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## EDITOR'S PAGE

### New CALLERLAB Mainstream Program

At a special meeting on February 22 the VDCTA made a presentation to the LVIWSRDA on the new CALLERLAB Mainstream program and its shorter list of 50 basics that comes into effect on September 1, 2026. There was a good turnout of members of both associations at this meeting.

At a second meeting next month there will be a discussion involving both associations on the new dancer class syllabus to be used in the Lower Vancouver Island region beginning in September 2026. All interested dancers and callers are welcome to attend this important meeting at Colwood Hall on April 19 from 1:30 to 2:45 PM.

For further information please see the report from LVIWSRDA President Carol Young on page 10.

### Season Wind-Up & Summer Events

With this issue we wind up the 2025-2026 dance season and see the start of the summer events.

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

- May 3 – VDCTA & LVIWSRDA – Spring Round-Up – Colwood Hall – Page 40.
- May 15, 16, & 17 – Ripple Rockets – Blast Off 2026 – Campbell River, BC – Pages 42-43-44.
- May 31 – FVS&RDA – Spring Fling Plus Dance – Surrey, BC – Page 45.
- June 7 – UVICTA & UVISDA Joint Dance – Nanoose Place (*poster next issue*).
- July 15, 16, 17, & 18 – Canadian National Square, Round, & Clog Dance Festival 2026 – Penticton, BC – Page 48.
- July 24 & 25 – Ocean Waves – Catch the Wave – Union Bay, BC (*new location*) – Page 49.
- August 20, 21, & 22 – Star Dusters – Across the Pond Weekend – Powell River, BC – Page 50.

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

Alex Wotherspoon  
Editor



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# DANCE DATES – LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

## APRIL 2026

### MONDAY

Star Twirlers ..... *Easter Monday – Dance Cancelled*..... 6  
Plus Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... 13, 20, 27

### TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders ..... Rounds Phase 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... 7, 21  
Rounds Phase 3-4, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... 14, 28

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

Mavericks ..... *Good Friday – Dance Cancelled*..... 3  
Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall..... 17

### SATURDAY

Frontier Twirlers..... Plus, 7:30-8:00 PM, Mainstream with Rounds, 8:00-9:45/10:00 PM,  
Colwood Community Hall ..... 4, 18  
Country Cousins ..... Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall..... 11, 25

### SPECIAL DANCES

Frontier Twirlers..... Bunnies, Bonnets and Boot Scootin’ Dance, Plus 7:30-8:00 PM,  
Mainstream with Rounds 8:00-9:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Sat. 4  
VDCTA ..... Round Dance Party, 1:30-3:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Sun. 12  
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Mavericks ..... Mexican Fiesta, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall ..... Fri. 17  
*(See poster page 35)*  
Rainbow Rounders ..... Wind-Up Dance – Phase 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Tues. 21  
Country Cousins ..... AGM & Potluck 5:30 PM (club members only); Denim and Plaid Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM,  
Cordova Bay United Church Hall ..... Sat. 25  
*(See poster page 36)*  
Rainbow Rounders ..... Wind-Up Dance – Phase 3-4, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Tues. 28

### MEETINGS

VDCTA & LVIWSRDA.. Meeting – New Dancer Class Syllabus Discussion, 1:30-2:45 PM,  
Colwood Community Hall *(See page 10)* ..... Sun. 19  
LVIWSRDA ..... Association Annual General Meeting, 3:00-4:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Sun. 19  
VDCTA ..... Association Annual General Meeting, 3:00-4:00 PM, Colwood Women’s Institute Room ..Sun. 19

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## MAY 2026

### MONDAY

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

### THURSDAY

Star Twirlers ..... Advanced Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall.....7

### FRIDAY

Mavericks ..... Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall..... 1

### SATURDAY

Frontier Twirlers..... Plus, 7:30-8:00 PM, Mainstream with Rounds, 8:00-9:45/10:00 PM,  
Colwood Community Hall .....2  
Country Cousins ..... Mainstream with Rounds, 3:00-5:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall.....9  
*(NOTE DIFFERENT TIME AND DIFFERENT HALL)*

### SPECIAL DANCES

Mavericks ..... Birthday Dance – Black & White, 7:30-9:30 PM,  
Cordova Bay United Church Hall ..... Fri. 1  
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Frontier Twirlers..... Let’s Dance Around the World Windup Dance, Plus 7:30-8:00 PM,  
Mainstream with Rounds 8:00-9:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall.....Sat. 2  
*(See poster page 39)*  
LVIWSRDA/VDCTA.. Spring Roundup, Rounds, 1:30-2:00 PM, Mainstream, 2:00-4:15 PM,  
Colwood Community Hall .....Sun. 3  
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Country Cousins ..... 70th Birthday Dance, 3:00-5:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall.....Sat. 9  
*(NOTE DIFFERENT TIME AND DIFFERENT HALL)*  
*(See poster page 41)*  
Star Twirlers ..... Wind-Up Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Mon. 11  
VDCTA ..... Hall Benefit Dance, Mainstream, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Wed. 27

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# DANCE DATES – UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND

## APRIL 2026

### THURSDAY

Island Gems .....Rounds Phase 3 & 4, 7:15-9:15 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo .....2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Star Dusters ..... West Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM, Star Dusters Dance Hall, Powell River .....2,9,16,23,30

### FRIDAY

Amalgam-Eighters.....Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville.....3  
AGM @ 6:00 PM; SSD/Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall ..... 17

### SATURDAY

Ocean Waves .....Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM,  
Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay .....4  
Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM,  
Courtenay Baptist Church, Courtenay ..... 18  
Ripple Rockets .....Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall ..... 11, 25

### SPECIAL DANCES

Amalgam-Eighters.....50s Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville..... Fri. 3  
Ripple Rockets ..... Spring Fling, 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall ..... Sat. 11  
Ocean Waves .....Rock and Roll (All Singing Calls Dance), 7:00-9:00 PM,  
Courtenay Baptist Church, Courtenay ..... Sat. 18  
UVICTA..... Freshman Frolic, 1:00-3:00 PM, Nanoose Place .....Sun. 26  
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### SATURDAY

