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EDITOR'S PAGE

Saanich Squares & Trailblazers

With this issue we welcome the Saanich Squares and the Trailblazers as member clubs of the Cross Trail News. The LVIWSRDA club membership applications for these two clubs were approved at the January 19th Association meeting.

The Saanich Squares is Lorne & Barb Clayton's new dancers Mainstream class club and dances Sunday evenings at the Cordova Bay United Church Hall.

The Trailblazers Square Dance Group has Darrell Roberts and Dwight Fry as their callers/cuers and dance Basic/Mainstream with Phase 2 and 3 rounds on second, fourth, and fifth Fridays at the Victoria Scout House.

Season Wind-Up & Summer Events

With this issue we wind up the 2024-2025 dance season and see the start of the summer events.

Posters for a number of summer dances and campouts appear later in this issue:

- May 4 VDCTA & LVIWSRDA Spring Round-Up - Colwood Hall - <u>Page 38</u>.
- May 17 & 18 Ripple Rockets Blast Off 2025
 Campbell River, BC <u>Pages 40-41</u>.

- May 25 FVS&RDA & The Valley Circle 65th Anniversary Dance – Surrey, BC – Page 42.
- June 1 UVISDA Joint Dance with LVIWS-RDA – Nanoose Place – <u>Page 43</u>.
- June 6 & 7 Mainstream Dancing Getaway Invermere, BC Page 44.
- June 13 to 15 TSS&RDA Chase the Fun 2025
 Chase, BC Page 45.
- June 22 UVICTA June Special Dance Nanose Place Page 47.
- July 18 & 19 Ocean Waves Catch the Wave Fanny Bay & Courtenay, BC Page 48.
- July 30 to August 2 BC Festival 2025 Langley, BC Page 49.
- August 14 to 16 Star Dusters Across the Pond Weekend – Powell River, BC – Page 50.

We encourage you to attend as many of these events as you can fit into your calendar.

Alex Wotherspoon Editor

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DANCE DATES - LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

APRIL 2025

MONDAY	
Star Twirlers	Plus Teach/Workshop, ~8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall
TUESDAY	
	Rounds Phase 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall
THURSDAY	
Star Twirlers	Advanced Class/Dance, ~7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall3, 10, 17, 24
FRIDAY	
	Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall
Trailblazers	Basic/Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Victoria Scout House
SATURDAY	
	Plus, 7:30-8:00 PM, Mainstream, 8:00-9:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall5, 19
	Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall12, 26
SPECIAL DANCES	\mathbf{S}
	Mexican Dance, 7:30-9:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall
Country Cousins	Western Barn Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall
Rainbow Rounders	Wind-Up Dance – Phase 3-4, 7:30-10:00 PM, Colwood Community HallTues. 22
	Bunny Hop Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall
VDCTA	FREE Mainstream Dance, 1:30-2:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall
Rainbow Rounders	Wind-Up Dance – Phase 2, 7:30-10:00 PM, Colwood Community HallTues. 29
MEETINGS	
	Association Annual General Meeting, 3:00-4:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall Sun. 27
VDCTA	Association Annual General Meeting, 3:00-4:00 PM,
	Colwood Women's Institute Room
	(Meetings follow FREE Mainstream Dance – see above)

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DANCE DATES - LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

MAY 2025

MONDAY		
Star Twirlers	Plus Teach/Workshop, ~8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall	5, 12
THURSDAY		
Star Twirlers	Advanced Class/Dance, ~7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall	1, 8
FRIDAY		
Mavericks	Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall	2
Trailblazers	Basic/Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Victoria Scout House	9, 30
	Hall not available - Dance Cancelled	
SATURDAY		
Frontier Twirlers	Plus, 7:30-8:00 PM, Mainstream, 8:00-9:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall	3
Country Cousins	Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall	10
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	Black & White Birthday Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM,	
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Country Cousins	Happy Birthday Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall	Sat 10
Country Cousins	(See poster page 39)	, Dat. 10
Star Twirlers	Wind-Up Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall	Mon 12
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, 1001/11	Colwood Community Hall	Wed 28
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APRIL 2025

WEDNESDAY		
Rings Squares & R	ounds	
	Mainstream Workshop & Rounds Phase II+, 1:00-3:00 PM,	
	St. John the Divine Anglican Church Hall, Courtenay	2, 9, 16, 23
THURSDAY		
Island Gems	Rounds Phase 3 & 4, 7:00-9:00 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo	3, 10, 17, 24
Star Dusters	West Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM, Star Dusters Dance Hall, Powell River	3, 10, 17, 24
FRIDAY		
Amalgam-Eighters	Mainstream, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville	
	West Coast/SSD, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville	
SATURDAY		
Ocean Waves	Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM,	
	Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay	5, 19
Ripple Rockets	Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Chur	
SPECIAL DANCI	E S	
Amalgam-Eighters	50s Dance, 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville	Fri. 4
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	All Singing Calls, 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtena	•
	Freshman Frolic, 1:00-3:00 PM, Nanoose Place	
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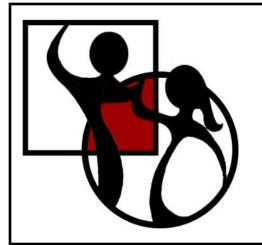


DANCE DATES - UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND

MAY 2025

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2025			
April 13	UVICTA – Freshman Frolic – Nanoose Place, Nanoose Bay, BC (see poster page 34)		
April 14-16	50 th CALLERLAB Convention – Greenville, South Carolina – www.callerlab.org		
May 4	VDCTA & LVIWSRDA – Spring Round-Up – Colwood Community Hall, Colwood, BC (see poster page 38)		
May 17-18	Ripple Rockets – Blast Off 2025 – Quinsam Hall, Campbell River – ripplerockets.wixsite.com/campbellriver (see posters pages 40-41)		
May 25	Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association and The Valley Circle – 65 th Anniversary Dance – Kennedy Hall, Surrey, BC <i>(see poster page 42)</i>		
May 28	VDCTA – Colwood Hall Benefit Dance – Colwood Community Hall, Colwood, BC (see Summer Mainstream Dances poster in next issue)		
June 1	UVISDA – Joint UVISDA-LVIWSRDA Dance – Nanoose Place, Nanoose Bay, BC (see poster page 43)		
June 6-7	Mainstream Dancing Getaway with Brent Mawdsley & Gary Winter – Invermere, BC – twinter702@gmail.com – Online Registration Link (see poster page 44)		
June 13-15	Thompson-Shuswap Square & Round Dance Association – Chase the Fun 2025 – Chase Community Hall, Chase, BC – www.chasethefun.ca (see poster page 45)		
June 21-25	49 th Annual ROUNDALAB Convention – Little Rock, Arkansas – <u>www.roundalab.org</u>		
June 22	UVICTA – June Special Dance – Nanoose Place, Nanoose Bay, BC (see poster page 47)		
June 25-28	74 th US National Square Dance Convention – Shreveport, Louisiana – <u>74thnsdc.com</u>		
July 18-19	Ocean Waves - Catch the Wave - Fanny Bay & Courtenay, BC (see poster page 48)		
July 30 & 31, Aug. 1 & 2	BC Square & Round Dance Federation – BCFestival2025 & Trail-In Dance – Langley, BC – <u>squaredance.bc.ca/bcfestival2025/</u> (see poster page 49)		
Aug. 14-16	Star Dusters – Across the Pond Weekend – Powell River, BC (see poster page 50)		
Aug. 29-Sept. 1	Alberta Square & Round Dance Federation – 55 th Annual Convention 2025 – Lacombe, AB – <u>www.communitydance.net</u>		
2026			
Mar. 29-Apr. 1	51st CALLERLAB Convention – Reno, Nevada – www.callerlab.org		
June 21-24	50 th Annual ROUNDALAB Convention – Waco, Texas – <u>www.roundalab.org</u>		
June 24-27	75 th US National Square Dance Convention – Waco, Texas – <u>75nsdctx.com</u>		
July 15-18	24th Canadian National Square, Round & Clay Dance Festival Pentiston, RC		

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BCSRDF NEWS - BC FESTIVAL 2025

This Festival 2025 update was received by the Cross Trail News on January 29, 2025.

