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DANCE DATES – LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

DECEMBER 2026

MONDAY

Star Twirlers ..... Plus Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall 7, 14

TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders .... Rounds Phase 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall 1, 15

Rounds Phase 3-4, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall 8

THURSDAY

Star Twirlers ..... Advanced Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall 3, 10, 17

FRIDAY

Mavericks ..... Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall 4, 18

SATURDAY

Country Cousins ..... Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall 12

Frontier Twirlers ..... Plus, 7:00-7:30 PM, Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM,
Colwood Community Hall 5, 19

SPECIAL DANCES

Country Cousins ..... Holly Jolly Night, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall ..... Sat. 12
(*See poster page 48)*

Star Twirlers ..... Christmas Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall .....Mon. 14

Rainbow Rounders .... Christmas Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Tues. 15
..... *(See poster page 49)*

Mavericks ..... Winter Magic, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall .....Fri. 18
(*See poster page 50)*

Frontier Twirlers ..... Christmas Dance, 7:00-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Sat. 19
(*See poster page 51*)

VDCTA ..... New Year's Eve Dance, Pre-Rounds - 7:30-8:00 PM,
and LVIWSRDA ..... Mainstream with Plus tips - 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Thurs. 31
(*See poster page 52*)

DANCE DATES – LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

JANUARY 2027

MONDAY

Star Twirlers.....Plus Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall 11, 18, 25

TUESDAY

Rainbow Rounders.....Rounds Phase 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall 5, 19
Rounds Phase 3-4, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall.....12, 26

THURSDAY

Star Twirlers.....Advanced Review/Teach/Dance, 8:00-10:00 PM,
Colwood Community Hall 7, 14, 21, 28

FRIDAY

Mavericks.....Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall 15

SATURDAY

Frontier Twirlers .....Plus, 7:00-7:30 PM, Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM,
Colwood Community Hall 2, 16

Country Cousins.....Mainstream with Rounds, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall 9, 23

SPECIAL DANCES

Country Cousins.....Downton Abbey, 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall..... Sat. 9
(See poster page 53)

Mavericks.....Tropical Paradise 7:30-9:30 PM, Cordova Bay United Church Hall .....Fri. 15
(See poster page 54)

VDCTA.....FREE Workshop/Dance, 1:30-2:45 PM, Colwood Community Hall..... Sun. 17

Rainbow Rounders 35th Birthday Dance, 7:30-9:30 PM, Colwood Community Hall .....Tues. 19
(See poster page 55)

MEETINGS

LVIWSRDA .....Association Meeting, 3:00-4:00 PM, Colwood Community Hall ..... Sun. 17

VDCTA.....Association Meeting, 3:00-4:00 PM, Colwood Women's Institute Room..... Sun. 17

(Meetings follow FREE Workshop/Dance – see above)

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DANCE DATES – UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND

DECEMBER 2026

TUESDAY

Star Dusters ..... West Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM, Timberland Rancho Hall, Powell River 1, 8, 15

THURSDAY

Island Gems ..... Afternoon Tea Rounds Phase 3+, 2:00-4:00PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo 3, 17
Rounds Phase 2+, 8:00-9:00 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo 3, 10, 17

FRIDAY

Amalgam-Eighters .... Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville..... 4,18

SATURDAY

Ocean Waves ..... Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM,
Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay..... 5, 19

Ripple Rockets ..... Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM,
Campbell River United Church Hall..... 12

SPECIAL DANCES

Ripple Rockets ..... Christmas Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall..... Sat. 12

Amalgam-Eighters .... Christmas Potluck, 6:00 PM;
Christmas Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville .....Fri. 18

Ocean Waves ..... Christmas Potluck Dinner & Dance, [contact club for time]
Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay..... Sat. 19

DANCE DATES – UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND

JANUARY 2027

TUESDAY

Star Dusters .....West Coast, 7:00-9:00 PM, Timberland Rancho Hall, Powell River 5, 12, 19, 26

THURSDAY

Island Gems .....Afternoon Tea Rounds Phase 3+, 2:00-4:00PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo 7, 21
Rounds Phase 2+, 8:00-9:00 PM, Wellington Hall, Nanaimo 7, 14, 21, 28

FRIDAY

Amalgam-Eighters .....Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville.....15

SATURDAY

Ocean Waves .....Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM,
Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay.....2, 16

Ripple Rockets .....Mainstream (with Rounds), 7:00-9:00 PM,
Campbell River United Church Hall.....9, 23

SPECIAL DANCES

Amalgam-Eighters .....Robbie Burns Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Costin Hall, Lantzville .....Fri. 15

Ocean Waves .....Winterfest, 7:00-9:00 PM, Filberg Centre – Rotary Hall, Courtenay..... Sat. 16

Ripple Rockets .....Robbie Burns Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Campbell River United Church Hall..... Sat. 23

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CONVENTIONS, FESTIVALS, DANCE WEEKENDS, & SPECIAL EVENTS

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2026	
Dec. 31	VDCTA/LVIWSRDA - New Years Eve Dance - Colwood Community Hall (*see poster*)
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 4	LVIWSRDA/UVISDA Joint Dance – Swing Into Spring – Nanoose Place – Featuring Caller/Cuer Gary Winter from Sherwood Park, AB
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
May 15	Mavericks - 75th Anniversary Dance - 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, Frederiction, NB - squaredancenb.com/festival-2028/

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BCSRDF NEWS

British Columbia Square & Round Dance Federation

Report on the AGM of October 25th, 2026

We had an excellent turn out of 36 voting members including proxies. Reports can be found at squaredance.bc.ca and click the link for the AGM page. The grant for new club startups is approved, it needs a bit of refinement and the grant availability will be announced to all members.

Wendy Krueger is our new 2nd Vice President. The position of Secretary is vacant for someone looking for something to apply their skills and get involved.

The BC Round Dance Mini-Festival is taking registrations. **festival2027.squaredance.bc.ca** please register early so the organizers can work out scheduling.

A Cuer School is being planned for 3 days either before or after Festival2027. Wendy Krueger is organizing this, so it will be a great event as well.

A Peach City Jamboree to be held every second year was discussed and had positive comments. It will be well advertised when it becomes a reality. Contact Wendy Krueger if you would like to be on this committee.

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

ASSOCIATION NEWS – LVIWSRDA

As the days get shorter it reminds us that the year is coming to an end. This year the CTA and LVIWSRDA will be holding a New Year's Eve dance on December 31, 2026. There will be a panel of callers and cuers from the Lower Vancouver Island region. The dance will start with pre-rounds from 7:30-8pm and continue with Mainstream and Plus from 8-10pm. Refreshments will be served at the end of the dance. It promises to be a wonderful dance and what better way to celebrate the end of the year than with your fellow dancers. I hope to see there!

Carol Young
President

ASSOCIATION NEWS – UVISDA



Left to right: Darrell Roberts, Alan Cunningham, Marilynne Cunningham, Kirk Rockerbie, Anne McCarthy, Pat Zeeman, Garry Dodds, Wendie Harrington, Connie Ritchie, Gord Ruedig, Elizabeth Hohner, Diana Ring, Jake Ring, Stacey Ruegg, Ron Berg, Lynette McLeod, Ron Ervin. Photo by Gayle Ricketts.

Our September 27 Caller/Cuer Appreciation Dance with caller Darrell Roberts was a great success, thanks in large part to there being 84 dancers in attendance.

It goes without saying that Callers and Cuers are the lifeblood of this pastime we all enjoy so much. We were delighted to welcome an impressive contingent (and their significant others).

A happy task was recognizing important milestones. UVISDA President Esther Wong (right) and Past President Robert (Bob) McCallum (left), presented badges, as noted in the photo.



Caller/Cuer Darrell Roberts added a lighthearted and comic element by suggesting the ladies take off their crinolines and have the men wear them, for one tip anyway. There were lots of takers, providing comic relief and plenty of laughs, proving we are an unserious, fun group. Darrell even came prepared with his own crinoline. I very much regret that I was taking video and didn't get a single still photo.