Ocean Waves .....	Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay .....	2
Ripple Rockets .....	Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall .....	9
Star Dusters .....	West Coast Dinner Dance starting at 6:00 PM, Star Dusters Dance Hall, Powell River .....	9

### SPECIAL DANCES

Amalgam-Eighters.....	Dogwood Dance, Potluck 6:00 PM, SSD/Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:30 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville .....	Fri. 1
Ocean Waves .....	Wind-Up Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay .....	Sat. 2
Ripple Rockets .....	Wind Up Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall .....	Sat. 9
Star Dusters .....	Wind Up Dinner Dance, starting at 6:00 PM, Star Dusters Dance Hall, Powell River .....	Sat. 9
Ripple Rockets .....	Blast Off 2026, Quinsam Hall, Campbell River .....	Fri. 15 to Sun. 17

(Go to: [ripplerockets.wixsite.com/campbellriver](http://ripplerockets.wixsite.com/campbellriver))  
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# CONVENTIONS, FESTIVALS, DANCE WEEKENDS, & SPECIAL EVENTS

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<b>2026</b>	
Mar. 29	LVIWSRDA/UVISDA Joint Dance – Swing Into Spring – Colwood Community Hall – Featuring Caller/Cuer Gary Winter from Sherwood Park, AB (see poster February-March Issue page 44)
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 (see poster page 34)
April 26	UVICTA – Freshman Frolic – Nanoose Place (see poster page 37)
May 3	VDCTA & LVIWSRDA – Spring Round-Up – Colwood Community Hall (see poster page 40)
May 16-17	Ripple Rockets – Blast-Off Weekend – Quinsam Hall, Campbell River, BC (see posters pages 42-43-44)
May 27	Colwood Hall Benefit Dance – Colwood Community Hall
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> (see poster page 46-47)
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> (see poster page 48)
July 24-25	Ocean Waves – Catch the Wave – Union Bay Community Club, Union Bay, BC (see poster page 49)
August 20-22	Star Dusters – Across the Pond Weekend – Powell River, BC (see poster page 50)
<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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## Newsletter #3



Can you believe it is a scant 6 months until the biggest Canadian Square, Round and Clog dance party of the year?! There is a momentum swelling in our activity. We are rediscovering the joy of music and dance and happy friends all around us. I hope you are as excited as we are to make the 2026 Canadian National Festival the focal point of your summer. We have a vibrant city, the best of beautiful British Columbia as our Festival's backdrop, dozens of dance leaders and hundreds of dancers to entice you to spend July 15 to 18, 2026 with us. We are deservedly "house proud" about the venue, the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre. Spread the word, encourage your friends to register, and make this event memorable for great music, great friends, and the greatest pastime (or is it our secret obsession?)

This newsletter is an update on progress, as well as giving general information which we hope is of help.

December was a very busy month with registrants taking advantage of our Early-Bird rates before they expired. So far, in addition to dancers from Canada, we were pleased to know we shall be welcoming guests from the USA, Germany, China and Australia. We shall enjoy dancing to at least 56 leaders over our core dance areas of Squares, Rounds and Clogging. All levels are represented with the heaviest registrations being of Plus Squares and Intermediate Cloggers. There are a significant number of singles, so our planning will take this into account.

The easiest way to register is online with its advantage of providing quick confirmation. Forms can be downloaded from our website [squaredance.bc.ca](http://squaredance.bc.ca). Click on the Festival heading on our landing page and you shall be taken immediately to the section giving detailed information including hotels with which we have arranged special rates and RV Camping information. Risking repetition, we remind you that the Okanagan Valley and Penticton in particular are very popular summer resort areas and are usually fully booked. So early advanced booking is strongly recommended. The Penticton Trade and Convention Centre is large enough that we do not foresee a possibility of exceeding its capacity. It has sufficient halls and rooms that each level of dancing shall have its own space.

Like all events we shall be requesting volunteers to step forward and become part of the team ensuring things run smoothly. Our organizing committee covers the planning requirements. Where we shall need assistance is during the Festival itself. Our secretary, Arlene Laing, is maintaining a list of volunteers. The areas where we need help include the registration desk, security for the leaders' room and hall monitors. Please email her at [arlenelaing2@gmail.com](mailto:arlenelaing2@gmail.com) if you can join the team.

Should you have questions or require further information, we invite you to forward them to Arlene Laing who shall forward them to the appropriate committee member for response.



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# ASSOCIATION NEWS – LVIWSRDA

## MEETINGS – 2026 CALLERLAB NEW MAINSTREAM PROGRAM

A big thank you to everyone who attended the discussion at the Colwood Community Hall Sunday, February 22 about the new 2026 Mainstream program.

Garry Dodds gave a very interesting and informative presentation on the changes passed by CALLERLAB to the Mainstream program that will become effective September 2026. The presentation was followed by a discussion on the situation. It was very helpful to hear many different points of view on the subject.

At the end of the discussion, we took a vote on whether the dancers wanted to stick with the Classic Mainstream program or switch to the new 2026 Mainstream program for club dances starting September 2026. The overwhelming response was to stick with Classic Mainstream.

We still need to determine what will be taught at the new dancer classes in the fall. We agreed to meet again to discuss this. Some suggestions were:

- stick with Classic Mainstream program;

- teach the new 2026 Mainstream program; or
- create a hybrid program.

A few people suggested teaching the 2026 Mainstream program at the beginner classes and teach the moves removed from the Classic Mainstream program at Mainstream dances.

We will be holding a second meeting to discuss the format of the beginner classes on April 19, 2026 from 1:30 to 2:45 PM, at the Colwood Community Hall.

In addition to a format discussion, it will provide an opportunity to come together and brainstorm effective ways to attract new dancers. Our hope is we will come to a decision on a way forward at this meeting.

