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*We wish all our fellow square dancers health and safety!*

*Hope to see you on the dance floor in the future.*

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## FRASER VALLEY SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION


### *President's Message*

In these difficult and changing times, we will send a message of caring, patience, and hope to you all. Our thanks go to all our region clubs for cancelling their activities so quickly. We realize that there is a lot of disappointment in the preparation for our activities that were postponed or cancelled but we can look forward to a future time when we will be able to enjoy them all again. Maybe the anticipation will make them better.

In the meantime, there are still a few things we might do to keep our square dancing spirits alive. How about 8 dancers gather their cars in a suitably-sized parking lot, and have a caller in a car close by with a megaphone or loudspeaker. When the cars are assembled in a square formation, the caller can call some simple moves, and following the criteria that the Wheeling 8 wheelchair dancers use for their moves, such as keep right to pass, etc., we could video-tape a scene of "car square-dancing". That might be fun and raise some interest in our recreation.

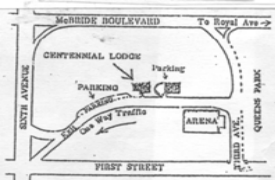
The BC Government has a volunteer line for seniors, which is phone 2-1-1. We are often willing volunteers, so maybe checking out this service could give us a sense of helping our community at large. Also, if any of our dancers, callers, members need help at this time, the service might be a good way to reach a volunteer who can help. Music sharing for those who have Facebook and other social media could be a fun way to connect. Share your favourite song, and pass on some square dance moves you'd like to hear recorded to that song. Lights or pictures of hope in our windows (i.e. hearts, rainbows or whatever) could be a fun thing to do. Share your thoughts with others on email of how you got involved in square dancing, what you most enjoy about it, and what is the first thing you will do when we get going again, and let the Valley Circle and website have a copy. And send some extra support and caring to our Teen Clubs, who have always been an inspiration, and whose hard work, training, preparations, hopes and dreams have been postponed for this year because of the

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## FRASER VALLEY SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Postponed Until Further Notice  
Location: Centennial Lodge  
Queens Park, New Westminster, BC



**ALL SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**  
Bring your own mugs and please wear your badge.  
Please note meeting starts at 1:00 so please arrive slightly before that.

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from Sandi Poje

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**Caller Nicholas Brendzy**  
@Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion<sup>1</sup>

#### **Beginner Level 1 & Beginner Level 2 Dancers:**

alternate dances 7:00-9:45pm  
Info: Pat 604-521-7497

### SUNDAYS:

**Cuer Nicholas & Caitlyn Brendzy**  
@Charles Rummel Hall<sup>2</sup>

#### **Round Dance Basics:**

(Starts with the Two-step) 6:30-8:30pm  
Info: Pat 604-521-7497

### WEDNESDAYS:

**Caller Brent Mawdsley**  
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#### **Mainstream Teach & Mainstream Dancing:**

alternate dances 7:00-9:30pm  
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For info contact Pat: 604-521-7497

<sup>1</sup>Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion 6871 Roberts St., Burnaby

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*Town 'n' Country Dancers*

**Modern Square and Round Dance Club**  
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 224th St. Maple Ridge  
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 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

**If Health concerns improve,  
then join us for:**

**July: 2020**  
 Annual Canada Day Dance &  
 Town 'n' Country 60th Anniversary   
 Wed. July 1 Maple Ridge Senior's Centre  
 All Levels \$12  
 Pre-rounds 7:00-7:30  
 Dancing 7:30-9:30 

**Sept: 2020**  
 Sept. 11 Beginner/Mainstream begins.  
 Sept. 14 Plus begins.

**Oct: 2020**  
 Oct. 12 Dark Thanksgiving  
 Oct. 26 Plus Halloween Themed Dance  
 Oct. 30. Begin/Mainstream Halloween  
 Themed Dance




## Square & Round Dancing in the New Normal

By: Dr. J. Blair Wallace

While we are waiting for square and round dancing to restart – it's maybe time to think about what our activity will look like in what many are calling the "New Normal". The Public Health Officer has suggested that companies and organizations develop their own methods to meet the challenges of the "new normal". So in light of this, I am presenting the following to start a discussion of what our activity will look like when the restrictions are begin to be lifted.

In my professional life I develop policies and procedures for companies that when implemented allow the companies to meet regulatory requirements. The procedure component often requires employees to change how they do things to meet the safety and environmental requirements. In the development of the policies and procedures, the first step is to recognize the status of the current activities that cannot continue within the new environment. So, let's do that with square dancing – once the limits on the size of groups are lifted.... (and until a vaccine is developed).

