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Singles Board



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## Greetings from the Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers

We miss seeing everyone on the dance floor And we can't wait to start dancing again

Stay Safe







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hall without crowding, showing vaccine cards, movement in the hall,

movement when leaving. Distancing, capacity, shields, washroom capacity, hand sanitizer (See example on Page 24).

Getting people to develop the plan is key. Getting a copy of the hall safety plan and knowing and following its rules is part of it. Have the hall rules in hand first, then develop your club safety plan.

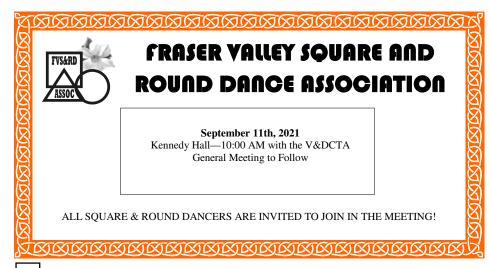
Government has recently initiated the vaccine card to help us get past the question of asking someone if they are vaccinated. You can ask to see a card but you cannot record the information. Recording the information would be an issue under the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA).

If someone refuses to show the card, and perhaps behaves unpleasantly, your front desk person and club officers would have to deal with it. The club has to have a **written policy** so you can show the policy or give the person a copy and they have to leave.

The actual PHO order speaks to "events" and says no dancing. Our dance lessons are not under this definition. An event is a seated in-person gathering. And the government has given us their definition in an email that we are a fitness activity, a high intensity fitness activity. So with a Covid Safety Plan, we can start anytime.

Now the second question—Should we start? This is a club membership decision. Are your people comfortable coming back? Everybody will be comfortable coming back to their activities at their own pace. You can ask the members. Some say wait until Step 4, some say never, some say only if everyone is vaccinated. And could are people comfortable square dance in masks? We will be required in some public facilities to wear our masks. In some places, the mask has to be worn until you are doing the activity, and then you can take it off. Are your members comfortable with that?

Contact me (Blair) if you have any questions.



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This is a club that is reserved only for qualifying candidates.

To qualify you must be an active square and / or round dancer who eighty years or older and a member of the BCS&RD Federation and the FVS&RDA

Badges and name bar for this club are available free of charge

from Sandi Poje

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A name bar will be attached to the Four Score and More Badge, but in order to receive the badges you must add the correct spelling of the name you wish to have on the badge and the complete birth date to qualify to receive the badge and name bar.

Compliments of the BC Square and Round Dance Federation and the Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association



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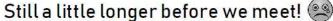
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We all miss dancing and seeing our friends so much





Due to an expected change of the Provincial Health Orders and the accompanying change to the City of Burnaby Regulations, our anticipated October start-up dates have been cancelled

We will keep you informed but we are not expecting to be able to start dancing until Jan 2022. Exact dates, times and locations TBA

President: Pat Gerbrandt 604-521-7497 - call for Info



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## Modern Square and Round Dance Club http://www.mapleridge.squaredance.bc.ca

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Mondays: Plus and Rounds

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224th St. Maple Ridge

Pitt Meadows

7:00 - 7:30 Round Dance Review & Teach

7:30 ~ 8:00 Plus Teach

8:00-9:30 Full Plus and Rounds

Fridays: Beginner/Mainstream 7:00-9:00 Pitt Meadows Community Church Society Hall 12109 Harris Road Pitt Meadows

## **Coming Events**

Dancing cancelled until further notice.

Tough times never last, tough people do.







Tuesdays: Plus Dancing Steve Edlund: Caller Krista Baird: Cuer Plus Review 7:00-7:30

Dancing 7:30-9:30 Refreshments to

follow.

Wednesdays: Begin/Mainstream Krista Baird: Caller/Teacher Full Mainstream 7:00-7:30 Beginner Alternating with Mainstream Tips 7:30-9:30 Refreshments to follow.

