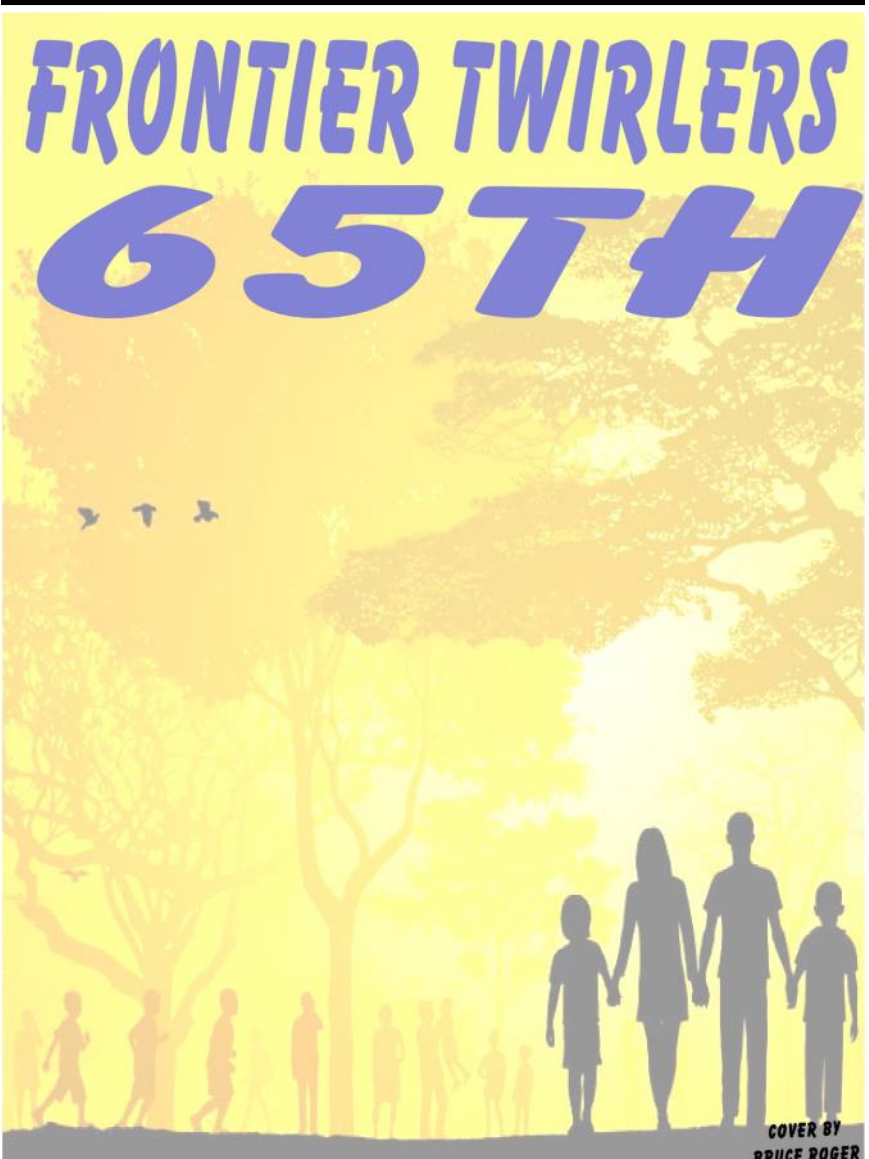


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# EDITOR'S PAGE

As I write this on New Year's Day, the sun is out just like a day in summer.

And speaking of summer, Island clubs are now planning their special summer dance weekends: the Ripple Rockets' Blast Off Weekend in May, the Ocean Waves' Catch the Wave Weekend in July, and the Star Dusters' Across the Pond Weekend in August (*see ad pages 20-21*). Watch the next two issues for more details or visit the club websites.

Three clubs are celebrating milestone anniversaries this spring and summer: the Frontier Twirlers' 65<sup>th</sup> on March 2 (*see ad page 15*), the Ocean Waves' 70<sup>th</sup> on April 7 (*see ad page 17*), and the Star Dusters' 60<sup>th</sup> at their Across the Pond Weekend in August.