Looking ahead, there's no better way to usher in the festive season than dancing! UVISDA hosts a Gratitude Gala to acknowledge the work and contributions of all the clubs, November 29, 1:30 to 3:30 at Nanoose Place, with Caller Gordon Ruedig and Cuer Stacey Ruegg.

On a sad note, heartfelt condolences to our board member, Connie Ritchie, on the recent sudden and unexpected passing of her son.

It seems 2026 has passed in a blur, but by the time this is published, we'll be making holiday plans and thinking about the new year. Best wishes to all, good health, and happy dancing

Ellen Martiniuk, 55 years dancing. Les Spilsbury, 4 Score & More. George Knowles, 4 Score & 10. Wendie Harrington, 25 years dancing. Connie Ritchie, 45 years dancing. Vina Lindquist, 35 years dancing. Marie McCallum, 40 years dancing. Ken McCallum, 40 years dancing. Missing is Karin Sorger, 35 years dancing.

CLUB NEWS

AMALGAM-EIGHTERS, Nanaimo
By Margie Cooper



Amalgam-Eighters' new Couple of the Year, Bonnie and Matt Haapala, with presenter, Marlene Hedch. (*photo by Margie Cooper*)

We hailed our new Couple of the Year in September… Bonnie and Matt Haapala! It's a well deserved recognition. Comments on ballot slips indicated members' appreciation of Bonnie's leadership skills, and their combined physical working presence, from set-up to clean-up, at dances which they rarely miss. If ever a Club had a backbone, Bonnie and Matt are that backbone!

We had even more Amalgam-Eighters to applaud, when UVISDA made presentations at the Caller/ Cuer Appreciation Dance. Ellen Martiniuk was recognized for an impressive 55 years of dancing! She qualified as a Mainstream dancer at age 8. The pressures of early adult years kept her from dancing for about 16 years, but since then she's been regularly wearing out shoes on dance floors! Congratulations to Marie and Ken McCallum for 40 years of continuous dancing with A-8! And congratulations to Wendie Harrington for 25 years. Thank goodness she remained dedicated for 25 years… or we'd have no Caller and Cuer!!

After that fine September start… our "best laid" dance-season plans "gang aft agley…", as tends to happen to our Club, each time an election year rolls around. Unfortunately, this time we lost two halls, eliminating both our classes, and a regular dance.

It wasn't all doom and gloom though. Spearheaded by Lynette McLeod and Ron Ervin, a dozen of us dined in Sidney, and spent a fantastic evening, dancing "Through the Decades" with the Mavericks, on the night of our cancelled dance. Great fun, and a great theme! Thank you, Marilynne, Lorne, and southern friends!



A-8 "Danced Through the Decades" with the Mavericks! Standing, Lt. to Rt., Linda Inscho, Paul Inscho, Kathie Juteau, Esther Wong, Bonnie Haapala, Matt Haapala, Gayle Siebert, Shirley Pratten, Margie Cooper, Lynette McLeod and Ron Ervin. Kneeling in front, May Wagner. (*photo by Marc Dumonceaux*)

When all was said and done, only two new dancers signed up for lessons this fall. Fortunately, their enthusiasm and progress helps to make up for their lack of numbers, and Wendie hopes to have them through the New Mainstream program in time for our Christmas Pot Luck and Dance on Friday Dec.

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18th. We'd love to have visitors at our table! (Potluck at 6:00 p.m.)

By the time this is read, we'll all be turning our focus towards friends, family, and Christmas. For most, we hope this will be a joyous time, but we know that that will not be the reality for everyone. Our hearts go out especially to you and your family, Connie, on the loss of your son. We feel for you as friends, and as fellow parents, and we wish we could ease your pain.

COUNTRY COUSINS, Victoria
By Gary and Wendy Weeks



Vera Epp and Gary Weeks sitting in the pumpkin patch at Country Cousins Fall Harvest Dance

By the end of October, all the Victoria area square dancers have been "Pie'd", Harvested, and Ghosted out, but wait there is more to come. On November 28th, there will be the Pyjama Party where you will not necessarily have to get changed before you go to bed! And then of course on December 14th you can have a HOLLY JOLLY time at the Country Cousins Christmas dance. We are never too sure who will show up but usually some infamous celebrity makes the scene! 2027 starts off in grand style with the Downton Abbey Ball on January 23. Please be reminded that the Country Cousins dances are on every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month September through to April. Dances mentioned above are only the theme dances which are interspersed with regular dance dates on November 14th and January 9th and February 6th, 2027. Country Cousins Dance Club is the place where you can find some plus dancing, some Cha and some Rhumba, as well as, help with any moves that you have questions about. Country Cousins remains committed to providing fun in learning and fun in dancing



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FRONTIER TWIRLERS, Victoria
By Darrell Roberts

Down Memory Lane with Frontier Twirlers

There is always something happening at Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club! Our season is underway, and it has been wonderful to see dancers getting together for an evening of music, movement, laughter, and friendship.





Our club caller, Garry Dodds, and cuer, Pat Zeeman, keep our dancers moving on the floor, with Mainstream square dancing and round dancing adding variety to our evenings.

Our recent Haunted Harvest dance was a lot of fun, with everyone getting into the spirit of the occasion. We had some great costumes, and it was wonderful to see everyone joining in! At Frontier Twirlers, our theme dances are an opportunity to have a little extra fun, and everyone is invited to dress up and take part.

We are also pleased with the progress of our new dancers class this season. Learning to square dance takes teamwork, listening, and a little practice, but the rewards are well worth it. It is encouraging to see our new dancers gaining confidence as they learn the calls and discover the enjoyment of dancing together.

Looking ahead, our November dance will take us "Down Memory Lane" on Saturday, November 7. With a nostalgic theme and a respectful connection to Canada's Remembrance Day observance, the evening will celebrate old memories, good friends, and the traditions that bring communities together. We will take time to remember those who served and sacrificed for our country, with the message "Lest We Forget."

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And then it will be time to look forward to Christmas! Our Christmas dance is on Saturday, December 19, and promises to be a special evening. We hear that a certain special someone may be making an appearance. We aren't giving away any secrets just yet, so you'll have to come along to find out who it might be!

Come dressed for Christmas! Wear your favourite Christmas outfit, pop on a Santa hat, sport some wobbly reindeer antlers, or choose anything else that makes you smile. There are no rules about how festive you need to be — just come ready to have fun and enjoy the evening with us!

At Frontier Twirlers, square dancing is about much more than learning calls. It is about friendship, staying active, sharing experiences, and enjoying the company of others. Whether you are an experienced dancer or curious about trying something new, there is always room for another dancer in the square.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming visitors to our upcoming dances. Come join us and make a few memories of your own!

For information about our dances and activities, visit frontiertwirlers.weebly.com.

ISLAND GEMS, Nanaimo

By Wendie Harrington

The Island Gems have had a great start to the season. Our new format for lessons has been very successful. On Monday evenings we usually have a group of at least 9 couples learning phase II Two Step. They are making great progress and we are thrilled that they are using the practice dances during the week. In January we will be starting a beginner waltz class. New people are invited to join us for that.

Thursday evening sees us doing intro to other rhythms. We have completed the phase III Rumba moves and this week we are moving on to cha cha. In the spring session this will be followed by phase III waltz for those who have completed the beginner lessons. Our Dance from 8 to 9 gives floor time for the dances we have introduced as well as Two Step and Waltz.

Our Thursday afternoon tea dances which are held every two weeks have a small but faithful group who enjoy keeping up their skills and learning new dances, Our " tea break" is always a relaxing social time. We are expanding our repertoire of favourite dances.

Unfortunately I have to include a sad note in this report. Our lovely Connie was dealt a terrible blow this week with the passing of her son. We all join in offering her and her family our deepest condolences as she deals with this unthinkable loss.

MAVERICKS, Victoria

By Chrissy Torontow

September and October have flown by with our theme dances of "Rodeo Round Up " and "Dancing through the Decades." Very creative outfits. The music was fabulous and both callers, Marilynne and Lorne, gave a history on each song. We really want to thank the members from the Nanaimo Amalgam-Eighters that came to visit at this dance. Lots of fun having them join us.



