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*"Swing Into Spring"*

with

**Gary  
Winter**

caller/cuer from

**Sherwood Park, Alberta**



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# EDITOR'S PAGE

## EDITOR RETIRING

On January 8 I advised the LVIWSRDA Executive that I would be retiring as editor of the Cross Trail News at the end of the current dance season. I have been involved with the CTN since November 2008. I became the treasurer in November 2014 and the editor starting with the September-October-November 2015 issue. My final issue – my 50th – will be June-July-August 2026.

## EDITOR VACANCY

The CTN has been published continuously since 1954 and is now in search of a new editor. Do you like working with words? Are you good with computers? Do you want to contribute to square dancing on Vancouver Island? Would you like to be the next editor of the CTN? If you can answer “yes” to these questions please contact LVIWSRDA President Carol Young at [cyoung6159@gmail.com](mailto:cyoung6159@gmail.com).

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The CTN has been produced using Microsoft Publisher since 2006. Effective October 1, 2026 Microsoft is discontinuing this product and will be removing it from Microsoft 365. They are not offering a replacement product.

This will mean converting the CTN to another desktop publishing program. One that has been suggested is Scribus which is free open-source software. The actual choice of software will be a decision for the new editor.

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Alex Wotherspoon  
Editor



## LETTER

**From: Colwood Women's Institute**  
**Subject: Thank You**

On behalf of the Colwood Women's Institute I would like to thank you for the support we received for our Christmas Swag Fundraiser.

We were able to raise \$400 to give a family of four a very happy Christmas. Needless to say, they were thrilled!

Wishing you all the best in the coming year!

Linda Townsend for  
Colwood Women's Institute

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# DANCE DATES – LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

## FEBRUARY 2026

### MONDAY

Star Twirlers ..... Plus Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... 2, 9, 23  
*Family Day – Dance Cancelled* ..... 16

### TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders ..... Rounds Phase 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... 3, 17  
Rounds Phase 3-4, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... 10, 24

### THURSDAY

Star Twirlers ..... Advanced Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... 5, 12, 19, 26

### FRIDAY

Mavericks ..... Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall ..... 6, 20

### SATURDAY

Frontier Twirlers ..... Plus, 7:30-8:00 PM, Mainstream with Rounds, 8:00-9:45/10:00 PM,  
Colwood Community Hall ..... 7, 21  
Country Cousins ..... Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall ..... 14, 28

### SPECIAL DANCES

Frontier Twirlers ..... A Heart Full of Memories, 7:30-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Sat. 7  
(See poster page 36)  
Country Cousins ..... Sweetheart Ball, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall ..... Sat. 14  
(See poster page 37)  
Mavericks ..... Mardi Gras Madness, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall ..... Fri. 20  
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**LATE NEWS FLASH**  
**MID-WINTER DANCE WITH CALLERS/CUERS HERB FOX & STU HEMMINGS**  
**COLWOOD COMMUNITY HALL – SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026**  
**PRE-ROUNDS 7:30 PM, MAINSTREAM 8:00-10:00 PM**  
(See poster page 34)

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# DANCE DATES – LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

## MARCH 2026

### MONDAY

Star Twirlers ..... Plus Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

### TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders ..... Rounds Phase 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... 3, 17, 31  
Rounds Phase 3-4, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... 10, 24

### THURSDAY

Star Twirlers ..... Advanced Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... 5, 12, 19, 26

### FRIDAY

Mavericks ..... Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall ..... 6, 20

### SATURDAY

Frontier Twirlers ..... Plus, 7:30-8:00 PM, Mainstream with Rounds, 8:00-9:45/10:00 PM,  
Colwood Community Hall ..... 7, 21

Country Cousins ..... Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall ..... 14, 28

### SPECIAL DANCES

Mavericks ..... Lunar New Year Red and Gold, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall ..... Fri. 6  
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Frontier Twirlers ..... 67th Birthday Dance, 7:30-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Sat. 7  
(See poster page 41)

Country Cousins ..... Lucky Leprechauns, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall ..... Sat. 14  
(See poster page 42)

VDCTA ..... FREE Workshop/Dance, 1:30-2:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Sun. 15  
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Rainbow Rounders ..... St. Patrick's Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Tues. 17

LVIWSRDA ..... Swing Into Spring – LVIWSRDA-UVISDA Joint Dance with  
Caller/Cuer GARY WINTER from Sherwood Park, AB  
Mainstream with some Plus, Rounds between tips with a few Phase 3  
1:30-4:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Sun. 29  
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### MEETINGS

LVIWSRDA ..... Association Meeting, 3:00-4:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Sun. 15

VDCTA ..... Association Meeting, 3:00-4:00 PM, Colwood Women's Institute Room ..... Sun. 15  
(Meetings follow FREE Workshop/Dance – see above)

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# DANCE DATES – UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND

## FEBRUARY 2026

### THURSDAY

Island Gems .....Rounds Phase 3 & 4, 7:15-9:15 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo ..... 5, 12, 19, 26  
Star Dusters ..... West Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM, Star Dusters Dance Hall, Powell River ..... TBA 5, 12, 19, 26

### FRIDAY

Amalgam-Eighters.....Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville..... 6  
SSD/Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville ..... 20

### SATURDAY

Ocean Waves .....Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM,  
Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay ..... 7, 21  
Ripple Rockets .....Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall ..... 14, 28

### SPECIAL DANCES

Amalgam-Eighters.....Chinese New Year Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville ..... Fri. 6  
Ripple Rockets ..... Valentine’s Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall..... Sat. 14  
UVICTA.....Round-A-Rama, 1:00-3:00 PM, Nanoose Place.....Sun. 15  
(See poster page 38)  
Amalgam-Eighters.....Sweetheart Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville ..... Fri. 20  
Ocean Waves.....Red & White Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay ..... Sat. 21

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### FRIDAY

Amalgam-Eighters.....Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville.....6, 20

### SATURDAY

Ocean Waves .....Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:30 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay.....7, 21  
Ripple Rockets .....Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall .....14, 28

### SPECIAL DANCES

Amalgam-Eighters.....Silly Hat/Talent Night, 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville.....Fri. 6  
Ocean Waves .....Talent Night, 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay, .....Sat. 7  
Amalgam-Eighters.....St. Patrick's Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville.....Fri. 20  
Ocean Waves .....Irish Mist Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay,.....Sat. 21