Hello to you, our square and round dance neighbors. It is a New Year, with new opportunities for fun, friendship, and festivity.

Our area, including Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and Langley, is gearing up for the dance party that will keep your feet hopping and happy, so get involved. It's the BC Square & Round Dance Festival 2025.

Wouldn't it be great to join 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.

Fun themes like a Sock Hop, Under The Sea, and helicopter dance are planned and a cruise after the Festival to enjoy our west coast even more. What a wonderful way to keep our dance tradition alive, and showcase it to our friends, wouldn't you agree? Come see how many new friends you can meet, and try out the local restaurants.

Please invest some time in reading the attached invitation, check our poster, and register easily at BCFestival2025reg@gmail.com, and please share them with those you feel it would interest. We plan a feast to satisfy your dancing appetites, so be prepared!

Please note that an increase for registration is looming, so don't miss out. 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

Langley Area Things To See And Do

Festivals, especially square dance festivals, focus on meeting and making friends from regions other than your own, don't they? Remember the fun you had on your last square dance vacation, and the memories of the host dancers and their town. Wouldn't it be great to duplicate and maybe surpass those memories in Langley, BC, Canada?

The Langley area of the Fraser Valley has a number of interesting sights to take in while you enjoy the BC Festival 2025. The Fraser River, the longest river in British Columbia, starts in the Rocky Mountains and flows through Langley on its way to the Pacific Ocean. On its banks are many trails for sightseeing, the major one being the Riverside Tour of bird life in the area and this trail extends from Langley to Harrison Hot Springs. In August, expect to see such species of birds as the Bald Eagle, Rufous and Anna Hummingbirds, Black Headed Grosbeak, Barn Owl, Violet-Green Swallow, and Belted Kingfisher. Best time for you photography buffs is early morning or late evening.

Self-guided tours of the Langley Circle Farm Tour are always fun. The farms and markets provide samples of award-winning fruit wines, and grape orchards, fresh pies, berries, local cheese, specialty turkey meat, bee hive demonstrations, an alpaca farm, and various equestrian events. Plan to take in these sights and sounds while you are visiting here, and help our Festival organize a few special tours and events for us all to share.

And how about following the Gold Rush Trail to Fort Langley Historic Site. In 1827 the Hudson's Bay Company founded a fur trading post on this site, where British Columbia was proclaimed. 1858 saw its rural life style changed from trade of beaver pelts and salmon to where 30,000 gold prospectors came searching for the mother lode. Located in Fort Langley, beside Langley Township, it is worth some time to explore.

And there are many other activities and events. The Langley Museum of Flight is an experience you won't want to miss. The BC Buzz Honey farm is always fun to learn about these marvelous creatures. Over a few dozen restaurants feature the fresh produce that comes from the region, and the gift shopping for artful souvenirs is always a treat. Find the perfect souvenir to take home as a great memory of your square dance vacation in Langley. For more info, contact Tourism Langley, and enjoy your Festival experience that much more.

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CLUB NEWS

AMALGAM-EIGHTERS, Nanaimo

By Margie Cooper

The Amalgam-Eighters have enjoyed a lively winter dance season. The first little boost came in January, with the commitment of ten new dancers who signed up for Wendie's beginner classes. From the sounds of voices and laughter on lesson nights, they seem to be as happy to be there, as we are happy to see them.

And what would January be without Haggis? So of course we celebrated Robbie Burns Day, complete with five squares dancing to Wendie's Scottish repertoire, and a ceremonial interlude during which we danced the "Gay Gordons" and marched in the Haggis. Our very own George Pattern gave an impressive "Address to a Haggis". He looked like Burns, and he sounded like Burns...though most days you'd think he was an Icelander from Winnipeg!

Attendance at our Lunar New Year Dance required shovelled driveways and a suppressed fear of ice, so we were grateful to get three squares of diehards. The enthusiasm of the "Snakes" and Honorary Snakes was in no way diminished though. Their Dragon Dance through the hall surely drove away all evil spirits and showered us with good luck for another year.

Bonnie and Matt Haapala have been chosen as our new "Sweetheart Couple of the Year". These "real sweethearts" add greatly to the strength and spirit of our Club...and each is truly the beloved of the other...lovely to see! Our Sweetheart Dance was enjoyed by five to six squares on the floor all night. Also lovely to see!! We so appreciate the support of our Upper Island neighbour clubs.

Our big hope is to have a full hall helping us to celebrate AMALGAM-EIGHTERS' 60th ANNIVER-SARY on Sunday MARCH 30th at Nanoose Place from 1:30-4:00 p.m. Deb and Ray Schmidt will be returning as guest callers/cuers, and every dancing friend who comes through that door will make it extra special! (See poster on page 41 in the February-March 2025 issue of the Cross Trail News.)

[More Amalgam-Eighters' photos on next page.]



Amalgam-Eighters' tribute to Robbie Burns. Visible faces from left to right are Herb Harrington, Cheryl Waye, Ken McCallum, Terry Ohman, Marie McCallum, Rick Hoggarth, George Pattern (delivering the "Address to a Haggis"), Mike Davies, Marlene Hedch, and Wendie Harrington. (*Photos pages 10 and 11 by Margie Cooper.*)

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Bonnie and Matt Haapala, Amalgam-Eighters' Sweetheart Couple for 2025.

COUNTRY COUSINS, Victoria By Gary Weeks

Winter is slipping by, and we have noticed the chill in the air! It is now time that we look for things to heat up. New dancer classes are starting to wind down and we are looking ahead to the time when the new dancers can be introduced to regular dance events. The past two months have been pretty darn good considering that we have negotiated the flu season and winter get aways.

Attendance has been robust as we grooved to the hippie movement, taken our sweethearts to the ball, and attended a turn of the century reflection soiree on January 11th. No Country Cousins' dances have been cancelled due to weather! We were obviously groovin' at the February 23rd Hippie Dance!

So, plan ahead, and get ready. The Mardi Gras dance on March 8th will start the parade of the next 5 dances for this Spring. Look for some "Kilty" attire on the evening of March 22nd when we have a Plaid dance. I am not sure if Ferdinand will show up for the Western Barn Dance on April 12th, with an AGM potluck being held at 5:30 pm on that date. We will require everyone's input for elections and discussions of the

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future direction for the Country Cousins during the AGM. We also look forward to the Bunny Hop on April 26th before we can close out the year with a 69th Birthday Bash on May 10th.

The Country Cousins Lifetime Membership Award was presented to Sandra & Gordon Rowan by special delivery in their home by Country Cousins President Wendy Weeks. We had a nice visit and reminisced about many fun times with our square dance community. (Photo on right by Cathy Novak.)

It is hard for all the Country Cousins to acknowledge the loss of Gary Mitchell. We will all lose a step, have an empty spot in our hearts, and have a warm memory of Gary's smile and presence on the dance floor. I cannot sign off without thinking of Gary and remembering Lynne.