Mavericks VP Lynne presenting Dancer of the year gifts and dangles to Bob Primeau and Peggy Lane. Bob accepted on Peggy's behalf.

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One of my personal favourite dance nights is coming up on November 20th, "At the Hop." Root beer floats, lots of super 50s and 60s music, and nobody's taking anybody's T-bird anywhere!

We are on the dance floor December 4th and "Winter Magic" is the theme for the evening of dancing December 18th.

We kick the new year off on January 15th with our "Tropical Paradise" theme dance to dispel the winter blahs. Be sure to come and check it out. With two Barbaras decorating and Lorne and Marilynne calling, it will be worth your while.

Hope to see you on the dance floor soon.

OCEAN WAVES, Courtenay

By Doreen Miskae

Jake and Diana began our fall season with two free square dance lessons on September 14 and 21, which brought us three brand new beginners. We now have 11 dancers taking lessons, and with our Ocean Waves members assisting, we usually have three squares for our Monday night sessions.

The Ocean Waves' first regular dance was on September 19, where Jake and Diana were in fine form to "remove the rust" from our dancers after the summer break. Many of us had been dancing with the Wheel Arounds at their summer dances, but we certainly enjoyed this rust removal dance as we started the new season.

Next, on September 27, was the well-attended UVISDA dance with caller Darrell Roberts from Victoria. Among the many presentations during the dance, four of our members were honoured – Karin Sorger and Vina Lindquist for 35 years of dance, Les Spilsbury for "four score years" and George Knowles for "four score and ten years." Just for dancing fun, Darrell had some of the men wear crinolines for one tip, which was a pretty funny sight.

October 3 was our next regular dance, and October 17 was our Harvest-themed dance. Both dances were very well attended, with many different clubs represented, and we enjoyed at least 4 squares each evening. Jake and Diana were assisted by guest callers/cuers Pat Barr, Sue Diederichs, Lynette McLeod, Connie Ritchie and Wendie Harrington.

Jake and Diana's Round Dance lessons, advertised to the public, began on Wednesday, October 7, from 7 – 9 pm, with twelve couples participating.

We are looking ahead to many more fun dancing opportunities up and down the island. At Nanoose Bay Hall on November 1, callers Steve Edlund and Gord Ruedig are hosting a Harvest-themed dance, and on November 29, UVISDA is hosting a "Gratitude Gala" with caller/cuers Gord Ruedig/ Stacey Ruegg.



Les Spilsbury receiving his "four score years" badge from Bob Chalmers and Esther Wong

November 7 is our Ocean Waves' Black and White dance, November 21 is our Tropical Breeze night, December 5th is a regular dance, and December 19 is our Christmas Potluck dance.

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Ocean Waves Monday night lessons with caller Jake Ring instructing *taken by Doreen Miskae*

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We hope to see many dancers from different clubs joining us at these dances, as you have been doing, and we look forward to dancing with all the other island clubs at their fun dances too. The camaraderie is great when we all dance together!

RAINBOW ROUNDERS, Victoria
By Van Williams

The Rainbow Rounders' dances have been well attended this fall, with a welcomed infusion of 2026 dancer graduates from Kirk's Waltz and Two step classes as well as Darrell's Rhumba and Cha classes. Our phase 2 social round dances are held on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays of the month, and our phase 3+ dances are held on the 2nd, and 4th Tuesdays. Join us for our Christmas dance on December 15th, and our 35th Birthday dance on January 19th.

The growing pool of phase 3+ round dancers has been a boon for round dancing. For instance, on the phase 2 nights, the cuers gear the difficulty of their dances to those attending the dance, and we may include some phase 3+ dances! In addition, Darrell, Kirk and Pat Zeeman have successfully cued phase 3 dances between tips at numerous Mainstream dances this fall. At the Country Cousins' dance on October 24th, I counted 9 couples dancing a Cha, and 8 couples dancing a Rumba!

Kirk's waltz class and Darrell's rhumba class continue to be well attended by seven dancers who are brand new to round dance, and who don't square dance. Five others are either refreshers, starting Rumba, or learning the opposite part. Most of these students are taking both classes! Kirk's Two-step class and Darrell's Cha class will start sometime in the new year. Let them know if you want to sign up.

Members of the Rainbow Rounders continually appreciate Connie's many contributions to round dance both locally and up island, and especially her work with Pat Zeeman as co-chairs of the 2027 BC Round Dance Mini-Festival.

RIPPLE ROCKETS, Campbell River
By Linda Grunewald

Ripple Rockets really appreciate all the summer dances happening in Nanaimo, Parksville, Penticton, Powell River. Thank you to all the callers and cuers that have made these summer practice so enjoyable and helpful to keep us dancing.

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Men wearing crinolines while Darrell Roberts calls at the UVISDA dance on September 27 at Nanoose Hall

Taken by Doreen Miskae

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September arrived before we knew it and we are back in the thick of things with classes every Saturday and dances 2nd and 4th of the month. We are planning theme dances for the fun of it. November 28 is our Western Dance, December 12 is our Christmas Dance, and on January 23 our 50's Dance. Our dances are still happening at the United Church Hall on Pinecrest at 7:00 p.m.

We have a picture of George Knowles with his Four Score and More badge that he received at the UVISDA Caller and Cuer appreciation Dance in September. For fun on Sept 26 full moon our club went outside to "howl at the moon". We were very happy to welcome other clubs - Ocean Waves, Wheel Arounds and the Amalgam-Eighters at our Halloween Costume Dance. Looking forward for a joyful, uplifting year of dancing! See you on the dance floor!



George Knowles receiving his "four score and ten years" badge, with Bob Chalmers and Esther Wong

Taken by Doreen Miskae

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STAR TWIRLERS, Victoria

By Garry Dodds

Wow, Halloween is over we are now into November. The year is flying by.

Our combined club and class is working out well. We did not have any new Plus Dancers and have a few that have come back so the teach is more of a review. Everyone is progressing very well and my expectation is that we may have everyone dancing the full Plus program by January. We have had a number of people away on vacations so it is time to do more review as they return.

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

Our Advanced group has welcomed a new Advanced dancer into our group. Even with a couple of couples travelling, we have had great success in teaching the new dancer the Advanced program. For our experienced group, this is more of a review and in some cases, a needed review. With the experienced dancers, I am starting to teach some of the A2 program moves.

Our Christmas dance is scheduled for Plus - Monday December 14th at Colwood Hall and Advanced will be December 17.

New Year start up will be Monday January 11, 2026 for Plus and Thursday January 14th for Advanced.

See you on the floor somewhere!

SPIRIT OF THE DANCE

It isn't the place we go to dance,
Nor the fabulous dresses, nor the fancy pants,
Nor the really fine caller with the finishing touch,
That makes this the dance that we love so much.
It's the spirit you have and the friendly smile,
It's the circle of friendship that gives it style,
It's the friendly touch of another hand,
As you dance around in a Right & Left Grand.

Author unknown

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

The following article was taken from the Cross Trail News-September-October-November 2022 issue and was reprinted in its entirety in the exact same format it was printed.

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

CONVENTION 2022 – JULY 20-23, 2022 – FREDERICTON, NB

By Pat Zeeman

After the disappointment of having to first postpone and then cancel the 2020 Convention in Surrey due to COVID, it was with very mixed feelings that Garry and I left Victoria on June 24th to make our way to the Maritimes. We were well aware of the reduced numbers that were returning to dancing and even more aware that some areas had not restarted yet. We also knew that there was some hesitancy and trepidation about catching COVID even among those who had returned. However, we were looking forward to our first "live" Board of Directors meeting since 2019, and to seeing some people we hadn't seen for a few years and to meeting new friends.

Keeping Convention 2022 going was a lot of work for their organizing committee – the uncertainty of whether the Convention would even be able to be held; what restrictions it would be held under; how many dancers would be there…



"The Violet Crew" - the organizing committee for Convention 2022.

