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EDITOR'S PAGE

Award of Merit

Congratulations to LVIWSRDA Secretary Gillian Bloom on receiving the LVIWSRDA [Award of Merit](#) at the Spring Round-Up on May 4. (See page 20.)

Dancers of the Year

Congratulations to Jim & Carolyn Johnson of the Frontier Twirlers on winning the draw for the LVIWSRDA [Dancers of the Year](#) at the Spring Round-Up on May 4. (See page 19.)

Festivals

This is the last issue of the Cross Tail News before [BC Festival 2025](#) in Langley July 31 to August 2, 2025. If you haven't done so there's still time to register. (See poster page 44.)

And registrations are now open for the Canadian National [Festival 2026](#) in Penticton July 15-18, 2026. (See poster page 47.)

Alex Wotherspoon
Editor

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Grand March at the LVIWSRDA Spring Round-Up, May 4, 2025 – see page 18. (Photo by Garry Dodds.)

DANCE DATES – LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

MAY 2025

SPECIAL DANCE

VDCTA.....Colwood Hall Benefit Dance, Mainstream with Rounds, 8:00-10:00 PM,
Colwood Community Hall..... Wed. 28
(See poster page 36)

JUNE 2025

SPECIAL DANCES

Rainbow Rounders.....Rounds Phase 2, 3, & 4, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Tues., Jun. 3
(See poster page 38)
VDCTA/LVIWSRDA...Mainstream with Rounds, 8:00-10:00 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall Wed. 4 & 18
(See poster page 36)
VDCTA/LVIWSRDA...Mainstream with Rounds, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall Wed. 11 & 25
(See poster page 36)

JULY 2025

SPECIAL DANCES

VDCTA/LVIWSRDA...Mainstream with Rounds, 8:00-10:00 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall Wed. 2 & 16
(See poster page 36)
Rainbow Rounders.....Rounds Phase 2, 3, & 4, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Tues., Jul. 8
(See poster page 38)
VDCTA/LVIWSRDA...Mainstream with Rounds, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall Wed. 9 & 23
(See poster page 36)
BCSRDFBC Festival 2025, Langley, BC Wed., Jul. 30 to Sun., Aug. 3
(See poster page 44)

AUGUST 2025

SPECIAL DANCES

Rainbow Rounders.....Rounds Phase 2, 3, & 4, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Tues., Aug. 5
(See poster page 38)
VDCTA/LVIWSRDA...Mainstream with Rounds, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall Wed. 6 & 20
(See poster page 36)
VDCTA/LVIWSRDA...Mainstream with Rounds, 8:00-10:00 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall Wed. 13&27
(See poster page 36)

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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 contacts are on the directory pages in this issue. The Cross Trail News cannot be held responsible for any errors.

DANCE DATES – UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND

MAY 2025

SPECIAL DANCE

Ripple Rockets Blast Off 2025, Quinsam Hall, Campbell River Sat. 17-Sun. 18
(See posters pages 32-33)

JUNE 2025

SPECIAL DANCES

UVISDA Joint UVISDA-LVIWSRDA Dance with Caller/Cuer Brent
Mawdsley (Delta, BC), 2:00-4:00 PM, Nanoose Place Sun. 1
(See poster page 37)



UVICTA June Special Dance with Panel of Callers & Cuers, Pre-Rounds 1:00-1:30 PM,
West Coast 1:30-3:30 PM, Nanoose Place Sun. 22
(See poster page 41)

JULY 2025

SPECIAL DANCES

Ocean Waves Catch the Wave Weekend, Fanny Bay Hall & Downtown Courtenay Fri. 18 & Sat. 19
(See poster page 42)

BCSRDF BC Festival 2025, Langley, BC Wed., Jul. 30 to Sun., Aug. 3
(See poster page 44)

AUGUST 2025

SPECIAL DANCE

Star Dusters Across the Pond Weekend, Powell River Thu. 14 to Sat. 16
(See poster page 45)

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BC Festival 2025

July 31, Aug. 1 & 2

Register Early!

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CONVENTIONS, FESTIVALS, DANCE WEEKENDS, & SPECIAL EVENTS

This information is compiled from a number of sources and is believed to be accurate, however event details are subject to change. We recommend that you confirm all particulars including dates, times, and locations with event organizers prior to registering and/or booking transportation and accommodation.

2025	
May 17-18	Ripple Rockets – Blast Off 2025 – Quinsam Hall, Campbell River – ripplerockets.wixsite.com/campbellriver (see posters pages 32-33)
May 25	Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association and The Valley Circle – 65 th Anniversary Dance – Kennedy Hall, Surrey, BC (see poster page 34)
May 25	Star Country Squares – 2 nd Annual Sock Hop with Caller Gord Ruedig – Halina Activity Room in the Vernon Rec Centre, Vernon, BC (see poster page 35)
May 28	VDCTA – Colwood Hall Benefit Dance – Colwood Community Hall, Colwood, BC (see poster page 36)
June 1	UVISDA – Joint UVISDA-LVIWSRDA Dance – Nanoose Place, Nanoose Bay, BC (see poster page 37)
June 6-7	Mainstream Dancing Getaway with Brent Mawdsley & Gary Winter – Invermere, BC – twinter702@gmail.com – Online Registration Link (see poster page 39)
June 13-15	Thompson-Shuswap Square & Round Dance Association – Chase the Fun 2025 – Chase Community Hall, Chase, BC – www.chasethefun.ca (see poster page 40)
June 21-25	49 th Annual ROUNDALAB Convention – Little Rock, Arkansas – www.roundalab.org
June 22	UVICTA – June Special Dance – Nanoose Place, Nanoose Bay, BC (see poster page 41)
June 25-28	74 th US National Square Dance Convention – Shreveport, Louisiana – 74thnsdc.com
July 18-19	Ocean Waves – Catch the Wave – Fanny Bay Hall & Downtown Courtenay, BC (see poster page 42)
July 30 & 31, Aug. 1 & 2	BC Square & Round Dance Federation – BCFestival2025 & Trail-In Dance – Langley, BC – squaredance.bc.ca/bcfestival2025/ (see poster page 44)
Aug. 14-16	Star Dusters – Across the Pond Weekend – Powell River, BC (see poster page 45)
Aug. 29-Sept. 1	Alberta Square & Round Dance Federation – 55 th Annual Convention 2025 – Lacombe, AB – www.communitydance.net
2026	
Mar. 29-Apr. 1	51 st CALLERLAB Convention – Reno, Nevada – www.callerlab.org
June 21-24	50 th Annual ROUNDALAB Convention – Waco, Texas – www.roundalab.org
June 24-27	75 th US National Square Dance Convention – Waco, Texas – 75nsdctx.com
July 15-18	24 th Canadian National Square, Round & Clog Dance Festival – Penticton, BC – squaredance.bc.ca/festival2026/ (see poster page 47)


