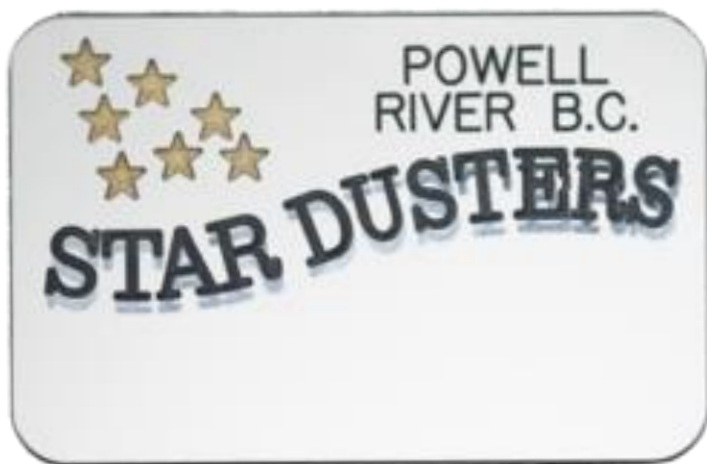


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EDITOR'S PAGE

THE CROSS TRAIL NEWS GOES DIGITAL

This is the final printed edition of the Cross Trail News which since last September has also appeared online at region1.squaredance.bc.ca/cross-trail-news/.

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Clubs will be notified by email when each edition is posted online and they can then advise their members.



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With this change clubs will no longer need to submit a membership list and keep it up to date. The current issue is the last one for our circulation manager, Pat Zeeman, to update the master mailing list and print the mailing labels. Pat has been doing this job since November 2015. Thanks, Pat.

BCSRDF PRESIDENT

Congratulations to Frank McNeil on his election as president of the BC Square & Round Dance Federation at the Federation's AGM on Sunday, April 28. Frank's initial newsletter appears on page 6.

Alex Wotherspoon
Editor

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BCSRDF NEWS



B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation

NEWSLETTER

May 2024

This newsletter is from your new President of the B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation.

My name is Frank McNeil. Many of you know me as Webmaster of the Federation and/or the ad editor of the Valley Circle Magazine or the Chair of the FVSRDA Promotion Committee and I am also Webmaster for BC Festival 2025. My home club is the Surrey Square Wheelers where my wife Yvonne and I dance weekly – where I have had the position of President and am now Webmaster for the club.

I would first like to thank Dennis Sutton for his years of service. Dennis will now serve as Past President and Norm Cox will retire from the position of past president.

At the start of the summer of 2024 things look promising for Square Dancing, Round Dancing, Clogging and Contra dancing as the 23rd Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention for July 17 – 20, 2024 has been sold out since last summer.

BC Festival 2025 is coming to Langley July 31, Aug. 1 & 2, 2025 with a trail in dance at the festival location and a Trail out dance with a location to be determined. Registrations have started coming in, check the Federation web site for the BC Festival 2025 Registration, Poster, and more info on the festival and register soon.

I look forward to working with the Executive and Directors at large who work to support the clubs and members of the B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation. All members of the Federation are welcome to attend our AGM (Our adjourned AGM is on October 27th, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.) or email the Executive info@squaredance.bc.ca with any questions or concerns. Check our website squaredance.bc.ca for more information.

Regards,

Frank McNeil

President, B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation

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July 31, August 1 & 2, 2025
Langley, B.C.

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This Year's Program:

Wednesday, July 30th: Trail-in dance

Thursday, July 31st: Dancing 1:30 to 10:00 p.m. Dinner break 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, Aug. 1 & 2: Dancing 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with breaks from 12-1:30 & 5-7 p.m.

Trail-out dance TBA - check the website for updates

Information for Hotels, RV Parking and Camping will be added later in 2024. Check our website for updates!



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DANCE DATES – LOWER ISLAND

MAY 2024

WEDNESDAY

VDCTA..... Colwood Hall Benefit Dance, Mainstream,
8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Hall 29
(see ad page 11)

SPECIAL DANCE

LVIWSRDA Joint LVIWSRDA/UVISDA Dance with
John Corrigan calling & Pat Zeeman cueing,,
Pre-Rounds 1:30 PM, Mainstream 2:00-4:00 PM,
Colwood Hall *(see ad April-May issue page 21)*..... Sun. 26

JUNE 2024

WEDNESDAY

Rainbow Rounders..... Summer Rounds, Phase 2 with some 3 & 4,
7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Hall 5
(see ad page 15)

VDCTA/LVIWSRDA... Mainstream, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Hall..... 12, 26
(see ad page 11)