(See next page for another Country Cousins photo.)



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Dancers at the Country Cousins' Flower Power ("Hippie") Dance on February 23rd. (Photo by Gary Weeks.)

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Country Cousins' members Jack Braniff and Cathy Novak in costumes for the Flower Power Dance. (Photo by Gary Weeks.)

FRONTIER TWIRLERS, Victoria

By Darrell Roberts

As always, the club meets at Colwood Hall on the first and third Saturday of the month, and we welcome one and all!

We kicked off our 2025 theme dances with the Sweetheart Dance on February 15, filling the hall with love and laughter. A big thank you to everyone who attended and made it such a special evening!

Looking ahead, March 15 marks a significant milestone – the Frontier Twirlers' 66th Birthday! Get ready to celebrate with streamers, party gear, and plenty of dancing. Sixty-six years is no small feat, and we invite everyone to come out and help us mark the occasion. After the dance, enjoy some delightful refreshments as we toast to the club's legacy.

This dance will also be a bittersweet one, as we bid farewell to a very special member of our club – Ferdinand the Bull. Ferdinand has been part of many of our dances over the years, with his offspring traveling the world and sending back pictures of their adventures. Though we will miss our beloved mascot, his time has come to rest.

On April 5, we invite all Señors and Señoritas to join us for a Mexican "Fiesta" Dance! Come dressed in your finest Mexican attire and enjoy a night of "fun in the sun" with festive music and lively dancing. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Finally, our 2025 dance season will conclude with our Windup Dance on May 3. Stay tuned for details on the theme and poster – we'll be sure to make it a memorable wrap-up to another fantastic season.

See you on the dance floor!

ISLAND GEMS, Nanaimo By Wendie Harrington

Our little club has been dancing up a storm since the start of the year. Despite missing one night due to the snow we have made very good progress with the Bolero and are enjoying new dances in this rhythm. As well as our old favourites we have learned new dances in other rhythms – waltz, foxtrot, jive, slow two step, rumba, cha cha, two step, and quickstep.

Our afternoon waltz class is doing extremely well. We are so pleased with how quickly they are learning this rhythm. The waltz class will continue through to May. Kudos to Mireille for driving all the way from Campbell River to dance with us.

Our second afternoon group has now started to learn the tango. This is a very small group so is a good place to get individual instruction. Our next intro class will be Bolero starting on April 10. New students are welcome to join that group.

With the days stretching, evening travel should be a bit easier so it is a good time to invite other phase III

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and IV dancer to join us on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 at Wellington hall.

Check out our website to learn more and to see links to some of our favourite dances.

MAVERICKS, Victoria By Chrissy Torontow

We had a great start to the winter with our At The Hop dance. Fun calls, marvellous decorations, lots of poodle skirts and tons to eat. A wonderful evening!

Even with all the snow and ice, four brave squares of dancers came out to our February 7 dance. Our February 21 dance was also well attended. We are thankful to have such dedicated and marvellous callers: Lorne and Marilynne!

Our next theme dance, The Roaring 20s, is changed to March 21 to accommodate another event's schedule change. The new dancers in the Saanich Squares class are invited to this dance and they are excited about coming.

April 7 will be our regular dance night with Marilynne and Lorne calling and cueing. Note: there is no Mavericks dance on Friday, April 18 (Good Friday).



Caller Lorne Clayton setting up for the At the Hop Dance on January 17. (Photo by Darrell Roberts.)



Darrell Roberts & Janice Brennand in the diner at the "At the Hop" dance. (Photo courtesy Darrell Roberts.)

Our seasonal wrap-up Friday evening theme dance will be on May 2 and is our Black and White 73rd Birthday Dance. See you on the dance floor!

OCEAN WAVES, Courtenay By Karin Sorger

Winter weeks are flying by and now it feels like spring. So nice with warmer weather, but really we have had no snow and not many days of cold temperatures. It has been nice driving so that is maybe why our attendance is up.

Our first dance in the New Year we had five squares which makes for an exciting dance. Our class came out and then visitors from neighbouring clubs. It makes a big difference when class members join us; they pick up the steps and moves with some persuasion and guidance. There is always laughter — what a good pastime to lift the spirits! And our caller and guest cuers always give us their best!

Last night [March 1] we celebrated Talent Night – what a lot of fun! We had two club members who

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recited poems, some club members who played guitar, sang and put some square dance moves in. Denise is keen on calling so we appreciated her — she has her Mom and Dad's easy-going, friendly disposition. It was an intense evening to fit everything in, and keep us all happy. Everyone loved the evening. Even Marlene from Amalgam-Eighters practised her calling so she will be prepared for Goofers' Night at their club on Friday.

We welcome dancers to join us – we are always pleased to see our friends from neighbouring clubs and our class Ocean Ripples!

RAINBOW ROUNDERS, Victoria

By Van Williams

The Rainbow Rounders feature easy phase II 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. The phase III and IV dances include two-step, waltz, rhumba, cha-cha, foxtrot, jive, tango, slow two-step, and bolero.

We enjoyed the Rainbow Rounders' 33rd Birthday dance and cake on January 21st, and we are looking forward to the St. Patrick's/Irish dance on March 18th.

Ten Rainbow Rounders participated in the UVICTA Round-a-Rama at the Nanoose Hall on February 16th, and we are eagerly anticipating non-stop dancing at the VDCTA Round Dance Party on Sunday, March 23rd from 1:30–3:30 PM at the Colwood Community Hall.

Beginner two-step classes have finished, and numerous new two-step dancers successfully enjoyed the New Dancer Hoedown on February 16th. Waltz lessons started in January with 12 couples initially enrolled. Kirk and Darrell are the beginners' dance instructors.

Connie workshops and teaches phase III and IV dances on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. The 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 foster higher levels of round dancing in Victoria.



Club cuers Kirk Rockerbie (left), Connie Ritchie, and Darrell Roberts at the Rainbow Rounders' 33rd birth-day dance. (*Photo* © *Anne McCarthy.*)

For detailed dates and times, visit https://region1.squaredance.bc.ca/calendar/.

RING'S SQUARES & ROUNDS, Courtenay

By Diana Ring

The round dance class finishes on March 19th. The dancers are starting to feel fairly confident now, and just need more floor time, as with new classes of square dancers.

On March 26th we will be starting a workshop group for five weeks for both graduate square and round dancers, just to give them the extra little boost that everyone needs after graduating.

We will be at the St. John Divine Church (in Courtenay) every Wednesday afternoon for five weeks from 1:00–3:00 pm. We have at this time three squares signed up. The cost will be \$25.00/person for the five

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weeks, or a drop in basis of \$7.50 per session per person.

RIPPLE ROCKETS, Campbell River

By Mireille Earle

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we would like to acknowledge all the callers and cuers that have done our dances from October 2024 through February 2025: Deb and Ray Schmidt, Bob and Dorothy Simpson, Darby Love, Gord Ruedig, Wendie Harrington, and Fran Archambault.

We would like to welcome Elizabeth Hohner, who has graciously accepted our invitation to become our club caller. She will be starting on the 8th of March.

We are busy planning the program for our Blast Off dance for the long weekend in May. Everyone welcome. See the posters on pages 40 and 41 in this issue. We are happy to announce that the parking for RVs will be free again this year, available starting after 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16th.

Hope to see you all on the dance floor! Happy Spring to all!