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# CONVENTIONS, FESTIVALS, DANCE WEEKENDS, & SPECIAL EVENTS

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<b>2026</b>	
Jan. 31	Mid-Winter Dance with Callers/Cuers Stu Hemmings & Herb Fox – Colwood Community Hall – Pre-Rounds 7:30 PM, Mainstream 8:00-10:00 PM <i>(see poster page 34)</i>
Feb. 15	UVICTA – Round-A-Rama – Nanoose Place <i>(see poster page 38)</i>
Mar. 29	LVIWSRDA/UVISDA Joint Dance – Swing Into Spring – Colwood Community Hall – Featuring Caller/Cuer Gary Winter from Sherwood Park, AB <i>(see poster page 44)</i>
Mar. 29-Apr. 1	51st CALLERLAB Convention – Reno, Nevada – <a href="http://www.callerlab.org">www.callerlab.org</a>
April 12	VDCTA – Round Dance Party – Colwood Community Hall
April 26	UVICTA – Freshman Frolic – Nanoose Place <i>(see poster page 46)</i>
May 3	VDCTA & LVIWSRDA – Spring Round-Up – Colwood Community Hall <i>(see poster page 47)</i>
May 16-17	Ripple Rockets – Blast-Off Weekend – Quinsam Hall, Campbell River, BC
June 7	UVICTA-UVISDA – Joint Dance – Nanoose Place
June 21-24	50th Annual ROUNDALAB Convention – Waco, Texas – <a href="http://www.roundalab.org">www.roundalab.org</a>
June 24-27	75th US National Square Dance Convention – Waco, Texas – <a href="http://75nsdctx.com">75nsdctx.com</a>
July 10-14	BC Square & Round Dance Federation – Callers School – Penticton, BC <a href="http://festival2026.squaredance.bc.ca/callerschool/">festival2026.squaredance.bc.ca/callerschool/</a> <i>(see poster page 49-50)</i>
July 15-18	24th Canadian National Square, Round & Clog Dance Festival – Penticton, BC – <a href="http://squaredance.bc.ca/festival2026">squaredance.bc.ca/festival2026</a> <i>(see poster page 51)</i>
July 24-25	Ocean Waves – Catch the Wave – Union Bay Community Club & Courtenay, BC <i>(see poster page 52)</i>
August 20-22	Star Dusters – Across the Pond Weekend – Powell River, BC <i>(see poster page 53)</i>
<b>2027</b>	
June 23-26	76th US National Square Dance Convention – Loveland, Colorado – <a href="http://76nsdc.com">76nsdc.com</a>
<b>2028</b>	
June 28-July 1	77th US National Square Dance Convention – Daytona Beach, Florida – <a href="http://77nsdcfl.com">77nsdcfl.com</a>

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# ASSOCIATION NEWS – UVISDA

## UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND UPDATE – DECEMBER 31, 2025

UVISDA is alive and well. We have had a good year with three UVISDA dances. Brent Mawdsley on June 1st, Pat Zeeman and Garry Dodds on September 28th, and Elizabeth Hohner on November 30th. All three dances were well attended with approximately 225 total attendees.

We had one additional attempt to promote Square Dancing in Region 8 combining our efforts with the Old Time Fiddlers branch at the Fallen Alders Hall in Royston. The dancing went well but it would have been more successful if we had attracted more of the public. Maybe next time.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Joint dance with the LVIWSRDA will be March 29th and we are hoping to have a Joint dance with UVICTA on June 7th. These will be followed by two more UVISDA dances, September 27th (Caller and Cuer Appreciation Dance) and November 29th (Region 8 Clubs Appreciation Dance).

I wish to express my appreciation to all of the six clubs represented by UVISDA including the well appreciated contributions of the Executive and all of the club delegates. I have attached a couple of photos. We continue to present the Four Score and More badges and the multiple year dangles at the dances.

This year included presentations to Diane Green, Terry Ohman, Bonnie Haapala (all Four Score and More Badges) and Norm Wright (55 Year dangle). Stan and Marge Nestibo will receive their 50 Year dangles at a future dance.

UVISDA will continue their main objective to promote square and round dancing in Region 8. On behalf of the UVISDA Executive Committee, we wish all a very Happy, Healthy and prosperous New Year. Remember, dancing is good for your health. See you on the dance floor very soon.

Bob Chalmers  
President, UVISDA

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Caller & Cuer Appreciation Dance with Garry Dodds & Pat Zeeman – Sept. 28, 2025



Mainstream Dance with Elizabeth Hohner – Nov. 30, 2025



# CLUB NEWS

## AMALGAM-EIGHTERS, Nanaimo

By Margie Cooper

Sadly, amidst all the December festivities, Wendie and the Harrington family lost Herb, their dear husband, father and grandfather. And we lost our patient, quietly-friendly, friend, who always made a point of going around the hall with hugs and welcomes prior to the start-up of the music. He was there behind-the-scenes, long before each dance and long after each dance, helping Wendie to get her equipment transported and set up. If he ever complained...about anything...didn't hear it.

And although it didn't seem quite right to be dancing in light of all that the Harringtons were going through, Wendie, in her selfless fashion, had arranged

for Jake and Diana Ring to step into her shoes for our Christmas Dance. What a great job they did! Thanks to them, and thanks to a swell of Ocean Waves, we had our biggest dance so far this season...six squares on the dance floor.

We've been getting at least three squares dancing this fall, but of course we always hope for that fourth square. It was a pleasure to see two of our new dancers enjoying themselves at the Christmas dance, and with any luck the others will soon venture out to regular events too.

By the time this is read, a new set of dance classes will have commenced, and the Robbie Burn's Dance (January 16th) will have started off our New Year, with haggis and some pretty authentic Scottish fun!

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The Amalgam-Eighters and some of their friends escaped to Hawaii for a few hours in November. Front row (L to R): Rick & Ellen Granberg, Mike Davies, Esther Wong, Joelle & George Pattern, Diane Thomas, and Mike Munro. On stage (L to R): Donna Davies, Darby Love, and Wendie Harrington. *(Photo by Margie Cooper.)*



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Norma Hutchings (right) (Ocean Waves) was the winner of the coveted “Snow Men” at Amalgam-Eighter’s Christmas Dance. Lynette McLeod (left) lovingly made the festive couple and donated them for a door prize. (Photo by Margie Cooper.)

We wish you all the best in 2026! And we remind you that New Year’s celebrations aren’t over yet. Please join us for our Lunar New Year Dance on February 6th where the dragon dance will be sure to bring prosperity and good luck to all!

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### COUNTRY COUSINS, Victoria By Wendy Weeks

Welcome to 2026! This is an exciting time for the Country Cousins as we celebrate our 70th year. We hope you have marked May 9th 3:00-5:00 PM at the Colwood Community Hall on your calendar.