Within safety planning, controls can be put into place that provide a means to meet the protection that the requirement meets. For example (simplified) – you should not work in a dust filled environment but if I give you a respirator you can.

The difficulty we face is that square and round dancing are the antithesis of social distancing – but can we put measures (controls) in place to meet the purpose of social distancing and still enjoy our activity?? Here are my suggestions:

- Dancers will need to make face masks a required part of their outfits – i.e. face masks are worn by all dancers – all the time;

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postponement of the Pacific Northwest Teen Festival. These are a few thoughts, but we are sure you can come up with many more.

And finally, send a big THANK YOU to all of our health care workers for their dedication. See you, hopefully, on the dance floor soon.

Jean & Alex Galbraith  
President Couple



Valley Circle; April-May 2009 Celebrating 50 Years of the Valley Circle & FVS & RD Association.

## Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association President's Message

It is very hard to believe that we are into the fourth month of the year, April, when most clubs wind up for the season but more and more are continuing to dance into May so please check out the Web Page and Valley Circle for details of the dances. Time is also running short in our Term as President Couple. My how fast those 2 years have gone and now we have just got onto all the little and sometimes big jobs that go with the position. It is now time to move on and let someone else fill the shoes.

Wasn't that a great Gala. Thanks to Barb & Guy and their committee who put so much work into it.

Hats off to the Scroll of Honour Recipients, Dancer Linda Earl and Caller Couple Dave & Cheryl Plume. All have worked very hard behind the scenes.

Now for more Special Dances coming up—

- April 25 - New Dancer's Prom at Ridge Meadows Senior's Centre 7.00pm. \$ 5.00 each Sunday;
- May 3,—F.V.S. & R.D.A. and the Valley Circle 50th Anniversary Celebration at Kennedy Hall, 88th Ave. & 120 St., Surrey, Admission # 5.00. Pre Rounds 7.00pm 7.30 —10pm Square Dancing etc.
- May 31—F.V.S. & R.D.A. Annual General Meeting and Elections 1.30pm at Centennial Lodge, Queen's Park, New Westminster. Every Member has a vote at this meeting
- June 10, 7pm—Come and dance and support our Teens 7pm at Burnaby Lake Pavilion. Driscoll Award will be presented.

Until our next and last President's Message keep those feet moving.

Norm and Mary Cox  
President Couple FVS&RDA


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## **RHYTHM B's**

**Round Dance Club**

**TUESDAY at:**  
**OAPO HALL #71**  
3015 - 273 Street,  
Aldergrove, BC

**SUNDAY at:**  
**KENNEDY HALL**  
88th Ave and Scott Road  
Surrey, BC





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### FINALLY a Report on the "Fiesta" GALA

Red, white and green are the colors of the Mexican flag and decorations for the gala in those colors set the tone for the 6th annual classic gala of Saturday, February 28th, 2009. Confederation senior centre hall was ablaze with red, white & green decorations. The highlight of the decorations was a large red, white & green piñata made by Linda Earl. We held a silent auction for this piñata with the proceeds going to the Heart Fund

Many dancers dressed in a Mexican style. Ray Brendzy, Brent Mawdsley & Steve Edlund each wore either a red white or green shirt and Ellen Robertson the cuer was wrapped in an authentic Mexican shawl. Straw hats & scarfs topped off their outfits. Ken & Sally Crisp and Dave Hammer & Marg Scott topped the costume parade put many others followed suit including Nicholas Brendzy who wore a mariachi hat. As bell & beau of the ball, Lynn Bateson & Tom Robertson led nineteen squares of dancers who gaily danced to "fiesta" music & magic. It goes without saying that the dancing was great and everyone had a great time. Five door prizes were given out and the money draw was divided into three parts and all three parts given to the dancers.


It was a wonderful night but the highlight was the presentation of the 2008 Scroll of Honor. Presented to a very worthy person — our very own Linda Earl. Linda has worked long & hard and creatively for square dancing in the lower mainland and we are all delighted in her well earned and deserved award. It was most fitting as Linda is retiring this summer and moving to Calgary to be with her family. We will miss you Linda — in many ways. Congratulations on your award and thank you for all the work you have done over the years. Linda's position on the executive will be open. Cheryl & Dave Plume received the award for the caller couple. Unfortunately Cheryl was ill and they were not present to receive their award. It was presented to them at Town & Country the following Monday.

So all in all the 6th annual Classic Gala —the Fiesta gala was a huge success.  
Pictures are on the web.

