such a fun evening, and thank you, too, to the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association for sponsoring the event and the continued support as well from the Vancouver & District Caller/Teachers Association members. It was a night that will long live in our dancers' memories.

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FOUR WALLS

Song Title: Four Walls - Record Label CTB 4709 or download @ itunes (2:48) Artist: Jim Reeves

Rhythm: WZ Ph II+2+1 Whisk, Interrupted Box & Leg Slide

Speed: 45 rpm (adjust to suit comfort level)

Footwork: as per RAL Manual (or as described)

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Seq: Intro AB A_{mod} AB End



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This choreography is dedicated to one of our best friends & avid round dancer, Lynda B., from Kelowna, B. C., Canada. "Four Walls" by Jim Reeves' is her favorite piano musical piece.

Music Link to listen: www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtVD6E7pz4g

INTRO WAIT 2 MEASURES;; APART POINT; PICK UP TOUCH [CP];

1-4 OP FCG DLW ld ft free wait 2 meas;; apt R, pt R, -; trng LF to fc LOD sml fwd trn R (W fwd trn L trng LF stpg in frnt of M), sd L, cl R in CP fcg LOD;

A LEFT TURNING BOX [SCAR];;;

1-4 LOD in CP trng LF ¼ fwd trn L, sd R, cl L; trng ¼ bk trn R, sd L, cl R; rep meas 1&2 blind to SCAR;;

PROGRESSIVE TWINKLE 3X [BJO];;; MANEUVER;

5-7 in SCAR progsg twds LOD fwd xif L (W xib R), sd R, cl L to BJO; in BJO fwd xif R (W xib L), sd L, cl R to SCAR; in SCAR fwd xif L (W xib R), sd R, cl L to BJO;

8 in BJO stpg outsd W fwd trn R trng RF (W bk trn L trng RF), cont trn to fc rev sd L, cl R in CP RLOD;

2 RIGHT TURNS;; WHISK; PICK UP [CP];

9-10 in CP fcg RLOD trng RF bk trn L, sd trn R, cl L; cont RF trn fwd trn R, sd trn L, cl R to fc Wall;

11-12 in CPW fwd L, sd & fwd rise R, xib L (W xib R) in SCP; in SCP DLW rep Intro meas 4;

2 LEFT TURNS;; TWIRL VINE; THRU FACE CLOSE [BFLY]; [2nd Time PICK UP]

13-14 in CP fcg LOD trng LF fwd trn L, sd trn R, cl L; cont trng LF bk trn R, sd trn L, cl R end fcg Wall in CP;

15-16 in CP fcg Wall sd L relse trl hnd hld ldg W to trn RF undr jnd ld hnds, xib R, sd L (W trng RF undr jnd ld hnds sd & fwd trn R, sd & bk trn L, cont trng trn sd R to fc); thru R, trng to fc sd L, cl R blind to BFLY;

*16 **2nd Time** w/ ld hnds jnd ld W in frnt thru R trng LF to fc LOD (W trng LF fwd trn L stpg in frnt of M to fc rev), sd L, cl R in CP fcg LOD;

B WALTZ AWAY; CROSS WRAP; BACK WALTZ; LADY ROLL ACROSS;

1-2 in BFLY fcg Wall relse jnd ld hnds trn avy frn ptrn fwd trn L, sd & fwd R, cl L fcg LOD in OP; w/ trlg hnds jnd comm RF trn fwd trn R ldg W to trn LF, cont trng xng LOD chgg sds psg bhnd W trn sd L, cl R (W kpg trl hnds jnd trng LF fwd trn L, chgg sds psg in frnt of M sd trn R to fc rev, cl L) jn ld hnds in WRAP pos fcg RLOD;

3-4 in Wrap pos fcg RLOD bk L, bk R, cl L; relse jnd trl hnds & ldg W to trn LF sip R, L, R (W trng LF trn sd L, cont trng LF trn sd R, cont trn cl L) end in LOP fcg RLOD;

THRU TWINKLE; THRU FACE CLOSE [CPW]; CANTER 2X;;

5-8 in LOP xif L (W xif R), trng to fc ptrn sd R, cl L; in OP FCG thru R, trng to fc sd L, cl R blind to CP fcg Wall; in CPW sd L, drw R to L, cl R; sd L, drw R to L, cl R remain in CP fcg Wall;

INTERRUPTED BOX [CPW];;;

9-12 in CP fcg Wall fwd L, sd R, cl L; bk R raise jnd ld hnds ldg W to trn RF, sd L, cl R (W fwd L, trng RF undr jnd ld hnds curve fwd trn R, fwd trn L); fwd L, sd R, cl L (W cont crclr curve undr jnd ld hnds fwd trn R, fwd trn L, fwd trn R completing full crclr undr jnd ld hnds) blind to CP; bk R, sd L, cl R in CP;

