

The History of the Fraser Valley Square and  
Round Dance Association

And

Valley Circle

1959 – 2019

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## 1959

- The Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association was brought into being on March 1, 1959 under the name of Lower Fraser Valley Square Dance Association. Whalley Whirlaways and The Country Cousins were founding members of the Association.
- Jesse Brown called a meeting for March 11, 1959 in his home to discuss the situation and try to form an Association for the Fraser Valley. All present were in complete accord but it was felt in order to explore all angles we should have a series of meetings to draft By Laws, etc. before actually setting the Association in motion. Finally at the May meeting with Jesse Brown as President, Lloyd Wooden became Vice, the Treasurer was Don Hardie.
- One of the first objects of the Association was to try and co-ordinate the Valley Clubs so that all would be teaching the same Rounds, induce Callers to get together and test out their material with one another so that inter club visits would be more fun.
- “How do we raise money” to carry on? It was decided for clubs to participate they would be asked to take out a membership in the Association for \$2.00 and individual couples would be given the opportunity to join also for \$2.00 per year.
- The first Association Jamboree was held on May 15, 1959 at the old South Westminster Hall. Jesse brown was the caller. The first Jamboree was a weekend event. Friday night for newer dancers, on Saturday, at West Whalley Junior High for more advanced dancers. The callers that assisted were Pete Prentice from Vancouver, Glen Barr and Bob Schneider from Bellingham. Also helping were Charlie MacGillivray and Ted Chipperfield.
- The Association sponsored a dance on the first Saturday of each month. During the intermission a club (predetermined, of course) would provide a skit with a square dance theme.

## 1960

- May 1960, the first issue of the Valley Circle came out. A modest effort – 1 sheet and around 50 copies were run off by Roy & Betty Eckert on their company Gestetner. Editors were Maurice and Etta Reitz. It was first called “Lower Fraser Valley Square Dance Association Bulletin”. With the help of the proprietor of a printing firm in Whalley, the name Valley Circle was suggested, which seemed very appropriate and with the further addition of interlocking squares to identify it with square dancing. This heading was done in red to add colour to the black and white of the text. The printer agreed to supply the paper complete with imprinted heading for a very reasonable price. (Second class postage rate was two cents a copy.)
- October 16, 1960 – marked the formation of the Lower Fraser Valley Callers Association. Charlie MacGillivray was elected President and Joy Hardie acted as Secretary-Treasurer. They decided their meetings would be every third Sunday of each month and they would choose a new Round each month.
- The Dancers Association decided to continue with two dances a month but to have the first one especially for new dancers. Advanced dancers were urged to come out and help make the introduction to open dancing go more smoothly.

## 1961

- May 1961 the Valley Circle was one year old. It was being enjoyed by 100 couples. The editors found it impossible to get all the news on one sheet so a second was added and completely filled.
- May 1961 – a change in the By Laws was proposed and discussed “delete the word “Lower” from the Association name. Fraser Valley Square Dance Association passed in June 1961.
- In the Fall of 1961, an appeal was made in the Valley Circle for club reps and new correspondence. The Caller Teachers agreed to contribute a news page for the Circle each month.
- After months deliberation it was decided at an Executive Meeting that we would take to the road with Association Monthly Dances. Valley Clubs would be asked to host a dance each month and it would be held in their area.
- The Old Hitchin’ Post in Whalley was part of the building used upstairs above what was a Cap’s Bicycle store. In the mid 70’s the upstairs hall was condemned.

## 1963

- January 1963 – meeting at the Hitchin’ Post – they decided to carry on with the summer dances at the Peace Arch Park. Bill Johnson was to chair a committee, assisted by Harold Myggland and Mert Rowden to look into forming a basic Round Dance Club. Another committee was established to look into ways of promoting and advancing square dancers in the Valley area.
- In the January 1963 issue of the Valley Circle the first paid ad appeared in the form of a box ad - a third of a page to introduce Lloyd and Donnie Wooden’s new venture as proprietors of Dance Craft.
- April 1963 issue of the Valley Circle some changes were made. The page size was shortened to accomplish two things. The new size, 8½ x 11 meant saving in paper cost by going to this standard letter size, plus the fact that it would be less clumsy to handle than the former rather odd size of 8½ x 13½.
- Teen square dancing was alive and well in 1963. That year the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Teen Town Square Dance Festival competition was held in Cloverdale Community Center. 35 Teams competed representing Vancouver Island, Washington State, BC Interior and the Lower Mainland and Vancouver area.

## 1964

- April 1964 – a decision was made to purchase a Gestetner duplicating machine. The price for a reconditioned hand operated model was \$326.03 including tax and could be paid off in 3 equal payments within 90 days. They had a special dance to recoup funds laid out for the purchase.
- Project Coffee Urns – 1964 – Square Dancers are never stuck for ideas. Association members were urged to save Nabob and Watkins coupons, with a coffee urn from each as the ultimate goal. Eventually, with a cash infusion it paid off. In November 1964, Watkins coupons had reached their goal for a coffee urn. The Nabob coupons were on the last stretch for a second urn.

- November 1964 – Fraser Valley Square Dance Association meeting a few problems came to light and were resolved. A notice of motion was placed by Al Berry to read “No Caller shall be elected or appointed to serve on the executive of the FVSDA”. At the same meeting, Dewar Grand had a motion passed that a member of the Caller Teachers be allowed to sit in on each FVSDA meeting.
- At the November 1964 General Meeting a motion was made and tabled for further study, namely that membership by clubs in the Association be separated from the Valley Circle. This laid the groundwork for the Valley Circle to be subscribed to individually.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday dances were discontinued as of December 1964, to give individual clubs more scope in sponsoring their own dances to recoup operating funds.

## 1965

- March 6, 1965 – Caller Teachers put on their first dance at Newton Jr. High School. At the Caller Teachers’ meeting a committee of 3 were chosen to meet with FVSDA to discuss the possibility of having a weekend Jamboree to take place later in the spring. Details were worked out and dates set for June 1965 at the Arenex, New Westminster. Admission \$1.50/couple for each night or package deal of \$2.50 for both nights. As it turned out, this, our first joint venture, became the Western Canada Jamboree.
- March 21, 1965, Annual General Meeting the FVSDA officially became an Association of Clubs by passing a By Law change. It was amended to read “Club Membership”, instead of “individual”. Each Club would have one vote by its elected representative.
- Sept. 1965 Open Air Dance held at Safeway Parking Lot in Whalley to attract New Dancers – 9 Squares showed up. Pearly Shells was one of the New Rounds in 1965.

