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

from Sandi Poje

e-mail spoje@vmails.com or phone 604-459-3220

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

Compliments of the BC Square and Round Dance Federation and
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Now the



"Circle 8's Square & Round Dance Club of BC"
or "Circle 8's" for short

Rounds to start Sunday Sept 11, 2022

6:30 - 8:30 pm at Charles Rummel Hall



Square Dancing to start Tue Sept 13, 2022

7:00 - 9:30 pm at the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion

Caller: Nicholas Brendzy

Cuers: Caitlyn and Nicholas Brendzy

President: Cindy Decario 604-298-5736 – call for Info



Website and Event Calendar: www.region2.squaredance.bc.ca

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Town 'n' Country Dancers

Modern Square and Round Dance Club

Dancing Fridays
Pitt Meadows Community Church
Society Hall
12109 Harris Road Pitt Meadows
7:00-9:00 pm

Website
<https://mapleridge.squaredance.bc.ca>






What's Happening!


John Corrigan: Caller
Cheryl Plume: Cues
John Connolly: President

Town 'n' Country will not be dancing this season. We encourage you to attend other club's sessions until we begin again.

Surrey 7-9 pm Tues. Plus/Wed, Mainstream
Brent's Bunch 7:30-9:30 Thurs.
Abbotsford Starting April 18 Mainstream
Chilliwack 7:00 -9:00 Tues.

****Check the FVSDA for more information.**





Square and Round Dance Club

Tuesdays: Plus Dancing
Steve Edlund: Caller

Plus Review & Dance 7:00 - 9:30
Members \$7, Guests \$9

Wednesdays: Begin/Mainstream
Krista Baird: Caller/Teacher
Full Mainstream 7:00-7:30
Beginner Alternating with Mainstream Tips 7:30-9:30
Members \$6, Guests \$8


President:
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AGM and elections for the 2022/2023 dance season will be held on April 26th, 2022.
The meeting/elections will take place at 9 PM
At Brookwood Senior Centre after Square Dancing. There will be no door charge that evening. Mainstream dancers will be able to join and dance that night in addition to their Wednesday night dancing.

In light of the shortened dance season, we will extend this year's season to the end of May when we will have a grad night for those having completed the full mainstream program but were not previously invited to a grad ceremony due to COVID. Those in the SSD program will receive certificates of completion on Wednesday night the week before the grad night. Depending on Steve Edlund's availability, Hash and Breaks may start in June on Tuesday nights for both Plus and Mainstream with the last night of dance in June being our Hoedown.

Tuesdays
Steve Calling Plus
and Cuing a couple of Rounds

Wednesdays
Krista Teaching
Beginner & Mainstream





Anni & Kris Christensen

Flashback Editor

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Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association President's Message

As summer approaches, the thoughts of travel, visiting, outdoor entertaining, and taking life more leisurely comes to mind. With many of our regular clubs closing their weekly dancing for the season, we sometimes tend to slow down our dancing dates as well. But we would encourage everyone in the area to take advantage of the many summer events in our valley and our province, along with the Canadian National Festival in Ontario. Chilliwack is hosting a wonderful Rally event, and Abbotsford will continue its weekly dance schedules through the summer. Maple Ridge area will again host the Canada Day dance. And there are many learning opportunities and workshops to help our dancers expand their knowledge of the various dance levels. All of these listed in this issue of our own Valley Circle. Give some thought to attending these great events. The organizers will appreciate it, and you'll get head start on start up classes in September. Remember that dances, whether during the season or the summer, tend to lift everyone's spirits. It is a joy to see dancers so enthusiastic about the dance that they are too busy to think if they are learning the moves correctly, or if the others are keeping up. If they make a mistake, and they could now and then, they laugh, and laugh, and laugh! And why? Because they are doing something joyous, something they love. And they remember we are all amateurs at our chosen recreation. "Amateur" comes from the same root as "to love". Let's carry that love of the dance on into the bigger sphere—calling, organizing, curing, supporting. And let's do this because we love it. Let's not get serious. Let's not get regimented. Let's learn to really dance, and dance well. Let's not get carried away with complicated new moves, but continue to square and round dance, and call and cue, and help out behind the scenes - all for dancing, and spreading its joy. Let our "love" of th dance be the answer to it all.

