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EDITOR'S PAGE

Season's Greetings to all our readers from the staff of the Cross Trail News. We hope you have a joyous holiday season. In this issue you will find holiday messages from callers, cuers, associations, and the BC Square & Round Dance Federation.

BC Festival 2025 – Langley, BC

The next BC Provincial Square Dance Festival will be held at the Langley Senior Secondary School in Langley, BC from Wednesday, July 30 to Saturday, August 2, 2025. Read more about BC Festival 2025 on page 11, see the poster on page 48, and visit the Festival 2025 website at <https://squaredance.bc.ca/bcfestival2025/>.

If you haven't already done so, please consider registering for BC Festival 2025 now as the organizers depend on your support, and early registrations help the festival committee plan the dance program.

Canadian National Festival 2026 – Penticton, BC

Plans are also underway to hold a Canadian National Square, Round, and Clog Dance Festival in Penticton, BC from July 15 to 18, 2026. Keep your eye peeled for more information on this the 24th Canadian national festival, and see the initial poster on page 49.

Alex Wotherspoon
Editor

LETTER

To all my Square Dance Family,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the condolences sent to myself and my family on the passing of my husband, Wayne, on August 8. I was overwhelmed with the many thoughts spoken of him and, yes, I did shed some tears as I read them all.

As has been said before, "Square dancers are family

too" and that couldn't be more true! I'm so fortunate to be blessed with this world of dancing friends. Hope to see you on the dance floor soon.

As I close, enjoy life when you can and don't forget to tell those you love, that you love them every day.

Bless you all,
Linda Townsend

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BC Festival 2025

July 31, Aug. 1 & 2

Register Early!

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DANCE DATES – LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

DECEMBER 2024

MONDAY

Star Twirlers.....Plus Teach/Workshop, ~8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall2, 9, 16

TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders.....Rounds Phase 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall3, 17
Rounds Phase 3-4, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall10

THURSDAY

Star Twirlers.....Advanced Class/Dance, ~7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall5, 12, 19

FRIDAY

Mavericks.....Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall6, 20

SATURDAY

Country Cousins.....Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall14
Frontier TwirlersPlus, 7:30-8:00 PM, Mainstream, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall7, 21

SPECIAL DANCES

Country Cousins.....Mistletoe Magic Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall Sat. 14
(See ad page 40)
Star Twirlers.....Christmas Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall Mon. 16
Rainbow Rounders.....Christmas Dance, 7:30-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall Tues. 17
Mavericks.....Happy Holidays, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall Fri. 20
(See ad page 41)
Frontier TwirlersChristmas Dance, 7:30-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall Sat. 21
(See ad page 42)
VDCTA/LVIWSRDA.. Farewell to 2024 Dance, 1:30-4:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall Sun. 29
(See ad page 43)

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DANCE DATES – LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

JANUARY 2025

MONDAY

Star Twirlers.....Plus Teach/Workshop, ~8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall13, 20, 27

TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders.....Rounds Phase 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall7, 21
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THURSDAY

Star Twirlers.....Advanced Class/Dance, ~7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall16, 23, 30

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Mavericks.....Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall17

SATURDAY

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SPECIAL DANCES

Country Cousins.....Downton Abbey/Bridgerton Theme Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM,
Cordova Bay United Church Hall Sat. 11
Mavericks.....At the Hop, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall Fri. 17
(See ad page 45)
VDCTA.....FREE Workshop, 1:30-2:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall Sun. 19
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Rainbow Rounders.....33rd Birthday Dance, 7:30-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall Tues. 21
Country Cousins.....Music Theme/Movie Soundtracks, 7:30-9:30 PM,
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DANCE DATES – UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND

DECEMBER 2024

WEDNESDAY

Rings Squares & Rounds

Mainstream Workshop & Rounds Phase II+, 1:00-3:00 PM,
St. John the Divine Anglican Church Hall, Courtenay4, 11, 18

THURSDAY

Island GemsRounds Phase 3 & 4, 7:00-9:00 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo.....5, 12
Star DustersWest Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM, Star Dusters Dance Hall, Powell River..... TBA - 5, 12, 19

FRIDAY

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Ripple RocketsMainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall,
Guest callers/cuers: Ray & Deb Schmidt (via Zoom)14

SPECIAL DANCES

Amalgam-EightersChristmas Potluck & Dance, Potluck, 6:00 PM,
West Coast with some Mainstream, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, LantzvilleFri. 20
Ocean WavesChristmas Potluck Dinner [contact club for time] & Dance, 7:00-9:30 PM,
Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay Sat. 21

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JANUARY 2025

WEDNESDAY

Rings Squares & Rounds

Mainstream Workshop & Rounds Phase II+, 1:00-3:00 PM,
St. John the Divine Anglican Church Hall, Courtenay Tentative: 8, 15, 22, 29
(If enough dancers are interested – see Club Directory – page 25.)

THURSDAY

Island GemsRounds Phase 3 & 4, 7:00-9:00 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo9, 16, 23, 30
Star DustersWest Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM, Star Dusters Dance Hall, Powell River **TBA** – 9, 16, 23, 30

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Ripple RocketsMainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall,
Caller/Cuer: TBA.....11, 25

SPECIAL DANCES

Amalgam-EightersRobbie Burns Dance, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, LantzvilleFri. 17
Ocean WavesWinterfest, 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay..... Sat. 18

MEETING

UVICTA1:00-3:00 PM, Royston Community Hall Sun. 5

CLASSES

Island GemsWaltz (beginner), 2:00-3:30 PM, Wellington Hall, NanaimoJan. 9 to May 8
Slow Two-Step, 3:30-4:30 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo..... Jan. 9 to Feb. 13
Tango, 3:30-4:30 PM, Wellington Hall, NanaimoFeb. 20 to Mar. 27
Bolero, 3:30-4:30 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo.....Apr. 3 to May 8
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CONVENTIONS, FESTIVALS, DANCE WEEKENDS, & SPECIAL EVENTS