## 1966

- One year (1966) after the FVSDA changed to an Association of clubs, 16 clubs were under the Association Banner from Hope and west to the ocean. Also at the meeting, Etta Reitz reported the subscription list for the Valley Circle was 335
- April 1966 Jessie & Elsie Brown were presented with Life Memberships in F.V.S. &D.A.
- June 3-4, 1966 Western Canada Jamboree at Burnaby Ice Rink sponsored by Dancers & Callers Assoc.
- Vic Harris took over the Summer Dancing in Stanley Park which had started in 1950
- In October 1966, the Valley Circle was run off on the new Gestetner which was bought in August for \$848.00 plus trade in of the old one.

## 1967

- As December 1966, rolled around, the Association executive realized that 1967 was destined to be a banner year. Demanding attention for final details was the Jamboree to be held June 1967, which was Canada’s Centennial year. Also of singular importance was the forthcoming Trans Canada Square Dance Train. It was decided to hold the 1967 Annual General Meeting in

December 1966 in order to give the incoming executive a chance to ease into their portfolio very early in the New Year, in view of what was ahead of them.

- The FVSDA agreed to get behind the Northwest Teen Square Dance Festival 100% in 1966 and the Northwest Teen Town Festival was held in May 1967 at the Arenex in New Westminster.
- The big event for 1967 was the arrival of the Centennial Square Dance Train from Eastern Canada that came in on the morning of June 30, 1967. The FVSDA rented the Show Mart building at the P.N.E. grounds to stage a welcome dance for 325 Train Dancers. There were 125 squares on the floor.
- As of October 31, 1967 there were 31 Fraser Valley Square Dance Association member clubs from Squamish through Chilliwack.

## 1969

- The May 1969 issue of the Valley Circle came out with 36 pages and had 600 copies per month printed.
- There were so many things going on during the summer of 1969 that the Association did not have summer dancing.
- September 1, 1969 – Chuckwagon 8's square Dance started
- 1969 – Swinging Singles square Dance Club also started.

## 1970

- By 1970 the Manning Park Weekends, brainchild of Vic & Doreene Harris, had been a tradition for several years (cost in 1970 for 2 nights in the Lodge, all meals on Saturday, dancing Friday evening, workshops Saturday and dancing Sunday a.m. was \$24.00 each).
- 1970, the idea of having a midwinter Jamboree was brought up at an Association meeting during the summer of 1970 and it sparked an enthusiastic response.
- Royal Swingers Square Dance Club started.

## 1971 – BC Centennial Year

- A committee was set up from our group and the Caller/Teachers which subsequently booked the B.C. Room in the Hotel Vancouver for January 30, 1971. The First B.C. Ball was officially called B.C. Centennial Ball – with 110 Squares - 474 Couples. 1971 was the year British Columbia celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canadian Federation. Etta & Maurice Rietz were declared Honourary Square Dance Couple for Centennial year 1971 and were presented with Scroll of Honour.
- For Square Awareness Week, Sept. 13-19, 1971 Ribbons and Bumper Stickers were available to promote square Dancing.
- Sunshine Coast Country Stars Square Dance Club started.
- 10,000 Square Dance Flyers printed to hand out at Square Dance Booth during 2 weeks of P.N.E.

## 1972

- At the March 1972, AGM – It was reported that the Post Office Dept. in Ottawa again turned down the second-class privileges. People were asked not to telephone but get in touch with the Post Office when they did not get their Valley Circle on time. Complaints on late mail delivery kept the Valley Circle on tender hooks. They decided to experiment with a new approach by inserting copies in a plain white envelope with the same postage and lo and behold people were getting their Valley Circle within two to three days.
- Nov. 1972 865 Valley Circles printed.
- Maurice and Etta Reitz received the 1<sup>st</sup> Scroll of Honour.

## 1973

- A change on printing the Valley Circle to “Instant Print” method - Typewritten material is photographed and reduced to a predetermined size and stapled into booklet form by Davis Printing so that it would arrive assembled, trimmed and ready for distribution – more expensive than Gestetner Method. An Electric Typewriter was also purchased.
- Wheeling Eights Club started Sept. 12, 1973.

## 1974

- March 1974, AGM, had a discussion on bulk Valley Circle delivery to clubs for pick up by subscribers (Just when they were getting good service from the Post Office, they went on strike.)
- In the Valley Circle, November 1974, the workings of the new Square Dance Promotion Committee were explained. 6 couples were on the committee – 3 dancers and 3 callers.
- Start of Teen Festival alternating between Seattle and Vancouver areas.

## 1975

- The first combined months (July and August as one issue) of the Valley Circle came out in July 1975. This was because the Editorial committee decided that there was little going on during July and August and it could save some money.
- The July-Aug. 1975 issue front cover explained something new – a Square Dance Caravan on Sunday, September 7, 1975 from Chilliwack, culminating in a Kick-off Dance at the New Westminster Rec. centre. It started with a pancake breakfast with the Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers then on to Abbotsford, Langley and Guildford for street dancing, before getting into New Westminster. Royal Swingers reserved Queens Park picnic area for a picnic supper.
- Post a Bus Signs suggested by Promotion Ctte. on 200 Buses.
- Sept. 1975 showed 26 new and 39 Renewals obtained for Valley Circle.
- Channel 10 to place Square Dance Announcement on Daily Weather Calendar and Daily Jingles to go over Radio Stations Jan. 7-11.



## 1976

- From the Promotion committee came forth the Heritage Dance Company, this group was made up of 16 to 20 young retired square dancers who worked out and produced a Pageant on the history of group dancing from the courts of Europe that evolved into country and finally to modern square dancing. They made all their own period costumes and under the leadership of Viv & Mary Pallot, they traveled widely through B.C. and were greatly acclaimed wherever they appeared. Their "Premiere" performance was on May 30, 1976 at Douglas Park in Vancouver.
- At a special meeting on January 8, 1976 a decision was made to keep the Valley Circle under the wing of the F.V.S. & R.D.A.

## 1977

- 950 Valley Circles Printed.
- Promotion Committee started Happy Face Insignia and offered free tickets to B.C. Ball to any Dancers submitting ideas which this Committee used.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Caravan held with 1 group starting in Chilliwack and another in Richmond and both meeting at Queens Park Lodge for Salmon BBQ and Corn on Cob which was served to 440 dancers.