Respectfully submitted: Barbara & Guy Tryssenaar, Gala chair Couple



# CLUB CHATTER



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

As we enter the months of May and June with all the activities making their official grand entrance to the warm summer months ahead, we're encouraged to get out there and enjoy the sunshine. A time when the gloves and scarves are put aside and are replaced by the light summer cottons. Children look forward to the holidays, and teenagers dream of days at the beach. A fabulous time to take advantage of the outdoors but *Guys 'n' Gals* are on a break for the unforeseeable future that may include our Mother's day and Father's day celebration dances, due to the pandemic that endangers the Universe. As of this writing, it is impossible to predict the outcome of these warm sunny days. But it's a good time to remember some positive events.

Thinking back to March 1<sup>st</sup>. A fantastic day with surprising results! A smaller attendance had been anticipated due to the Zajac Ranch benefit that was held at Abbotsford Grand Squares. However, the huge turnout was amazing! We had the pleasure of greeting five new beginners which allowed us enough dancers to form two squares.

Ruby Jaggernath who started dancing at the Valley Promenaders, was excited to join *Guys 'n' Gals* for the opportunity of getting extra floor time. It was also incredible to greet a family of three. Karl, Thomas, and Angelika Meyer along with Mariska Klunder. A big welcome to the enthusiastic beginners who appeared to have a flair for dancing, and were happy to join us at *Guys 'n' Gals*.

March 8<sup>th</sup>: The return of daylight saving time is always a promise of light filled enjoyable evenings. The days seem longer with more hours of fun in the sun. How nice to have Fran's daughter Monika visit us for the day. Monika who had never previously square danced, was light on her feet and looked like a natural. 'Way to go Monika! We may see you here as a regular soon.'

March 15<sup>th</sup>: Several Square Dance clubs, including *Guys 'n' Gals*, had suspended dancing for a few weeks due to the unease of COVID -19. A bit disappointing of course but a necessary action for the greater good. As if that were not enough, Mother Nature in her mischievous way, had teased us once again with a cold snap and high

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winds.

March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Still in limbo as the virus continued to raise havoc on the beautiful cities in surrounding areas. Aside from hand washing and staying indoors as much as possible, the only thing left was to play the waiting game. Square dancers have a great sense of humour, and are in the habit of playing the waiting game. Circling left, then right and never knowing for certain what the next move will be. It's always exciting though, to get back to enjoying our favorite social activity without fear of health risks.

March 29<sup>th</sup>: Watching the square dance videos online, was the perfect way for some to enjoy and to continue practicing the technique, as we listened to the musical singing voices of the callers. Social distancing was recommended by medical professionals, and hopefully, abiding by their advice, our life style can be back to normal in a shorter period of time.

Let us hope the beautiful months of May and June bring some positive feedback. Wishing everybody a safe, healthy and happy duration.

**ABBOTSFORD "GRAND" SQUARES**    **Caller/Cuer/Teacher: Heather Reynolds**

***Honourary Lifetime Caller Couple: Ken & Sally Crisp***

**Author: Tanye Heath**

Here is my short (and wish I could say 'sweet') chatter. Known to be long winded, there has to be a first for everything. When stuck for words for past chatters, poetry comes to mind and here she be!

### **SQUARE DANCERS ARE A HARDY LOT**

By Tanye Heath

How can this be? (Between you and me)  
That square dancing came to a halt,  
Now Chatter is due, but what is there new?  
No square dancing, that's none of our fault.

To keep us safe, is what has been planned,  
A good catch up time, for sure,  
Who thought the world would come to a halt,  
So much for us all to endure.

Keep square dancing strong, within your thoughts.  
Keep practicing with teaches on line,  
Square dancers are a hardy lot  
I know you'll be just fine.

With time at home, you're not alone  
In spring cleaning at its best,  
Computer time, a phone, to talk,  
I know you know the rest.

And so to all my square dance readers,

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The special dates you'll find,  
At the back of this book, just take a look,  
There'll be functions of every kind....(we hope)

Dear square dancers -- have you been cooped up too long? Let's hope by the time you read this, things will be back to whatever is normal for you. Abbotsford 'Grand' Squares Members wish you all good health and happy dancing.

**WHEELING 8's WHEELCHAIR CLUB**

**Caller/Teacher: Tyler Wagner**

**Author: Lesley Duggar and Jessica Hopkins**

In these unprecedented times, we hope everyone is staying healthy and safe! That being said and truly felt, we also hope for better times ahead when we can resume dancing and parties.

The St Patrick's Day party was a lot of fun with members dressing up in green and white and enjoying the snacks that everyone brought. Unfortunately, the Easter party and Pub night/Ribs/Chili cook off has to be delayed. It remains to be seen if dancing will resume in time for the **Annual General** meeting and **Graduation night** on **May 21<sup>st</sup>** and **May 28<sup>th</sup>** respectively.

