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# EDITOR'S PAGE

## Happy New Year!

By the time you read this most clubs will be back on the floor for the second half of the 2024-20-25 dance season.

### Ripple Rockets Square Dance Club

As announced in their club news in this issue, Elizabeth Hohner, the former caller for the Promenaders of Victoria, will be the new caller/cuer for the Ripple Rockets beginning in March. Welcome, Elizabeth!

The Ripple Rockets have been dancing to guest callers and cuers this season, including two dances with Ray & Deb Schmidt, formerly of Parksville and now living in Castlegar, via Zoom.

If you are in Campbell River, the Ripple Rockets dance at the Campbell River United Church Hall on the second and fourth Saturdays from September through May. (See *Club Directory page 24.*)

### BCSRDF Cuer School 2025

The BC Square & Round Dance Federation is sponsoring a cuer school in Langley, BC on July 27-30,

2025 (immediately before BC Festival 2025 also in Langley). Deb & Ray Schmidt are one of the instructor couples. See page 9 and the poster on page 45.

### BC Festival 2025

With just over six months to go, the number of registrations has passed the half way point for the BC Square and Round Dance Festival 2025 in Langley, BC July 30 to August 2, 2025. For more information see their poster on page 46 or visit:

<https://squaredance.bc.ca/bcfestival2025/>.

### Canadian National Festival 2026

The 24<sup>th</sup> Canadian National Square, Round and Clog Dance Festival will be held in Penticton, BC July 15-18, 2026. Watch for the opening of registrations in the near future. Their initial poster is on page 47.

The Festival website is at:

<https://squaredance.bc.ca/festival2026/>

Alex Wotherspoon  
Editor

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# BC Festival 2025

July 31, Aug. 1 & 2      Register Early!

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# DANCE DATES – LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

## FEBRUARY 2025

### MONDAY

Star Twirlers.....Plus Teach/Workshop, ~8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall.....3, 10, 24  
*Possible dark – check your email* .....3  
*Family Day – dance cancelled*.....17

### TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders.....Rounds Phase 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall .....4, 18  
Rounds Phase 3-4, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall.....11, 25

### THURSDAY

Star Twirlers.....Advanced Class/Dance, ~7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall .....6, 13, 20, 27

### FRIDAY

Mavericks.....Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall .....7, 21

### SATURDAY

Frontier Twirlers .....Plus, 7:30-8:00 PM, Mainstream, 8:00-9:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall .....1, 15  
Country Cousins.....Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall .....8, 22

### SPECIAL DANCES

Country Cousins.....Music Theme/Sweetheart Ball, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall..... Sat. 8  
Frontier Twirlers .....Sweetheart Dance, 7:30-9:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Sat. 15  
*(See poster page 31)*  
Country Cousins.....Flower Power Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall..... Sat. 22  
*(See poster page 33)*  
VDCTA.....New Dancer Hoedown, 1:30-3:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Sun. 23  
*(See poster page 34)*



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# DANCE DATES – LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

## MARCH 2025

### MONDAY

Star Twirlers.....Plus Teach/Workshop, ~8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall.....3, 10, 17, 24, 31

### TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders.....Rounds Phase 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall.....4, 18  
Rounds Phase 3-4, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall.....11, 25

### THURSDAY

Star Twirlers.....Advanced Class/Dance, ~7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall .....6, 13, 20, 27

### FRIDAY

Mavericks.....Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall .....7, 21

### SATURDAY

Frontier Twirlers .....Plus, 7:30-8:00 PM, Mainstream, 8:00-9:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall .....1, 15  
Country Cousins.....Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall .....8, 22

### SPECIAL DANCES

Mavericks.....Roaring 20's, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall.....Fri. 7  
(See poster page 35)  
Country Cousins.....Mardi Gras Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall..... Sat. 8  
(See poster page 36)  
Frontier Twirlers .....66<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dance, 7:30-9:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Sat. 15  
(See poster page 37)  
VDCTA.....FREE Workshop, 1:30-2:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Sun. 16  
(See poster page 38)  
Rainbow Rounders.....St. Patrick's/Irish Dance, 7:30-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Tues. 18  
Country Cousins.....Plaid Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall ..... Sat. 22  
(See poster page 39)  
VDCTA.....Round Dance Party, 1:30-3:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Sun. 23  
(See poster page 40)

### MEETINGS

LVIWSRDA .....Association Meeting, 3:00-4:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Sun. 16  
VDCTA.....Association Meeting, 3:00-4:00 PM, Colwood Women's Institute Room..... Sun. 16  
(Meetings follow FREE Workshop – see above)

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# DANCE DATES – UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND

## FEBRUARY 2025

### WEDNESDAY

#### Rings Squares & Rounds

Mainstream Workshop & Rounds Phase II+, 1:00-3:00 PM,  
St. John the Divine Anglican Church Hall, Courtenay .....5, 12, 19, 26

### THURSDAY

Island Gems .....Rounds Phase 3 & 4, 7:00-9:00 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo.....6, 13, 20, 27  
Star Dusters .....West Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM, Star Dusters Dance Hall, Powell River.....6, 13, 20, 27

### FRIDAY

Amalgam-Eighters .....Mainstream, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville .....7  
Amalgam-Eighters .....West Coast/SSD, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville .....21

### SATURDAY

Ocean Waves .....Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM,  
Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay .....1, 15  
Ripple Rockets .....Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall  
Guest Caller/Cuer: Dwight Fry .....8  
Guest Callers/Cuers: Bob & Dorothy Simpson and Darby Love .....22

