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EDITOR'S PAGE

70th Anniversary Celebration

On October 19, 2025 the LVIWSRDA, VDCTA, and the Cross Trail News celebrated their 70th anniversary (one year late). The Western Dance Association (WDA) (then for both dancers and callers on all of Vancouver Island) was formed in 1954 and the first issue of the *W.D.A. News* was published in April of that year.

Subsequently the WDA went through several name changes, split into Lower and Upper Vancouver Island regions, callers and cuers formed their own associations, and the *W.D.A. News* became the *Cross Trail News*.

The celebration itself was a two and a half hour afternoon dance at Colwood Community Hall featuring caller Murray Few from Edmonton, Alberta. For more on this event see the article and photos on pages 25 and 26.



At this dance certificates recognizing 70 years of activity were presented to the LVIWSRDA, the VDCTA, and the Cross Trail News by both the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society and the BC Square & Round Dance Federation. Scans of the Cross Trail News' two certificates are on pages 4 and 5, and our digital 70 year crest appears on the outside back cover (page 64).

For more on the history of square dancing on Lower Vancouver Island visit the Region 1 website's LVIWSRDA, VDCTA, and Cross Trail News pages. <https://region1.squaredance.bc.ca/>

Farewell to 2025 Dance

The next lower island associations event will be the Farewell to 2025 Dance at Colwood Hall on Sunday, December 28. Don't miss this dance as those who attended the Farewell to 2024 dance really enjoyed themselves—both with the dancing and with the refreshments. See the poster on page 55 for full details.

Alex Wotherspoon
Editor



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BCSRDF 70 YEARS CERTIFICATE

The British Columbia Square & Round Dance Federation

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Cross Trail News

In recognition of 70 Years of Publication



Frank McNeil
Frank McNeil
President BCS&RDF

October 19, 2025

DANCE DATES – LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

DECEMBER 2025

MONDAY

Star Twirlers Plus Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... 1, 8, 15

TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders Rounds Phase 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall.....2, 16
Rounds Phase 3-4, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall9

THURSDAY

Star Twirlers Advanced Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall.....4, 11, 18

FRIDAY

Mavericks Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall..... 5, 19

SATURDAY

Country Cousins Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall..... 13
Frontier Twirlers..... Plus, 7:30-8:00 PM, Mainstream with Rounds, 8:00-9:45/10:00 PM,
Colwood Community Hall 6, 20

SPECIAL DANCES

Country Cousins Winter Wonderland Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall..... Sat. 13
(See poster page 52)
Star Twirlers Christmas Dance - Plus, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall Mon. 15
Rainbow Rounders Christmas Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Tues. 16
Star Twirlers Christmas Dance - Advanced, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community HallThurs. 18
Mavericks Christmas Dance – Winter Magic, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall Fri. 19
(See poster page 53)
Frontier Twirlers..... Christmas Dance, 7:30-9:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Sat. 20
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VDCTA/LVIWSRDA .. Farewell to 2025 Dance, 1:30-4:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall.....Sun. 28
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DANCE DATES – LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

JANUARY 2026

MONDAY

Star Twirlers Plus Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... 12, 19, 26

TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders Rounds Phase 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... 6, 20
Rounds Phase 3-4, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall 13, 27

THURSDAY

Star Twirlers Advanced Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... 15, 22, 29

FRIDAY

Mavericks Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall..... 16

SATURDAY

Frontier Twirlers..... Plus, 7:30-8:00 PM, Mainstream with Rounds, 8:00-9:45/10:00 PM,
Colwood Community Hall 3, 17

Country Cousins Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall..... 10, 24

SPECIAL DANCES

Mavericks Flappers and Gangsters, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall..... Fri. 16

VDCTA FREE Workshop/Dance, 1:30-2:45 PM, Colwood Community HallSun. 18
(See poster page 57)

Rainbow Rounders 34th Birthday Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Tues. 20

Country Cousins Downton Abbey Theme Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church HallSat. 24
(See poster page 58)

MEETINGS

LVIWSRDA Association Meeting, 3:00-4:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall.....Sun. 18

VDCTA Association Meeting, 3:00-4:00 PM, Colwood Women’s Institute RoomSun. 18

(Meetings follow FREE Workshop/Dance – see above)

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DANCE DATES – UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND

DECEMBER 2025

THURSDAY

Island Gems	Workshop, 6:30-7:15 PM; Rounds Phase 3 & 4, 7:15-9:15 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo	4, 11, 18
Star Dusters	West Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM, Star Dusters Dance Hall, Powell River.....	TBA 4, 11, 18

FRIDAY

Amalgam-Eighters.....	Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville	5
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SATURDAY

Ocean Waves	Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay	6, 20
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SPECIAL DANCES

Ripple Rockets	Christmas Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall	Sat. 13
Star Dusters	Christmas Dinner & Dance, Dinner 6:00 PM, Dance 7:00-9:00 PM, Star Dusters Dance Hall, Powell River.....	Sat. 13
Amalgam-Eighters.....	Christmas Potluck, 6:00 PM; Christmas Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville	Fri. 19
Ocean Waves	Christmas Potluck Dinner & Dance, Doors Open 5:00 PM, Dinner 5:30 PM, Dance 7:00-9:00 PM Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay	Sat. 20



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JANUARY 2026

THURSDAY

Island Gems Rounds Phase 3 & 4, 7:15-9:15 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo8, 15, 22, 29
Star Dusters West Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM, Star Dusters Dance Hall, Powell River..... TBA 8, 15, 22, 29

FRIDAY

Amalgam-Eighters..... Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville 16

SATURDAY

Ocean Waves Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM,
Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay3, 17
Ripple Rockets Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM,
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SPECIAL DANCES

Amalgam-Eighters..... Robbie Burns Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville..... Fri. 16
Ocean Waves Winterfest, 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay Sat. 17
Ripple Rockets Robbie Burns Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall Sat. 24