And have a happy and safe summer season.

Jean & Alex Galbraith; President Couple. In Summer Issue; The Valley Circle 2018

This from; Club Chatter, July/August 1982

ROYAL SWINGERS by Burke & Lil McDonald. Caller: Steve Edlund

Hi everyone! Royal Swingers are pleased to announce that our new callers Steve Edlund, the 1982 Pacific Northwest Teen Champion Caller. We are all looking forward to a super year with Steve at helm. Royal Swingers along with their new dancers had a busy time preparing for the Hyack Festival. We were all really thrilled when we were awarded first prize for our float in Clubs and Organizations Category. Thank you to everyone who participated in our Hyack Dance Festival. Special thanks to Ron Hill our president who a fine job as M. C., the panel of callers, and to Charlie Walkinshaw & shared Gross for an excellent evening of rounds. Royal Swingers also

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owe a great deal of thanks to our new dancers for all their time and help during the Hyack Festivities.

Also from The Valley Circle July/August 1982

WHEELING EIGHTS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Thanks to the fine support from all you nice people out there, a good contingent of the Wheeling Eights will be on their merry way to Halifax.

It has been a long hard battle to win, and at times we didn't think we could make it. You, Dear friends, have helped us realize our goal..... Convention 82.

The most recent SUPPORT (May 15th) came from the Richmond Star Promenadors who hosted a Benefit Dance. It started off with a leisurely Pot Luck Supper enjoyed by the Richmond group, a group from Seattle - The Ins & Outs, and Us.

Thanks to. The Star Promenadors for providing the idea, and thanks to all who attended for your gracious SUPPORT. Thanks also go to Jim & Marg Mcpherson, as M. C. Couple, and visiting Callers Eldon Slade, Helge Jacobson, Bob Murdoch, Chuck Rogers- the caller for the Ins & Outs, and of course, our own Ken Oakley, who just happened to be there.

The word SUPPRT, does to the fore again, for I believe our President John needed some extra when he was handed a cheque for \$ 425,00 from the evening's proceeds. He was futher taken a-back by a cheque for \$71,00, from the Heritage Dancers..... Thank you ALL, and well done everybody.....

Your SUPPORT was also appreciated, prior to this, by buying raffle tickets, one of our major fund raisers. We have had a car wash, and now here we are getting new costumes, and just about ready to go to our THIRD Canadian National.....

Edmonton was number one..... Ottawa was next Seattle was fine across the line,

So now ts Halifax.....

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



Wednesday A2 **7:30 to 9:30 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

***September 14th. 2022 Fall Start Up**

***Come and join us for some fun and easy A2 dancing.**

Contact: Where's the Dance.com

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STARDOWNERS

Author: Dave Hammer

Caller/Cuer Couple: Ray & Christine Brendzy

Since the Clubs' restart on March 3rd, we have been getting at least two squares thanks to the Brendzy family helping fill out a square.

On March 17th we celebrated St. Patrick's Day (see attached photo). It was a happy occasion to see dancers wearing their greens contributing to the gay atmosphere. Great to be back!!



Brent's Bunch on March 24th, accepted the Stardowners' invitation to visit since they are not able to dance at their regular hall while there was construction. With almost four squares including a phantom there was a lot of energy being expended. Their caller Brent Mawdsley and Therese were also in attendance. Brent was invited to call which was greatly appreciated.

Over the past few weeks, Ray has been reviewing several A1 tips; Explode the Line, Explode the Wave and Transfer the Column and during one session he introduced the concept of Hexagonal Squares which many members found very interesting.

April 7th was the Stardowners' AGM. The first in person AGM in 2 years. Two past executives let their names stand and two new executive members were elected. The Stardowners' executive for 2022-24 are:

President: Dave Hammer
 1st Vice President: Shelley Brown
 2nd Vice-President: Wayne Dodds
 Treasurer: Sylvia French
 Secretary: Cindy DeCario

Congratulations to the incoming members of the executive and thank you for a job well done to the outgoing executive members.