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Newsletter #1


April 2025



We are excited and pleased to report that the planning for the next Canadian National Square, Round and Clog Dance Festival is well underway for July 15-18, 2026, in beautiful British Columbia. Registration is open and available online on the B. C. Square and Round Dance Federation website.

 **Beautiful surroundings:** The event will be held in Penticton, BC, at the Trade and Convention Centre with ample space for about 1000 dancers. This venue is in the Okanagan Valley in the centre of the province which is a tourist and wine mecca surrounded by mountains and between two large lakes. One of only two cities in the world with such spectacular surroundings.

 **Stay in comfort:** Arrangements have been made with a number of hotels, all within one kilometer of the Convention Centre, with room rates reflecting 2024 pricing rather than whatever increase 2026 might bring. Information about the hotels is also online at the BCSRDF website.

 **Dancing fun for everyone:** We shall be offering multiple levels of square and round dancing, as well as clogging, with separate rooms available for each dance genre as required. The air conditioning is first rate, and we are satisfied that there shall be few, if any, problems with floors. As well, this Festival will revive the spirit of memorable Penticton Peach Festivals that so many remember fondly. Come relive square dancing in Okanagan Lake!

 **Getting there:** The nearest major airport is Kelowna which is serviced by several airlines including Air Canada, Westjet, Porter and Alaska Air. The next closest is Vancouver Airport which is approximately an hour by air to Kelowna or you can look at flying into Penticton Regional Airport, which has limited service. We are investigating the possibility of having buses meet popular flights to reduce the transport costs to and from Kelowna. Both Kelowna and Vancouver offer scenic drives to Penticton if you opt to hire a car, with driving times of approximately one or four hours respectively.

We shall be sending newsletters to keep you in touch with progress and look forward to seeing you on the floor.

A warm welcome awaits you in Penticton! Please join the fun!

Wendy Krueger and Dennis Sutton

Co-Chairs,
2026 National Square, Round and Clog Dance Festival Committee
squaredance.bc.ca



Welcome to the Okanagan!!

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British Columbia
Summer 2025 Square & Round Dance Federation Newsletter

Welcome to all the New Dancer Graduates to our Square Dance family.

The next phase of your Square Dance journey will have you reviewing what you learned and learning new moves which will be just as much fun as learning to Square Dance has been. Keep a look out for Summer Dancing where you can practice what you learned and meet new friends along the way. There are usually at least a few "Angels" at each dance to help the newer dancers.

New dancers are welcome to attend BC Festival 2025 as a spectator.

We have changed the schedule for our AGM.

A General Meeting will take place in the Spring to discuss items to recommend to the AGM. The Fall AGM (October 19th this year) will take place after the end of the financial year so we can include the Treasurer's financial report in the AGM instead of having the AGM in the spring then a second session of the AGM in the fall for the Treasurer's financial report.

BC Festival 2025 will be here before you know it. July 31, August 1 & 2, 2025

Make sure you register for what will be a great Square, Round and Clog dance event in Langley, B.C.

Update on the Cuer School – The registration fee has been reduced to \$350.00 per student due to additional funding from the B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation. Refunds will be issued to those who have already registered.

SQUAREDANCE.BC.CA is your resource for Square Dancing in B.C.

Links to the 2 Festivals coming up in B.C., Find a Club, The Promotion Library, AGM info, The Cross Trail News online, Cuer School poster and much more.

Please have someone from your club keep your club web site up to date and let the Federation Webmaster know about events to add to the Federation Calendar and Club Anniversaries for each Five-Year Anniversary that we can present an Anniversary Crest for. We provide web space for member clubs of the B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation and can assist with web site issues as we have done helping Region 8, Region 1, Amalgam-Eighters and Abbotsford Grand Squares converting their web sites to WordPress to make it easier for the web site admin to keep the sites up to date.

I am planning a Zoom session for Web Basics to explain the procedures for accessing a web site for your club or association on the Federation server to make additions and updates. If you are interested, email me fmcneil@shaw.ca so I can arrange a date for the Zoom session.

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



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AMALGAM-EIGHTERS, Nanaimo

By Margie Cooper

Well, nothing can top our Spring Dance Season! At least not this year!

We started March off with our annual Silly Hat and Talent night. That brought out five squares of dancers, and hats galore. Thanks to Wendie's flexibility in scheduling and accommodating the needs of the talented performers, the rest of us were well entertained (and impressed!) by instrumentalists, vocalists, callers, cuers, a song-writer, a poet, a rain-maker, and even a trained elephant! One can only feel sorry for all who missed the fun!

Our St. Patrick's Dance was very "green" and energetic. Wendie's Irish music got five squares of dancers on their feet! And it has to be said, that if we have five squares in attendance, it's thanks to the support of the Wheel Arounds, Rainbow Rounders, Ocean Waves, and Ripple Rockets. We couldn't do it without you!

And the other thing that we definitely couldn't have done without you was the joyous celebration of our 60th Anniversary at Nanoose Place. Wow! That was fun!! The pessimist in me had hoped we'd attract 80



At the Amalgam-Eighters' 60th Anniversary Dance the cake was cut by Marie & Ken McCallum who have been active members for 39 years! Ray & Deb Schmidt with Bonnie Haapala on stage.