## 1978

- Decision made to keep Valley Circle under the wing of FVS&RDA
- July/August – Maurice & Etta Rietz resigned from V.C. after 17 years as Editors of V.C.
- John & Bernice Snook became new Editors of V.C.
- At the November 1978 Association meeting, Ken Crisp reported progress was being made on the formation of a B.C. Federation of Square and Round Dancers.
- The Promotion decided to try a Mid Term Promotion Dance on December 28, 1978 at the New Westminster Rec. Centre. They had 25 squares at the dance

## 1979

- The scroll of Honour was given out again, first time since 1972, to Charlie & Stella MacGillivray and Mert and Anna Rowden at the B.C. Ball.
- Oceans Waves Club and Stardowners clubs started.
- Basic Calls separated into Mainstream, Plus 1 and Plus 11
- Aug. 7 – Inaugural Meeting of B.C. Federation held in Penticton
- Sept 7 the Annual Caravan had 3 groups starting – 1<sup>st</sup>. in Richmond; 2<sup>nd</sup> in Chilliwack and 3<sup>rd</sup> in North Vancouver with all meeting in Port Moody for Salmon BBQ

## 1980

- In 1980 the B.C. Ball decided to rent an additional hall at the Hotel Vancouver to accommodate 400 more dancers. That year the Scroll of Honour was presented to Dick & Jeanne Cameron and Bill & Marge Heywood
- One dancer at B.C. Ball had a Pedometre on and recorded that by dancing afternoon and evening 15 miles had been covered.
- A strong bid for the 1984 Canadian National Convention was made in 1980 but lost out to Winnipeg.
- Vic Harris became President of B.C. Federation.

## 1981

- April 28, 1981 Century House Square Dance Club started.
- The P.N.E. Board offered the Coliseum, free of charge, for a monster square dance on the last Saturday of the P.N.E. The only charge would be the individual dancer's admission to the grounds. This was for 1981.
- The 11<sup>th</sup> B.C. Ball in 1981 Scroll of Honour went to Harry & Frankie Somerville and Gwen & the late Bob Fleming.
- In 1981 there were 2109 Dancers and 31 Clubs.
- Changes in the Valley Circle Editors – Paul & Patti Tyrell in 1981 and Dennis & Lee Brawn took over the subscription duties.

## 1982

- The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual B.C. Ball in 1982 saw the presentation of the Scroll of Honour to Viv & Mary Pallot and to Al & Isobel Morphet.
- In 1982 the subscription rate for the Valley Circle was increased to \$4.00 for 10 issues per year. If you wanted mail service \$.45 would apply, plus \$.05 for handling. All subscriptions would expire the same date March 31, commencing in 1983.
- The Canadian Square & Round Dance Society liability Insurance Plan came into being during 1982.
- The Promotion Committee put their efforts into organizing a full summer program at Robson Square in 1982 featuring Mainstream and Quarterly Selections. There was also summer dancing in Bear Creek Park in Surrey. The Heritage Dance Company disbanded in 1982.
- The First Annual Dancer Register was in the Valley Circle with 12 entries
- Dec. 28, 1982 Annual New Dancer Jamboree.

## 1983 & 1984

- February 1983, the B.C. Ball had 764 in attendance to see the Scroll of Honour being presented to Svend & Edna Hansen and Pete & Vivian Prentice.
- The Promotion Committee Leadership Convention in November 1983 put together by Brian & Loraine was a success. It did a lot to bring a sense of harmony to callers and dancers.
- At the December 1983 Association meeting, Jeanne Payment outlined the plans for “Rally at the River”, to be funded by New Westminster to tie in with Expo ‘86.
- With January 1984, came the announcement that the B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation would sponsor and stage Festival ’85. Svend & Edna Hansen would be the chair and Jim & Marg McPherson – co-general chair.
- An added feature at the Ball in 1984 was Promotional Tables in the foyer outside the main ballroom. Ted & Jean Lewis were presented the Scroll of Honour that year.
- Maurice Rietz came back to the Valley Circle in 1984 with his column call “Flashback”. He wrote this column until November 1993.
- There was a special Club for Blind Dancers called Swinging Sea-Ni bs, the brain child of Art & Janet Cooke, which met at the CNIB Hall in Vancouver every Friday evening.

## 1985

- At the 1985 B.C. Ball, the Scrolls of Honour were presented to Dick & Esther Bothwell and John & Bernice Snook.
- The 1985 FVS&RDA Annual General Meeting in March coincided with the Valley Circle 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and it was decided to hold a dance to honour both events. Ross & Jackie Chaston were the Editor Couple. After a very short tenure, the Chatson’s had to give up the editorship. Alex & Jean Galbraith stepped up to fill this position ably, starting with the December 1985 issue.
- Festival 1985 had over 1500 Pre-Registered Dancers and the event was held at the P.N.E. complex June 27 – 29.
- The Red Phone – first notice on the back of the Valley Circle was the April 1985 issue. This was used for current Dancing Information.
- November 3, 1985 at the General Meeting, it was discussed to have the FVS&RDA advise the B.C. Federation that our Association agrees to the proposal of putting together a bid to have the Canadian National Convention in Vancouver in 1990.

## 1986

- In 1986, the FVS&RDA became the proud owners of a photocopier machine. Clubs could use it for a fee to print their flyers and newsletters.
- At the B.C. Ball, the Scroll of Honour was awarded to Vic & Doreene Harris.
- In the summer of 1986 Summer Dancing in Robson Square was cancelled due to the Expo ’86 programs. There was Summer Dancing at Burnaby Lake Pavilion.

- June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 5, 1986, Rally by the River” was very successful. It was held at the New Westminster Sr. High School.
- Vancouver was awarded the National Convention 1990! An open meeting was held in November 1986 to get the ball rolling.
- President’s Message February 1986, Bill & Jean Regan reported that the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association would be awarding a 25 year dangle to all dancers who had danced 25 years though not necessarily consecutive years. Colors would be blue & silver, colours of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## 1987

- The Hotel Vancouver put in a new carpet in the Ballroom. The Ball sold 839 tickets. The 1987 Scroll of Honour went to Brian & Loraine Murdoch.
- The Promotion Committee put out over 5,000 New Dancer Promotion pieces, and approached TV, Cablevision, Radio and Local Papers to promote New Dancer Classes in 1987.
- We had a new place to go Summer Dancing and that was at the B.C. Plaza of Nations at the Expo ‘86 site.