### SPECIAL DANCES

Amalgam-Eighters .....Chinese New Year Dance, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville .....Fri. 7  
Ocean Waves .....Red & White Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay..... Sat. 15  
UVICTA .....Round-A-Rama, 1:00-3:00 PM, Nanoose Place..... Sun. 16  
*(See poster page 32)*  
Amalgam-Eighters .....Sweetheart Dance, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville .....Fri. 21



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# DANCE DATES – UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND

## MARCH 2025

### WEDNESDAY

#### Rings Squares & Rounds

Mainstream Workshop & Rounds Phase II+, 1:00-3:00 PM,  
St. John the Divine Anglican Church Hall, Courtenay .....5, 12  
.....then TBA

### THURSDAY

Island Gems .....Rounds Phase 3 & 4, 7:00-9:00 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo .....6, 13, 20, 27  
Star Dusters .....West Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM, Star Dusters Dance Hall, Powell River .....6, 13, 20, 27

### FRIDAY

Amalgam-Eighters .....Mainstream, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville.....7, 21

### SATURDAY

Ocean Waves .....Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:30 PM,  
Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay .....1, 15  
Ripple Rockets .....Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall  
Caller/Cuer: Elizabeth Hohner.....8, 22

### SPECIAL DANCES

Ocean Waves .....Talent Night, 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay, ..... Sat. 1  
Amalgam-Eighters .....Silly Hat/Talent Night, West Coast, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville..... Fri. 7  
Ocean Waves .....Irish Mist Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay,..... Sat. 15  
Amalgam-Eighters .....St. Patrick’s Dance, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville..... Fri. 21  
Amalgam-Eighters .....60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance with Guest Callers Deb & Ray Schmidt,  
Mainstream (with Rounds), 1:30-4:30 PM, Nanoose Place ..... Sun. 30  
(See poster page 41)

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# CONVENTIONS, FESTIVALS, DANCE WEEKENDS, & SPECIAL EVENTS

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<b>2025</b>	
February 16	UVICTA – Round-A-Rama – Nanoose Place, Nanoose Bay, BC (see poster page 32)
February 23	VDCTA – New Dancer Hoedown – Colwood Community Hall (see poster page 34)
March 23	VDCTA – Round Dance Party – Colwood Community Hall (see poster page 40)
March 30	Amalgam-Eighters Square & Round Dance Club – 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dance – Nanoose Place, Nanoose Bay, BC (see poster page 41)
April 13	UVICTA – Freshman Frolic – Nanoose Place, Nanoose Bay, BC (see poster page 43)
April 14-16	50 <sup>th</sup> CALLERLAB Convention – Greenville, South Carolina – <a href="http://www.callerlab.org">www.callerlab.org</a>
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 6-7	Mainstream Dancing Getaway with Brent Mawdsley & Gary Winter – Invermere, BC – <a href="mailto:twinter702@gmail.com">twinter702@gmail.com</a> – <a href="#">Online Registration Link</a>
June 22	UVICTA – June Special Dance – Nanoose Place, Nanoose Bay, BC
June 21-25	49 <sup>th</sup> Annual ROUNDALAB Convention – Little Rock, Arkansas – <a href="http://www.roundalab.org">www.roundalab.org</a>
June 25-28	74 <sup>th</sup> US National Square Dance Convention – Shreveport, Louisiana – <a href="http://74thnsdc.com">74thnsdc.com</a>
July 30 & 31, Aug. 1 & 2	BC Square & Round Dance Federation – BCFestival2025 & Trail-In Dance – Langley, BC – <a href="http://squaredance.bc.ca/bcfestival2025/">squaredance.bc.ca/bcfestival2025/</a> (see poster page 46)
Aug. 14-16	Star Dusters – Across the Pond Weekend – Powell River, BC
Aug. 29-Sept. 1	Alberta Square & Round Dance Federation – 55 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention 2025 – Lacombe, AB – <a href="http://www.communitydance.net">www.communitydance.net</a>
<b>2026</b>	
Mar. 29-Apr. 1	51 <sup>st</sup> CALLERLAB Convention – Reno, Nevada – <a href="http://www.callerlab.org">www.callerlab.org</a>
June 21-24	50 <sup>th</sup> Annual ROUNDALAB Convention – Waco, Texas – <a href="http://www.roundalab.org">www.roundalab.org</a>
June 24-27	75 <sup>th</sup> US National Square Dance Convention – Waco, Texas – <a href="http://75nsdctx.com">75nsdctx.com</a>
July 15-18	24 <sup>th</sup> Canadian National Square, Round & Clog Dance Festival – Penticton, BC (see poster page 47)

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# BCSRDF NEWS



January 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to a New Year of Dancing

## Cuer School

The B.C. square & Round Dance Federation is sponsoring a Cuer School July 27 – 30, 2025 in Langley, B.C. just before BC Festival 2025. It will be a great experience for those interested in learning to Cue Round Dances, then stay in the area to attend the Festival.

## BC Festival 2025

Registrations are doing well for BC Festival 2025; we are past 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 24<sup>th</sup> Canadian National Square & Round Dance Festival in Penticton, B.C. July 15, 16, 17, 18, 2026 is being planned – Registration link is on [squaredance.bc.ca](http://squaredance.bc.ca) starting January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as an easy to fill out on-line form.

## 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](mailto:fmcneil@shaw.ca).

## Web Sites

The B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation has web space available for club and associations to host web sites as most of you know. I am available to assist in setting up or changing web sites. I have recently assisted Regions 8 & 1 in converting their web sites to WordPress.