STAR DUSTERS, Powell River By Gord Ruedig

Greetings to all from across the pond! The Star Dusters have been busy with square and round dance classes as this year begins. We've begun teaching our second intake of new square dancers since sessions began in the fall and we've also just wound up our intro to waltz sessions. Stacey Ruegg has proven to be a natural cuer. We now have a few more dedicated souls looking forward to applying their new skills at our dances.

I've had two sessions with between twenty and thirty school kids as well, some of whom are quite excited about dancing, others not so much! The club helped out with the second session which took place at our hall, and we had a dozen folks come to help out with a third which was unfortunately cancelled at the last minute due to a sudden bussing issue. We're optimistic that this glitch will be ironed out for the next session, planned for March 4th.

Three of our members have shown an interest in calling so getting each of them some instruction and mic time has also been on the agenda this spring.

The jury's still out on our special once monthly Saturday dinner dances. Many folks were unable to attend our most recent one for one reason or another. The hope is that once cold and flu season abates, the turnout will increase.

A reminder to all that our summer dance will be held August 14, 15, and 16 this year so save the dates! Registration this year will be at the door. See the advertisement on page 50 in this issue.

Have a great season!

STAR TWIRLERS, Victoria By Garry Dodds

Star Twirlers are progressing quite well so far this dance season. By the time you read this, our new crop of Plus students will have completed the full Plus program. We have been alternating class and full Plus tips which seems to have worked out well.

The regulars have seen some of the moves from different arrangements and set-ups. Our new Plus members will be gaining experience with the standard application of the moves, and over the next little while, we will start expanding their experiences to include some of the extended applications.

Likewise, our Advanced workshop group has now completed learning the full Advanced 1 list of moves. We will now continue the rest of the season with getting more comfortable with these moves and adding some different arrangements. I will probably add a few of the Advanced 2 moves to their repertoire.

Spring is almost here so I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and longer sunny days.

See you on the dance floor.

TRAILBLAZERS, Victoria By Dwight Fry

The Trailblazers dance on the second, fourth, and fifth Fridays of the month. Callers/cuers Darrell Roberts and Dwight Fry tailor the dances for the success of the dancers. Change ups to the standard program often include the introduction of "Rip and Snort" from the land of the Kiwi, and the South Island gem "Teacup Stroll".

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NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

UVICTA ROUND-A-RAMA 2025

UVICTA's annual Round-a-Rama was held on Sunday, February 16 at Nanoose Place. The weather was drizzly but the atmosphere in the hall was warm and welcoming.

There were dancers from ten different square and round dance clubs in attendance. They travelled from up island, Powell River and as far away as Victoria to attend. We were especially thrilled to welcome the large contingent who travelled from Victoria.

The afternoon program was arranged to provide lots of dancing to those who are most familiar with the waltz and two step. They were able to enjoy their short breaks watching a variety of other rhythms including Foxtrot, Jive, Rumba, Cha Cha, Slow Two Step, and Bolero. The MC for the afternoon was Con-

By Wendie Harrington

nie Ritchie. She was joined on the program by cuers Diana Ring, Lynette McLeod, Gord Ruedig, and Wendie Harrington.

Kudos go to Gord Ruedig who made sure all our wires were connected correctly. Five cuers means a lot of computers and wires to connect! We also appreciate Ernie Kaesmodels's help in setting up and then cleaning up after the dance was finished. Thanks to Diana and Jake Ring for handling the door and to Lynette McLeod and Ron Ervin for looking after the refreshments.

(Photos by Wendie Harrington.)



and a myriad of cables on the floor below.

Cuer Gord Ruedig on stage with the equipment tables Round-a-Rama dancers with Ernie Kaesmodel and Carol Young in the foreground.

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

VDCTA New Dancer Hoedown - February 23, 2025

By Kirk Rockerbie

The New Dancer Hoedown at Colwood Community Hall was a great success with seven squares in attendance!

What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon with friends and non-stop dancing. The enthusiasm and laughter from all the dancers was really good to see and experience.

The new dancers, both square and round, were shown how much fun we have in a community event – and

from what I heard from a few of them they were so happy they attended and felt the energy in the hall.

Many thanks to Garry Dodds, Pat Zeeman, Stu Hemmings, Lorne Clayton, Darrell Roberts, and Kirk Rockerbie. Also, many thanks to the callers and cuers who are providing class instruction this year, and the angels who give their time.



SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES

The rose still blooms more fair beyond the garden wall.



Our condolences to the families of:

Hazel Judge, of Sidney and a former member of the Frontier Twirlers, who passed away on January 8, 2025 at the age of 97. Hazel is survived by her husband, **Bill**, and by five children and their families.

Gary Mitchell, a member of the Country Cousins and the Star Twirlers, who passed away in Victoria

on February 22, 2025 at the age of 84. Gary was predeceased by his wife, **Lynne**, in 2019, and is survived by two children and their families.

Mary Morris, a former member of the Promenaders and the Star Twirlers, who passed away in Victoria on January 23, 2025 at the age of 97. Mary was predeceased by her husband, **Bill**, in 2016, and is survived by three children and their families.

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BETWEEN NOW AND FOREVER

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

Bryan White - CD: Between Now And Forever - Track 7 I-Tunes Download Time 3:17

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

Waltz Phase II + 2 Box Finish, & Hover Difficulty: Average Sequence INTRO A A(MOD1) B C INTER A(MOD2) A(MOD3) B C END Released Jan 2022

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https://youtu.be/Jsdi5sXFisQ?t=32			
INTRO: 1-4	OPEN FACING DLW WAIT 2 MEAS;; APART, POINT; PICK-UP CP/LOD; [1-2] {Wait 2 Meas} DLW Wait 2 Meas;; [3] {Apart Point} Step apt L, pt R, -; [4] {Pick-Up} Small step thru R to CP/LOD, sd L, cl R (W fwd L turning LF to CP/RLOD, sd R, cl L);		
5-8	LEFT TURN BOX SCAR;;;; [5] {Left Turn Box} From CP/LOD Fwd L turning 1/4 LF, sd R, cl L; [6] Bk R turning 1/4 LF facing RLOD, sd L, cl R; [7] Fwd L turning 1/4 LF, sd R, cl L; [8] Bk R turning 1/4 LF facing LOD, sd L, cl R;		
PART A: 1-4	3 PROG TWINKLES;;; FWD TOUCH; [1] {Prog Twinkles 3x} XLif, sd R, cl L BJO/DLC; [2] XRif, sd L, cl R SCAR/DLW; [3] XLif, sd R, cl L BJO/DLC; [4] {Fwd Touch} Fwd R, touch L to R, -;		
5-8	3 BACK PROG TWINKLES;; BOX FINISH CP/DLC; [5] {Back Prog Twinkles 3x} XLib, sd R, cl L SCAR/DLW; [6] XRib, sd L, cl R BJO/DLC; [7] XLib, sd R, cl L SCAR/DLW; [8] {Box Finish} Bk R trng LF, Sd L to CP/DLC, Cls R;		
9-10 11-12	2 LF TURNS CP/WALL;; BOX;; [9] {2 Left Turns} Fwd L trng LF, sd R, cl L; [10] Bk R cont trng LF, sd L, cl R; [11] {Box} Fwd L, sd R, cl L; [12] Bk R, sd L, cl R;		
13-14	TWIRL VINE; PICK-UP SCAR; [13] {Twirl Vine} Sd L, XRib, sd L leading W to a RF Twirl (W Sd R trn RF 1/2, sd L trn RF 1/2, sd R); [14] {Pick-Up SCAR} Small step thru R, (W thru L turning 1/2 LF) to SCAR, sd L, cl R;		
PART A (mod 1): 1-12 Repeat meas 1-12 Part A;;;;;;;;			
13-15	TWIRL VINE; THRU FACE CLOSE; CANTER BFLY; [13] {Twirl Vine} Sd L, XRib, sd L leading W to a RF Twirl (W Sd R trn RF 1/2, sd L trn RF 1/2, sd R); [14] {Thru Face Close} Thru R trn to face, sd L, cl R;		