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Hula hoopers at the Amalgam-Eighters 50s Dance (left to right): Wendie Harrington, Esther Wong, Sue Ottley, Joelle Pattern, Lynette McLeod, Muneera Bandali, Susan Falk, Daniela Hewson, George Pattern. *(Photos by Margie Cooper.)*

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dancers...Bonnie, the optimist, thought we might have 100...but 140 of you signed in at the door!! Thank you, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, from Victoria to Powell River! We couldn't believe it...12 squares were counted, and Deb and Ray kept the energy ramped up for the duration! Dancing that afternoon, enveloped in so much fun, friendship, vitality and laughter, one couldn't help but feel that anniversary dances, for all clubs, will continue to go on and on.

We finished off the season with a 50s Dance, followed by our Potluck and Dogwood Dance, which provided an opportunity for our new SSD dancers to join in. Wendie also held three "Practice Dances" in April to help cement the moves and boost new dancer confidence. Hopefully we'll see them all back for Mainstream lessons in September.

Happy summer dancing, to one and all!

COUNTRY COUSINS, Victoria

By Wendy Weeks

The Country Cousins last dance for this dancing season will be on May 10th where we will celebrate our 69th year of dancing. Yippee!

We would like to thank the Country Cousins dancers and all our visiting dancers for making this year's dances fun and well attended. Thanks to all the Country Cousins who attend the Saanich Squares dance lessons as angels. Thanks to Stu Hemmings for starting a mid season dance lesson group that will graduate the end of May.

I would like to thank Gary Weeks and his helpers for the decorating the hall for our dances. Thank you to all the kitchen helpers, especially, Deloris Weightman and Anne McCarthy, and to Vanda Stocks who consistently managed the sign in process. And a very big thank-you to our caller Kirk Rockerbee for providing great calls and music that keeps us challenged and having fun!

At our AGM on April 12th the Country Cousins nominated two women for our dancers of the year: Vanda Stocks and Deldine Chang. Congratulations!

On behalf of the Country Cousins we wish to thank John Mc Allister for his eight years of working on our executive. In particular we are grateful to his

work in bringing us through the COVID years. John will be stepping down from his position as vice president and we welcome Dennis Sutton as our new vice president. Our current executive is Wendy Weeks, president; Dennis Sutton, vice president; Cathy Novak, secretary; and Vanda Stocks, treasurer.

We hope to see many of you at the LVISWRDA and VDCTA Wednesday night summer dances. Be sure to check out the LVIWSRDA website as to the location of the dances. Also check out the LVIWSRDA website for all the summer dancing opportunities in BC and beyond!

The Country Cousins dancing season will start off on September 13 with our Pie Night! See you on the dance floor.

FRONTIER TWIRLERS, Victoria

By Darrell Roberts

As we draw near the end of our 2024-2025 square dance season, we reflect on the great year we have had and on our most recent wonderful dances.



March 15 – The theme of this celebratory night was the epic 66th birthday of the Frontier Twirlers club 1959-2025!! (Where were you in 1959?) What a fantastic feat. It was a very nostalgic night as we bid our last farewell to Ferdinand the Great and his many offspring. "Hasta Luego" dear Ferdinand as he goes off to greener pastures (LITERALLY – his new home is the Saanich Fairgrounds). His offspring have been rehomed to friends of Ferdinand in the square dance community. Following the wonderful beats there

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Herb Fox with Ferdinand.

were of course the traditional wonderful eats! What is a celebration without friends and good food?

April 5 – Ay Yi Yi - Our Muy Bueno Mexican night. The night was filled with colourful outfits, delicious tacos, entertaining tap dancers (“The Silver Nuggets” - thank you), and to top off the night, El ZORRO (aka Mr. Fox), the accomplished accordion playing troubadour delighted us with his talents. So many talents hide within our esteemed club members. Amazing!

The graduation ceremony for our wee class was on April 27th. Congratulations to Bobbi and Stacey for very successfully completing the course and a big welcome as they have joined the club as members. Congratulations to those who came to the Sunday classes as a refresher. Thank you to all angels who diligently came out to help “mould” our new and refresher dancers. At the end of May the accelerated class, which began in January, will have their graduation ceremony,

Thank you to our outgoing couple of the year, Linda and Herb Fox, and congratulations to the incoming



New graduates Stacey and Bobbi.

couple of the year, Carolyn and Jim Johnson, for the 2025-2026 season.

Our Wonderful Wind-Up dance was May 3. We continued our club birthday celebration by giving one more nod to 1959 with a theme of “Back in Time”. Loads of fun, dancing and our signature feast and comradery after the dancing.

Goodbye to the 2024-2025 season. It has been a great one. Any dance day is a wonderful day.

Future dates to note:

The Open House for the Frontier Twirlers club will be on Sunday, September 14th at the Colwood Community Hall from 7:00-9:00 pm. Bring all your friends and family to give square dancing a whirl.

The first club dance of the year is our famous Tart Start on September 20th at the Colwood Community Hall with Plus from 7:30-8:00 pm followed by Mainstream (with rounds) from 8:00-10:00 pm. Come for fun, dancing and sweet tart treats.

The new dancer class for the 2025-2026 season will commence on Sunday, September 21st at the Colwood Community Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Two free classes to new dancers on September 21 and 28.

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As always, club dances are on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at the Colwood Community Hall with Plus dancing from 7:30-8:00 pm followed by Mainstream from 8:00-10:00 pm. There will be cookies and coffee after each dance with “feasts” on theme dance nights. Cost is \$7 per person.

We look forward to seeing y’all on the dance floor!!

(Frontier Twirlers’ photos by Darrell Roberts.)

ISLAND GEMS, Nanaimo

By Wendie Harrington

Island Gems will be wrapping up this season on May 15. We have had a great season dancing. Over the course of the season we have added Bolero to our repertoire. Our evening programs now include waltz, twostep, quickstep, rumba, cha cha, tango, jive, foxtrot, slow two step, and bolero. It certainly makes for a very varied program.