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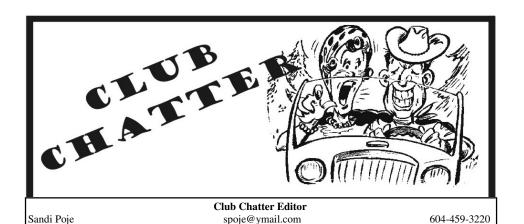
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## **Coming Events**

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PLAY **PART** TOGETHER



11—19452 Fraser Way, Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 0A3

CHILLIWACK RHYTHM REELERS Caller Couple: Brent & Therese Mawdsley
Caller Couple Mike & Rose Lynn Rohde

**Author: Steve Armstrong - President** 

Get reacquainted with **Plus** square dancing with refresher classes starting on **October 5th** 

Opening night at Atchelitz Hall (6542 Lickman Road) from 7:00 to 9:00 PM Cost is \$6.00 for Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers members and \$7.00 for guests Must be fully vaccinated for COVID (primary and booster)

No food served after dancing – just tea and coffee

There will be **Mainstream** refresher classes at Greendale Community School (6621 Sumas Prairie Road) starting on **October 7th** from **7:00** to **9:00 PM** 

Cost is \$5.00 for Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers members and \$6.00 for guests SAVE THE DATE

November 5th with Brent and Heather (the dynamic duo)

# GUYS 'N' GALS SQUARE DANCE CLUB Caller/Cuer/Teacher: Tyler Wagner Author: Dee de Koning

Hello there Square dancers! Greetings from GUYS 'N' GALS! It's been a long time! We're already into the cool month of September, enjoying its fall scents and looking forward to the beautiful orange and purple colours of autumn. Children return to school and summer vacations come to an end. Time to retrieve our sweaters and jackets to ward off the chill of the early morning strolls.

There is no doubt that most of us have been waiting impatiently for our next social gathering. As of yet, a firm date has not been set, but hopefully we'll be kicking up our heels in the very near future.

The thought of donning our dancing shoes, and square dancing around the hall to Tyler's amazing music is truly uplifting. The OAP hall in Aldergrove has been lonely and deserted for many months and it's time to swing open the doors again with a wholehearted celebration and a "Welcome back Guys 'N' Gals, to our familiar stomping ground!"

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Obviously there's no news to report, but when we return to our favorite activity, there will be a lot of excitement we can cheerfully share.

In the meantime, be happy, stay safe and with luck, covid will soon be a stumbling block of the past.

### SWINGING HUBS SOUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUB

Caller/Cuer Couple: Steve & Lynnette Edlund

**Author: Norman and Mary Cox - President** 

We had hoped to welcome everyone back on September 13th for a full dance schedule this fall but now we are into August and our number of Positive Tests just keeps going the wrong way so you will just to have to stay tuned and call Norm Cox (604-584-5506) for updates.

Steve had hoped to do a review each night to get us back on track.

The Fraser Valley Dance Community is right at the moment in a turmoil – no Executive except for a Treasurer and Secretary.

I have contacted the Caller/Teachers President, John Corrigan and we hope to have a joint meeting of Dancers and Callers on **Saturday**, **September 11th** at Kennedy Hall at 10.00 AM. More information to follow

#### **STARDOWNERS** Caller Couple: Ray & Christine Brendzy

**Author: Dave Hammer** 

I would like give a BIG WELCOME BACK to club members after a long extended break from dancing. I'm sure you all have some interesting tales to relate about some of the many activities you've been involved in.

The Stardowners' executive held its first meeting of 2021 at the lovely home of Wendy and Rom Pavilonis on Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Some of the items discussed were:

The Stardowners' Safety plan and how to impose it fairly and equitably,

The Survey results of those members who will/or will not be coming back,

A review of A-1 steps,

Clubs' finance status.

Schedule of dances including Oktoberfest and other themed dances,

It was decided to have a Zoom informational session on Thursday, September 9th, 2021 at 7:30 PM to give members an opportunity to have their questions answered. If all goes according to plan – dancing should restart Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM, at Centennial Lodge, New Westminster following COVID- 19 POH protocols. **Cost:** still only \$7.00 per person.

Looking forward to our favourite activity. Take care and stay safe.

## **Coming events:**

September 09

Zoom meeting

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ABBOTSFORD "GRAND" SQUARES Caller/Cuer/Teacher: Heather Reynolds Honourary Lifetime Caller Couple: Ken & Sally Crisp

**Author: Carol Swan - President** 

When we restart Thursdays will be Plus and Mondays for Mainstream from 7:00 to 9:30 PM.

Heather Reynolds, our fabulous caller, will be doing a full review!

No parties are planned for the time being. All is subject to Provincial Health Guidelines.

We must stay flexible!

## WHITE ROCKERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Author: Diane O'Hara Dan Adams Jr.

Cuer: Pat Meyer

Callers: John Corrigan

Hopefully with all our prayers the White Rockers can start dancing again on Sundays at -

## OCEAN PARK COMMUNITY HALL 1577 - 128<sup>TH</sup> STREET in SURREY.

Our callers are John Corrigan and Dan Adams Jr. calling and Pat Meyer cueing. Please use Covid protocol (masks, vaccines etc.) as the hall and ourselves will also do to qualify to dance.