Carol Young  
LVIWSRDA President

## CALLERLAB Website

Links to the new Mainstream and Plus programs

New Mainstream List

<https://callerlab.org/new-mainstream-list/>

New Plus List

<https://callerlab.org/new-plus-list/>

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# CLUB NEWS

## AMALGAM-EIGHTERS, Nanaimo By Margie Cooper

I'm happy to report that we Amalgam-Eighters have enjoyed very active dance floors in January and February. Both our Robbie Burns and Lunar New Year celebrations drew in more than 50 dancers. Thank you immensely for that, Wheel Arounds, Ocean Waves, and Ripple Rockets!! And thank you, Wendie, for continuing to call, at a time when it's so difficult just to carry on.

All who stayed for snacks after the Robbie Burns dance, can attest that the haggis was worthy of its march around the hall with a procession of all dancers, and its animated and incomprehensible Scottish "Address" by George Patten. Beautifully and impressively delivered, George! Any seriousness that evening, was offset when George and Muneera led us in singing "Donald Where's Your Trousers"!



It was equally fun ushering in The Year of the Horse. Our dragon was filled with eleven "Horses" and honorary Horses, who danced around the hall with enough zeal and gusto to ward off any evil spirits for sure...bringing good luck to all attendees!

We chose a new Sweetheart Couple on February 20th – Marlene Hedch and Terry Ohman! Not only are they devoted to one another, but they're also devoted

to the refreshment needs of the rest of us. They come early to every dance, to replenish kitchen supplies, brew coffee and organize snacks for social time. No wonder we love you, Marlene and Terry!



In the usual see-saw of recruitment success, we had no takers for Beginner Dance Lessons in January but we signed up seven new club members after the completion of dance lessons in December. They've given the club a real boost, because they're interesting, they're fun, and they've all been enthusiastically attending Friday dances. Yippie for that! We feel quite fortunate, as we head into the spring segment of our dance season.

*(Photos by Margie Cooper.)*

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## COUNTRY COUSINS, Victoria By Wendy Weeks

The Country Cousins wish to express our thanks to Alex Wotherspoon for his years of service to creating and managing the Cross Trail News.

As we head towards the end of our club dancing season the Country Cousins are looking forward to the following dances: March 14 Lucky Leprechauns; March 28 Regular dance; April 11 Regular dance; April 28 AGM 5:30-7:00 pm and Plaid & Denim dance. With the exception of our birthday dance, our dances are held at the Cordova Bay United Church.

Note our event poster in the CTN for our 70th birthday party dance on May 9th. We will be dancing in the daytime, 3:00-5:00 pm at the Colwood Hall, so that out-of-town dancers can make it a day trip.

The Country Cousins welcome this year's new Saanich Square dancers to attend our dances for free. See you on the dance floor!

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## FRONTIER TWIRLERS, Victoria

By Debbie Tooby

January thankfully brought no snow to our lovely city, but it did bring a new theme dance that I do not think has been done in the past – a BADGES and DANGLES Dance. For those who missed it, it was an opportunity to display some very impressive badge and dangle collections.

The February theme dance was focussed on A Heart Full of Memories. Everyone has those beautiful treasured memories that pull on their heartstrings. Songs of love filled the air for dancing and listening to. It was truly a heartfelt evening indeed.

Some upcoming themes for the FT dances:

March 7 – our wonderful 67th Birthday dance – dress for a Beach Party (well maybe leave the speedos at home!).

April 4 – is the Egg-cellent Bunnies, Bonnets and Boot Scootin' Easter Square Dance Party! Note: prizes for best costume.

May 2 - the FT Wind-up Dance - Let's Dance Around the World. And so the end is near and we'll dance our final club dance. Wow – another year of square dance fun will be done!

Reminder – all club dances are at the Colwood Community Hall. Plus: 7:30-8:00, Mainstream 8:00-10:00 regular dance (8:00-9:45 theme dance).

Thank you to all club members and guests who came out to dances this dance season and supported the



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Frontier Twirlers. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the dance floor. Be there, in a square!

(Badges and Dangles photos by Darrell Roberts.)

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## ISLAND GEMS, Nanaimo By Wendie Harrington

Island Gems are carrying on with their Thursday night dancing. It is a small but enthusiastic group. Our 6:30 to 7:15 workshop is a great way for the newer dancers to fine tune their skills. Our Monday night class is making excellent progress with the waltz. They were able to dance all the phase II dances presented at the Round-A-Rama.

Unfortunately in this write up I must report another blow to our club. Our long-time faithful member, Ernie Kaesmodel, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 26 with his family and partner, Connie Ritchie by his side. Ernie loved dancing (especially rumbas!) and could always be counted on to entertain us at break time with his amusing stories. He will be sorely missed.

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## MAVERICKS, Victoria By Chrissy Torontow

The Mavericks had a great winter season of dancing which included our Flappers and Gangsters and our Mardi Gras dances. Our callers provided superb music and lots of tidbits of info on our theme nights. Did you know that we had pirates and rum runners on the Salish Sea and that Mardi Gras has been an official holiday in New Orleans since 1856?

We also did a visitation to Richard Sharman's club, the Sooke Squares, on February 24. They dance in the afternoon, and we had a good time with their dancers and students. Anne from our club brought her yummy pumpkin loaf to share. And (coincidentally?) they were so nice to us visitors! Richard did a tip where the dancers did every move two times. Chaotic but fun. We named it the Tim Horton tip a "double, double".

Our spring dances start off with the Lunar New Year Red and Gold dance on March 6 followed by a regular club dance on March 20. Both will be fun! The club will not be dancing on Good Friday, April 3. Mid-April on the 17th is our Mexican Fiesta dance. Our decorating committee of Barb Clayton and Barb

McLaren (and helpers) always do an amazing job of transforming the hall.

Do come out and join us. We enjoy having visitors. See you on the dance floor.