There were 300 dancers registered by the time the dust settled, including callers and cuers. Square dance levels included Basic, Mainstream, Plus, A1 & A2, C1 & C2. Round dancing ranged up to Phase IV (although there may have a couple of V's), and there was also contra dancing offered. Unfortunately, there were about 200 cancellations as well. A number of people experienced difficulties and delays in reaching Fredericton due to problems with flying – made us glad we drove!

Representatives of both Callerlab and Roundalab were in attendance and held panels on the workings of their respective organizations. Other panels included presentations on the Mechanics of Choreography, Sight and Module Resolution, Teaching Square Dancing, and on Including Contras. Workshops were

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held on Non-Standard Choreography, Introduction to the Next Program, and Introduction to Traditional Squares.

For the rounds, there was a Showcase of Rounds every morning presenting the rounds that were to be taught that day. The round dance halls (two of them) featured dancing and teaching from 10:15 to noon; from 2:00 pm to about 5:00 pm; and then from 7:00 pm to the end of the evening – again, from Phase II thru to Phase IV – Two Steps, Waltzes, Cha Chas, Foxtrots, Jives, Boleros, Polkas, and Rumbas.

There were callers and cuers in attendance from Canada and the United States. Dancers from outside Canada and the United States included some from Malaysia, Australia, and Germany.

Sound was provided by Yak Stacks and Hilton amplifiers. The floors were covered in 12" squares of interlocking blue or red plastic – much better than trying to dance on carpet!

The opening ceremonies on Thursday included welcomes from the Lieutenant Governor, the mayor, and a representative of the premier. In addition, Peter and Bev Piazza were given the Award of Excellence from the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society – it was to have been presented in Surrey, but…

On Friday morning, there was a banner parade between the Convention Centre and the New Brunswick Legislature, followed by dancing on the Legislature lawn. Later on Friday morning, the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society held their annual general meeting. Please see the report in this issue from the Society vice president regarding the work that has been done to try to clear up some of the confusion around music licensing. (See page 8.)

The motion to increase the dancer dues payable to the CSRDS from $3.00 per year to $5.00 per year was passed – this includes your third party liability insurance, the cost of which has been absorbed by the Society for the last two years, including increases.

Two representatives from the Swinging Singles Square Dance Club (Vancouver) were in attendance on behalf of the Building Fund. They presented a cheque for $25,000 from the Building Fund to the CSRDS, to be used as seed money for provinces who wish to sponsor a convention, or for any other dance related purpose that the Board deems appropriate.

The Board of Directors will remain the same for the next two years, barring resignations, and all members of the Board agreed to continue holding the same positions that they currently hold. Please see the CSRDS website for a complete listing (csrds.ca/board-of-directors/) and for further information on the work that the Society does on your behalf.

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Sylvia French and Sandi Poje of the Swinging Singles presenting a Building Fund cheque for $25,000 to CSRDS President Laurie Illsley.

A highlight of the closing ceremonies on Saturday evening was the presentation of the Award of Excellence from the CSRDS to Terry and Melonie Hebert, the chairs of the 2022 Convention. For a list of past recipients see the CSRDS website (csrds.ca/awards/).

After the Convention was declared by Terry Hebert to be over, he used his "Ugly Stick" to call a start to the East Coast Kitchen Party! There was a fiddle, piano, and guitar providing the music for such classics as "She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain" and "Jambalaya" for Dottie Welch; traditional music for a patter and "The Auctioneer" for Kerry Fletcher; "Beautiful Brown Eyes" and "Four Leaf Clover" for Ron Lowe; and "Irish Washerwoman" and "My Grandfather's Clock" for Terry Hebert. Unbelievably, after three plus days of dancing, there were still about twelve squares up for the Kitchen Party.

After Terry called a Grand Right and Left Grand to a piece of traditional music (with three rings of dancers filling the hall), we formed a Friendship Ring and the Convention was officially over. Hopefully, we will be able to reconnect with many of the same new friends in two years in ??.

All photos pages 26, 28, & 29 courtesy of Garry Dodds & Pat Zeeman.

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Vancouver Islanders at Convention 2022: Garry Dodds & Pat Zeeman (Victoria), Margie Cooper (Nanaimo) & Cliff Campbell (North Saanich).



East Coast Kitchen Party musicians with caller Terry Hebert (seated far right).

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LVIWSRDA DANCERS OF THE YEAR – 2026-2027

By Angel Star & Van Williams

After the summer, it has been nice to get back to dancing 5x per week (although Van dances 6x per week because he goes to English Country Dancing on Thursdays). I enjoy the extra evening at home. Out of town visits & visitors kept me away from the first week of dancing, but Van was there to enjoy them. We have attended every local round, mainstream, & plus dance since then, including the UVISDA Caller & Cuer Appreciation Dance in Nanoose on September 27. Their guest caller/cuer, our own Darrel Roberts, did a great job. Thanks for the ride there & back, Kirk & Anne.

All the classes that we have been "Angels" for, have enthusiastic students. Big thanks to our dedicated instructors who are helping ensure that our favorite activities, round & square dancing, will have enough participants to continue. Life is so much more fun with dances to attend.

So, we look forward to seeing you at the next dance.

Angel & Van



SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES

The rose still blooms more fair beyond the garden wall.



Our condolences to the families of:

Vera Epp would like to thank everyone who reached out to her over the loss of her daughter **Susan** with hugs, flowers, cards and prayers. These have been very much appreciated during this difficult time.

Connie Ritchie, cuer for Rainbow Rounders, as well as for Island Gems, on the loss of her son, **Shane**. Shane passed away this past October. He leaves his wife **Jen**, two daughters, and a son.

Marilyn Stacey—a former member of the Mavericks passed away on September 17, 2026 at the age of 92. She was predeceased by her partner of 20 years **Eric Muth** who she enjoyed square dancing with. She had not been dancing for a while but we all remember her.

Flo Watts - a former member of the Squarecrows, who passed away in Victoria on August 9, 2026 at the age of 95. Flo is survived by her husband **Lloyd**, her loving sons **Mark** and **Bruce**, and their families.

BCSRDF ROUND OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2026 – CHOSEN BY REGION 2 (PAGE 1 OF 2)

TITLE : DAYDREAM BELIVER

RELEASE : Oct. 2025
UPDATE : Mar. 2026
ORG TIME = 2 : 23
MPM = 35 MPM (+7.5 %)

MUSIC : "Daydream Believer" by Anne Murray
Album : "Adult Contemprorary 2"

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CHOREO. : Akihiko & Hiromi Tani
15–99 Nazukari Nagareyama CHIBA 270–0145 JAPAN
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FOOTWORK : Opposite unless indicated (W's footwork in parentheses)
RHYTHM／Phase : TS (Ph. Ⅱ+1) Fishtail
SEQUENCE : INTRO–A–B–C–B'–INTR–B–B–END

INTRODUCTION

1– 4 OPF／Wall WAIT 2 Meas;; APT PT; TOG TCH to SCP;
1– 2 In OPF／Wall Wait 2 measurs;;
3– 4 Apt L, –, pt R twd ptr, – ; fwd R, – , tch L, – to SCP／LOD;

PART A

1– 4 2 FWD TWO STEPs;; 2 TRNG TSs to BFLY／Wall;;
5– 8 FC to FC BK to BK;; BBALL TRN w PKUP;;
9–12 2 FWD TWO STEPs;; PROG SCIS TWICE BJO;;
13–16 FISHTAIL; WALK & FC; TWRL VINE 2; WALK 2 to OP／LOD;
1– 2 In SCP／LOD fwd L, cl R, fwd L, – ; fwd R, cl L, fwd R, – to CP／Wall;
3– 4 Sd L, cl R, fwd L w 1／2 RF trn, – ; sd R, cl L, fwd R w 1／2 RF trn, – to BFLY／Wall;
5– 6 Sd L, cl R, sd L w LF (W : RF) trn, to V BK to BK; sd R, XLIB, sd w RF (W : LF) trn, to BFLY／Wall;
7– 8 Rk sd L, – , rec R w RF (W : LF) trn, – fc RLOD; Rk fwd L, – , rec R w RF (W : LF) trn, – to CP／LOD;
9–10 Fwd L, cl R, fwd L, – ; fwd R, cl L, fwd R, – ;
11–12 Sd L, cl R, XLIF (W : XRIB), – to SCAR／DW; sd R, cl L, XRIF (W : XLIB), – to BJO／DC;
13–14 XLIB, sd R, fwd L, lk R; fwd L, – , fwd R, – to BFLY／Wall;
15 Sd & fwd L, – , XRIB (W : sd & fwd R w RF trn, – , cont RF trn sd & bk L), – ;
16 Sd & fwd L, – , fwd R, – to OP／LOD;