Over the course of the year our afternoon classes have included a very thorough course for two step from September to January and then for Waltz from January to May. We have completed all of phase 3. We have also offered introductions to the following rhythms – foxtrot, jive, slow two step, tango and rumba. Our groups have done so well.

We have had lots of fun and have some very capable new dancers. After the summer hiatus we will be offering more programs in September. Please keep your eyes on our website towards the end of the summer to see what is happening:

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



Some members of the Island Gems afternoon waltz class waving hello! (Photo by Wendie Harrington.)

MAVERICKS, Victoria

By Chrissy Torontow

The spring dances have been so much fun! The New Dancer Class has graduated, and we are thrilled to have the new dancers join us.

We are getting really good turnouts to the dances and had a busy month visiting other clubs in the area. The Frontier Twirlers visited us and retrieved their banner that we had stolen while visiting their club on March 1st. Our club made a visitation to the Country Cousins dance on April 22nd: what a super night of dancing and we retrieved our banner. And the Mavericks also made an afternoon visit to the Sooke Squares on April 1st where we were, as always, warmly welcomed. Richard did “hex” patterns which were really entertaining. It’s fun to learn new things!

We had our AGM on April 13th and welcome new members to our board, Lynne Severance as VP and Van Williams as treasurer. Lots of yummy snacks were provided for after the meeting.

Our season wrapped up on May 2nd with our 73rd Black and White Birthday dance.

We look forward to the upcoming Wednesday night summer dances and all the square dance weekends. We’ll see you out dancing!

The Mavericks were saddened by the passing of Dwight Fry, a longtime Mavericks member. (See article on page 16 and Sympathy and Condolences on page 21.)

OCEAN WAVES, Courtenay

By Karin Sorger & Doreen Miskae

The weather is lovely and it’s beautiful springtime. Our dance season is coming to an end and we can look forward to some special weekend dances. Maybe I’ll see you at the Provincial Festival in Langley!

This is my last write-up which I have enjoyed doing and another Ocean Waves member, Doreen Miskae, will take over for the upcoming year.

Our club is getting four to six squares at our dances – attendance is up! Thanks everyone for making the effort – the more dancers out, the livelier the dance! We are a happy family! Most of our club’s family attended the anniversary of Amalgam-Eighters – see photo on next page!

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We had a very nice impressive graduation ceremony with most of our club attending. A nice group of new dancers will join us at regular Saturday dances.



Ocean Waves new dancer class graduates.

Our green “Irish Mist” dance brought in a lot of dancers. We had fun and games with scratch tickets handed out as prizes. We welcomed a snowbird dancer, Michelle, from Ontario and next year her husband will be dancing also.

We had our regular Salty Dog Dance, but unfortunately our caller, Fran, was not well. Jake was call-

ing. It was a fun dance and we loved the hot-dogs and treats. Fran was calling at our All Singing Calls night at the Lewis Centre. One more dance and summer will be here.

Fran, we hope that a restful summer will help you to regain your health and vitality. Take care and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Welcome to our new Couple of the Year: Ellen and Rick Granberg.

We wish to express our condolences to Don Hurford who lost his special dancing partner, Charlotte Stevenson, on March 4th. She was a keen and happy square dancer.

RAINBOW ROUNDERS, Victoria

By Van Williams

We finished our social dance season with a Wind-Up Dance (and party) on Tuesday, April 29, and we celebrated the graduation of our 12 beginner waltz class dancers the next night, April 30. In preparation for those two events, Connie, Kirk and Darrell reinstalled Connie's beautifully refurbished Rainbow Rounders' sign near the side stage in Colwood Hall. Check it out.

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Members of the Ocean Waves at the Amalgam-Eighters 60th Anniversary Dance on March 30, 2025.

(Ocean Waves' photos by Rick Granberg.)

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We announced our new Dancers of the Year at the Wind-Up dance. They are Kirk Rockerbie and Anne McCarthy. Bruce and Bonnie Irving are our outgoing Dancers of the Year.

This past year, our social dances were primarily attended by our 14 club members plus one other couple who were members last year. Our phase II dances are assessable to all phase II round dancers and we would love to have you come out and join the fun. Darrell Roberts joined the cueing team this past year, and he has delighted in finding choreographies that makes easy dances really engaging.

Connie has scheduled three summer dances at the Colwood Hall on June 3, July 8, and August 5, 2025. The dances will include phase II, III & IV round dances. Come out and consolidate your phase II skills. At the same time, you can whet your appetite to take up phase III & IV dance classes in the fall.

RING'S SQUARES & ROUNDS, **Campbell River/Courtenay** **By Diana Ring**

We have just finished another five week session of workshops for Mainstream square dancing and Phase II+ for round dancing as of April 16th.

We will be taking the summer off and then will look into future workshops for October going forward.

Hopefully everyone will enjoy their summer with family and friends and summer dancing!

RIPPLE ROCKETS, Campbell River **By Mireille Earle**

To wrap up the year we would like to thank all the dancers that have helped support us this dancing season.

We were very happy to welcome our new caller, Elizabeth Hohner, in March.

Plans are underway for our Blast Off Weekend, May 17 & 18. We're very excited to welcome one and all for a fun filled weekend of dancing to a panel of callers/cuers.

The Club members are looking forward to going to some of the special dances throughout the summer.

STAR DUSTERS, Powell River **By Gord Ruedig**

As I write this, another season is nearing its end. The Star Dusters welcomed several new dancers this spring but attendance has been poor. Still we strive to keep those who show up moving forward.

We faced many challenges with the school kids as well (see our article in the last edition of the CTN) but were able to see that venture through to the end of the lesson plan. Our resident music teacher, Roy Carson, is bursting with ideas about where we take it from here, including taking on another group of kids before the end of the school year. I don't know if that's possible but I'm sure we have more adventures ahead of us if not this year, then next!