## 1988

- There was a new format at the 1988 B.C. Ball, they even had TV coverage. Charlie Walkinsaw & Sharel Goss and Bert & Lillian Watts received the Scroll of Honour.
- The Promotion Committee in April 1988 put on a fund-raising dance to help pay for pamphlets, posters, mailing and other promotions.
- March 25, 1988 there was a special function at the Trade & Convention Centre, hosted by BC Economic Development Minister, the Honourable Grace McCarthy for Convention ‘90. The Program included Square Dancing, refreshments and a tour of the facilities.
- In the summer of 1988, a group of 76 Square Dancers came from Germany. They were billeted with Fraser Valley Dancers and the FVS&RDA put on a dance for the group at Burnaby Lake Pavilion.
- Stanley Park’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – had a free Square Dance in June 1988 at Brockton Oval. This was put on by the Promotion Committee. They also took part in Discovery Days at Britannia Mines and put on a half time show at the B.C. Lions Football Game in July.
- The Association had a good year in 1988. The number of clubs increased to 72 and membership to approximately 4,500.

## 1989

- The B.C. Ball in 1989 changed from February to January and was a sellout. Scroll of Honour was presented to Jim & Marg McPherson and Jim & Hazel Clark.
- ...and Sew On! – A sewing Column was included as a monthly column in the Valley Circle in January 1989.

## 1990

- The November 1989 Valley Circle had the B.C. Ball sold out for January 13, 1990, already. This year the Scroll of Honour was given to three deserving couples, Jack & Billie Wilson, Al & Joy Berry, Wally & Joyce West.
- The Office of the Mayor of Vancouver, B.C. sent out a Proclamation: Square Dance Week, July 23-29, 1990, signed by Gordon Campbell, Mayor.
- The FVS&RDA put on the Trail-in Dance to Convention '90 at the West End Community Centre. The 7<sup>th</sup> Canadian National Square Dance Convention, Convention '90, at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre had 7,000 dancers. We were the first group to rent the entire premises. Svend & Edna Hansen received the Award of Excellence from the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society at the Convention.
- At the October 9, 1990 General Meeting it was moved that Bert watts, advertising Editor of the Valley Circle could go ahead and buy Tri Tech Computer and necessary accessories. We came into the Computer Age.
- November 4, 1990, General Meeting, Billie Wilson gave a short talk on Ecology and the Environment specifically the use of Styrofoam cups for serving coffee. We were advised to bring mugs from home to hold our drinks at coffee time.
- Spinners Round Dance Club started.

## 1991

- Again the B.C. Ball 1991 was sold out with 1258 all day tickets and 45 afternoon tickets sold. Sid & Dorothy Grey and John & Sylvia Winton received the Scroll of Honour.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> BC Leadership Seminar was held June 15, 16, 17, 1991 at the Ag-.rec Centre in Chilliwack. All Dancers, Callers, Cuers(Members of the Square Dance Community) were invited to take part.
- In January 1991 Alex & Jean Galbraith – Editors of the VC proudly announced that the Valley Circle was now printed on recycled paper.
- The BC Federation held their Semi-Annual Delegates meeting of the Federation at Queens Avenue United Church in New Westminster, March 1991. There was a dance in the evening.
- A group of Square Dancers from England (70 dancers) were invited to attend the summer dancing at Burnaby Lake Pavilion, July 1991.
- The Dancers of the Fraser Valley were invited to Grand Opening of TradeX at the Abbotsford Airport. Twenty-two squares came for the free dance demo.

- The Dancers of the Fraser Valley were asked to come along to Chilliwack to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian National Defense at the Chilliwack Forces Base. A Military Tattoo was being performed and we were asked to be in it. 7-10 Squares were out that week.

## 1992

- Earle & Anne Bowles and Bill & Jean Regan received the 1992 Scroll of Honour at the sold out BC Ball at the Hotel Vancouver.
- At the Summer Dancing held in Burnaby Lake Pavilion, July 13, 1992 the Burnaby Clubs hosted to celebrate the Burnaby Centennial Night. As an experiment, August 31, was set aside at Summer Dancing for “Bring A Friend Night”.
- The Red Phone was discontinued in 1992 due to resignations and the closing of the location in which the equipment was located.
- The Heritage Committee was formed with Louise & Joe Witiuk as chair in 1992. Items needing to be preserved were costumes from the Heritage Dance Company and the ceiling tiles from the Hayloft, Centennial Train 1967 items, and the 25 year History of Square Dancing by Maurice Reitz.
- The Constitution Committee reviewed the 1981 Constitution and made recommendations for amendments.
- B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation promotion ran ads on BCTV in all areas of B.C. to recruit new dancers. With our Promotion committee following up with Callerlab’s “A New Song and Dance Routine”. We also demonstrated in Malls with video tapes on the new TV-VCR combination that was purchased by the Promotion Committee.

## 1993

- The 1993 BC Ball was an eventful one, starting at midnight the night before when Doreen Sillery went to the airport to meet one of the callers, he was not on the flight. He had made a mistake on his calendar. Ray Brendzy was substituted. For the first time the new Williams Personal Sound System for the hearing-impaired was used. The 1993 Scroll of Honour was awarded to Doreen & Doayne Sillery and to Joan & Ron Watson.
- With only two weeks notice, we had over 200 volunteers to dance and man the booth at the 1993 RV show at B.C. place.
- Festival ‘93 was held in Chilliwack. This was the 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Festival sponsored by the British Columbia Square and Round Dance Federation, Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association and the Vancouver and District Caller/Teachers Association. The profits from the Trail-In Dance were used to donate a Hearing Assistance Sound System to be equally owned by the FVS&RDA and the VDC /TA. The 1993 Annual Leadership Seminar was held at the Festival.
- The Promotion Committee had a booth at the P.N.E. that summer. To pay for the space we had to provide one of the entertainment for the 17 days.
- The November 1993 General Meeting of the FVS&RDA reported that there were 60 Clubs on the Membership Roster.

- In December 1993, the 1994 B.C. Ball was cancelled due to lack of interest in the Ball.