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Tonight was a very special occasion not only because of the Stardowners' AGM but, it was also the birthday of one of the oldest square dancers in the Lower Mainland, Joe Witiuk. He reached a milestone of 98 years young. (Actually his birthday was two days prior) Still active movin' and groovin'. **HAPPY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY, Joe!!** (see photo attached with George Bugden's also)

April 28th is the Clubs' Year End Dance which will be a **FREE** Invitational **Plus** Trifle Dance with many savory trifles to be relished.

Also, during announcements the President acknowledged member Joe Witiuk, for his many contributions to the square dance community, to be designated as an honorable member of the Stardowner Square and Round Dance Club. (see full story in Letters to the Editor)



The Clubs' A1 Teach for new A1 dancers will be starting Thursday, March 12th and run until June 23rd if attendance is warranted. The first 3 weeks will be complimentary after which the regular dance fee of \$7.00 will be in effect.

At this time, the Stardowner Square and Round Dance Club executive would like to wish all its members and friends a **SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAYS** and look forward to seeing you somewhere in a square – maybe at the Penticton Peach Festival or during summer dancing.

Coming events:

Club social and picnic is being planned – date and time to be determined

Startup in the fall is **Thursday, September 8th, 2022**

CHUCKWAGON 8'S

Caller Couple: Ray & Christine Brendzy

Cuers: Nicholas and Caitlyn Brendzy

Author: Gerry and Brian Catterall

This has been a trying two years for all square dance clubs. Chuckwagon 8's have been dancing two squares since October 6th, 2021 with the help from the Brendzy family.

Our final dance for the season was on April 27th. To make the evening more festive, we served tea, coffee and cake. It was fun to get back to an almost normal night. Thanks to Ray for his great calling, and to Nicholas and Caitlyn for their great cueing. We also want to thank Christine for all her help in filling in the squares.

We will be starting back for the fall season on **Wednesday, September 14th**. We hope to see everyone back.

WHITE ROCKERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB


Caller: John Corrigan

Author: Ping Drage Erickson

Cuer: Pat Meyer


The White Rockers Square Dance Club had a dance on Sunday, May 29 at the Ocean Park Hall in White Rock from 1.30 PM to 3.30 PM. The Club could only secure 2 dance dates with the Ocean Park Hall, our new dance venue, before the end of the dance season, this is the second and the last dance for our Club until September.

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Century House Squares

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



Startup
April 23, 2022

New Dancers: 12:30 - 1:30 PM
Mainstream / Plus Teach: 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Caller : Wendy Krueger
Information: Century House 604-519-1066
Dianne Lewis 604-274-8120

Hearing assist available

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We had 16 dancers present, mostly Club members, but a few guests from other clubs came to join us. We were all happy to see each other, especially after a long break, since March 27 when we had our last dance. We had a little delay with our dancing as certain wires were missing from the equipment that John Corrigan, our caller brought. As a result, we had no music for our square dance. For us to be able to hear the round dance music, our cuer Pat Meyer had to hold her laptop computer and stood in the middle of the room while we round-danced around her. It worked wonderfully well. Unfortunately, Pat will not be returning to cue for us in September. The driving to and from White Rock is becoming too taxing for Pat. We all understand that and we are going to miss her, but we send our best wishes and love toward her future endeavors! Two guests Larry and his wife Janet who had never square danced before, came to see what square dance was all about. John, our beloved caller, invited them to join in a big circle with the rest of us and put them through the very basic square dance moves to give them a taste of square dance. Larry and Janet were delighted with the experience and promised to return in September to attend new classes. Meanwhile Lyle O'Hara, our knight in shining armour, drove home as fast as he could to get the wires needed for the sound system. When he finally arrived back in the hall, we gave 3 big cheers and clapped our hands in appreciation. Now we could square dance to music! A good time was had by all!