Start Date—TBA.

### **Contact:**

Lyle and Diane O'Hara, President White Rockers Square Dance Club

Phone: 604 583 2625 Cell: 604 219 6307

## **VALLEY PROMENADERS**

Caller/Cuer /Instructor: Wendy Krueger

**Author: Wendy** 

A new start up is coming for Valley Promenaders, still a brand-new Club. We had 6 weeks of dancing at the OAP Hall in Aldergrove in February - March 2020, and just started getting to know one another when the global pandemic shut everything down. It would be WONDERFUL if everyone could come back. I feel like celebrating with everyone who made it through! Here's what is planned so far!

Fall 2021 I am offering two dance times each Thursday. These two times are two separate sessions, each priced separately.

From 11:15 AM to 1:00 PM

And from 1:15 to 3:00 PM

Coffee time for everyone together at 1:00 PM

Let me tell you about the Square Dancing first. SQUARE DANCING IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION start up is September 9th for learning to Square Dance from 1:15 to 3:00 PM. The program will be the CALLERLAB Social Square Dance Program. This program is designed to teach a repertoire of calls in about 12 weeks, and

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## GUYS 'n' GALS

Beginner, Mainstream, Plus with easy Rounds



## **Dancing Cancelled until further notice**

Tyler

Members \$6, Visitors \$7

If you are looking for Sunday afternoon dancing in Region2, we've got you covered \*\*NEW DANCERS,\*\*REVIEW DANCERS\*\*RETURNING DANCERS\*\*

Caller / Teacher: Tyler Wagner 604-817-9350

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then have fun dancing them!! It doesn't get any more complex, it becomes familiar and relaxed and encourages people to enjoy being with their dancing friends. The afternoon session will continue to be for Social Square Dancing all year, till we wrap up for the summer on **June 23**<sup>rd</sup>.

PHASE II ROUND DANCING IN THE 11:15 SESSION start up is **September 9**<sup>th</sup> for Rounds: Phase II Two-Step and Waltz will run from **11:15 AM to 1:00 PM** for 20 weeks.

On Club Potluck Lunch dates, both groups of dancers will dine together from 12:45 – 1:30 PM. That way each group contributes 15 minutes of their dancing time to eat, drink and be merry! The two groups will share coffee time weekly from 1:00 – 1:15 PM. Our first Potluck lunch will be on September 23<sup>rd</sup> for a Welcome Back celebration. Please come!

I mentioned 20 weeks of Phase II rounds. That is at 11:15 and goes from **September 9<sup>th</sup>** until **February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. When that wraps up, we invite our round dancers to dance squares with us and stay tuned because...

SECOND INTAKE OF NEW DANCERS FOR SOCIAL SQUARE DANCING WILL BE IN THE 11:15 SESSION. On **February 10**<sup>th</sup> the 11:15 AM session will become the time for our second New Dancer class of the year, learning square dancing. The plan is that after 12 weeks of learning, all of these dancers will make the time shift to square dance in the afternoons. That means on **May 5**<sup>th</sup>, the earlier session will change yet again...

ROUND DANCING IN THE 11:15 SESSION WILL BE 8 WEEKS OF CHA CHA CHA. On **May** 5<sup>th</sup>, Round Dancers, take note of a new offering – 8 weeks of Phase III Cha. To round dancers, that is beginner Cha (there is no Phase I or Phase II in Cha, Rumba, Foxtrot and all the other rhythms). Cha Cha Cha is fun fun fun!!

I also mentioned separate pricing for each session. Let's make a deal. You become a Club member, pay a small annual membership fee to join the Club, and you can attend any session for only \$6.00, or attend both sessions on a Thursday and pay only \$10. Guests and visitors, you will pay only a little more; \$7.00 per session or \$12 for both. (I haven't forgotten that 29 people paid to join the club in **March 2020**. That money is still in the till and you folks are paid up members for the 2021-2022 dancing year.)

As Valley Promenaders is a caller-run club, I will take care of the business end and present the dancing programs. At the same time, without the input, help and heart of volunteers, Valley Promenaders cannot fulfill my goals to provide dancing, fun, and

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friendship to Aldergrove and the surrounding communities. In the short 6 weeks we had together in early 2020 we all saw demonstrations of the heart and passion of many people who set about to make Valley Promenaders not MY club, but OUR club. When you come, it becomes YOUR club too, where you set and achieve your goals. It's a beautiful thing.