PART B

1– 4 VINE APT 3; VINE TOG 3 to CP; 2 TRNG TSs to OP／LOD;;
5– 9 CHRLSTN;; HITCH 6;; WALK 2;
1– 2 From OP／LOD sd L, XRIB, sd L, – ; sd R, XLIB, sd R, – to CP;
3– 4 **REPEAT meas 5~6 of PART A;** to OP／LOD;
5– 8 Fwd L, – , pt fwd R, – ; bk R, – , pt bk L, – ; fwd L, cl R, bk L, – ; bk R, cl L, fwd R, – ;
9 Fwd L, – , fwd R, – ;

PART B'

1– 4 VINE 3; WRAP 3 fc LOD; UNWRAP to OP／LOD; FWD TS;
5– 9 CHRLSTN;; HITCH 6;; WALK & FC;
1– 4 In BFLY sd L, XRIB, sd L, – ; raise jnd ld hnds sd R, XLIB, sd R, (W : trng LF undr jnd ld hnds L, R, L), – to WRAP／LOD; rel ld hnds sip L, R, L (W : roll out w RF trn R, L, R), – to OP／LOD; fwd L, – , fwd R, – ;
5– 8 **REPEAT meas 5~9 of PART B;;;;**
9 Fwd L, – , fwd R, – fc ptr no hnd jnd;

PART C

1– 4 CIRC AWAY 2 TSs;; STRUT TOG 4 to BFLY／Wall;;
5–16 LACE UP;;;; FIGURE 8;;;; LF TRNG BOX 1／2;; SD TS L & R;;
1– 2 Circ CCW to COH (W : CW to Wall) fwd L, cl R, fwd L, – ; cont circ fwd R, cl L, fwd R, – ;
3– 4 Fwd L twd ptr, – , fwd R, – ; fwd L, – , fwd R, – to BFLY／Wall;
5 Raise jnd ld hnds XLIF bhnd W, cl R, fwd L (W : undr jnd ld hnds XRIF, cl L, fwd R), – LOP／LOD;
6– 8 Fwd R, cl L, fwd L, – ; chng hnds raise jnd trl hnds sd L bhnd W, cl R, fwd L (W : undr jnd trl hnds sd & fwd R, cl L, fwd R), – to OP／LOD; Fwd R, cl L, fwd L, – ;
9–10 Circ CCW (W : CW) fwd L, cl R, fwd L, – ; cont circ fwd R, cl L, fwd R, – R shldr pasg;
11–12 Circ CW (W : CCW) fwd L, cl R, fwd L, – ; cont circ fwd R, cl L, fwd R, – to CP／COH;
13–14 Sd L, cl R, fwd w LF 1/4 trn, – ; sd R, cl L, bk R w LF 1/4 trn, – to CP／Wall;
15–16 Sd L, cl R, sd L, – ; sd R, cl L, – ;

INTR

1– 4 SOLO LF TRNG BOX;;;;
1– 2 Fc ptr & Wall no hnd jnd sd L, cl R, fwd w LF 1/4 trn, – ; sd R, cl L, bk R w LF 1/4 trn, – ;
3– 4 Sd L, cl R, fwd w LF 1/4 trn, – ; sd R, cl L, bk R w LF 1/4 trn, – to OP／LOD;

END

1 APT PT;
1 Apt L, –, pt R twd ptr, – ;

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DAYDREAM BELIVER

HEAD CUE

INTRO

OPF/Wall WAIT 2 Meas;; APT PT; TOG TCH to SCP;

PART A

2 FWD TWO STEPs;; 2 TRNG TSs to BFLY/Wall;;
FC to FC BK to BK;; BBALL TRN w PKUP;;
2 FWD TWO STEPs;; PROG SCIS TWICE BJO;;
FISHTAIL; WALK & FC; TWRL VINE 2; WALK 2 to OP/LOD;

PART B

VINE 3; WRAP 3 fc LOD; UNWRAP to OP/LOD; FWD TS;
CHRLSTN;; HITCH 6;; WALK & FC;

PART C

CIRC AWAY 2 TSs;; STRUT TOG 4 to BFLY/Wall;;
LACE UP;;;;
FIGURE 8;;;;
LF TRNG BOX 1/2;; SD TS L & R;;

PART B'

VINE 3; WRAP 3 fc LOD; UNWRAP to OP/LOD; FWD TS;
CHRLSTN;; HITCH 6;; WALK & FC;

INTR

SOLO LF TRNG BOX;;;;

PART B

VINE 3; WRAP 3 fc LOD; UNWRAP to OP/LOD; FWD TS;
CHRLSTN;; HITCH 6;; WALK & FC;

PART B

VINE 3; WRAP 3 fc LOD; UNWRAP to OP/LOD; FWD TS;
CHRLSTN;; HITCH 6;; WALK & FC;

END

APT PT;

CLUB DIRECTORY - LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

Country Cousins – Victoria

Club Email ..... president@ccsdc.ca
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Mainstream with Rounds – 7:30-9:30 PM
2nd & 4th Saturdays – Sep. 12 to Dec. 12, 2026; Jan. 9 to Apr. 24, 2027
Cordova Bay United Church Hall – 813 Claremont Ave., Victoria, BC

Caller/Cuer.....**Kirk** Rockerbie
President.....**Wendy** Weeks (temp)
Secretary .....**Vanda** Stocks (temp)
Treasurer .....**Vanda** Stocks

Frontier Twirlers – Victoria

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Club Website..... frontiertwirlers.weebly.com

Plus – 7:00 PM, **Mainstream with Rounds** – 7:30-9:30 PM
1st & 3rd Saturdays – Sep. 19 to Dec. 19, 2026; Jan. 2 to May 1, 2027
Colwood Community Hall – 2219 Sooke Rd., Victoria, BC

Caller & Cuer.....**Garry** Dodds & **Pat** Zeeman
President.....**Jim** Johnson
Secretary .....**Carolyn** Johnson
Treasurer .....**Linda** Ross

Mavericks – Victoria

Club Email ..... marcric@telus.net
Club Website..... themavericks.org

Mainstream with Rounds – 7:30-9:30 PM
1st & 3rd Fridays – Sep. 18 to Dec. 18, 2026; Jan. 15 to May 14, 2027
Cordova Bay United Church Hall – 813 Claremont Ave., Victoria, BC

Callers/Cuers.....**Marilynne** Cunningham; **Lorne** Clayton
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Treasurer .....**Van** Williams

Rainbow Rounders (Rounds) – Victoria

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Club Website.....