Future dance dates have been secured from September on. The White Rocker's Club will start up again on **Sunday, September 11**. We cordially invite square dancers from other clubs to come and join us for some dancing fun on Sunday afternoons. We are a friendly bunch and would dearly love to see you!

SURREY SQUARE WHEELERS

Author: Maureen Wilson

Caller: Steve & Lynnette Edlund

Caller: Krista Baird

Cuer: Krista Baird

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

Well, here we are at the end of yet, another, dance season. And to say the least, it was a very interesting one, indeed!! Due to floor time lost due to the late start, then having to stop and then re-start, we decided to extend our dance season to include the

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month of May for both our Wednesday Beginner/Mainstream dancers and our Tuesday Plus dancers. But, we made it!!!

Some of our members were not able to, or did not feel comfortable enough, to join us this year. We hope that we might see some of them again, once we start up again in September. Our first **Tuesday Plus** night will be on **September 13th** and our first **Beginner/Mainstream Wednesday** dance night will be on **September 14th**. We will be accepting new dancers for the first three weeks (up to, and including, the last Wednesday in September).

Our 2022 portion of this year's dance season started off with a group of new dancers learning via the Social Square Dance program. I am pleased to say that we had six dancers who were successful in completing the program. In September, they will be continuing learning where they left off, completing the Mainstream call list by graduation time at the end of **April 2023**. Also, we had eight 'COVID non-grads' who were able to come back and finish learning the calls required in the first full year of dance instruction. We are so proud of our SSD certificate of completion recipients AND our grad diploma recipients who missed the opportunity to graduate in 2020, due to COVID. You should all be proud of your accomplishments during these trying times and interruptions! We had a wonderful celebration on Wednesday, May 25th. One of our members, a professional photographer, took some amazing photos that evening. Thank you, Carmen Braun!

By the time you read this, we will have had our traditional Hash & Break sessions (this year, for the first two Tuesdays in June) and our annual Spring Hoedown on June 21st. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our guests, some of whom decided to join the ranks of the Surrey Square Wheelers because their clubs were not up and running yet, and to say that we really enjoyed your company and we hope that you will continue to come and dance with us in the upcoming season.

We lost a fellow dancer and very dear friend, **Joyce Lucas**, early in 2022. She was such a fun person and we miss her terribly. You always knew when Joyce was on the dance floor -- her bubbly enthusiasm was infectious! And who could forget Joyce's signature sparkly running shoes!!

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing summer. Happy Dancing!

Please watch the Club Calendar on the web page. <http://www.surrey.squaredance.bc.ca/SSW/calendar.html>

A final thought: "Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance." ~ Dave Barry

SWINGING HUBS SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CLUB

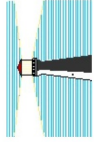
Caller and Cues Couple: Steve & Lynnette Edlund

Author: Norm Cox

President: Norm and Mary Cox

On May 2, 2022, after 26 months or more the Swinging Hubs hall in Aldergrove was still there - even the key worked in the gate and door and I remembered the code to the alarm so we were open again for business. Soon there was chatter and laughter as square dancers started to arrive - then along came Steve and Lynnette and soon the familiar calls could be heard.

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As you know with square dancing the brain receives the message and then has to relay it to the feet and hands so we were all a little rusty but by the second night things started to flow.

Last week we had Swing, Slide, Slip, Slither and you could these calls being echoed through the hall. By the laughter the dancers must be having fun. Yes, we have several new dancers to the Hubs which is good and they keep coming back for more. Steve has been calling for 6 Monday nights of Review, ending on June 20th

September 12th at 7.00 PM we will begin our **Fall Session**. Come join us. We have a great Caller, a nice hall, at 3015 - 273 St., Aldergrove with hardwood floor and plenty of fun.

CIRCLE 8's SQUARE and ROUND DANCE CLUB of BC

Callers & Cuers: Nicholas and Caitlyn Brendzy

(aka) SWINGING SINGLES and COUPLES of BC SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Author: Pat Gerbrandt

Ah, the summer of 2022! And what have you been up to with the easing of COVID restrictions?