Until then join us for the following dances: January 10 – regular dance; January 24 – Downton Abbey; February 14 – Sweetheart Dance; February 28 – regu-

lar dance; March 14 – Lucky Leprechauns; March 28 – regular dance.

Before closing we wish to acknowledge one of our amazing long-term dancers. Richard Pollard. Due to health issues, Richard has left Victoria to live closer to his daughter’s family. We will miss dancing with him and hearing all his fun stories of the Country Cousins. All the best Richard!

Happy New Year, Dancers!



Country Cousins’ member Vera Epp with Frosty the Snowman. (Photo by Gisela Braniff.)

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Country Cousins' members Dale Parkin and Tana Stuart, hosts for the club's Christmas Dance, and dressed for the season. (Photo by Gary Weeks.)

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## FRONTIER TWIRLERS, Victoria

By Debbie Tooby

We exited the Frontier Twirler's 2025 year of square dancing with a colourful night of dancing along with a special guest on December 20th. The jolly old elf himself, Santa, honoured us by dancing a tip. Everyone came out dressed in their finest Christmas colours. It was a wonderful turn out with, as usual, a great feast after the dancing. Linda Ross did an excellent job of providing many draw prizes thanks to her craftsmanship and kind donations. A big thank you to all who donated to the draw prizes.

So here we are into 2026 for more superb nights of dancing. Special dances coming up are:

January 17 – Badges and Dangles Dance – proudly wear your name badge with its many dangles and all other badges you may have collected along the way in your dancing world. Who will have the most? Who will have the one from furthest away? It will be a night to mingle and chat about the origins of your dangles and badges mixed in with awesome dancing! See y'all there!

February 7 – A Heart Full of Memories Dance – come join the fun in your red and pink attire and celebrate heartfelt memories and the LOVE of dancing.

March 21 - FT Birthday Dance – please come help us celebrate the birthday of our fun loving club. Twirl and swing around the dance floor for a night of fun and joy.

All dances are at Colwood Community Hall on Sooke Road. Plus dancing 7:30-8:00 PM. Mainstream 8:00 – 9:45 PM with refreshments to follow on special dances as nights. On regular dance nights Mainstream is from 8:00 – 10 PM. Reminder - we dance the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month with special dances as noted above.



Santa Claus dancing at the Frontier Twirlers' Christmas Dance. (Photo by Ann-Marie Brizan.)

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Sadly, just before Christmas, we lost a woman who certainly was an institution in the square dance world in her hay-day, Christina Willing passed away just shy of her 100th birthday. Those of us who have danced for many years will remember Christina. Sincere condolences to her family.

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## ISLAND GEMS, Nanaimo By Wendie Harrington

Despite being hit by illness and surgeries the Thursday Night group had an enjoyable fall season. We found some new favourite dances to add to our repertoire. We had fun with the newer dancers in our workshop sessions and are very happy to welcome Heather to the full Thursday program. We invite others interested in trying the higher levels to join us from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on Thursdays. Our fall season ended with the Christmas party night led by Connie on December 19.

Our Monday night two step lessons were very successful. We had a very fun group who quickly improved their two step skills. Well done! It was a lot of fun for Connie and I to work with such keen dancers.

I am sad to conclude my report with the news that my husband, Herb Harrington, passed away on December 17. Herb has been a long-time member of Island Gems and in recent years has been my great support hauling equipment and generally doing everything he could to help me. His passing is a great loss to the club but most especially to me and our family.

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## MAVERICKS, Victoria By Chrissy Torontow

Our fall season has been so much fun with our At the Hop dance: lots of poodle skirts and creative outfits with marvellous 50s music by Lorne and Marilynne – to say nothing of all the yummy food to snack on afterwards.

We made a club visit to Richard Sharman and his Sooke Squares dancers on December 9th. What a fun afternoon dancing with his friendly club and his calling different variations of moves and tunes than we're used to hearing. [Richard is having a beginner



Mavericks' At the Hop Dance: Stage (top), Bob & Barb McLaren dressed in leather jacket and poodle skirt for the occasion.

class starting in January so if you know anyone interested, check out his website – [sookesquares.ca](http://sookesquares.ca).]

Winter Magic on December 19th was our last dance before the New Year. It was indeed magical with wonderful Christmas music and festive outfits. Our delightful elf and Santa made an appearance and danced in many squares.

Our first dance in the New Year is our Flappers and Gangsters on January 16th – one of our special dances with 20s music and incredible costumes. Come have another fun party night with the Mavericks!

We have one of our regular fun dances on February 6th, and on the 20th we have our Mardi Gras Madness dance. It is always a good time. Then we start off March on the 6th celebrating the Lunar New Year

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with a red and gold theme and end the month with a regular fun club dance on March 20th.

See you on the dance floor!

## OCEAN WAVES, Courtenay By Doreen Miskae

The fall season has been another fun time for our Ocean Waves members! Our caller/cuer couple, Jake and Diana Ring, have done a wonderful job at all of our dances, as well as our weekly beginner square and round dance lessons, held Monday and Wednesday nights, respectively.

Our club also has been very active in supporting other clubs up and down the Island by attending many of

their dances this season. The Ocean Waves group managed to steal a banner from the Amalgam-Eighters, and the Amalgam-Eighters stole one of ours. Also, the Campbell River Ripple Rockets were able to steal our banner at our last dance. It has been heart-warming to see the camaraderie and fun when we all dance together.

November 1 was our Black and White themed dance at the Filberg. We had a great turn-out of our members as well as many dancers from other clubs.

On the afternoon of November 6, we did a demonstration dance for the Comox Valley Young at Heart Senior Expo. Fourteen Ocean Waves dancers did four sets of rounds and square dances. We also were able to pass out literature outlining how much fun, and how beneficial to our bodies and brains, square dancing really is.

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Ocean Waves — Black and White Dance — November 1, 2025



Ocean Waves — Tropical Breeze Dance — November 15, 2025



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November 15th was our Tropical Breeze dance at the beautiful Native Sons Hall in Courtenay. It was a gala event which featured a Tiki Bar, constructed and donated by Rick and Ellen Granberg. A lovely friend of theirs served tropical drinks with little umbrellas, and the local photography club members were there to capture all the colour.

December 6th was a regular dance at the Filberg and we also helped Lynnette McLeod celebrate her special birthday, along with many of her Amalgam-Eighters club dancers. A fun time was had by all.