The Canadian National Festival 2024 in Calgary July 17-20, 2024 has reached capacity at 600 registrations and now has a wait list. (*See page 26.*)

Planning for BCFestival2025 in Langley July 30 to August 2, 2025 is well underway. Registrations open on January 15<sup>th</sup> this year. (*See ad page 23.*)

Alex Wotherspoon  
Editor

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## SAANICH SQUARES – NEW DANCERS



New dancers (plus Angels) at the Saanich Squares New Dancer Class Christmas dance on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at Royal Oak Hall, with caller-teacher couple Lorne & Barb Clayton on stage. (*Photo © Michael Torontow.*)

# DANCE DATES – LOWER ISLAND

## FEBRUARY 2024

### MONDAY

Star Twirlers ..... Plus Teach/Workshop, ~8:00-10:00 PM,  
Colwood Hall (19 cancelled)..... 5, 12, 26

### TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders..... Rounds Phase 3-4, 7:30-8:15 PM,  
Rounds Phase 2-3, 8:15-10:00 PM, Colwood Hall..... 6, 13, 20, 27

### WEDNESDAY

Star Twirlers ..... Plus Dance (with Rounds), ~8:00-10:00 PM,  
Royal Oak Hall ..... 14, 28

### THURSDAY

Dance A Rounds ..... Rounds Phase 3-4, 1:00-3:00 PM, Royal Oak Hall ..... 8, 22  
Star Twirlers ..... Advanced Class/Dance, ~7:30-9:30 PM,  
Old Colwood Firehall (upstairs – enter at rear) ..... 1, 15, 29

### FRIDAY

Country Cousins  
& Mavericks ..... Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall..... 9, 23

### SATURDAY

Frontier Twirlers ..... Plus, 7:30-8:00 PM, Mainstream, 8:00-10:00 PM,  
Colwood Hall ..... 3, 17

Country Cousins  
& Mavericks ..... Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall..... 24

### SPECIAL DANCES

Country Cousins  
& Mavericks ..... Evening in Paris, 7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall ..... Fri. 9  
Country Cousins  
& Mavericks ..... Mardi Gras, 7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall ..... Sat. 24  
VDCTA..... New Dancer Hoedown, 1:30-3:30 PM, Colwood Hall..... Sun. 25  
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# DANCE DATES – LOWER ISLAND

## MARCH 2024

### MONDAY

Star Twirlers..... Plus Teach/Workshop, ~8:00-10:00 PM,  
Colwood Hall.....4, 11, 18, 25

### 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, 26

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Old Colwood Firehall (upstairs – enter at rear).....7, 21

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Country Cousins  
& Mavericks..... Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall ...8, 22

### SATURDAY

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

Country Cousins  
& Mavericks..... Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall .....23

### SPECIAL DANCES

Frontier Twirlers ..... 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dance – A Dance in the Park,  
7:30-9:45 PM,, Colwood Hall (*see ad page 15*).....Sat. 2

Country Cousins  
& Mavericks..... Dynamic Duo – Lorne Clayton & Herb Fox,  
7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall ..... Fri. 8

Country Cousins  
& Mavericks..... Pyjama Party, 7:30-9:30 PM, Royal Oak Hall .....Sat. 23

VDCTA ..... FREE Workshop, 1:30-2:45 PM, Colwood Hall.....Sun. 24

Rainbow Rounders ..... Rock & Roll Dance, 7:30-10:00 PM, Colwood Hall..... Tues. 26

### MEETINGS

LVIWSRDA/VDCTA... Association Meetings, 3:00-4:00 PM, Colwood Hall .....Sun. 24  
(following FREE Workshop – see above)

# DANCE DATES – UPPER ISLAND

## FEBRUARY 2024

### THURSDAY

Island Gems .....	Rounds Phase 3 & 4, 7:00-9:00 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo .....	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Ripple Rockets .....	“Fun Shop” workshop/dance, 6:30-8:30 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall .....	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Star Dusters.....	West Coast, 6:30-9:00 PM, Star Dusters Hall, Powell River .....	1, 8, 15, 22, 29

### FRIDAY

Amalgam-Eighters .....	Mainstream, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville .....	2, 16
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### SATURDAY

Ocean Waves .....	Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:30 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay .....	3, 17
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### SPECIAL DANCES

Amalgam-Eighters .....	Chinese New Year Dance, Guest Caller – Gord Ruedig, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville .....	Fri. 2
Amalgam-Eighters .....	Sweetheart Dance, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville..	Fri. 16
Ocean Waves .....	Red & White Dance, 7:00-9:30 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay .....	Sat. 17
UVICTA .....	Round-A-Rama, 1:00-3:00 PM, Nanoose Place.....	Sun 18

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### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

Ocean Waves.....	Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:30 PM, Native Sons Hall, Courtenay .....	2
Ocean Waves.....	Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:30 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay.....	16

### SPECIAL DANCES

Amalgam-Eighters .....	Silly Hat/Talent Night, West Coast, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville.....	Fri. 1
Amalgam-Eighters .....	St. Patrick’s Dance, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville	Fri. 15
Ocean Waves.....	Irish Mist Dance, 7:00-9:30 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay,.....	Sat. 16



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# CLUB NEWS

**AMALGAM-EIGHTERS, Nanaimo**

**By Margie Cooper**

We said good-bye to 2023 on a very positive dancing note. Owing to loyal dancing friends who attended our last function in December - Wheel Arounds, Ocean Waves, and Ripple Rockets - we enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner, followed by four squares up dancing to Christmas music. Thank you, Wendie! And thank you, visitors...your presence is so much appreciated!!