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2024	
December 29	VDCTA & LVIWSRDA – Farewell to 2024 Dance – Colwood Community Hall (see poster page 43)
2025	
February 16	UVICTA – Round-A-Rama – Nanoose Place, Nanoose Bay, BC
February 23	VDCTA – New Dancer Hoedown – Colwood Community Hall
March 23	VDCTA – Round Dance Party – Colwood Community Hall
March 30	Amalgam-Eighters Square & Round Dance Club – 60 th Anniversary Celebration Dance – Nanoose Place, Nanoose Bay, BC (see poster page 47)
April 13	UVICTA – Freshman Frolic – Nanoose Place, Nanoose Bay, BC
April 14-16	50 th CALLERLAB Convention – Greenville, South Carolina – www.callerlab.org
May 4	VDCTA & LVIWSRDA – Spring Round-Up – Colwood Community Hall
May 17-18	Ripple Rockets – Blast Off! 2025 – Campbell River
May 28	VDCTA – Colwood Hall Benefit Dance – Colwood Community Hall
June 1	UVISDA – Joint UVISDA-LVIWSRDA Dance – Nanoose Place, Nanoose Bay, BC
June 22	UVICTA – June Special Dance – Nanoose Place, Nanoose Bay, BC
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 Federation – BCFestival2025 & Trail-In Dance – Langley, BC – squaredance.bc.ca/bcfestival2025/ (see poster page 48)
Aug. 14-16	Star Dusters – Across the Pond Weekend – Powell River, BC
2026	
June 24-27	75 th US National Square Dance Convention – Waco, Texas – 75nsdctx.com
July 15-18	24 th Canadian National Square, Round & Clog Dance Festival – Penticton, BC (see poster page 49)



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CSRDS NEWS

CSRDS INSURANCE

By Garry Dodds

The insurance that the CSRDS has, which provides coverage to all of our dancers, clubs, associations and their executives, is called 3rd Party Liability Insurance. The policy ONLY covers members of the CSRDS.

What does that mean?

- 1) If you cause damage to someone or something, or cause someone to injure themselves, then you may be considered **LIABLE** or **RESPONSIBLE** for that damage and responsible for repair or make up for the loss.
- 2) For the purposes of the policy:
 - a. the 1st party is the insurer and/or the CSRDS
 - b. the 2nd party is the individual (includes the club, executive member, association, federation) that caused the damage
 - c. the 3rd party is the individual or entity that was injured, damaged or suffered a loss.
- 3) You tripped someone (accidentally of course) and they fell and hurt themselves
 - a. That person would then qualify to compensation from YOU (maybe through a lawsuit) and then that would be through your 3rd Party Liability insurance.
 - b. If you have homeowners, or tenants insurance, that might cover the compensation and / or the insurance from the CSRDS would cover the compensation.
- 4) Someone in the club left the stove on when leaving the hall and then the hall was damaged by fire.
 - a. Here the Club and the Club's executive would be covered by the CSRDS Liability insurance, if the hall sued to recover costs to repair the damage.

EXAMPLES

- 1) You slipped and fell and hurt yourself at a dance – maybe due to loose shoelaces
 - a. You could NOT claim against this policy because you are not considered the **THIRD PARTY**.
 - b. If you have your own personal accident insurance, you may be able to make a claim under your policy.
- 2) You slipped and fell on a step and hurt yourself at a dance – leaving the hall because of poor lighting and you were not able to see the step.
 - a. Again, the CSRDS Insurance would NOT cover

REQUEST FOR A CERTIFICATE WITH A HALL NAMED

One of the common requests some clubs have received is a certificate with the Hall named as being covered.

All this represents is:

- a. Proof that the club is covered by Liability Insurance
- b. That the Insurance Company is advised that this Hall is being used by the insured Club.





B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation NEWSLETTER November 2024

Another year gone by and I see Square & Round dancing and other dance forms around B.C., the rest of Canada and the U.S. has not only recovered but is growing with renewed enthusiasm. Advertising of events and new dancer classes online has exploded over the last few years, reaching current and prospective dancers, increasing our digital presence, which is great but word of mouth is the most powerful message, so spread the word and the excitement about our activity.

Caller School

The Caller School in Salmon Arm took place June 9th to 14th with 14 students. Please give them your full support when they step up to the mic.

BC Festival 2025

Registrations are doing well for BC Festival 2025, nearly at the halfway point. Get your registration in early to attend this great event. The organizing committee can always use volunteers so get your name on their list to lend a hand wherever you can.

Canadian National Festival 2026

The bid for hosting the 24th Canadian National Square & Round Dance Festival in Penticton, B.C. July 15, 16, 17, 18, 2026 has been approved for submission to the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society at the B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation SGM of Oct. 27th, 2024. So now you have something to plan for July 2026 well ahead of time

Sillery Award

I was pleased to present Wendy Krueger with the 2024 Sillery Award on May 28th at the Surrey Square Wheelers Hoedown. You can read about Wendy in the Valley Circle Summer issue, the Cross Trail News Fall issue and the Federation web site Sillery Award page.

Canva

The B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation has a free for non-profit full version subscription to Canva to share with any member of the Federation (36 spots available). email me to be added as a user fmcneil@shaw.ca.

Regards,
Frank McNeil
President
B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation



*Square Dance
Round Dance
Contra Dance
Clog Dance
Line Dance*

BCSRDF NEWS – BC FESTIVAL 2025

Hello to you, our square and round dance neighbors.

As this square dance season unfolds, our area, including Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and Langley, are planning a great party and we want to get you involved. It's the BC Square & Round Dance Festival 2025. We are holding the Festival from July 31 to August 2, 2025, and wouldn't it be great if you join us in a fun-filled dance vacation?

It will be one week after the US West Convention in Spokane, Wash. Langley is just 120 miles north of Seattle, an even shorter distance from Spokane, WA, and within an hour's drive of the Vancouver International Airport.

We are planning some fun themed dances, including Sock Hop, Under The Sea, Ft. Langley site, and there

is a possibility of a cruise after the Festival to enjoy our west coast even more. This is a wonderful opportunity to keep our dance tradition alive.

Please invest some time in reading the invitation below, check our poster and register easily at **Bcfestival2025reg@gmail.com**, and please share them with those you feel it would interest. And when you register, please give us ideas for what you'd enjoy as special events.

For more information, check out our website at squaredance.bc.ca. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jean Galbraith,
Advertising,
BC Square & Round Dance Festival 2025

B.C. FESTIVAL 2025 – WE WELCOME YOU

Festival time draws nearer – time to celebrate, to experience the joy of square dancing, to meet new friends, and to get together with dancers across the land. Langley, British Columbia, Canada, is holding such an event, and ***YOU'RE INVITED***. From Thursday, July 31, 2025 to Saturday, August 2, 2025 join the wonderful party that a Square Dance Festival can be in our Fraser Valley, at Langley, B.C. Canada.

