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EDITOR'S PAGE

I have just finished this my first edition as editor of the Cross Trail News.

See the report on page 21 from the 24th National Square, Round and Clog Dance Festival in Penticton this summer along with photos taken by the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre the facility where it was held. It was my first National Square Dance Convention. I worked the registration desk and enjoyed meeting fellow dancers from all over the country and world. Dancing with dancers from different nationalities was a bit of a challenge as they do some of the moves a bit different than what I am used to. In one square we had a mother and son couple from Germany who kept switching positions throughout the tip, but our square never broke down. The dancers from China were very experienced in Plus up to Challenge and could dance both sides. There was a variety of callers too. I only danced Plus so did not get a chance to dance to the mainstream callers except for during the trail in dance on the first night. I danced to a caller from Australia (Jaden Frigo) who had us really moving and one caller from the US (Joe Gonzales) had such a strong accent (which he kept saying he didn't) our square kept breaking down as we couldn't understand him.

I have tried to dance as much as possible this summer and enjoyed dancing at a demo dance at **Whistle Buoy Brewing Company** - to a German Caller see report by Carol Young on page 20. The way he was able to get the crowd up and dancing was exceptional. One of our callers has used the same technique at one of the open houses this summer.



Facing Connie Ritchie & Frances Bryan, Backs Gillian Bloom & Bruce Irving



Germany Caller
Lukas Kromer

With many dances coming up in the following months including one on the mainland supporting Alzheimer Society,

why not try to go to as many as you can and the more often you go the more you get to know dancers outside of your area. Please try to support the clubs to keep them going.

The last dance I attended was the BC Day Blast in Surrey on August 3rd with the Brendzy family and Tony Oxendine. Only two couples from Victoria attended it - Dennis Sutton and I and Gary and Wendy Weeks. It was one of the best dances I have attended as a Plus dancer. If you have a chance, make an effort to attend a dance called by a guest caller. They may call a variation of a call that you didn't expect like "all ladies center tea cup change". (One we are definitely going to get Gary Dodds to teach).



Christine & Ray Brendzy, Wendy & Gary Weeks, Toni Oxendine, Dennis Sutton & Vanda Stocks, Caitlyn & Nicholas Brendzy

Clubs are starting up again in September. We will be attending our first club's dance and then we are off on my second cruise to Norway for two weeks and one week visiting relatives in England.

Speaking of cruises, there is a possibility of a Square Dance cruise immediately following the 25th National Convention in New Brunswick in 2028. Investigations are underway. Mark your calendar and clear your schedule, you won't want to miss it.

See you on the dance floor.

Vanda Stocks
Editor



Grace and James Chen in front of the huge duck at the Penticton Festival

LETTERS

Re: Colwood Hall Benefit Dance

As the majority of you know, the Colwood Women's Institute is the Trustee of the complete Colwood Hall complex and we are responsible for the maintenance of all three halls.

Therefore, on behalf of the Colwood Women's Institute, I would like to extend a huge thank you for the donations received in the amount of \$2004.25 at the Colwood Community Hall benefit dance. We

put a new gas furnace in the WI annex to cut back on fuel costs for the hall and this donation was included for that cost.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

See you on the dance floor

Linda Townsend,

Colwood Women's Institute

SEASON'S GREETINGS ADVERTISEMENTS

Season's greetings ("Merry Christmas & Happy New Year") advertisements will be published in the next issue – December 2026-January 2027.

These ads are **FREE** for the CSRDS, the BCSRDF, caller/cuer and dancer associations, callers, cuers, and dancers.

When preparing your ad please note the Submission Guidelines on page 37. See the last page in this issue for examples of the available sizes,

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DANCE DATES – LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

SEPTEMBER 2026

MONDAY

Star Twirlers.....Plus Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall21, 28

TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders.....Rounds Phase 3-4, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall.....8, 22
Rounds Phase 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall15, 29

THURSDAY

Star Twirlers.....Advance Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall24

FRIDAY

Mavericks.....Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall18

SATURDAY

Country Cousins.....Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall12, 26
Frontier TwirlersPlus 7:00-7:30 PM, Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM,
Colwood Community Hall19

SPECIAL DANCES

Country Cousins.....Pie Night Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall Sat. 12
(See poster page 44)
Mavericks.....Rodeo Round Up, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church HallFri. 18
(See poster page 45)
Frontier TwirlersTart Start, 7:00-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall Sat. 19
(See poster page 46)
VDCTA.....FREE Workshop/Dance, 1:30-2:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall Sun. 20
(See poster page 50)

DANCE CLASSES (First Sessions)

Rainbow Rounders.....Rounds, Phase 3-4 Workshop, 2:00-3:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall Wed. 09
(Classes on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays only)
Phase 3 Rumba, 7:00-8:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Wed. 09
Phase 1-2 Two Step & Waltz, 8:00-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Wed. 09
(Rumba and two-step/waltz—first two lessons free)(See poster page 41)
Frontier TwirlersOpen House, 7:00-9:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Sun. 20
Mainstream Lessons – 7:00-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Sun. 27
(See poster page 48)
Saanich SquaresMainstream, 7:00-9:00 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall Sun. 20 & 27
Two free Sessions (See poster page 49)
(Regular lessons begin Sunday, October 4)

MEETINGS

LVIWSRDAAssociation Meeting, 3:00-4:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall Sun. 20
VDCTA.....Association Meeting, 3:00-4:00 PM, Colwood Women's Institute Room Sun. 20
(Meetings follow FREE Workshop/Dance – see above)

DANCE DATES – LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

OCTOBER 2026

MONDAY

Star Twirlers.....Plus Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall5, 19, 26
Thanksgiving Day – Dance Cancelled.....12

TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders.....Rounds Phase 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall6, 20
Rounds Phase 3-4, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall.....13, 27

THURSDAY

Star Twirlers.....Advanced Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM,
Colwood Community Hall1, 8, 15, 22, 29

FRIDAY

Mavericks.....Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall2, 16

SATURDAY

Frontier TwirlersPlus, 7:00-7:30 PM, Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM,
Colwood Community Hall3, 17
Country Cousins.....Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall10, 24

SPECIAL DANCES

Country Cousins.....Thanksgiving Harvest Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall..... Sat. 10
(See poster page 54)
Mavericks.....Through the Decades, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church HallFri. 16
(See poster page 55)
Frontier TwirlersHaunted Harvest Dance, 7:00-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall Sat. 17
(See poster page 56)
Country Cousins.....Goblins and Ghosts, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall Sat. 24
(See poster page 57)

DANCE DATES – LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

NOVEMBER 2026

MONDAY

Star Twirlers.....Plus Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall2, 9, 16, 23, 30

TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders.....Rounds Phase 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall3, 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 Hall6, 20

SATURDAY

Frontier TwirlersPlus, 7:00-7:30 PM, Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 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

VDCTA.....FREE Workshop/Dance, 1:30-2:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Sun. 15
(See poster page 58)

Rainbow Rounders.....Sky Night, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community HallTues. 17

Mavericks.....At the Hop, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall.....Fri. 20
(See poster page 59)

Country Cousins.....Annual PJ Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall..... Sat. 28
(See poster page 60)

MEETINGS

LVIWSRDAAssociation 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

SEPTEMBER 2026

TUESDAYS

Star Dusters West Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM, Timberland Rancho Hall, Powell River 15,22

THURSDAY

Island Gems Afternoon Tea Rounds Phase 3+, 2:00-4:00PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo 10,24
(See poster page 43)

Rounds Phase 2+, 8:00-9:00 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo 10, 17, 24
(See poster page 42)

FRIDAY

Amalgam-Eighters Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville..... 18

SATURDAY

Ocean Waves Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay 19

Ripple Rockets Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, United Church Hall, Campbell River 26

SPECIAL DANCES

Ocean Waves Welcome Back Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay Sat. 19

Ripple Rockets Start-Up Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, United Church Hall, Campbell River Sat. 26

Amalgam-Eighters Kick-Off Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville..... Fri. 18

UVISDA Caller & Cuer Appreciation Dance with Darryl Roberts, 1:30-3:30 PM,
Nanoose Place Sun. 27
(See poster page 53)

DANCE CLASSES (First Sessions)

Ocean Waves Mainstream, 7:00-9:00 PM, St. John the Divine Anglican Church Hall,
Courtenay (First two lessons free—14th & 21st) Mon. 14

Island Gems Round Dance – Two-Step, 7:00-9:00 PM, Pleasant Valley Hall..... Mon. 21
(See poster page 52)

Round Dance Phase III, 6:30-7:45 PM, Wellington Hall Thur. 10
(See poster page 62)

Amalgam-Eighters Mainstream, 7:00-9:00 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo..... Tues. 22

Star Dusters West Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM, Timberland Rancho Hall, Powell River Thur. 24
(Free Open House)

Rounds Waltz and Two Step, 7:00-9:00 PM,
Timberland Rancho Hall, Powell River Mon. 28
(Free Open House)

DANCE DATES – UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND

OCTOBER 2026

TUESDAY

Star DustersWest Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM, Timberland Rancho Hall, Powell River6, 13, 20, 27

THURSDAY

Island GemsAfternoon Tea Rounds Phase 3+, 2:00-4:00PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo8, 22
Rounds Phase 2+, 8:00-9:00 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo1, 8, 15, 22, 29

FRIDAY

Amalgam-EightersMainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Pleasant Valley Hall, Nanaimo2

SATURDAY

Ocean WavesMainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay .3, 17
Ripple RocketsMainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall10, 24

SPECIAL DANCES

Star DustersCommunity Square Dance, 6.00-8:00 PM, Timberland Rancho Hall, Powell River
Families & Kids Welcome Sat. 3
Ocean WavesHarvest Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay Sat. 17
Ripple RocketsHalloween Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall Sat. 24

DANCE DATES – UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND

NOVEMBER 2026

TUESDAY

Star DustersWest Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM, Timberland Rancho Hall, Powell River3, 10, 17, 24