It was nice to see our new dancers enjoying the energy created by four squares on the dance floor. Not all of them were able to attend that final 2023 dance, due to health issues and Christmas travel, but those who were there added to the fun, and did extremely well!

Happily, all of our West Coast dancers are planning to return in January for continued lessons. Starting January 9<sup>th</sup>, Wendie will hold classes every Tuesday from 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Wellington Hall (3922 Coronna Ave., Nanaimo). With a spacious venue, there will be room for more squares of angels, thereby improving the whole learning experience for everyone.

Please join us for our Chinese New Year Dance on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. It's sure to be a lively evening, as we'll be celebrating The Year Of The Dragon, with our guest caller, Gord Ruedig. Please come, all Dragons, Horses, Snakes, Goats, etc., etc.!

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**COUNTRY COUSINS, Victoria**

**By Gary & Wendy Weeks**

Wendy Weeks was saying "Good Day!" down under when Marion discovered a busted-up Bruce in Tucson. So much for the travelling. It seems like it is just a lot safer to stay on the Island and dance!

How warm can it get? Still no sign of winter and the great dances just keep coming! The Christmas Bling certainly put on a shine this past December 8th, when the Cousins and the Mavericks teamed up once again to host a memorable event. New, old, and beginners were all in attendance as Kirk and Marilynne sang out to one of the biggest crowds this year. Having everyone come together at this time of year is always very special. I am positive that this year put the icing on the cake as I observed everyone working together enjoying such a wonderful time of year.

Not to forget about the Roaring 20s, the British Invasion, or the just plain regular dances...but I have to admit there is more fun inside a full hall. However, without the previously mentioned events I would not be able to tune into the moves that we all should know, and I would not get acquainted with some of the moves that are seldom used. We all need to build up to the bigger well at-

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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!!

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tended events but we all can learn infinitely more from the smaller dances as well. This year has had a never-ending number of surprises and it is well advised to have all our dancers continuously posted on all the upcoming events and issues.

Thank you to the LVIWSRDA for posting all dance events online on the website! At the time I write this article we are looking forward to the New Years dance at the Royal Oak Hall on December 31st. Our first dance on January 12, 2024 is At the Hop. We hope to see you there.

Our hearts go out to Cathy Novak and her husband John McAllister on the passing of Cathy's mother, Betty Novak. Betty passed away peacefully on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Gorge Road Hospital in Victoria. She was four days shy of her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

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## FRONTIER TWIRLERS, Victoria

By Penny Kristiansen

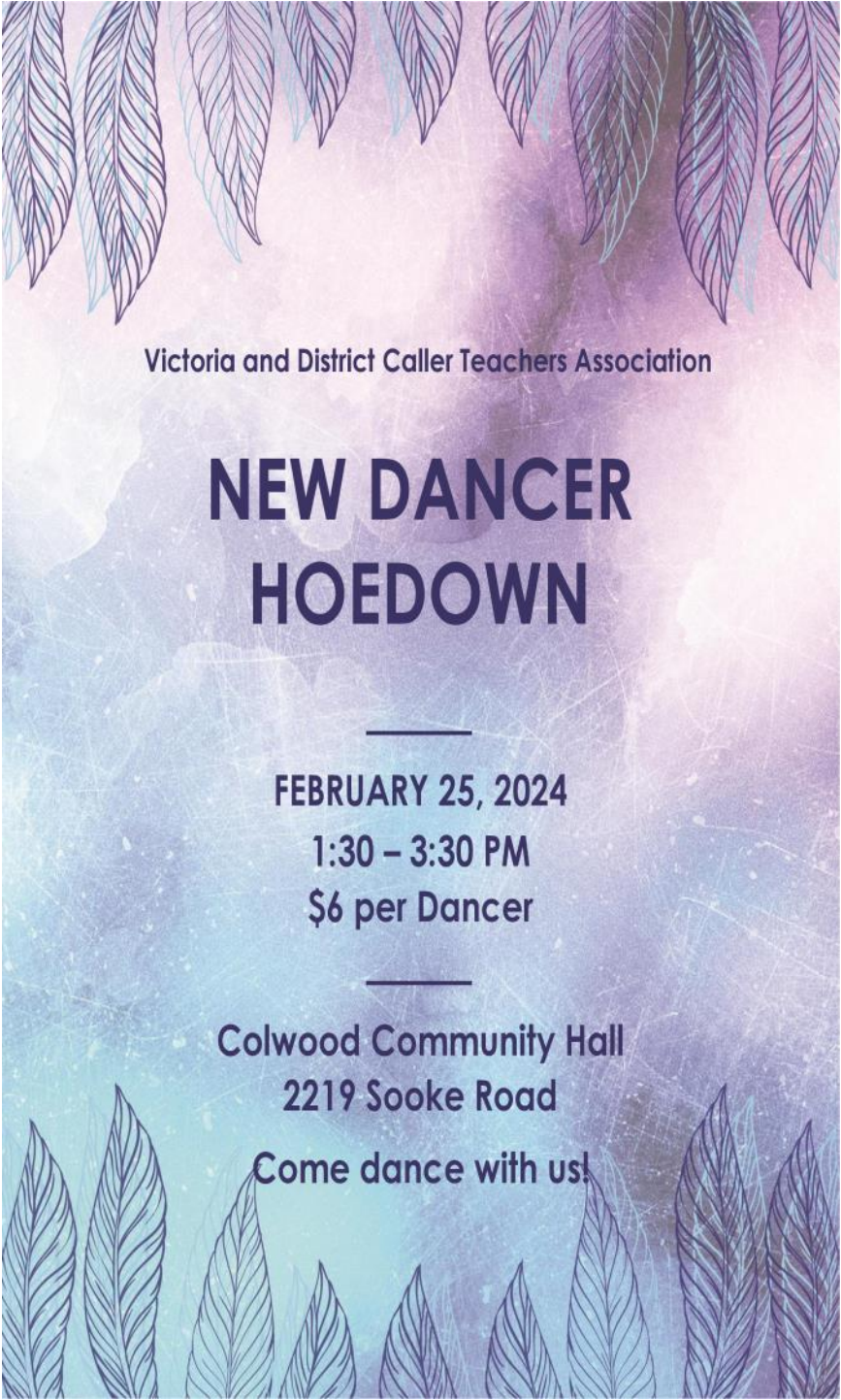
Our theme dance – Rockabilly – on November 18<sup>th</sup> was a “Rocking” success, according to one dancer I spoke to. Dancing to this era’s music is still a big favourite, as well as fun dressing up with all those polka dots.