Langley is within an easy drive of Vancouver, B.C., and only 120 miles north of Seattle, Washington. We are providing a great venue, with plenty of room for all our guests. Most of our halls will be air conditioned, and wooden floors make for great dancing. Mark this one down on your calendar and don't forget to include our Trail In and Trail Out dances.

Invest a bit of thought and time into joining a great party, a square dance vacation you won't forget, dance themes like a 50's sock hop, a salute to clubs and banners, an under the sea salute to our west

coast, dancing in front of RCMP rescue helicopters, on alpaca farms, or at a fur trading post, and a cruise to Alaska afterwards, all possibilities.

Take advantage of this invitation to be sure you and your friends are included in the fun. Our Festival is scheduled one week after the US West Convention in Spokane, WA. And when you register, be sure to let us know the sights and tours that interest you. It helps us plan our Festival to be a great vacation experience.

BC Festival 2025 registration is at bcfestival2025reg@gmail.com, and check out our website at squaredance.bc.ca, and help spread the word to dancers in your area. Because some journeys are worth the investment of time and effort, don't you agree? For more information on Langley, BC, Canada check out discoverlangleycity.com.

We look forward to meeting you!!

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CLUB NEWS

AMALGAM-EIGHTERS, Nanaimo

By Margie Cooper

It feels good to be back in the routine of our regular dance season, though it seems we had no sooner revved up in September, before we lost our rental spaces to the BC Election, in mid October. That little hiccup resulted in one delayed Mainstream class, and a missed opportunity to dress up for a Costume Dance!

However, every cloud does, indeed, have its silver lining. With Amalgam-Eighters' cancelled venues, many of us joined our friends, the Ocean Waves and the Ripple Rockets, for some bonus evenings of dancing fun. Thank you for filling the gap so nicely!



At our October 4th dance Bonnie Haapala (on the left in the photo) presented the coveted Four Score and More Club badge to the Amalgam-Eighters' most recent recipients, Marge and Stan Nestibo. Congratulations, Marge and Stan... dancing is keeping you young! (Photo by Mark Bennewith.)

Despite high hopes, we weren't able to recruit any brand new dancers this fall. Consequently, we're very, very happy to see the return of seven

SSD dancers from last spring's beginner class. I guess another silver lining, is that the two hours of class time on Tuesdays, can now be focused entirely on Mainstream moves for those seven keen dancers.

We'll soon be into the winter weeks when our thoughts turn to family, friends, Christmas Dances... and all things Christmas! Best Wishes to Everyone!

COUNTRY COUSINS, Victoria

By Marion van't Riet

Fall has settled in, and the Country Cousins are also settling in to our 2nd and 4th Saturday dance schedule and new hall at 813 Claremont Avenue. We kicked off the season with our traditional Pie Night, followed by a music theme dance featuring Kenny Rogers tunes, and then hosted Harvest Moon and Halloween dances in celebration of the season. Many thanks to our decorating gurus, kitchen helpers, treats contributors and all of the other volunteers who have stepped up to help the club make a seamless transition to our new venue!

Upcoming dances include music theme Planes, Trains and Automobiles on November 9, a PJ Dance on November 23 and our Christmas dance Mistletoe Magic on December 14. Dancers can also look forward to our Downton Abbey/Bridgerton Dance on

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Country Cousins Halloween Dance on October 26, 2024. (Photo by Anne McCarthy.)

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January 11 and another music theme, Movie Soundtracks, on January 25.

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.

On a sad note, with heavy hearts, we mourn with Gary and Wendy Weeks on the passing of their beloved son, Emmett, on September 11 at the age of 39. Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences are with Gary and Wendy and their family and loved ones at this difficult time.

FRONTIER TWIRLERS, Victoria

By Darrell Roberts & Debbie Tooby

The 2024-2025 season kicked off with a bang at our lively “Tart Start” dance! It was a fantastic evening as dancers returned from the summer break, shaking off the cobwebs and hitting the dance floor with energy and enthusiasm. The club members truly outdid

themselves, serving up an impressive array of treats to sweeten the end of the night.

We saw a modest but enthusiastic turnout at our open house, and after two lively FREE lessons, we’re excited to confirm that our new dancer’s class is officially underway! We can’t wait to welcome our fresh faces into the square dance community.

Next up, our “Monster Mash” dance delivered a frightfully good time! As you entered the hall, you were greeted by spooky decorations that set the tone for the evening. Bats dangled from the ceiling, a witch brewed up some mischief on stage, and a graveyard of headstones added an eerie touch complete with a “Dead Bride and Groom” making an appearance. One dancer, a full-sized skeleton, was just dying for someone to ask him to dance. It was wonderful to see nearly everyone get into the spirit and show up in costume. Congratulations to Bruce and Diana Roger for winning the best costume contest; their outfits were a true scream!

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for our “Boogie Woogie” dance on November 15th, followed by our festive Christmas Dance on December 21st. In January WOW 2025 already! Where did the year go?? The first dance of the NEW YEAR will be at Colwood Hall on January 4th as we resume our regular 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month dances.

We hope to see you at one or all of our dances this season. Come join the fun!

ISLAND GEMS, Nanaimo By Wendie Harrington

Thursdays are busy days for the Island Gems leaders!! Our afternoon classes have been well attended. We are very pleased with the progress of our eager Two Step students. We hope to finish phase 2 by Christmas.

At the time of writing we have just wrapped up our intro to Foxtrot. Our next set is intro to Jive. Our evening group continues to have a huge list of favourites for our monthly party night. We have been working on Bolero with the evening group as well as continuing to add new and interesting dances to our program.

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Post Christmas we will be offering Waltz classes for new dancers. We wish everyone the best for the holiday season and invite you to join us on the dance floor on Thursday evenings.

MAVERICKS, Victoria By Chrissy Torontow

Our first dance of the season, Nashville Nights, was in our new venue. It was a super fun dance with a wonderful turn out of dancers (see photo). We are very lucky to find such a great hall with lots of parking and convenient washrooms so close by with everything that we needed to dance.