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CONVENTIONS, FESTIVALS, DANCE WEEKENDS, & SPECIAL EVENTS

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2025	
Dec. 28	VDCTA & LVIWSRDA – Farewell to 2025 Dance – Colwood Community Hall (see poster page 55)
2026	
Feb. 15	UVICTA – Round-A-Rama – Nanoose Place
Feb. 22	VDCTA –New Dancer Hoedown – Colwood Community Hall
Mar. 29	LVIWSRDA/UVISDA Joint Dance – Swing Into Spring – Colwood Community Hall – Featuring Caller/Cuer Gary Winter from Sherwood Park, AB (see poster page 61)
Mar. 29-Apr. 1	51st CALLERLAB Convention – Reno, Nevada – www.callerlab.org
April 12	VDCTA – Round Dance Party – Colwood Community Hall
April 26	UVICTA – Freshman Frolic – Nanoose Place
May 3	VDCTA & LVIWSRDA – Spring Round-Up – Colwood Community Hall
May 9	Country Cousins – 70th Anniversary Dance – Colwood Community Hall (see poster page 62)
May 16-17	Ripple Rockets – Blast-Off Weekend – Quinsam Hall, Campbell River, BC
June 7	UVICTA – June Special Dance – Nanoose Place
June 21-24	50th Annual ROUNDALAB Convention – Waco, Texas – www.roundalab.org
June 24-27	75th US National Square Dance Convention – Waco, Texas – 75nsdctx.com
July 15-18	24th Canadian National Square, Round & Clog Dance Festival – Penticton, BC – squaredance.bc.ca/festival2026 (see poster page 63)
July 24-25	Ocean Waves – Catch the Wave – Union Bay Community Club & Courtenay, BC
2027	
June 23-26	76th US National Square Dance Convention – Loveland, Colorado – 76nsdc.com
2028	
June 28-July 1	77th US National Square Dance Convention – Daytona Beach, Florida



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BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION NEWS

British Columbia



Square &
Round Dance
Federation



Fall Newsletter 2025

Our AGM of October 19th, 2025, was well attended. The minutes of the AGM can be viewed on the Federation web site - squaredance.bc.ca and find a link to the AGM page just below the search bar to also read reports submitted to the AGM.

We are still looking for someone to fill the position of 2nd Vice President. The description of the 2ndVP duties is being revised/updated. Vanda Stocks has been officially confirmed as our new Treasurer with Pat Zeeman as immediate Past Treasurer during the transition period. The rest of the executive remains the same. Check out squaredance.bc.ca/about-the-federation to view our Executive.

The motion was made and passed to have only one AGM in the Fall when the financials are ready to be presented instead of a 2 part AGM Spring & Fall.

A General meeting will be held in the Spring to keep in touch with members and to bring up anything that can be recommended as a motion to the AGM in the Fall.

Frank McNeil
President



BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION NEWS

BCSRD FEDERATION NOTES - OCTOBER 19, 2025 AGM

Reported by Gary Weeks, Director at Large Region 1

Happy Halloween! Nothing scary here just the latest from the BC Square and Round Dance Federation Annual General Meeting held on October 19, 2025. Thirty-one clubs or voting members were represented at the meeting. Newsworthy events and issues are as follows:

Region 5 Square and Round Dance Association has folded. This is due to the wide distances separating clubs in Region 5 (Cariboo and Northern Interior). Often there is more than a two-hour drive between two clubs in this region, meaning that the opportunity to get together is very limited. With that in mind it does not mean that there are no active clubs in the Region 5 area. Clubs remain active in Dawson Creek, Prince George, Vanderhoof, Williams Lake, and 100 Mile House. It is of great importance to visit any or all of these clubs if you are able to. Your contribution made just by your appearance becomes significant to younger clubs and a discussion about how things are going is an endorsement of their existence just because you are there.

Clogging remains active in Nanaimo but the Vancouver Island Clogging Instructors Association has dissolved.

Please read the reports filed by the President, Vice President, Secretary, Round Dance Chair, Four Score and More, Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, Region 9, Vancouver & District Caller/Teachers Association, and Upper Vancouver Island Caller/Teachers Association. These reports are posted on the BCSR Federation website at <https://squareandrounddance.bc.ca/reports-minutes/> or contact me to be added to the mailing list.

The big news is that Frank McNeil remains President, Mae Fawcett remains Vice-President, Wendy Krueger remains Secretary, and Vanda Stocks from Victoria/Sidney is the new Treasurer. The 2nd Vice President position is currently open.

Additionally, there was a resolution to update the Policy for Use of Personal Information. The new policy is now part of the Federation Handbook and can be seen on the Federation website.

2026 National Festival in Penticton

A Caller School is to precede the 2026 National Festival with Garry Dodds being the coordinator. Barrie Clasper and Dottie Welch are the instructors targeting an enrolment of 20-24. Get your name in even if you are considering improving your calling or becoming a caller. Funding is available!

It is important to book your registration for the National Festival for the best rates now. Eight hotels have reduced 2024 rates currently and more accommodations are being added. Some hotels will be increasing rates in January and so will the registration rates increase. Camping and dry camping continue to be sought out and are being incorporated into the festival. This will be the time and place to learn more about square and round dance as well as a time to visit your home province. At the end of October 231 people were registered for the 2026 National Festival.

2025 BC Festival

The successful BC Festival held in Langley last Summer made a considerable amount of profit and brought so many dancers together. Profits are shared with the host region.

BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION NEWS



BRITISH COLUMBIA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION

"The purpose of the Federation shall be to preserve, promote and perpetuate Square Dancing, Round Dancing, Contra Dancing, Clog Dancing and other related forms of dance in the Province of British Columbia"

October 10, 2025

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The BC Square and Round Dance Federation has given the go-ahead to investigate the possibility of having a Caller's School in conjunction with the 2026 Canadian National Festival in Penticton.

At this point, we have two Canadian CALLERLAB Accredited Coaches interested in being instructors and if necessary, we will be looking at a third Caller Coach.

With two Caller Coaches, the school would be restricted to 20 to 22 students. If more students are interested then we will look at arranging for the third Caller Coach.

Who would be the ideal student?

With the quality of instructors and two potential experienced teaching assistants, this school would be valuable to all callers from brand new to very experienced. In addition to joint sessions, students would likely be split into groups depending on experience and areas of interest.

Dates: Friday, July 10th to Tuesday, July 14th in the city of Penticton (still working on the venue). Friday will start later in the day but Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday will be all day and evening.

Other Details:

For students, funding should be available from CALLERLAB and the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society in addition to provincial associations and possibly state associations to help offset costs.

Anticipated tuition is \$500.00 CDN per participating student. Spouses and partners are also encouraged to attend and may be requested to assist by providing dancers on which the students can practice. We have also found that partners can be a real help to the students in their learning process.

We are looking at the possibility that lunches may be provided as well as mid session snacks.

To assist with the planning we are seeking "expressions of interest" from those who are interested in attending the Caller's School.

To express your interest, please email me at garryd@dz-dancing.com.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at garryd@dz-dancing.com or 250-516-6525.

Garry Dodds

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CLUB NEWS

AMALGAM-EIGHTERS, Nanaimo

By Margie Cooper

We Amalgam-Eighters have had a successful start to our 2025-2026 dance season. Each dance has brought three or four squares to the dance floor, and although we greedily hope for even more, that's enough to make for a lively evening.