JULY 2024

WEDNESDAY

Rainbow Rounders..... Summer Rounds, Phase 2 with some 3 & 4,
7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Hall 3
(see ad page 15)

VDCTA/LVIWSRDA... Mainstream, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Hall..... 10
(see ad page 11)

VDCTA/LVIWSRDA... Mainstream, 8:00-10:00 PM, Royal Oak Hall 24
(see ad page 11)

AUGUST 2024

WEDNESDAY

VDCTA/LVIWSRDA... Mainstream, 8:00-10:00 PM, Royal Oak Hall 7, 21, 28
(see ad page 11)

Rainbow Rounders..... Summer Rounds, Phase 2 with some 3 & 4,
7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Hall 14
(see ad page 15)

SPECIAL DANCES

Cunninghams Swing ‘n’ Wheel 2024, 2:00-??? PM,
Cunningham Residence, Salt Spring Island Sat. 24
(see ad page 15)

VDCTA/LVIWSRDA... Farewell to Royal Oak Hall Dance, Mainstream,
8:00-10:00 PM, Royal Oak Hall Wed. 28
(see ad page 11)

DANCE DATES – UPPER ISLAND

MAY 2024

SPECIAL DANCE

Ripple Rockets Blast Off to Fun, Quinsam Hall, Campbell River.. Sat. 18-Sun. 19
(See ad April-May issue pages 26-27)

JUNE 2024

SPECIAL DANCE

UVICTA..... June Special Dance, Pre-Rounds 1:00-1:30 PM,
West Coast Square Dancing 1:30-3:30 PM,
Nanoose Place.....Sun. 2
(see ad page 13)

JULY 2024

SPECIAL DANCE

Ocean Waves..... Catch the Wave Weekend,
Fanny Bay Hall & Courtenay..... Fri. 19 & Sat. 20
(see ad page 19)

AUGUST 2024

SPECIAL DANCE

Star Dusters Across the Pond Weekend, Powell River..... Thu. 15 to Sat. 17
(See ads February-March issue pages 20-21
& April-May issue page 23)

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 33-36. Association contacts are on the inside front and inside back covers. The Cross Trail News cannot be held responsible for any errors.



BC Festival 2025

July 31, Aug. 1 & 2

Register Early!

squaredance.bc.ca

See page 7 for a full page BC Festival 2025 poster.

CLUB NEWS

AMALGAM-EIGHTERS, Nanaimo

By Margie Cooper

The Amalgam-Eighters have continued to enjoy dancing, friendship, and some lively themes this spring. Who doesn't love 50s music...and I'm willing to bet that we were the only Island club to have had a dancing dog participating in "Talent Night"! Thank you, Valorie Lennox/Crumpit, and all others who entertained us with singing, calling, guitar playing and poetry. Amazing!

We wound up a very enjoyable 2023-2024 season with our annual Dogwood Dance and Potluck in May, which was open to our new dancers. Hopefully each of them knows how much we value their participation!

This spring, for the first time, Wendie offered four weekly "Practice Dances" after the completion of SSD/West Coast classes, to boost newcomer confidence and kinship. All members embraced this idea, resulting in four squares and lots of laughter and fun on the practice dance nights.

We're hoping for good weather for the Amalgam-Eighters' Potluck Picnic Super at the McCallums' home on Sunday, June 23rd.

We look forward, with gratitude, to the opportunity of dancing with those clubs who have organized events during the summer months.

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New dancers from Wendie Harrington's winter class (left to right): Kam Bandali, Dale Miller, George Pattern, Muneera Bandali, Janis Fratpietro, Lou Fratpietro, Gina Prosperi-Porta, Phil Fratpietro, Diane Falk, & Dick Vest. Unable to attend the last class and missing from photo: Joelle Pattern, Shirley Pratnen, & Carol Nelson. *(Photo by Margie Cooper.)*

SUMMER MAINSTREAM DANCES

Victoria, BC – 2024

Wednesday Evenings – 8:00-10:00 PM

Date	Hall	Program/Caller/Cuer
May 29	Colwood	Colwood Hall Benefit Dance <i>(Admission by Donation)</i> Panel of Callers and Cuers MC: Garry Dodds
June 12	Colwood	Richard Sharman & Connie Ritchie
June 26	Colwood	Lorne Clayton
July 10	Colwood	Darrell Roberts
July 24	Royal Oak	Marilynne Cunningham
Aug. 7	Royal Oak	Kirk Rockerbie
Aug. 21	Royal Oak	Stuart Hemmings
Aug. 28	Royal Oak	Farewell to Royal Oak Hall Dance <i>(Free Admission)</i> Panel of Callers and Cuers MC: Kirk Rockerbie

Colwood Community Hall – 2219 Sooke Rd.
Royal Oak Hall – 4516 West Saanich Rd.