There is also a **Hawaiian theme** night planned for early June and the last official night of dancing is **June 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Further ahead is the **21st Canadian National Square and Round Dance Festival** planned for **July 29 to August 1<sup>st</sup>**. With everyone staying at home, the dancers must miss the fun and each other so hopefully we will see one another soon.

**CHILLIWACK RHYTHM REELERS**

**Author: Steve Armstrong**

**Caller Couple: Brent & Therese Mawdsley**

**Caller Couple: Mike and Rose Lynn Rohde**

'Hello' again to all for my second attempt at the Valley Circle. I am writing the Club Chatter for this edition since our regular author Rose-Lynn Rohde is still somewhat out of commission due to the injury (and surgery) to her arm. Rose is improving daily and she appears to be on the path to a full recovery.

On everyone's thoughts these days is the Corona Virus outbreak (also known as COVID-19). This situation has created much worry among dancers and they have every right to be concerned. On top of the personal worry is the disruption that it creates to our dance schedule(s). Many events have been cancelled by our Club (CRR) and other member clubs. For our Club, it was the loss of our two events in March (Trifle/recycle night) and in April (Baron of Beef dinner/dance) that affects us most. The next event that has our Executive concerned is our **34<sup>th</sup> annual Rally in the Valley** scheduled for **June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup>**. A decision on that event will be made at our next Executive meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> and the details announced to the dancing community shortly thereafter. As to the health of our Club members, all of our current members appear to be healthy (to the best of my knowledge). Touch wood.

For now, I am unsure about the date for graduating our beginner class. My plans were to graduate our 17 dancers sometime in April but that is on hold for now due to

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# GUYS 'n' GALS

Beginner, Mainstream, Plus with easy Rounds

## Dancing Cancelled until further notice



Tyler

**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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the virus situation. The beginners have been taught all of the 68 basic moves as well as the 25 Mainstream moves and only need a little more floor time to raise their skill level. Considering that most – if not all – clubs have shut down for now; floor time is probably out of the question for now. Perhaps if all goes well, the virus problem will be gone soon and our Club can plan for some dances (and floor time) in the summer months. As for next season, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers is making something of a radical shift for our beginners. Yes, we will still have a new session in September (date to be announced) but CRR will be testing out the 'Callerlab Sustainable Square Dancing (SSD) 50 Move program'. This program will be offering multiple class starts per year – one in September and one in January (date to be determined). My source says that the Swinging Singles, Town 'n' Country Dancers and White Rockers clubs began using the SSD program for their lessons in September, 2019. The Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers have agreed to use the SSD program starting in September 2020.

This year was a difficult year from a membership point of view. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, our membership count went from 79 down to 61 (a difference of 18) primarily due to medical conditions that prevented people from dancing. Fortunately, our 17 new beginners filled the void, so overall we were only down 1 membership leaving our total paid membership at 78.

It was so sad to hear of the passing of Howard (Howie) Long in February. Even though he and his wife Sandie were no longer dancing as Rhythm Reelers in Chilliwack, it is still sad news to hear of the loss of a former dancer.

Our next items scheduled after the Rally are our Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers Annual General meeting (AGM) and our CRR members-only annual BBQ. Hopefully these will not have to be delayed as well.

In the last chatter, I mentioned about our PUB night fund-raiser on February 29<sup>th</sup> and what a success it was. Our net proceed from the event was over \$1,000.00 and this will become an annual event although the venue may change due to the overwhelming attendance.

That's it for now. I am waiting in anticipation for Rose-Lynn to return to her 'portfolio' as Club Chatter representative for Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers where she will resume doing an excellent job. I trust that my Club Chatters have not been too disappointing but informative overall. I do try my best and that's all one can hope for.

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- Clubs will need to provide hand sanitizer at all activities;
- Clubs will need to have single use face masks available for dancers who forget / do not have masks;
- Clubs will need to explain to dancers how to put on and take off face masks (i.e. put it on / take it off without touching the inside / outside of the cloth portion);
- Clubs need to insure washrooms at all facilities are properly equipped and supplied with sanitizer, soap and hot water;
- Clubs will need to wipe down all surfaces before and after use;
- Common / shared food tables will be a significant challenge and will likely need to be eliminated;
- Callers / cuers will need to use their own microphones – and have a separate microphone for the club to use for announcements, etc.;
- Clubs will need to post signs telling dancers:
  - To wear face masks;
  - To limit touching their faces;
  - To stay home if they feel ill;
  - To wash their hands often.

Note that I do not suggest using gloves. Studies have shown that gloves present a false sense of security as people actually wash their hands **less** when gloves are worn. Further, COVID-19 is spread by droplets, it makes no difference if you touch a contaminated surface with or without a gloved hand – and then touch your face.