December 20 was our Christmas Potluck and dance, the last Ocean Waves dance of 2025. All new dancers from our club and all other clubs were invited. The

potluck dinner and the dance were both a huge success, with 65 dancers in attendance.

December 22 was our final Westcoast beginner's square dance class. We began the evening with a dance, which was attended by many Ocean Waves members who had helped with the lessons throughout the year. This was followed by the graduation ceremony with each student receiving a certificate of completion. Our former caller/cuer couple, Fran and Roger Archambault also attended, and a lovely dessert social followed. Mainstream beginner lessons started on January 5, and the Waltz round dance lessons started on January 7, as well as the fun to come with our regular and themed scheduled dances the first and third Saturday of each month. Hope you will join us!

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A selection of the Tropical Breeze Dance photos that were taken by these members of the Comox Valley Photographic Society: (1) Katie Hubberstey; (2) Katie Hubberstey; (3) Sean O'Connell; (4) Fernanda Gimenez.

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## **RAINBOW ROUNDERS, Victoria**

**By Van Williams**

The Rainbow Rounders enjoyed a very festive Christmas dance on December 16, 2025. Connie provided her homegrown jars of jam as door prizes, as well as crocheted star ornaments to all attendees. There were often moments during breaks, when we were collectively conflicted about whether to resume dancing or to continue enjoying food and conversation.

In 2026, we will celebrate our 34th birthday party on January 20th. This is always a time to honour our two charter members, plus two members of 33 years, plus two members of 18+ years. We will welcome our new waltz and rumba dancers to this special event. We are anticipating our St Patrick's day dance on St Patrick's day. We may even have a wee surprise celebration that day.

Wednesday round dance classes are continuing until April 29th with Phase III Rhumba and Cha weekly from 7:00-8:00 PM, followed by Beginner Two-step weekly from 8:00-9:30 PM. Phase III-IV Workshops continue on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of February and March from 2:00-3:30 PM. Feel free to come out and request a Phase III-IV dance choreography, style or figure you want to learn or review.

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

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## **RING'S SQUARES & ROUNDS, Campbell River/ Courtenay**

**By Diana Ring**

We are only continuing with our Waltz Class for ten sessions into early March. At this time nothing else is being considered. More information in the next issue.

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## **RIPPLE ROCKETS, Campbell River**

**By Mireille Earl & Linda Grunewald**

We had a very successful end of the year dance with more than ten beginners joining in the festivities. Eighteen members and beginners from our club went

for a fun filled evening in Courtenay at the Ocean Waves Christmas dance! Everyone enjoyed Jake's calling and Diana's cueing.

The Ripple Rockets would like to extend their sincere condolences to Wendie Harrington and her family. We will remember Herb's quiet presence, warm smile and friendly hugs for everyone.

Upcoming Dances:

January – 10th regular dance and 24th 50's Dance.

February – 14th Valentine's Dance and 28th regular dance.

March – 14th St. Patrick's Dance and 28th regular dance.

April – 11th Spring Fling and 25th regular dance.

May – 9th Wind-Up Dance

May Long Weekend – Blast Off Dance

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing everyone on a dance floor.

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## **SAANICH SQUARES**

*[See group photo next page – photo © Michael Torontow.]*

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

We had a nice Christmas party on December 13th, welcoming family and friends to our pot luck dinner and dance. We had rounds, squares, and mixers for dancers of all abilities. We even did a round dance version of musical chairs with children from six to ninety taking part. It was a very fun and family-friendly affair.

A new year! It began for us with a two-step review on Monday the 5th followed by a Mainstream review on Tuesday the 6th and our first regular club dance on Thursday the eighth. Stacey will be teaching waltz for this winter/spring session beginning January 12th and I'm all ready to go with a new group of square dancers starting on the 13th.

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Another opportunity has fallen into our laps as we've been asked to do a few sessions with some youngsters. We're planning a wind-up dance with students and parents at the conclusion of the lessons. This will feature some live music put together especially for the occasion. We have some top-notch musicians in our group and I'm expecting great things from them!

Check out the teaser for our Across the Pond dance in this issue and be sure to save the date: August 20, 21 & 22, 2026. More information will be released in the next issue of the CTN.

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### STAR TWIRLERS, Victoria **By Garry Dodds**

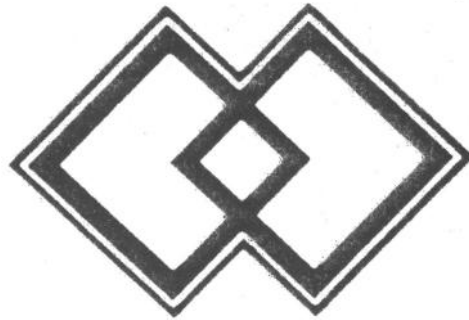
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! The first half of the season has flown by and it is now the start of the second half. Hope all of you had a joyous Christmas Season. A VERY BIG THANK YOU to the dancers that have been dancing with us this fall. Best wishes for safe travels to those who are travelling in the New Year.

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

Likewise, our Advanced 1 newer dancers are doing well and we should be finished the full Advanced 1 list by the end of February. For our more experienced Advanced dancers we have been looking at the Advanced 1 moves from various set up positions and looking at a few Advanced 2 moves.

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

Our first dance of the New Year is on Monday, January 12th and our first Advanced Dance will be on Thursday, January 15th, both in the Main Hall at the Colwood Community Hall Complex.



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# NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

## FAREWELL TO 2025 DANCE

BY CAROL YOUNG

We had 60 dancers at our Farewell to 2025 Dance on December 28, 2025 at the Colwood Community Hall. This included four dancers from upper island clubs. Lower island clubs represented were Country Cousins, Frontier Twirlers, Mavericks, Rainbow Rounders, Sooke Squares, and Star Twirlers. Upper island clubs represented were Amalgam-Eighters and Wheel Arouds.

We danced to the calling and cueing of Lorne Clayton, Herb Fox, Stu Hemmings, Darrell Roberts, Kirk Rockerbie (MC), and Richard Sharman.

The ladies in the kitchen, Bev Stewart, Linda Ross, and Anne Dumonceaux, kept the goodies coming all

afternoon despite the slow heating oven and the over-active smoke alarm which provided another form of background “music”. The food kept everyone’s energy up for dancing and provided an opportunity for everyone to catch up on holiday comings and goings.

Doug Weidman and his parking crew kept the parking lot organized. Alex and Joan Wotherspoon manned the entry table.

I am so grateful to be a part of this wonderful square dance community. Looking forward to more dancing with all of you in 2026!

See you on the dance floor!