Anyone wishing to volunteer their time & expertise or learn about web sites, etc. Contact me, Frank McNeil, President/Webmaster [fmcneil@shaw.ca](mailto:fmcneil@shaw.ca)

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



# BCSRDF NEWS – BC FESTIVAL 2025

*This Festival 2025 update was received by the Cross Trail News on December 18, 2024.*

Hello to you, our square and round dance neighbors.

Christmas and the New Year are fast approaching, and our area, including Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and Langley, are planning the dance party to keep in your memory books.

We invite you to get involved. It's the BC Square & Round Dance Festival 2025. Wouldn't it be great if you join us in a fun-filled dance vacation from July 31 to August 2, 2025? It will be one week after the USA West Convention in Spokane, Washington.

Langley is just 120 miles north of Seattle, an even shorter distance from Spokane, and within an hour's drive of the Vancouver International Airport.

We are planning some fun themed dances, including Sock Hop, Under The Sea, Fort 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. Come see how many new friends you can meet, and try out the local restaurants.

Please invest some time in reading the following invitation, including restaurant choices, check our poster, and register easily at [bcfestival2025reg@gmail.com](mailto:bcfestival2025reg@gmail.com), and please share them with those you feel it would interest. We plan on satisfying both your dancing and eating appetites, so be prepared!

For more information, check out our website at [squaredance.bc.ca](http://squaredance.bc.ca). Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jean Galbraith, Advertising

BC Square & Round Dance Festival 2025

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The BC Square Dance Festival 2025 is shaping up in time for Christmas and New Year festivities.

Wouldn't you like to have a chance in the New Year to meet and mix with dancers you've never met before, from Bremerton to Baffin Bay? Don't these opportunities create some of your best square dance memories?

As we finish the year, and enter a new one, wouldn't you enjoy the prospect of knowing you had a fabulous square dance holiday arranged, with the chance to dance at USA West Convention and then, within

hours, dance with international friends, callers, ancuers at the BC Square Dance Festival? How convenient, tailor-made for making a lot of square dance memories, as you enjoy your favorite dance level in a city that welcomes you with open arms and open heart.

Oh, yes, and open kitchens. After all, dancers do not live on dancing alone. So rest assured, we have great places in Langley to feed both body and soul. The closest, actually in easy walking distance, is a spot called Adrian's At The Airport, featuring steak and pasta dishes, seafood and schnitzel, all reasonably priced and all made with fresh local ingredients.

For breakfast specialties, try The Breakfast Room at the Coast Hotel, open daily until 11 AM, and featuring eggs bennies, pancake soufflé, and other great eye-opening treats. We can personally vouch for the crème brulée French toast, for which they are becoming justly famous.

Another pleaser is Andreas Restaurant, 20227-56 Avenue open from 11 AM, it specializes in Greek, Italian, Pizza style food. A central location and easy parking, combined with relaxed atmosphere, friendly service, and good prices, make this one a good bet to try. And Venetis Restaurant, 20511 Douglas Crescent, is also a favorite, offering surf and turf, steak, and pasta at a great price. They are an icon in Langley, and their atmosphere is cozy. Open Tuesday–Sunday, they recommend reservations Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

All the above, and many chain restaurant choices, are a short drive from the Festival. This includes IHOP, McDonald's, Ricky's, C-Lovers Fish and Chips, Montana's and many more. Check them all out on Langley's website – [www.discoverlangleycity.com](http://www.discoverlangleycity.com).

Are you getting hungry yet, for dancing and food? That combination makes a memorable Festival. Give yourselves a Christmas present that's unforgettable, and register now at [bcfestival2025reg@gmail.com](mailto:bcfestival2025reg@gmail.com).

And thank you for your time and consideration.

Jean Galbraith, Advertising

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# CLUB NEWS

## AMALGAM-EIGHTERS, Nanaimo

By Margie Cooper

We Amalgam-Eighters have enjoyed a good fall season, with one highlight being our Hawaiian Dance in November. Many Ocean Waves, Ripple Rockets, Wheel Arounds, and Rainbow Rounders were attracted by the promise of tropical sunshine, giving us six to seven squares on the floor all night! What energy!! It was like the good-old-days! Luckily none of the grass skirts caught fire, but one mishap resulted in a near-reveal!

Our new dancers were presented with their Mainstream Grad dangles in mid-December. They're already boosting the liveliness quotient at our regular Friday dances, and as you'll see by the photo, we've been lucky enough to recruit Santa Claus! Our hope is to attract even more dancers like this group, when

Wendie's beginner lessons start again on January 7<sup>th</sup>. With new members and visitors, our Christmas Dance whirled and twirled with five squares of good cheer. So much fun! *(Photos below and on page 12.)*

Our sympathies to Ernie Kaesmodel, on the recent death of his wife, Joan. While she was still well enough to square dance, Joan volunteered her time as our secretary, and they both took an active part in our club.

By the time this is read, we will all be rested up after Christmas festivities and headed into a New Year filled with dancing opportunities. We'll start off 2025 with our Robbie Burns Dance on January 17<sup>th</sup>, followed by a celebration of "The Year of the Snake" on February 7<sup>th</sup>. We sure hope you'll join us!

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Amalgam-Eighters' Christmas Dance – visible faces from left to right: Mireille Earle, Johnny Robinson, Diane Green, Don Hurford, Matt Haapala, Linda Inscho, Santa (aka Kam Bandali), Dorothy Simpson, Barb Caumartin, and Rick Hoggarth. *(Photo by Margie Cooper.)*

## CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)



Amalgam-Eighters' Mainstream Graduation from left to right: George Pattern, Wendie Harrington (caller-teacher), Diane Falk, Diane Green, Muneera Bandali, & Kam Bandali. (Joelle Pattern & Shirley Pratten were unable to attend.) (Photo by Margie Cooper.)