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## OCEAN WAVES, Courtenay By Doreen Miskae & Ellen Granberg

Ocean Waves had a very festive December, beginning with a regular dance on the 6th, and then our Christmas dance and potluck (*photo below*) on December 20. All the dancers were attired in their Christmas best, and the hall was beautifully decorated, with our blue and white tablecloths and sparkly blue and silver centerpieces. The potluck food was plentiful and delicious, and the door prizes were amazing. Our caller/cuer team, Jake and Diana Ring, did an excellent job keeping the crowd happy with seasonal tunes throughout the evening.



We started the New Year early, with our first dance on January 3. Quite a few of our dancers were still away for the holiday, but we managed to have three squares. On January 17, our Winterfest dance was very well attended with 51 dancers giving us five squares all evening. The hall was decorated nicely with paintings of ice-skating couples, and our dancers were in sparkly winter attire to go with the theme.

January was a busy month for visitors to our dances and for our dancers to visit other clubs' dances up and down the island. Having no snowy highways so far this winter made it easier for all the clubs to travel to each others' dances and we certainly did travel! This made banner stealing and banner retrieving quite popular. As an example, nineteen Ocean Waves members attended the Campbell River 50/60s dance on January 24th to retrieve our banner.

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February 7th was a regular dance at the Filberg with 49 people in attendance from our own club, the Ripple Rockets, the Amalgam-Eighters, and Steve Witiuk from the Town and Country club in Maple Ridge. Again, our caller/cuer couple, Jake and Diana Ring, provided a fun evening for all, with guest callers/cuers Pat Barr, Sue Diederichs, and Lynette McLeod.

Most of our new square dancers returned in January for the second half of their Monday night lessons, and there are eleven round dance couples taking lessons on Wednesday evenings, all learning well from Jake and Diana. We are encouraging our new dancers to attend all our dances, and we hope as the season progresses, more will come and enjoy our dances and those of other clubs who welcome all new dancers as well.

The weather was winterlike on January 21st for our beautiful Red and White dance. It's usually a popular theme but weather, illness and vacations limited the night to 34 people who enjoyed the great calling and



cueing by our talented regulars. However, three squares kicked up their heels amidst the hearts and cupids decorating the walls as they swirled about in red and white attire. Ice cream and strawberry sauce with toppings was served for the social and Bernice Morrison won the door prize, a basket of cheerful red and white primula plants.

Our executive is now planning for the next season of Saturday night dances at the Filberg, with our Talent Night on March 7, Irish Mist dance on March 21, a regular dance on April 4, an All Singing Calls dance on April 18 to be held at the Baptist Church location, and with our Windup Dance on May 2 at the Filberg.

Catch the Wave 2026 will be a highlight of the summer on Friday and Saturday, July 24th and 25th. It will be held at the larger, air-conditioned Union Bay Hall, with a great dance floor, and camping facilities right beside the hall for those who wish to camp. We will have our caller/cuer team, Jake and Diana Ring, both nights, sharing with our own Pat Barr and Sue Diederichs on Friday night, and with Lorne and Barb Clayton from Victoria, and Stacey Rigg and Ron Berg from Campbell River on Saturday night. Look for our poster with all the details and I hope you will plan to join us!

*(Red and White Dance photos by Ellen Granberg.)*



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## **RAINBOW ROUNDERS, Victoria**

**By Van Williams**

The Rainbow Rounders celebrated St Patrick's day with a Phase 2 dance on the actual day. (Every other day would just have been a practice day.) All round dancers may enjoy our Phase 2 social dances on April 7 and April 21. Our wind-up dances will be on April 21st (everyone welcome), and April 28th (Phase 3-4).

Kirk's two-step classes are going well with about ten enthusiastic students who may begin attending our Tuesday night social round dances. Square dancers have likely seen them dancing rounds between tips at mainstream dances as well.

Darrell's rumba and cha classes have been fun for both him and his students, and the energy each week has been fantastic. The class has embraced the light, joyful spirit of the playful cha-cha rhythm, and has enjoyed plenty of laughter, lots of practice, and noticeable improvement all around. We look forward to their presence at the Phase 3-4 social round dances this spring and summer.

Connie's Phase 3-4 Wednesday afternoon workshops (April 15th & 29th) are underattended considering the satisfaction that comes with workshopping a few challenging dances to the point that we can enjoy dancing them cleanly. It's not unlike the satisfaction of attending festival round dance workshops.

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

**By Diana Ring**

Rings Squares and Rounds will be not dancing after the end of March 2026. We are not sure if the club will be re-instated soon or not.

Jake and I are still active, but mainly at this time through the Ocean Waves.

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## **RIPPLE ROCKETS, Campbell River**

**By Mireille Earl & Linda Grunewald**

The Ripple Rockets are grateful for all our new dancers that are enjoying and celebrating their newfound social life by coming to our dances on Saturday nights and visiting the Ocean Waves Club from time to time, weather permitting. We had a great time/

turnout for our 50's dance in January, welcoming five squares. Our Valentine's Dance was a lot of fun, with three squares attending. For March we are planning a Saint Patrick's Dance on March 14 and in April we will be having a "Spring Fling" on the 11th. Our wind-up dance on May 9 will be a festive end of the dance year.

The Blast Off will see a return to three days of dancing: Friday night, Saturday will be a big day with a plus dance introduction workshop in the morning, and (weather permitting) a demonstration dance in the afternoon, ending with an evening of dancing with a panel of callers and cuers. On Sunday, there will be a crib tournament in the morning, a round dance in the afternoon, and the big finale Sunday night with a panel of callers and cuers. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

Ribbons will be available shortly for people who register. Mireille will be attending dances around the Island so if you have registered she can bring a ribbon for you.

It is with great sadness that we honour Fred Lewis, a long-time member and former president of Ripple Rockets. He passed away on December 20, 2025. Survived by wife Margaret and many children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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

We send our greetings to everyone from our isolated little hamlet across the pond. Isolation has taught us to be self reliant. We've never been afforded the luxury of reliance on club visitation to make our club viable. We applaud CALLERLAB's decision to shorten the Mainstream program, albeit 25 years after the organization's own research indicated this step was necessary to reverse the downward spiral our activity has been experiencing.