THURSDAY

Island GemsAfternoon Tea Rounds Phase 3+, 2:00-4:00PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo5, 19

Rounds Phase 2+, 8:00-9:00 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo5, 12, 19, 26

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Ocean WavesMainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay,7

Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, TBA,21

Ripple RocketsMainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, United Church Hall, Campbell River14, 28

SPECIAL DANCES

Star DustersCommunity Square Dance, 6.00-8:00 PM, Timberland Rancho Hall, Powell River
Families & Kids Welcome Sat. 7

Amalgam-EightersHawaiian Night, 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, LantzvilleFri. 20

Ocean WavesTropical Breeze, 7:00-9:00 PM, TBA, Sat. 21

Ripple RocketsWestern Night, 7:00-9:00 PM, United Church Hall, Campbell River Sat. 28

UVISDAGratitude Gala with Gord Ruedig & Stacey Ruegg, 1:30-3:30 PM,
Nanoose Place Sun. 29
(See poster page 61)

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CONVENTIONS, FESTIVALS, DANCE WEEKENDS, & SPECIAL EVENTS

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2026	
Sept 19	Vancouver & DCTA - Welcome Back Bash - Proceeds to Alzheimer Society Brookwood Seniors Centre, Langley (see poster page 47)
Sept 29	UVISDA – Caller & Cuer Appreciation Dance – Nanoose Place (see poster page 53)
Dec. 31	VDCTA/LVIWSRDA - Farewell to 2026 Dance - Colwood Community Hall
2027	
Feb. 21	UVICTA - Round-A-Rama - Nanoose Place
Feb. 28	VDCTA - New Dancer Hoedown - Colwood Community Hall
March 21-24	52nd CALLERLAB Convention – Indianapolis, IN – www.callerlab.org
April 11	VDCTA - Round Dance Party - Colwood Community Hall
April 25	UVICTA - Freshman Frolic - Nanoose Place
May 2	VDCTA & LVIWSRDA - Spring Round-Up - Colwood Community Hall
June 6	UVICTA & UVISDA - Joint Dance - Nanoose Place
July 22-24	BCSRDF Round Dance Mini Festival – Nanoose Place - festival2027.squaredance.bc.ca/
June 23-26	76th US National Square Dance Convention – Loveland, Colorado – 76nsdc.com
2028	
June 28-July 1	77th US National Square Dance Convention – Daytona Beach, Florida – 77nsdcfl.com
July 20-22	25th Canadian Square & Round Dance Festival, Fredericton, NB - squaredancenb.com/festival-2028/



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Dennis Sutton

Sillery Award Recipient for 2026

For outstanding service above and beyond to the Square and Round Dance Community

My dear friend Dennis Sutton was presented with the Doreen Sillery Award by BC Federation vice president Mae Fawcett at the National Square Dance Festival in Penticton on Saturday, July 18th, 2026 at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre before the crowd gathered for the closing ceremony, over which Dennis and I were presiding. The Sillery Award is the British Columbia Federation's highest award for volunteerism in the square dance movement. In his acceptance of the award, Dennis expressed his characteristic position of diverting accolades away from himself. He said to the crowd that it is due to all of them that he got the award, and while we can understand that concept to a degree, appreciation of Dennis' personal effort and dedication is deep.

When he and his wife Pamela lived in Ontario, Dennis was on his club's board for several years, and also for several years was on the board of the region's annual festival, and he served on the committee of the 1988 National Convention held in Hamilton. By the year 2000, the Suttons were living on southern Vancouver Island, and Dennis was delegate from his club to the regional association. He became delegate to the BC Federation, and then Vice President and later President of the regional association, the Lower Vancouver Island Western

Square and Round Dance Association (LVIWSRDA).

While he was President of the LVIWSRDA, Dennis became Vice President of the BC Federation. In 2021, he was elected President of the BC Federation and served until 2024.

Dennis steered the Federation through the Covid shutdown and took on the painstaking work of updating the Federation Bylaws, Policies and Procedures in response to new requirements from the BC government Society Act.

And most recently, he served with me to co-chair the 24th National Square, Round and Clog Dance Festival in Penticton BC, which took place July 15th to July 18th, 2026. It was another crowning achievement for Dennis Sutton. He continues his life of service to square dancing and the Rotary Club of Sidney with his partner, Vanda Stocks.

There was no doubt that Dennis was fully immersed in service for decades and is completely deserving of the Sillery Award for 2026.

Congratulations, dear Dennis!

Wendy Krueger



ASSOCIATION NEWS – LVIWSRDA

As we look to the fall, we see another full season of dancing about to start!

The fall also brings changes. You are reading the first issue of the Cross Trail News edited by Vanda Stocks. Thanks so much Vanda, for stepping in to fill the spot left by Alex Wotherspoon. Alex has produced the last 50 issues of the Cross Trail News. We are grateful to Alex for all his hard work over the years and for his help supporting Vanda to take over from him.

We have organized 4 open houses over the summer to help introduce new dancers to square dancing and round dancing. There is one more open house on

August 19, from 7-8pm before the last summer dance at the Colwood Hall. Please invite anyone you know who may be interested in giving square dancing a try. Please note the open house will go ahead even if the summer dance is cancelled.

There will be two LVIWSRDA Association meetings (3-4pm) this fall preceded by a VDCTA sponsored workshop (1:30-2:45pm) on Sunday, September 20 and Sunday, November 15. These meetings and free workshops are open to anyone interested in attending.

See you on the dance floor!

Carol Young, President

ASSOCIATION NEWS – UVISDA

The May 31st General Meeting was held at the home of President Bob Chalmers, with thirteen in attendance. Bob was stepping down, with Esther Wong, the current Vice President, assuming the position. Bob has been such a steady hand at the wheel, known for his positive outlook, big smile, and attention to detail, as well as running meetings without a hitch, he is hard to replace. Happily, Esther has been groomed for the position by her tenure as Vice President, and Bob will remain involved to assist her in the myriad details that come with the job. Esther formally assumed the job when Bob handed over the gavel at the UVISDA/UVICTA Special Dance at Nanoose June 7.

Unfortunately, there were no takers to replace Esther as Vice President. The position of Secretary is also vacant, with Margie Cooper continuing on an informal basis. Stacey Ruegg remains as UVISDA's B.C. Fed. Representative.

Despite most being on a summer hiatus, Region 8 Clubs have been active, starting with 3 days of dancing fun at the Ripple Rockets' Blast Off Weekend, and strong representation at afternoon dances offered by Wheel Arounds with callers/cuers Darby Love, Bob and Dorothy Simpson and Mike Munro. Visitors to the Island have been welcomed. Ocean Waves' wind up, Catch the Wave, at the Union Bay hall, was a great success, as was the singalong around the campfire Saturday night.

Two UVISDA dance dates to remember are September 27 Caller/Cuer Appreciation Dance with caller Darrell Roberts, and November 29, Gratitude Gala, with callers Gordon Ruedig and Stacey Ruegg. Both are at the Nanoose Place Community Center, 2925 Northwest Bay Road, Nanoose. If you haven't attended in the past, we'd love to welcome you this year. Always a good time!



CLUB NEWS

AMALGAM-EIGHTERS, Nanaimo

By Margie Cooper

We finished off our last dance season, by giving special recognition to two of our most treasured dancers... Lynette McLeod and Ron Ervin. They needed special dangles... because we needed to tell the Square Dance World that Lynette is the BEST OF THE BEST, and Ron is the SECOND BEST OF THE BEST!! (He took comfort from knowing that he's way ahead of #3!!) These two are unmatched in thoughtfulness, generosity, dedication and friendship. Countless hours and expensive materials are channeled into the handicrafts which Lynette regularly donates for prizes, and the dancing outfits which she gives away. They rarely miss a dance, and bring others in tow. They're unofficial greeters, giving a hug to everyone who walks through the door, and sparking silliness and fun with their amazing theme costumes. Always supportive, and always encouraging, they help to keep New Dancers dancing. Who else would continue attending dances and lessons when... first Lynette... and then Ron... were unable to dance themselves? Truly, Club Members don't come better than that!



Lynette McLeod & Ron Ervin... the BEST of the BEST... and the 2nd Best of the BEST! (photo by Margie Cooper)

And so ended a great 2025/26 dance season, followed by a chatty, warm and sunny Club Picnic in June, in Diane's beautiful garden. Many thanks once again, Diane, for being such a wonderful hostess!

We've had a great time at all the special summer dances, with huge thanks to the Wheel Arounds, the

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GREAT FUN at the Canadian National Festival!... "Aqua Ducks" Dance in Okanagan Lake... Standing, from left to right, Sue Ottley (A-8), Carol Ross (Wheel Arounds), Norma Hutchings (Ocean Waves), Sandy Graham (Star Dusters), Johnny Robinson (Wheel Arounds), Mireille Earle (Ripple Rockets) + George Pattern (A-8). Sitting, from lt. to rt., Margie Cooper (A-8), + Joelle Pattern (A-8). (photo by a dancer with Margie's camera)

CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

(Continued from page 14)

Ripple Rockets, Elizabeth Hohner, the Ocean Waves, the Star Dusters, Marilynne and Al Cunningham... and of course, the Penticton Festival organizers. 12 Amalgam-Eighters attended the 24th National Convention, and wished that all of us could have been there. It was absolutely non-stop fun!!

We hope you'll join us, as we kick off the 2026/27 Dance Season, on Sept. 18th. And if you have friends living in Nanaimo, please encourage them to show up at 7:00 p.m., Tues. Sept. 22nd, at Wellington Hall, for a free sample of lessons. Here's hoping we all get new dancers!

COUNTRY COUSINS, Victoria

By Gary and Wendy Weeks

Come out to the 2026 -2027 Country Cousins dances! Held on every second and fourth Saturday night starting in September. We look forward to a year filled with great dances, innovative themes, and some dances that will end with food and provide time to plan and socialize.