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### **COUNTRY COUSINS, Victoria By Wendy Weeks**

We had a great year dancing in 2024! We especially enjoyed the Christmas dance where we recognized our new lifetime members. These are dancers who have continued their membership with the Country Cousins Club and who for many years contributed significantly to past executive positions. I would like to recognize and thank Cathy Novak for the time and research she completed in regards to recognizing our new lifetime members. Check out the picture and information on this group of folks within this CTN issue. (See pages 16-17.)

I would also like to thank all those who helped to make our 2024 dances so memorable, especially our Christmas dance. The decorating has been spectacular, the food delicious, the music diverse, and the dancing fun. Can you believe we are now heading

into 2025? By the time you receive this issue of the CTN we hope you did not miss our Downtown Abbey/Bridgerton dance and our Flower Power dance. On February 8th we will have our Movie Soundtrack night dance and on February 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have our Sweetheart Ball dance. On March 8<sup>th</sup> we will start off with the Mardi Gras dance and on March 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have the Plaid dance. Everyone is welcome and costumes are optional. Remember it is all about dancing and having fun!

Before closing I would like to encourage all our members to mark their calendars. Our AGM and potluck has been changed to **April 12<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 PM at the Cordova Bay United Church Hall with the dance to follow at 7:30 PM.

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# CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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## **FRONTIER TWIRLERS, Victoria**

**By Debbie Tooby**

Hello 2025!!! Welcome to a new year of promenading your partner in the wonderful world of square dancing. May 2025 be a year full of blessings, joy and good health to all.

Well now – wasn't that a PARTY!!??!! The December 21<sup>st</sup> Winter Wonderland Christmas Dance fell on the first day of winter. The hall was gaily decorated and many in attendance wore their special holiday attire. Santa of course made an appearance and danced with each square. It was wonderful to see so many squares on the floor. A wonderful program of square dancing and rounds was enjoyed by everyone and of course followed by a delicious feast to end the 2024 club dance year.

As always, the club meets at the Colwood hall on the first and third Saturday of the month. We welcome one and all.

We had the honour of hosting the first dance of 2025 on January 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a grand occasion to swing your partner and work off some of the fine seasonal dining and snacking.

Our first theme dance of 2025 will be on February 15 and is of course appropriately themed the "Sweetheart Dance". Get out your red duds in honour of St. Valentine's Day and come to the dance for the LOVE of dancing.

On March 15, 2025 we will celebrate the Frontier Twirler's 66<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Yea! Get out the streamers and party gear and be prepared to kick up your heels. Sixty-six years is quite a milestone. Come out and help us celebrate and enjoy some delightful refreshments after the dance.

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## **ISLAND GEMS, Nanaimo By Wendie Harrington**

Island Gems had an enjoyable fall season culminating in our monthly party night on December 19. As well as enjoying our familiar rhythms we started to learn Bolero. Our afternoon classes have gone very well. We have an enthusiastic group who are gaining proficiency in the two-step. We will be moving on to waltz later in January. Our second group has com-

pleted intros to Foxtrot and Jive. January will see us starting in on Slow Two Step.

We were very saddened on November 17 with the passing of longtime club member Joan Kaesmodel. Joan and her husband Ernie have been faithful active club members for many years. Even though failing health prevented Joan from dancing in recent years she loved stopping in to visit at break times. I'm sure all of us have at least one amusing story we recall Joan relating. A memorial dance honouring Joan's memory was held on January 5. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Ernie and the family.

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## **MAVERICKS, Victoria**

**By Chrissy Torontow**

Wow! Our holiday dance was so much fun to see a big crowd with just over six squares of dancers all enjoying themselves. Some of the Saanich Squares' new dancers also joined us and their enthusiasm was contagious. Marilynne and Lorne's musical duets just added to the festive evening. Barbara Clayton and her team of decorators transformed the hall, and the kitchen staff of Bob McLaren, Delores and helpers did an awesome job with all the food. A memorable night.

Our start back dance is January 17<sup>th</sup> with At the Hop, my personal favourite. A night of poodle skirts and 50s music should be a super good-crazy night.

We are dancing February 7<sup>th</sup> and February 21<sup>st</sup> with Lorne and Marilynne calling. They always put on a fun-filled musical evening.

Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> is our Roaring 20s dance. It will be a festive evening of glamour. The new dancers are also invited to attend this dance. It will give them a chance to see another theme dance and to see how enjoyable it is. The dance on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> will end out our March dances. Be sure to note the Snacks and Social for all our dances starts at 9:30.

The Mavericks club is also looking forward to doing visitations to the Country Cousins on January 25<sup>th</sup>, the Sooke squares on January 28<sup>th</sup>, and the Frontier Twirlers on February 1<sup>st</sup>. It's always fun to visit and support other clubs.

Happy dancing everyone!

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## **OCEAN WAVES, Courtenay** By Karin Sorger

And a New Year begins...The past year seems to have flown by but us square dancers had fun dancing at our club and neighbouring clubs. Thanks to Lower Island who had a fabulous Year End dance at Colwood Hall in Victoria – seven squares, and with plenty of goodies to eat during the dance.

At Ocean Waves we have three or four squares at our regular Saturday dances. We do like to get together to dance as well as mingling and socializing. We had an International themed dance which was interesting. There were some nice costumes! Our Christmas potluck dance was very well attended with some visitors. We always enjoy it when members from other clubs join us at our dances! Thanks to our club caller who always presents us with exciting calling along with guest callers and cuers.