Photos at the Farewell to 2025 Dance © Anne McCarthy.

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# SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES

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

*Our condolences to the families of:*



**Herb Harrington**, a member of the Amalgam-Eighters and the Island Gems and a former long-time member of the Travelling Squares, who passed away in Nanaimo on December 17, 2025 at the age of 85. Herb is survived by his wife, **Wendie**, the caller/cuer for the Amalgam-Eighters and a cuer for the Island Gems, two children, and their families. (See also page [13](#).)

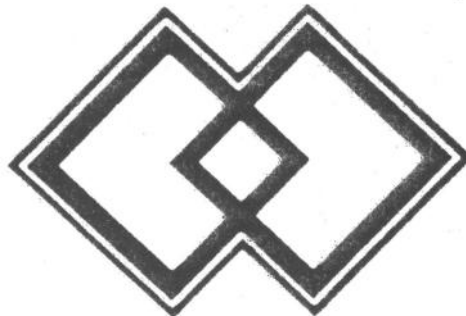


**Frank Veerkamp**, a former member of the Promenaders, who passed away in Victoria on December 15, 2025 at the age of 87. Frank was predeceased by his wife, **Erika**, in 2022, and is survived by two children and their families.

**Christina Willing**, a life member of the Mavericks and an honorary member of the Star Twirlers, who passed away in Victoria on December 18, 2025 at the age of 99 (64 days short of her 100th birthday). She was predeceased by her husband, former caller **Fred Willing**, in 2004, and is survived by six children and their families. Chris was a long time member of the Colwood Women's Institute and for many years served on the Colwood Hall Committee. From 1958 to 2002 Fred & Chris Willing taught square dancing and were the caller couple for a number of Lower Vancouver Island clubs including the Corn Cobbers, Gingham Rustlers, Rocking Squares, Sookesquatch Squares, Triple C's, and Willing Whirlers. As a couple they were presented with the LVIWSRDA's Award of Merit in 2001 and Gold Card life memberships in the Victoria & District Caller Teachers Association in 2003 for their significant contributions to square dancing in our area.



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## WALKING SHOES

Choreographers: Diana & Jake Ring, 2744 Apple Drive, Campbell River, B.C. V9W 7K4 email: [jakediana.ring@gmail.com](mailto:jakediana.ring@gmail.com)  
Download : ITUNES – Tanya Tucker (20 Greatest Hits) Decrease Speed – 44 rpm Download at 2:40  
Footwork: Opposite, except as noted Sequence: INTRO, A, B, C, Intld, A, B, END  
TWO STEP PHASE II+1+1 (Fishtail + LF Turn Broken Box) Difficulty : Average - Release Date : February 2025  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvh3atpw3i0> **Corrected – INTLD – April 2025**

### **INT: Wait ;; Apart, Point ; Tog Tch (CP/WALL) ;**

1-4 WAIT ;; {Apart, Point} Step apt L, -, pt R, - ; {Tog Touch} Step Tog R, -, tch L CP/WALL, - ;

### **LF Turning Box (SCP) ;;;;**

5-8 {Left Turn Box} Sd L, cl R, fwd L trn ¼ LF, - ; Sd R, cl L, bk R trn ¼ LF, - ;  
Sd L, cl R, fwd L trn ¼ LF, - ; Sd R, cl L, bk R trn ¼ LF SCP, - ;

### **A: 2 Fwd 2 Stps ;; Hitch 6 (CP/WALL) ;;**

1-4 {2 Fwd 2-Steps} Fwd L, cl R, fwd L, - ; Fwd R, cl L, fwd R, - ; {Hitch 6} Fwd L, cl R, bk L, - ; Bk R, cl L, fwd R CP/WALL, - ;

### **Scis (S/CAR) ; Scis (BJO-CHK) ; Fishtail ; Walk 2 ;**

5-8 {Scis SCAR} Sd L, cl R, XLif (W XRib) to SCAR, - ; {Scis BJO-CHK} Sd R, cl L, XRif (W XLib) to BJO, - ; {Fishtail} XLib (W-XRif), sd R, fwd L, Lk Rib (W -lk Lif) ; {Walk 2} Fwd L, -, fwd R, - ;

### **Fwd Lk Fwd Twice ;; Fwd Hitch ; Hitch Scis (BFLY) ;**

9-12 {Fwd Lock Fwd Twice} Fwd L, lock Rib, fwd L, - ; Fwd R, lock Lib, fwd R, - ; {Fwd Hitch} Fwd L, cl R, bk L, - ; {Hitch Scis} Bk R, cl L, fwd R to BFLY, - (W Sd L, cl R, XLif, -) ;

### **Sd 2 Step L&R ;; Open Vine 4 (CP/WALL) ;;**

13-16 {Side 2-Step L & R} Sd L, cl R, sd L, touch R ; Sd R, cl L, sd R, touch L ; {Open Vine 4} Sd L LOD, -, XRif to LOP, - ; Sd L LOD, -, XRif CP/WALL, - ;

### **B: Traveling Box ;;;;**

1-4 {Traveling Box} Sd L, cl R, fwd L, - ; Turn RSCP Walk Fwd R, -, fwd L, - ; CP Sd R, cl L, bk R, - ; SCP Walk Fwd L, -, fwd R, - ;

### **Circle Chase (OPEN) ;;;;**

5-8 {Circle Chase} (W chasing M) Circ LF - Fwd L, cl R, fwd L, - ; Fwd R, cl L, fwd R RLOD ; Cont Circ Motion (M chasing W) Fwd L, cl R, fwd L, - ; Fwd R, cl L, fwd R OPEN, - ;

### **Vine Aprt & Tog ;; Hitch 6 (CP/WALL) ;;**

9-12 {Vine Apart 3} Sd L, XRib, sd L, - ; {Vine Tog 3} Sd R, XLib, sd R to SCP, - ; {Hitch 6} Fwd L, cl R, bk L, - ; Bk R, cl L, fwd R CP/WALL, - ;

### **Traveling Box (CP/WALL) ;;;;**

13-16 {Traveling Box} Repeat msr 1-4 PART B to CP/WALL; ; ; ;

### **C: LF Turning Broken Box BFLY; ; ; ; ;**

1-8 {Left Turn Broken Box} Sd L, cl R, Fwd L trn ¼ LF, - ; Rk fwd R, -, rec L, - ; Sd R, cl L, Bk R trn ¼ LF, - ; Rk bk L, -, rec R, - ; Sd L, cl R, Fwd L trn ¼ LF, - ; Rk fwd R, -, rec L, - ; Sd R, cl L, Bk R trn ¼ LF, - ; Rk bk L, -, rec R BFLY, - ;