These are my preliminary thoughts – and I encourage your feedback. Whatever we develop must make dancers be safe and feel safe. Email me at [valleycircle@shaw.ca](mailto:valleycircle@shaw.ca).

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### **STARDOWNERS**

**Author: Dave Hammer**

**Caller/Cuer Couple: Ray & Christine Brendzy**

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Stardowners St. Patrick's Day dance was fun; but somewhat muted this year due to the COVID-19 virus fear. While most Lower Mainland clubs have suspended their dancing, the Stardowners proceeded with their dance albeit with fewer numbers tonight. (see attached photo).

The dancers followed the required safety protocols namely; wash hands after each tip, don't touch your face before and after dancing, try to keep the required distance away from the next dancer when possible and BEFORE the dance, if you have a fever or a dry cough DO NOT ATTEND.

We were short a lady dancer tonight so this writer was required to don the required apparel and become the female partner. (see attached photo). This evening Ray attempted to introduce a novel tip: using overlapping squares. Most unusual at this level; but, interesting and somewhat confusing. After several attempts at Swing Thru



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## **CHUCKWAGON "8's"** **A2 LEVEL DANCING** **Singles Boards in Effect**



**Wednesday A2** **7:30 to 10:00 pm**

**Caller/Cuer:** Ray & Christine Brendzy  
Squares & Rounds

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

**Contact:** Jack & Yvonne - 604-941-2193

**\*A2 Teach May 6<sup>th</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup>. Cancelled.**

**\* Fall startup September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**Contact:** Where's the Dance.com

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and Circulate, he had enough and went back to the regular A-1 program. Well, maybe the saying "You can't teach an old dog new tricks" is true.

Visiting tonight were frequent visitors Donna and Lyle Phillips with Gabe Paradis, and Lorraine Smith one of our new A1 dancers. Thanks for visiting tonight and making up a square, we greatly appreciate your support.

During snack break, there were two announcements; first that funeral services for Werner Pettirsch on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at noon at St. Peter's Catholic Church, New Westminster will be for immediate family only, and secondly **tickets for the Gala 2020 are now available.**

### **Coming events:**

- Due to the continuing problems due to the COVID- 19 virus **all Club March and April activities have been cancelled** until the executive meets on **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.**
- **May 07 Teaching of A1 begins until June 11<sup>th</sup> – if warranted.**

### **TOWN 'N' COUNTRY DANCERS**

**Author:** Sue MacMillan

**Caller Couple:** John & Mary Corrigan

**Cuer:** Cheryl Plume


It feels as if time is standing still because we have no dancing. The days have lost their names; they're all the same. Time doesn't matter for now. We're not going to be late for dancing.

Stop reading this right now, please, and go to Tanye's page, where you will be entertained by one of her enjoyable poems. How clever of her to solve the problem of what to write by creating a poem!

Looking back to a time when we last danced, I recall one Plus night that could be titled, 'Left.' John seems to have included every call he could fit into this evening and

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# 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: Ken & Sally Crisp, Chuck & Marguerite Jordan  
Information: Century House 604-519-1066  
Dianne Lewis 604-274-8120

Dancing Cancelled  
until April

  
Hearing assist available

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turned it into a left direction call. That was demanding of our brains but soon our minds were prepared to think left. He called Left Swing Thru, Follow Your Neighbour, where we had to lead with our left hands, Left Grand Square, Left Hinge and Left Touch a Quarter. He probably called 'Chase Left' as well.' I miss these challenging workshops and am looking forward to the day when we can exercise our minds and bodies as we did in the good old days.

So long ago now, it was March 1<sup>st</sup>, to be exact, Abbotsford Grand Squares hosted the annual Zajac Ranch fundraiser dance. There were five enthusiastic squares, four dancers represented our Club and there was a silent auction with many impressive items for sale. During the final singing call, Heather called 'Swing Thru' three times. Someone in Deb's square announced, "It's Baby Brain." Heather agreed that she was getting tired. \$1500 was raised at this dance, which is wonderful.

During this period of avoiding large groups of people, hugging and hand shaking, all of the clubs regular dances have been cancelled, along with many special dances. We have just learned that the U.S. National Convention in Spokane has been cancelled, as well. Over 1500 people registered for this five day event in June.

I hope that everyone is staying healthy and finding new ways to entertain yourselves, mentally and physically, until we can dance again.

## **CENTURY HOUSE SQUARES**

**Author: Lorna Darby**

**Caller/Cuer Couples: Ken & Sally Crisp**

**Chuck & Marguerite Jordan**

Yellow Rock to all our friends of the square dance world.

With all the self-isolation I do hope everyone is well. This is a trying time but we will get through it and be able to get together in the near future. Seeing as there isn't anything too much so say about Century House as the facility is closed and at the time of press nothing yet about it opening.