In further pursuit of liveliness, Joelle and George Pattern were officially recognized as our "Dancers of the Year", at our Kick-Off Dance. They were chosen by fellow club members for precisely that. Their spontaneity, energy, ready laughter, and friendliness go a long way towards making the dance floor an inviting space, both at new dancer classes and at regular events. Of course, the price of being young and energetic is that they still have to work, but whenever their schedules allow, Joelle and George also support, enjoy...and are enjoyed by...our neighbouring clubs. Long may they dance!

At the Caller/Cuer Appreciation Dance, we watched proudly as UVISDA presented Milestone Recognition badges to Sue Ottley for 25 years, Ron Ervin for

25 years, and Daniela Hewson for 30 years. Marge and Stan Nestibo were unable to attend, so, at a later date, they'll be presented with their badges for an impressive 50 years of dancing, each! Congratulations to all!

Happily, five brand new dancers have signed up for Wendie's beginner classes, so recruitment efforts have paid off. As well, we're very pleased that six of last winters' new dancers have returned to finish off their Mainstream moves. With any luck, you'll soon see new faces on our dance floor!

News flash...we've hit the big time! We're TV and YouTube famous!! Luckily, Bonnie managed to tweak the interest of Rogers/Shaw, a few months back, and two camera men/reporters attended our Hallowe'en Dance, to put together a little square dancing segment. It was aired on TV in October and can be seen on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKM1DWkP5m4>. It's short, but beautifully done, and "spokes dancers"

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Presentation of Milestone Recognition Badges at UVISDA's Caller/Cuer Appreciation Dance, September 28, 2025. From left: Bob Chalmers (UVISDA President), Ron Ervin (25 yrs.), Bonnie Haapala (Amalgam-Eighters President), Sue Ottley (25 yrs.), Daniela Hewson (30 yrs.), George Knowles (Ocean Waves – 25 yrs.), and Les Spilsbury (Ocean Waves – 35 yrs.). Marge and Stan Nestibo, both 50 year recipients, were unable to attend.

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Amalgam-Eighters Halloween fun, October 17, 2025. Club Dancers of the Year, Joelle and George Pattern (Alice and The Mad Hatter) are in front. Wendie Harrington is in the centre, with Marlene Hedch (spider) beside her. Back row: Jackie McKinlay, Ron Ervin, Lynette McLeod, Daniela Hewson, and Herb Harrington.

Bonnie and Esther summed up the joy of square dancing so perfectly!

It's never too early to start thinking of Christmas, so I'll remind everyone that we're hoping to see you at our Christmas Potluck and Dance, starting at 6:00 PM on December 18th. The more, the merrier! And Best Wishes from all Amalgam-Eighters, for continued merriment throughout the Christmas season!

(Photos by Margie Cooper.)

COUNTRY COUSINS, Victoria By Wendy Weeks

The Country Cousins fall dances were met with an enthusiastic spirit. Thanks to all the dancers who attended our dances and to Kirk who provided dances with great music and challenging dancing opportunities! Now as the colder air hits the Island we can look forward to more exciting months of dancing.

Keep your dancing shoes on and join us for the following exciting dances: November 8 – Regular dance, November 22 – PJ Dance, December 13 – Winter Wonderland, January 10 – Regular dance, January 24 – Downton Abby. And don't forget to save the date for our afternoon 70th Birthday dance on May 9th, 2026 at the Colwood Hall.



Vanda Stocks and Dennis Sutton, members of the Country Cousins, married on September 23, 2025.

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The Country Cousins appreciate all the clubs who make official visits to our dances and we will continue to schedule official visits to the various clubs in our area.

As exciting as dancing is, so is hearing that dancers have met and tied the knot. The Country Cousins wish to express our congratulations to Dennis Sutton (a long time Country Cousin member) and Vanda Stocks (a more recent Country Cousin member) who tied the knot on September 23rd. View their picture on the previous page.

FRONTIER TWIRLERS, Victoria

By **Debbie Tooby**

The Frontier Twirlers famous Tart Start got off to a wee bit of a slow start on September 20, 2025. It was great to be back on our regular dance floor with all of our fellow “squares” who came out to dance the night away and enjoy the lovely tarts that were baked up by the FT Executive members. A big thank you to all.

Our next dance was a hoot on October 4th with 5+ squares hitting the dance floor and scooting and scattering about. There were a few awards presented: Deb and Kirk Tooby – ten-year dancing dangles and Linda and Herb Fox an amazing 45 years of dancing dangles (WOW) – congratulations!

The outgoing Dancers of the Year couple, Linda and Herb Fox, were recognized and the incoming Dancers of the Year couple, Carolyn and Jim Johnson, were welcomed into their position.

A warm thank you to Murray Few, the caller/cuer brought to us all the way from Edmonton, Alberta who treated us to a guest tip and duet with Garry. He gave us a sneak peek taste of the following da’s calling at Colwood hall for the special LVIWSRDA/VDCTA/CTN 70th (+1) dance.

On October 18th the wind blew in the spectacular, very early FT Halloween celebration dance. The hall decorations were outstanding! We got everyone in the mood for spooks, ghouls, aliens, and of course witches! A local six-member witch coven (“Hexenbrut” in German”) performed the entertaining Witches Dance (chanted in German) – what a treat! – what a workout for the witches! So much fun! If you missed it, you missed some good entertainment plus a

great dance with 5+ squares gliding across the room. The fantastic spread of treats and goodies after the dance was a sight to behold. A wonderful night indeed.

November 15th is a night to take note of. It is “The Magpie” (caller/cuer Darrell Roberts) and “Old Crow” (caller/cuer Stu Hemmings) Dance at Colwood hall 7:30-8:00 PM for Plus and 8:00-10:00 PM for Mainstream. Come one and all to see the duo perform on our very own stage!

December 20 will be our Christmas themed dance. It will mark the final square dance of 2025 in the Victoria region. Put down the wrapping paper, scissors, and tape, “don your gay apparel” and come on down for a night of merry making. A January date of note is January 6th – the first dance of the new year with the same start times and location for 2026 that we had in 2025. See you all in the new year refreshed and ready to dance.



Tables loaded with goodies at the Frontier Twirlers’ Halloween Dance. (Photo by Darrell Roberts.)

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Witches and more at the Frontier Twirlers' Halloween Dance on October 18.
[Photos by Linda Ross (top and lower right) & Darrell Roberts (lower left).]