Rounds Phase II – 7:30-9:30 PM
1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesdays – Sep. 15 to Dec. 15, 2026; Jan. 5 to Apr. 20, 2027
Rounds Phase III-IV – 7:30-9:30 PM
2nd & 4th Tuesdays – Sep. 8 to Dec. 8, 2026; Jan. 12 to Apr. 27, 2027
Colwood Community Hall – 2219 Sooke Rd., Victoria, BC

Cuers .....**Connie** Ritchie; **Kirk** Rockerbie; **Darrell** Roberts
President.....**Connie** Ritchie
Secretary/Treasurer....**Connie** Ritchie

CLUB DIRECTORY - LOWER VANCOUVER ISLAND

Saanich Squares – Victoria

Club Email ..... clayton@ieccorporate.com
Club Website..... saanichsquares.weebly.com/

Basic-Mainstream Teach – 7:00-9:00 PM
Sundays – Sep. 20 to Dec. 13, 2026; Jan. 3 to Mar. 21, 2027
Cordova Bay United Church Hall – 813 Claremont Ave., Victoria, BC

Caller.....**Lorne** Clayton
President.....**Lorne** Clayton
Secretary .....**Barbara** Clayton
Treasurer .....**Lorne** Clayton

Star Twirlers (Plus & Advanced) – Victoria

Club Email ..... garryd@dz-dancing.com
Club Website.....startwirlers.squaredance.bc.ca

Plus Review/Teach/Dance – 8:00-10:00 PM
Mondays – Sep. 21 to Dec. 14, 2026; Jan. 11 to May 31, 2027
Dark on Holiday Mondays: Oct. 12, 2026, Feb. 15, 2027, Mar. 29, 2027
Colwood Community Hall – 2219 Sooke Rd., Victoria, BC

Advanced Review/Teach/Dance – 8:00-10:00 PM
Thursdays – Sep. 24 to Dec. 17, 2026; Jan. 14 to May 27, 2027
Colwood Community Hall – 2219 Sooke Rd., Victoria, BC

Caller.....**Garry** Dodds
President.....**Garry** Dodds
Secretary .....**Garry** Dodds
Treasurer .....**Pat** Zeeman



CLUB DIRECTORY - UPPER VANCOUVER ISLAND

Amalgam-Eighters – Nanaimo

Club Email .... amalgam-eighters@squaredance.bc.ca
Club Website.. ..... amalgam-eighters.squaredance.bc.ca

Mainstream (with Rounds) – 7:00-9:00 PM (Social 9:00-9:30)
1st & 3rd Fridays – Sep. 18 to Dec. 18, 2026; Jan. 15 to Apr. 30, 2027
Lantzville Community (Costin) Hall – 7232 Lantzville Rd., Lantzville, BC

Caller/Cuer.....**Wendie** Harrington
President .....**Bonnie** Haapala
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Treasurer .....**Mark** Bennewith

Island Gems (Rounds) – Nanaimo

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Club Website.....islandgems.squaredance.bc.ca

Rounds – **Phase 2+** – 8:00-9:00 PM
Thursdays – Sep. 10 to Dec. 17, 2026; Jan. 7 to Apr. 29, 2027
Rounds – **Phase 3+** – 2:00-4:00 PM
2nd & 4th Thursdays – Aug. 27 to Dec. 17, 2026; Jan. 7 to Apr. 29, 2027
Wellington Hall – 3922 Corunna Ave. (off Norwell Dr., off Island Hwy.), Nanaimo, BC

Cuers .....**Wendie** Harrington & **Connie** Ritchie
President.....**Wendie** Harrington
Treasurer .....**Connie** Ritchie

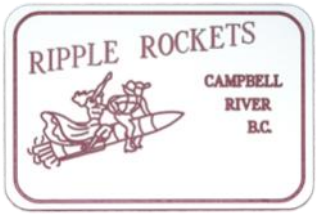
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Club Email .....oceanwavesquaredance@gmail.com
Club Facebook Page www.facebook.com/groups/1836797209669410
Club Website.....www.comoxvalleyoceanwaves.ca

Mainstream with Rounds – 7:00-9:00 PM
1st & 3rd Saturdays – Sep. 19 to Dec. 19, 2026; Jan. 2 to May 15, 2027
Filberg Centre – **Rotary Hall** – 411 Anderton Ave., Courtenay, BC
*(Also **Native Sons Hall** & **Courtenay Baptist Church** – check Dance Dates pages.)*

Caller & Cuer.....**Jake** Ring & **Diana** Ring
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Secretary .....**Christine** Kent
Treasurer .....**Janet** Livingstone

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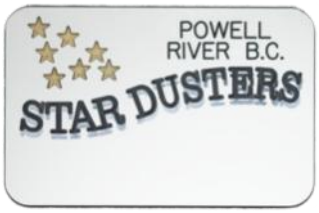


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Club Facebook Page www.facebook.com/groups/706981097880584
Club Website..... ripplerockets.wixsite.com/campbellriver

Mainstream with Phase II Rounds – 7:00-9:15 PM
2nd & 4th Saturdays – Sep. 26 to Dec. 12, 2026; Jan. 9 to May 8, 2027
United Church Hall – 415 Pinecrest Rd. (at Birch St.), Campbell River, BC

Caller/Cuer.....**Elizabeth** Hohner
Cuer.....**Brenda** Aucoin
President.....**Linda** Grunewald
Secretary .....**Jennifer** Coolen
Treasurer .....**Marti** Alkana



Star Dusters – Powell River

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Club Facebook Page www.facebook.com/groups/1843039715769741
Club Website.....westcoastsquaredance.com

West Coast with Rounds – 7:00-9:00 PM
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays – Sep. 14 to Dec. 18, 2026; Jan 4. to May 6, 2027
Timberlane Rancho – 5399 Timberlane Ave., Powell River, BC

Caller.....**Gordon** Ruedig
Cuer.....**Stacey** Ruegg
President.....**Stacey** Ruegg
Secretary .....**Aly** Jones
Treasurer .....**Tricia** Andrews

CLUB DIRECTORY NOTES FOR BOTH LOWER ISLAND AND UPPER ISLAND

The Sooke Squares of Sooke and the Wheel Arounds Square Dance Club of Nanaimo are not member clubs of the Cross Trail News and do not appear in the club directory, dance dates pages, club news, and other listings.

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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Vice President .....*(vacant)*
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Treasurer .....Keith Kent
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Secretary .....Pat Zeeman
Treasurer .....Connie Ritchie
Past President.....Pat Zeeman
Round Dance.....Darrell Roberts

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Secretary .....Wendie Harrington
Treasurer .....Connie Ritchie
Past President.....Fran Archambault
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WEBSITES & SOCIAL MEDIA

WEBSITES
Canadian Square & Round Dance Society ..... csrds.ca
BC Square & Round Dance Federation..... squaredance.bc.ca
Lower Vancouver Island – Region 1 ..... region1.squaredance.bc.ca
Upper Vancouver Island – Region 8..... region8.squaredance.bc.ca
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/

ONLINE DANCE CALENDARS
BC Square & Round Dance Federation..... squaredance.bc.ca/dance-calendar/
Lower Vancouver Island (Region 1) region1.squaredance.bc.ca/calendar/
Where's the Dance (Dance, Dance, Dance) ..... wheresthedance.com

SOCIAL MEDIA
BC Square & Round Dance Fed. – Facebook .....www.facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation
BC Fed Dance News – X (formerly Twitter) ..... twitter.com/bcfeddancenews
BC Fed Live – X (formerly Twitter) ..... twitter.com/bcfedlive
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813 Claremont Avenue

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch #54 Sooke
6726 Eustace Road

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Pleasant Valley Hall/Social Centre
6100 Doumont Road
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2925 Northwest Bay Road

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5401 Island Highway South

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411 Anderton Avenue
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Royston Community Hall
3902 Island Highway South (at Royston Road)
St. John the Divine Anglican Church Hall
579 5th Street

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Campbell River Seniors' Centre
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415 Pinecrest Road (at Birch Street)

POWELL RIVER
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		September, October, & November 2026	Fall start-up dates, new dancer class dates & ads, special dances ads, club news, sympathy.
December 2026-January 2027	Sunday, November 1, 2026	December 2026 & January 2027	Special dances ads, Christmas dance, season's greetings ads, first dance in New Year, club news, sympathy.
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Dennis Sutton