So let me tell you what is happening with Fred and I. As had been mentioned in previous club chatter, we are snow birds and enjoy the warmth of Palm Springs. Fred hadn't been feeling up to par with some chest tightness while golfing. We did go to Emergency and got the okay to drive home. Saw a cardiologist here and following a stress test booked for an angiogram.

Well instead of a phone call to say he was ready for pick-up I got a phone call that he was being admitted to hospital. He had open heart surgery the next day with 5 by-

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# AUTUMN SPLENDOR GALA

Sponsored by the Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020**

**KENNEDY HALL - 8870 - 120<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SURREY, BC**

**Steve Edlund and Kevin Thomaier**

**Calling**

**Krista Baird - Cueing**



**WORKSHOP 2:00 - 4:00**

**PRE - ROUNDS at 7:00 PM**

**MAINSTREAM DANCING with PLUS TIPS**

**7:30 PM - 10:00 PM**

**DOOR PRIZES**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**PARKING**

**TICKETS: \$20.00 each & TEENS \$10.00 each**

**(INCLUDES WORKSHOP)**

**NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR**

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Tickets from the people with the "ASK ME" badge or contact

**Alex Galbraith at 604 594 6415**

**or email alex\_g25@yahoo.com**

# A1 - Teach and Review

May 7 - June 18    Thursdays 7:30 pm

with Ray Brendzy

**Stardowners' many angels  
make learning fun and easy !**

**Info: Dave 604-501-0563    Centennial Lodge, Queens Park, New West**

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passes!! He was in hospital for a week, fortunately before all the drastic isolation protocols. It will be a long road, slow but very grateful we are home and he is on the mend.

My heart goes out to those who cannot get together to encourage and support one another. Please keep in touch with your family and friends.

See you in a square eventually.

PS Parking at the hospital in Palm Springs was free!!

## **SWINGING SINGLES OF BC SQUARE DANCE CLUB**

**Author: Pat Gerbrandt**

**Caller/Cuer Couple: Brent & Therese Mawdsley**

**Callers & Cuers: Nicholas and Caitlyn Brendzy**

### **And The People Stayed Home - March 17, 2020**

by Kitty O'Meara the poet laureate of the pandemic.

#### **'And People Stayed Home,'**

And people stayed home and read books and listened and rested  
and exercised and made art and played and learned new ways of  
being

and stopped and listened deeper, someone meditated, someone  
prayed,

someone danced, someone met their shadow, and people began to think differently,

and people healed and in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways,

dangerous, meaningless and heartless, even the earth began to heal

and when the danger ended and people found each other,

grieved for the dead people and they made new choices and dreamed of new visions

and created new ways of life and healed the earth completely; just as they were healed  
themselves.



It's true, history does repeat itself.

The above was sent to me from a square dancer so some of you may have seen it

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before. I think it's worth the read and heeding the information AND looking forward, to all things being healed!

Our world is different now; we don't have control of our lives at this time. People are living on edge, not knowing what is coming next. Anything we can do in positive ways to help our families, neighbours, friends and ourselves need to be done now.

Will our Square Dancing resume any time soon or in September? Will Festival 2020 be a go? At the time of scribing this Chatter, we don't have the answers.

I think of how everyone is managing and always anxious to hear good news or any news. I wish you all to stay healthy and maintain a positive outlook. Our mental health and stability is just as important as our physical health.... Be safe, stay home and maintain sensible decision making.

Like all clubs, the Swinging Singles are not dancing and have no dates to inform you of to resume dancing. I look forward to being back on the dance floor, square dancing and round dancing sometime in the future, with many of you.

Since this Club Chatter is going out for May and June, I would like to wish all the Ladies a Happy Mother's Day and to the Gentlemen, Happy Father's Day.

### **SURREY SQUARE WHEELERS**

**Author: Verna Brown**

**Callers: Steve & Lynnette Edlund (Plus)  
and Krista Baird (Mainstream)**

**Cuer: Krista Baird**

***Honourary Lifetime Caller Couple: Al Berry (January 8, 1932 - March 23, 2014) &  
Joy Berry, Brenda & Lloyd Juhala***

\*Brookswood Hall is a SCENT FREE zone. Which includes the dancefloor. \*email photos and event dates to [surreysquarewheelerspictures@gmail.com](mailto:surreysquarewheelerspictures@gmail.com)

I have to admit, I feel as though I have lost track of time and days. With having not only our Club dance nights and events cancelled, but all the Valley dances cancelled and in fact, the entire world dance events cancelled, one day just blends into the next.