Our new dancer class, Ocean Ripples, (seven new dancers) graduated from the West Coast program and most plan to continue with Mainstream next year. Many came to the Christmas party and we all had fun. We like to encourage our class members to come out and dance at our Saturday night dances! It's definitely the best way to become more confident.

We were saddened to hear that a long-time club member, Anne Langdon, has passed away. She and Dave Floyd were partners. They were enthusiastic dancers and helpers at running the club. Our sympathy to Dave.

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## **RAINBOW ROUNDERS, Victoria**

By Van Williams

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

We enjoyed our Magical Kingdom dance on December 3<sup>rd</sup> (rescheduled from November 19<sup>th</sup>) and our Christmas dance on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Our dances resumed January 7, 2025, and we eagerly anticipate the Rainbow Rounders' 33<sup>rd</sup> Birthday dance on January 21<sup>st</sup>, and the St. Patrick's/Irish dance on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Beginner two-step classes are winding up, and the new dancers may now attend the Phase II dances. Waltz lessons are starting in January. Kirk and Darrell are the beginning dance instructors.

Connie workshops and teaches Phase III and IV dances on the Wednesdays following the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays (usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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, in the hope we can sustain higher level round dancing in Victoria.

For detailed dates and times, visit:

<https://region1.squaredance.bc.ca/calendar/>.

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## **RIPPLE ROCKETS, Campbell River**

By Mireille Earle

We wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Our club is happy to report that we have made some positive progress this dance season. We are delighted to welcome Elizabeth Hohner as our new caller. She will be starting in March 2025.

Starting last September, we met the challenge of not having a regular caller. We are very grateful to all our guest callers who have allowed us to keep our club going. We had two dances via Zoom with Deb and Ray Schmidt. Bob and Dorothy Simpson along with Darby Love called/cued two dances, and Gord Ruedig did one dance.

In January Wendie Harrington will call/cue our first dance and then Fran Archambault will call and Brenda Aucoin will cue the second dance. In February Dwight Fry will call/cue our first dance and Bob and Dorothy Simpson and Darby Love will call/cue our second dance.

Blast Off is on the way of being organized for the long weekend in May. Program to be announced closer to the date.

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## STAR DUSTERS, Powell River By Gord Ruedig

Happy New Year! As we turn the corner into 2025, we're looking forward to meeting another round of new dancers starting in mid January. Meanwhile we'll be integrating new dancers from our fall session into our Thursday night dance group.

Plans are afoot to hold special Saturday dinner dances once a month this spring as we look for ways to build camaraderie within our ranks. Dancing is great fun, but friendship is the glue that keeps people coming back!

Our two step blast classes were well received in the fall and this spring we'll be tackling waltz in the same manner with an overlapping lesson plan. On Thursdays we'll continue to offer pre-rounds ahead of our Thursday night square dance. The special Saturday dances will consist of alternating squares and rounds.

An opportunity has come up to teach some basic square dancing at a few elementary schools so we'll be giving that a go this spring. We thought we might cap it off with a district wide dance party at our hall upon completion of the sessions. Might this lead to getting a teen club off the ground? We'll see...

Our summer dance will be held August 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup> this year so save the date! Callers and cuers take note: we'll be looking for a panel on Thursday and

Saturday evening again this year and would appreciate your participation!

Have a great season!

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## STAR TWIRLERS, Victoria By Garry Dodds

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

We have been running a class on Monday evenings with full Plus every third tip. The class is progressing well and with only about five moves left we should be dancing full Plus by the middle of February. I will continue with workshopping the moves from different arrangements after that time.

Our Christmas dance was very well attended. Thank you to all that brought food and to the helpers for working in the kitchen.

Our first dance of the New Year will be on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Our first Advanced Dance will be on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Both will be in the Main Hall at the Colwood Community Hall Complex.

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Saanich Squares Class Xmas Dance 2024

# NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

## COUNTRY COUSINS – NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS – DECEMBER 14, 2024

By Cathy Novak, Country Cousins Secretary

Wendy Weeks, Country Cousins president, presented some well-deserved Lifetime Memberships to some of the long-time members of the Country Cousins. These members stand out not only because of their many years dancing, but more so, for all that they have contributed to the longevity of our club, which is going on 69 years. They have all spent many a Sunday evening volunteering as Angels for New Dancer Classes and they ALL had a hand in the success of our popular FUN dance weekend called Shenanigans, which was held in Chemainus and attended by dancers from up and down the island and the mainland.

Let's start with our longest dancing couple, Sandra & Stu Hemmings. It's hard to believe that Stu has been a Country Cousins member for 44 years and Sandra for 39 years. When our long-time caller couple Denis & Sharon Kirkpatrick retired, Stu & Sandra stepped in as our caller couple for two years and also taught our new dancer classes. Stu even took Kirk Rockerbie under his wings, training him to become an awesome caller. Sandra was especially creative and helpful with decorating the hall for theme dances.

Next, we have Sandra & Gordon Rowan – 34 years! Sandra was president for six years total and between them, they took on different executive positions like treasurer and secretary. Sandra was instrumental in restarting and running NDCs. Her innovative approach to interest newcomers by hosting a potluck at the first freebie evening was a big success. The Rowans were not able to attend tonight's dance.

Gary Mitchell – 30 years. Along with his late wife, Lynne, Gary served as president for two years and other executive positions. When Lynne was no longer able to dance, they took on kitchen duties.

Richard Pollard – 29 years. Along with his late wife, Mary Lou, they served as president couple for six years, treasurer, and other executive positions. Back in the day, before emails existed, Mary Lou would call everyone individually with the dance reminders. Just imagine that time commitment! At Shenanigans, Richard had a reputation as the best breakfast pancake flipper. Part of Shenanigans was an after party,

where Country Cousins put on some hilarious skits. Richard got an even larger reputation as a cross-dressing actor, usually prancing around in heels and showing off his long legs. Thanks for the laughs, Richard!