Regular Admission at the Door – **\$7.00** per Person
(Exact amount appreciated.)

Sorry...no refreshments provided. Please bring your own.

Scheduled callers and cuers are subject to changes and additions.

Dances may be cancelled due to excessive heat ($\geq 25^{\circ}\text{C}$) and will be cancelled if the Air Quality Health Index is 8 or higher.

Remember to check your email for dance updates.

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

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COUNTRY COUSINS, Victoria

By Wendy Weeks

It's official! On May 10th the Country Cousins and Mavericks' birthday dance will mark the end of our joint club dances. I wish to thank all those on the executives who worked to make the dances fun. May 10th will also be the last club dance that we will have in the Royal Oak Hall.

Although the Country Cousins and Mavericks will not be working jointly as clubs, we will all be dancing in the same place. Come September the Country Cousins will embark on their journey as a club offering dances at the Cordova Bay United Church (813 Claremont Ave.) on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Stay tuned for more information through email and the LVIWS-RDA website. For those not using technology we will do our best to find an alternate way to make sure you are in the loop.

The announcement of our new dancer(s) of the year will be made at our AGM on May 4th. On June 2nd all Lower Vancouver Island dancers are invited to sign up for a stage presentation at FOLKTORIA. For more information on this event please contact Wendy or Gary Weeks.

Although the club dances are ending, there are still opportunities to maintain and develop your dancing skills. We hope dancers and new dancers will attend the LVIWSDRA Wednesday summer dances that will be held at Colwood Hall and Royal Oak Hall (refer to the ad in this CTN or the poster on the LVIWS-RDA website). If you wish to broaden your dancing horizons you can attend the many dances on Vancouver Island or around the province or out of province. In particular, the National Convention is being held in Calgary mid July and Catch the Wave in Courtenay the same weekend, in mid August the Across the Pond dance is in Powell River, and the fourth Saturday in August there is a summer event on Salt Spring Island. Wherever your dancing takes you remember to have fun!

FRONTIER TWIRLERS, Victoria

By Darrell Roberts

On March 2nd, we celebrated our club's 65th birthday with a lively dance. The event was well attended by over 10 squares, including clubs from the Victoria area and beyond. Herb and Linda Fox did an excellent job organizing the dance, providing amazing decorations, and securing wonderful door prizes from local businesses. We owe a big "thank you" to our sponsors for their support.

April 6th marked our Goofers Night. Our club caller, Garry Dodds, praised the evening's performances. Wayne and Linda Townsend not only organized the

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UVICTA JUNE SPECIAL DANCE

Nanoose Place

2925 Northwest Bay Rd

Sunday June 2, 2024

Pre-Rounds 1:00-1:30pm

West Coast Square Dancing 1:30-3:30pm

\$10.00 per person

Panel of Callers & Cuers

CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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evening but took the stage, with singing calls and a round dance Linda had written. Herb and Linda Fox, showcasing their talents. Darrell Roberts contributed a singing call and cued a round, while Debbie Toobie wowed with her performance. As a special treat, Wayne, Herb, and Linda joined forces for a memorable tip. Of special interest was the duet by Herb and his daughter, Coleen, who were amazing.

Our new dancer class, though small in size, is ready to don graduation hats and robes. Congratulations to Fraser and Andrew for their hard work and dedication. We extend a big thank you to all the angels who supported both our new dancers and the many “refresher dancers”.

As we eagerly anticipate our last dance of the season, the “Western Wind-up” on May 4th, we envision another memorable evening filled with laughter and lively music, marking the close of yet another successful square dance season.

It is with great pleasure that we announce Herb and Linda Fox as our new couple of the year, a well-deserved honor for their dedication and contributions to our club.

On a somber note, we mourn the passing of Colleen MacLennan on April 6, 2024. Colleen was a life member of the Frontier Twirlers and a former member of the Rainbow Rounders. She served as president of the LVIWSRDA from 2006 to 2008 and also held the position of president at Frontier Twirlers from 2006 to 2007.

ISLAND GEMS, Nanaimo

By Wendie Harrington

Island Gems are wrapping up a very enjoyable season in the second week of May. The evening group has continued to add higher phase moves – Slow Two Step this year which has added many dances to our list of favourites. We have continued to workshop and are feeling more comfortable with the trickier figures in all of our rhythms. More phase III two steps have also made it onto that list.