Valley Promenaders will dance at the **OAP Hall, 3015 273<sup>rd</sup> Street, Aldergrove**. If you have friends who want to dance on **Thursdays** with us, you are welcome to pass this information on.

Please contact me with any questions...wkrueger@shaw.ca or 604 853 3410.

## SWINGING SINGLES of BC SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Callers & Cuers: Nicholas & Caitlyn Brendzy

**Author: Pat Gerbrandt** 

It's been a while, hasn't it! We will have a better idea of tentative start dates after September 7<sup>th</sup>.

I can say that after reaching out to everyone on the Swinging Singles Square Dance Club Roster, the majority are anxious to get back on the dance floor but at different paces. The majority expressed their desire to start up as soon as possible; some thought October would be early enough and a few thought January would work best for them. It's all about personal preference.

The Swinging Singles are staying positive with our opening including New Dancer Classes when we have the go ahead to do so and again in the New Year. Our Face book page with have updates. We anticipate accessing Charles Rummel Hall and the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion respectively, but this will be confirmed at a later date.

We wish all Clubs a speedy opening with the majority of Dancers returning to all dance floors. After 18 months of not dancing for many people, we may very well need a month or so of refresher nights. I refer to myself wholeheartedly!

We would like to thank Brent Mawdsley for his teaching, calling and cueing over the past many years, since 1988 to be sure. With great reluctance, we've accepted Brent's resignation and wish him all the best as he continues to enjoy more family time and in any and all future endeavors he participates in.

To the Callers and Cuers who gave so generously of their time and energy over these past many months to provide Zoom dancing, we all thank you. Those of us who found dancing solo to be frustrating; it was still interesting to be a spectator.

To those who in any way have experienced tremendous loss during COVID, including results from the current wildfires, know that we send our sincere condolences to each and every one of you.

"All Clubs Welcome"

## WHEELING 8's WHEELCHAIR CLUB

**Author: Karen McGregor** 

Although the Wheeling 8s haven't met as a group, some of us have stayed in touch throughout the Pandemic.

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Caller/Teacher: Tyler Wagner

# Valley Promenaders



## Square and Round Dancing every Thursday afternoon

12:00 – 1:00 Easy Two-Step and Waltz with instruction 1:15 – 3:00 Easy Square Dancing with instruction

Sept. 9 Welcome Back Potluck Brunch 11 a.m.

Oct. 28 Hallowe'en Party

Nov. 11 Remembrance Day Honour Dance

## Wendy Krueger Calling & Cueing

OAP Hall 3015 273 St. Aldergrove

Dance fee \$6 members/\$7 guests

Contact:

Wendy 778-878-4244

wkrueger@shaw.ca

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I would like to encourage other clubs to send out a "Hello" to your club members. We all hope for some dance to begin in September, and wish you all good health! See you soon, the Wheeling 8s,

# Century House Squares

620 - 8th St., New Westminster Mondays - Visitors always welcome



New Dancers: 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Mainstream / Plus Teach: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Caller Couples: Chuck & Marguerite Jordan Information: Century House 604-519-1066 Dianne Lewis 604-274-8120



## Clarifying Confusion – The Swinging Singles Building Fund

On behalf of the Swinging Singles of BC Square Dance Club, I would like to provide clarification related to confusion related to the Swinging Singles Building Fund.

It seems there are a few individuals who are unaware that this Swinging Singles Square Dance Club is not the ownership of the Building Fund. I hope this explanation helps to understand our position regarding Grant applications.

A number of members of the Swinging Singles Square Dance Club were instrumental in the creation of the Swinging Singles Building Fund. The funds were accumulated through newspaper and bottle drives, cookbook sales, various fundraising events, etc. over a number of years. These funds were earmarked to purchase a hall for the use of the Club. Unfortunately, real estate prices escalated more rapidly than the funds grew. As stated in age old documents, if the funds could not be used towards the purchase of a hall, they must be used for the betterment of Square Dancing. To this end, the FVS&RDA and the BCS&RDF were the recipients of approximately two thirds of the total funds. The remainder is administered by the Swinging Singles Building Fund Committee (The Funds Registered Name). The Committee hopes that the remaining funds will find a new home or homes before the end of this calendar year.

The Building Fund Committee has given the Swinging Singles Square Dance Club the opportunity to be involved in discussing how the monies are spent however; the Building Fund Committee is the decision maker to disperse the balance of funds.