We were joined by Ray & Deb Schmidt at our monthly pot luck dinner dance March 29 as they were passing through on their way to call and cue for the Amalgam-Eighters anniversary celebration, March 30. That was a wonderful party; congratulations to the Amalgam-Eighters on 60 years! Since it was spring break at the time, my grandkids were visiting so they got in on our dance as well. As always, our club was very supportive and the kids, who've grown up around dancing, didn't miss a beat.

Recently, a small group of outwardly bound dancers have been staying after Tuesday class for an hour of extra mainstream tutoring. They were surprised to find that it only took three one-hour sessions to cover everything they didn't already know from a variety of standard and nonstandard set-ups.

We wind up our season on Saturday, May 10 with a final pot-luck dinner and dance. As always, we will be keeping things fresh in their minds with occasional summer dances leading up to our Across the Pond Weekend.

A reminder to all that our summer dance will be held August 14, 15, & 16 this year so save the date! Registration this year will be at the door. See the advertisement on page 45 in this issue.

See you at a summer dance!



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STAR TWIRLERS, Victoria By Garry Dodds

Its hard to believe the dance season is almost over. Our new Plus dancers are really progressing and enjoying the Plus program. Thank you so much to all of the dancers –visitors and club members alike, for keeping the club fun and going.

Congratulations to Dennis Sutton who was selected as Star Twirlers Dancer of the Year.

Our Thursday night Advanced workshop has completed the A1 program and we are now working on all of the moves so that the dancers will be able to dance at Festival 2025.

We will be celebrating our 47th Birthday Dance on Monday, May 12th. The A1 workshop will wind up for the season on May 8th.

We will have another OPEN HOUSE for anyone interested in Plus dancing this fall at the September 22nd dance.

Don't forget the summer dances and other summer activities. We will be at the BC Festival in Langley as well as several other weekend dances in Alberta this year.

TRAILBLAZERS, Victoria

The Trailblazers' caller and cuer, Dwight Fry, passed away on April 11, 2025. See Carol Young's article on page 16 and Sympathy and Condolences on page 21.

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DWIGHT FRY – JUNE 12, 1955-APRIL 11, 2025

By Carol Young

I was flipping through some pictures a few days ago and there I was dancing with Dwight on the steps of the Legislature. He was wearing his black tuxedo jacket, a white shirt and of course a baseball cap. We were dancing in support of Ukraine just after they had been invaded by Russia.

Dwight was always looking for ways to promote square dancing. He organized square dancing on the Gorge on Canada Day. The first time he set up his equipment, one of the neighbours came over to see what he was up to. That led to a lasting friendship. Each year they let Dwight park in their driveway so he wouldn't have to carry his equipment very far.

He organized dances outside during COVID so we could still dance. These included dances on the legislature steps, in Ed McGregor Park in Sooke, and in the driveway at a square dancer's home.

He learned to call and cue. He attended a caller school in Alberta and was a member of the Alberta Caller's Association. He also attended a cuer school in Alberta. He choreographed a number of round dances. He was always sending me and other dancers recordings of his dances so they could provide feedback.

On the day he passed, his club, The Trailblazers, held a dance. Darrell Roberts and Kirk Rockerbie shared the calling and Dwight cued the rounds through his recordings. I was so used to critiquing his work that a couple of times I thought to myself, I need to tell him to adjust a part of the dance. Then I remembered he

was gone and I couldn't do that anymore. It was sad.

Dwight had his own way of doing things. Not everyone agreed with his approach. Those who knew him, realized when he thought something needed to be done to promote square dancing that wasn't being done, he would do it. He created a meetup group to advertise square dancing lessons. He sent out a newsletter called the Quadrille to advertise upcoming square dance events.

He put a group together to dance at Centennial Square as part of the annual Folkloria dance event. He had T-shirts made for people who danced on the Gorge during Canada's 150th birthday celebration. He hounded me as President of the LVIWSRDA to apply for a \$5,000 grant to promote square dancing after COVID and I am glad he did!

Dwight and I were also dance partners. We danced long enough together that dancing with him was like coming home. However, there were many times when Dwight noticed one of the single ladies sitting out and would make a point of asking for a dance. Likewise, if I noticed someone was sitting out and mentioned it to him, he would be on his way over to her before I finished my sentence. He wanted to make sure everyone had the opportunity to participate and enjoy dancing.

The dance community has lost a great supporter and promoter of both square and round dancing. I will miss his dances, that always included a "teacup stroll". I will miss dancing with him.



Photos of Dwight from his personal Facebook page and from the page for the Trailblazers Square Dance Group. The first three are cropped from group photos.



NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

UVICTA Freshman Frolic

What a great afternoon!!! The bright sunshine matched the smiles on the dancers' faces as new dancers from Upper Vancouver Island and Powell River gathered at Nanoose Place to rollick at the Frolic on Sunday, April 13, 2025.

MC Jake Ring kept the program running smoothly throughout the afternoon. Also on the program were other callers from UVICTA: Wendie Harrington, Gord Ruedig, Al Jonsson, and Elizabeth Hohner.

A great variety of tunes had toes tapping. Six to seven squares were on the floor most of the afternoon. The new dancers also enjoyed the opportunity to "shop". Esther Wong from Amalgam-Eighters had

By Wendie Harrington

coordinated a large selection of square dance clothing for their shopping pleasure. I am sure we will enjoy seeing many lovely recycled outfits at our dances in the future.

Special thanks go to Connie Ritchie and Diana Ring who manned the door and to Lynette McLeod who made sure the dancers were supplied with coffee, tea, and goodies throughout the afternoon.

The callers really appreciated everyone pitching in to clean up the hall and put away chairs after the dancing finished. We thank you all for coming out and hope you had as much fun dancing as we did calling for you.



UVICTA Callers and partners on the Freshman Frolic program: (from left) Herb & Wendie Harrington, Elizabeth Hohner, Al Jonsson, Gord Ruedig, and Diana & Jake Ring.