[15] {Canter} Sd L, draw R to L, cl R BFLY;

PART B: WALTZ AWAY; CROSS WRAP RLOD; BACK UP WALTZ; LADY ROLL ACROSS

1-4 [1] {Waltz Away} Fwd & slightly away from partner L, fwd R, cl L; [2] {Cross Wrap} Fwd R trn, sd L trn, cl R (W wrap LF 1/2 L, R, cl L); [3] {Back Waltz} Back L, back & slightly side R, close L;

[4] {Lady Roll Across} Releasing M's R & W's L hands sip R, L, R (W roll LF crossing in front of M L, R,

L,) to LOP POS;

THRU TWINKLE; THRU SIDE CLOSE; CANTER TWICE BFLY;;

5-8 [5] {Thru Twinkle} Thru L trn LF (W RF), sd R trn LF (W RF), cl L; [6] {Thru Side Close} Thru R trn to face, sd L, cl R; [7] {Canter Twice} Sd L, draw R to L, cl R; [8] Sd L, draw R to L, cl R BFLY;

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BETWEEN NOW AND FOREVER

Connie Ritchie

PART C: WALTZ AWAY; WRAP LADY; FWD WALTZ; FWD FACE CLOSE CP/WALL; [1] {Waltz Away} Fwd & slightly away from partner L, fwd R, cl L; [2] {Wrap} Fwd R, fwd L, cl R (W 1-4 wraps LF into Man's arms L, R, L) to WRAPPED LOD; [3] {Fwd Waltz} Fwd L, fwd & slightly side R, cl L; [4] {Fwd Face Close} Fwd R trng 1/4 RF, sd L, cl R; HOVER 1/2 OP ; MAN ROLL ACROSS ; LADY ROLL ACROSS ; THRU FACE CLOSE BFLY: [5] {Hover} Fwd L, fwd & sd R rise, sd & fwd L 1/2 OP; [6] {Man Roll Across} Fwd R DIAG acrs LOD 5-8 commencing RF trn, sd & bk L cont RF trn, fwd R endg in 1/2 LOP fcg LOD (W Fwd L [short stp], fwd R, fwd L blending to 1/2 LOP fcg LOD); [[7] {Lady Roll Across} Fwd L [short stp], fwd R, fwd L blending to 1/2 OP fcg LOD (W Fwd R DIAG acrs LOD commencing RF trn, sd & bk L cont RF trn, fwd R endg in 1/2 OP fcg LOD); [8] {Thru Face Close} Thru R trn to face, sd L, cl R BFLY; INTER: CANTER; FWD TOUCH; BACK TURN LF 1/4 SCAR; 1-3 [1] {Canter} Sd L, draw R to L, cl R; [2] {Fwd Touch} Fwd L, touch R to L, -; [3] {Back Turn 1/4} Back R turn LF 1/4, sd L, cl R SCAR; PART A (mod 2): 1-12 Repeat meas 1-12 Part A;;;;;;;;;;; CANTER; TWIRL VINE; PICK-UP SCAR; 13-15 [13] {Canter} Sd L, draw R to L, cl R; [14] {Twirl Vine} Sd L, XRib, sd L leading W to a RF Twirl (W Sd R trn RF 1/2, sd L trn RF 1/2, sd R); [15] {Pick-Up SCAR} Small step thru R, (W thru L turning 1/2 LF) to SCAR, sd L, cl R; PART A (mod 3): 1-12 Repeat meas 1-12 Part A;;;;;;;;;;; TWIRL VINE; THRU FACE CLOSE; CANTER TWICE BFLY;; 13-16 [13] {Twirl Vine} Sd L, XRib, sd L leading W to a RF Twirl (W Sd R trn RF 1/2, sd L trn RF 1/2, sd R); [14] {Thru Face Close} Thru R trn to face, sd L, cl R: [15] {Canter Twice} Sd L, draw R to L, cl R; [16] Sd L, draw R to L, cl R BFLY; REPEAT PART B BFLY ;;;;; ;;;; REPEAT PART C CP/WALL ;;;; ;;;; SWAY L & R; ; WALTZ AWAY; WRAP LADY; END: [1] {Sway L & R} Sd L stretch L sd, -, -; [2] Sd R stretch R sd, -, -; 1-4 [3] {Waltz Away} Fwd & slightly away from partner L, fwd R, cl L; [4] {Wrap} Fwd R, fwd L, cl R (W wraps LF into Man's arms L, R, L) to WRAPPED LOD; FWD WALTZ: FWD FACE CLOSE: TWIRL VINE: THRU SIDE CLOSE: [5] {Fwd Waltz} Fwd L, fwd & slightly side R, cl L; [6] {Fwd Face Close} Fwd R trng 1/4 RF, sd L, 5-8 cl R; [7] {Twirl Vine} Sd L, XRib, sd L leading W to a RF Twirl (W Sd R trn RF 1/2, sd L trn RF 1/2, sd R); [8] {Thru Side Close} Thru R trn to face, sd L, cl R; CANTER: EMBRACE & HOLD: 9-10 [9] {Canter} Sd L, draw R to L, cl R; Embrace Partner & Hold.

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DON'T WE ALL HAVE THE RIGHT

Record: Columbia 38-07798 or Download I-Tunes (Ricky Van Shelton – various albums) Time: 2:33

Choreographers: Diana & Jake Ring, 2744 Apple Drive, Campbell River, B.C. V9W 7K4 email: ring88@telus.net
Phase II + 1 (Hover) Waltz Speed up to approx.. 50 rpm Time: 2:33 Release Date: February 2020

Footwork: Opposite, except as noted Sequence: Intro, A,B,C,A,C, End AVERAGE

https://youtu.be/XiZehb2CgK8

Int: [BFLY] Wait 3 msr;;; Side Draw Tch L & R;;

1-5 ;;; Sd L, Draw R to L, touch R; Sd R, draw L to R, touch L;

A: Waltz Away & Tog;; Solo Turn 6;;

1-4 Fwd & slightly away from partner L, fwd R, cl L; Fwd twd partner R, sd L, cl R BFLY; Fwd L trng LF, sd/bk R, cl L LOP/RLOD; Bk R trng LF 1/4, sd L, cl R;

Bal L & R;; Canter Twice (CP/Wall);;

5-8 Sd L, XRib (W XLib), Rec L; Sd R, XLib (W XRib), Rec R; Sd L, draw R to L, cl R; Sd L, draw R to L, cl R; LF Turning Box (BFLY);;;

9-12 From CP fcg wall Fwd L turning 1/4 LF, sd R, cl L; Bk R turning 1/4 LF facing COH, sd L, cl R; Fwd L turning 1/4 LF, sd R, cl L; Bk R turning 1/4 LF facing WALL, sd L, cl R BFLY;

Bal. L & R;; Solo Turn 6;;