### **Vine 3 ; Wrap ; Unwrap ; Chng Sds ;**

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

### **Vine 3 ; Wrap ; Unwrap ; Chng Sds (CP/WALL) ;**

13-16 {Vine 3} Sd L, XRib, sd L, tch R ; {Wrap} Sd R, XLib, sd R, tch L (W-trn LF L, R, L, tch R) keep both hands joined, lead hands over W's head & M's R & W's L at waist level ; {Unwrap} Release lead hands Step in place L, R, L, tch R (W-unwrap RF to arms length R, L, R, tch L) ; {Change Sides} Under trailing hands trn RF Fwd R, L, R, tch L (W-trn LF fwd L, R, L, tch R) to CP/WALL ;



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## WALKING SHOES

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INTLD: **Box ;; Rev Box (OPEN) ;;**

1-4 {**Box**} Sd L, cl R, fwd L, - ; Sd R, cl L, back R, - ; {**Rev Box**} Sd L, cl R, back L, - ; Sd R, cl L, fwd R, - ;

**Strut 6 ;;; Twirl 2 ; Walk 2 (SCP) ;**

5-9 {**Strut 4**} Fwd L, -, fwd R, - ; Fwd L, -, fwd R, - ; {**Strut 4**} Fwd L, -, fwd R, - ; Fwd L, -, fwd R, - ;  
{**Twirl 2**} Fwd L, -, cl R, - (W twrl RF R, -, L,-) ; {**Walk 2**} Fwd L, -, fwd R SCP, - ;

**REPEAT A ;;;; ;;;; ;;;; ;;;;**

**REPEAT B ;;;; ;;;; ;;;; ;;;;**

**END: LF Turning Broken Box ;;;; ;;;;**

1-8 {**Left Turn Broken Box**} Repeat msr 1-8 PART C ;;;; ;;;;

**Step Back and Wave Good Bye!**

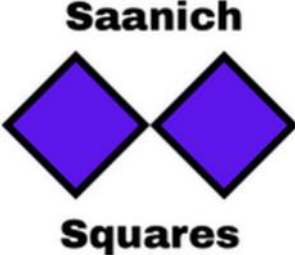


9 {**Step Back**} Bk L,- & Wave at ptrnr ;



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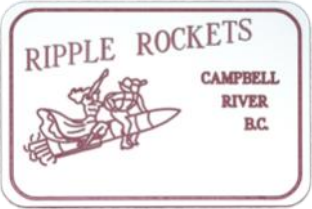

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 Upper Vancouver Island – Region 8..... [region8.squaredance.bc.ca](http://region8.squaredance.bc.ca)  
 CALLERLAB – International Assn. of Square Dance Callers ..... [callerlab.org](http://callerlab.org)  
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    **Kirk Rockerbie**  
**Frontier Twirlers** – Victoria  
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**Mavericks** – Victoria  
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    **Darrell Roberts**

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**Cordova Bay United Church Hall**  
813 Claremont Avenue

## SOOKE

**Royal Canadian Legion Branch #54 Sooke**  
6726 Eustace Road

## NANAIMO & LANTZVILLE

**Lantzville Community (Costin) Hall**  
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**Pleasant Valley Hall/Social Centre**  
6100 Doumont Road

**Wellington Hall**  
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## NANOOSE BAY

**Nanoose Place Community Centre**  
2925 Northwest Bay Road

## UNION BAY

**Union Bay Community Club**  
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## COURTENAY & ROYSTON

**Courtenay Fellowship Baptist Church**  
2963 Lake Trail Road

**Fallen Alders Community Hall**  
3595 Royston Road

**Florence Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall**  
411 Anderton Avenue

**Native Sons Hall**  
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**Royston Community Hall**  
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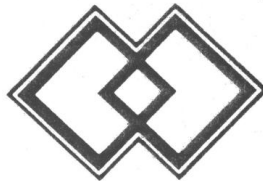
**Campbell River Seniors' Centre**  
1414 Ironwood Street (inside Common Mall)

**Campbell River United Church Hall**  
415 Pinecrest Road (at Birch Street)

**Quinsam Wellness Centre (Quinsam Hall)**  
2005 Eagle Drive

## POWELL RIVER

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



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April-May 2026	Sunday, March 1, 2026	April & May 2026	Special dances ads, windup dates, summer weekend event ads, club news, sympathy.
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# **January 31st 2026 Mid Winter Dance**

**Colwood Hall**

**7:30 - 10:00 pm**

**Herb Fox and Stu Hemmings**



**7:30 - 8:00 pre Rounds**

**8:00 - 10:00 Mainstream with Rounds**

**\$7.50 per person**

**Call**

**Stu Hemmings 250-216-3001 for more info**

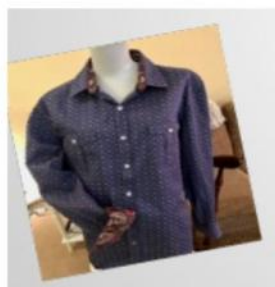


# ANNUAL RECYCLE SALE

Brookwood Senior Centre, 19899 36 Ave., Langley

Saturday, February 7th, 2026 - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Free admission**



Crinolines, blouses, skirts, pettipants, shoes, belts, and men's shirts & ties.

Something for New and experienced Dancers

Contact: [Marjm.kenny3@icloud.com](mailto:Marjm.kenny3@icloud.com)

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**Mainstream Square Dance**

*Saturday, February 7, 2026*

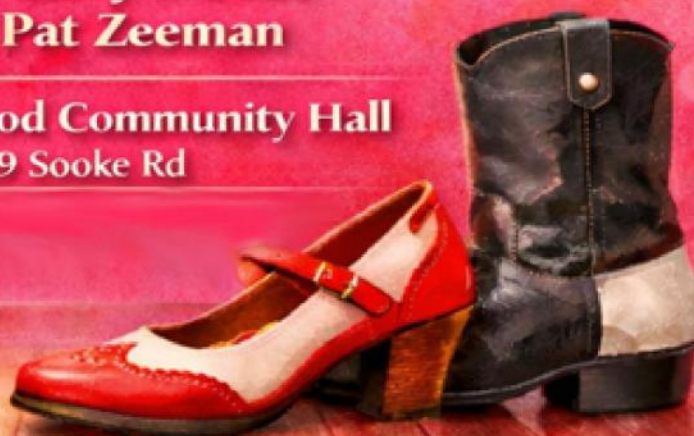
Join us for an evening of relaxed, friendly square dancing!