UVISDA President Couple Bob & Pat Chalmers (left). Dancers waiting for the music to start (above). (Photos by Wendie Harrington.)

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SPRING ROUND-UP 2025

The 2025 LVIWSRDA and VDCTA Spring Round-Up was held on Sunday, May 4th at Colwood Community Hall.

Forty-three people were present for the afternoon Mainstream dance. The event began with half an hour of pre-rounds. This was followed by the grand march. Dancers then formed into squares for an afternoon of square and round dancing to a panel of callers and cuers, with Garry Dodds as the MC.

Other callers and cuers on the program were Lorne Clayton, Connie Ritchie, Darrell Roberts, Kirk Rockerbie, Richard Sharman, and Pat Zeeman.

During one of the breaks a number of introductions were made and presentations took place.

The LVIWSRDA dancers of the year nominees for 2025-2026 were introduced by LVIWSRDA Vice-President Gary Weeks: Country Cousins – Vanda Stocks and Deldine Chang, Frontier Twirlers – Jim & Carolyn Johnson, Mavericks – Lorne & Barb Clayton, Rainbow Rounders – Kirk Rockerbie & Anne McCarthy, and Star Twirlers – Dennis Sutton. (See photo page 19.)

The 2024-2025 Dancer of the Year, Delores Weightman, was presented with a plaque as the outgoing

By Alex Wotherspoon

Dancer of the Year. She was then asked to draw the name(s) for the Dancer(s) of the Year for the 2025-2026 season. The lucky winners were Jim & Carolyn Johnson of the Frontier Twirlers. They were presented with the perpetual Dancers of the Year trophy and will be receiving their Dancers of the Year badges and pay parade token once they are engraved. (See photos page 19.)

The only badge presentation this year was a BCSRDF Four Score and More Club badge to Gordon Ross of the Frontier Twirlers. (See photo page 21.)

After reading a brief biography of the recipient, LVIWSRDA Vice-President Gary Weeks then presented the LVIWSRDA Award of Merit to LVIWSRDA Secretary Gillian Bloom. (See page 20.)

The executives for the two Lower Island associations were introduced. VDCTA: President – Kirk Rockerbie, Vice-President – Garry Dodds, Secretary – Pat Zeeman, Treasurer – Connie Ritchie, and Round Dance Chair – Marilynne Cunningham (unable to attend). LVIWSRDA: President – Carol Young (unable to attend), Vice-President – Gary Weeks, Secretary – Gillian Bloom, and Treasurer (also Cross Trail News Editor) – Alex Wotherspoon. (See photos below.)



Victoria & District Caller Teachers Association executive (from left): Treasurer Connie Ritchie, President Kirk Rockerbie, Vice President Garry Dodds, and Secretary Pat Zeeman. (Missing: Round Dance Chair Marilynne Cunningham).

Lower Vancouver Island Western Square & Round Dance Association executive (from left): Vice President Gary Weeks, Secretary Gillian Bloom, and Treasurer Alex Wotherspoon. (Missing: President Carol Young.)

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SPRING ROUND-UP 2025 (continued)



2025-2026 Dancers of the Year Nominees (standing from left): Jim & Carolyn Johnson (Frontier Twirlers), Dennis Sutton (Star Twirlers), Vanda Stocks and Deldine Chang (Country Cousins), LVIWSRDA Vice President Gary Weeks, Barb & Lorne Clayton (Mavericks); (kneeling) Anne McCarthy & Kirk Rockerbie (Rainbow Rounders).



LVIWSRDA Vice President Gary Weeks with 2024-2025 Dancer of the Year, Delores Weightman. 2025-2026 Dancers of the Year, Jim & Carolyn Johnson, with LVIWSRDA Vice President Gary Weeks

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SPRING ROUND-UP 2025 (continued)

LVIWSRDA AWARD OF MERIT

By Carol Young

Gillian began her square dancing journey by taking lessons with the Royal Oakers during the 2003-2004 dance season. She joined the Mavericks in 2004. Since joining the club, she served five years as president, four years as secretary and membership combined, and one year as membership. At the Maverick's dances you will often see Gillian at the sign in table with a smile on her face welcoming dancers and taking dance fees.

In 2009 she became the secretary for the Lower Vancouver Island Western Square and Round Dance Association. She has held this position ever since. I am

grateful for her support in sending out meeting agenda, taking minutes, emailing announcements, and reminders that I have to ensure the delegates vote on motions!

She is very supportive of square dancing and is always happy to volunteer where necessary at the various LWIVSRDA functions.

I am very grateful for all of Gillian's contributions to square dancing over the years and would like to recognize her with the LVIWSRDA Award of Merit.



LVIWSRDA Secretary and Award of Merit recipient, Gillian Bloom, with LVIWSRDA Vice-President, Gary Weeks.

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SPRING ROUND-UP 2025 (continued)



Gordon Ross of the Frontier Twirlers receiving his BCSRDF Four Score and More Club badge from LVIWS-RDA Vice President Gary Weeks. (All photos pages 18, 19, 20, & 21 © Anne McCarthy.)

SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES

The rose still blooms more fair beyond the garden wall.



Our deepest sympathy to:

Don Hurford, Ocean Waves, on the loss of his partner, **Charlotte Stevenson**, who passed away in Nanaimo on March 4, 2025 at the age of 93. Charlotte is also survived by her daughter and her family.

Our condolences to the families of:

Dwight Fry, a member of the Mavericks and a caller for the Trailblazers Square Dance Group, who passed

away in Victoria on April 11, 2025 at the age of 69. Dwight is survived by his three sons and their families. (See also page 16.)

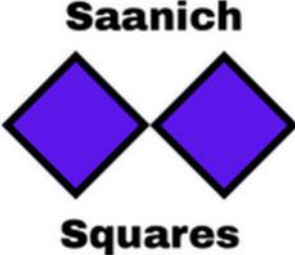



Simone Griecken, a former member of the Ripple Rockets, who passed away in Campbell River on March 23, 2025. Simone is survived by her partner, **Ken Aucoin**.