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ISLAND GEMS, Nanaimo By Wendie Harrington

Island Gems have had a busy fall season. Our Thursday evenings have proceeded with our new format to encourage newer round dancers to join us. So far our 6:30 to 7:15 workshops have focused on waltz, rumba, cha cha and foxtrot. We are so happy that the new people have stayed on to enjoy our regular programs that follow. Sometimes we have had pretty small numbers as our regular members have been hit by illness and surgeries. We are hoping for a healthy 2026! We really enjoyed having Bruce and Bonnie join us for two evening when they were visiting up island. We hope they come again soon and also invite others to come out.

Our Monday evening classes are moving at a great pace. We have some keen students who are becoming very good Two-Steppers!! After Christmas we will be offering waltz classes and invite more keen students to join us. We hope to see you all on the dance floor soon!

MAVERICKS, Victoria By Chrissy Torontow

Our fall of dancing got off with a bang on September 19 with our theme Canadian Stampede with all Canadian songs, fabulous decorations done by Barb Clayton and her crew, and yummy homemade jams as spot prizes to complete the western theme. A wonderful night of dancing! We were thrilled to present three lifetime memberships to Vic Marshall and Bar-



“Pirates of the Salish Sea” dance. (Photo above © Michael Torontow; below by Bob McLaren.)

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bara and Lorne Clayton at our first dance of the season. See below for the presentation announcements and photos.

The October 17th dance, Pirates of the Salish Sea, was a showcase for very creative pirate costumes: a convict, sailors, and buxom wenches. (See photos.) The calling was interspersed with fun tidbits about BC pirates, spies and rum runners. What a super fun night of dancing and socializing!

Our upcoming November dances are on the 7th with a fan favourite At The Hop with poodle skirts and nostalgic 50s music, and one of our regular fun dances on the 21st.

We are dancing December 5th and our dance on the 19th is purely Winter Magic. Barb Clayton and her team's wonderful decorating skills will truly make it a winter wonderland.

Have a safe and Happy New Year then come out to join us on January 16th for our Flappers and Gangsters dance. It's fun to see everyone dressed to the nines and hear Marilynne's and Lorne's calling the 20s music. It should be a fabulous night!

Happy Dancing

Mavericks' Life Membership Presentations – September 19, 2025 By Marc Dumonceaux Vic Marshall

Vic started dancing in 1968 with the Swinging Singles here in Victoria which became the Spares and Pairs. He has been a member of the Mavericks since 1994.

Vic, along with his late wife Joyce, have over the years received recognition for their contribution to square dancing and those include both the Sillery Award given by the BCSRDF and the Award of Merit given by the LVIWSRDA in 2015.

As well as being a long-time member of the Mavericks Vic has also been the past editor of the Cross Trail News with Molly Spencer as co-editor from 2003 – 2015. Joyce was the treasurer. Vic continued to participate and promote dancing as time allowed. He keeps up with the club news, and we can always find him at club events like the annual Mavericks' picnic and Corn Roast.

It is my pleasure to present Vic with a life membership to the Mavericks.



Vic Marshall (left) with Mavericks' President Marc Dumonceaux

Lorne and Barbara Clayton

Since taking lessons in 1991 Lorne and Barbara have jumped into the square dance lifestyle without any reservation whatsoever.

A few years after graduating Lorne was convinced to pick up the microphone on a 'Talent Night' and he never looked back after that. He is a member of CALLERLAB, an international organization for square dance callers. They have introduced our FUN activity of square and round dancing through their very successful new dancer classes and have been caller couple and instructors on many cruises throughout the years.

Lorne is also a successful recording artist, having recorded square dance music for Gold Wing, Sharpshooter, Shindig, and Happy Trax records. He was also recognized as the "Top Square Dance Recording Artist in Canada".

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Mavericks' President Marc Dumonceaux (left) with Barbara & Lorne Clayton.

Lorne and Barbara have been members of the Mavericks for 20 years and for 15 of those he was our caller until 2019. He was convinced to come out of retirement in 2023 where he and Marilynne have shared the program since.

As well as sharing their passion for square dancing with others for the past 35 years be it as a square dance caller couple or beginner dance instructors, Barbara has a keen eye for putting new dancers in squares where they will have the most success. They are also great ambassadors for our club and square dancing in general as they have been Couple of the Year on more than one occasion. Barbara certainly has the talent of putting together outstanding decorations for our theme nights.

I believe we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful caring couple in our square dance community

and for that the Mavericks would like to honour them with a Life Membership.

(Photos pages 19 & 20 © Michael Torontow.)

OCEAN WAVES, Courtenay By Doreen Miskae

Our Ocean Waves had many fine opportunities to dance throughout the summer season, with the last event being the “Across the Pond” weekend in Powell River, which was enjoyed by many of our dancers. Thanks to the Star Dusters for this wonderful weekend!

Our fall season began with our first club dance on September 6, and then our first square dance lessons on September 8, with our caller/cuers, Jake and Diana Ring. The two free sessions were well attended, and everyone enjoyed the casual, professional instruction. By the first week of regular Monday night lessons, we had 14 people excited to learn how to square dance.

On September 17, our club did a demonstration of square and round dancing at the Oceanfront Village retirement home, which was enjoyed by all the residents, including a couple who previously had been dancing with our club for many years.

On September 28, we had a good turnout of Ocean Waves members at the UVISDA Callers/Teachers Appreciation dance at Nanoose with caller and cuer Garry Dodds and Pat Zeeman.

October 1 was the start of our round dance lessons, with our caller/cuers Jake and Diana Ring. Eleven couples are enjoying regular Wednesday evening instruction in the art of round dancing.

October 4 was our Harvest-themed dance, with pie and ice cream for the social following the dance. Our next dance, on October 18, was a fun time with three squares all night including dancers from other clubs around the island.

On Sunday, October 26, UVISDA and our club teamed up with the Old Time Fiddlers at the Fallen Alders Hall in Royston for a fun afternoon. It began with a few lessons to entice some of the regular dancers into our squares. With our caller/cuer team of Jake and Diana Ring, we had 45 square dancers from our various island clubs enjoying Jake’s calling to the lively music of the Old Time Fiddlers. Between

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Dancers from the Ocean Waves and other upper island clubs at the Old Time Fiddlers Barn Dance on October 26. (Photos by Ellen Granberg.)

square dances, everyone enjoyed the music with waltzes, polkas, the Schottische, the butterfly dance, and even the chicken dance. A good time was had by all.

The Ocean Waves are looking forward to doing three demonstrations during the Comox Valley Young at Heart Seniors Expo on November 6, which we hope will be a good outreach for square dancing. In the month of November, our club is looking forward to two themed dances, our Black and White on November 1 at the Filberg Hall, and Tropical Breeze on November 15 at the Native Sons Hall. And then the Christmas dance season will be upon us.