The Christmas dance on December 16th had all our traditional themes in decorations, music, Santa and a “giving spirit.” Thanks, dancers for your generosity. The donation box received over 50 pounds of food and essential items and \$50.00 cash. All donations were delivered to the Sooke Food bank by Gordon Ross. Thanks, Gordon.

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Dancers at the Frontier Twirlers’ Rockabilly Dance on November 18, 2023, including the 2023-2024 LVIWSRDA Dancers of the Year, Angel Star and Van Williams, on stage behind. *(Photo by Carolyn Johnson.)*



Victoria and District Caller Teachers Association

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FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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# CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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The new dancers and refreshers are showing solid progress. We made last Sunday's evening class a Christmas celebration as well as work. Lots and lots of practising followed by lots and lots of eating goodies. Several of our club dancers came out and joined the fun as well as a couple of visitors from other clubs. We thank all the angels for their local support.

A major celebration is coming up on March 2<sup>nd</sup> – the Frontier Twirlers' 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. Just imagine all that history and many of you are a part of it. We invite our dancing friends from near and afar to join us in celebration. The "A Dance in the Park" theme refers to the many beautiful parks we have in our region. *(See ad page 15.)*

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## **ISLAND GEMS, Nanaimo**

**By Wendie Harrington**

Island Gems wrapped up the fall season with a Christmas celebration on December 14. We danced to favourite Christmas tunes and shared Christmas goodies at our social break. We are looking forward to adding waltz to our afternoon classes in the New Year. New students are welcome to come to learn the waltz steps. We will include some review for those who took two step in the fall. For our 3:30 to 4:30 block we will be exploring other rhythms with a focus on rumba and cha. We are offering a combo to those wanting to participate in both classes. Our evening workshop/dance group would welcome those dancing at a phase 3/4 level to join us. Lots of help is given for unfamiliar moves.

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## **MAVERICKS, Victoria**

**By Chrissy Torontow**

We've had a wonderful November and December season of dancing. A great turn out to our Roaring Twenties flapper and British Invasion dances. Our Holiday Bling dance on December 8 had lots of visitors from other clubs and even a surprise visit from Santa and his elves. The students from the Saanich Squares new dancer class came out and they did really well on the dance floor.

It should be a fun at the At the Hop theme dance on Friday, January 12 with the poodle skirts and the 50s music. Our dance weekend of Friday, January 26 and Saturday, January 27, Tropical Travels, will be another time to "strut our stuff" as our Mavericks and Country Cousins decorating team have been out-doing themselves this year!