We have and will continue to express our thanks to those concerned people for their years of dedication to fundraising for such a worthwhile cause. I do hope those past volunteers realize the good their efforts are now contributing to this great activity we all enjoy so much.

# BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION THE SILLERY AWARD

This Federation Award is reserved for any dancer couple or dancer, caller/cuer couple or caller or cuer and leader/couple or leader who is a member in good standing of the Federation.

This award is for recognition of outstanding service to square, round, contra, clogging or line dancing. This extraordinary service should extend well beyond club level endeavours.

The criteria or standards for this award are very high. Accomplishments to be recognized are only those which are above and beyond normal services. Service accomplishments should be original in nature or be the recognition of an opportunity not normally seen by others. The result may be reflected externally or internally. Externally, the accomplishment could enhance the future of the movement by providing more visibility in the public's mind. Internally, the accomplishment could be a positive improvement in the movement now, with some evidence that the improvement will be long lasting. Improvement in organization or administration may also be recognized provided they lead to major improvements due to innovation.

First presented in 2003, the Sillery Award was created in memory of a remarkable woman, Doreen Sillery (1934-2001). She was a caller, cuer, and instructor, and her commitment to the square dance movement was deep. She participated in many ways to promote it. Her first club was started in 1979 and she went on to call for 11 clubs and approximately 700 dancers on a regular basis. Doreen struggled with deteriorating health for many years but her dedication to the dance world persisted. She accomplished so much in the face of adversity and was an inspiration to many.

# BRITISH COLUMBIA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION

## THE SILLERY AWARD – RECIPIENTS

Year	Names	Home City	Region
2003	Gerry & Elsie Rudiger	erry & Elsie Rudiger Penticton	
2004	Hank & Bea Kivits	Burnaby	2
2005	Brian Elmer & Rosalyn Garnett	West Kelowna	3
2006	Chuck & Marguerite Jordan	Coquitlam	2
2007	Al & Joy Berry	Chilliwack	2
2008	Steve & Lynnette Edlund	Surrey	2
2009	Nick & Mary Anne Turner	Williams Lake	5
2010	Ingrid & Phil Douziech	Kelowna	3
2010	Jack & Marg Weber	Victoria	1
2011	Ken & Sally Crisp	Port Coquitlam	2
2012	Beth & Darcy McGifford	Penticton	3
2013	Jean-Guy & Cathy Moreau	Courtenay	8
2014	Merv & Sandy Meyer	Kamloops	9
2015	Connie & Al Ritchie	Victoria	1
2015	Norm & Mary Cox	Surrey	2
2015	Vic & the late Joyce Marshall	Victoria	1
2016	Garry Dodds	Victoria	1
2016	Pat Zeeman	Victoria	1
2017	No nominations		
2018	No nominations		
2019	Alex & Joan Wotherspoon	Victoria	1
2020	No nominations		
2021	Dr. Blair Wallace	Surrey	2

## THE SILLERY AWARD - 2021

The person nominated for The Sillery Award for 2021 began square dancing shortly after his daughter started square dancing around 1994 and he quickly moved into positions within the square dance community. He served for several years as club president of the Wesburn Wranglers and coached many young kids to square dance for the Pacific Northwest Teen Festival with the Delta Sundowners all the while promoting fun and friendship through square dancing. He travelled with his own children as well as other children to the US on many occasions, encouraging square dance ambassadorship with teen and preteen dancers.

He has been a major contributor to dancing in Region 2 and is a firm figure assisting local callers and cuers with their equipment and music, especially for his daughter. In fact, he and his daughter partnered early on – first coaching squares of preteen dancers and later moving to teaching adults for both squares and rounds. In 2007 they took on the Mission Grand Squares where he filled every executive position but caller.

With the Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association he has served in many capacities. He has been the Managing Editor of The Valley Circle since the December 2001 issue, where he manages a small team of people who create, publish, and distribute the magazine to the square dancers of the Fraser Valley. He prides himself on running a committee that has never formally met in person – they work via email and only occasionally meet at dances.

Since 2012 he has been the webmaster for the FVSRDA website, and he is chairman and mainstay of the FVSRDA Bylaws Committee. In 2013 he was awarded the FVSRDA Scroll of Honour. He was the program designer and advertising coordinator for BC Festival 2017 in Cloverdale.

Faced with a Corona virus pandemic and BC public health orders restricting social interaction which shut down square dancing in spring 2020, he applied his expertise as a professional health and safety specialist to create and lead a committee to develop us all to safely return to dancing. The committee includes dancers and callers from the FVSRDA as well as other areas of BC. Under his leadership and direction, the committee drafted guidelines for returning to dancing in compliance with current BC public health orders resulting in publication of "A Plan to a Plan to Get Back to Dancing Safely in BC Under COVID-19".