October flew with our two dances on the 4th and the 18th. Marilynne wasn't able to call and we missed her. Though, Lorne stepped up and did an awesome job of calling and cueing both evenings. Tim surprised Frances at the dance on the 18th by asking Dwight Fry to do a Beatles medley for her, and Dwight did a great job of it.

Marilynne and Lorne sang lots of exciting fun British songs on November 1st to match our British Invasion theme. Barb Clayton and Barb McLaren looked amazing in their mini outfits. Barbara C. looked like she had time travelled with her long blonde hair. Thanks to the decorating committee for their cool decorations.

Our two next super fun Friday dances are on November 15th and December 6th with both Marilynne and

Lorne calling. And December 20th is our Happy Holidays dance. Come out and join us for these fun and festive evenings.

Friday, January 17th is our At The Hop dance. Get your poodle skirts out and your hair gel in. One of my favourites and always super fun dances.

See you on the dance floor!

OCEAN WAVES, Courtenay By Karin Sorger

I wanted to write about our last demo at Nautical Days in Comox. We arrived early to decorate, and it was super! There were lots of spectators; all swaying and clapping along the way. They were surprised to hear their favourite tunes which were made for square dancing. We received two \$25 gift cards as payment as well as praise.

We have had a nice turn-out of dancers for our dances. The Harvest Dance on September 21 was a very nice dance with Fran and some guest callers. The dancers seem to like to have guest callers! Thanks to Fran and her trusty Roger. There were lots of homemade pies and desserts with ice cream and whipped cream to end the dance. The sit-down social is important and special for socializing.

We're in the swing – AmalgamEighters came to “steal” our banner. We've got plans to attend their Hawaiian Dance and “retrieve”. So all our club members – please come on out for a nice summery dance!

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We have a nice beginner class. I have not danced with them yet, but I'm sure they are doing well under Fran's instructions. We are a big happy family of square dancers, all having fun. Hopefully the Ocean Ripples will be enthusiastic members at the end of the year (around May).

Get well, Norm Hopland. In a few weeks we hope to see you out dancing.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all our square dance friends!

Sympathy: To the family of Sharon Dixon. She and her late husband, Harry, were enthusiastic dancers for many years. They were a fun-loving couple.

RAINBOW ROUNDERS, Victoria

By Van Williams

The Rainbow Rounders features easy level dances on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays of the month, and advanced phase III and IV dances on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 PM at the Colwood Community Hall.

Upcoming special dances include Magical Kingdom dance on November 19th, Christmas dance on December 17th (our last dance of 2024 and resuming January 7, 2025), Rainbow Rounders' 33rd Birthday dance on January 21st, and the St. Patrick's/Irish dance on March 18th.

Beginner two-step classes continue every Wednesday taught by Kirk and Darrell. The classes are attended by a robust number of eager dancers. Waltz lesson will follow two-step sometime in January.

Connie workshops and teaches phase III and IV dances on the Wednesdays following the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (usually the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays except January 15 and 29, 2025). The Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 PM bolero classes are well attended, and we are all excited about adding bolero to our repertoire. The 2:00–3:30 PM workshops are less well attended because many of our advanced dancers are working. We welcome retired, advanced dancers who wish to workshop their skills.

For detailed dates and times, visit <https://region1.squaredance.bc.ca/classes/>.

STAR DUSTERS, Powell River By Gord Ruedig

Well, as they say, "It's all over but the shouting!" Our 60th anniversary dance weekend was a roaring success with 109 dancers, callers and cuers signing the register at the big event. Many came from the island, but the Lower Mainland, the BC interior and Alberta were also represented. Brent Mawdsley didn't disappoint, and it was a privilege to call with him. Connie Ritchie and Deb Schmidt covered the cueing flawlessly as always. We had an amazing panel of callers and cuers at the trail in dance on Thursday and again on Saturday morning. Our thanks go out to everyone who participated.

Our fall sessions started off a little shaky in September with barely two squares for our first few dances, but numbers have been climbing slowly and we can now expect three to four squares.

We've tried various approaches to teaching round dancing over the last little while. Our latest is promising. We're doing blast classes on Saturdays for the next three weeks with a twist: on the first Saturday, we taught an introductory lesson for an hour and a half in the morning and a second lesson of the same duration in the afternoon. The following week, lesson two will become the morning session and lesson three will be taught in the afternoon. On the third week, we start with lesson three and move on in the same way. This overlapping system allows new dancers to get lots of dance time if they desire and are able as well as offering lots of opportunity to make up for lessons if they've missed one. Based on the results of this experiment we will determine what happens next.

Our goal is to have party dances perhaps one Saturday a month and have maximum participation from all club members in all aspects of our activity in order to grow not only the participation level but also the social community within our club.

I know it's early and plans are just a twinkle in our eyes at this point but expect that we will soon be announcing details about next year's Across the Pond weekend which will be held on August 14, 15 & 16 in 2025.

We wish everyone a prosperous dance season this fall!

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STAR TWIRLERS, Victoria By Garry Dodds

We have a 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 and a few full plus tips. As well, for the experienced dancers we are exploring the moves reviewed for the newer dancers and using them from different set-ups and arrangements (Extended Applications).

Likewise, our Advanced sessions 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. At this time we are reviewing the moves that we worked on last year, and once everyone is back, we will continue working through the Advanced 1 program. We are currently dancing every Thursday.

Since we no longer have Royal Oak Hall available to us, the Wednesday Plus dances are cancelled.

Our Christmas dance is scheduled for Monday December 16 at Colwood Hall. Our last Advanced Dance will be December 19. New Year start up will be Monday January 13, 2025 for Plus and Thursday January 16 for Advanced.

See you on the floor somewhere!



LVIWSRDA Vice President and BCSRDF Director at Large Gary Weeks (on right) with four new Four Score and More Club badge recipients (all members of the Country Cousins) at the Farewell to Royal Oak Hall Dance on August 28, 2024: (left to right) Gary Crawford, Elaine Hobday, Donna & Steven Jack. (Photo by John McAllister.)

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FAREWELL TO ROYAL OAK HALL DANCE – August 28, 2024

By Carol Young & Gary Weeks

At the last dance of the summer on August 28, we said farewell to the Royal Oak Hall. The hall was decorated by Gary Weeks with banners from current and past clubs which gave the hall a festive atmosphere. Looking at all the banners, made us realize what a rich history of square dancing Victoria has.