Our Friday, February 9 dance theme is an Evening in Paris. And our following dance weekend has Marilynne Cunningham calling on Friday, February 23 and

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FRONTIER TWIRLERS

65th BIRTHDAY DANCE

a Dance in the Park

\$6 per person

March 2

7:30 plus

8PM mainstream

Colwood Hall

Refreshments at 9:45, bring mug & small plate

# CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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Kirk Rockerbie calling on Saturday, February 24 with a fun Mardi Gras night. Friday, March 8 is the Dynamic Duo of Lorne Clayton and Herb Fox calling an exciting night of dancing and music! Our March weekend dances are Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23's Pyjama Party. It will be fun to see what everyone will wear.

We look forward to seeing you all on the dance floor!



Dancers at the joint Mavericks/Country Cousins Holiday Bling dance on Friday, December 8, 2023, with callers Marilynne Cunningham & Kirk Rockerbie on stage. *(Photo © Michael Torontow.)*

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## OCEAN WAVES, Courtenay

By Karin Sorger

It is a joy to be dancing regularly again. We are hearing laughter which is a big part of square dancing – friends socializing and getting good exercise. Our black and white dance brought in four squares. Thanks for visitors from the Amalgam-Eighters and the Ripple Rockets.

Our class Christmas party and West Coast graduation saw ten new enthusiastic dancers enjoying dancing with our regular members. We are so happy to have new friends and hopefully all of them will graduate at the end of the season to become members of Ocean Waves.

We had a lovely Christmas potluck dinner and dance. There were 52 dancers in all so thanks to everyone for attending. Many of the new dancers came to make this a special event. Many dancers make for an exciting dance! Wolf and Anne Clar who were our caller couple for so many years attended so Wolf called a tip – we loved that.

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**Comox Valley Ocean Waves Square Dance Club**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Mainstream Dance with Rounds**

**1:30pm – 4:00pm**

**Callers: Fran and Roger Archambault**

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# CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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Don't forget our 70th Anniversary Dance on Sunday, April. 7 in the Native Sons Hall. We hope to have many, many dancers from all over the Island – maybe some from the Mainland!

Sympathy to the family and friends of Lorraine Dever who passed away on November 2, 2023. She was a calm and quiet person and always had a good time at square dancing. Formerly she danced with her husband, Ted, in Sooke with the Sookesquatch Squares.

Sympathy also to Bob Murley in the death of his dear wife, Jean, on December 1, 2023. They were an important part of Ocean Waves for many years and Bob was our trusty treasurer.



Ocean Waves' West Coast grads (left to right): Fran Archambault (caller), Karen Fouracre, Bernice Morrison, Glennis Stevenson, Keith Kent (club president), Gillian Isabelle, David Talbot, & Marie Kuzilovo-Chau. Missing: Beverly Sparks & Janice Darcy. *(Photo by Rick Granberg.)*

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## RAINBOW ROUNDERS, Victoria

By Van Williams & Angel Star

The Rainbow Rounders continue to enjoy the new format for our Tuesday night social dances, and we continue to get a good turnout. The new format includes all eight club dance styles from 7:30-8:15 PM, followed by Phase II dances until 10:00 PM.

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# CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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At the Christmas dance on December 20<sup>th</sup>, Connie delighted us with some of her many creations. Her jars of homemade jam were the door prizes, her raspberry jam tarts were a hit after the dancing, and we all received a Christmas card containing one of her crocheted snowflake decorations.

In the New Year, we will celebrate the club's 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday with a dance party on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Then, on March 26<sup>th</sup>, we'll have a Rock 'N' Roll party. If you enjoy round dancing, join us for these special events.

Connie is tweaking her two Wednesday classes to better match our dancers' needs. The Wednesday afternoon class (2:00-3:30 PM) will workshop/dance Phase III-IV for various rhythms, and her evening class (7:00-8:00 PM) will focus on slow two-step. Let her know if you are interested in joining either of these classes. Kirk's beginner two-step class (8:00-9:30 PM) has attracted additional dedicated dancers. He will proceed to waltz lessons in the Spring.

Round dancing is alive and well at the Colwood Community Hall. Feel free to join us on a Tuesday night.

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## **RIPPLE ROCKETS, Campbell River**

**By Susan Sinclair**

After a tumultuous and often confusing fall, the Ripple Rockets are happy to announce they have secured a caller and cuer couple to help us move forward as a club into our future. They are offering the club members a weekly Thursday night workshop/dance, or as they call it a "Fun Shop." All members are welcome, and all visiting clubs will be welcome for a small fee. The emphasis is on fun and dancing. Please come and join us.

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## **STAR DUSTERS, Powell River**

**By Gord Ruedig**

Happy New Year from the Star Dusters!

We held our Christmas dance early last year (December 14) on a Thursday evening instead of our usual Saturday potluck dinner/dance, another victim of the times we live in. Nevertheless, we managed a little better than four squares dancing, gave our new dancers a taste of club dancing, and enjoyed a little potluck dessert social at the end of the evening. Hopefully, we will find a way back to holding more social events in coming years.