We have been extremely pleased with our afternoon classes. The students have made terrific progress. With the waltz and two step we have been working on dances with a bit more unusual choreography. Those doing Rumba and Cha are ready to spread their wings even further. We hope they will join the evening group in September. In the fall we expect to run another class-watch for a notice in the Cross Trail. Enjoy the summer!!

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Rainbow Rounders

Summer Rounds

Wednesday 7:30—9:30 pm

June 5th, July 3rd, Aug 14th

Phase 2 with some 3 & 4

Colwood Community Hall

Cuers: Connie Ritchie & Kirk Rockerbie
& Darrell Roberts

SALT SPRING ISLAND SWING 'N' WHEEL 2024

Saturday, August 24 – 2:00-? PM

**Cunningham Residence
734 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island**

No Pre-registration Required – No Cost

Afternoon contests using farm equipment (tractor and wagon) (nail driving).
Pot luck supper starting around 5:00 PM followed by a barn dance.

For those who want to come for the weekend, or longer, there will be free RV parking (self-contained units only) at the home of Alan & Marilynne Cunningham. Email to almarcun@telus.net or phone 250-537-5356 for more information.

Please check www.bcferries.com/routes-fares/schedules for the ferry schedules for Salt Spring Island. Saturday morning ferry sailings can be busy.

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MAVERICKS, Victoria

By Chrissy Torontow

What a party at the joint Mavericks-County Cousins dance on March 8th! It was a Duet Night with Herb Fox and Lorne Clayton calling. A huge THANK YOU to the clubs for the kind invitation to call and to Marilynne and Kirk for giving up their regular calling evening.

It was so great to celebrate 40 years of square dance calling and round dance cuing for Herb and Linda Fox. And also to celebrate 20 years of Lorne and Barbara calling and cuing. Over nine squares signed in for a wonderful evening of duets and other calls and rounds by Herb and Lorne. We had some great photos taken which will help us re-live the memories of this evening for many years to come. Thanks ALL for joining us in this celebration! March's busy month of dancing ended with the dance weekend on the 22nd and 23rd and the Pyjama Party. Super fun dances!



The April 8th Magic Kingdom dance had superb decorating by Barbara Clayton, Gary Weeks, and their decorating team, and Marilynne and Kirk outdid themselves with Disney songs. Another great night! A photo of all the dancers holding the letters spelling out WE MISS YOU was sent out to Sandra Hemmings. And there were lots of super costumes. Our last combined Mavericks and Country Cousins dance weekend of the season, April 26th and 27th, Sports Night in Canada, was a fun night of dancing with very creative outfits.

Our upcoming joint birthday dance, Mavericks 72 years and the Cousins 68 years, is on Friday, May 10th: a combined 140 years of dancing! Cake and goodies will be served.

On another note, the Royal Oak Women's Institute Hall has been sold to Kenzen Karate bringing 58 years of the Mavericks dancing there since 1966 to an end. The summer dances will still be held there this summer (late July and August), and there is a "farewell" dance on August 28th with a panel of callers and cuers. The Mavericks executive visited Kenzen Karate club to see if we could dance on their mats as Kenzen Karate are installing them over the Royal Oak Hall's wood floors in September. Unfortunately, the mats don't work well for dancing: foot slides and shuffles are difficult, because we sink into the mats dancing takes more energy, and they're difficult to do turns on. So, because the hall's floors will be covered with the mats, we need to find another dance venue.

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Photos from the Dynamic Duo Dance on March 8. Above: Marc Dumonceaux, Mavericks President, left, with Herb & Linda Fox, & Barbara & Lorne Clayton. Below: Linda, Herb, Lorne, & Barbara with a special cake for the event. Opposite: Herb Fox & Lorne Clayton calling. (Photos © Anne McCarthy.)



CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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After an exhaustive search of venues – some too small, some too big, others with no parking or kitchen availability, and many are too expensive or in undesirable locations – we came up with a bright, lovely dancing space only 10 minutes away from the Royal Oak Hall. The new venue comes with a big kitchen, lots of parking and an affordable price. Though we haven't finalized the contract yet, we are working towards having our new venue at the Cordova Bay United Church (813 Claremont Avenue) starting in September. We will post the announcements and information on our website and send out all the info when things get finalized. We are sad to leave Royal Oak Women's Institute Hall with a lifetime of memories and community, and we are starting to feel excitement about our new home.

We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor soon.

OCEAN WAVES, Courtenay

By Karin Sorger

Our season is coming to an end. Then we will enjoy our summer activities and our delightful special square dances. In the Upper Island we will have Blast Off at Ripple Rockets, Catch the Wave at Ocean Waves, and Blackberry Festival at Star Dusters. Hope to see our friends then!