Our Club had been busy with the return to square and round dancing since February. We've dusted ourselves off after such a lengthy hiatus; now ready to enjoy the summer with maybe an occasional visit or taking some summer lessons where available. Plus lessons have started at Kennedy Hall on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 PM with John Corrigan teaching. We're very happy to see some of the out of town clubs have opted to continue with their events like "Chase the Fun". Hope many dancers can get away to enjoy the efforts of these hosts.

We are finally breaking out the new name, Circle 8's Square and Round Dance Club of BC, although the "of BC" hasn't been approved just yet! We will affectionately be known as Circle 8's. Circle 8's will be encouraging **New Dancers** to join us in September on **Tuesday** evenings starting on **September 13th**. We will also continue with our **Round Dance Lessons** Phases I and II. New dancers welcomed on **September 11th** with doors opening at **6:15 PM**. Watch for more details on start up in the September Issue of the Valley Circle.

We would like to thank the FVS&RDA Executive for their determination to carry on without a President or Vice President. Don and Maureen are like steady Eddies while Blair continues to head the meetings. Thank you all for your perseverance and dedication in keeping clubs up to date on everything about Region 2.

Since our Election, we welcome Cindy Decario to the position of Vice President and Carl Alleyne to the position of Social Convenor. We continue to have two or three positions unfilled at this time, but we are determined to "git 'er done"!

Please be safe and stay healthy over the summer. It's thought we could have record high temperatures again this summer, find a cooling station before that happens, and be prepared. Until we meet again....

Belated Happy Father's Day to all the Dads out there

"All Clubs Welcome"



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CHILLIWACK RHYTHM REELERS

Caller/Cuer Couple: Brent & Therese Mawdsley

Caller Couple: Mike & Rose Lynn Rohde

Author & President: Steve Armstrong

Hello to all clubs and dancers.

The Rhythm Reelers started dancing on March 1st of this year and it was reasonably successful. Of course, our Club took a hit at our membership count due to Covid and its various variants. Covid reduced our Club paid membership down to 60 paid members (from a high of 80 members) but there are 13 people who have stated that they will return in September of this year. This total does not include any beginners who may join our Club membership in the near future which could ultimately bring our membership count back up to approximately 80 which is our normal count. This year we had 26 starting beginners with approximately 12-13 showing up on any given beginner's night. For most of our dance season (March to May), our beginner's class usually had 5 or 6 squares. With respect to our beginners, our youngest is 11 years old and everyone at our Club just adores her. Our next youngest is 20 years old. The 11 year old is becoming an excellent dancer whereas the 20 year old has had square dancing experience since 7 years of age and it shows. She can dance Plus and can dance in either the man or woman's positions at the drop of a pin. These two dancers are a great addition to our Club. Our beginner dancers have completed their SSD (Social Square Dancing) sessions. For those who do not know what SSD is, it is a beginner/Mainstream program where only a portion of dance moves are taught. Rather than the normal 69 basic moves followed by 25 Mainstream moves, the SSD program teaches 51 frequently called moves. The theory behind this is that it graduates beginners much earlier so that they can participate in dances much faster. Then as time goes on, they learn the remaining moves to complete the Mainstream program. This is being tried at several halls and our hall is one of these sites. The time frame to complete the SSD program is a maximum of 14 weeks (3 ½ months) rather than the normal 32 or 33 weeks (8 months) for the full Mainstream set. SSD may seem rather aggressive but in reality, it consists of 2-3 extra moves being taught per week.

Our hall is now owned by the City of Chilliwack as a heritage site. In addition, the Atchelitz Women's Group will manage the day-to-day operation of the hall. I will say that working with the City – as with any government office - has been a real challenge to say the least. A major break from the 'norm' was our Club switching venues from Greendale School to Atchelitz Hall for our beginners. The reasons for this switch were that Atchelitz Hall has a better dance floor, is more centrally located, has far better acoustics for calling and is less expensive. It seemed like a 'no-brainer' to dance at a superior hall and save money on rentals. In addition, our Thursday beginner classes were moved to Friday to accommodate our caller's new work schedule.