## 1994

- The Village Squares of North Vancouver sponsored a Fundraiser for the Heritage Centre and held a dance in the early part of 1994.
- Canadian and American Flags were purchased and a stand and case were made. These flags can be borrowed from the Heritage Storage.
- In 1994, the Scroll of Honour awards were given to Ken Oakley at the Promotion Dance in Cloverdale and Alex and Jean Galbraith received their honour at the Caller Teachers Luncheon at Sunbury Hall, Delta.
- The Promotion Committee held its first Minter Gardens dance on Labour Day, Monday 1994.
- November 1994, General Meeting of the FVS&RDA we had 2681 Registered Dancers.

## 1995

- “Keep the Ball Alive in ‘95” was the saying for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual BC Ball. This was held in a new location with callers and cuers, at the Sheraton Inn Guildford, Surrey, B.C. It was held on February 25, 1995, tickets were \$10.00 per person – early and \$12.50 – later. A wood floor was laid over the carpets. The Scroll of Honour was given to Jim & Mary Harrison and Dennis & Lee Brawn for all their years of dedication to the Square Dance World.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual All Wheelchair Square Dance Jamboree was held in Surrey at the Sheraton Guildford Inn. It was hosted by the Wheeling 8’s. Floors were laid and taped that were owned by the dancers and callers associations.
- The Valley Circle changed its dates to April/May, June/July/August, and then every month.

## 1996

- 915 Subscribers
- Socan user fees were started in January 1996 in Canada.
- In 1996 the BC Ball, celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> year to a sell-out dance. The Hall was decorated in silver. Contra and Wheelchair dancing were added to the program. The 1996 Scroll of Honour recipients were Suan & Miep Booiman, Burt & June Harvie.
- The Red Folder was sent to all clubs with information about the Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association.
- During the Annual PNE. the Promotion Booth was at the PNE for 17 days.
- At the November 1996, General Meeting of the FVS&RDA it was noted that the Valley Circle had 915 subscriptions.

## 1997

- The BC Ball in 1997 had a new format with local callers. The tickets sold slowly but the Ball was a success even with it not being sold out. Scroll of Honour was given to Chuck & Marguerite Jordan and Bert & Babe Hodgkins.

- The Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association formed a 49ers Club in 1997. The dancers must have danced a total of 49 years and still be dancing.
- The summer of '97 had a new location for summer dancing on Sundays – New Westminster Quay. There was no dancing at Stanley Park or Surrey Public Market.
- The fall of 1997 saw the start of a New Dancer's Class, held at one location for the Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminster, Coquitlam and Port Moody. The clubs of this area helped sponsor this class and it is now called Co-Operative Squares.
- On October 4, 1997 on the Early Morning News on BCTV, Wesburn Wranglers, Delta Sundancers and Diamond Country Dancers performed for all of B.C. to see what fun Square Dancing is.
- The Red Phone was retired and the name was changed to Square Dance Information when B.C. Federation took it over in 1997.
- At the General Meeting of the FVS&RDA in October 1997, Alex Galbraith reported that subscriptions are now at 878.

## 1998

- The Scroll of Honour was given to Margaret Phillips and Bob & Trudy Dallman at the very last BC Ball. The 1998 Ball had out of town callers that year.
- A very generous bequest to the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association by Irene deSmit, was made to make it easier for groups seeking improvement in the quality of Square Dancing in our Region. A Trust Fund Committee was formed to manage the capital and administer the use of the interest only generated from the Capital Investment. Irene was a square Dancer in the Abbotsford Area.
- In 1998 the FVS& RDA dropped the 49ers Club and now have a 50 year pin for those dancers who are still dancing after 50 years of dancing.
- The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific Northwest Teen Square Dance Festival was held at Simon Fraser University in May

## 1999

- In January 1999, the FVS&RDA formed a committee to implement the idea of a Teen Leadership Trophy. This is called the Driscoll Teen Trophy Award. It all started in 1998 when the daughter of Harold & Sella Driscoll wanted to honour her parents on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. The first trophies were given out in May 1999 at the Teen Festival to Matt Alder and Shannon Baird for the year 1998.
- The Caller Scroll of Honour for 1999 was given out at the Pacific Northwest Teen Square Dance Festival 50<sup>th</sup> reunion to Jo & Claire Brown.
- The Dancers Scroll of Honour for 1999 was given out for the first time out of country to Jack & Mavis Polmans at a special dance at the See 7's in Lynden, Washington.
- We had a 1999 Cash Calendar to raise monies for Convention 2000 "Sail into the Century", with money sent to the winners weekly.



- The big discussion has been about the fees to the FVS&RDA, the BC Federation and Canadian Society. This has been going for years and will go in the future.
- There were 2,269 Registered Dancers in the 1998/99 season.

## 2000

- This was the year of Convention 2000 in July. Everyone was working hard towards making this convention a huge success. Colours for the convention were blue and white.
- The Callers Dance was held at Kennedy House, North Delta in January where hard workers Art & Janet Cooke received the Scroll of Honour 2000 award.
- The 51<sup>st</sup> Pacific Teen Festival was held again at Simon Fraser University, where Helge & Elaine Jacobsen received the Scroll of Honour 2000 award for all their hard work with the Festival. The Driscoll Award was presented to Kevin Nottle and Dianna Cook for the year 1999.
- In July, the Canadian National Square Dance Convention was held at Canada Place. It was a successful event with over 3,300 dancers registered.
- In 2000 Doreen & Doyne Sillery were presented with the CSRDS Award of Excellence.
- We celebrated 40 years of the Valley Circle at a dance at Bonsor Hall in September 2000. The Valley Circle has gone a long way from a one-page bulletin to the May 2000 issue of 60 pages. The December 2000 Valley Circle has 1000 copies printed with 900 + subscriptions.
- The Executive of the FVS&RDA purchased Fax machines for the President and Secretary to assist with the communications. The machines will remain with the Executive position

## 2001

- In 2001, the revision of the Red Book started with a new name “Dance Association aNd Club Education Resource” (DANCER). This information book is at all clubs in the Fraser Valley for your information; ask your reps about it.
- The Callers Dance, held at Kennedy House, in February 2001 was the site for the 2001 Scroll of Honour to be given to Hank & Bea Kivits and Ken & Sally Crisp. Two deserving couples that serve our square dance community so unselfishly.
- The Driscoll Award was presented to Nathan Moen and Candice Berard for the year 2000.
- At the Annual General in March 2001 it was reported that we had 2059 dancers. It was also reported that the BC Ball Floors had been sold.
- In the summer of 2001 we put on a demo at Half Time at the BC Lions football game. 302 Square Dancers from ages of 5 years old to 94 years young invaded BC Place to strut their stuff.
- Editors Alex & Jean Galbraith retired from the Valley Circle with the November 2001 issue. The December issue was produced by a committee of eleven volunteers. This was the last paste-up issue.