Our regular Saturday dances were well attended. We sometimes had five squares and that makes for an exciting dance. Thanks to all our dancers who come out and thanks to our guests from neighbouring clubs. Guests are always welcome.

Of course this year was our 70th Anniversary and we had such a successful celebration which is described in News from Here & There. Thanks for helping and participating.

We just had our Salty Dog Dance and Talent Night. Fran fit everything in very nicely. Some of our dancers did a tip; like Denise Jensen and she would make a good caller! Dave Floyd did a round and he gets better and better – he is practicing! The girls – Sue Diederichs and Pat Barr – played their guitars and sang the anniversary song to the tune of “Round and Round”, an old Perry Como number (unfortunately Janet Livingstone declined at this time). And Laurence Gerritson sang Diana – wow, everyone was impressed. *(See photos page 21.)*

At the end we were treated to hot dogs and our regular snacks. Love those hot dogs. There were door prizes and one of our Cloverleaf prizes was a quilt with seahorse pictures made by Lorna Corbet.

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Catch the Wave

Come to dance | Stay to play



July 19 & 20, 2024

Friday

Dancing 7:00PM – 9:30PM

Fanny Bay Hall

Caller: Fran and Roger Archambault

Cuer: Diana and Jake Ring

\$10:00 at the door

Saturday

Free Street Dance 11:00AM – 12:00PM

Corner of 5th and England

Callers: Fran and Roger Archambault

Jake and Diana Ring

Gord Ruedig

Group Picnic at Fanny Bay Hall 4:00PM

Bring your own Picnic, we provide the Hot

Dogs

Dancing 7:00PM - 9:30PM

Fanny Bay Hall

Callers: Fran and Roger Archambault

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We had sad news that one of our popular former members has died. Roy Johnson attended the 70th Anniversary and was happy to meet lots of dancers. Roy Johnson and his wife, Nan, who died a few years ago, were an enthusiastic and happy dancing couple and helped with our Corn Roast a lot.

Ocean Waves 70th Anniversary Celebration Song

Oh, the date was 1952,
And at Tsolum School, there was a big to-do,
Students, teachers, mums and dads and all...
And the sounds of music filled the air.

Records turned, and now it's '54,
And the dancers keep on coming back for more.
So much fun, can't get enough, they say,
And our club, the Ocean Waves, is born.

Chorus:

Oh, the Ocean Waves are here today,
To proudly celebrate our special day,
And from our hearts we want to say,
"Thanks to all who've joined us on the way!"

Oh, the callers keep us on our toes,
From "circle left" to "square through four",
"Allemande", and then we "do-si-do",
They keep us moving round the floor.

We're the (*speaks*) "smilingest, swingingest, swirlinglest troop",
But without our volunteers there'd be no group,
Working hard, they make each dance a special time,
And they do all this for not a single dime! (chorus)

So, come one and all, and shout a BIG hurrah,
For our Club which celebrates this special day,
70 years have gone by, oh where have they flown?
And we'll just keep dancing 'til the cows come home! (chorus)

RAINBOW ROUNDERS, Victoria

By Van Williams

The Rainbow Rounders held their Wind-Up Dance on April 30th. Looking forward to summer, we will have three monthly dances on Wednesdays, on June
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CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)



Scenes from the Ocean Waves Talent Night/Salty Dog/Ocean Theme Dance on April 20, 2024. Above: Caller Fran Archambault, left, with Denise Jensen at the mike. Below left: Pat Barr and Sue Diederichs. Below right: an old time fisherman – a “Salty Dog” – with his rod and nets. (Photos by Karin Sorger.)



CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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5th, July 3rd, and August 14th. In the Fall, the Tuesday night dances will feature phase 2 dances on the first, third, and fifth Tuesdays, and phase 3-4 dances on the second and fourth Tuesdays. All dances will be from 7:30-9:30 PM. *(See ad page 15.)*

The energy has been palpable within Rainbow Rounders so far in this year. Eleven Rainbow Rounders attended the Round-A-Rama in Nanaimo on February 18th, and 10 Rainbow Rounders attended the Ocean Waves' 70th anniversary party (there were a total of 16 dancers from Victoria in attendance). Sixteen (two-thirds of the 24 Rainbow Rounders members!) have registered to attend the Calgary Convention.

We want to acknowledge our long-time dancers for their decades of dancing. Brian Atkinson has danced since he was a teen and has danced 32 years on Vancouver Island, Elain Fuhr has danced since she was a teen and 13 years on the Island, Bruce and Bonnie Irving have danced since 1973 and 35 years on the island, and Connie Ritchie has danced since 1981 and 38 years on the Island, while Bruce and Diane Roger have been Rainbow Rounders members for 31 years.