A panel of callers and cuers were present to preside over the festivities and guided us through the moves. The dance drew a large crowd which included Christina Willing, a former dancer and wife of the late caller, Fred Willing, and former caller couple Brent and Cathy Besse. We opened the time capsule that had been placed on the ceiling of the hall at the New Year's Eve dance in 2000. It contained lots of newspapers from 2000 and square dance mementos.

The Royal Oak Hall is now a different place. Walls have appeared and disappeared, new paint has been applied to the walls, and the kitchen cupboards are bare. This did not deter the avid dancers that were on the floor. Despite the inconveniences, the dancing continued, and we enjoyed meeting up with our friends and associates where we could catch up on the past summers' activities and escapades.

Thanks to the callers and cuers on the August 28th dance program: Stu Hemmings, Marilynne Cunningham, Richard Sharman, Connie Ritchie, Lorne Clayton, Darrell Roberts, and Kirk Rockerbie (MC).

Editor's note: Earlier this year the Royal Oak Women's Institute sold Royal Oak Hall to Kenzen Sports Karate Ltd. for use as their new dojo. The final community use hall rentals were in August 2024.



Caller Marilynne Cunningham on stage at the Farewell to Royal Oak Hall Dance on Augst 28, 2024.
(Photo © Anne McCarthy.)

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FAREWELL TO ROYAL OAK HALL DANCE – PICTURE GALLERY



1 – Royal Oak Hall stage set up for the Farewell to Royal Oak Hall Dance; 2 – LVIWSRDA President Carol Young and Vice President Gary Weeks opening the Year 2000 time capsule; 3 – Dancers at the Farewell to Royal Oak Hall Dance; 4 – Group photo of the August 28, 2024 crowd of callers, cuers, and dancers. (Photos © Anne McCarthy.)



NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

UVISDA CALLER AND CUER APPRECIATION DANCE

By Karin Sorger

UVISDA put on their annual Caller and Cuer Appreciation Dance on a wonderful sunny day at the end of September at Nanoose Place. We wish more dancers would come out because we all had an enjoyable time dancing and socializing. Everyone was in a good mood!

This year we had Wendie and Herb Harrington doing the calling and cueing. Herb is Wendie's trusty helper. Thank you, Wendie, for giving us so many tips and rounds. She did a delightful job. We had five squares on the floor which contributed to lots of laughter and exercise!

Thanks to our neighbours in Victoria for coming up this way. Thanks to all the dancers who attended. Also thanks to Stacey and Ron from Star Dusters who set up the coffee, tea and refreshments. We all pitch in to make a successful dance.

We had a little break at 2:00 PM when Bob Chalmers, UVISDA President, read out the names of the five dancers who were receiving badges this year. Unfortunately they were not present. Pictures were taken of all the callers and cuers and another of everyone present. Please come out to our next dance!

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Callers & Cuers present at the 2024 Caller & Cuer Appreciation Dance on September 29, 2024 (above, from left): Lynette McLeod & Ron Ervin, Diana & Jake Ring, Connie Ritchie, Wendie & Herb Harrington, Pat Zeeman & Garry Dodds, and Fran & Roger Archambault, with Bob Chalmers, UVISDA President, on stage. (Below) Group photo of the callers, cuers, and dancers in attendance. (Photos by Pat Chalmers.)



SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES

The rose still blooms more fair beyond the garden wall.



Our deepest sympathy to:

Gord Ruedig, caller for the Powell River Star Dust-ers and President of UVICTA, on the loss of his daughter, **Charlene Anderson**, who passed away in Powell River on August 22, 2024 at the age of 40.

Dennis Sutton, a member of the Country Cousins and the Star Twirlers, Past President of the BCSRDF, and a former President of the LVIWSRDA (2018-2020), on the loss of his wife, **Pamela**, who passed away at Saanich Peninsula Hospital on September 20, 2024 at the age of 87. Dennis & Pamela were the LVIWSRDA Couple of the Year for 2014-2015.

Gary & Wendy Weeks, members of the Country Cousins and Star Twirlers, and LVIWSRDA vice-president couple, on the loss of their son, **Emmett**, who passed away in Victoria on September 11, 2024 at the age of 39.

Our condolences to the family of:

Sharon Dixon, a former member of the Ocean Waves, who passed away in Courtenay on October 22, 2024 at the age of 88. Sharon was predeceased by her husband, **Harry**, in 2020, and is survived by three sons and their families.

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SAANICH SQUARES NEW DANCER CLASS with LORNE & BARBARA CLAYTON



Saanich Squares Halloween 2024

BCSRDF ROUND OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2025 – CHOSEN BY REGION 1 (PAGE 1 OF 2)

ONE AND ONLY ONE

Choreographer: Connie Ritchie 1891 Hallen Ave, Nanaimo, BC, V9S 4S5 email: con_al_r@telus.net

Paul Brandt – CD: Calm Before The Storm – Track 6 Time 3:20

Footwork: Opposite unless noted (Woman's footwork in parentheses)

Two Step Phase II + 1 + 1 Susie Q + LF Turn Broken Box Speed 43

Sequence INTRO A B INTER 1 A B(MOD) INTER 2 C B A END

Difficulty: Average

Released Jan. 2024

Revised Jan 18, 2024

<https://youtu.be/heVruB2mz6o>

INTRO: OP/FACE WAIT 2 MEAS ; ; APART, POINT ; TOG TOUCH SCP ;

1-4 Wait 2 Meas ; ; [3] {Apart, Point} Step apt L, -, pt R, - ; [4] {Tog Touch} Step Tog R, -, tch L SCP, - ;

PART A: 2 FWD 2-STEPS ; ; HITCH 6 ; ;

1-4 [1] {2 Fwd 2-Steps} Fwd L, cl R, fwd L, - ; [2] Fwd R, cl L, fwd R, - ;

[3] {Hitch 6} Fwd L, cl R, bk L, - ; [4] Bk R, cl L, fwd R, - ;

CIRCLE AWAY 2 2-STEPS ; ; STRUT TOG 4 BFLY ; ;