VINE 3; PICK UP [CP]; PROGRESIVE BOX;;

11-14 in CP fcg Wall sd L, xib R (W xib L), sd L; thru R trng LF to fc LOD (W trng LF fwd trn L stpg in frnt of M to fc rev), sd L, cl R in CP fcg LOD; fwd L, sd R, cl L; fwd R, sd L, cl R remain in CP fcg LOD;

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FOUR WALLS

REPEAT PART A_(Mod)

REPEAT PARTS A & B

END 2 LEFT TURNS;; CANTER; DIP BACK & HOLD LADY LEG SLIDE;

1-4 repeat Part A measures 13 & 14;; repeat Part B measure 7; in CP fcg Wall bk L relax knee lving R leg extended, -, - (W fwd R, relax L knee w/ toe of L foot pointing down slide L leg slowly & upwardly on the side of M's R leg, -);

WZ Ph II+2+1

Whisk, Interrupted Box + Leg Slide

FOUR WALLS

DLW LOP FCG: LFF

Intro	Wait;;	Apart, Point;	PU, Tch to CP;
A	Left Turning Box blend to SCAR;;; Prog Twinkle, 3X to BJO;;; 2 Right Turns;; Whisk; 2 Left Turns;; Twirl Vine;		Maneuver; PU to CP; Thru, Fc, Cl to BFLY;
B	Waltz Away; Twinkle Thru; Interrupted Box to CP;;; Vine 3;	X-Wrap, fc Rev; Thru, Fc, Cl to CP; PU to CP;	Back Waltz; Canter, 2X;; Progressive Box;;
A _{mod}	Left Turning Box blend to SCAR;;; Prog Twinkle, 3X to BJO;;; 2 Right Turns;; Whisk; 2 Left Turns;; Twirl Vine;		Maneuver; PU to CP; PU to CP;
A	Left Turning Box blend to SCAR;;; Prog Twinkle, 3X to BJO;;; 2 Right Turns;; Whisk; 2 Left Turns;; Twirl Vine;		Maneuver; PU to CP; Thru, Fc, Cl to BFLY;
B	Waltz Away; Twinkle Thru; Interrupted Box to CP;;; Vine 3;	X-Wrap, fc Rev; Thru, Fc, Cl to CP; PU to CP;	Back Waltz; Canter, 2X;; Progressive Box;;
End	2 Left Turns;;	Canter, once;	Dip Back – Lady Leg Slide;

CONVENTIONS, FESTIVALS, DANCE WEEKENDS, & SPECIAL EVENTS

This information is compiled from a number of sources and is believed to be accurate, however event details are subject to change. We recommend that you confirm all particulars including dates, times, and locations with event organizers prior to registering and/or booking transportation and accommodation.

2023	
Dec. 31	Farewell to 2023 – Special Afternoon Dance – Royal Oak Women’s Institute Hall – Sponsored by VDCTA & LVIWSRDA (<i>see ad page 9</i>)
2024	
March 25-27	49 th CALLERLAB Convention – Grapevine (Dallas-Fort Worth), Texas – www.callerlab.org
April 7	Comox Valley Ocean Waves – 70 th Anniversary Dance – Native Sons Hall, Courtenay, BC (<i>see ad page 21</i>)
May 17-19	Ripple Rockets – Blast Off 2024 – Quinsam Hall, Campbell River, BC – ripplerockets.wixsite.com/campbellriver
June 22-26	48 th Annual ROUNDALAB Convention – Milwaukee, Wisconsin – www.roundalab.org
June 26-29	73 rd US National Square Dance Convention – Milwaukee, Wisconsin – 73nsdc.com
July 17-20	23 rd Canadian National Square & Round Dance Festival – Calgary, AB – squaredance.ab.ca/festival-2024-canadian-square-and-round-dance-society/
July 19-20	Ocean Waves – Catch the Wave – Fanny Bay & Courtenay, BC
August 15-17	Star Dusters – Across the Pond/Blackberry Festival Weekend – Powell River, BC (<i>see ad page 23</i>)
2025	
April 14-16	50 th CALLERLAB Convention – Greenville, South Carolina – www.callerlab.org
June 21-25	49 th Annual ROUNDALAB Convention – Little Rock, Arkansas – www.roundalab.org
June 25-28	74 th US National Square Dance Convention – Shreveport, Louisiana – 74nsdc.com
July 30 & 31, Aug. 1 & 2	BC Square & Round Dance Fed. – BC Festival 2025 & Trail-In Dance – Langley, BC – squaredance.bc.ca/bcfestival2025/