**7:30-8:00 PM PLUS DANCING**

**8:00-9:45 PM MAINSTREAM & ROUND DANCING**

**Caller: Garry Dodds  
Cuer: Pat Zeeman**

**Where: Colwood Community Hall  
2219 Sooke Rd**



**Tea, Coffee and Goodies will be served**



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Come join the  
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*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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## **2026 Round-a-Rama**

**Nanoose Place**

2925 Northwest Bay Rd

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

**1:00 – 3:00pm**

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

**\$10.00/person**

**Square Dancers Welcome!!**

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74 Years



Friday, Feb 20, 2026

7:30 – 9:30 pm

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

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

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



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**Mavericks**  
74 Years

**Square Dance Club**

## Lunar New Year Red and Gold



**Friday, Mar 6, 2026**

**7:30 – 9:30 pm**

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

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

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# 67th BIRTHDAY DANCE

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\$7 per person  
7:30 plus  
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refreshments 9:45

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



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# VDCTA **FREE** SUNDAY WORKSHOP MARCH 15, 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.

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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**



# VDCTA **FREE** SUNDAY MAINSTREAM DANCE

(WITH ROUNDS)

## APRIL 19, 2026

**All dancers welcome...come as you are!**



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

**FREE - No Admission Charge**

**1:30 to 2:45 PM**



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

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

**Casual or square dance attire welcome.**

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

**This dance is followed by separate LVIWSRDA and VDCTA annual general meetings that commence at 3:00 pm. For the LVIWSRDA meeting in the Main Hall all club members and guests are welcome to attend and participate but only members of the Association Council (club delegates, the elected executive, and certain appointed positions) may vote. The LVIWSRDA meeting typically adjourns by 4:00 PM.**

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





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

# **2026 Freshman Frolic**



**Nanoose Place**  
2925 Northwest Bay Rd  
**Sunday April 26, 2026**  
**1:00 – 3:00pm**

**- *West Coast* Square Dancing**  
**Featuring a Panel of our Region's**  
**Caller Teachers**

**\$10.00/person**

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





# SPRING ROUND-UP

**Colwood Community Hall  
2219 Sooke Road, Victoria, BC**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026**



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

**Panel of Callers and Cuers**

**Admission: \$7.00 per Dancer at the Door  
New Dancers Half Price  
(Exact amount appreciated)**

**Light refreshments available. Please bring your own mug.**

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





**Save The Date!!**

**The Country Cousins  
"The Way We Were"**

**Come join us as we Celebrate the club's  
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**



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**B.C. Square & Round  
Dance Federation**



# Callers School

**July 10-14, 2026**

**Featuring**



**Barry Clasper**  
Toronto, Ontario  
(Callerlab Accredited Coach)



**Dottie Welch**  
Lawrencetown, Nova Scotia  
(Callerlab Accredited Coach)



**4 Instructors - 2 Rooms - 2 Programs (For the Newer & Experienced Caller)**

**For the New Caller:**

- Mechanics of Choreography
- Formation Management
- Teaching
- Resolution Techniques
- Using Music
- Singing Calls
- Voice and Communication
- Timing and Body Flow
- Smooth Delivery of Patter

**For the Experienced Caller:**

- Improve Teaching Skills
- Additional Resolving Ideas
- Creative Choreography
- Develop Entertainment Skills
- Calling beyond Mainstream
- Lots of Mic Time!!
- Catering to Your Individual Needs and Interests
- Mentoring New Callers

**THE FACILITY**

**Okanagan College, 583 Duncan Avenue West, Penticton, B.C.**

**THE PROGRAM**

The School starts on Friday July 10 at 7:00 pm and ends Tuesday (evening) July 14.

**THE ACCOMMODATIONS**

See B.C. Festival website for discounted rooms and Camping Information.

[festival2026.squaredance.bc.ca](http://festival2026.squaredance.bc.ca)

**Co-ordinator Contact:**

Garry Dodds [garryd@dz-dancing.com](mailto:garryd@dz-dancing.com) or (250) 516-6525

**Enrollment is limited, please register early!**



**Registration Deadline June 30, 2026:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last)

Partner: \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Include \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) for each caller attending with no charge for partners.**

**(Optional \$100.00 Deposit) Final payments are due: June 30, 2026**

Contact Garry for payment options including Cheques, E-Transfer and Credit Card (International Only)

**Email or mail to: Garry Dodds, 4030 Raymond Street North, Victoria, BC, V8Z 4K8**

**Your CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coaches:**

**Barry Clasper:** Barry lives in Toronto, Ontario with his wife Pam. They started dancing in 1973, and Barry started calling in 1984. Starting at C2 he has since expanded in both directions and now calls from Basic through C4. He's called at weekends and conventions in 8 provinces, DC, and 26 states, as well as Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Japan, England, the Czech Republic, Taipei, Beijing, and New Zealand.

In 2002 Barry became interested in coaching new callers. Since then he has worked as a Teaching Assistant and Full Coach at many well known schools including the Sturbridge school, Northeast Callers School, Pocono Callers School, Alquire School, the Canadian Callers College, several GCA schools, and the GSI school. Barry has also done numerous caller clinics as well as many presentations at CALLERLAB conventions. He has written extensively with articles appearing in publications such as Zip Coder, American Square Dance Magazine, The Call Sheet, the CALLERLAB DIRECTION, Alberta Chatter, and T&D Topics.

Barry is a member of CALLERLAB, the Gay Callers Association, and the Toronto and District Square and Round Dance Association. Within CALLERLAB he is a member of the Board of Governors, served on the Executive Committee (2011-2017), and is a Past Chairman of the Board (2013-2015). In 2022 Barry and Pam were awarded the CALLERLAB Milestone Award

**Dottie Welch:** Dottie and Gary Welch live in the Halifax area of Nova Scotia. They have attended all but two Canadian Nationals and helped plan all five held in the Maritimes. As a math teacher and musician who had danced since childhood, Dottie began calling in 1983 for an Advanced tape group. That expanded to include beginners to challenge squares, rounds, contras, schools, and various community events. She has called in 9 provinces and 31 states.

Dottie has been an active member of CALLERLAB since 1995, including Chair of Choreographic Applications since 2004, Community Dance Journal editor since 2004 and CD Leader Seminar staff since 2007, Board Member since 2014, Executive Committee member 2017-2021, Accredited Caller Coach since 2019, Vice Chair of Definitions since 2020, and recipient of the Milestone Award in 2022. Dottie is also on the Board of ContraLab and editor of their Quarterly.