Norma & Bert Buckley – 25 years. They were president couple for two years, treasurer for four years and other executive positions in between. Bert organized the teams for the Shenanigans' popular bean bag baseball tournament and entertained us with a new limerick every year. Along with Dennis Sutton, Bert put together a constitution for the Country Cousins club.

Dennis Sutton – 23 years. He has been our representative at the LVIWSRDA, is a past president of the LVIWSRDA, continues to be on the board of the BC Square & Round Dance Federation as Past President, and is a co-chair of the 2026 Canadian National Square Dance Festival. Along with his late wife Pamela, he has served on our executive as treasurer and secretary, and they were involved with hall decorating.

Donna & Steven Jack danced elsewhere before joining Country Cousins 21 years ago. They were on the decorating committee for seven years, often bringing assorted produce, vines, and hay, even bringing a live sheep to one of the dances! Donna has been a long-time president of the ROWI.

Last but not least, Gisela & Jack Braniff – 20 years. Jack was president for two years and Gisela was secretary numerous times. Gisela (along with Irene Cake) had a big part in putting together the skits for Shenanigans and gathering actors to play the roles. Well done casting Richard!

We could not possibly add up the hours of volunteering we see here. We are grateful for all your contributions that benefitted not only our club, but the entire square dance community. Congratulations and THANK YOU!

*(See group photo on next page.)*



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## COUNTRY COUSINS – NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS (continued)



Long-time Country Cousins' members with their Lifetime Membership Certificates that were presented on December 14, 2024. Back row standing from left: Stu Hemmings, Bert Buckley, Steven Jack, Gary Mitchell, and Jack Braniff. Front row sitting from left: Sandra Hemmings, Richard Pollard, Norma Buckley, Dennis Sutton, Donna Jack, and Gisela Braniff. Absent: Sandra & Gordon Rowan. *(Photo by John McAllister.)*

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## FAREWELL TO 2024 DANCE – DECEMBER 29, 2024

By Carol Young

We had 73 dancers at our Farewell to 2024 Dance on December 29, 2024 at Colwood Community Hall.

This included ten dancers from the Upper Island, two from Alberta, and one spectator, Delores Rowland, who is a long-time member of the Mavericks.

Lower Island clubs represented were Country Cousins, Dance A Rounds, Frontier Twirlers, Mavericks, Rainbow Rounders, Sooke Squares, Star Twirlers, and Trailblazers.

Upper Island clubs represented were Amalgam-Eighters, Island Gems, Ocean Waves, and Wheel Arouns. The Alberta club represented was the Acey Pluses from Calgary.

We danced to the calling and cueing of Lorne Clayton, Garry Dodds (MC), Connie Ritchie, Darrell Roberts, Kirk Rockerbie, and Pat Zeeman.

Gary Weeks created driftwood trees decorated with pictures from the 2024 dance season. It was wonderful to look at the pictures and remember all the fun we had in 2024.

The ladies in the kitchen, Anne Dumonceaux and Joan Wotherspoon, kept the goodies coming all afternoon. Lots of dancers took the opportunity to catch up with other dancers while munching on a delicious assortment of appetizers and sweets.

I am so grateful to be a part of this wonderful square dance community. Looking forward to more dancing with all of you in 2025! See you on the dance floor!

*(More photos on the next page.)*



Driftwood tree centrepiece created by Gary Weeks.

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## FAREWELL TO 2024 DANCE – PHOTO GALLERY



Scenes from the Farewell to 2024 Dance on December 29, 2024 at Colwood Community Hall:

1 – Caller Kirk Rockerbie on stage with square dancers on the floor.

2 – Group photo of the callers and cuers on the program together with the VDCTA banner.

3 – Round dancing – Janice Brennand and Darrell Roberts, followed by Bonnie (and Bruce) Irving and Yvonne (and Joe) Artibise.

4 – Group photo of everyone in attendance.

*(Photos this page and page 18 by Anne McCarthy.)*

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# SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES



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

*Our deepest sympathy to:*

**Dave Floyd**, a member of the Ocean Waves, on the loss of his partner, **Anne Langdon**, a former member of the Ocean Waves, who passed away in Cumberland on December 12, 2024 at the age of 88. Anne is also survived by her four children and their families.

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*Our condolences to the families of:*

**Irene Clarke**, of Sidney, a former member of the Squarecrows, Country Cousins, New Yorkers, and Dance A Rounds, who passed away on November 22, 2024 at the age of 100. Irene was predeceased by her husband, **Ted**, in 2023, and is survived by four children and their families.

**Doreen Copp**, a former member of the Country Cousins, who passed away in Victoria on November 7, 2024 at the age of 99. Doreen was predeceased by her husband, **Victor**, and is survived by a daughter and her family.

**Joan Kaesmodel**, a former member of the Island Gems and Amalgam-Eighters, who passed away in Nanaimo on November 17, 2024 at the age of 82. Joan is survived by her husband, **Ernie**, and their families.

**Al Neumair**, a former member of the Promenaders, who passed away in Victoria on November 15, 2024 at the age of 91. Al is survived by his wife, **Lorraine**, and two children and their families.