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Cross Trail News Submission Deadlines 2023-2024

Issue	Deadline	Dance Dates	Other Information
September-October-November 2023	Saturday, July 29, 2023	September 2023 to August 2024	Directory information form including list of dances and event dates.
		September, October, & November 2023	Fall start-up dates, new dancer classes & ads, special dances ads, club news, sympathy, club membership and address changes.
December 2023-January 2024	Saturday, October 28, 2023	December 2023 & January 2024	Special dances ads, Christmas dance, season's greetings ads, first dance in New Year, club news, sympathy, club membership and address changes.
February-March 2024	Saturday, December 30, 2023	February & March 2024	Special dances ads, summer weekend event ads, club news, sympathy, club membership and address changes.
April-May 2024	Saturday, March 2, 2024	April & May 2024	Special dances ads, windup dates, summer weekend event ads, club news, sympathy, club membership and address changes.
June-July-August 2024	Saturday, April 27, 2024	June, July, & August 2024	Special dances ads, summer dances ads, summer weekend event ads, new dancer class ads, club news, sympathy, club membership and address changes.
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Country Cousins – Victoria

Website: ccsdc.ca

Mainstream with Rounds – 7:30-9:30 PM (Joint with the Mavericks)

2nd & 4th Fridays – Sep. 8 to Dec. 8, 2023; Jan. 12 to May 10, 2024

4th Saturdays – Sep. 23 to Nov. 25, 2023; Jan. 27 to Apr. 27, 2024

Royal Oak Women's Institute Hall – 4516 West Saanich Rd., Victoria, BC

Caller: **Kirk** Rockerbie

Pres: **Wendy** Weeks

Secy: **Cathy** Novak

Treas: **Marion** van't Riet

Dance A Rounds (Rounds) – Victoria

Rounds Phase 2+ – 7:30-9:30 PM

1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays – Oct. 4 to Dec. 20, 2023; Jan. 3 to Apr. 17, 2024

Rounds Phase 3 & 4 Class – 1:00-3:00 PM

2nd & 4th Thursdays – Oct. 12 to Dec. 14, 2023; Jan. 11 to Apr. 11, 2024

Royal Oak Women's Institute Hall – 4516 West Saanich Rd., Victoria, BC

Cuer/Pres/Treas: **Stu** Hemmings

Frontier Twirlers – Victoria

Website: frontiertwirlers.weebly.com

Plus – 7:30 PM, **Mainstream** – 8:00-10:00 PM

1st & 3rd Saturdays – Sep. 16 to Dec. 16, 2023; Jan. 6 to May 4, 2024

Colwood Community Hall – 2219 Sooke Rd., Victoria, BC

Caller: **Garry** Dodds

Cuer: **Pat** Zeeman

Pres: **Darrell** Roberts

Secy: **Carolyn** Johnson

Treas: **Linda** Ross

Mavericks – Victoria

Website: TheMavericks.org

Mainstream with Rounds – 7:30-9:30 PM (Joint with the Country Cousins)

2nd & 4th Fridays – Sep. 8 to Dec. 8, 2023; Jan. 12 to May 10, 2024

4th Saturdays – Sep. 23 to Nov. 25, 2023; Jan. 27 to Apr. 27, 2024

Royal Oak Women's Institute Hall – 4516 West Saanich Rd., Victoria, BC

Caller: **Marilynne** Cunningham

Pres: **Marc** Dumonceaux

Secy: **Gillian** Bloom

Treas: **Anne** Dumonceaux

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Rainbow Rounders (Rounds) – Victoria

Rounds: Phase 3-4 – 7:30-8:15 PM, Phase 2-3 – 8:15-10:00 PM

Tuesdays – Sep. 12 to Dec. 19, 2023; Jan. 9 to Apr. 30, 2024

Colwood Community Hall – 2219 Sooke Rd., Victoria, BC

Cuer/Pres/Treas: **Connie Ritchie**

Cuer: **Kirk Rockerbie**

Salty Wheels – Salt Spring Island – INACTIVE

Mainstream – 7:30-9:30 PM

Thursdays – (To be determined – club currently inactive.)

Cunningham Residence – 734 Upper Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC

Caller: **Marilynne Cunningham**.....