A shorter program enables clubs to host more than one class per year. This equals more opportunity for us to recruit and more flexibility for those we are trying to recruit. Powell River has been doing this for more than a decade now and it is the reason we still exist and are in fact vibrant without the need for external supports. Over the years we've taken a lot of flack for not preparing our dancers to dance beyond our city limits. I guess that all changes in the next

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year or so as the new Mainstream evolves. Ironically, another trait of the modern dancer is that they are not all consumed by the activity and don't tend to look for endless dance vacation opportunities so that may be a moot point!

As an example of how a shorter, dual entry program can benefit a club: in terms of numbers, we had a bit of a dismal intake of new dancers last fall. Midway through the fall session, dancers from our spring session the previous year started trickling back. They brought friends, young friends! We found a way to accommodate them while moving forward. In January we launched a second campaign to recruit. We made use of social media, the Credit Union message board, and lawn signs to advertise our open house. In excess of sixty dancers (forty new ones) attended. Twenty-two signed up for square and round dance classes so things have been pretty lively on Mondays and Tuesdays, our respective round and square dance teaching nights.

In mid January and early February some of us did a couple of sessions with grades four to six students and then had a party dance for the kids and parents outside of the school setting. It was pretty chaotic, with live music supplied by a couple of our club musicians and eleven young fiddlers, but feedback from the event has been very positive. We still haven't figured out how to capitalize on that one but we're working on it and the coordinator is asking about doing it again.

A few of us attended the Upper Island Round-A-Rama and spent an enjoyable Sunday afternoon dancing and socializing with our island friends. I expect we'll have a pretty strong contingent attending the Freshmen Frolic this April, fingers crossed!

Kirk Rockerbie has tentatively agreed to join me at our Across the Pond dance this summer. I am excited to call with him and I'm looking forward to a great dance! Stacey Ruegg has been growing by leaps and bounds as a cuer and is ready to take on that role at our signature dance. Hooray Stacey! We will also have some panel dances and workshops as has been our custom at this event.

And that's the way it is on our side of the Pond. See you in a square!

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

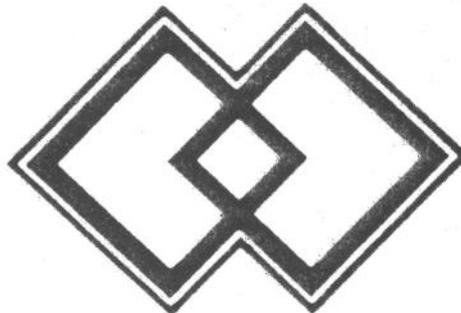
The New Year has started off well although colds and travel have affected our dance attendance a bit.

We have completed teaching the full Plus program and we are now working on various other arrangements of dancers and just practicing. I have started adding the few new moves that are planned to be added to the Plus program in the fall. Everyone is doing great and we will soon be moving away from having "experienced tips" to working on all of the moves for everyone.

Likewise, our Advanced 1 dancers have completed the Advanced 1 program and we are now looking at practice to get everyone comfortable with all of the moves before Festival 2026. We have added a couple of A2 moves and as everyone progresses we will add a couple more.

The club will be dark Easter Monday. Hope to see you all in a square somewhere.

Don't forget to register for the Canadian National Festival 2026 in Penticton in July.



# NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

## 2026 UVICTA ROUND-A-RAMA

What a great afternoon of dancing we had for the 2026 Round-A-Rama on February 16 at Nanoose Place. The weather was great for driving and we had dancers from Victoria to Campbell River as well as Powell River.

The program was varied and provided lots of dancing for phase II dancers. Newer dancers had lots of choice. The dancing was non-stop so those needing a rest could watch different rhythms during their breaks.

**By Wendie Harrington**

The cuers for the afternoon were Diana Ring, Connie Ritchie, Stacey Ruegg, Lynette McLeod and Wendie Harrington. It was Stacey's first time cueing at this event and what a great job she did!!!

Thank you to Jake Ring for looking after the sound for the afternoon. Several people commented on the great quality of the sound for the dance.

We especially want to thank the dancers who came out to enjoy the afternoon and the many who pitched in to help with the cleanup after the dance.



Cuers on the 2026 Round-A-Rama program (left to right): Diana Ring, Stacey Ruegg, Lynette McLeod, Connie Ritchie, and Wendie Harrington. Below: scenes of the dancing at the 2026 Round-A-Rama. (Photos by Wendie Harrington.)



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## IT'S MAGIC



Sometimes it's surprising what the dancers don't know. They have no idea what we do, or how we do it. In a way, we are like magicians that do our magic through a microphone. Are there tricks to it? Yep!

Some callers are better than others at performing their tricks. Yes, better, but how did they get that way? No caller was born with a mic in their hand. Mastering and applying the techniques employed

by callers to guide dancers and resolve squares requires a blend of talent, motivation, dedicated study, clear goal setting, passion, and opportunity.

The magicians and callers that are best at selling their tricks, get the ability through a lot of work and practice. No one is a natural born magician or caller.

Thomas Edison is attributed to have said, "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration." Sometimes, what is accredited to being natural talent is the product of a lot of work and practice. The mechanics involved in moving the dancers are simple but take time and practice to learn. A magician doesn't develop his sleight of hand without a lot of practice. Luckily, the practice necessary to learn how to call can be fun.

What motivates one to take on the task of learning to call varies from person to person. It might be a need

**By Daryl Clendenin**

to replace a caller when none are available. It might be a love for performing. It might be the puzzle solving and challenge of choreography. It might be a chance to get up in front and sing. It might be any, or all of those things and more.

"Passion," is what keeps the learning and practice from feeling like work. Passion is easy to satisfy if you are progressing in your learning. Keep in mind that progression is in direct proportion to the amount of time and effort put in.