RAINBOW ROUNDERS, Victoria

By Van Williams

Our recent dances have provided the warmth of friendship and exercise that take the chill off the fall night air. Our Halloween dances (both phase II on October 21st and phase III on October 28th) were more subdued (less chilling) than the three mainstream club's Halloween dances.

Our three cuers bring a lot of inspiration and perspiration to the preparation of their programs. Darrell recently choreographed two new dances which he cued at the October 28th Halloween dance, and we frequently dance Connie's round dance choreographies. We look forward to our phase II Christmas dance on December 16th. Come out and help us celebrate this last dance of 2025. Our first dance of 2026 will be a phase II dance on January 6th.

The phase III-IV social dances are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. On the alternate Tuesdays, we have accessible two-step and waltz dances that all round dancers can enjoy.

Here is our continuing schedule of classes taught by our three capable and dedicated instructors:

1. Beginner Waltz and Two-step classes - weekly from 8:00-9:30 PM taught by Kirk Rockerbie,
2. Phase III Rhumba and Cha classes - weekly from 7:00-8 PM taught by Darrell Roberts,
3. Phase III-IV Workshops from 2:00-3:30 PM taught by Connie Ritchie. The afternoon workshops will only be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (except in April 2026).

Visit <https://region1.squaredance.bc.ca/calendar/> for a complete listing of dates and times for our Tuesday social dances and Wednesday dance classes.

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

Diana & Jake's round dance is full with 11 couples going through the two-step into December. We will start the Waltz class in January with the same couples.

RIPPLE ROCKETS, Campbell River **By Linda Grunewald**

Our Club is very happy to announce that the beginner classes started in September. We are so pleased to say that 19 new dancers have signed up. They are enjoying every minute of it. It happens at the Seniors Centre on Saturday afternoons. Elizabeth is doing a great job teaching.

On October 26 some of our club members attended the UVISDA promotion at Fallen Alders Hall in Royston. This event was to promote square dancing and we were very happy to support UVISDA in their efforts.

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

Our season is well underway. We're dancing Thursday evenings as always and Stacey has been offering round dance lessons on Monday evenings while I continue to lead the square dance lessons on Tuesday evenings. We've recognized that although the dance forms have been traditionally paired together by our dance community, they in fact often appeal to different segments of the population. Our marketing strategy has therefore been to sell each activity individually on its own merits. Without trying to rope anyone into doing something they didn't sign up for, our plan is to make each group aware of the other and let any crossover occur organically.

We started our season early in September this year which was unusual for us and possibly a mistake on one level because it was clear that many of our dancers weren't ready to give up their summer activities that early in the fall. On the other hand, had we waited longer, potential newcomers may already have committed to something else. Obviously, there is no perfect answer! It took awhile for everyone to trickle back but things are looking better now. We'll be holding our Christmas dinner/dance on December 13

this year. It should be a great party and an opportunity for all our dancers to come together and see what all the parts are equal to!

Our resident early childhood educator and enthusiast, Roy Carson, has busied himself working with some young (very young) dancers within the elementary school system. The long-term goal is to expand this program and work toward that ever elusive youth square dance club. Fingers crossed!

Plans haven't been finalized for our Across the Pond dance yet but be sure to save the dates: August 20, 21 & 22, 2026. Look for our advertisement in the next issue of the CTN.

Our club wishes you and yours all the best for this season and every season. Happy dancing!

STAR TWIRLERS, Victoria **By Garry Dodds**

It is hard to believe that we are now into November. Not sure where the year has gone.

Our combined club and class is working out well. The new Plus dancers are progressing very well and my expectation is that we may have everyone dancing the full Plus program by January. We are now learning the more complicated moves so the pace will slow down a bit.

I have been pushing our experienced Plus dancers into some more extended applications of some of the more difficult moves. For example, different arrangements for the start of moves like Spin Chain the Gears.

Our Advanced group is also reviewing and re-teaching the A1 program. We have a couple joining us that have not had the full Advanced program as well as a new couple. They have done really well as I have really pushed the review/teach as to the number of new moves taught per night. With our more experienced group, this is more of a review and in some cases, a needed review. I am also starting to teach and work some of the A2 program moves. Will be working more on that in January.

Our Christmas dance is scheduled for Plus on Monday, December 15th at Colwood Hall and Advanced will be Thursday, December 18.

New Year start up will be Monday, January 12, 2026 for Plus and Thursday, January 15 for Advanced.

See you on the floor somewhere!

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ACROSS THE POND WEEKEND – AUGUST 2025

By Carol Young

As I drove up island to Powell River for the Star Dusters Across the Pond weekend, my eyes started to sting. Smoke from the fire near Port Alberni was blowing towards Powell River and creating a smoky haze. My passengers complained of various smoke caused irritations too. I began to wonder if going to the dance weekend was a good idea. I suspect everyone else in the car was thinking the same thing, though no one said it out loud.

The dance on Friday night is part of the Blackberry Festival and traditionally held at the open-air pavilion at Willingdon Beach. The weather forecast was calling for rain on Friday. The good news was the rain cleared the smoke. The bad news was rain and dancing outside don't mix well.

At the Trail in Dance on Thursday night, Gord Ruedig, the caller for the Star Dusters, announced the Friday night beach dance was on because the rain would be cleared up before the dance started. I checked every weather app I could find throughout the day on Friday, and they each called for continued rain. However, in the late afternoon, as Gord predicted, the rain stopped, and we had a wonderful, dry dance! I thought to myself, "Wow, when Gord says something, believe him!" To top it off we were treated to a spectacular fireworks display on the beach after the dance.

On Saturday morning, Gord did a workshop on frac-

tional calls that really gave my brain cells a workout. Do you know how to do half a scoot back? I do! That evening he incorporated some of these calls into the dance! Since he had reviewed the calls in the morning, the squares had a fighting chance of not breaking down.

The Fractional Calls workshop was followed by a Fox Trot workshop. I was surprised at how many dancers attended. Since many of the Fox Trot moves are like Waltz moves with a slightly different rhythm, Connie Ritchie and Darrell Roberts did a wonderful job of getting everyone dancing the Fox Trot by the end of the session.

I had to smile to myself because I was dancing with Gord at a Blast Off weekend in Campbell River, a few years ago and the cuer started calling a Fox Trot. He was reluctant to continue because he didn't know Fox Trot. He did say however, we will have another opportunity in Powell River to dance Fox Trot. I was surprised because typically the rounds in Powell River are Two Step and Waltz. As I said before, when Gord says something, believe him!

In the end my question was answered, going to the Across the Pond weekend was definitely a good idea! If you haven't attended Star Dusters Across the Pond, August weekend, I recommend adding it to your calendar for next year!