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	<p>Country Cousins – Victoria</p> <p>Club Email president@ccsdc.ca Club Website..... ccsdc.ca</p> <p>Mainstream with Rounds – 7:30-9:30 PM 2nd & 4th Saturdays – Sep. 14 to Dec. 14, 2024; Jan. 11 to May 10, 2025 Cordova Bay United Church Hall – 813 Claremont Ave., Victoria, BC</p> <p>Caller/Cuer..... Kirk Rockerbie President..... Wendy Weeks Secretary Cathy Novak Treasurer Vanda Stocks</p>
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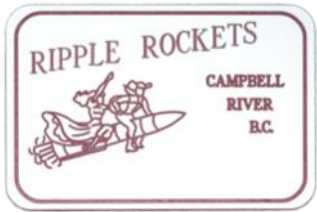
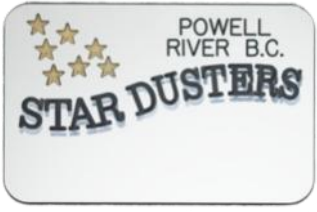
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	<p>Amalgam-Eighters – Nanaimo Club Email amalgam-eighters@squaredance.bc.ca Club Website.. amalgam-eighters.squaredance.bc.ca</p> <hr/> <p>Mainstream (with Rounds) – 7:00-9:30 PM (Social 9:30-10:00) 1st & 3rd Fridays – Sep. 20 to Dec. 20, 2024; Jan. 17 to May 2, 2025 Lantzville Community (Costin) Hall – 7232 Lantzville Rd., Lantzville, BC</p> <hr/> <p>Caller/Cuer..... Wendie Harrington President Bonnie Haapala Secretary: Margie Cooper Treasurer May Wagner</p>
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Garry Dodds & Pat Zeeman (cuer)

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Marilynne & Alan Cunningham

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2219 Sooke Road

Cordova Bay United Church Hall
813 Claremont Avenue

Victoria Scout House
505 Marigold Rd.

SOOKE

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #54 Sooke
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Lantzville Community (Costin) Hall
7232 Lantzville Road

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

NANOOSE BAY

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2925 Northwest Bay Road

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Native Sons Hall
360 Cliffe Avenue

Royston Community Hall
3902 Island Highway South (at Royston Road)
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Campbell River United Church Hall
415 Pinecrest Road (at Birch Street)
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2005 Eagle Drive

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Issue	Deadline	Dance Dates	Other Information
September-October-November 2025	Sunday, August 3, 2025	September 2025 to August 2026	Directory information form including list of dances and event dates.
		September, October, & November 2025	Fall start-up dates, new dancer class dates & ads, special dances ads, club news, sympathy.
December 2025-January 2026	Sunday, November 2, 2025	December 2025 & January 2026	Special dances ads, Christmas dance, season's greetings ads, first dance in New Year, club news, sympathy.
February-March 2026	Sunday, January 4, 2026	February & March 2026	Special dances ads, summer weekend event ads, club news, sympathy.
April-May 2026	Sunday, March 1, 2026	April & May 2026	Special dances ads, windup dates, summer weekend event ads, club news, sympathy.
June-July-August 2026	Sunday, May 3, 2026	June, July, & August 2026	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 (\$4.50) 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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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) \$25.00 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 (jhobbshouse@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

**Make cheques
payable to
Ripple Rockets**

Fragrance free event
Shirts required (long or short sleeves)

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

or

\$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**

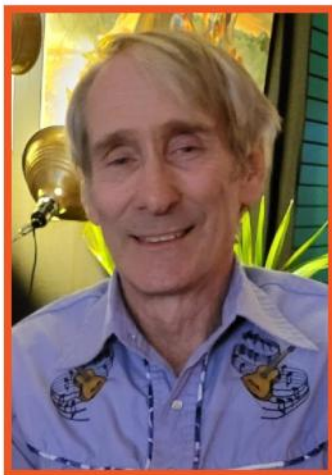
**A great event to meet other dancers
from around the lower Mainland
this dance is all about you, the dancers.**

Attendees will receive a highly prized Anniversary Dangle

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

50/50 draw
Refreshments
Singles Board
Hearing assist

2nd Annual



Caller: Gord Ruedig
from Powell River

Cuers: Peter & Stella Tennant **2:00pm to 4:30pm**

Mainstream, SSD & Rounds in between Tips
Pre-Rounds from 2:00 pm to 2:30pm

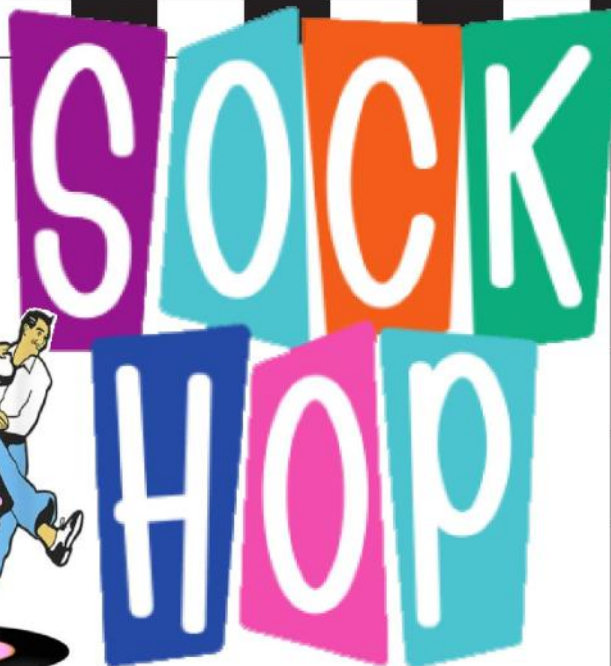


Dance with the

STAR COUNTRY
SQUARES



VERNON, B.C.



Sunday

May 25, 2025

2:00pm to 4:30pm

Admission: \$10

Halina Activity Room
in the Vernon Rec Centre
34th St & 35th Ave
(Entrance by Outdoor Rink)

Refreshing Snacks & Root Beer Floats.