## 2002 & 2003

- The FVS&RDA was very lucky to have Blair & Virginia Wallace & family to take the challenge of becoming the new Managing Editor of the January 2002 Valley Circle.
- The biggest change was that now the Valley Circle would be completely put together on the computer and put on a CD disc before being sent to the publisher. The Valley Circle also changed the name of the June/July/August issue to the Summer issue.
- The BC Square Dance Federation came to the February 2002 Luncheon and General meeting to hold a Round Table Discussion. Many good ideas came from this discussion.
- Warren & Pauline Digby were surprised at the Mid-Term Prom in December where they received the 2002 Scroll of Honour.
- Steve & Lynnette Edlund were surprised at the Caller Teachers Dance in January 2003 where they received the 2002 Scroll of Honour. They are the youngest caller couple to receive this honour.
- The Driscoll Award in 2002 was presented to Justin Jardine and Elizabeth Baird & Nicole Dube for the year 2003.
- The Valley Circle had a modest increase in advertising rates at this meeting.
- The association supported a radio and newspaper advertising program planned by the Promotion Committee for September 2003 for New Dancers.
- The Fraser Valley square and Round Dance Association presented a plaque to the Penticton Squares in honour of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Penticton Jamboree in August 2003.
- The Driscoll Award for 2002 was presented to Heather Wallace.
- The 2003 Dancers Scroll of Honour was presented to Louise & Joe Witiuk at a surprise dance at their club, the Stardowners. Louise & Joe started the Heritage committee and worked hard on it for 14 years. There was no Caller Scroll of Honour presented in 2003.

## 2004

- The year of 2004 started with a sold out crowd of 200 dancers at the new dance called “The Classic Gala” at the Hycroft Mansion. It is a beautiful setting but we did have problems. Too crowded and sound was not good.
- In April 2004 the BC Federation held their Delegates meeting in Abbotsford. This was attended by some of the FVSRDA members.
- The FVS&RDA held an extraordinary meeting in June about the increase to the BCS&RD and an increase to the Canadian Society.
- The 2004 Driscoll award was presented at Robson Square because the Teen Festival was in the United States and was presented to Steven Rusch and Krista Fergusson.
- The Heritage storage was moved to a new location – a storeroom at 250 Willingdon Street, North Burnaby – the old Burnaby Heights High School This will also serve as a small meeting room for the Fraser Valley Association. John Connolly became the new Heritage Convenor. There were 3 Open Houses held at this location.

## 2004 & 2005

- Plans are going ahead for the 2005 BC Festival in Abbotsford. “Fun 4 U in Region 2”. Outfits are being made in raspberry colours. The Festival will be held at the AG-Rec grounds in July with 800 in attendance.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Classic Gala was planned for January 2005 but it was snowed out. It was planned again for February 26<sup>th</sup>. This time fewer tickets were sold and had better sound. It was not a sell-out but we all had a great time at the Hycroft Mansion.
- In 2004 Ron & Bette Berglund, Les & Carol Brekstad, Ken Oakley, Chuck & Marguerite Jordan & Al & Joy Berry were presented with the CSRDS Award of Excellence.
- The 2004 Scroll of Honour was given to Ron & Barbara Robertson at the Haggis Dance January 15, 2005 and to Dennis Dixon at the Callers Dance in Maple Ridge, January 29, 2005.
- The Driscoll Award was presented to Adam McCormack and Amanda Kindret for 2004
- We are now celebrating 45 years of the Fraser Valley Association and the Valley Circle. We did this with a dance where past presidents, scroll of honour recipients and Valley Circle Editors were invited to enjoy the fellowship of Square dancing.
- 2005 Scroll of Honour was presented to John & Mary Corrigan and Roy and Janet Ballam.
- 2005 a very successful Festival was held at Abbotsford with some 800 dancers in attendance.

## 2006

- 1318 Dancers & 32 Clubs in F.V.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Classic Gala held at Hycroft Towers
- The Driscoll Award for 2005 was presented to Robin Moore and Christina Baird.
- Scroll of Honour presented to Mary and the late Archie Kennedy.
- White Rockers Club which started in 2003 closed down in 2006

## 2007

- 4<sup>th</sup> Classic Gala, Feb. 10, 2007– Sweetheart Classic Gala at Confederation Centre with Steve Edlund and Cheryl Plume.
- Scroll of Honour presented to Les & Carol Brekstad and Erik and Mary Holz
- 1212 Dancers & 30 Clubs in F.V.
- Valley Circle 470 Subscriptions
- FVS&RDA Joint Promotion Committee held a Square Dance Caravan running from New Westminster through to Hope with stops along the way to dance and overnight stay in Hope. The next day there was a tour of and Dancing in the Othello Tunnels with Les Brekstad and Ron Berglund calling. This was Les Brekstad’s last time calling. The Promo Ctte. purchased a Garden Wagon to transport the Othello Tunnel Train Engine through the Tunnels. The Othello Tunnel Train was built and donated by Les Brekstad.
- A very active Web Page was born May 2007 with Robert Ascroft as Web Master.
- Heritage Open House held at Willingdon School.

- Driscoll Award for 2006 was presented to Nathan Ostrom and Sarah McCormack
- Another New White Rockers Club started.

## 2008

- 5<sup>th</sup> Classic Gala held-
- Sept. 12 – 14, 2008 by Joint F.V. Promo Ctte. an Othello Tunnels camp Weekend with a dance through the Tunnels to Ken Crisp and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, after a Free Pancake breakfast, the Caravan of Dancers went from Hope, with stops in Chilliwack, Abbotsford and Campbell River Park for dancing and ending with a dance at Kennedy Hall in Surrey.
- Scroll of Honour presented to Dave & Cheryl Plume and Linda Earl.
- The Driscoll Award for 2008 was presented to Dustin McGifford and Kristen Edlund for 2007.
- Silver Saddles closed down after 49 years; Sunshine Coast Country Stars closed down after 37 years.
- Annual New Dancer Jamboree/Prom sponsored by Promo Ctte.
- 1211 Dancers & 29 Clubs in F.V.,
- Valley Circle Subscriptions 442.