Dancing outdoors in the Willingdon Beach Pavilion (above). Fireworks after dark (right). (Photos by Darrell Roberts.)

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VDCTA PRESENTATION TO PAT ZEEMAN & GARRY DODDS

By Kirk Rockerbie



At the UVISDA Caller and Cuer Appreciation Dance on September 28, 2025, the Victoria and District Caller Teachers Association (VDCTA) presented Pat Zeeman and Garry Dodds with a gift of appreciation for the ongoing work they undertake to support square and round dancing.

Their work with the VDCTA, CALLERLAB, ROUNDALAB, the BC Square and Round Dance Federation, the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society, the Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club and the Star Twirlers Square Dance Club, teaching classes, hosting callers and cuers for special dances, arranging special dances, working on provincial and national festival committees, summer travels to square and round dance events all over North America, writing cue sheets, and acting as mentors for new callers and cuers is exemplary and unwavering.

Thank you Pat and Garry!

(Photo of Garry & Pat with Kirk Rockerbie, VDCTA President (on right) © Anne McCarthy.)

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LVIWSRDA/VDCTA/CTA 70th (+1) ANNIVERSARY DANCE WITH MURRAY FEW – October 19, 2025 By Carol Young

What a great dance!

What I enjoyed most about the dance was watching Murray Few call. He seemed to be thoroughly enjoying himself and it looked to me like there was nowhere else he would rather be at that moment in time. I caught myself thinking, that's how I want to live each day!

I had asked Murray to cue a few phase 3 rounds and so he took it upon himself to learn a phase 3 waltz and a rumba. It sounds like Mary and Bruce Nelson had a part helping him learn the dances. Thank you, Mary and Bruce; Murray did a great job!

Murray told us he started calling at 15 and had been calling for 60 years. He taught Wayne and Linda Townsend how to square dance when he was caller for the Edmonton Teen Club. Apparently, the members of that club still get together for reunions! He was delighted to see Linda and have the opportunity to dance with her at the Frontier Twirlers dance the evening before. Murray called a couple of tips at that dance to give us a taste of what he had in store for us on Sunday afternoon. What a treat!

Murray attracted some special guests to our dance. Brent Besse and his wife Cathy and Brian Penny and his wife Darlene were there. Brent is a former caller who called for two clubs in the Victoria area, the Plus 4's and the Shadow Casters. Brian is a semi-retired cuer from the lower mainland. Brian and Darlene made a special day trip from Vancouver just to see Murray. We also had Vic Marshall in attendance who was the editor of the Cross Trail News between De-

ember 2003 and May 2015.

So many people helped make this dance a success. Garry Dodds and Pat Zeeman approached Murray about calling the dance and helped me work out the contract details. They hosted Murray at their house during his stay and picked him up and dropped him off at the airport. Garry and Pat also donated the two anniversary cakes we enjoyed midway through the dance. Garry Weeks decorated the Colwood Hall. Wasn't it wonderful to see all the banners from past and present clubs in the Victoria area! Doug Weidman and his crew of Bob McLaren, Marc Dumonceaux, and Darrell Roberts managed the parking lot. I had one dancer from the upper island tell me she was worried the parking lot would be full when she arrived. She was delighted to find the parking crew on duty. Alex and Joan Wotherspoon were at the door to welcome dancers and collect admission. The Frontier Twirlers allowed us to use their supplies and equipment for refreshments and Bev Stewart, one of their members, manned the kitchen. Mike Boutilier took pictures of the presentations, so we have lots of pictures to remember the occasion by. Of course, there is no dance without dancers and it was lovely to see a full dance floor of both lower and upper island dancers.

Gary Winter is the next out of town caller we have lined up. Gary will be calling the Joint LVIWSRDA/UVISDA Dance on Sunday, March 29, 2026 from 1:30-4pm at the Colwood Hall. Murray taught Garry how to call and according to Murray, Gary has become a better caller than his teacher! Can't wait!!



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LVIWSRDA/VDCTA/CTA 70th (+1) ANNIVERSARY DANCE PHOTOS



Garry Dodds, Vice President, CSRDS, presenting CSRDS 70th Anniversary Certificates to (1) Carol Young, President, LVIWSRDA, (2) Kirk Rockerbie, President, VDCTA, and (3) Alex Wotherspoon, Editor, Cross Trail New, with his wife, Joan. (4) Kirk Rockerbie, Alex Wotherspoon, and Carol Young cutting the two anniversary cakes. (5) & (6) The two anniversary cakes. (Photos above and previous page by Mike Boutilier.)

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OLD TIME FIDDLERS BARN DANCE – October 26, 2025 Submitted by Bob Chalmers

Here is a photo of the dancers and fiddlers (on stage behind) at the Old Time Fiddlers Barn Dance at the Fallen Alders Community Hall in Royston as well as the poster that we had prepared. We had about 64 dancers in attendance at this UVISDA-sponsored event, with Jake & Diana Ring as our caller couple. Jake did an excellent job.

Most of the 64 were upper island dancers from the Ocean Waves, the Ripple Rockets, and the Amalgam-Eighters with maybe 10 from the public although none that I would consider future dancers.

The dance was enjoyed by all and we are promoting square dancing but we did not attract any future dancers.

Maybe the word will spread and if we do it again maybe there will be more of the public in attendance. We may take a second shot in January or February.

(Group photo below by Diana Ring.)

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Come Have Some Fun
at the
Old Time Fiddlers
Barn Dance

Where: Fallen Alders Community Hall
3595 Royston Rd. Royston, B.C.
When: Sunday, October 26th
1:30pm - 4:30pm
Cost: \$10.00 per person
Caller: Jake and Diana Ring

Let's have a party! This is a public dance with a Square Dancing DEMO as well as some square dance teaching. So, come dance to the Old Time Fiddlers, let's dance and laugh and have a ball, dancing the afternoon away!



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OLD TIME FIDDLERS BARN DANCE – October 26, 2025



Square dancing at the Old Time Fiddlers Barn Dance. (Photo by Ellen Granberg.)

SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES

The rose still blooms more fair beyond the garden wall.



Our condolences to the families of:

Marcia Cloutier (previously Head & Mickelson), who passed away in Victoria on October 18, 2025. She is survived by her husband, **Frank** (LVIWSRDA President 2012-2014 and 2016-2018), and her family.

Ted Newman, a former member of the Triple C's, who passed away in Victoria on October 3, 2025 at the age of 99. He was predeceased by his wife, **Josie**, in 2016, and is survived by two sons and two daughters and their families.

Chuck Rieger, a former member of the Travelling Squares and UVICTA, who passed away in Nanaimo on August 8, 2025 at the age of 85. He is survived by his wife, **Diane**, and two daughters and a son and their families.