Our year will begin on September 12th, with our Pie Night, followed by September 26th, a regular dance; October 10th, The Harvest Dance & October 24th, The Goblins & Ghosts Dance; November 14th, will be a regular dance & November 28th will be our Annual PJ dance. Last dance for 2026 will be on December 12th, The Holly Jolly Night. We look forward to dancing at Cordova Bay United Church 813 Clairemont Ave, Victoria.

Interested in joining the Country Cousins? GREAT! We intend to focus on fun with you in mind, so please speak your mind and we will do the best that we can to make your imaginations come true!

Our planned travels over the summer will have introduced us to festivals, weekend getaways, Barn Dancing, Fairs & ferry rides, plus dancing, and by September we hope to see some Advance Dancing as well. We all know that we need to practice and refine our moves and steps, so this fall, will be the chance for all of us to do just that. We hope that you are encouraging your friends, associates and families to consider square dancing classes with one of the Saanich Squares, Frontier Twirlers or Sooke Squares. Don't forget to consider being an angel to help with new dancer classes. Be a refresher if you must. We look forward to seeing how this year

develops with so much Square Dance Activity going on!

So come and join us, bring your best pie, and we will see you on September 12th!

FRONTIER TWIRLERS, Victoria

By Darrell Roberts

The Frontier Twirlers enjoyed wrapping up another successful dancing season by holding our Annual General Meeting, followed by our annual Club Picnic. Once again, Darryl and Ann-Marie Brizan graciously hosted the picnic at their home, and we thank them for their wonderful hospitality. The event was well attended, with plenty of food, laughter, and a rousing game of Corn-Hole Baseball—a fun activity that gets everyone involved and has become a club favourite.

The summer break has been a welcome one, but we're now looking forward to the start of another exciting fall dancing season.

Our first dance of the season is on Saturday, September 19, when we continue our tradition with our popular "Tart Start" dance. We invite everyone to bring along their favourite fruit tart or dessert to share as we kick off the new season.

Our second theme dance will be "A Haunted Harvest Dance" on Saturday, October 17, so mark your calendars for another fun-filled evening.

Our regular club dances are held on the first and third Saturdays of each month at Colwood Community Hall.

Please note our new dance times:

Plus: 7:00–7:30 pm

Mainstream: 7:30–9:30 pm

Theme Dances: 7:30–9:15 pm

We're also excited to welcome new dancers this fall! Our FREE Open House will be held on Sunday, September 20, from 7:00–9:00 pm at Colwood Community Hall.

Following the Open House, our Mainstream lessons will begin the following Sunday under the guidance of our caller, Garry Dodds, who will lead new dancers through the basics in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

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We look forward to welcoming familiar faces back to the dance floor and introducing many new friends to the enjoyment of square dancing this fall!

ISLAND GEMS, Nanaimo

By Wendie Harrington

Island Gems are very excited to start our new season. There are many changes to our group for the upcoming season. We have tried to revamp our schedule and types of dances to provide lots of floor time for dancers to practice. We are hoping to have lots of keen dancers ready to hit the floor at the upcoming festival next summer.

Here is a summary of what we are offering for this fall season:

Phase 2 - Drop in dance on Thursday evenings, 8 to 9 pm at Wellington Hall, 3922 Corunna Ave., Nanaimo. This dance will follow an earlier class and will focus on waltz and two step. We will include some simple dances for the rhythms we have taught earlier in the evening. For the first 6 weeks this will be rumba. Cost \$5.

Phase 3+. - Afternoon tea dances every second Thursday from 2 to 4 pm at Wellington hall. We will have a kettle, variety of teas and a few goodies. Please bring your own mug. Dates for the fall dances are September 10th and 24th, October 8th and 22nd, November 5th and 19th, December 3rd and 17th. We will be introducing lots of new music.

Phase 3 lessons- These will be an introduction or a review for those who have dabbled a bit with other rhythms. Class runs from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm at Wellington Hall. Cost is \$10. Per lesson. The first six weeks will focus on rumba. Included with the lesson charge is the dance which follows at 8 pm. At each of these phase 2 dances we will include one or two dances featuring the steps we have introduced .

Phase 2 beginner lessons in Two Step- These lessons will be offered on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 pm at Pleasant Valley Hall, 6100 Doumont Rd, Nanaimo, starting on September 21st. Cost per lesson is \$10.

As you can see we have a busy season planned. We invite you to visit our club website, <https://islandgems.squaredance.bc.ca/>. For more information.

MAVERICKS, Victoria

By Chrissy Torontow

This summer gave our members lots of dancing opportunities with the Penticton convention, the Wednesday summer night dances with a variety of callers, and the variety of out of town dance weekends. We're looking forward to our corn roast at the Claytons' at the end of August and it's always a great social get together.

Our fall line up of club dances starts on Sept 18th with Rodeo Round Up, followed by our Regular Fun Dance on Oct 2nd: both with Marilynne and Lorne calling. Dancing Through The Decades will be a super evening with music on Friday Oct 16th, so feel free to wear anything you want to celebrate your favourite decade!

Our next fun evening of dancing is Friday Nov 6th. And... make sure to come out for our second theme dance, At The Hop, a popular favourite, on Nov 20th as it is always a blast with an evening of 50s music and lots of poodle skirts.

See you on the dance floor!

OCEAN WAVES, Courtenay

By Doreen Miskae

The Ocean Waves summer season began with the Ripple Rockets Blast Off weekend, which was well attended by our club. In addition to the well-received Plus lessons on Saturday morning, the excellent panel of callers and cuers entertained us very well for the whole weekend. And throughout the summer, many of our club members enjoyed the weekly dances hosted by the Wheel Arounds at various locations on the mid-Island, including Port Alberni.

June 22nd was our Second Annual Picnic, held at the Air Force Beach pavilion. The potluck was delicious with a great variety of summer salads. After dinner, many dancers went down to the beach, formed two squares, and danced on the sand. We had finished a couple of tips, and a round dance, when a group of bikini-clad young women walked over and asked if they could learn to dance like that. Jake and Diana fit them into the two squares and patiently taught them some basic moves. They caught on quickly and had a lovely time. That is one

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way to promote square dancing!

Another square dance promotion was held at a Pentecostal Church camp at the end of June, where Jake and Diana instructed a very large group in the basics of square dancing.

Our Ocean Waves “Catch the Wave” weekend, July 24th and 25th, was a great success! Our first dance on Friday night attracted 64 dancers from 10 different clubs from up and down the island and the mainland. Jake and Diana Ring were our caller/cuer couple, with guest callers, Ocean Wave members Pat Barr and Sue Diederichs.

At noon on Saturday, we fielded two squares for a demonstration of square and round dancing on Fifth Street in downtown Courtenay at the Market Days celebration. Jake and Diana hosted that fun dance!

The temperature was cool and comfortable for

Saturday night, and we had 74 dancers from 12 different clubs represented. Caller/cuer couples on Saturday were Lorne/Barb Clayton, Jake/Diana Ring, and Stacey Ruegg/Ron Berg. Delicious snacks were served both evenings, and after the dance on Saturday night we served popcorn, chips, and cold drinks around a campfire sing-along, led by Sue Diederichs on guitar, Janet Livingstone on ukulele, and Pat Barr sang harmony. We counted 32 participants enjoying this lovely way to wind up the weekend festivities. Next year we plan to have our “Catch the Wave” weekend on July 16 and 17.

Our future square dance promotions begin on August 8, where we have a demonstration planned at Fanny Bay Market Days. On August 18, the Evergreen Seniors are hosting a public square dance party where Jake and Diana will instruct all who attend.

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Scenes from the Ocean Waves' Catch the Wave Weekend—July 24 & 25, 2026

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Jake and Diana will begin our weekly Monday night square dance lessons from 7 – 9 pm at St. John the Divine Church Hall on September 14, with the first two lessons free to the public. Round dance lessons are set to start on Wednesday, October 7, from 7 – 9 pm at the same hall. These basic Two-Step lessons will be open to the public, and all couples are welcomed. Our Ocean Waves regular club dances are held on the first and third Saturdays of each month, beginning September 19.

We are looking forward to being together again for the upcoming regular fall dance season. Meanwhile, we hope to join you on the dance floor somewhere again soon!

RAINBOW ROUNDERS

By Van Williams

Our monthly Summer Round Dances were lots of fun and well attended by experienced and new phase 3 round dancers. We also hosted our first free, introduction to round dance on August 5th. Hopefully, some of the participants will join our classes this Fall.

Our first dance will be the Phase 3-4 Start Up dance on September 8, 2026. Subsequent phase 3-4 dances will be on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in September, October, and November. The Phase 2 Start Up dance is on September 15th, and subsequent phase 2 dances will be on September 22nd, October 6th and 20th, and November 3rd, and 17th.

Phase 2-3 Round dance classes will start on September 9th, and continue weekly until December 16th. Darrell Roberts will teach Rumba from 7 – 8 PM, and Kirk Rockerbie will teach Waltz from 8 – 9:30 PM. The first two classes are free!

Connie Ritchie will lead phase 3-4 workshops on the 2nd, and 4th Wednesdays this fall from 2 – 3:30 PM. Keen Rainbow Rounders attended phase 3, 4, and 5+ round dance workshops at the Penticton Square and Round Dance Festival. The festival offered workshops in all nine of the round dance styles we currently know, plus two styles that are new for us; Mambo and West Coast Swing. Darrell may incorporate mambo into our dance repertoire this Fall. We enjoyed learning many new moves.

We give a shoutout to our Rainbow Rounders' cuers for their involvement with the Penticton Festival, and especially to Kirk Rockerbie along with Anne McCarthy, for cueing and teaching multiple round

dance workshops, and for calling multiple mainstream square dances.

We acknowledge the contributions of Connie Ritchie and Pat Zeeman, co-chairs of the 2027 BC Round Dance Mini-Festival, as well as committee members Carol Young, Darrell Roberts, Kirk Rockerbie, and Bruce & Bonnie Irving.