Maybe read that again. The entire world dance events cancelled! What a truly sad, sad time this is. I can hardly believe I just typed out those words. And even though this is a sad time, I am going to admit that just for kicks, I got all dressed up in my crinoline one evening and did a few twirls to Krista's "Cups" on YouTube. And for a short time that lifted my dance spirits!

Then I saw on Facebook, Bob and Dorothy Simpson of Nanaimo, calling and teaching steps for one couple so that those who are at home with a partner, can at least dance at home. I even watched a caller by the name of Mike Dusoe organize a virtual square dance whereby the dancers joined in via video from their own living rooms. Now that's how you make lemonade out of lemons!

I keep seeing posts on social media from our Festival 2020 page that we are still keeping our hopes up for this event to go ahead as planned. Now, I am writing this at

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Have you been dancing for 25 years?, 50 Years, 60 years, or know someone who has?

The Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association has dangles for 25 & 50 years, also pins for 60 years.

Contact: Barb Tryssenaar 604-466-5091

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the end of March, as you know we submit 6 weeks ahead for the summer, so I'm hoping that as you read this, we have since heard that in fact it is still a go!

I am not sure I have much more to share from our Club this submission. I know that we sure could take a minute to thank all our Club volunteers. I know the decorating committee has gotten together (before social distancing) a couple of times making all new decorations for our Easter, Happiness Dance and Hoe Down. I am sure we will see all those creations next year but let's thank them now! Call one up, send an email or skype on messenger.

And how about our Executives who have been keeping us all updated. A special thanks to Maureen Wilson who sends out the emails and gathers all the information for us, that's for sure! But also all the people who send her those updates! Thanks to all of you for keeping us on track and in the loop!

I for one have not given up on dancing during this time. It's what we all love. It's what has brought us all together once, twice and sometimes three times a week and I'm going to keep dancing right here at home until we can all be together again. Please do the same! Dance by yourself! Dance with the people in your home. Dance in cyberspace using a web cam with other dancers. But do promise that you will dance! Stay safe everyone. Do What You Love.

**WHITE ROCKERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB**

**Author: Diane O'Hara**

**Callers: John Corrigan  
Dan Adams Jr.  
Cuer: Pat Meyer**

Hard to believe our Dance Season came to an end so quickly with ALL dancing ending in March with the virus scare. A lot of changes with so many clubs in the waiting to see what or when we might start again. Very disappointing for our dancers and New Dancer classes not being able to finish the required program lessons before we were forced to close for everyone's safety.

I know like many clubs we are already planning for the next time we are able to get together. Possible changes of locations, times and hopefully more dancers doing visitations.

White Rockers are looking at a NEW LOCATION for September which will allow more space for dancing so encourage everyone to come visit us when we are able to secure SAFE environment for everyone. More to follow before September start-up date (IF VIRUS GONE).

Hopefully everyone can have a happy and healthy rest of 2020 and managed to avoid the virus. You are all precious to all of us. Call, e-mail and share from a distance until we meet again.

I would like to thank all the Callers and Cuers for their fantastic calling and cueing and hope we can all get together sooner than September but look forward to events proceeding with NO more cancellations.

**CHUCKWAGON 8'S**

**Author: Vicki Townson**

**Caller/ Cuer Couple: Ray & Christine Brendzy**

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, our Western Night was a great success. The hall was decorated with cowboys, horses and a lovely western scene. Thanks to Jack Power we had a large

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## **FIDALGO FOGCUTTERS**

**MAY 15, 2020** Good Times Potato Dinner & Dance  
**RAY BRENDZY**, *calling* **BOB BERKA**, *cueing*

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wanted poster with Sheriff Ray in charge, some wanted criminals with Katie Bruschinsky as most wanted and some dancing girls. Sheriff Ray rounded us up into squares then taught us the quick draw right hand on your hip, whoever drew first crossed the squares. It was a good thing we did not have real pistols or there would have been many wounded. Ha! Our visitors were Ray and Virginia Tanner, Fred Garbett, Norm and Mary Cox and Chris and Rosa Desch.

On a previous note we will be missing Don Jensen as he is going to have hip surgery, we wish him and Jo-Ann the best. Good news Don had his surgery just before the hospitals stopped surgeries due to the corona virus outbreak. Don is doing well and is cared for by Jo-Ann.

It was sad news to hear that Werner Pettirsch has passed away from cancer. Our hearts and prayers go out to Gaylene and his family. We hope Guy Tryssenaar is well on his way to recovery after his fall. Our best wishes to him, Barbara and family.

This corona virus has taken over our lives, no dancing as we touch hands and dance in tight squares. We miss the camaraderie in our isolation. We are fortunate to have good communication with computers and phones. So let's make the best of things and beat this virus before too long. Hope to see you on the dance floor soon!