5-8 [5] {Circle Away 2 2-Steps} Circ LF twds COH fwd L, cl R, fwd L in a circular pattern, - ; [6] Fwd R, cl L, fwd R cont. the circular pattern ending facing RLOD, - ;

[7] {Strut 4} Cont. the circular pattern towards partner Fwd L, -, fwd R, - ; [8] Fwd L, -, fwd R, - ;

SUSIE Q TWICE ; ; ; ;

9-12 [9] {Susie Q Twice} XLif, sd R, XLif Flare R to face partner, - ; [10] XRif, sd L, XRif Flare L to face partner, - ; [11] XLif, sd R, XLif Flare R to face partner - ; [12] XRif, sd L, XRif swiveling to face, - ;

CIRCLE AWAY 2 2-STEPS ; ; STRUT TOG 4 BFLY ; ;

13-16 Repeat Part A Meas 5 – 8 ; ; ; ;

PART B: VINE 3 ; WRAP ; UNWRAP ; CHANGE SIDES BFLY/COH ;

1-4 [1] {Vine 3} Sd L, XRib, sd L, tch R ; [2] {Wrap} Sd R, XLib, sd R, tch L (W-trn LF L, R, L, tch R) keep both hands joined, lead hands over W's head & M's R & W's L at waist level ; [3] {Unwrap} Release lead hands Step in place L, R, L, tch R (W-unwrap RF to arms length R, L, R, tch L) ; [4] {Change Sides} Under trailing hands trn RF Fwd R, L, R, tch L (W-trn LF fwd L, R, L, tch R) to BFLY/COH ;

OPEN VINE 8 BFLY/COH ; ; ; ;

5-8 [5] {Open Vine 8} Sd L RLOD, -, XRib to LOP, - ; [6] Sd L RLOD, -, XRif, - ; [7] Sd L RLOD, -, XRib to LOP, - ; [8] Sd L RLOD, -, XRif, - ;

VINE 3 ; WRAP ; UNWRAP ; CHANGE SIDES BFLY ;

9-12 [9] {Vine 3} Sd L, XRib, sd L, tch R ; [10] {Wrap} Sd R, XLib, sd R, tch L (W-trn LF L, R, L, tch R) keep both hands joined, lead hands over W's head & M's R & W's L at waist level ; [11] {Unwrap} Release lead hands Step in place L, R, L, tch R (W-unwrap RF to arms length R, L, R, tch L) ; [12] {Change Sides} Under trailing hands trn RF Fwd R, L, R, tch L (W-trn LF fwd L, R, L, tch R) to BFLY ;

OPEN VINE 4 CP/WALL ; ; 2 TURN 2-STEPS CP/WALL ; ;

13-16 [13] {Open Vine 4} Sd L LOD, -, XRib to LOP, - ; [14] Sd L LOD, -, XRif CP/WALL, - ; [15] {2 Turn 2-Steps} Sd L, cl R commencing a R fc trn, sd & bk L across line of progression pvtg ½ RF to trn fc COH, - ; [16] Sd R, cl L commencing R fc trn, fwd R pvtg ½ R fc trn to CP/WALL, - ;

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ONE AND ONLY ONE

Connie Ritchie

INTER 1: LF TURN BOX SCP ; ; ; ;

1-4 [1] {Left Turn Box} Sd L, cl R, fwd L trn ¼ LF, - ; [2] Sd R, cl L, bk R trn ¼ LF, - ;
[3] Sd L, cl R, fwd L trn ¼ LF, - ; [4] Sd R, cl L, bk R trn ¼ LF to SCP, - ;

Repeat PART A ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;

PART B(MOD):VINE 3 ; WRAP ; UNWRAP ; CHANGE SIDES BFLY/COH ;

1-4 Repeat Part B 1-4 ; ; ; ;

OPEN VINE 8 BFLY/COH ; ; ; ;

5-8 Repeat Part B 5-8 ; ; ; ;

VINE 3 ; WRAP ; UNWRAP ; CHANGE SIDES BFLY ;

9-12 Repeat Part B 9-12 ; ; ; ;

OPEN VINE 4 CP/WALL ; ;

13-14 Repeat Part B 13-14 CP/WALL ; ;

INTER 2: LF TURN BROKEN BOX SCP ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;

1-8 [1] {Left Turn Broken Box} Sd L, cl R, Fwd L trn ¼ LF, - ; [2] Rk fwd R, -, rec L, - ; [3] Sd R, cl L, Bk R trn ¼ LF, - ; [4] Rk bk L, -, rec R, - ; [5] Sd L, cl R, Fwd L trn ¼ LF, - ; [6] Rk fwd R, -, rec L, - ; [7] Sd R, cl L, Bk R trn ¼ LF, - ; [8] Rk bk L, -, rec R SCP, - ;

PART C: LACE UP OPEN ; ; ; ; Walk 2;

1-5 [1] {Lace Up} Fwd L, cl R, fwd L (as W progresses under joined lead hands) to LOP, - ; [2] Fwd R, cl L, fwd R, - ; [3] Fwd L, cl R, fwd L (as W progresses under M right & W left hand), - ; [4] Fwd R, cl L, fwd R to OPEN, - ; [5] {Walk 2} Fwd L, -, fwd R CP/WALL, - ;

VINE APART 3 ; TOG 3 SCP ; HITCH 6 BFLY ; ;

6-9 [6] {Vine Apart 3} Sd L, XRib, sd L, - ; [7] {Vine Tog 3} Sd R, XLib, sd R to SCP, - ;
[8] {Hitch 6} Fwd L, cl R, bk L, - ; [9] Bk R, cl L, fwd R BFLY, - ;

Repeat PART B to SCP ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;

Repeat PART A ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;

END: SLOW OPEN VINE 3 & POINT LOD ON 4.