Pres: **Alan Cunningham**

Secy/Treas. **Angela Thomas**

Star Twirlers (Plus & Advanced) – Victoria

Website:startwirlers.squaredance.bc.ca

Plus Teach/Workshop – ~8:00-10:00 PM

Mondays – Sep. 25 to Dec. 18, 2023; Jan. 15 to May 13, 2024

(Cancelled: Oct. 9, Feb. 19, Apr. 1)

Colwood Community Hall – 2219 Sooke Rd., Victoria, BC

Plus Dance (with Rounds) – ~8:00-10:00 PM

2nd & 4th Wednesdays – Oct. 25 to Dec. 13, 2023; Jan. 10 to May 8, 2024

Royal Oak Women’s Institute Hall – 4516 West Saanich Rd., Victoria, BC

Advanced Class/Dance – ~7:30-9:30 PM

1st, 3rd, & 5th Thursdays – Oct. 5 to Dec. 21, 2023; Jan. 4 to May 2, 2024

Old Colwood Firehall (2nd floor – enter at rear) – 2225 Sooke Rd., Victoria, BC

Caller/Pres: **Garry Dodds**.....

Cuer/Treas: **Pat Zeeman**

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Amalgam-Eighters – Nanaimo

Email: amalgam-eighters@squaredance.bc.ca

Website: amalgam-eighters.squaredance.bc.ca

Mainstream (with some West Coast/SSD) – 7:00-9:30 PM (Social 9:30-10:00)

1st & 3rd Fridays – Sep. 15 to Dec. 15, 2023; Jan. 5 to May 3, 2024

Lantzville Community (Costin) Hall – 7232 Lantzville Rd., Lantzville, BC

Caller: **Wendie** Harrington

Pres: **Bonnie** Haapala

Secy: **Margie** Cooper

Treas: **May** Wagner

Island Gems (Rounds) – Nanaimo

Rounds – Phase 3+ – 7:00-9:00 PM

Thursdays – Sep. 14 to Dec. 14, 2023; Jan. 11 to May 9, 2024

Wellington Hall – 3922 Corunna Ave. (off Norwell Dr., off Island Hwy.), Nanaimo, BC

Cuer/Pres: **Wendie** Harrington

Cuer/Treas: **Connie** Ritchie

Ocean Waves – Courtenay

Email: oceanwavesquaredance@gmail.com

Website: www.comoxvalleyoceanwaves.ca

Mainstream (with Rounds) – 7:00-9:30 PM

1st & 3rd Saturdays – Sep. 16 to Dec. 16, 2023; Jan. 6 to May 4, 2024

Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall – 411 Anderton Ave., Courtenay, BC

(Also at Native Sons Hall, 360 Cliffe Ave. – check on Dance Dates pages.)

Caller: **Fran** Archambault

Pres: **Keith** Kent

Secy: **Christine** Kent

Treas: **Rick** Granberg

Ripple Rockets – Campbell River

Email: campbellriverriplerockets@gmail.com

Website: ripplerockets.wixsite.com/campbellriver

Mainstream (with Rounds) – 7:00-9:30 PM

2nd & 4th Saturdays – Sep. 23 to Dec. 9, 2023; Jan. 13 to May 11, 2024

United Church Hall – 415 Pinecrest Rd. (at Birch St.), Campbell River, BC

Caller: *Guest callers and cuers*

Pres: **Rodger** Martin

Secy: **Susan** Sinclair

Treas: **Genevieve** Hambalek

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Star Dusters – Powell River

Website: westcoastsquaredance.com

West Coast with Rounds – 7:00-9:00 PM

Thursdays – Extended Ap. – Sep. 7 to Dec. 14, 2023; Jan. 4 to May 9, 2024

Timberlane Rancho – 5399 Timberlane Ave., Powell River, BC

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SALT SPRING ISLAND

Cunningham Residence – 734 Upper Ganges Rd.

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NANAIMO

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Wellington Hall – 3922 Corunna Ave. (off Norwell Dr., off Island Hwy.)

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New members of The Four Score and More Club from the Ocean Waves: (left to right) Cathy Moreau, Karin Sorger, Bob Chalmers, Vina Lindquist, & Norman Hopland. (Photo by Pat Chalmers.)

SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES



The rose still blooms more fair beyond the garden wall.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of:

Cliff Beck, a former member of the Ocean Waves, who passed away in Courtenay on September 27, 2023 at the age of 84. Cliff is survived by his wife, **Dolly**, three children, and their families.

Aurele Caumartin, a former member of the Travelling Squares and a member of the Wheel Arounds, who passed away in Nanaimo on October 11, 2023 at the age of 75. Aurele is survived by his wife, **Barbara**, a stepson, and other family members. *(See also page 14.)*

Pam Jones, a former member of the Squarecrows and the Country Cousins, who passed away recently in Victoria in her 91st year. Pam was predeceased by her husband, **Tegid**, in 2014, and is survived by three children and their families.



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**Alex Wotherspoon, Pat Zeeman, Garry Dodds,
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