RIPPLE ROCKETS, Campbell River

By Linda Grunewald

Here it is, the summer has already gone. I hope you all enjoyed it! Lots of opportunities this past summer to partake in many dances. It was lovely to see friends and new acquaintances at the Blast Off. According to the feedback everyone had a "Blast". We had a very successful club barbeque/picnic in August. We even managed to talk Elizabeth into doing a tip or two while we were there. Now we're ready to start the new season with lessons and get back into our dance routines. We're looking forward to seeing visitors at our dances and travelling to other clubs to enjoy their dances. Our first dance will be September 26 at the United Church. Hope to see you there!

STAR TWIRLERS, Victoria

By Garry Dodds

As I write this, we are not quite halfway through our summer travels. Currently at a campground in Cranbrook, BC then headed to Lethbridge and on to Holiday Ranch.



The group of new callers and instructors after the caller school

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A large number of Star Twirlers enjoyed the Canadian National Convention in Penticton. There was some dancing for everyone. Lots of Round Dancing as well as Mainstream, Plus, Advanced and Challenge. Considering the very hot temperatures outside, the air conditioning did an admirable job in most of the rooms.

The Caller's School was a great success as well with 23 callers participating. Experience levels from 0 to 15 years and 4 instructors.

On Monday, September 21 we will begin with an open house and an introduction to Plus Dancing. For this introduction you should be comfortable dancing the Mainstream Program. If enough interest in

learning the Plus Program, we will continue on like we did last year. 2 tips of teaching then 1 tip full Plus etc.

On Thursday, September 24 we will host an Open House and an introduction to Advanced Dancing. For this introduction, you should be comfortable with dancing the Plus Program. Likewise, if enough interest in learning Advanced then we will do like we did last year – 2 teaching (review) tips and then 1 full Advanced 1 tip. For our Advanced 1 dancers we will look at some of the Advanced 2 moves.

Hope everyone is having a (or had) a great summer. Please email me if you are interested in either learning Plus or Advanced at garryd@dz-dancing.com

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

LVIWSRDA DANCERS OF THE YEAR – 2026-2027

By Angel Star & Van Williams

What a surprise! Van & I never expected to be chosen LVIWSRDA Dancers of the Year again. The first part of the surprise came when Star Twirlers chose us as their DOY. This club has so many wonderful dancers, it is such an honor to be considered worthy to represent them. Then to be chosen to represent the LVIWSRDA was unbelievable. All of the dancers from the other clubs would do a great job representing the LVIWSRDA, so again Van & I feel very privileged to have been chosen.

We have been dancing for many, many, many years, enjoying many different dance styles. However, our partnership for Round & Square dancing has been a definite highlight. The LVIWSRDA & UVIWSRDA communities are filled with such wonderful, caring people. Thank you to all the executives, the club organizers, callers, & cuers who make this delightful activity available to us. And thank you to everyone who has danced with us & added to our enjoyment of this healthy activity.

Van & I plan to continue to attend as many dances as possible this coming season. We look forward to dancing with all of you. And because we enjoy it so much, we encourage everyone to consider phase 2, 3

& 4 Round dancing & Plus Square dancing this Fall. Classes for each will begin in September.

See you on the dance floor.

Angel & Van



Angel Star and Van Williams

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

New Dancer Committee

By Carol Young

In the Spring we had a meeting to determine what the clubs in the area would call at their dances in the Fall, traditional Mainstream or the new Mainstream 2026. It was decided the clubs would continue to call traditional Mainstream. The next question was what to teach. As a result, the New Dancer Committee was formed to explore options.

We have had several meetings about lesson formats, what to teach and how to attract new dancers. We had a Zoom meeting with Claudia Littlefair, who with her husband Dave, teaches The Nest program developed in the US. This program allows dancers to join a class at anytime or take breaks from classes and rejoin later. They have had success with this program because it allows dancers to progress at their own pace. However, they have had dancers that are never good enough to graduate, continue to come to the lessons for the social connections. Several of us met with Claudia in Penticton to learn more about the program. To implement this program, you need separate spaces so you can teach dancers at various levels. It also means, the callers would need to refine how they teach. We decided implementing The Nest program was too big a change. However, it got the Clubs thinking about how they can accommodate new dancers into the classes beyond the first few weeks. There maybe an opportunity to have a second intake in January or create an opportunity for potential dancers to join late and to catch up. These ideas are still being developed at the club level since it is up to the clubs to determine lesson formats.

There have been a few new initiatives to attract new dancers. The LVI has started a Meetup group called Victoria Square and Round Dancing to advertise events and lessons open to the public. So far, we have 42 members. We planned 4 open houses this summer. Three for Square Dancing and one for Round Dancing. Two in July and two in August. All the open houses are at Colwood Hall from 7-8pm prior to the summer dances. The Open Houses will take place even if the summer dances are cancelled. We have had good turn outs to the Open

Houses. It is surprising how many people have found out about them through Meetup. For further information about the Open Houses consult the LVI website.

Dance Demonstration at Whistle Buoy Brewing Company

By Carol Young

Lukas Kromer, the Head Brewer at Whistle Buoy Brewing Company in Market Square, had always dreamed of getting his Dad, Joe Kromer, an Accredited Caller Coach who lives in Germany, to call a square dance in Victoria. Whistle Buoy puts on several events throughout the summer as part of their Patio Days in Market Square. Joe was in town during the Victoria Stampede event and so Joe thought this would be a great opportunity to get his Dad to call a dance. He just needed dancers!

After a flurry of texts and emails with Garry Dodds, Lorne Clayton, myself and others, we were able to gather enough dancers to put on two square and round dance demonstrations at 3pm and 6pm during the outdoor event. We provided the entertainment between bands. The crowd enjoyed the show and during the second demonstration, Joe got people from the audience to join in. He commented on how much easier it was to explain calls to Canadians because they spoke English, the language of square dancing. In Germany, when teaching square dancing, he must translate everything.

The people who joined from the audience seemed to really enjoy themselves. We handed out flyers about upcoming open houses and lessons. Hopefully we will see some of them in the fall!

Below are some video links to the demonstration dances.

[3:00 PM First Dance \(Cotton Eyed Joe\):](#)

[3:00 PM Second demo dance \(East Bound\):](#)

[6:00 PM square dance demo \(Rocky Top\):](#)

[6:00 PM Participation dance \(Dance the Tennessee Waltz\):](#)

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

24TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE FESTIVAL

By Wendy Krueger

The National Festival in Penticton—What fun!!

Can a square dance event really be the subject of lifelong memories?

Here are some direct quotes from participants at the 24th Canadian National Square, Round and Clog Dance Festival.

“Our first time at square dance Nationals was amazing.”

“It was a great time and so wonderful to see dancer friends we hadn't seen since the National in Calgary!”

“Aqua Ducks was the absolute highlight of the festival.”

“It was a blast!”

“We had a fantastic time!”

“Congratulations to all the hardworking committee and volunteers for putting on one spectacular festival. You all worked so hard and it showed in every thoughtful detail of the festival. Congratulations, you’ve all certainly earned some rest now.”

“Long days with lots of dancing and even more laughs, venue was excellent!”

“Having a wonderful time. Wish you were here!”

“Sadly, the Canadian National Square, Round & Clog Dance Festival in Penticton is now over. About 600 participants from Germany, Australia, China, Malaysia, USA and all across Canada were there.”

“We had such a great time at the Canadian National Square Dance Festival in Penticton, BC, this weekend we plan to attend the next one in July 2028 in Fredericton, NB.”

I am so gratified that we made so many people so very happy. Our committee of 42 from many locations around BC met and planned for 2 years on Zoom and then put on a spectacular event with the help of 74 dance leaders, 116 volunteers, and the wonderful staff of the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre.

The square dance program was varied and fun with interesting and vivacious callers calling from SSD to C3A. In Round dance there were 11 dances taught from Phase 2 and 3 and hours of dancing, including rounds between tips in the evening square dances. In Clog dancing, the group decided to stay together, dancing what everyone would enjoy.

People were surrounded by friends and new acquaintances for over 3 days straight. The rooms were filled with music and laughter and energy. It was a sure recipe for happiness.



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Some of the Happy Dancers at the 24th National Square Dance Festival in Penticton from all over the World

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KEEP ME FROM BLOWING AWAY

Choreographers: Allan and Laura Peterson Email: allan.e.peterson@gmail.com Salmon Arm BC Canada
Music: CD: Bad Day For Trains – Track 7 Artist: Patricia Conroy Available: I-Tunes Speed 100% (45 rpm)
Rythm: WZ RAL phase2+1 hover (Women's part opposite unless noted) Release Date: April 2026
Sequence: INTRO A B C A B C(1-12) END Difficulty: Average

INTRO:

1-4 OP/AC/WALL WAIT 2 MEASURES ; ; APT PT ; TOG TCH BFLY ;
{ Wait 2 } In OP FC WALL Wait 2 Measures; ;
{ Apt Pnt } Stp apt L,-, pnt R,-;
{ Tog Tch BFLY } Stp fwd twd ptr R to BFLY, tch L to R,-;
5-8 TWRL VIN3 ; THRU SD CL ; TWRL VIN3 ; THRU SD CL BFLY ;
{ Twirl Vin } Sd L, XRib, sd L, (Sd R trn 1/2 RF, sd L trn 1/2 RF, sd R,) BFLY;
{ Thru Sd Cl } Thru R trn to fc, sd L, cl R BFLY;
{ Twirl Vin } Sd L, XRib, sd L, (Sd R trn 1/2 RF, sd L trn 1/2 RF, sd R,) BFLY;
{ Thru Sd Cl } Thru R trn to fc, sd L, cl R BFLY;

PART A:

1-4 WZ AWY ; X WRP RLOD ; BK WZ ; BK DRAW TCH ;
{ Wz Awy } Fwd L trn awy from ptr, sd & fwd R [to a slight bk to bk], cl L;
{ X Wrap } X in frnt of lady Fwd R, fwd L, cl R (Wrap LF into jn trail hnd's L, R, L) to WRAP RLOD Id hnd's jn in frnt;
{ Bk Wz } Bk L, bk & slight sd R, cl L;
{ Bk Draw Tch } Bk R, draw L to R, tch L
5-8 2 FWD WZ RLOD ; ; LACE ACR ; FWD SD CL CP/WALL ;
{ 2 Fwd Wz } Fwd L, fwd & sd R, cl L; Fwd R, fwd & sd L, cl R RLOD;
{ Lace Acr } Pass bhd W undr lead hnd's diag acr LOD fwd L, fwd R, cl L to LOP;
{ Fwd Sd Cl } In CP fwd R trn RF, sd L, cl R CP/WALL;
9-12 L TRN BOX CP/ WALL ; ; ;
{ L Trn Box } In CP fwd L trn LF 1/4, sd R, cl L; Bk R trn LF 1/4, sd L, cl R; Repeat meas. 1-2 CP/WALL;;
13-16 BAL L & R ; ; TWRL VIN; THRU SD CL BFLY/ WALL;
{ Bal L & R } Sd L, XRib (XLib), rec L; Sd R, XLib (XRib), rec R;
{ Twirl Vin } Sd L, XRib, sd L, (Sd R trn 1/2 RF, sd L trn 1/2 RF, sd R,);
{ Thru Sd Cl } Thru R trn to fc, sd L, cl R;

PART B:

1-4 WZ AWY & TOG ; ; STEP SWING ; SPIN MANUV ;
{ Wz Awy & Tog } Fwd L trn awy from ptr, sd R, cl L [to a slight bk to bk]; Fwd R trn to fc, sd L, cl R BFLY;
{ Stp Swing } Stp sd L, swing R acr L with straight leg and toe pnt down,-;
{ Spin Manuv } Rec R trn RF 1/4, sd L, cl R, (Rec L trn LF 3/4, sd R, cl L) to CP RLOD;
5-8 2 R TRNS CP/WALL ; ; HVR ; MANUV ;
{ 2 R Trn } Bk L trn RF, sd R trn RF, cl L; Fwd R trn RF, sd L trn RF, cl R;
{ Hvr } Fwd L, fwd & slight sd w/ rise R brush L to R, sd & fwd L (Sd & fwd R) SCP/LOD;
{ Manuv } In SCP thru R trn LF to fc, sd L, cl R, (In SCP thru L trn RF, sd R, cl L) to CP/RLOD;
9-12 1 R TRNS CP/LOD ; FWD WZ ; PROG BOX SCAR ; ;
{ 1 R Trn } Bk L trn RF, sd R trn RF, cl L to CP;
{ Fwd Wz } Fwd R, fwd & sd L, cl R;
{ Prog Box } In CP fwd L, sd R, cl L; Fwd R, sd L, cl R;
13-16 3 PROG TWKL ; ; FWD SD CL CP/WALL ;
{ 3 PROG TWKL } In SCAR XLif, sd R, cl L BJO; XRif, sd L, cl R SCAR; XLif, sd R, cl L to BJO;
{ Fwd Sd Cl } In CP fwd R trn RF, sd L, cl R;

PART C:

1-4 L TRN BOX ½ COH ; ; BAL L & R ; ;
{ L Trn Box 1/2 } In CP fwd L trn LF 1/4, sd R, cl L; Bk R trn LF 1/4, sd L, cl R;
{ Bal L & R } Sd L, XRib (XLib), rec L; Sd R, XLib (XRib), rec R BFLY/ COH;
5-8 LACE UP RLOD TO FC COH ; ; ;
{ Lace Up } Dia LOD Fwd L, fwd R, cl L (Xif of M undr jn lead hnd); Fwd R, fwd slight sd L, cl R; Dia LOD Fwd L, fwd R, cl L (Xif of M undr jn trail hnd); Fwd R, fwd & slight sd L, cl R to FC COH;
9-12 L TRN BOX ½ WALL ; ; BAL L & R ; ;
{ L Trn Box 1/2 } In CP fwd L trn LF 1/4, sd R, cl L; Bk R trn LF 1/4, sd L, cl R;
{ Bal L & R } Sd L, XRib (XLib), rec L; Sd R, XLib (XRib), rec R BFLY/ WALL;
13-16 LACE UP BFLY/WALL ; ; ;
{ Lace Up } Dia LOD Fwd L, fwd R, cl L (Xif of M undr jn lead hnd); Fwd R, fwd slight sd L, cl R; Dia LOD Fwd L, fwd R, cl L (Xif of M undr jn trail hnd); Fwd R, fwd & slight sd L, cl R BFLY/WALL;

END:

1-5 TWRL VIN 3 ; ; THRU SD CL ; ; APT & PNT;
{ Twirl Vin } Sd L, XRib, sd L, (Sd R trn 1/2 RF, sd L trn 1/2 RF, sd R,);
{ Thru Sd Cl } Thru R trn to fc, sd L, cl R;
{ Apt Pnt } Stp apt L,-, pnt R,-;

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SKYE BOAT SONG

Released: August 2025
Choreographer: Pat Zeeman & Garry Dodds, 4030 Raymond Street North, Victoria, BC Canada V8Z 4K8
Phone: (250) 661-3516 / Email: patz@dz-dancing.com
Music: "Skye Boat Song" by the Ross Mitchell Band & Singers – Track 16 of 25 Top Waltzes
Available on iTunes
Time/Speed: 3:23 as downloaded – Speed to 46 (+2.2%) or for comfort
Footwork: Opposite unless noted (Woman's footwork in parentheses)
Rhythm/Phase: Waltz RAL Phase II + 2 (Hover; Thru Chasse) + 1 (Drifting Box)
Sequence: Intro, A, B, A, B, C, A(mod)
Preview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTFRmHCdFpw>

INTRODUCTION

- 1-4 BFLY FCG WALL WAIT ; WAIT ; SWAY LEFT AND RIGHT ; ;**
1-2 In BFLY fcg Wall wait ; wait ;
3 Side L shifting momentum of body to L stretching side of body, draw R slightly twds L, - ;
4 Side R shifting momentum of body to R stretching side of body, draw L slightly twds R, - ;

PART A

- 1-4 WALTZ AWAY & TOG ; ; STEP SWING ; SPIN MANUV ;**
1 With inside hnds joined fwd L trng away from ptr, sd & fwd R [to a slight Bk to Bk], cl L ;
2 Sd & fwd R trng to fc ptr, sd & fwd L, cl R ;
3 Sd L, swing Rif of L, - ;
4 Fwd R commence RF upper body trn, continuing RF trn to fc ptr sd L, cl R (Commence LF spin in place L, R, L to end facing LOD & ptr;) CP/ROD ;
- 5-8 TWO ¼ R TURNS LOD ; ; SWAY LEFT & RIGHT ; ;**
5-6 Bk L trng ¼ RF, sd R, cl L ; fwd R trng ¼ RF LOD, sd L, cl R ;
7-8 CP LOD Repeat meas 3-4 of INTRO ; ;
- 9-12 DRIFTING BOX ; ; THRU TWKL TWICE TO SCAR LOD ; ;**
9 In CP/LOD Fwd L, sd R, cl L ;
10 Keeping Lead hands joined Bk R, sd L, cl R (Bk L, sd R, cl L) LOP/LOD ;
11 Thru L commencing LF trn to fc Ptr, sd R, cl L to BFLY ;
12 Thru R commencing RF trn to fc Ptr, sd L, cl R to SCAR LOD ;
- 13-16 FOUR PROG TWKLS TO FACE THE WALL ; ; ; ;**
13 XLIF trng slightly LF to momentary CP, sd R continue LF trn to BJO, cl L ;
14 XRIF trng slight RF to momentary CP, sd L continue RF trn to SCAR, cl R ;
15 XLIF trng slightly LF to momentary CP, sd R continue LF trn to BJO, cl L ;
16 XRIF trng slightly RF to momentary CP, sd L continue RF trn to fc Wall ;

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PART B

- 1-4 LEFT TRNING BOX ; ; ; ;**
1 Fwd L commence LF trn $\frac{1}{4}$, complete trn sd R, cl L ;
2 Bk R commence LF trn $\frac{1}{4}$, complete trn sd L, cl R CP COH ;
3 Fwd L commence LF trn $\frac{1}{4}$, complete trn sd R, cl L ;
4 Bk R commence LF trn $\frac{1}{4}$, complete trn sd L, cl R BFLY ;
- 5-8 WALTZ AWAY & TOG ; ; SWAY LEFT & RIGHT ; ;**
5-6 Bfly Wall Repeat meas 1-2 of PART A ; ;
7-8 Repeat meas 3-4 of INTRO ; ;
- 9-12 STEP SWING ; SPIN MANUV ; TWO RIGHT TURNS TO FACE WALL ; ;**
9-10 Repeat meas 3-4 of PART A ; ;
11-12 Bk L commence RF trn, continue trn sd R twd LOD trng RF, cl L fc DLC ; fwd R continue RF trn, continue trn sd L diagonally across LOD trng RF to Fc Wall, cl R (Fwd R commence RF trn, continue trn sd L diagonally across LOD trng RF, cl R ; bk L continue RF trn, continue trn sd R twd LOD trng RF, cl L ;) ;
- 13-16 HOVER ; THRU CHASSE TWICE ; ; THRU, FACE, CLOSE TO BFLY ;**
13 Fwd L to CP, fwd & sd R rising to ball of ft, rec L to tight SCP (Bk R to CP, bk & sd L rising to ball of ft, rec R to tight SCP) ;
14-15 Thru R trng RF to fc ptr, sd L/cl R, sd L trng to SCP ; Thru R trng RF to fc ptr, sd L/cl R, sd L trng to SCP ;
16 Thru R commence RF trn twd ptr, sd L complete RF trn, cl R to BFLY ;