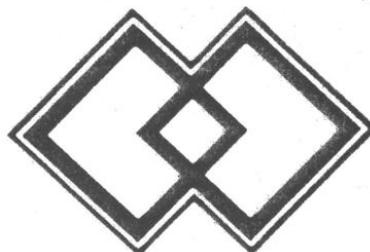
Opportunity? That's a tough one. Sometimes opportunities present themselves. Other times they must be created. If a caller retires, dies, moves out of your area, or can no longer call, the club might need a replacement. In that case, the club will support you while you learn. That's a great opportunity.

If there is no club available, you should do what you can to start one. In reality, most clubs started with a new caller needing a place to call.

It takes eight dancers to make a square but doesn't take eight to practice calling. Most of what you need to learn only takes two couples. If you can call and dance at the same time, you and your partner can be one of the two couples. The advantage of being one of couples dancing, is being able to develop a feel for the timing of the calls as you learn to combine them into patterns for dancing.

Want to be a caller? Callers call. Don't wait for a club to become available. Start NOW!

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## TEN GUIDELINES FOR ENJOYING YOUR SQUARE AND ROUND DANCING

1. Have fun and enjoy the friendship of your fellow dancers.
2. Be exuberant but not so much so that others might take offence at your antics. Remember to be inclusive and welcoming to all those around you.
3. Welcome visitors and make them feel part of the club – they came to enjoy the dance as much as you do.
4. Dance with as many callers and cuers as possible to form your own opinion of their merits. Remember opinions of others are as subjective as your own so do not take them as gospel.
5. Remember that strong fragrances of any kind can adversely affect the health of others.
6. For the enjoyment of the dance environment, and to create a positive atmosphere, dances are drug and alcohol free. Everyone must be able to participate fully so that they enjoy their time together.
7. You and your fellow members are the backbone of your club. Your loyalty and participation are of prime importance for the enjoyment of everyone in the square and round dance community.
8. Bickering, fault finding, and gossip are atmosphere killers. Avoid them.
9. Once in a square do not walk away from it. Doing so is a slight to those already there. If you are a single dancer looking for a partner, stand in a square with your hand up. If you already have a partner and are waiting for them to join you, stand in place with your hand down. Couples, please don't push singles looking for a partner out of a square.
10. Remember that you were once a beginner – you can still learn, and everybody goofs at some point no matter how experienced they are.

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*These guidelines were drafted in 2019 by members of the Joint Executive Committee of the Lower Vancouver Island Western Square & Round Dance Association and the Victoria & District Caller Teachers Association as an update of the traditional “Ten Commandments of Square Dancing”. Guideline #9 was updated in 2026 with the addition of the last three sentences.*

*A web search for “ten commandments of square dancing” will result in many hits for several different versions. The wording of the traditional version, as previously published in the Cross Trail News (most recently in 2000), can be found at “[www.squaredancene.org/ideas/tencom.html](http://www.squaredancene.org/ideas/tencom.html)”.*

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## SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES

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

*Our condolences to the families of:*

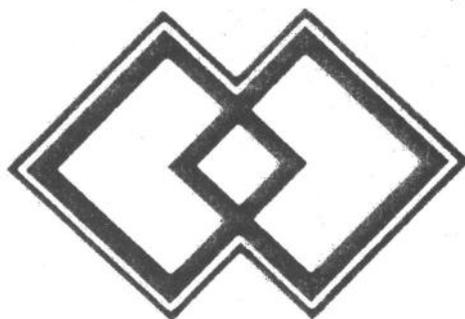


**Bob Bouck**, a former member of the Triple C's (and other clubs around BC), who passed away in Victoria on February 1, 2026 at the age of 85. Bob was predeceased by his wife, **Kirsten**, in 1996, and is survived by three children and their families.

**Ernie Kaesmodel**, a member of the Island Gems and a former member of the Amalgam-Eighters and the Travelling Squares, who passed away in Nanaimo on February 26, 2026 at the age of 76. Ernie was pre-

ceased by his wife, **Joan**, in 2024, and is survived by two daughters and their families, and by his partner, **Connie Ritchie**.

**Fred Lewis**, a former member of the Ripple Rockets, who passed away in Campbell River on December 20, 2025 at the age of 92. Fred was predeceased by his first wife, **Margorie**, and three children, and is survived by his second wife, **Margaret**, four stepchildren, a chosen daughter, and their families.



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# REGION 1 ROUND OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH 2026 – CHOSEN BY VDCTA

## Come Dance With Me

**Choreo:** Casey & Sharon Parker, 11168 Loduca Dr, Manteca, Ca. 95336 **email:** trustme@pacbell.net  
**Music:** Come Dance With Me -- Available itunes  
**Artist:** Nancy Hays  
**Footwork:** Opposite, Unless noted (W's footwork in parenthesis)  
**Rhythm:** Twostep **Phase:** II **Speed:** Speed slightly for comfort  
**Sequence:** Intro – A – B – A – B – End

### Intro

**1 – 4 Wait 2 meas;; Apt Pt; Tog Tch Scp;**

1-4 op fcg M fcg wall lead ft free Wait 2 meas;; Apt L, -, Pt R twd ptr, -; Tog R scp lod, -, Tch L, -;

### Part A

**1-4 Scp lod Two Fwd Twosteps;; Hitch Dbl;;**

1-2 Fwd L, Cls R, Fwd L, -; Fwd R, Cls L, Fwd R, -;

3-4 Fwd L, Cls R, Bk L, -; Bk R, Cls L, Fwd R, -;

**5 – 8 Two Fwd Twosteps;; Twirl /Vine 2; Walk Pickup;**

5-6 Fwd L, Cls R, Fwd L, -; Fwd R, Cls L, Fwd R, -;