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# CLUB DIRECTORY - LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

 <p>The badge for Salty Wheels is a blue rectangle with a white ship's wheel in the center. The text 'SALTY WHEELS' is at the top, and 'SALT SPRING ISLAND B.C.' is at the bottom. Two red and white striped bows are on either side of the wheel.</p>	<p><b>Salty Wheels – Salt Spring Island – INACTIVE</b>          Club Email.....<a href="mailto:almarcun@telus.net">almarcun@telus.net</a>          Club Website.....  <b>Mainstream – 7:30-9:30 PM</b>  <b>Thursdays – (To be determined – club currently inactive.)</b>  <b>Cunningham Residence – 734 Upper Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC</b>          Caller/Cuer.....<b>Marilynne</b> Cunningham          President.....<b>Alan</b> Cunningham          Secretary/Treasurer....<b>Angela</b> Thomas</p>
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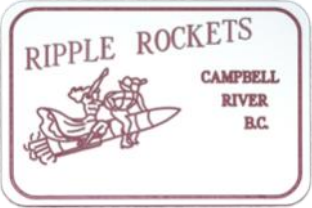

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# CLUB DIRECTORY – UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND

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*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. Association and club contact information appears on the Contacts and Directory pages in this issue. The Cross Trail News cannot be held responsible for any errors.*

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Secretary.....Pat Zeeman  
Treasurer.....Connie Ritchie  
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BC Square & Round Dance Federation..... [squaredance.bc.ca](http://squaredance.bc.ca)  
Lower Vancouver Island – Region 1 ..... [region1.squaredance.bc.ca](http://region1.squaredance.bc.ca)  
Upper Vancouver Island – Region 8..... [region8.squaredance.bc.ca](http://region8.squaredance.bc.ca)  
CALLERLAB – International Assn. of Square Dance Callers ..... [callerlab.org](http://callerlab.org)  
ROUNDALAB – International Assn. of Round Dance Teachers ..... [roundalab.org](http://roundalab.org)  
Taminations (*animations for square dance calls*) ..... [www.tamtwirlers.org/taminations](http://www.tamtwirlers.org/taminations)  
Video Square Dance Lessons Online..... [videosquaredancelessons.com/lessons/](http://videosquaredancelessons.com/lessons/)

## ONLINE DANCE CALENDARS

BC Square & Round Dance Federation..... [squaredance.bc.ca/dance-calendar/](http://squaredance.bc.ca/dance-calendar/)  
Lower Vancouver Island (Region 1) ..... [region1.squaredance.bc.ca/calendar/](http://region1.squaredance.bc.ca/calendar/)  
Where's the Dance (Dance, Dance, Dance) ..... [wheresthedance.com](http://wheresthedance.com)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

BC Square & Round Dance Fed. – Facebook ..... [www.facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation](http://www.facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation)  
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BC Fed Live – X (formerly Twitter) ..... [twitter.com/bcfedlive](https://twitter.com/bcfedlive)  
Canadian Square & Round Dance Society – Facebook..... [www.facebook.com/CSRDS.ca/](http://www.facebook.com/CSRDS.ca/)  
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## CALLERS & CUERS BY CLUB

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- 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  
Lorne & Barb Clayton
- Ocean Waves** – Courtenay  
Fran & Roger Archambault  
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- Rings Squares & Rounds** – Courtenay/Campbell River  
Jake & Diana (cuer) Ring
- Ripple Rockets** – Campbell River  
Guest callers & cuers (*through February 2025*)  
Elizabeth Hohner (*effective March 2025*)

- Salty Wheels** – Salt Spring Island (*inactive*)  
Marilynne & Alan Cunningham
- Star Dusters** – Powell River  
Gordon Ruedig  
Stacey Ruegg
- Star Twirlers (Plus & Advanced)** – Victoria  
Garry Dodds

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- Island Gems** – Nanaimo  
Wendie & Herb Harrington  
Connie Ritchie
- Rainbow Rounders** – Victoria  
Connie Ritchie  
Kirk Rockerbie  
Darrell Roberts

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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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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## BC Square and Round Dance Federation

To preserve, promote, and perpetuate Square Dancing,  
Round Dancing, Contra Dancing, and other related forms  
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Issue	Deadline	Dance Dates	Other Information
September-October-November 2024	Sunday, August 4, 2024	September 2024 to August 2025	Directory information form including list of dances and event dates.
		September, October, & November 2024	Fall start-up dates, new dancer class dates & 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.
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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 at cost 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).

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**Lower Vancouver Island Western Square & Round Dance Association**

[Gary Weeks](#)

**Upper Vancouver Island Square Dance Association**

[Karin Sorger](#)

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# FRONTIER TWIRLERS

## Sweetheart Dance

Feb. 15, 2025  
Colwood Community Hall  
2219 Sooke Rd

7:30-8:00pm Plus  
8:00-9:45pm Mainstream

Caller: Garry Dodds  
Cuer: Pat Zeeman

Don't miss this Perfect way to Celebrate Love and Laughter  
with your Square Dance Family.

(Stay till the end to mingle, enjoy delicious treats, and make lasting memories with fellow dancers)

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

## 2025 Round-a-Rama

Nanoose Place

2925 Northwest Bay Rd

Sunday, February 16, 2025

1:00 – 3:00pm

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

\$10.00/person

Square Dancers Welcome!!