Working with representatives of the BCSRDF this information was distributed throughout BC in the late summer of 2020 to inform clubs of how they could plan to return to dancing safely when possible, prevent them from unknowingly not following public health orders, and reduce the health risk to dancers and the risk of negative publicity to the recreation in BC. He also volunteered to review and provide feedback on the COVID-19 safety plans drafted by clubs in BC and has done this for several clubs. He continues to advise the FVSRDA on how the ongoing changes to BC public health orders will affect how and when we can return to dancing.

For his long term significant valuable volunteer service to the dancers of BC, as described above, we put forward the nomination of Dr. Blair Wallace of Surrey for The Sillery Award for Outstanding Service to Square Dancing for 2021.



#### BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION

#### Newsletter July 2021

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on the 25th of June and followed up on much of the work which was in progress at the time Jean Wood resigned.

The Bylaws of the Federation provide that if an officer resigns or is not capable, for whatever reason, of carrying out their duties, the Board may appoint a member of the Federation to take their place. The Board has appointed me as President until the next Annual General Meeting. Replacing me as First Vice President, the Board has appointed David McVige, a stalwart of the Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association, to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. We both look forward to serving you to the best of our respective abilities.

The Board decided that Federation dues for 2022 will remain unchanged at \$10 per dance leader, association, club or dancer. No dues are payable for teens or wheelchair dancers. The Canadian Society has not yet determined their dues or insurance charges for next year. No date has been set for this to be considered. A suggestion is that, if clubs wish to budget now for next year's dues, that they allow \$5 per dancer to cover the Society's dues and insurance. This recommendation is because it would not be a surprize if insurance rates increased given worldwide events. If the increase is not needed, clubs would have to decide how to deal with the surplus. For example, it could either be returned to the dancers or carried forward as a credit for next year.

Square and Round Dance Awareness Week will again be the third full week of September, the 19th to 25th, and the wording of the declaration by the Lieutenant Governor is currently subject to negotiation with the Province. Events can be planned around these dates. Since Clog Dancing has an enduring presence alongside squares and rounds, this year the Executive voted to include this genre in the name of our week. It is to be declared Square, Round and Clog Dance Awareness Week.

The Board was pleased to accept Blair Wallace's offer to assist our Webmaster Frank McNeil (both of Region 2) with work on the website. Any requests concerning the website should still be addressed to Frank (fmcneil@shaw.ca).

With the passing of Ken Crisp, Norman Cox will be replacing him on the Sillery Award Committee. That committee has the power to appoint its own chairman and Alex Wotherspoon of Region 1, a Director at Large, has been appointed by his fellow members to that position. Any questions concerning the committee or recommendations for the award should now be addressed to Alex by email at ajwotherspoon@shaw.ca\_

Norm is also serving on the Executive committee once again as Past President.

Two important motions were proposed by Pat Zeeman, our Treasurer, and approved by the Board for recommendation to our members. Both provided for additional grants to assist clubs starting up post COVID. Because of the amounts involved, voting member ratification of the motions is required. Documents seeking ratification or rejection were forwarded to voting members on June 30th and a number of returns have already been received. If approved by a majority, application instructions shall follow shortly.

If approved, these grants are in addition to any others already available through the Federation.

A further very important motion was passed dissolving the SquareUp BC Committee, the Social Media Paid Advertising Committee and the 1-800 Committee. All have been led for more than 30 years by Brian Elmer from West Kelowna. His work has been continuous, enthusiastic and unremitting. However, it was felt that rewards in the form of new dancers on the floor, disappointingly, were not reflected in the very great effort which Brian has made. The Board passed a unanimous resolution expressing its very sincere thanks and appreciation for Brian's years of effort devoted to this task which was for the benefit of us all.

In place of those committees a new one is being formed called the Marketing Initiatives Committee. Your Federation is seeking members willing to participate and help with the committee which will report to Peter Tennant, the 2nd Vice President. The responsibilities of that committee are attached as an appendix to this newsletter. We particularly hope to find dancers with background and experience in promotion, sales and/or marketing volunteering.

The hold placed on the Round of the Month last October has been rescinded. So that programme is once again in full operation for those Round Dance clubs which have already restarted and for all other clubs as they restart. Our Round Dance Committee Chair, Connie Ritchie of Region 8, may be contacted for further information at con\_al\_r@telus.net.