7-8 Sd L lod leading W to trn RF under jnd lead hnds, -, XRIB, -(Fwd R twd lod trng RF under jnd lead hnds, -, Bk L cont trn, -); Sd L, -, Fwd R picking up W to cp lod, - (Fwd R, -, Fwd L trng to cp lod, -);

**9 – 12 Two Fwd Twosteps;; Prog Scissor twice bjo;;**

9-10 Fwd L, Cls R, Fwd L, -; Fwd R, Cls L, Fwd R, -;

11-12 Sd L, Cls R to scar dlw, Fwd L, -; Sd R, Cls L to bjo lod, Fwd R, -;

**13 - 16 Fwd Hitch; Hitch Scissor; half op Strut 4 to fc;;**

13-14 Fwd L, Cls R, Bk L, -; Bk R, Cls L, Fwd R, - (Fwd L trng RF to Scp, Cls R, Fwd L, -);

15-16 half op lod Fwd L, -, Fwd R, -; Fwd L, -, Fwd R trng to cp wall, -;

### Part B

**1 – 8 cp wall LF Turning Box;;; Lace up to cp wall;;;**

1-4 Sd L, Cls R, Fwd L trng LF to fc lod, -; Sd R, Cls L, Bk R trng LF to fc coh, -; Sd L, Cls R, Fwd L trng LF to fc rlod, -; Sd R, Cls L, Bk R trng LF to fc wall, -;

5-8 scp lod leading W under jnd lead hnds Fwd L, Cls R, Fwd L, -; to lop lod Fwd R, Cls L, Fwd R, -; leading W under jnd trail hnds Fwd L, Cls R, Fwd L, -; to op lod Fwd R, Cls L, Fwd R, - to cp wall;

**9 – 16 Box;; Rev Box;; Sd Cls twice; Sd Draw Cls; Half Box; Scissor Scp;**

9-12 Sd L, Cls R, Fwd L, -; Sd R, Cls L, Bk R, -; Sd L, Cls R, Bk L, -; Sd R, Cls L, Fwd R, -;

13-16 Sd L, Cls R, Sd L, Cls R; Sd L, Draw R to L, Cls R, -; Sd L, Cls R, Fwd L, -; Sd R, Cls L trng to scp lod, Thru R to scp lod, -;

### Ending

**1 – 6 Two Fwd Twosteps;; Circle Away Two Twosteps;; Strut Tog 4 cp ;;**

1-6 scp lod Fwd L, Cls R, Fwd L, -; Fwd R, Cls L, Fwd R, -; Circ away from ptrn LF (RF) Fwd L, Cls R, Fwd L, -; Fwd R, Cls L, Fwd R, -; moving twd ptrn Fwd L, -, Fwd R, -; Fwd L, -, Fwd R trng to cp wall, -;

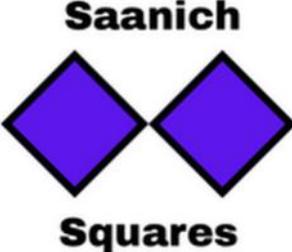
**7-11 Lf Trng Box;;; Dip Bk & Hold;**

7-11 Sd L, Cls R, Fwd L trng LF to fc lod, -; Sd R, Cls L, Bk R trng LF to fc coh, -; Sd L, Cls R, Fwd L trng LF to fc rlod, -; Sd R, Cls L, Bk R trng LF to fc wall, -; Dip Bk L twd coh & Hold, -, -, -;

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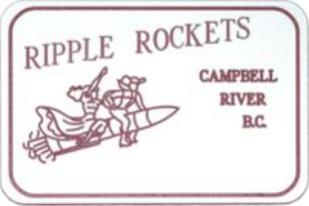
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 <p>The logo for Ripple Rockets is a rectangular badge with a red border. It features the text 'RIPPLE ROCKETS' at the top, 'CAMPBELL RIVER B.C.' on the right side, and a central illustration of a person riding a rocket.</p>	<p><b>Ripple Rockets – Campbell River</b>          Club Email ..... <a href="mailto:campbellriverripplerockets@gmail.com">campbellriverripplerockets@gmail.com</a>          Club Facebook Page ..... <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/706981097880584">www.facebook.com/groups/706981097880584</a>          Club Website..... <a href="http://ripplerockets.wixsite.com/campbellriver">ripplerockets.wixsite.com/campbellriver</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>Mainstream with Phase II Rounds – 7:00-9:00 PM</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays</b> – Sep. 13 to Dec. 13, 2025; Jan. 10 to May 9, 2026  <b>United Church Hall</b> – 415 Pinecrest Rd. (at Birch St.), Campbell River, BC</p> <hr/> <p>Caller/Cuer.....<b>Elizabeth</b> Hohner          President.....<b>Linda</b> Grunewald          Secretary .....<b>Jennifer</b> Coolen          Treasurer .....<b>Marti</b> Alkana</p>
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 CALLERLAB – International Assn. of Square Dance Callers ..... [callerlab.org](http://callerlab.org)  
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 Taminations (*animations for square dance calls*) ..... [www.tamtwirlers.org/taminations](http://www.tamtwirlers.org/taminations)  
 Video Square Dance Lessons Online..... [videosquaredancelessons.com/lessons/](http://videosquaredancelessons.com/lessons/)

## ONLINE DANCE CALENDARS

BC Square & Round Dance Federation..... [squaredance.bc.ca/dance-calendar/](http://squaredance.bc.ca/dance-calendar/)  
 Lower Vancouver Island (Region 1) ..... [region1.squaredance.bc.ca/calendar/](http://region1.squaredance.bc.ca/calendar/)  
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## VICTORIA

**Colwood Community Hall**  
2219 Sooke Road

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

## SOOKE

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

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2925 Northwest Bay Road

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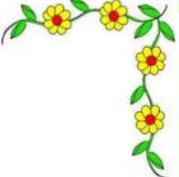
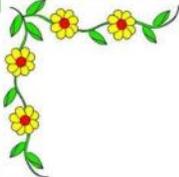
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2219 Sooke Road, Victoria, BC**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026**