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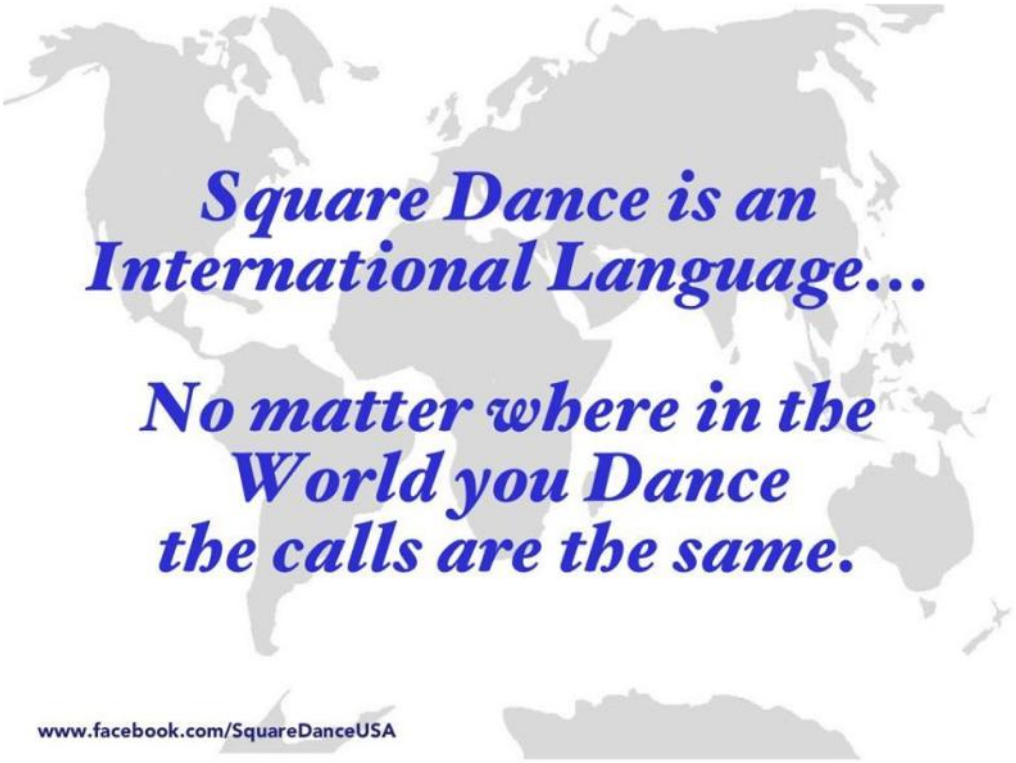
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and a Happy New Year!
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joy, good health and
happy dancing!
from
Cross Trail News
Vanda Stocks, Editor


To all our dancing friends:
Thinking of you
and wishing you a wonderful
holiday season.
Garry Dodds & Pat Zeeman


The L.V.I.W.S.R.D.A. Executive
wishes everyone
a wonderful holiday season
and a prosperous and healthy New Year.


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wishing you the Best of
the Season


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from the
BC Square and Round Dance Federation


Wishing you a Joyous Holiday Season
from
UVICTA
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Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year
warmest wishes to my square and round dancing friends
Wendie Harrington



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TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS, NEW DANCERS, REFRESHERS, THOSE TAKING ALTERNATE, ANGELS, AND OUR GUESTS



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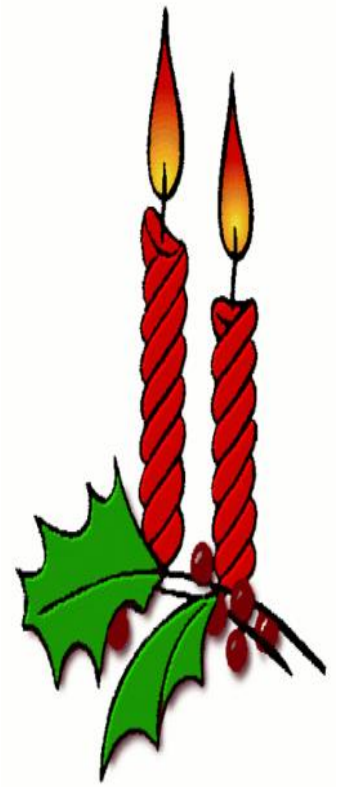
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good times with friends and
family this holiday season and
throughout the coming year
May you always
have a full square
and dance
like no one's watching





We would like to wish everyone a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year of dancing.

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Happy Holidays
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Christmas Best Wishes

May your Christmas be filled with joy, your heart with peace, and your home with love.


Season's Greetings
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DANCE
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Caller and Cuer
Saturday, December 12, 2026
7:30 - 9:30 PM
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Merry Christmas
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Festive Refreshments


RAINBOW ROUNDERS
Christmas Party
WSRDA
WESTERN SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS' ASSN.
RAINBOW ROUNDERS
Round Dance Club
Phase II Rounds
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7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
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SQUARE DANCE CLUB
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will be making a special appearance!
Come dressed for Christmas!
Santa's hat, wobbly reindeer antlers, or any festive outfit that makes it fun!
DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2026
TIME: 7:00 – 7:30 PM PLUS
7:30 – 9:30 PM DANCING AND REFRESHMENTS
LOCATION: COLWOOD COMMUNITY HALL
2219 SOOKE ROAD, COLWOOD, BC
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NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

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PANEL OF CALLERS & CUERS



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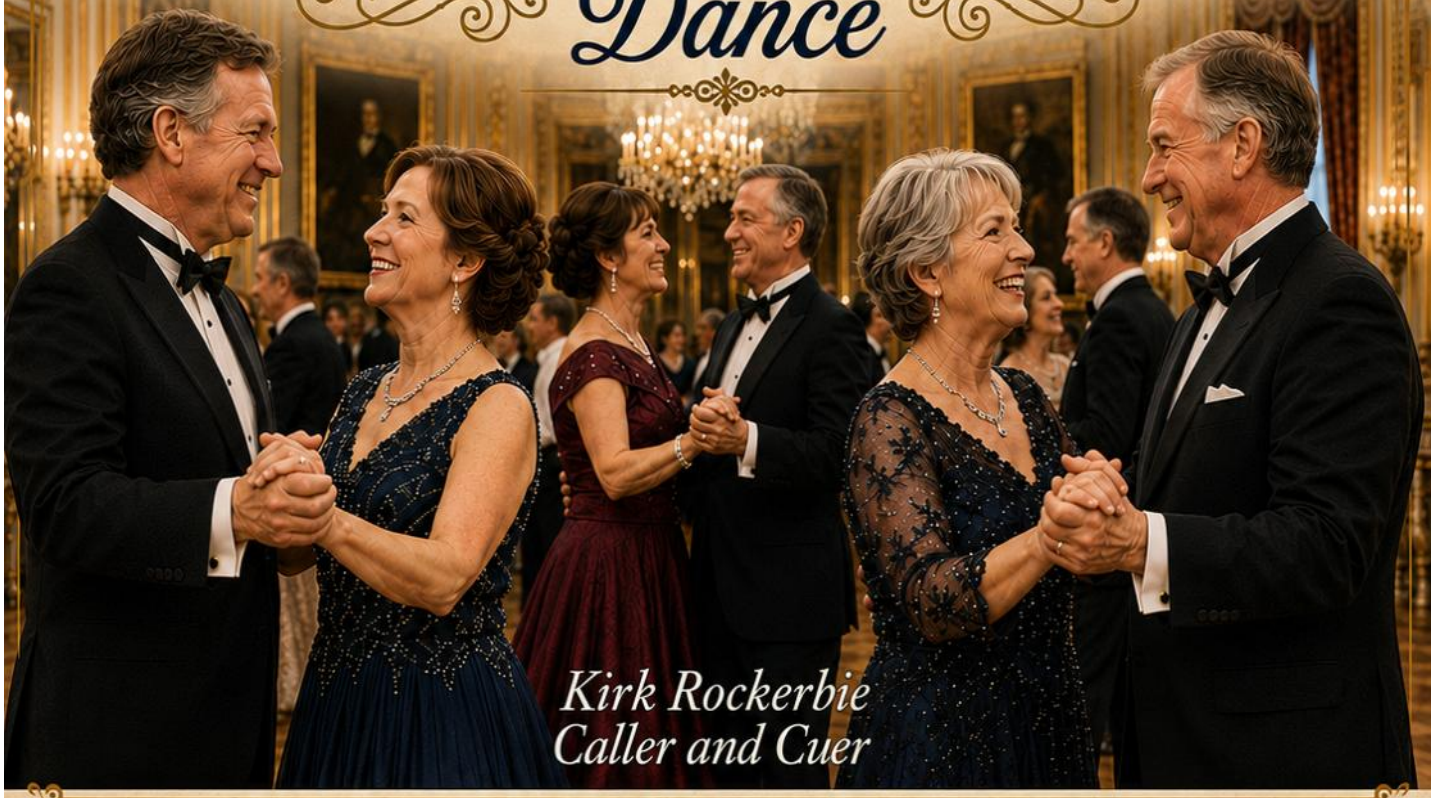
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Dance