The Board was informed that COVID has created some confusion with the fees that our dance leaders pay to Resound, Socan and Entandem to be licensed to play music for our dances. Caller Garry Dodds of Region 1 is pursuing inquiries to clarify the current position and will advise us as soon as possible.

Although I have not discussed COVID directly in this newsletter, it has been reflected in almost all of our discussions, decisions and actions. Further emphasis is not required. We all look forward to returning to the dance floor again with its socializing, fun, and healthy activity.

On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge the work done by my fellow Executive members to ensure that the work of the Federation has continued despite everything which has happened.

The Directors at Large in serving us all in their role as liaison between the regions and the Federation have provided a useful check and balance to the Executive and I would like to thank them for the consideration of our proposals and for the ideas they have brought forward.

Dennis Sutton President

250-652-9271 dsutton9@telus.net

# British Columbia Square and Round Dance Federation Newsletter, September 2021

I am very pleased that some of our round dancers are on the floor again, leading the way to the resumption of our activities. I am looking forward to squares following them very soon. It is true that round dances are easier to hold and maintain compliance with the health regulations currently in effect. However, it is also correct to say that the fact that these clubs have restarted successfully can be taken as an indication that our fellow dancers are able, willing and ready to enjoy dancing once more.

As the resumption of dancing will be by and through clubs, most of the balance of this newsletter is a reminder and guide to them. You should read on for your own interest. No club is stronger than its members and your participation has always been, and will continue to be, the key to its success. Therefore, please contact your club executive, caller or cuer (dependent on how your club is organized) and offer your assistance with the efforts needed in restarting. Our aim has to be to emerge from the pandemic with renewed enthusiasm and vigour.

Although Stage 4 of the COVID activity resumption has not yet been announced, now is the time to re engage with your club members, to let them know that you are ready to welcome them once more and, at the same time, to ensure that you have the planning completed which will be necessary for restart. Do not forget that Blair Wallace has volunteered to review any restart plans which you may wish to submit to

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him and which will assist in ensuring you're in compliance with current regulations.

You have been advised by our secretary, Wendy Krueger, of grants the BCSRDF is making available as a major tool in assisting you with the costs of start-up. So far only a few grant applications have been received. I would like to remind you that these are true grants and are not a form of loan and, therefore do not have to be repaid. The first, called the Restart Grant, is designed to help you with expenses, such as additional materials which may be required like wipes, disinfectants and other costs which are necessary to comply with maintaining a virus free environment. The other grant, called the Class Advertising Grant, is available to clubs to assist with advertising costs of restarting a new dancer class. This grant is available in addition to the New Dancer Class Funding Grants which have existed for many years.

For associations, there is a block grant available for them to use in assisting member clubs with advertising costs in attracting new dancers (and possibly some who may have dropped out a while ago and would like to return). How it is used is up to each association whilst recognizing that the intent is that it be spent on larger scale promotion and advertising for the benefit of all clubs which are members.

Grant applications should be forwarded to our First Vice President, David McVige, at hiflyr1@gmail.com. I was talking to him this afternoon and he is looking forward to receiving a flood of applications. The sooner these can be reviewed and approved, the sooner we can start cash flowing.

It is never too early to start planning, to apply for grants and to resume contact with fellow dancers. If, like me, you're looking forward to and will be excited to be on the floor again, now is the time to be re- establishing camaraderie with your members and to encourage them to come back to an activity which has given them so much pleasure, fun and healthy activity.

Dennis Sutton President 250-652-9271 dsutton9@telus.net

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A subscription form is on the opposite this ad.

#### **ANNUAL DANCE REGISTER**

SPECIAL EVENTS, SPECIAL HALL, SPECIAL NIGHT, HELD ANNUALLY ALL DANCES LISTED HERE WILL ALSO BE LISTED IN THE VALLEY CIRCLE-ONLINE Please Phone to Confirm Dates

Date	Dance/Event	Club Name	Hall	Contact

## COMING EVENT ADS

The above dance listings are taken from **Special Ads** for dances, meetings, sales and other events of interest to all dancers. For club events where **No** special ad was submitted, check the individual club and dance ads.

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Wednesday A2 7:30 to 10:00m

Caller/CuerRay & Christine Brendzy Squares & Rounds

Charles Rummel Hall 3630 Lozells Ave. North of Government St. Burnaby

Contact: Jack & Yvonne- 604-941-2193

\*Oct. 6, 2021 A2 Fall Startup.