RING'S SQUARE & ROUNDS, Campbell River

By Diana Ring

We have just finished our five-week session of square and round dance workshops, with three squares in attendance. This was started just after Diana completed her Phase II Two Step and Waltz round dance class, with 22 dancers in attendance, some new and some refreshers.

We will once again be offering workshops for both squares and rounds in the fall at the St. John the Divine Church Hall in Courtenay on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 pm. More information will be in the September-October-November edition.

RIPPLE ROCKETS, Campbell River

By Susan Sinclair

The Ripple Rockets are encouraging our members to attend as many dances this summer as is possible. We are still actively seeking a caller for our club. If anyone is interested in coming up this way they would be very welcome. If anyone knows of anyone interested in from another province please let us know, they would also be very welcome. We are looking forward to next season hoping we can keep our club afloat.

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CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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STAR DUSTERS, Powell River

By Gord Ruedig

Our spring session has had its ups and downs. From the perspective of growing our activity we've done well, with a dozen new members in the fall and a dozen more this spring. Not everyone will stay around to see what the next chapter holds in store, but it's hard not to feel a bit optimistic as we seem to have reached a critical mass that is helping us extend our reach into new social circles.

This spring we did some square dancing with home-schooled children of various ages. A square of our dancers helped out with the youngsters and an enjoyable time was had by all. We had a nice group go over for the Freshman Frolic on April 28 to mingle with other dancers and dance to other callers.

We have an all day round dance blast class slated for May 4th for the benefit of our new dancers. Club dancing will wind up on a Saturday, May 11th although square dance lesson review will continue until May 14th. After that, our Tuesday night sessions will shift focus to round dance training and practise so that our blast class can solidify their skills before we break for the summer. The timing of our summer break will be dependant on the participation in this exercise. We also intend to hold a monthly square dance review session for all leading up to our summer dance so everyone is sharp and confident when that takes place.

Be sure to attend our Across the Pond/Blackberry Fest Weekend, August 15, 16, & 17 which as you will have heard by now, will be our club's 60th Anniversary celebration as well. Registrations are still coming in and it looks like we'll have a nice crowd. Brent Mawdsley from Maple Ridge will be joining me for the main event and it promises to be a lively party.

On a personal note, the loss of my wife, Yvette in February is the hardest thing I've ever had to come to terms with. As I try to imagine a world without my partner, I am thankful for the love of my family and the support and understanding of my club and my class, many who never had the chance to meet her. I am also deeply touched and full of gratitude to all those who attended the fund-raising dance held in Yvette's honour on March 24 and to all those who were unable to attend but sent cards and wishes of sympathy and support. Our treasurer reported that there were 109 folks who signed the register at the dance and in all we raised approximately \$3,000 to be donated toward the fight against cancer. The support and generosity of everyone in our dance world was amazing and went far beyond my expectations on every level. I feel very fortunate to be part of this community.

On behalf of the Star Dusters, may you have a wonderful summer!

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**The
Amalgam-Eighters
Square & Round Dance Club
invites you to our
60th Anniversary Celebration Dance**

March 30, 2025 - 1:30 – 4:00

**Nanoose Place
2925 Northwest Bay Road, Nanoose Bay, BC**



Caller/Cuers: Deb and Ray Schmidt from Castlegar, B.C.

\$10.00 per person

CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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STAR TWIRLERS, Victoria

By Garry Dodds

It's hard to believe the dance season is almost over. Our dances this spring have been reasonably well attended considering the amount of illness and surgeries going on. Thank you so much to all of the dancers—visitors and club members alike—for keeping the club fun and going.

With the loss of Royal Oak Hall, we will not be continuing the bi-weekly Plus dances on Wednesdays.

Our Thursday night Advanced workshop has also continued to be successful even though many members have had health issues. We have almost completed the review of the A1 program.

We will be celebrating our 46th birthday dance on Monday, May 13th. The A1 workshop wound up for the season on May 4th.

Don't forget the summer dances and other summer activities. We will be at the Canadian National Convention in Calgary so maybe we will see you there.



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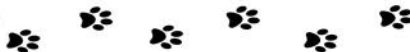
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SAANICH SQUARES – CLASS OF 2023-2024

By Lorne & Barbara Clayton

The Saanich Squares had a very successful and fun graduation which everyone seemed to enjoy! We graduated six new dancers, four dancers learning the opposite position, and nine refreshers with a total of 19 dancers receiving diplomas. We are happy to see some of the new graduates out at our current dances.

We had great support from angels all season long. What a great commitment. We had 1,150 hours of Angel time donated to support our class and introduce square dancing to many. All Angels who had not previously received them were presented with “Angel” dangles.