Having been involved in training Maritime callers since 1990, Dottie organized and taught at the first Alquire School in 2003 and continued that biennially until Covid and since then via Zoom. She has also taught at the Ontario Mini-Lab, for the Alberta Callers, at the Northeast Callers School, and the GSI School, as well as presenting workshops locally and at Cdn. and US Nationals and CALLERLAB Conventions.

Much of this work is focused on organizing and passing along knowledge about our world-wide recreation. We encourage you to share in and benefit from that process.

**Your Assistant Instructors:**

**Lorne Smith:** Lorne & Barb are from Calgary, Alberta and have been dancing since 1967 and a Caller and Cues since 1986. He calls from basics through to C-1 & cues Phase 2 & 3 rounds

He's worked on many Alberta Provincial and Canadian National Conventions. He served as the Program Chair for the 2004 Canadian National Convention that was held in Calgary, Alberta. Also, he was the Program Chair for the 2007 & 2012 Alberta Conventions. Recently Lorne & Barb were the chair couple for the 2024 Canadian National Convention.

Lorne is currently a member of the Calgary Callers Association, Square & Round Dance Instructor's Association of Alberta & is an Accredited Callerlab member. Lorne & Barb have received the Alberta Rose award & the Canadian Society Award of Excellence.

From 2005 to 2017, Lorne has teamed up with a number of callers to conduct 9 Alberta Callers Schools. Recently Lorne conducted monthly Caller Zoom Sessions from June-December 2025 training newer callers from all parts of the world.

**Garry Dodds:** Garry started calling in 1965. After moving to Victoria he got his first club in 1969. Over the years he has called provincially and internationally and currently calls and teaches Basics through Advanced.

Invited to join Callerlab in 1978, he is currently serving on several committees including the Caller Training Committee. Garry was among the early callers to earn Accreditation as a General Caller.

Garry mentored his first new caller in 1974 and after attending Bill Peters and Jim Mayo's Super School for caller coaches, he has assisted Darryl Clendenin and Jerry Junck with the Cascade Caller's School (since 1977 both officially and as a volunteer) and conducted season long Caller's Schools on Vancouver Island.

Garry and Pat are BC Directors to the CSRDS and Garry is Vice-President of the CSRDS. Garry is currently Vice-President and Workshop Coordinator for the Victoria and District Caller Teachers Assn. and Pat is Secretary.

Garry's areas of focus include smooth choreography and teaching techniques for teaching new dancers.

**DANCE PARTNER IS GREATLY APPRECIATED TO ASSIST AT ALL SESSIONS.**

Provincial Federation or Canadian Society Bursary may apply.

For more information contact: Garry Dodds (School Coordinator)

Phone: (250) 516-6525 Email: [garryd@dz-dancing.com](mailto:garryd@dz-dancing.com)

B.C. Federation Callers School, July 10-14, 2026

# PENTICTON

British Columbia, Canada



**July 15th - 18th**  
**2026**



## Canadian National Square, Round & Clog Dance Festival

[squaredance.bc.ca](http://squaredance.bc.ca)



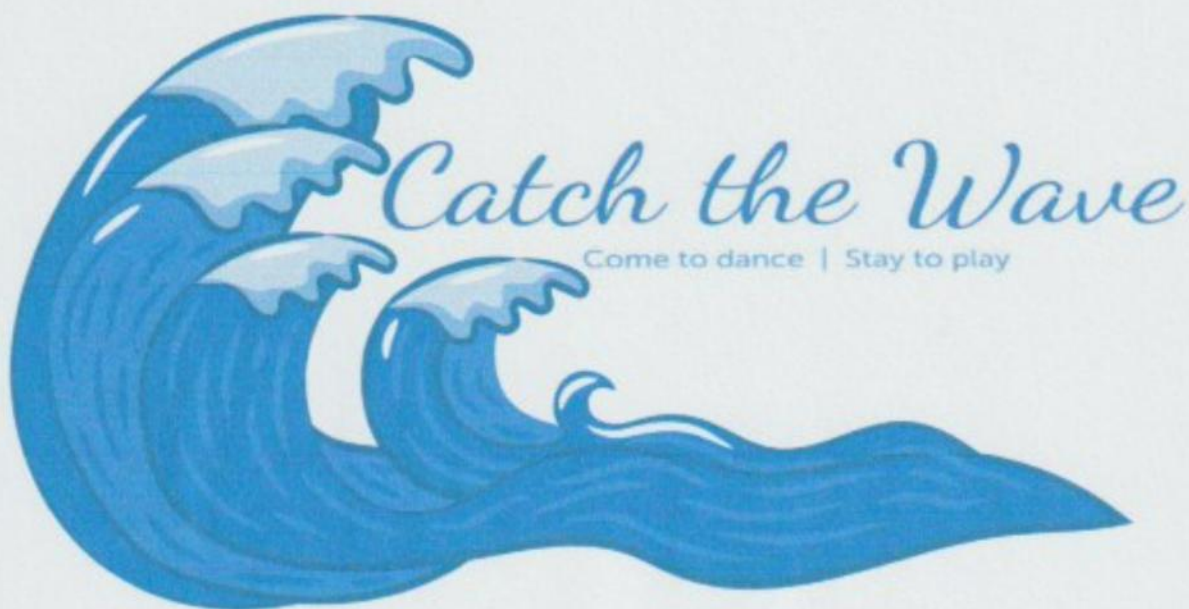
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CONVENTION CENTRE



Come to Penticton, with its rich history of square dancing.  
Host of the Peach Festival Square Dance Jamboree for over 60 years.  
Enjoy square dancing in Okanagan Lake, floating down the canal joining two  
beautiful lakes, wine tasting tours, bountiful orchards and dancing  
with friends old and new.

**Welcome to the Okanagan!!**





# **Save the Date**

**July 24- 25, 2026**

*New Venue: Union Bay Hall*

*5401 South Island Highway*

*Air Conditioned Yippee!*

*Mainstream Dance with Rounds*

*Callers/Cuers: Jake & Diana Ring*

*Lorne & Barb Clayton*

*Stacey Ruegg*

*Camping Available*

*More Information to Follow*







**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Gord  
Ruedig  
(Caller)**

**Stacey  
Ruegg  
(Cuer)**

**And a panel  
of Callers  
& Cuers**

**The Powell River Star Dusters'  
Across the Pond Weekend**

**Aug. 20, 21 & 22, 2026**

**Stay Tuned – More to come!**

# CROSS TRAIL NEWS

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**70 Years — 1954 to 2024**