1-2 [1] {Open Vine 3 & Point LOD on 4} Sd L LOD, -, XRib to LOP, - ;
[2] Sd L LOD, -, Point LOD on 4, - ;

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	<p>Country Cousins – Victoria Club Email president@ccsdc.ca Club Website..... ccsdc.ca</p> <hr/> <p>Mainstream with Rounds – 7:30-9:30 PM 2nd & 4th Saturdays – Sep. 14 to Dec. 14, 2024; Jan. 11 to May 10, 2025 Cordova Bay United Church Hall – 813 Claremont Ave., Victoria, BC</p> <hr/> <p>Caller/Cuer..... Kirk Rockerbie President..... Wendy Weeks Secretary Cathy Novak Treasurer Vanda Stocks</p>
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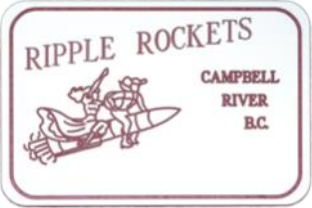
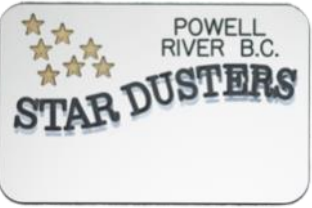
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CALLERS & CUERS BY CLUB

SQUARE DANCE CLUBS

Amalgam-Eighters – Nanaimo
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Country Cousins – Victoria
 Kirk Rockerbie
Frontier Twirlers – Victoria
 Garry Dodds & Pat Zeeman (cuer)
Mavericks – Victoria
 Marilynne & Alan Cunningham
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 Jake & Diana (cuer) Ring
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 Marilynne & Alan Cunningham

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Star Twirlers (Plus) – Victoria
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Island Gems – Nanaimo
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DANCE HALLS

VICTORIA

Colwood Community Hall
2219 Sooke Road

Cordova Bay United Church Hall
813 Claremont Avenue

Victoria Scout House
505 Marigold Rd.

SOOKE

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #54 Sooke
6726 Eustace Road, Sooke, BC

NANAIMO & LANTZVILLE

Lantzville Community (Costin) Hall
7232 Lantzville Road

Wellington Hall
3922 Corunna Ave. (off Norwell Drive, off Island Highway)

NANOOSE BAY

Nanoose Place Community Centre
2925 Northwest Bay Road

FANNY BAY

Fanny Bay Hall
7793 Island Highway

COURTENAY & ROYSTON

Florence Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall
411 Anderton Avenue

Native Sons Hall
360 Cliffe Avenue

Royston Community Hall
3902 Island Highway South (at Royston Road)
St. John the Divine Anglican Church Hall
579 5th Street

CAMPBELL RIVER

Campbell River United Church Hall
415 Pinecrest Road (at Birch Street)
Quinsam Wellness Centre
2005 Eagle Drive

POWELL RIVER

Star Dusters Dance Hall (Timberlane Rancho)
5399 Timberlane Avenue (across from track)

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To preserve, promote, and perpetuate Square Dancing,
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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.

Publication Dates: within about one week after each deadline.

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THE FOUR SCORE AND MORE CLUB



Active square and/or round dancers who are 80 years of age or older and who are members of the BC Square & Round Dance Federation may receive **The Four Score and More Club** badge courtesy of the Federation. There are also badges for active dancers who reach 90 and 100 years of age.

Optional name bars are available for \$4.50 each plus postage. The LVIWSRDA purchases the name bars for its members. UVISDA members are billed for their name bars (or their club if the club places the order).

To request a free badge, and to purchase a name bar if desired, please submit the name (as you would like it to appear on the name bar), complete date of birth, club name, and contact information to your association's **The Four Score and More Club** badges contact person:

Lower Vancouver Island Western Square & Round Dance Association

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Upper Vancouver Island Square Dance Association

[Karin Sorger](#)

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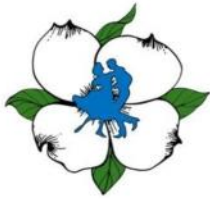
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B.C.S. & R.D. FEDERATION



*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
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**SEASON'S GREETINGS
TO ALL OUR READERS
From the Staff of the
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The Victoria & District Caller
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wishes you a
Merry Christmas
and the very best in the New Year.



*The L.V.I.W.S.R.D.A. Executive
wishes everyone
a wonderful holiday season
and a prosperous and healthy New Year.*

A stylized winter scene with a light blue sky filled with white snowflakes. Below the sky are horizontal wavy lines representing snow-covered ground. On the left and right sides, there are two stylized evergreen trees with brown trunks and blue-green foliage. The text "Seasons Greetings from UVISDA" is centered in the upper half of the image.

Seasons Greetings from UVISDA

Upper Vancouver Island Square
Dance Ass'n

A close-up photograph of green pine branches with clusters of small red berries. The branches are set against a background of vertical grey wooden planks. The text "Season's Greetings" is written in a white, cursive font across the middle of the image.