REPEAT PART A

REPEAT PART B

PART C

- 1-4 WALTZ AWAY ; CROSS WRAP RLOD ; BACK WALTZ ; ROLL THE LADY ACROSS ;**
1 With inside hnds joined fwd L trng away from ptr, sd & fwd R [to a slight Bk to Bk], cl L ;
2 Fwd R trn, sd L trn, cl R (W wrap LF $\frac{1}{2}$ L, R, cl L) ;
3 Back L, back & slightly side R, close L ;
4 Bk R, rec fwd L, fwd R (Fwd L commencing LF trn in front of M, sd & fwd R completing LF trn, fwd L ;) to LOP/LOD ;
- 5-8 TWINKLE THRU ; MANUVER ; TWO RIGHT TURNS ; ;**
5 Thru L commencing LF trn to fc Ptr, sd R, cl L to BFLY ;
6 Thru R commence RF upper body trn, continue RF trn to fc ptr sd L, cl R CP/RLOD (In SCP thru L sd & fwd R, cl L CP/RLOD) ;
7-8 Repeat meas 11-12 of PART B to BFLY ; ;

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9-12 WALTZ AWAY ; PICKUP TO CP LOD ; TWO LEFT TURNS ; ;

- 9 With inside hnds joined fwd L trng away from ptr, sd & fwd R [to a slight Bk to Bk], cl L ;
10 Small fwd R, sd L, cl R (fwd L stepping in front of M trng LF to CP, sd R, cl L ;) ;
11-12 Fwd L commence LF trn, continue trn sd R diagonally across LOD trng LF to fc DRC, cl L ;
bk R continue LF trn, continue trn sd L to fc Wall, cl R (Bk R commence LF trn, continue
trn sd L twd LOD fc DLW, cl R ; fwd L continue LF trn, continue trn sd R diagonally across
LOD trng LF, cl L ;) CP/Wall ;

13-16 BALANCE LEFT AND RIGHT ; ; DIP BACK & HOLD ; RECOVER, TOUCH ;

- 13-14 Sd L, with slight rise, XRIB, rec L ; Sd R with slight rise XLIB, rec R ;
15-16 Bk L take full weight with the knee relaxed or slightly bent with slight body twist keeping
R leg extended with the knee and ankle forming a straight line from the hip and the toe
remaining on the floor, - , - ; Rec R to fc Ptr, Tch L to R in BFLY, - ;

PART A (MODIFIED)

1-4 WALTZ AWAY & TOG ; ; STEP SWING; SPIN MANUV ;

- 1-4 Repeat meas 1-4 of PART A ; ; ;

5-8 TWO ¼ R TURNS LOD ; ; SWAY LEFT & RIGHT ; ;

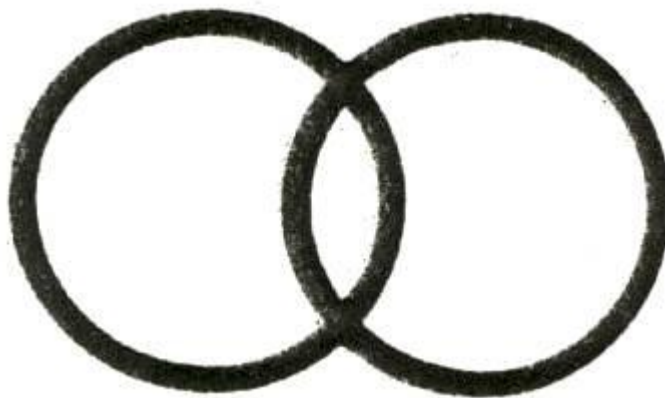
- 5-8 Repeat meas 5-8 of PART A ; ; ;

9-12 DRIFTING BOX ; ; THRU TWKL TWICE TO SCAR LOD ; ;

- 9-12 Repeat meas 9-12 of PART A ; ; ;

13-16 THREE PROG TWKLS ; ; ; FWD, APART & POINT ;

- 13-15 Repeat meas 13-15 of PART A ; ; ;
16 Fwd R, Apt L, pt R twd Ptr, - ;



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Skye Boat Song

Pat Zeeman & Garry Dodds

Music by Ross Mitchell Band & Singers

Phase II + 2 (Hover; Thru Chasse) + 1 (Drifting Box)

Sequence: Intro A B A B C A(mod)

Intro: In Butterfly, wait two measures;; Sway Left and Right;;

A: Waltz Away and Together;; Step, Swing; Spin Manuver;
Two Right Turns to Closed down line;; Sway Left and Right;;
Drifting Box;; Twinkle Out and In to Sidecar down line;;
Four Progressive Twinkles to face the Wall;;;

B: Left Turning Box;;;
Waltz Away and Together;; Sway Left and Right;;
Step, Swing; Spin Manuver; Two Right Turns to face the Wall;;
Hover; Thru Chasse Twice;; Thru, Face, Close to Butterfly;

A: Waltz Away and Together;; Step, Swing; Spin Manuver;
Two Right Turns to Closed down line;; Sway Left and Right;;
Drifting Box;; Twinkle Out and In to Sidecar down line;;
Four Progressive Twinkles to face the Wall;;;

B: Left Turning Box;;;
Waltz Away and Together;; Sway Left and Right;;
Step, Swing; Spin Manuver; Two Right Turns to face the Wall;;
Hover; Thru Chasse Twice;; Thru, Face, Close to Butterfly;

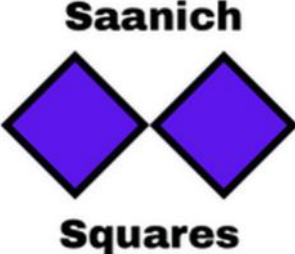
C: Waltz Away; Cross Wrap; Backup Waltz; Roll the Lady Across;
Twinkle Thru; Manuver; Two Right Turns;;
Waltz Away; Pickup to Closed down line; Two Left Turns;;
Balance Left and Right;; Dip Back and Hold; Recover, Touch;

A(mod): Waltz Away and Together;; Step, Swing; Spin Manuver;
Two Right Turns to Closed down line;; Sway Left and Right;;
Drifting Box;; Twinkle Out and In to Sidecar down line;;
Three Progressive Twinkles;;; Forward, Apart and Point;

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SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES

The rose still blooms more fair beyond the garden wall.

Our condolences to the families of:



Bob Collins, a former member of the Country Cousins, Frontier Twirlers, The Squarecrows and the Star Twirlers, who passed away in Victoria on May 20, 2026. Bob was predeceased by his wife, **Jean**, in 2020.

Bill Blackburn, a former member of the Country Cousins and Promenaders, passed away in Victoria on June 2, 2026 at the age of 91. Bill is survived by his wife Cynthia, two children, and their families.

Ivan Harrison, a former member of Sooke Squares and an occasional angel for Saanich Squares, who passed away in Victoria on June 18, 2026 at the age of 70. He is survived by two children.

Long time dancer and caller/cuer partner, **Lorraine McArthur** passed away July 18, 2026 in Calgary. Lorraine moved to Calgary from Vancouver to be closer to family. John & Lorraine danced and taught on Vancouver Island and in Calgary before they moved to the island. She will be missed

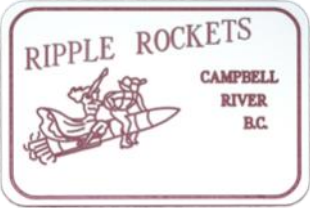
Kathleen (Kathy) Quilter, a former member of the Promenders and the Shadow Casters, who passed away in Courtenay on May 21, 2026 at the age of 93 Kathy is survived by her husband, Les, two children, and their families.

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

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 Lower Vancouver Island – Region 1 region1.squaredance.bc.ca
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 CALLERLAB – International Assn. of Square Dance Callers callerlab.org
 ROUNDALAB – International Assn. of Round Dance Teachers roundalab.org
 Taminations (*animations for square dance calls*) www.tamtwirlers.org/taminations
 Video Square Dance Lessons Online videosquaredancelessons.com/lessons/

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 Lower Vancouver Island (Region 1) region1.squaredance.bc.ca/calendar/
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1. Do you have any question?
2. Let's try that again
3. One more time
4. Last time
5. Three more times
6. Let's do it with music
7. Listen to the music
8. Feel the music
9. Get closer to your partner
10. You guys did great

What we mean...

1. You should be asking questions, trust me
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3. Means three more times
4. Means three more times
5. Doesn't actually mean anything
6. I'm really tired of counting
7. You're off count
8. You're on count, but you look stiff
9. You've left room for Jesus, the Holy Ghost & the disciples.
10. We actually mean this. No matter how bad you think you did, we can see your improvement.



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5401 Island Highway South

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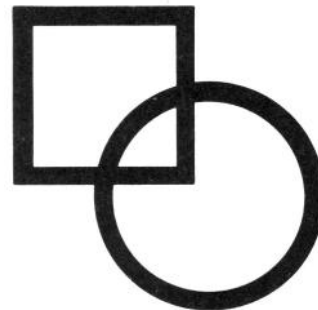
Campbell River United Church Hall

415 Pinecrest Road (at Birch Street)

POWELL RIVER

Star Dusters Dance Hall (Timberlane Rancho)

5399 Timberlane Avenue (across from track)



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— Colwood Community Hall —

Island Gems Club Thursday Night Dances

Every Thursday, 8:00 – 9:00 PM

Wellington Hall, 3922 Corunna Avenue, Nanaimo



Phase Two + Level

Running September 10 to December 17

Lots of waltz and two-step with other rhythms as
taught in earlier classes

Drop-in \$5 per
person



Cuers: Connie Ritchie & Wendie Harrington

Variety in music, fun, and friendship



Thursday Afternoon Tea Dances with Island Gems

2 – 4 pm, Wellington Hall,
3922 Corunna Ave, Nanaimo,

Dancing Phase 3 + level

September 10 and 24, October 8 and 22,
November 5 and 19, December 3 and 17.