## 2009

- 6<sup>th</sup> Classic Gala at Confederation centre with 3 Amigos – Brent Mawdsley, Ray Brendzy and Steve Edlund.
- Fraser Valley had 30 clubs Registered with a total of 1082 Dancers and the valley Circle had a circulation of 361.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Valley Circle and the FVS&RDA celebrated May 3, 2009 at Kennedy Hall, 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. & 120 Street.
- Richmond Star Promenadors closed in December 2009 after 49 years.
- There were 1082 Dancers and 30 clubs in 2009
- the Valley Circle had a circulation of 420.
- Sept. 26-27 Promo sponsored a Caravan up both sides of the River from Safeway on McBride and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., in New Westminster stopping in Maple Ridge and from New Westminster stopping in Langley and both joining in Abbotsford and on to Chilliwack, Hope and on to Othello Tunnels Campground for overnight with free Pancake Breakfast on Sunday morning at the campground before going to the Tunnels to dance to Ken Crisp calling.
- Chuckwagon 8's celebrated 40 years.
- Square Dancing became a part of the B.C. Senior Games in Richmond.
- Scroll of Honour presented to Ron & Bette Berglund and Norm and Mary Cox at 6<sup>th</sup> Classic Gala
- The Driscoll Award for 2008 was presented to Nicholas R. Brendzy and Lauren Chambers.
- Annual New Dancer Jamboree/Prom held sponsored by Promo Ctte.

## 2010

- 7<sup>th</sup> Classic Gala
- F.V.S.& R.D.A. sponsored a successful Free Lea Vernonica Seminar May 29,30, 2010 .
- Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Square Dancing again was part of the B.C. Senior Games for 2<sup>nd</sup> and last time in Comox Valley as Square Dancing is not a competitive recreation.
- Last Summer Dancing took place at Robson Square.
- Dancing Shadows Round Dance Club started in December
- 929 Dancers & 25 Clubs in F.V.
- Valley Circle Subscriptions 331.

## 2011

- After holding a final Heritage Open House at Willingdon School it was decided that Heritage items be moved from Storage in Willingdon School(due to upcoming closure of school) to a Storage Locker in Maple Ridge.
- Scroll of Honour presented to Ray & Christine Brendzy and Guy & Barb Tryssenaar
- The Driscoll Award for 2009 was presented to Ben Drake and Whitney Stuart.
- Sept 24 – 26 Promotion Ctte. sponsored the Othello Tunnels Campout and Dancing in the Tunnels on Saturday with Ken Crisp calling and Free Pancake Breakfast on Sunday morning at the campground.
- Annual New Dancer Jamboree/Prom held sponsored by Promo Ctte.
- Feb. 26, 2011 8<sup>th</sup> Classic Gala at Kennedy Hall – Western Jamboree with Caller John Corrigan and Cuer Heather Wallace.
- Weavers Club held their 46<sup>th</sup> and last Haggis Bash.
- Abbotsford Grand Squares celebrated 30 years.
- Ocean Waves, Rhythm n' Rounds, Time Step Cloggers Clubs closed.
- Promotion Committee took part in the Wellness Show in Vancouver and did a demo at it.
- Guys n' Gals started
- In December Promotion Committee took part in the Zoomer Show in Vancouver and did Square Dance demos at it.
- 855 Dancers & 23 Clubs in F.V.,
- Valley Circle Subscriptions 369
- Scroll of Honour presented to Dan & Anita Adams and Sandi Poje at 8<sup>th</sup> Classic Gala
- The Driscoll Award for 2010 was presented to Bobbie Moulds and Samantha Adams.
- Robert Ascroft resigned as Webmaster May 2011 and Blair Wallace became new Webmaster.
- Due to high cost of maintaining Storage Locker in Maple Ridge for Heritage Contents it was decided to disband the Heritage items and make them available to anyone who wished them and the remainder would have to be discarded.

- Sept. 17 – 18, 2011 Promotion Ctte. sponsored Othello Tunnels Campout Weekend with dancing in the Tunnels on Saturday to Ken Crisp calling and Free Pancake Breakfast on Sunday morning.
- Pull –Up Blind purchased for the F.V. and cost reimbursed by B.C. Federation.
- Annual New Dancer Jamboree/Prom held sponsored by Promo Ctte.

## 2012

- 9<sup>th</sup> Classic Gala held.
- Ron and the late Joan Watson presented with the Canadian Society Award of Excellence.
- Feb. 18 – 20 Promotion Committee took part in the Wellness Show at Convention Centre in Vancouver and did 2 demos.
- April – New Dancer Jamboree sponsored by Promotion Committee
- June 10 – Promotion Committee took part in Wellness Show at Newton Seniors Centre
- Sept. 15 -17, 2012 Othello Tunnels Campout weekend sponsored by Promotion Committee with Dancing to Ken Crisp on Sunday after a Free Pancake Breakfast.
- 5 Year Calendars sold by Promotion Committee as a Fund Raiser
- More Health Brochures printed by Promotion Committee
- 796 Dancers & 22 Clubs in F.V.,
- Valley Circle Subscriptions 344
- ROAR – Free 1 Day Workshop Seminar sponsored by Promotion Committee for FV Dancers & Callers at Tynehead Hall
- Scroll of Honour presented to Brent & Terese Mawdsley and George & Betty Langtry
- The Driscoll Award for 2011 was presented to Tigist Astrate.
- Sept. 29, Motion passed and carried by F.V. that Teen Dancers 18 years and younger will be exempt from F.V.S. & R.D.A. Fees until changed by motion passed by the F.V. General Meeting.
- Sept. 29 Motion passed and carried that 50% of CSRDS Fee for Wheel Chair Bound Dancers be paid by the F.V.S. & R.D.A.
- Also motion passed that Club Reg. Fees will be part – i) to CSRDS 2) to BCS&RDF 3) to FVS&RDA
- West Coast Square Dance Program (a 10 Week set of classes) was introduced to clubs in the F.V. with New Beginners Classes.
- Valley Circle became available on the Website.
- Co-op Squares discontinued dancing as a Club but had some money in its Treasury. Over the next few years funds were distributed to Wendy Krueger's venture into the Vancouver market, Delta Sundancers, Wesburn Teen Club and Wheeling 8's