We had several students who did not finish the year due to travel and health issues but were so pleased to hear that those persons plan to join us again next fall for classes again.

Thank you to all involved in making our new dancer class a success and we look forward to presenting details on our 2024 class when available.



Saanich Squares graduation at Royal Oak Hall on April 7, 2024, with caller teacher couple, Lorne & Barbara Clayton, on stage. (Photo © Michael Torontow.)



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NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

OCEAN WAVES – 70th ANNIVERSARY!

By Karin Sorger

Our 70th Anniversary was a total success. Thanks to our committee who spent a lot of time to make this a memorable occasion. It takes a group effort with ideas and suggestions to get everything coordinated.

We had 115 dancers and guests attending. It is so nice to have a crowded floor of dancers. Everyone was happy, energetic, and friendly. One of our new members commented on how friendly everyone is. There were dancers from all over the island – from our neighbour club in Powell River and a nice group made the long trip from Victoria. A special party gets the dancers out! Thanks to all the dancers who attended to celebrate. Thanks to the Amalgam-Eighters who brought nearly their full club – so nice to see everyone in their club costumes. Thanks to all the dancers and guests who attended. We had guests who had danced years ago. Everyone was interested in the Powerpoint presentation.



Ron Diederichs, anniversary chair & club president for 2024-25, MLA Ronna-Rae Leonard, and Keith Kent, club president & UVISDA treasurer.

Our mayors and our Comox Valley MLA were present to give speeches of congratulations. We received lots of praise! Pat Zeeman, cuer from Victoria and a BC Federation rep presented us with a crest which will be stitched on our banner with the others, and Garry Dodds, caller from Victoria and representative of Canadian Square & Round Dance Society presented Ocean Waves with a certificate. We are a proud club.

Thanks to our club's caller, Fran Archambault, for making such a nice program. Jake Ring and Gord Ruedig called some tips and Connie Ritchie and Diana Ring were the cuers for our Rounds. For old-time sake, Lena Groenendyk cued one round and Wolf Clar called a tip. Thanks for making us a happy bunch of dancers.

Our three talented girls – Pat Barr, Sue Diederichs, and Janet Livingstone – composed a song about our club and while playing guitar and ukelele, they entertained us with the words. Thanks to our talented trio. (*See page 20.*)

And the social was fantastic! We had a nice assortment of plentiful and attractive snacks thanks to our social convener and her gang. And thanks to our decorating committee. What a wonderful idea of trimming the ceiling with colourful crinolines! Tables were attractive. The flyer which could be taken home to remember our special day was appreciated.

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A surprise to top it all – each Ocean Waves member received a new modern badge. Hope everyone likes it; I know I do. We also received a dangle for our 70th Anniversary.



Happy dancers! (above). The Friendship Song with all the dancers in two circles. (below). Colourful crinolines strung across the room above the dancers.

(Photos this page by Kiley Granberg; opposite page by Karin Sorger.)



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.

2024	
May 18-19	Ripple Rockets – Blast Off 2024 – Quinsam Hall, Campbell River, BC – ripplerockets.wixsite.com/campbellriver <i>(see ad April-May issue pages 26-27)</i>
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/ [AT CAPACITY – WAIT LIST]
July 19-20	Ocean Waves – Catch the Wave – Fanny Bay & Courtenay, BC <i>(see ad page 19)</i>
August 15-17	Star Dusters – Across the Pond/Blackberry Festival Weekend – Powell River, BC <i>(see ads February-March issue pages 20-21 & April-May issue page 23)</i>
Aug.24	Salt Spring Island – Swing ‘n’ Wheel 2024 – Cunningham Residence, Salt Spring Island <i>(see ad page 15)</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 – 74thnsdc.com
July 30 & 31, Aug. 1 & 2	BC Square & Round Dance Fed. – BCFestival2025 & Trail-In Dance – Langley, BC – squaredance.bc.ca/bcfestival2025/ <i>(see ad page 7)</i>
2026	
June 24-27	75 th US National Square Dance Convention – Waco, Texas – 75nsdctx.com



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Issue	Deadline	Dance Dates	Other Information
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		September, October, & November 2024	Fall start-up dates, new dancer classes & ads, special dances ads, club news, sympathy.
December 2024-January 2025	Sunday, November 3, 2024	December 2024 & January 2025	Special dances ads, Christmas dance, season's greetings ads, first dance in New Year, club news, sympathy.
February-March 2025	Sunday, January 5, 2025	February & March 2025	Special dances ads, summer weekend event ads, club news, sympathy.
April-May 2025	Sunday, March 2, 2025	April & May 2025	Special dances ads, windup dates, summer weekend event ads, club news, sympathy.
June-July-August 2025	Sunday, May 4, 2025	June, July, & August 2025	Special dances ads, summer dances ads, summer weekend event ads, new dancer class ads, club news, sympathy.