*Bring your own mug. There will be a
kettle, a variety of teas, and some
goodies.*

Cuers
Connie Ritchie
Wendie Harrington

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



COUNTRY COUSINS

PIE NIGHT!

SQUARE DANCE

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026**

7:30 – 9:30 PM

**CORDOVA BAY
UNITED CHURCH**
813 Claremont Avenue

Everyone Welcome!

GREAT DANCING!
★
DELICIOUS PIES!
★
GOOD FRIENDS!
LOTS OF FUN!

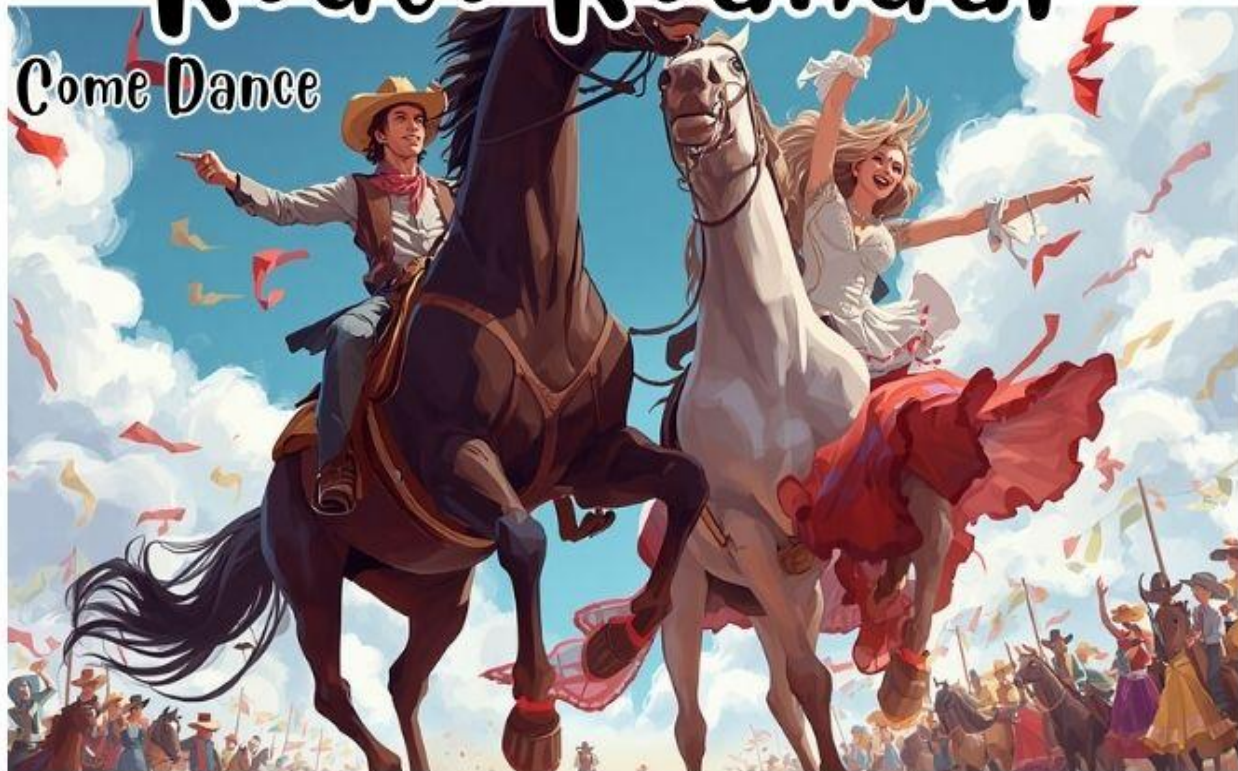
★ **KIRK ROCKERBIE CALLER AND CUER** ★



Mavericks Square Dance Club

74 Years

Rodeo Roundup



Friday, Sept 18, 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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FRONTIER TWIRLERS

TART START

Kick Off the New Dance Season!

September 19

COLWOOD COMMUNITY HALL

New Start Time

- ★ PLUS: 7:00 – 7:30 PM
- ★ MAINSTREAM & ROUND DANCING: 7:30 – 9:30 PM

CALLER:
Garry Dodds

CUER:
Pat Zeeman

New Price
ADMISSION:

\$7.50

Everyone
WELCOME!

A Sweet Start to a New Dance Season!

Welcome BACK BASH

WE'RE BACK FOR FALL!

SQUARE DANCE

And MARY COX MEMORIAL DANCE

(proceeds to the Alzheimer Society)

Date: ★ **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026**

BROOKSWOOD SENIORS CENTRE 19899 36 AVE. LANGLEY

🕒 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Phase 2 rounds

🕒 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Classic Mainstream with 2 Classic Plus tips

👥 **CALLING/CUEING:** panel of VDCTA members



REFRESHMENTS



TICKETS
AT THE DOOR
\$10/\$5 TEENS

Join us for an evening of remembrance, laughter,
and lively square dancing!

CELEBRATE OUR RETURN AND HONOUR CHERISHED MEMORIES TOGETHER.

TRY SQUARE DANCING!

FREE OPEN HOUSE

*Looking for a
fun evening out?*

Come discover why square dancing
is one of the friendliest activities around!



No experience necessary



No partner required



Easy-to-learn instruction



Meet new people



Fun, laughter, and great music

*Everyone
is Welcome!*

Whether you're young,
young-at-heart, or anywhere
in between, square dancing is a
great way to stay active and
make new friends.



Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club

Free Open House

September 20th

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Colwood Community Hall, 2219 Sooke Road,
Colwood

Looking for something fun to do with others?

Square Dance!

Two FREE intro nights – Give it a try!

Sunday, September 20th and 27th, 2026

Cordova Bay United Church

813 Claremont Avenue, Victoria BC V8Y 1J9

All Welcome!

- Singles, Couples, Refreshers,
- Learning the other part
- 7pm to 9pm
- Casual attire
- Comfortable footwear

New Friends
Great Exercise
Modern Music

Date Night

Lorne and Barbara Clayton

Call: 250-658-2747

Email: clayton@ieccorporate.com

<https://SaanichSquares.weebly.com>



VDCTA **FREE** SUNDAY WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 20, 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



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



STAR TWIRLERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Interested in learning the **PLUS** program?

Join us for an

Introduction to PLUS Dancing.

Open House – Monday, Sept. 21, 2026 – \$7.00 per person

Colwood Community Hall – 8:00-10:00 PM

Class Requirement: MUST have danced at least a Full Year at Mainstream

Interested in learning the **ADVANCED** program?

Join us for an

Introduction to ADVANCED Dancing.

Open House – Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026 – \$7.00 per person

Colwood Community Hall – 8:00-10:00 PM

Class Requirement: MUST be comfortable dancing the Plus Program

For information email: garryd@dz-dancing.com



Two-Step Lessons

Instructors
Connie Richie
and
Wendie Harrington

Pleasant Valley Hall,
6100 Doumont Road, Nanaimo,

Cost: \$10 per person per lesson
First class Monday September 21
7 to 9 pm

More info at the club website
<https://islandgems.squaredance.bc.ca/>



UVISDA Caller and Cuer Appreciation Dance



Caller/Cuer
Darrell Roberts

September 27, 2026 • 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Nanoose Place

\$10 per person



Country Cousins

THANKSGIVING HARVEST SQUARE DANCE

GIVE
THANKS

COUNT
YOUR
BLESSINGS

**Saturday October 10, 2026
7:30 - 9:30 PM**

**Cordova Bay United Church
813 Claremont Avenue**

Kirk Rockerbie Caller and Cuer

HAPPY
HARVEST

SQUARE DANCING
FRIENDS
FAMILY
FUN

Mavericks
74 Years

Square Dance Club

Through The Decades



Come Dance

Friday, Oct 16, 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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Frontier Twirlers

Square Dance Club

A HAUNTED HARVEST DANCE

October 17th

Costumes are Welcome (Optional)
Wear your favourite autumn colours or
Halloween costume!