## 2013

- 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Flashback Classic Gala held
- Feb. 5 – 17 Promotion Committee took part in Wellness Show at Convention centre
- April 6 B.C.S. & R.D. F. Board of Directors meeting hosted by FVS&RDA(Region 2) at ASA hall in Abbotsford followed by after meeting dance hosted by Abbotsford Grand Squares.
- April 20 –Annual New Dancer Jamboree sponsored by Promotion Committee
- Pens & Notepads purchased by Promotion Committee to be given to New Dancers when they graduate.
- June 22 – Joint meeting of Callers & FVA. Executive held to discuss possible B.C. Festival and other pertinent issues.
- October – Co-operative Squares Club ceased to dance.
- Weavers Square Dance Club closed down after almost 50 years.
- Scroll of Honour presented to Brian & Darlene Penny and Blair Wallace at 10<sup>th</sup> Classic Gala
- The Driscoll Award for 2012 was presented to Samantha Holborn
- September 13- 15, 2013 – Promotion Committee sponsored Othello Tunnel Campout Weekend with free Pancake Breakfast and dancing in the tunnels to Ken Crisp.
- November – Promotion Committee purchased more pens to be given out to advertise Square Dancing.
- 882 Dancers & 20 Clubs in F.V., Valley Circle Subscriptions 311
- Canadian Society Award of Excellence presented to Ken and Sally Crisp.
- Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> West Coast Dance held in Abbotsford.
- Motion passed at F.V.A. meeting that FVS&RDA wave fees for Wheelchair bound Dancers until changed by future motion.

## 2014

- 11<sup>th</sup> Classic Gala held
- February 14 -16 Promotion Committee took part in Wellness Show at Convention Centre in Vancouver but this venture is too expensive so voted to discontinue taking part in it.
- April 5/14 B.C.S.&R.D.Federation B.O.D. meeting hosed by F.V.S.&R.D.A. (Region 2) at ASA Hall Abbotsford followed by after meeting dance hosted by Abbotsford Grand Squares.
- April 20 –Annual New Dancer Jamboree sponsored by Promotion Committee
- September 12 – 14, 2014 – Othello Tunnel Campout Weekend sponsored by Promotion Committee with Dancing to Ken Crisp on Saturday and Free Pancake Breakfast on Sunday.
- 728 Dancers and 20 Clubs, Valley Subscriptions 322
- The Driscoll Award for 2013 was presented to Tudor Ticusan and Caitlyn Brendzy.
- March 1 – Motion made and carried that the F.V.S. & R.D.A. pay for Name Dangles on Four Score and More Badges.
- A Valley Circle & V&DCTA Caller/Cuer Financial Assistance Apprenticeship Program was implemented in the fall of 2014 where a club could receive up to \$200.00/month for one dance year(8 months) as reimbursement for monies paid to a beginner Caller/Cuer.

- October F.V. celebrated 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Burnaby Lake Park with a Luncheon followed by a meeting
- Dec. 27 – 2<sup>nd</sup> West Coast Dance held in Abbotsford.

## 2015

- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Gala sponsored by FVS&DA – Sail Across the Sea with Steve Nosek calling and Anita Adams Cueing at Kenedy Hall - \$12.50 each and teens ½ price
- January 23 – Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers celebrate 60 years.
- Valley Circle Subscriptions 322.
- 816 Dancers & 20 Clubs
- February – Workshop & Free Lunch sponsored by Promo Ctte. for Dancers & Callers in F.V. held to discuss various aspects of Promotion. Very successful and Promo Ctte. to put report in Valley Circle.
- March 21 – 12<sup>th</sup> Classic Gala held at Kennedy Hall. Very successful. Barb & Guy Tryssenaar, who have been chair couple of this Gala Committee, stepped down from this position.
- Scroll of Honour presented to Bill & Vivianne Knowles and John & Ginny Connolly.
- March 25/15 B.C.F. B.O.D. meeting hosted by F.V.S. & R.D.A. (Region 2\_ at ASA hall followed by after meeting dance hosted by Abbotsford Grand Squares.
- April 18 – New Dancer Jamboree sponsored by Promotion Committee.
- May 1-2 Pacific Northwest Teen Festival held in Langley
- June 5-6 – 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally in Valley held in Chilliwack.
- Driscoll Teen Award for 2014 presented at Swinging Singles Dance on June 9, 2015 to Blossom Naing of Delta Sundancers. No male applicant this year.
- Promotion Committee provide “Ask Me” Badges free to Clubs and New Dancers.
- July 5 – F.V. Executive BBQ held at Janet & Roger Pursers to Thank the outgoing Executive and welcome the new Executive.
- Othello Tunnels weekend held Sept. 18-20. There were very few in attendance but a good time was had by all.
- Chilliwack Barn Dance Club – A Clogging Club started up in Chilliwack and came under the umbrella of the F.V.S. & R.D.A. so now there are 21 clubs in the Fraser Valley.
- Nov. 14 – Town n’ Country Swingers celebrated 55 years of dancing
- Nov. 28 – Surrey Square Wheelers also celebrated 55 years of dancing.
- Dec. 27 –Mid Term Dance sponsored by Caller Teachers was held in Abbotsford and well attended.
- Dec. 31 – As of December 31, 2015 Chuckwagon 8’s became an A2 club only and so discontinued their support of the Plus Club.



## 2016

- Jan. 2016 – The formerly Plus Club of Chuckwagon 8’s continued to dance as the “Brent’s Bunch”
- 2016 – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala with B.C. Boys Calling and Krista Baird Cueing. CoChairs – Dave Hammer & Norm Cox
- F.V. applied to CS&RDA to hold Festival 2020 in Surrey and received approval. Co-Chairs Norm Cox and Steve Edlund.

## 2017

- 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala with Don Moger calling A2 Friday evening and plus workshop Saturday afternoon and a Plus Dance Saturday evening and Ellen Robertson cueing.
- Fraser Valley hosted Provincial Festival in July in Cloverdale with 417 attending. CoChairs David McVige and Wendy Krueger.
- In June New Bylaws and Constitution were presented.

## 2018

- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala with Don Moger Calling and Cheryl Plume Cueing for a Friday A2 Dance, Saturday afternoon Workshop and Saturday night Dance.
- Promo Committee held a Workshop called ROAR.
- Wesburn held their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Wheeling Eights held their 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## 2019

- Gala with B.C. Boys Calling and Marg Beatty Cueing.
- David McVige received the Scroll of Honour
- F.V. received a Cheque for \$100,000.00 from the Swinging Singles Square Building Fund.