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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 3 & 4 – 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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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:starttwirlers.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**

[See dance dates note on page 36]

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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)

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) – 7:00-9:00 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: **Ron** Diederichs

Secy: **Christine** Kent

Treas: **Rick** Granberg

Ring's Square & Rounds – Campbell River

Dance dates to be announced.

Campbell River Sportsplex – 1800 South Alder St., Campbell River, BC

Caller/Pres: **Jake** Ring

Cuer/Secy/Treas.: **Diana** Ring

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CLUB DIRECTORY – UPPER ISLAND

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Ripple Rockets – Campbell River

Email: campbellriverripplerockets@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**

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

Star Dusters Dance Hall – 5399 Timberlane Ave., Powell River, BC

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Colwood Community Hall – 2219 Sooke Rd.

Old Colwood Fire Hall – 2225 Sooke Rd. (2nd floor – enter at rear)

Royal Oak Hall – 4516 West Saanich Rd.

SALT SPRING ISLAND

Cunningham Residence – 734 Upper Ganges Rd.

Salt Spring Elementary School – Gymnasium – 122 Rainbow Rd.

NANAIMO

Pleasant Valley Hall/Social Centre – 6100 Doumont Rd.

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

LANTZVILLE

Lantzville Community (Costin) Hall – 7232 Lantzville Rd.

St. Philip by-the-Sea Anglican Church – 7113 Lantzville Rd.

NANOOSE BAY

Nanoose Place – 2925 Northwest Bay Rd.

PARKSVILLE & COOMBS

Bradley Centre – 975 Shearme Rd. (corner of Alberni Hwy.), Coombs

FANNY BAY

Fanny Bay Hall – 7793 Island Hwy.

COURTENAY & ROYSTON

Florence Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall – 411 Anderton Ave.

Lewis Centre – 489 Old Island Hwy. (across from Value Village)

Native Sons Hall – 360 Cliffe Ave.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #17 – 367 Cliffe Ave.

Royston Community Hall – 3902 Island Highway South (at Royston Rd.)

St. John the Divine Anglican Church Hall – 579 5th St.

CAMPBELL RIVER

Campbell River Sportsplex – 1800 South Alder St.

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

Eagles Hall – 1999 14th Ave.

Quinsam Wellness Centre – 2005 Eagle Dr.

POWELL RIVER

Star Dusters Dance Hall – 5399 Timberlane Ave. (across from track)

CALLERS & CUERS

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Country Cousins – Victoria

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Mavericks – Victoria

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Gordon Ruedig

Garry Dodds & Pat Zeeman (Cuer)

Garry Dodds

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Mark Bennewith, UVISDA Past President, presenting Sue Otley with her Four Score and More Club badge. *(Photo by Margie Cooper.)*

SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES



The rose still blooms more fair beyond the garden wall.

Our condolences to the families of:

Martha Carlow, a former member of the Mavericks, who passed away in Victoria on April 3, 2024 at the age of 94. Martha is survived by four children and their families.

Nora Drysdale, a life member of the Promenaders, who passed away in Victoria on March, 19, 2024, three days short of her 100th birthday. Nora was predeceased by her husband, **Ted**, in 2015, and is survived by three children and their families. Nora & Ted were the LVIWSRDA Couple of the Year for 1976-1977.

Stella Jacklyn, a former member of the Squarecrows, the Dogwood Twirlers, and the Dance A Rounds, who passed away in Victoria on January 17, 2024 at the age of 93. Stella was predeceased by her husband, **Gus**, in 2020, and is survived by five children and their families. Stella & Gus were the LVIWSRDA Couple of the Year for 1999-2000.

Roy Johnson, a former member of the Ocean Waves, who passed away in Courtenay on April 17, 2024 at the age of 89. Roy was predeceased by his wife, **Nan**, in 2020, and is survived by four children and their families.

Colleen MacLennan, a Life Member of the Frontier Twirlers and a former member of the Rainbow Rounders, who passed away in Victoria on April 6, 2024. Colleen is survived by two sisters. She was the president of the LVIWSRDA for 2006-2008. (*See also page 14.*)

Ron Weisner, a former caller for the Salty Wheels (1983 to 1994), who passed away on Salt Spring Island on February 23, 2024. Ron is survived by his wife, **Kathy**, a daughter and a son, and their families.

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BC Square & Round Dance Federation	squaredance.bc.ca
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