13-16 Sd L, XRib (W XLib), Rec L; Sd R, XLib (W XRib), Rec R; Fwd L trng LF, sd/bk R, cl L LOP/RLOD; Bk R trng LF 1/4, sd L, cl R;

Canter Once (CP/Wall);

17 Sd L, draw R to L, cl R CP/WALL;

B: Hover; Mnvr; 2 RF Turns (CP/LOD);;

1-4 Fwd L, sd R & rise, rec L SCP/LOD; Fwd R trn, sd L trn, cl R CP/RLOD; Bk L trng RF, sd fwd R btwn W's feet cont trng fc LOD, cls L; fwd R btwn W's feet trng to fc Wall, sd L twd LOD, cls R CP/LOD;

2 LF Turns (CP/Wall);; Box;;

5-8 Fwd L trng LF, sd R, cl L; Bk R cont trng LF, sd L, cl R CP/WALL; Fwd L, sd R, cl L; Bk R, sd L, cl R;

Hover; Mnvr; 2 RF Turns (CP/LOD);;

9-12 Repeat Msr B 1-4;;;;

2 LF Turns (CP/Wall);; Box (BFLY);;

13-16 Repeat Msr B 5-8;;;;

C: Waltz Away & Together (CP/Wall);;

1-2 Repeat Msr A 1-2 CP/WALL;;

LF Turning Box (BFLY);;;;

3-6 Repeat Msr A 9-12;;;;

Repeat A & C to end

End: Stp Apt; Thank your partner

1 Step apt L, pt R, - ;

CLUB DIRECTORY - LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND



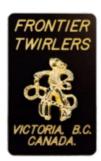
Country Cousins – Victoria

Club Email ______president@ccsdc.ca Club Website.....ccsdc.ca

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

Caller/Cuer......Kirk Rockerbie President......Wendy Weeks SecretaryCathy Novak Treasurer......Vanda Stocks



Frontier Twirlers – Victoria

Club Email FrontierTwirlersVictoriaBC@gmail.com Club Facebook Pagewww.facebook.com/groups/1165329974731199 Club Website.....<u>frontiertwirlers.weebly.com</u>

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

1st & 3rd Saturdays – Sep. 21 to Dec. 21, 2024; Jan. 4 to May 3, 2025

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

Caller & Cuer......Garry Dodds & Pat Zeeman

President......Darrell Roberts SecretaryCarolyn Johnson

Treasurer.....Linda Ross



Mavericks – Victoria

Club Email marcric@telus.net

1st & 3rd Fridays – Sep. 20 to Dec. 20, 2024; Jan. 17 to May 2, 2025

(No dance: Apr. 18)

Cordova Bay United Church Hall – 813 Claremont Ave., Victoria, BC

Callers/Cuers......Marilynne Cunningham; Lorne Clayton

President......Marc Dumonceaux SecretaryGillian Bloom Treasurer......Anne Dumonceaux



Rainbow Rounders (Rounds) – Victoria

Club Website.....

Rounds Phase II – 7:30-9:30 PM

1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesdays – Sep. 17 to Dec. 17, 2024; Jan. 7 to Apr. 29, 2025 Rounds Phase III-IV – 7:30-9:30 PM

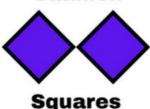
2nd & 4th Tuesdays – Sep. 10 to Dec. 10, 2024; Jan. 14 to Apr. 22, 2025

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

President.....Connie Ritchie Secretary/Treasurer....Connie Ritchie

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Saanich Squares – Victoria

Club Website saanichsquares.weebly.com/

Basic-Mainstream Teach – 7:00-9:00 PM

Sundays – Sep. 8 to Dec. 15, 2024; Jan. 5 to Apr. 6, 2025 (except holidays) Cordova Bay United Church Hall – 813 Claremont Ave., Victoria, BC

Salty Wheels – Salt Spring Island – INACTIVE



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Club Website._____

Mainstream – 7:30-9:30 PM

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

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

Star Twirlers (Plus & Advanced) – Victoria



Club Email ______garryd@dz-dancing.com
Club Website ______startwirlers.squaredance.bc.ca

Plus Teach – ~8:00-9:00 PM; **Plus Dance** – ~9:00-10:00 PM **Mondays** – Sep. 30 to Dec. 16, 2024; Jan. 13 to May 12, 2025 (*No dance: Apr. 21*)

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

Advanced Review/Teach/Dance - ~8:00-10:00 PM

Thursdays – Oct. 3 to Dec. 19, 2024; Jan. 16 to May 8, 2025 Colwood Community Hall – 2219 Sooke Rd., Victoria, BC

Trailblazers – Victoria



Basic/Mainstream with Phase II & III Rounds – 7:30-9:30 PM

2nd, **4th** & **5th** Fridays – Jan. 5 to May 30, 2025 (Doors: 6:30 PM)

Victoria Scout House – 505 Marigold Rd., Victoria, BC

Caller/Cuer Dwight Fry
President Dwight Fry
Secretary/Treasurer Dwight Fry

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Amalgam-Eighters – Nanaimo

Club Email amalgam-eighters@squaredance.bc.ca Club Website. <u>amalga</u>m-eighters.squaredance.bc.ca

Mainstream (with Rounds) – 7:00-9:30 PM (Social 9:30-10:00) 1st & 3rd Fridays – Sep. 20 to Dec. 20, 2024; Jan. 17 to May 2, 2025 Lantzville Community (Costin) Hall – 7232 Lantzville Rd., Lantzville, BC

Caller/Cuer......Wendie Harrington PresidentBonnie Haapala Secretary: Margie Cooper Treasurer......May Wagner



Island Gems (Rounds) - Nanaimo

Club Email wendieh@shaw.ca Club Website.....islandgems.squaredance.bc.ca

Rounds – Phase 3+ – 7:00-9:00 PM

Thursdays – Sep. 12 to Dec. 12, 2024; Jan. 9 to May 8, 2025

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

Nanaimo, BC

Cuers Wendie Harrington & Connie Ritchie

President......Wendie Harrington Treasurer......Connie Ritchie



Ocean Waves – Courtenay / Comox Valley

Club Email oceanwavesquaredance@gmail.com Club Website......www.comoxvalleyoceanwaves.ca

Mainstream with Rounds – 7:00-9:00 PM

1st & 3rd Saturdays – Sep. 7 to Dec. 21, 2024; Jan. 4 to May 3, 2025 Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall – 411 Anderton Ave., Courtenay, BC (Also at Native Sons Hall, 360 Cliffe Ave. – check on Dance Dates pages.)

Caller & Cuer......Fran Archambault & Guest Cuers

President.....Ron Diederichs SecretaryChristine Kent TreasurerRick Granberg



Rings Squares & Rounds - Campbell River/Courtenay

Club Email jakediana.ring@gmail.com Club Website.....