New Start Time
7:00 - 7:30 Plus Dancing
7:30 - 9:30 Mainstream
and Round Dancing

Caller: Garry Dodds
Cuer: Pat Zeeman

Colwood Community Hall,
2219 Sooke Rd, Colwood

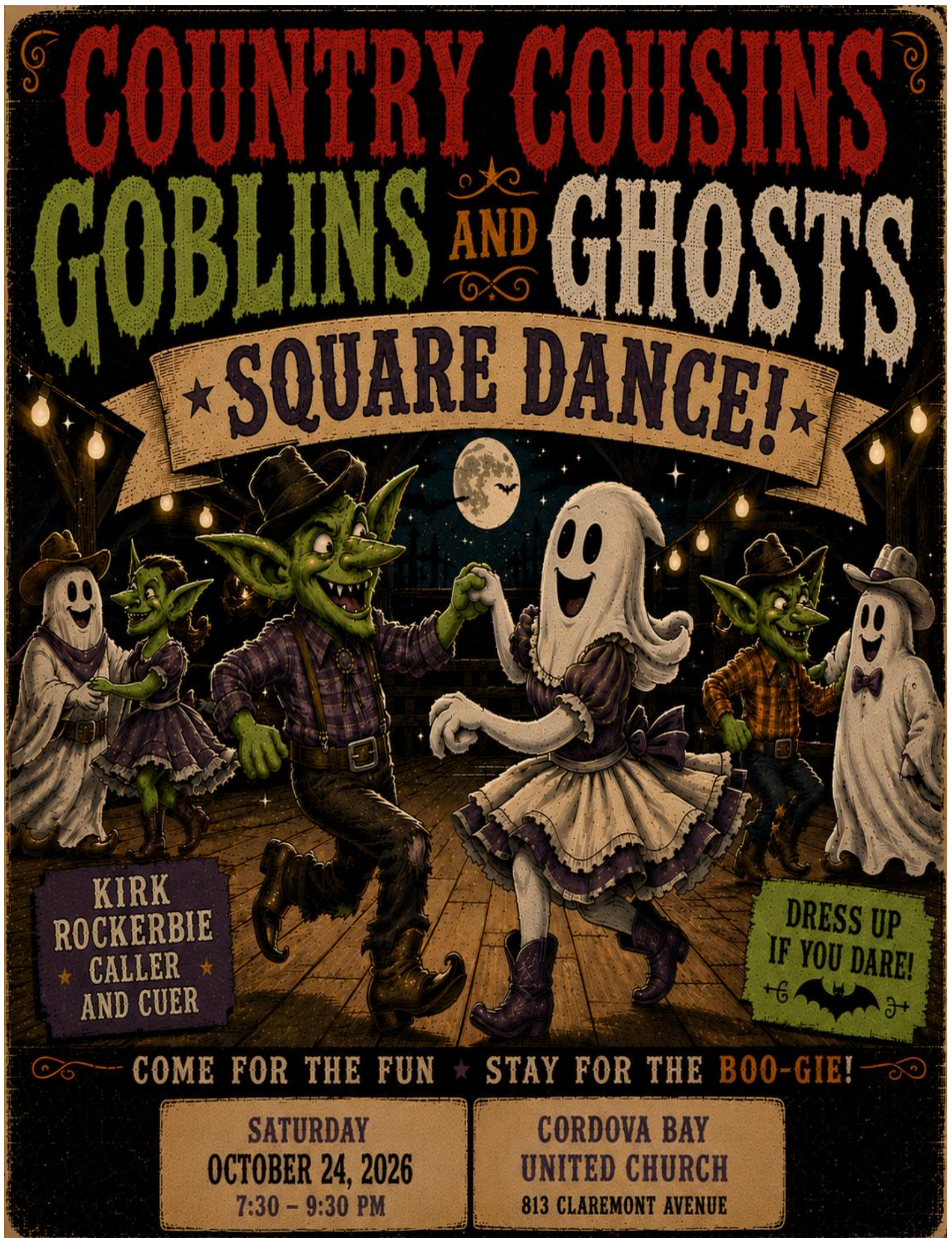


Find us on Facebook and Instagram

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COUNTRY COUSINS GOBLINS AND GHOSTS

★ SQUARE DANCE! ★



A whimsical illustration of a square dance at night. In the center, a large green goblin with a top hat and a white ghost in a purple dress are dancing. To their left, a smaller goblin and ghost are dancing, and to their right, another goblin and ghost are dancing. The background features a full moon, a small bat, and string lights hanging from the wooden structure of the dance floor.

**KIRK
ROCKERBIE
★ CALLER ★
AND CUER**

**DRESS UP
IF YOU DARE!
+G B +**

COME FOR THE FUN ★ STAY FOR THE BOO-GIE!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2026 7:30 - 9:30 PM	CORDOVA BAY UNITED CHURCH 813 CLAREMONT AVENUE
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VDCTA **FREE** SUNDAY WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 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



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Mavericks Square Dance Club

74 Years

At The Hop

Come Dance



Friday, Nov 20, 2026

7:30 – 9:30 pm

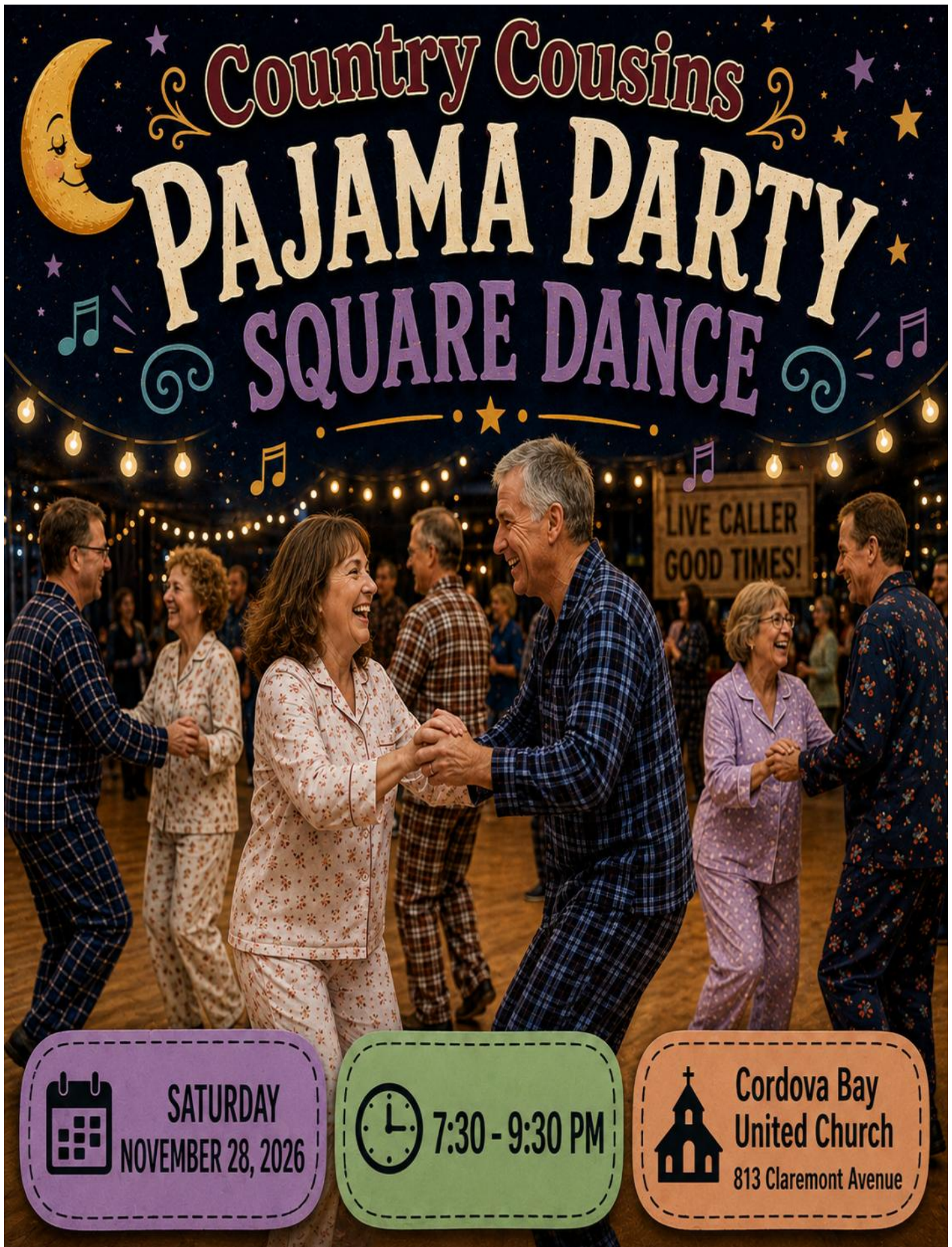
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A vibrant poster for a 'Country Cousins Pajama Party Square Dance'. The top half features a dark blue night sky with a smiling crescent moon, stars, and musical notes. The title 'Country Cousins' is in a maroon script font, 'PAJAMA PARTY' is in large white block letters, and 'SQUARE DANCE' is in purple block letters. Below the title, a photograph shows several couples in pajamas dancing in a circle under string lights. A sign in the background reads 'LIVE CALLER GOOD TIMES!'. At the bottom, three colored banners provide event details: a purple banner with a calendar icon for 'SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2026', a green banner with a clock icon for '7:30 - 9:30 PM', and an orange banner with a church icon for 'Cordova Bay United Church 813 Claremont Avenue'.

UVISDA
PRESENTS

Gratitude Gala



CALLER
Gordon Ruedig



CUER
Stacey Ruegg



SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 29, 2026



1:30 PM – 3:30 PM



NANOOSE PLACE

Cost
\$10

*Come dance, give thanks, and enjoy
great music and good company!*

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Keep Dancing!

Phase 3 ROUND DANCE Lessons

HAVE FUN.
IMPROVE YOUR
DANCE SKILLS.
*LOVE TO
DANCE!*

PRESENTED BY THE
★ ISLAND GEMS CLUB ★



THURSDAY EVENINGS
6:30 - 7:45 PM



WELLINGTON HALL
3922 CORUNNA AVE.
NANAIMO



COST PER LESSON:
\$10

LESSONS IN SETS OF SIX

**1ST
SET**

**FOCUS ON
RUMBA**

**2ND
SET**

**FOCUS ON
CHA-CHA**

**3RD
SET**

**FOCUS ON
PHASE 3 WALTZ**



YOUR LESSON INCLUDES A DANCE!

8:00 - 9:00 PM

PHASE 2+ DANCE:

Waltz, Two Step, plus all the
new moves we have learned
in the other rhythms!

YOUR INSTRUCTORS:

*Wendie Harrington
& Connie Ritchie* ♥

For more information
visit the

Island Gems Club
website! →



★ **GREAT MUSIC** ★ **GREAT PEOPLE** ★ **GREAT FUN!** ★

B.C. Round Dance Mini - Festival

Round Dancing is
Heaven in 2027



NANOOSE BAY
British Columbia, Canada

July 22-24, 2027

<https://festival2027.squaredance.bc.ca>

25th Canadian National Square & Round Festival

A Place to Celebrate in 2028

25
YEARS

OF SQUARE & ROUND DANCING

Fredericton

JULY 20TH – 22ND, 2028
FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

*Three days of dancing,
friendship & fun!*



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FOR ALL LEVELS



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EXHIBITIONS & AFTER PARTIES



Celebrate 25 Years

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- ✓ New Friends
- ✓ Atlantic Hospitality
- ✓ Unforgettable Memories

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UNAPOLOGETICALLY SQUARE!

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