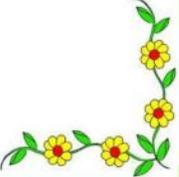
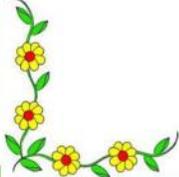
**Pre-Rounds – 1:30 to 2:00 PM  
Banner Parade & Mainstream Dance  
2:00 to 4:15 PM**

**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*





# **The Country Cousins “The Way We Were”**

**Come join us to 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**

**Our Caller: Kirk Rockerbie**

**And some guest callers and cuers**

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

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# Blast Off 2026

with the

**RIPPLE ROCKETS**

**May 15, 16 & 17**

Join us for a fun weekend of

*Square & Round Dancing*

**Quinsam Hall  
#102 - 2005 Eagle Drive  
Campbell River**

# Blast Off 2026

**Blast Off**  
**May 15 16 & 17 2026**

**Friday May 15**

<b>Registration</b>	<b>3:00 – 5:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>6:30 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Pre-Rounds</b>	<b>6:30 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Square Dance</b>	<b>7:00 – 9:00 p.m.</b>

**Saturday May 16**

<b>Registration</b>	<b>10 - Noon</b>
<b>Introduction to Plus Dance</b>	<b>10 – Noon</b>
<b>Registration</b>	<b>6:30 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Pre-Rounds</b>	<b>6:30 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Square Dance</b>	<b>7 – 9:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Panel of Callers &amp; Cuers</b>	

**Sunday May 17**

<b>Crib Tournament</b>	<b>10 – Noon</b>
<b>Round Dance</b>	<b>1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Phase 2 +</b>
<b>Registration</b>	<b>6:30 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Pre-Rounds</b>	<b>6:30 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Square Dance</b>	<b>7:00 - 9:00 p.m</b>
<b>Panel of Callers &amp; Cuers</b>	

# Blast Off 2026

**REGISTRATION \$45 per per person for weekend**

**\$10 per night for camping**

**Please print**

**\$40 if pre-register before April 15, 2026**

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**Last Name**

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**First Name**

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**Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone Number**

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**Your Club**

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**Caller or Cuer**

**Self contained RV parking (dry camping) showers not available  
If camping please Pre-register by end of April**

**Please send cheque or etransfer to June Carlson**

**[jhobbshouse@gmail.com](mailto:jhobbshouse@gmail.com)**

**2929 York Road, Campbell River, BC V9H 1A3 250-923-0229**

**For billeting options please contact Marti @ 250-201-1366**

**[martialkana@hotmail.com](mailto:martialkana@hotmail.com)**

**Fragrance free event**

**Shirts required (long or short sleeves)**



THE VANCOUVER & DISTRICT CALLER/TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS

# SPRING FLING PLUS DANCE

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026**

**THERE WILL BE A PANEL  
OF CALLERS AND CUERS  
COME OUT FOR A FUN AFTERNOON OF  
PLUS DANCING WITH PHASE II & III ROUNDS**

**KENNEDY HALL  
8870 120TH STREET,  
SURREY BC**

**Doors open 1:30 p.m.**

**PreRounds Phase II and III 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.**

**Plus dancing 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Tickets \$10 each at the door**

**COFFEE | TEA | WATER | COOKIES**

**HEARING ASSIST | 50/50  
SINGLES BOARD**

**For more info. contact Wendy 778-878-4244**



## 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!**



# PENTICTON

British Columbia, Canada



July 15th - 18th  
**2026**



## Canadian National Square, Round & Clog Dance Festival

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



PENTICTON TRADE AND  
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!!**



# July 24- 25, 2026

## Friday

Dancing 7:00pm – 9:00pm  
Caller/Cuer: Jake and Diana Ring  
\$10.00 at the door

## Saturday

Dancing 7:00pm – 9:00pm  
Callers: Jake and Diana Ring  
Lorne & Barb Clayton  
Cuers: Diana and Jake Ring  
Stacey Ruegg  
\$10.00 at the door

## Campfire After Saturday Night Dance

Gather around the Fire  
Hot/Cold Drinks and Snacks  
Music and Song

## \*\*New Venue:

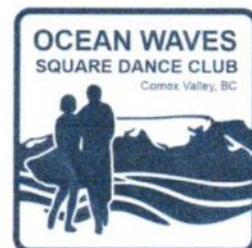
Union Bay Community Hall  
5401 South Island Highway  
Air Conditioned Hall Yippee

## Sunday Stay and Play

- Winery and Brewery Tours
  - 40 Knots Winery
- Ocean and Forest Walks
  - Seal Bay Park
  - Kye Bay
- Visit Mt. Washington
  - Hike, Zipline, Cycle

## Camping

- RV parking on site
- Bathroom available
- \$10 per night
- Please reserve your RV space and/or request billeting
- Contact: 705-930-8487 (David)





# The Powell River Star Dusters' Across the Pond Weekend Aug. 20, 21, & 22, 2026

## Three Evenings ...

- Thurs - Panel... 8:00 to 10:00 pm
- Fri - Beach Party with Gord & Deb... Starts 7:30 pm
- Sat - Pot Luck starts at 6:00 pm
- Sat - with Kirk, Gord & Stacey... 7:00 to 10:00 pm

## Day Dancing:

- Sat - Panel ... 10:00 am'til Noon
- Sat - RD workshop with Connie... 1:30 to 3:00pm

## This Year's Line Up



Kirk  
Rockerbie

Connie  
Ritchie

Deb  
Schmidt

Stacey  
Ruegg

Gord  
Ruedig

## Plus a Panel of Traveling Callers and Cuers

All events take place at the Star Dusters Hall  
5399 Timberlane Avenue  
Except: Friday Night Beach Party at the  
Willingdon Beach Pavilion  
4845 Marine Avenue (Hwy 101)

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

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# CROSS TRAIL NEWS

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70 Years — 1954 to 2024