Contact: Where's the Dance.com

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Caller couple Ray & Christine Brendzy Cuer **Betty Berglund** 

Friday Nights 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Contacts: Ray & Christine 604-294-1429 Susan 604-272-2307 Visit the Motiv8ors for an enjoyable evening of

## A-2 Dancing

Wesburn Community Centre 4781 Parkwood, Burnaby



## **Dancing Cancelled until** further notice



## WHITE ROCKERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

14560 North Bluff, White Rock, B.C. Sundave



Dancing Cancelled until further notice

Hearing assist available. Refreshments served.

Come out for a great afternoon of Round and Square dancing. John Corrigan, Dan Adams Jr., and Cuer Pat Meyer

See our website <u>www.whiterockers.squaredance.bc.ca</u> for further details Contact: Diane 604-583-2625





## **ABBOTSFORD "GRAND" SQUARES**

COMING

SOON!

**Dancing start date TBA** 

33889 Essendene Avenue, Abbotsford, BC www.ags.squaredance.bc.ca



## Caller/Cuer/Teacher Heather Reynolds

Contact for Plus Carol S. 604-807-2281 carolswan@shaw.ca

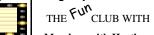
Contact for New Dancers Carol E. 604-846-1234

Contact for Wagon Master Wanda 778-549-0043

Fun and Fitness Singles Welcome



NO SCENT ZONE



Mondays with Heather

7pm to 9:30pm Alternating New Dancers/Mainstream Coffee after Members \$6 Guests \$7 Teens \$4

## **Thursdays** with Heather

7:00-7:30 Rounds Workshop 7:30-9:30 Alternating Plus Teach/ Full Plus with Rounds

Coffee after

Members \$6 Guests \$7 Teens \$4

## Covid-19 Safety Plan - Example COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

We have a COVID-19 safety plan to keep you safe at \_\_\_\_\_\_. Welcome to our "new normal"! These rules and options will continue to evolve and be updated to reflect the current guidance from our public health officials.

#### Assess the Risks

We have identified:

- 1. Activities where social distancing will be difficult.
- 2. Places where groups might gather.
- 3. Surfaces that people touch often.

#### **Implement Protocols**

1st Level - Elimination - Limit the number of people at the studio and ensure physical distance.

- We have cancelled all group activities that result in an elevated heart rate including our group practices and high intensity group classes.
- All dancers, callers and cuers entering the dance will be required to show their BC Covid-19 Vaccination Card.
- Dancers can only enter the hall from \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. Bathrooms are limited to one person at a time.
- 5. We have reduced our common seating arrangements. Dancers are encouraged to pass quickly through the reception area and into the dance hall where they may change their shoes and place their belongings at their own station.
- 6. We have established a maximum capacity of 1 receptionist and \_\_ dancers.
- 7. Group class capacity is \_\_ couples or less to ensure social distancing. This guarantees a maximum of \_\_ people in the dance hall at a time.

#### 2nd Level - Engineering (barriers etc.)

1. We have placed an acrylic physical barrier on our reception desk.

3rd Level - Administrative Controls, Rules and Guidelines

Dancers may only dance with their own partner.

Social distancing will be practiced at all times throughout the hall.

#### 4th Level - PPE

- 1. Masks are mandatory when entering the dance hall and must be worn by all individuals when in a room with another person present.
- Masks are required in all common areas of the dance hall (maybe a requirement of the hall owner / facility)
- 3. Masks are mandatory for callers/cuers and dancers in a group class.

## Cleaning & Hygiene

- 1. Everyone must sanitize their hands upon entering the studio.
- Tables and other commonly touched surfaces such as door knobs, bathroom doors, faucets, tables, reception counter are sanitized regularly.
- 3. Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the dance hall. One at the entrance, and \_\_ in the main ballroom.
- We have closed our kitchenette and dancers must come prepared with their own water bottle if they feel they will need to drink during their visit.

#### **Develop Policies**

1. We ask that anyone showing or feeling symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 10 days stay home.

## **Develop Communication Plans & Training**

- We have posted signage at our front entrance restricting anyone feeling symptoms of COVID-19.
- 2. We have posted our COVID-19 safety plan in the halland on our website.

#### Monitor

- We will continue to follow the guidance of our local health authorities on best practices and rules around COVID-19 in BC.
- We continue to evaluate the risks at our dance lessons and make changes to ensure the safety of everyone who visits.

#### Assess and Address Risks for Reopening

1. Prior to resuming, we fully reviewed our operations and implemented protocols and procedures to ensure the health and safety of all dancers, callers and cuers.