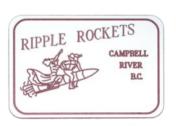
Mainstream Workshops & Phase II+ Rounds – 1:00-3:00 PM

Wednesdays – Oct. 9 to Dec. 18, 2024; Jan. 8 to Mar. 19, 2025; Mar. 26 to Apr. 23, 2025 St. John the Divine Anglican Church Hall – 579 5th St., Courtenay, BC

Caller & Cuer.....Jake Ring & Diana Ring

President.....Jake Ring SecretaryDiana Ring

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Ripple Rockets – Campbell River

Club Email <u>campbellriverripplerockets@gmail.com</u>
Club Website <u>ripplerockets.wixsite.com/campbellriver</u>

Mainstream with Phase II Rounds – 7:00-9:00 PM

2nd & 4th Saturdays – Sep. 14 to Dec. 14, 2024; Jan. 11 to May 10, 2025 United Church Hall – 415 Pinecrest Rd. (at Birch St.), Campbell River, BC

Caller/Cuer......Elizabeth Hohner
President......Linda Grunewald
Secretary......Doug Phyall

Treasurer.....Genevieve Hambalek



Star Dusters - Powell River

Club Email _______dolezsar@telus.net Club Website _______westcoastsquaredance.com

West Coast with Rounds – 7:00-9:00 PM

Thursdays – Sep. 12 to Dec. 19, 2024; Jan. 9 to May 8, 2025

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

Callers/Cuers.....Gordon Ruedig & Stacey Ruegg

CLUB DIRECTORY NOTES FOR BOTH LOWER ISLAND AND UPPER ISLAND

The Sooke Squares of Sooke and the Wheel Arounds Square Dance Club of Nanaimo are not member clubs of the Cross Trail News and do not appear in the club directory, dance dates pages, club news, and other listings.

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. The Cross Trail News cannot be held responsible for any errors.

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DANCER & CALLER TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS

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Past President.....(vacant)

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VICTORIA & DISTRICT CALLER TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (VDCTA)

Round Dance......Marilynne Cunningham

VDCTA e-mailkirkbradrock@gmail.com

UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATION (UVISDA)

President.....Robert (Bob) Chalmers

Vice President(vacant)
SecretaryKarin Sorger
TreasurerKeith Kent
Past President(vacant)

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UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND CALLER TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (UVICTA)

President.....Gord Ruedig Vice President.....Al Jonsson

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WEBSITES & SOCIAL MEDIA

WEBSITES	
Canadian Square & Round Dance Society	csrds.ca
BC Square & Round Dance Federation	squaredance.bc.ca
Lower Vancouver Island – Region 1	region1.squaredance.bc.ca
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Taminations (animations for square dance calls)	www.tamtwirlers.org/taminations
Video Square Dance Lessons Online	videosquaredancelessons.com/lessons/
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ONLINE DANCE CALENDARS	
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Lower Vancouver Island (Region 1)	region1.squaredance.bc.ca/calendar/
Where's the Dance (Dance, Dance, Dance)	wheresthedance.com
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BC Fed Dance News – X (formerly Twitter)	
BC Fed Live – X (formerly Twitter)	
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Amalgam-Eighters – Nanaimo Wendie & Herb Harrington

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

Guest cuers

Rings Squares & Rounds - Courtenay/Campbell River

Jake & Diana (cuer) Ring

Ripple Rockets – Campbell River

Elizabeth Hohner

Salty Wheels – Salt Spring Island (inactive)

Marilynne & Alan Cunningham

Star Dusters – Powell River

Gordon Ruedig

Stacey Ruegg

Star Twirlers (Plus & Advanced) – Victoria

Garry Dodds

ROUND DANCE CLUBS

Island Gems - Nanaimo

Wendie & Herb Harrington

Connie Ritchie

Rainbow Rounders - Victoria

Connie Ritchie

Kirk Rockerbie

Darrell Roberts

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

PARKSVILLE & COOMBS

Bradley Centre

975 Shearme Road (corner of Alberni Highway), Coombs

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 (Quinsam Hall)

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,

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of dance in the Province of British Columbia.

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CROSS TRAIL NEWS – SUBMISSION DEADLINES 2024-2025			
Issue	Deadline	Dance Dates	Other Information
September- October- November 2024 Sunday, August 4, 2024 Septe Octob	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.
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 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).

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

Gary Weeks

Upper Vancouver Island Square Dance Association

Karin Sorger

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Western Barn Dance

7:30pm-9:30pm Saturday April 12th

For Country Cousins Club Members only 5:30pm-7:00pm AGM & Potluck Dinner

Cordova Bay United Church Hall 813 Claremont Ave. Victoria, BC

Website: ccsdc.ca

barn photo by freepik.com



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 Caller Teachers

\$10.00/person

Come out & Rollick at the 'Frolic

Come to the Country Cousins









Saturday, April 26th at the

Cordova Bay United Church Hall 813 Claremont Ave. Victoria, BC

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm







Website: ccsdc.ca

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VDCTA FREE SUNDAY MAINSTREAM DANCE

(WITH ROUNDS)

APRIL 27, 2025

Dancers needed...come as you are!



COLWOOD COMMUNITY HALL 2219 Sooke Road, Victoria, BC

FREE - No Admission Charge

1:30 to 2:45 PM



Join us for the final FREE Sunday afternoon event of the season.

Dance to different callers and cuers each with their own style.

Casual or square dance attire welcome.

All graduate (or soon to be graduate) Square Dancers and/or Round Dancers are welcome to attend.

This dance is followed by separate LVIWSRDA and VDCTA annual general meetings that commence at 3:00 pm. For the LVIWSRDA meeting in the Main Hall 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 meeting typically adjourns by 4:00 PM.

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

Mavericks Square Dance Club



Friday, May 2, 2025

7:30 - 9:30 pm

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



Please bring your own water bottle and coffee mug

Masks are optional and encouraged



SPRING ROUND-UP

Colwood Community Hall 2219 Sooke Road, Victoria, BC

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

Pre-Rounds – 1:30 to 2:00 PM Banner Parade & Mainstream Dance 2:00 to 4:15 PM

Panel of Callers and Cuers

Admission: \$7.00 per Dancer at the Door New Dancers Half Price

(Exact amount appreciated)

Light refreshments available. Please bring your own mug.

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



Wear your Happy Colours and Come to the Country Cousins



DANCE

Celebrating 69 years of Pancing Saturday, May 10th at the Cordova Bay United Church Hall 813 Claremont Ave. Victoria, BC 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Website: ccsdc.ca.

Cake designed by freepik.com



BLAST OFF 2025

with the

Ripple Rockets

May 17 & 18

Quinsam Hall

#102 - 2005 Eagle Drive

Campbell River, B.C.

See next page for event program and registration form.



Blast Off May 17 & 18 2025

Saturday May 17	
Registration	12:00 – 1:00 p.m
Introduction to Plus Dance	1:30 - 3:30 p.m
Registration	5:30 - 7:00 pm
Pre-rounds	6:30 - 7:00 pm
Square dance	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Sunday May 18	
Crib Tournament	10:00 - Noon
Registration	12:00 - 1:00 pm
Round Dance	1:30 - 3:30 pm (Phase 11 plus)
Registration	5:30 – 7:00 pm
Pre-rounds	6:30 – 7:00 pm
Square Dance	7:00 – 9:00 pm
Please print REGISTRATION	
Last name(s)	\$20.00 per person for weekend
First name(s)	
	At door \$10/day per person
Address	
Phone number	
Your Club	
Caller or Cuer	
FREE Self contained RV parking (showers not available) If camping please Pre-register by end of April Can arrive to camp after 4:00 pm	

May 16
Please send cheque or etransfer to June Carlson (ihobbshouse@gmail.com)
2929 York Road, Campbell River, BC V9H 1A3 250-923-0229

For billeting options please contact Marti @ 250-201-1366 martialkana@hotmail.com

Fragrance free event Shirts required (long or short sleeves) Make cheques payable to Ripple Rockets

65th Anniversary Dance

Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association



and

The Valley Circle Magazine Sunday, May 25th, 2025



2:00 - 4:30 P.M.