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

**THURSDAY AUGUST 15  
TRAIL IN DANCE  
STAR DUSTERS DANCE HALL  
5399 TIMBERLANE AVENUE  
8:00 – 10:00 pm  
PANEL OF CALLERS & CUERS**

**FRIDAY AUGUST 16**  
Take in the street party- Starts at 6:00pm  
Marine Ave, Wharf St to Alberni Ave

**BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL DANCE  
AND DEMONSTRATION:  
ROTARY PAVILLION  
(Willingdon Beach)  
7:30 – 9:00 pm  
SINGING CALLS  
GORD RUEDIG & BRENT MAWDSLEY  
ROUNDS- CONNIE RITCHIE  
NANAIMO B.C.**

**PUBLIC INVITED TO TAKE PART  
FROM 9:00 – 9:30pm**

**BACK TO DANCING  
9:30 – 10:00 pm**

**ACROSS THE POND  
SCHEDULE:**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 17  
STAR DUSTERS DANCE HALL  
5399 TIMBERLANE AVENUE**

**MORNING DANCE  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
PANEL OF CALLERS & CUERS**

**POTLUCK ANNIVERSARY LUNCH  
1:00pm – 3:00pm**

**STAR DUSTERS 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
DANCE  
(FULL TIPS)  
7:30 – 10:00 pm**

**HOST CALLER COUPLE:  
GORDON & YVETTE RUEDIG**

**VERY SPECIAL GUEST  
CALLER COUPLE:  
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# The Powell River Star Dusters' Across the Pond Weekend Aug. 15, 16, & 17, 2024

## Featured Callers:



**Gordon Ruedig**  
Powell River BC



**Brent Mawdsley**  
Delta BC

## Panel Dances:

- Thursday 8 -10 pm, Star Dusters Hall
- Saturday 10am -12 pm, Star Dusters Hall

Open House / Pot Luck Lunch  
Saturday 1 – 3 pm

## Theme Dances with Featured Callers:

- Blackberry Fest - Friday 7:30-10 pm
  - Anniversary-Saturday 8-10 pm
- See Schedule for details



**Connie Ritchie,**  
Cuer – Friday



**Deb Schmidt**  
Cuer - Saturday

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for \_\_\_\_\_ dancer(s) @ \$30 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make cheque payable to: Star Dusters Square Dance Club*

*Register early – Hall capacity is limited!*

Send Registration to: *Tricia Andrews : #10-6924 Abbotsford St Powell River BC V8A 2E8*

*Phone: 1-604-223-3560*

*Email: burgundysun28@gmail.com*

# CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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With the fall season behind us we are now looking forward to another season of growth as we celebrate our sixtieth year of fun and friendship in Powell River. On August 15, 16, & 17 we will be holding our annual Across the Pond Weekend. There will be dancing to multiple callers and cuers on Thursday evening and Saturday morning, an evening of singing calls and rounds at the Blackberry Festival beach party and a very special 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dance with full tips on Saturday evening which I'll have the pleasure of sharing with renowned caller, Brent Mawdsley from Delta, B.C. Be sure to register early as we've opted to hold the indoor dances at our hall so space will be limited!!! See our registration form this issue which we will also be distributing via our island contacts. *(See ads pages 20 & 21.)*

We have an aspiring new cuer in our club, Stacey Ruegg, and this spring we are contemplating adding an evening of round dancing to our weekly dance program. This fall, we designated separate times for round dancing and square dancing on club nights so that new dancers aren't left on the sidelines while experienced ones round dance between tips. We have pre-rounds to start the evening followed by square dancing only. We find this gives everyone an equal shot at filling squares and provides each dancer with a little of what they came for. Special dances will still be programmed with alternating squares and rounds and all dancers are encouraged to attend round dance classes if that interests them.

Take note that our Thursday dances now run from 6:30 to 9:00 pm to accommodate pre rounds should you happen to be passing through our town this spring.

Wishing you all the best in 2024!

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## STAR TWIRLERS, Victoria

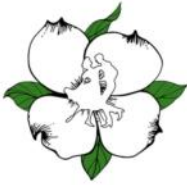
By Garry Dodds

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! This first half of the season has flown by, and it is now 2024 and the start of the second half. Hope all of you had a joyous Christmas Season. A VERY BIG THANK YOU to the dancers that have been dancing with us this fall. Best wishes for safe travels to those who are travelling in the New Year and to those who are experiencing health issues.

Both our Plus class and Advanced class are progressing. The first few sessions of the New Year will be extensive review before we launch into the balance of the programs.

Our first Plus dance of the New Year was on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at Royal Oak Hall. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at Royal Oak Hall will be a Plus Pro-

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# BCFestival2025

## *Where to Arrive in '25*

### July 31 - Aug. 2, 2025

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21405 56 Ave., Langley, B.C.