### **VALLEY PROMENADERS**

**Author: Wendy**

**Caller/Cuer/Instructor: Wendy Krueger**

Someday, Everyone, in the Good New Days, that are coming we-don't-know-when, the Valley Promenaders will dance rounds again at Yarrow Community School on **Wednesdays** from **7:00 to 9:00 PM**. On **Thursdays** someday at the **OAP Hall in Aldergrove**, we will dance **rounds** at **12:00 noon** and then square dance from **1:15 to 3:00 PM**. It will be such a lot of fun and we are going to love and cherish one another like never before.

As many of you know, square dancers in Washington State were hit hard, very, very hard by COVID-19 and I am so sad for all of us on that account. People aren't going to want to admit they had it, you know. There is already a social stigma to catching this thing, and that makes me sad too.

One itty bitty invisible organism is all it takes to infect a person. It spread widely before we knew what we were dealing with. Now that we know, and governments issued stay-at-home orders and are saturating the information pathways with all the

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details we need to stay well, we have a chance to avoid it. Still, we won't be safe till we have a vaccine and effective treatment. I applaud Dr. Bonnie Henry and everyone hard at work on this crisis in BC, and everywhere.

The data and all the ways it can be examined excite me! I couldn't help myself. I had to do my own math. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, here in BC, our number of new reported cases per day jumped from single digits (except for 03-13) to 30. From that date till April 2<sup>nd</sup> when I was seized with the need to do some math, our average number of new reported cases per day was 58.2. So it seemed clear to me that any day after that we have fewer than 58 new cases was a better day. I am writing this on April 4<sup>th</sup>, and the new cases yesterday, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, were 53, and the new cases today were 29. It would be so great if that number kept shrinking. Time will tell.

I have confidence in the virology researchers working right now to find out how to conquer this new corona virus. I miss my 3 adult kids and their spouses; I miss my friends. I miss traveling to dance and call or cue everywhere I wish to. What will the future hold? Well, I have concluded, without a doubt, we will dance again. We will travel again, and hug and hold our children, grandchildren, and great-grands.

I love you, Valley Promenaders!! We'll be back a.s.a.p. I love you, square dance friends!! Keep the faith!! Even during this time of crisis, please love deeply, laugh long and loud, and celebrate life in some way every day.

### **Thank You**

"I was one of the more than 2,600 UNFORTUNATE passengers whose life was sidetracked by Coronavirus, the global health emergency on board the Diamond Princess docked in Yokohama, Japan. Living in confinement first on the ship and then the subsequent decision for an additional 14-day quarantine at Cornwall Naval Centre in Ontario became more challenging as each day progressed. TO THE RESCUE, "the Swinging Singles of BC Square Dance Club".

I wish to express my gratitude to all my fellow dancers for their support via emails. I missed the friendly fun, laughter and exercise but your endless encouraging words helped lift my spirits. Thank you!"

Marilyn Zappa

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**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
19-Sep-20	FVS&RDA Gala	FVS&RDA	Kennedy Hall	
10-Apr-21	Happiness Dance	Surrey Square Wheelers	Kennedy Hall	604 534-0863
08-Jul-21 - 10-Jul-21	More Fun in '21—National Convention	FVS&RDA / BC Fed / CS&RDA	Sheraton Guildford	
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Please make your cheque payable to:  
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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.



**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**

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 Contact: Diane 604-583-2625



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[carolswan@shaw.ca](mailto:carolswan@shaw.ca)

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 Carol E. 604-846-1234

**Contact for Wagon Master**  
 Wanda 778-549-0043

**Fun and Fitness  
 Singles Welcome**



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**All Dancing  
 CANCELLED  
 In May & June**

**Summer Sundays  
 CANCELLED**

THE **Fun** CLUB WITH

### **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

**Benefit Dance** In support of

**JDRF** IMPROVING  
LIVES.  
CURING  
TYPE 1  
DIABETES.

**Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**

**Featuring Calling & Cueing**

**by Steve Edlund & Friends**

**Mainstream with 2 Plus Tips & Rounds**

**Sunday, October 25, 2020 6:00-8:30 pm**

**Brookwood Senior Activity Center**

**19899 - 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Langley, BC**

**Admission by donation. Receipts for donations of \$20 & above**

**Info: Joyce Lucas 604-464-2473**

## **BRENT'S BUNCH**

**Plus with APD & Rounds - Thursdays 7:30-9:45pm**

**Caller/Cuer: Brent Mawdsley (604-594-8622)**

**Dancing Cancelled for May**

**Hoping to resume dancing September 24, 2020**

**Burnaby Lake Pavilion, 6781 Roberts St.**

**\$7.50/person (Hearing Assist Available & Singles Welcome)**