Kennedy Hall 8870 120 St., Surrey, B.C. \$10 at the door

\$5 for those wearing a Festival 2025 ribbon

MC: Ray Brendzy with a Panel of Callers and Cuers

The dance program will be for everyone. New Dancer Grads - Mainstream Dancers with a Plus tip or two

this dance is all about you, the dancers. Singles Board

Attendees will receive a highly prized Anni

Need more info? Contact Jean: jeangal2010@yahoo.ca

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Hearing assist



Upper and Lower Vancouver Island Dancers

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Upper Vancouver Island Square Dance Association

Caller/Cuer

BRENT MAWDSLEY

Sunday, June 1st, 2025 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

At Nanoose Place 2925 Northwest Bay Road

Cost: \$10.00 per person



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
 - o 9:00 am-11:00 am "FUN" Shop *at the Mainstream level
 - 1:00 pm 3:00 pm Choreographed Ballroom Dancing with <u>Arlene McLafferty</u> and <u>Deb Schmidt</u>
 (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

All Dances will be held at the Columbia Valley Center, 646 4 St, Invermere, BC



Hosted by the Columbia Valley Twirlers Alumni

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

> Radium Hot Springs 15 min drive Fairmont Hot Springs 20 min drive Many Golf Courses in the area Scenic areas to explore



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

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 or Cheque Payable to Gary Winter Mailed to 172, 51112 RR 222 Sherwood Park, AB T8C 1G9

Or contact for the link/more info:

Text Gary Winter (587) 784-3369
Email Trish Winter at twinter702@gmail.com
Text Trish Winter (780) 554-3369



Online Registration Link



Caller: Steve Edlund & Cuer: Sandy Meyer

Friday night dance and all Saturday dances with Steve & Sandy Sunday AM dance with a Panel of Callers & Cuers







Weekend Pass: \$45.

Includes all dances & continental breakfast

Saturday: Catered Dinner \$35. p/p

Dry Camping available on site - \$10. per night

For further info: chasethefunjune@gmail.com

or phone: Wendy Trudel 250-318-6321

www.chasethefun.ca Facebook: Chase the Fun





Cuer School



B.C. SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION
Is sponsoring an Introductory Cuer School
for Cuing at Square Dances
July 27 - 30, 2025
At Murrayville Community Hall, Langley, B.C.

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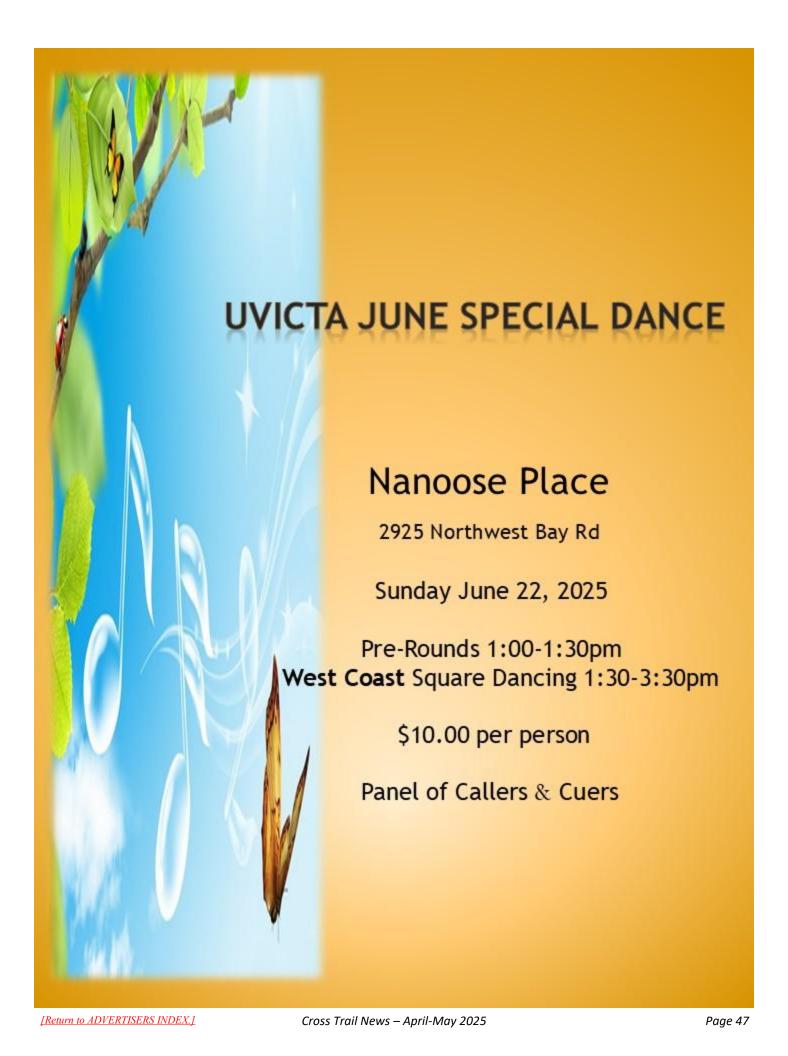
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For more information & application
Contact Lyle O'Hara, 2nd Vice, B.C. Fed
email: theoharas@telus.net



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





Catch the Wave

Come to dance | Stay to play



July 18 & 19, 2025



Friday

Dancing 7:00PM – 9:00PM Fanny Bay Hall \$10:00 at the door

Saturday

Market Day Courtenay Free Street Dance 11:00AM Corner of 5th and England

Dancing 7:00PM - 9:00PM Fanny Bay Hall \$10.00 at the door

Callers/Cuers
Fran and Roger Archambault
Gord Ruedig
Diana and Jake Ring



Sunday — Stay and Flay

Come and enjoy the Comox Valley in the summer time!

- Wine and Brewery Tours (40 Knots Winery)
- Ocean and Forest Walks (Seal Bay Park)
- Visit Mount Washington Hike, Cycle, Zip Line
- Kayaking/Cycling/Walking

On site RV parking for self-contained units. \$10 per unit
Shuttle to street dance available.
To reserve your RV space, and/or request billeting please contact:

oceanwavesquaredance@gmail.com

or Phone: 250-871-4341 or 250-792-4341 (Bob)



The Best Time to register is Now...

Best For Fun...Best For Space...Best For cost

Registration form at squaredance.bc.ca

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

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



Your Sponsor: The B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation

Your Hosts: The Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association 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 discoverlangleycity.com

destinationvancouver.com

ehcanadatravel.com/british-columbia/mainland.html



FILLABLE REGISTRATION FORM

The Powell River Star Dusters' Across the Pond Weekend Aug. 14, 15, & 16, 2025



Gord Ruedig

Panel Dances: Callers & Cuers Welcome!

Star Dusters Hall, 5399 Timberlane Ave

- Thursday 8 -10 pm
- Saturday 7:30 -10 pm

Friday at the Willingdon Beach Pavilion:

7:30 - 10:00 pm

- All Singing Calls with Gord Ruedig
- Rounds: Connie Ritchie / Deb Schmidt

Intro to Foxtrot Workshop

Star Dusters Hall Saturday 10 – 11 am



Connie Ritchie

Mainstream Workshop: Fractional Calls Star Dusters Hall Saturday 11am – Noon



Deb Schmidt

- No need to pre-register!
- Pay at the door when you arrive
- Cost for the Weekend: \$30.00 per person



July 15th - 18th 2026

Canadian National Square, Round & Clog Dance Festival

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Tanzania & Amboseli – Oct 01/25 African Safari

New Zealand - Nov 04/25 North & South Islands

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