Sharon Schaalje, a former member of the Mavericks, who passed away in Saanichton, BC on August 19, 2025 at the age of 80. She is survived by her husband, **Ken**, and a daughter and a son and their families.

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Choreo: Zena & Ernie Beaulieu, 3009 High Tide Ct, Las Vegas, NV 89117
(702) 665-4184, e-mail: mrernieb1@cox.net
Music: Take Me Home by Tol & Tol, CD: V, trk 10, download Amazon or iTunes, time 3:02
Rhythm: Two-Step Phase II + 1 (strolling vine) Speed: 46 rpm or adj for comfort
Footwork: Opposite unless indicated (W's footwork in parentheses) Difficulty: Average
Timing: QQS unless otherwise indicated, reflects actual weight changes Rel: Sept 30, 2019
Sequence: Intro AB AB CD C(mod) B(1-14) End

Intro

1-4 Wait;; Apt Pt; Tog Tch CP WALL;

1-2 Wait 2 meas in op fcg WALL;;
3-4 Apt L, -, pt R twd ptr, - ; tog R, -, tch L to R to CP WALL, - ;

Part A

1-8 Trvlq Box;;; 2 Trng 2-Stps;; Twrl 2; Wk & Fc;

1-4 {Trvlq box} Sd L, cl R, fwd L, - ; trng to look RLOD in RSCP fwd R, - , fwd L blending to fc, - ; sd R, cl L, bk R, - ; trng to SCP LOD fwd L, - , fwd R, - ;
5-6 {2 Trng 2-stp} Comm RF trn sd L, cl R, trng RF sd & bk L (*W fwd R between M's ft*) to CP COH, - ; trng RF sd R, cl L, sd & fwd R trng to SCP LOD, - ;
7 {Twrl 2} Sd & fwd L raising jnd lead hnds leading W to begin twirl (*W sd & fwd R comm RF trn under jnd lead hnds*), - , fwd R cont leading W to comp twirl to SCP LOD (*W sd & bk L completing RF trn to SCP*), - ;
8 Fwd L, - , fwd R trng to fc ptr CP WALL, - ;

9-16 Broken Box;;; Fwd Hitch; Scis Thru; Scoot; Wk 2;

1-4 {Broken Box} Sd L, cl R, fwd L, - ; rk fwd R, - , rec L, - ; sd R, cl L, bk R, - ; rk bk L, - , rec R, - ;
5-6 {Fwd Hitch } Fwd L, cl R, bk L, - ; {Scis thru} Sd R leading W to trn RF, cl L trng slightly LF, fwd R to SCP LOD (*W sd L twd RLOD, cl R trng RF, thru L to SCP LOD, -*), - ;
7-8 {Scoot} Fwd L, cl R, fwd L, cl R; fwd L, - , fwd R, - ;

Part B

1-8 Lace Across; Fwd 2-Stp; Hitch Dbl;; Lace Bk; Fwd 2-Stp; Strut 4;;

1-2 {Lace across} In SCP LOD lead W under jnd lead hnds fwd L, cl R, fwd L to LOP LOD, - ; fwd R, cl L, fwd R, - ;
3-4 {Hitch dbl} Fwd L, cl R, bk L, - ; bk R, cl L, fwd R, - ;
5-6 {Lace bk} Leading W under jnd trail hnds fwd L, cl R, fwd L, - ; fwd R, cl L, fwd R to OP LOD, - ;
7-8 Fwd L, - , fwd R, - ; fwd L, - , fwd R, - ;

9-16 Sliding Doors;;; Circ Away 2 2-Stps;; Strut Tog 4;;

9-10 {Sliding Door} Rk apt L, - , rec R, - releasing hand hold; XLif, sd R, XLif changing sides as W crosses in frnt of M to LOP LOD, - ;
11-12 Rk apt R, - , rec L, - releasing hand hold; XRif, sd L, XRif changing sides as W crosses in frnt of M to OP LOD, - ;
13-14 {Circ away 2-2 stps} Curving LF twd COH (*RF twd WALL*) fwd L, cl R, fwd L, - ; fwd R, cl L, fwd R trng to fc ptr & WALL, - ;
15-16 {Strut 4} Fwd L, - , R, - ; L, - , R to CP WALL, - ;

Repeat Part A

Repeat Part B

Part C

1-8 Strolling Vine to BFLY;;; Fc to Fc; Bk to Bk; Bsktbl Trn CP WALL;;

1-2 {Strolling vine} Sd L, - , XRib (*XLif*), - ; sd L, cl R, sd & fwd L trng LF to fc COH, - ;
3-4 Sd R, - , XLib (*XRif*), - ; sd R, cl L, sd & fwd R trng RF to BFLY WALL, - ;
5-6 {Fc to fc} Sd L, cl R, sd L trng LF (*RF*) to a bk to bk pos, - ; {Bk to bk} Sd R, cl L, sd R trng RF to bfly WALL, - ;
7-8 {Bsktbl trn} Lunge sd L twd LOD trng RF, - , rec R cont trn to fc RLOD, - ; cont RF trn lunge sd L twd RLOD, - , rec R cont trn to CP WALL, - ;

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Part D

1-8 Left Trng Box;;; Sd 2-Stp Left & Rt;; Sd Cl Twice; Sd & Thru;

- 1-4 {Left trng box} Sd L, cl R, fwd L trng LF ¼ to fc LOD, - ; sd R, cl L, bk R trng LF ¼ to fc COH, - ; sd L, cl R, fwd L trng LF ¼ to fc RLOD, - ; sd R, cl L, bk R trng LF ¼ fc WALL, - ;
- 5-6 Sd L, cl R, sd L, - ; sd R, cl L, sd R, - ;
- 7-8 Sd L, cl R, sd L, cl R; sd L, -, thru R to CP WALL, - ;

9-16 Left Trng Box;;; Sd 2-Stp Left & Rt;; Sd Cl Twice; Sd & Thru;

- 9-16 Repeat meas 1-8;;;;;;

C(mod)

1-8 Strolling Vine;;; Fc to Fc; Bk to Bk; Op Vine 4;;

- 1-6 Repeat Part C meas 1-6;;;;;
- 7-8 {Op vine 4} Sd L, -, XRib trng to fc RLOD, - ; trng to fc ptr sd L, -, XRif trng to SCP LOD, - ;

Repeat Part B (1-14)

End

1+ Qk Run Tog 4; Hug!

- 1 Fwd L, fwd R, fwd L, fwd R(CP); HUG!