Hosted by: Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association  
Fraser Valley Caller/Teachers Association

## Join us in July

Wednesday evening - time tba Trail in Dance at L.S.S.

Thursday 1:30 to 10 p.m. with 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. break

Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

12:00 -1:30 Lunch, 5:00 to 7:00 Dinner

RV Parking - check the web site for info

There are many activities in and around Langley - see below

Hotels nearby - We will have updates by July 2024

Registration begins January 15th, 2024  
Registration form and more information  
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# NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

UVISDA – OCTOBER 29, 2023 DANCE

By Karin Sorger



You get a popular caller who everyone loves and enjoys, and the dancers come out! Gord Ruedig and his wife, Yvette, were calling and we all know that Gord keeps us all rocking and manoeuvring to his calls. Many from their own club in Powell River came along. It is very nice to see so many of our friendly dancers. A lot of dancers make for an exciting dance! Thank you, Gord and Yvette.

We had seven or eight squares on the floor with a few extras to spare. Thanks everyone for coming out to the Nanoose Place. There were many dancers from Lower Island – so nice to see you all and thank you! Bob Chalmers, UVISDA President, acted as emcee. He welcomed everyone and at the intermission he thanked our caller, Gord and Yvette, and cuer, Diana and Jake Ring. Thanks to Diana

who everyone appreciates. She is popular with the round dancers and it's nice to see their graceful movements!

The weather was so nice – all the doors were open with sunshine streaming in. There were lots of sweets and drinks to make us all happy people. Thanks to Connie Ritchie and the Island Gems who took care of our social.

Thanks to everyone – now to keep the momentum up! From Upper Island, some of us should attend a few dances down island. They have a lot of interesting dances! It sure is interesting to meet dancers, callers and cuers from around the island and BC.

*(Photo by Karin Sorger.)*



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# NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

**UVISDA - 25 YEARS AND MORE!**

**By Karin Sorger**

We are enthusiastic and happy dancers. It is a lifestyle, and each club is a family. UVISDA handed out badges and dangles to those proud dancers who had been square dancing for 25 years, and onwards. You would be surprised how many people make their square dancing an important part of their lives.

We handed out these long-standing badges and dangles at our Caller and Cuer Appreciation Dance on September 24, 2023. Unfortunately, we did not have a good photo until now, thanks to Lynette McLeod and Ron Erwin. This year we were handing out these special pins for four years because with COVID and no dancing, the BC Federation considered the three years of COVID as dance years.



Badge and dangle recipients (left to right): Les Spilsbury – 35 years, Lynette McLeod – 55 years, Cathy Moreau – 40 years, Norm Hopland – 40 years, Grace Forsyth – 35 years, Karin Sorger – 30 years, Vina Lindquist – 30 years, Ken McCallum – 35 years, Marie McCallum – 35 years, Andy Bradshaw – 25 years, & Elaine Bradshaw – 25 years. On stage – Bob Chalmers, emcee. Missing: Wolf Clar – 65 years & Sherran McWillis – 30 years.

*(Photo by Ron Ervin.)*



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# 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.*

<b>2024</b>	
Feb. 18	UVICTA – Round-a-Rama – Nanoose Place <i>(see ad page 11)</i>
Mar. 2	Frontier Twirlers – 65 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Dance – Colwood Hall <i>(see ad page 15)</i>
March 25-27	49 <sup>th</sup> CALLERLAB Convention – Grapevine (Dallas-Fort Worth), Texas – <a href="http://www.callerlab.org">www.callerlab.org</a>
April 7	Comox Valley Ocean Waves – 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance – Native Sons Hall, Courtenay, BC <i>(see ad page 17)</i>
May 5	VDCTA & LVIWSRDA – Spring Round-Up – Royal Oak Hall
May 17-19	Ripple Rockets – Blast Off 2024 – Quinsam Hall, Campbell River, BC – <a href="http://ripplerockets.wixsite.com/campbellriver">ripplerockets.wixsite.com/campbellriver</a>
June 22-26	48 <sup>th</sup> Annual ROUNDALAB Convention – Milwaukee, Wisconsin – <a href="http://www.roundalab.org">www.roundalab.org</a>
June 26-29	73 <sup>rd</sup> US National Square Dance Convention – Milwaukee, Wisconsin – <a href="http://73nsdc.com">73nsdc.com</a>
July 17-20	23 <sup>rd</sup> Canadian National Square & Round Dance Festival – Calgary, AB – <a href="http://squaredance.ab.ca/festival-2024-canadian-square-and-round-dance-society/">squaredance.ab.ca/festival-2024-canadian-square-and-round-dance-society/</a> [AT CAPACITY – WAIT LIST]
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 ads pages 20 &amp; 21)</i>
<b>2025</b>	
April 14-16	50 <sup>th</sup> CALLERLAB Convention – Greenville, South Carolina – <a href="http://www.callerlab.org">www.callerlab.org</a>
June 21-25	49 <sup>th</sup> Annual ROUNDALAB Convention – Little Rock, Arkansas – <a href="http://www.roundalab.org">www.roundalab.org</a>
June 25-28	74 <sup>th</sup> US National Square Dance Convention – Shreveport, Louisiana – <a href="http://74thnsdc.com">74thnsdc.com</a>
July 30 & 31, Aug. 1 & 2	BC Square & Round Dance Fed. – BCFestival2025 & Trail-In Dance – Langley, BC – <a href="http://squaredance.bc.ca/bcfestival2025/">squaredance.bc.ca/bcfestival2025/</a>