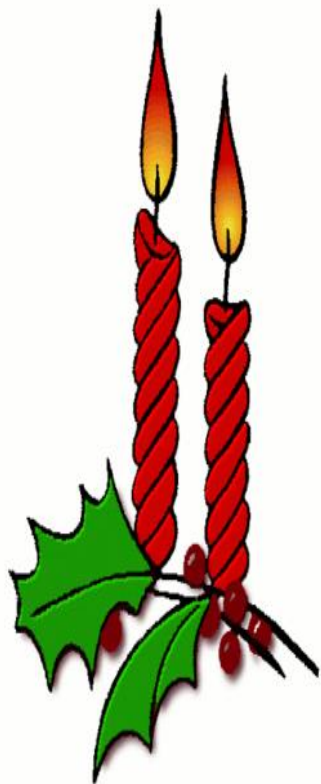
Season's Greetings

Warmest wishes to all for the holiday season

From

UVICTA

Upper Vancouver Island Caller Teachers Association



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

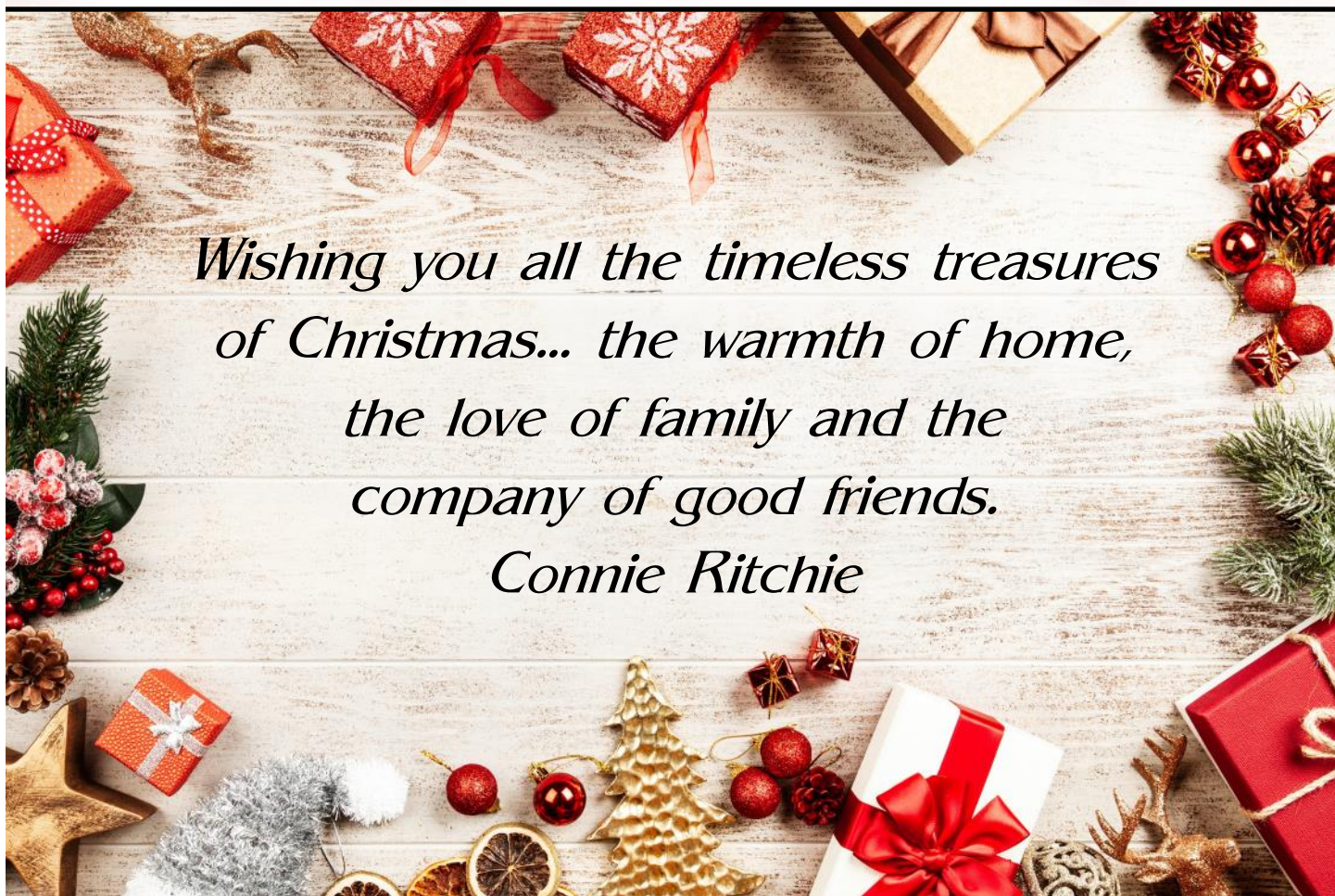
Jake and Diana Ring
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*Season's
Greetings*

Anne McCarthy & Kirk Rockerbie



Wishing all of our square
dance friends and their
families a ❄️
Very Merry Christmas!
Wendie & Herb Harrington



*Wishing you all the timeless treasures
of Christmas... the warmth of home,
the love of family and the
company of good friends.*

Connie Ritchie



To all our dancing friends:

*Thinking of you
and wishing you a wonderful
holiday season.*

Garry Dodds & Pat Zeeman



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 & Mavericks Square Dance Clubs

The **Country Cousins** wish to thank everyone who has attended any of our dances so far this dance season!

If you haven't yet, come join us for some:

"Fun in a Square".

See our dance schedule at:

<https://ccsdc.ca/index.php/calendar>



Wishing everyone a
Joyous Holiday Season

Merry Christmas
and a
Happy NewYear!



*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



Come join the
FUN
at the



Country Cousins
Mistletoe Magic Dance

Saturday December 14th
7:30pm - 9:30pm

Cordova Bay United Church Hall
813 Claremont Ave.



Mavericks Square Dance Club

72 Years

Happy Holidays



Friday, December 20, 2024 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Mainstream and Rounds with Marilynne and Lorne
Snacks and Coffee to Follow

New Cordova Bay United Church Hall **New**
813 Claremont Ave, Victoria BC V8Y 1J9

Upcoming Dances 7:30 – 9:30 pm
Friday, January 17, 2025 – At The Hop
Friday, February 7, 2025

Please bring your own water bottle and coffee mug
Masks are optional and encouraged



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Frontier Twirlers Christmas Dance Dance with Santa

Dec. 21, 2024

7:30 - plus

8pm - mainstream

★ Bring Joy to the season with Garry & Pat

Colwood

Community
Hall

Find us on Facebook: Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club (under 'Groups') and The Web
End the night with refreshments, goodies, and socializing

FAREWELL TO 2024 DANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

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

Mainstream - 2:00-4:00 PM

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Admission: \$10.00 per person at the door
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VDCTA **FREE** SUNDAY WORKSHOP

JANUARY 19, 2025

Dancers needed for caller/cuer practice/teach!



**COLWOOD COMMUNITY HALL
2219 Sooke Road, Victoria, BC**

FREE - No Admission Charge

1:30 to 2:45 PM



**Learn something from a different position, or half-sashayed, or
familiarize yourself with upcoming calls or cues before you mess up!**

Take this opportunity to learn what the latest thinking is!

This exercise will be interesting for everyone.

All graduate Square Dancers and/or Round Dancers are welcome to attend. Workshop programs – which may include square dancing and/or round dancing – vary from session to session. These workshops allow callers to experiment with square dance calls and for cuers to try out and teach new Rounds of the Month.

Each workshop or dance is followed by separate LVIWSRDA and VDCTA meetings that commence at 3:00 pm. For the LVIWSRDA meetings all club members and guests are welcome to attend and participate but only members of the Association Council (club delegates, the elected executive, and certain appointed positions) may vote. The LVIWSRDA meetings typically adjourn by 4:00 PM.

Sponsored by the Victoria & District Caller Teachers Association (VDCTA)

**The
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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



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

Langley Senior Secondary School (21405 56 Ave, Langley, BC)



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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

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May 31, 2025 – Subject to Availability

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Tanzania & Amboseli – Oct 01/25 Fabulous Safari **All the Major Highlights**

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