Come to the Country Cousins

# Flower Power Dance

Saturday, February 22nd

at the

Cordova Bay United Church Hall

813 Claremont Ave.

Victoria, BC

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Website: [ccsdc.ca](http://ccsdc.ca)

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**Victoria and District Caller Teachers Association**

# **NEW DANCER HOEDOWN**

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**FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

**1:30 – 3:30 PM**

**\$7 per Dancer**

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**Colwood Community Hall  
2219 Sooke Road**

**Come dance with us!**

# Mavericks Square Dance Club

72 Years

## Roaring 20s



Friday, March 7, 2025

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, March 21, 2025

Friday, April 4, 2025

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



<https://TheMavericks.org>

COME TO THE  
**COUNTRY COUSINS**



**DANCE**

**SATURDAY MARCH 8TH AT THE  
CORDOVA BAY UNITED CHURCH HALL  
813 CLAREMONT AVE.**

**VICTORIA, BC**

**7:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

Website: [ccsdc.ca](http://ccsdc.ca)

**FRONTIER TWIRLERS**

**66th**

**BIRTHDAY DANCE**

**March 15**

**7:30 plus**

**8PM mainstream**



**Colwood Hall**

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# VDCTA **FREE** SUNDAY WORKSHOP MARCH 16, 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)***

Come join the  
**Country Cousins**  
for our  
**Plaid Dance**

**Saturday March 22nd**  
at the

**CORDOVA BAY UNITED CHURCH HALL**

**813 CLAREMONT AVE.  
VICTORIA, BC**

**7:30 PM - 9:30 PM**  
**WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE**  
**PLAID**

**Victoria & District Caller Teachers Association**

Sponsored

# ROUND DANCE PARTY

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

**1:30 to 3:30 PM**

**Colwood Community Hall**

**2219 Sooke Road**

**\$7.00 per Dancer**

**Panel of Cuers**

**60% Phase II ~ 40% Phase III & IV**



**Non-Stop Dancing**





**The  
Amalgam-Eighters  
Square & Round Dance Club  
invites you to our  
60<sup>th</sup> 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**

**FRONTIER TWIRLERS**

**MEXICAN  
DANCE**

**April 5  
7:30 plus  
8PM mainstream**

**Colwood Hall**

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# **2025 Freshman Frolic**



**Nanoose Place**

2925 Northwest Bay Rd

**Sunday April 13, 2025**

**1:00 – 3:00pm**

**- *West Coast* Square Dancing**  
Featuring a Panel of our Region's  
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**\$10.00/person**

**Come out & Rollick at the 'Frolic**

# Mainstream Dancing Getaway



June 6 & 7, 2025 Invermere, BC

## NEWER & BIGGER HALL

### Schedule of Events

- Friday Night
  - 8:00 pm-10:00 pm Mainstream Dance
- Saturday
  - 9:00 am-11:00 am "FUN" Shop \*at the Mainstream level
  - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Choreographed Ballroom Dancing with **Arlene McLafferty** and **Deb Schmidt** (Level TBD by registration numbers)  
\* Additional \$5/person
  - Or Choose your own Adventure
- Saturday Evening
  - 7:30 pm - 8:00 pm Pre-Choreographed Ballroom Dancing
  - 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm Mainstream Dance



Saturday afternoon open to:  
Choreographed Ballroom Dance,  
Explore the Area, Golf, Relax,  
Visit with Friends....

Radium Hot Springs 15 min drive  
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Many Golf Courses in the area  
Scenic areas to explore



**Brent Mawdsley & Gary Winter**  
(Surrey,BC) (Sherwood Park,AB)

**All Dances will be held at the Columbia Valley Center,  
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Hosted by the Columbia Valley Twirlers Alumni

### 2025 - REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register **Scan QR Code**  
with your smartphone camera open link to fill out google form  
(no special app required on most smartphones)

Square Dance Weekend Cost  
**\$35 per Adult or \$15 per Youth (under 18)**

Choreographed Ballroom Dancing \$5 per person

#### **Payment required with Registration**

E-transfers accepted (preferred) to [twinter702@gmail.com](mailto:twinter702@gmail.com)  
or Cheque Payable to Gary Winter  
Mailed to 172, 51112 RR 222 Sherwood Park, AB T8C 1G9

#### **Or contact for the link/more info:**

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Email **Trish Winter** at [twinter702@gmail.com](mailto:twinter702@gmail.com)  
Text Trish Winter (780) 554-3369



Let's Start!

[Online Registration Link](#)



DO YOU WANT TO BE A ROUND DANCE CUER?



# Cuer School

**B.C. SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION**

Is sponsoring an Introductory

**Cuer School**

July 27 - 30, 2025

At Murrayville Community Hall  
Langley, B.C.



OPEN POSITION



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**INSTRUCTORS:**

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For more information & application  
Contact Lyle O'Hara, 2nd Vice, B.C. Fed  
email: [theocharas@telus.net](mailto:theocharas@telus.net)



BUTTERFLY POSITION

You can also attend  
BC Festival 2025 July 31, Aug. 1 & 2  
in Langley after the Cuer school  
(Register separately for the Festival)



SEMI CLOSED POSITION



# The Best Time to register is Now...

Best For Fun...Best For Space...Best For cost  
 Registration form at [squaredance.bc.ca](http://squaredance.bc.ca)

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

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



BCS&RDF

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 Vancouver & District Caller/Teachers Association



## 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!



## TOURISM RESOURCES

[tourism-langley.ca](http://tourism-langley.ca)  
[discoverlangleycity.com](http://discoverlangleycity.com)  
[destinationvancouver.com](http://destinationvancouver.com)  
[ehcanadatravel.com/british-columbia/mainland.html](http://ehcanadatravel.com/british-columbia/mainland.html)



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## 2026 July 15th - 18th

Penticton, British Columbia, Canada



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**Canadian National  
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Only Two Spaces Available

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#### Tanzania & Amboseli – Oct 01/25 African Safari



#### New Zealand – Nov 04/25 North & South Islands



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#### India – Jan 27/26 All the must-see + the Taj Mahal



#### Tanzania & Amboseli – May 16/26 Inclusive Safari

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