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<b>Issue</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Dance Dates</b>	<b>Other Information</b>
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.
<b>Publication Dates:</b> by the middle of the month following each deadline.			

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gram Dance (limited workshops or review). Advanced will continue to be 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays. Our first Advanced dance was on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> in the upstairs of the Old Fire Hall at the Colwood Community Hall Complex. We will continue with the Plus class/workshop at Colwood Hall every Monday. We started the new year on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, and will dance every Monday (excluding holidays) at 8:00 PM thereafter.

Check our web site for the calendar and our dance listing in each hall. This calendar includes all of the dance dates that Pat and I are calling and cueing, and includes our dances with Frontier Twirlers and new dancer classes. Hope to see you all on the dance floor in the New Year.

# CLUB DIRECTORY – LOWER ISLAND

## Country Cousins – Victoria

Website: ..... ccsdc.ca

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

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

**4<sup>th</sup> 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 3 & 4** – 1:00-3:00 PM

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)*

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

**4<sup>th</sup> 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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# CLUB DIRECTORY – LOWER ISLAND

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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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

**Old Colwood Firehall (2<sup>nd</sup> floor – enter at rear) – 2225 Sooke Rd., Victoria, BC**

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

Cuer/Treas: **Pat Zeeman** .....

*[See dance dates note on page 32]*

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# CLUB DIRECTORY – UPPER ISLAND

## 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)**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**“Fun Shop” Workshop/Dance – 6:30-8:30 PM**

**Thursdays – Jan. 4 to Apr, 25, 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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# CLUB DIRECTORY – UPPER ISLAND

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## **Star Dusters – Powell River**

Website: ..... westcoastsquaredance.com

**West Coast with Rounds – 6:30-9:00 PM**

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

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

Caller: **Gordon Ruedig** .....

Pres: **Patti Coburn** .....

Secy: **Meg Hoppe** .....

Treas: **Russell Storry** .....

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# MAVERICKS/COUNTRY COUSINS



Dancers at the joint Mavericks/Country Cousins Black Cat dance on Friday, October 13, 2023 with callers Marilynne Cunningham and Kirk Rockerbie on stage. (Photo © Michael Torontow) (Editor’s Note: this photo should have appeared in the December 2023-January 2024 issue.)



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Linda Townsend of the Frontier Twirlers with her new Four Score and More Club badge. (Photo by Carolyn Johnson.)

# SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES



*The rose still blooms more fair beyond the garden wall.*

*Our deepest sympathy:*

**Cathy Novak & John McAllister**, Country Cousins and Dance A Rounds, on the loss of Cathy's mother, **Betty Novak**, who passed away in Victoria on November 15, 2023 – four days before her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. (See also page 12.)

*Our condolences to the families of:*

**Lorene Abbott**, a former member of the Mavericks and the Plus 4s, who passed away in Victoria on October 16, 2023 at the age of 88. Lorene is survived by her husband, **Reg**, three children, and their families.

**Lorraine Dever**, a former member of the Sookesquatch Squares, the Rainbow Rounders, and the Ocean Waves, who passed away in Courtenay on November 2, 2023 at the age of 81. Lorraine was predeceased by her husband, **Ted**, in 2015, and is survived by two sons and their families. (See also page 18.)

**Dorothy (Dot) Dunlop**, a former member of the Squarecrows, the Country Cousins, the New Yorkers, and the Dance A Rounds, who passed away in Victoria on November 14, 2023 – nine days short of her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. Dot was predeceased by her husband, **Bob**, in 2013, and is survived by two children and their families.

**Jean Murley**, a former member of the Ocean Waves, who passed away in Courtenay on December 1, 2023 at the age of 86. Jean is survived by her husband, **George**, three children, and their families. (See also page 18.)

**Harold Sloat**, a former member of the Ripple Rockets, who passed away in Campbell River on November 25, 2023, the day after his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday. Harold is survived by his wife, **Cecelia**, two children, and their families.

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