JANUARY 9, 2027

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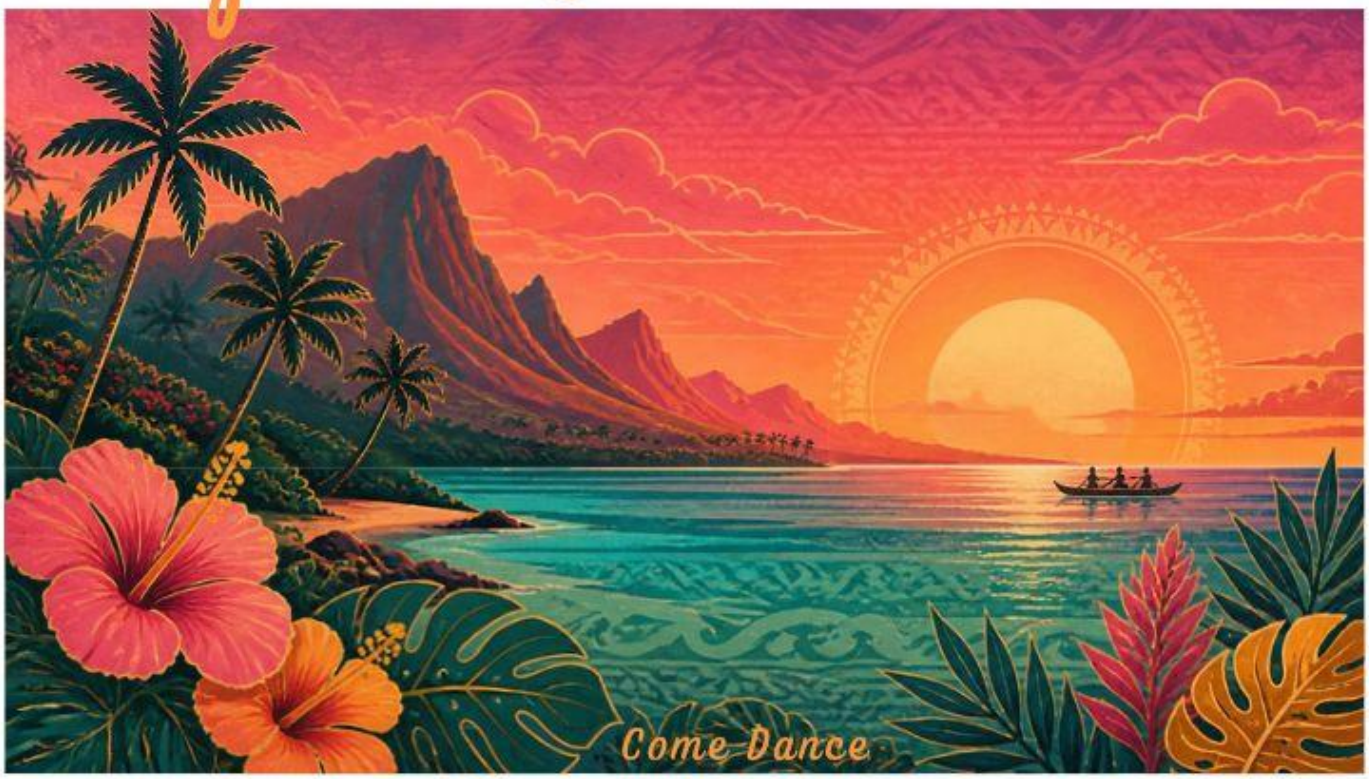
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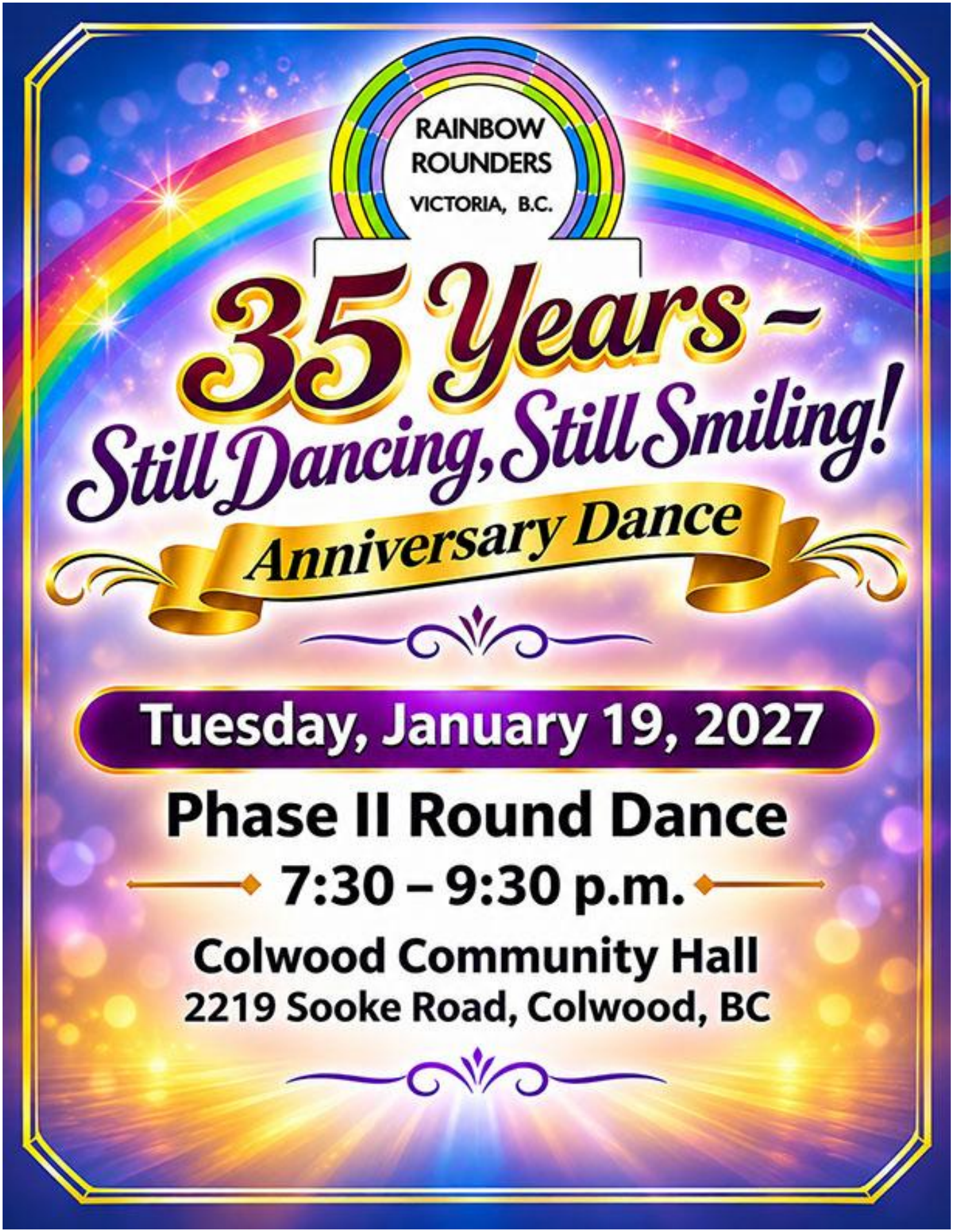
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