Saturday, May 24th - Noon - 3:00 pm
Plus Level Graduation Dance
with Caller, Nelson Reeme **Fee \$10**

SUMMER MAINSTREAM DANCES

Victoria, BC – 2025

Wednesday Evenings – 8:00-10:00 PM

Date	Hall	Program/Caller/Cuer
May 28	Colwood	Colwood Hall Benefit Dance (<i>Admission by Donation</i>) Panel of Callers and Cuers – MC: Garry Dodds
June 4	Cordova Bay	Lorne Clayton
June 11	Colwood	Stu Hemmings & Darrell Roberts
June 18	Cordova Bay	Garry Dodds & Pat Zeeman
June 25	Colwood	Garry Dodds & Pat Zeeman
July 2	Cordova Bay	Lorne Clayton
July 9	Colwood	Stu Hemmings
July 16	Cordova Bay	Marilynne Cunningham
July 23	Colwood	Richard Sharman & Connie Ritchie
July 30	Dark	<i>Cancelled for BC Festival 2025 – Langley, BC</i>
August 6	Colwood	Kirk Rockerbie, Darrell Roberts, & Connie Ritchie
August 13	Cordova Bay	Marilynne Cunningham
August 20	Colwood	Kirk Rockerbie
August 27	Cordova Bay	Panel of Callers and Cuers – MC: Kirk Rockerbie

Colwood Community Hall – 2219 Sooke Rd., Victoria, BC
Cordova Bay United Church Hall – 813 Claremont Ave., Victoria, BC

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

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

Scheduled callers and cuers are subject to changes and additions.

Dances may be cancelled due to excessive heat and will be cancelled if the Air Quality Health Index is 8 or higher.

Remember to check your email for dance updates.

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



JOINT DANCE

Upper and Lower Vancouver Island Dancers

Sponsored by

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Upper Vancouver Island Square Dance Association

Caller/Cuer

BRENT MAWDSLEY

Sunday, June 1st, 2025

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**At Nanoose Place
2925 Northwest Bay Road**

Cost: \$10.00 per person



Rainbow Rounders

Summer Rounds

Tuesday 7:30—9:30

June 3rd, July 8th, Aug 5th

Phase 2, 3 & 4

Colwood Community Hall
2219 Sooke Road

Cuers: Connie Ritchie
Kirk Rockerbie
Darrell Roberts

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



**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



Let's Start!

[Online Registration Link](#)

Thompson-Shuswap Square & Round Dance Association

Chase the Fun 2025

June 13, 14, 15

Chase Community Hall

547 Shuswap Ave, Chase, BC

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





UVICTA JUNE SPECIAL DANCE

Nanoose Place

2925 Northwest Bay Rd

Sunday June 22, 2025

Pre-Rounds 1:00-1:30pm

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

\$10.00 per person

Panel of Callers & Cuers

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

Snacks and Beverages

around the Camp Fire

after the dance

\$10.00 at the door

Callers/Cuers

Fran and Roger Archambault

Gord Ruedig

Jake and Diana Ring

Diana and Jake Ring



Sunday – Stay and Play

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

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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)

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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.

INSTRUCTORS:

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DEB & RAY SCHMIDT, CASTLEGAR BC.**

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





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)



BCS&RDF

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!



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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

Round Dance Classes

Starting Wednesday Sept 10, 2025

Colwood Community Hall

2219 Sooke Road

Phase III — IV Workshop

2:00—3:30 pm

Instructor: Connie Ritchie

*The Phase III/IV Workshop will only be
2nd & 4th Wednesdays*



Phase III Rumba

Weekly 7:00—8:00 pm

Instructors: Darrell Roberts & Connie Ritchie



Phase I & II — Two Step and Waltz

Weekly 8:00— 9:30 pm

Instructor: Kirk Rockerbie

Sponsored by Rainbow Rounders

Please arrange your own partner

Please call Connie at 250-208-9945 or email con_al_r@telus.net, or
Kirk at 236-464-0509 or email kirkbradrock@gmail.com, or
Darrell Roberts at 250-508-1960 or email dardeslui@hotmail.com to
register

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British Columbia, Canada



July 15th - 18th

2026



Canadian National Square, Round & Clog Dance Festival

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* **Yes** - All Meals & Guide & Driver Gratuities Are Included

Sri Lanka – Jan 16 / 26 Historically known as Ceylon

Eco Park Jeep Safari, **visit local School, Traditional Canoe Ride**, Horton Plains Safari

Spice Gardens, **Royal Botanical Gardens**, Temple of Tooth, **Tea Estate & Tasting**

Yala Jeep Safari, Cinnamon Plantation, **Dutch Fort in Galle**, Sea Turtle Hatchery

Madhu Ganga River Safari, **Whale Watching** Humpback & Blue Whales

* **Yes** – Daily Breakfast & Dinners plus Guide & Driver Gratuities Are Included

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

Tour of both Old & New Delhi, National Museum, **Varanasi, Aarti Ceremony**,

Sunrise Boat Ride on the River Ganges, Khajuraho Temples, **Kandariya Dance Show**

Iconic Taj Mahal, UNESCO Agra Fort, **Mohabbat Taj Show**, Fatehpur Sikri, Amber Fort

Jaipur City Tour, **Boat Ride on Lake Pichola**, Udaipur City Tour, City Palace & Gallery

Mumbai (Bombay) Tour, **Gandhi Museum**, Spice Market, **Elephanta Caves & more.**

* **Yes** – Daily Breakfast, 11 Dinners, 3 Lunches, Guide / Driver Gratuities Included

Tanzania Wildlife Safari – May 19 / 26 Inclusive Safari

Arusha (Safari Capital of Tanzania), see Mt. Kilimanjaro – **Tarangire, Lake Manyara**

Famous Ngorongoro Crater – Serengeti known as “The Holy Mecca of Wildlife”

* **Yes** – All Meals & Guide & Driver Gratuities Are Included

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