Quick Cues: (Op fcg wall, 2 meas wait)

Intro Wait;; Apt Pt; Tog Tch (CP Wall);

A Trvlg Box;;; 2 Trng 2-Stps;; Twrl 2; Wk & Fc; Broken Box;;; Fwd Hitch; Scis Thru; Scoot; Wk 2;

B Lace Across; Fwd 2-Stp; Hitch Dbl;; Lace Bk; Fwd 2-Stp; Strut 4;; Sliding Drs;;; Circ Away 2 2-Stps;; Strut Tog 4;;

A Trvlg Box;;; 2 Trng 2-Stps;; Twrl 2; Wk & Fc; Broken Box;;; Fwd Hitch; Scis Thru; Scoot; Wk 2;

B Lace Across; Fwd 2-Stp; Hitch Dbl;; Lace Bk; Fwd 2-Stp; Strut 4;; Sliding Drs;;; Circ Away 2 2-Stps;; Strut Tog 4;;

C Strolling Vine;;; Fc to Fc; Bk to Bk; Bsktbl Trn (CP Wall);;

D Left Trng Box;;; Sd 2-Stp Left & Rt;; Sd Cl Twice; Sd & Thru; Left Trng Box;;; Sd 2-Stp Left & Rt;; Sd Cl Twice; Sd & Thru;

C(mod) Strolling Vine;;; Fc to Fc; Bk to Bk; Op Vine 4;;

B(1-14) Lace Across; Fwd 2-Stp; Hitch Dbl;; Lace Bk; Fwd 2-Stp; Strut 4;; Sliding Drs;;; Circ Away 2 2-Stps;;

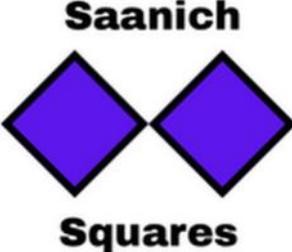
End Qk Run Tog 4; Hug!

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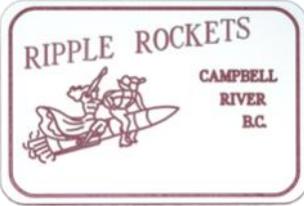
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Dance dates information is compiled from a number of sources and is believed to be accurate, however these details are subject to change depending on hall availability, Public Health Orders, and/or other factors. If in doubt please confirm particulars including dates, times, and locations with the event organizers. The Cross Trail News cannot be held responsible for any errors.

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Connie Ritchie
- Rainbow Rounders** – Victoria
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2219 Sooke Road

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813 Claremont Avenue

SOOKE

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6726 Eustace Road

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Lantzville Community (Costin) Hall
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6100 Doumont Road

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3922 Corunna Ave. (off Norwell Drive,
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Nanoose Place Community Centre
2925 Northwest Bay Road

FANNY BAY

Fanny Bay Hall
7793 Island Highway

COURTENAY & ROYSTON

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411 Anderton Avenue

Native Sons Hall
360 Cliffe Avenue

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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.
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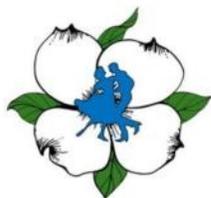
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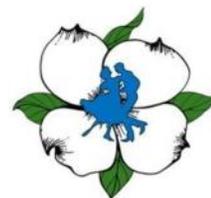
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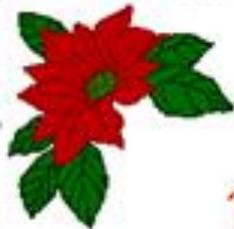


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joy and love and peace.

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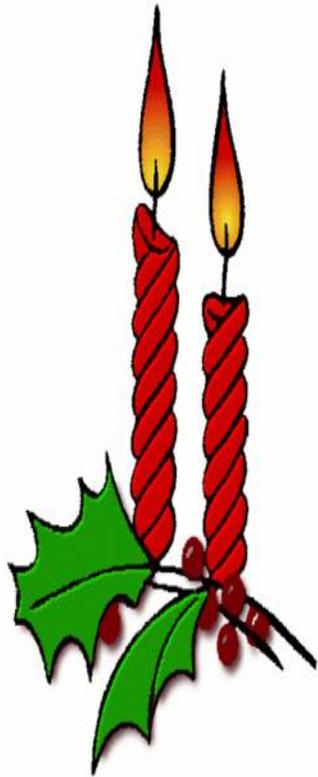
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Happy New Year*

Wendie and Herb Harrington



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WINTER MAGIC



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7:30 – 9:30 pm

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Monday Evenings 7—9 pm

15 sessions January 5 to April 27, 2026

(no class on February 16 or April 6)

\$10 per lesson (discount for prepayment for full set of 15 Lessons)

Location

Pleasant Valley Hall

6100 Doumont Rd, Nanaimo, V9T 0A5

Instructors: **Connie Ritchie and Wendie Harrington**

To learn more visit our website: islandgems.squaredance.bc.ca



VDCTA **FREE** SUNDAY WORKSHOP JANUARY 18, 2026

Dancers needed for caller/cuer practice/teach!



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

FREE - No Admission Charge

1:30 to 2:45 PM



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

Take this opportunity to learn what the latest thinking is!

This exercise will be interesting for everyone.

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

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

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

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INVITE YOU TO OUR
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THEME DANCE



SATURDAY JANUARY 24TH

7:30PM - 9:30PM

CORDOVA BAY UNITED CHURCH HALL

813 CLAREMONT AVE.

VICTORIA, BC

Website: ccsdc.ca

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Come join the
Country Cousins
 at our
Sweetheart Ball



Saturday, February 14th
 at the
 Cordova Bay United Church Hall
 813 Claremont Ave.
 Victoria, BC
 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm



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Come to the

COUNTRY COUSINS LUCKY LEPRECHAUNS DANCE



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



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

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“Swing Into Spring” Joint Dance

Upper and Lower Vancouver Island Dancers

Sunday, March 29, 2026



**Caller/Cuer, Gary Winter
Sherwood Park, AB**

Sponsored by

LVIWSRDA

Lower Vancouver Island Western Square & Round Dance Association

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Time: 1:30 to 4:00pm

Colwood Community Hall: 2219 Sooke Road, Victoria B.C.

Mainstream with some Plus

Rounds between tips with a few Phase 3

Admission: \$10.00 per

Dancer at the door

Light refreshments



Save The Date!!



70th Birthday Dance



Country Cousins

Celebrating 70 years of Dancing

Saturday, May 9th, 2026

Special Location - Colwood Community Hall

2219 Sooke Rd, Colwood, BC

Special Time - 3:00pm - 5:00 pm

More details to come...

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beautiful lakes, wine tasting tours, bountiful orchards and dancing
with friends old and new.

Welcome to the Okanagan!!

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