To encourage dancers from other clubs to attend our regular dances, the guest price was reduced from \$7 to \$6 on Tuesday nights and \$6 to \$5 on Friday nights. In other words, everyone pays \$6 or \$5 depending on a specific night. In addition, any person who paid for a Tuesday night is welcome to come to the following Friday night dance at no charge. I am hoping that we can continue this fee structure for the remainder of the calendar year.

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Our Club received a donation from the Lower Mainland Square and Round Dance Building Society. This money was originally intended to build a common Square and Round Dance facility. That project's target funds were eventually determined to not be reachable and what was raised already was distributed to the square dance community.

At the suggestion of one of our Executive members, an 'Ambassador' program has been started whereby retirees from dancing will volunteer their services at dances and special functions. Examples of services are greeters, 50/50 sellers, registration duties, etc. This will enable other dancers to participate in dancing without taking away their time for these functions.

Our Club did a membership vote as to whether or not to show the vaccination (VAX) passports at our hall even though the Public Health Office (PHO) has said that it was not necessary. The vote was to continue to provide vaccination proof for **first time dancers to our hall this year**. This procedure will be reviewed prior to the September 6th start and possibly based on the PHO recommendations at that time. In September, our Club will probably start up a modified coffee/tea after-dance gathering (based on the PHO recommendations as well).

There was no Rally in the Valley this year due to lack of planning time but next year looks promising for the Rally. In its place for this year, our Club held a dance (with our 2 callers) for our Beginner, Mainstream and Plus dancers and it also included a recycle sale. The purpose of the dance was to meld all of our groups into one cohesive Club unit as well as have our beginners learn to dance to different callers. The event included various workshops, a picnic and an evening dance. The entire event ran from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM for a total of 8 hours including breaks. We were also fortunate enough to have received so many recycled clothes that our selection was probably 3 to 4 times our normal volume. In addition, the articles for sale were extremely well priced (most at \$5.00). The Executive thanks everyone who contributed their time and effort to make this sale a success. The dance itself generated a lot of revenue for the Club and even after paying for 2 callers and the hall rental, we still managed to turn a profit of \$565.00. Both callers remarked that the dance appeared to be a success and I would have to agree with them. The dancers loved the format and it really helped to make our Club function as one. Other clubs should take note about incorporating a dance solely for their beginners and seasoned dancers – our Club recommends it.

Well, that's the status report from the Chilliwack Club. Keep **November 5th** (Saturday) in mind. That's our big duet night with Brent Mawdsley and Heather Reynolds (the dynamic duo) and if the last time we had this duo is any indication, it will be great. In 2019 when we last held this event, we had 88 dancers (11 squares). More details will be forthcoming after the summer.

Bye for now. See you on **September 6th** for Plus and Mainstream teach (with Brent Mawdsley) and **September 9th** for Beginner lessons (with Mike Rohde).

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GUYS 'N' GALS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Author: Christine Reed

Caller/Cuer Teacher: Tyler Wagner

Secretary/Treasurer: Darlene Austin

I would like to thank Dee De Koning for all her contributions to the Valley Circle. It sure has been nice to get back square dancing again. It is great to see all our friends and fellow dancers and many visitors.

Wayne and I were able to do some virtual online dancing with Brent Mawdsley and Ray Brendzy. We didn't want to get to rusty. Thank you so much for the opportunity.

We were very excited to have Chuck Jordan and Marguerite come and visit us. Chuck called a few tips much to our enjoyment. Tyler got to dance with us, we had so much fun.

We had a Peter Cottontail dance and some of us were all dressed up. Honourable mention went to Norma Ridler, she even had a bunny tail and to Joan McKeller. We would like to thank Pauline Zacher and Angie Rahberger for getting all our luncheons together and making them special.

We had a wonderful 92nd birthday party for Don Pullar, from the Rainbow Squares Club in Bellingham, Washington and planned by his partner Merle Suian, Abbotsford. Helpers that day were Pauline, Angie and Minnie. A wonderful chocolate cake was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Dianne Wilson for helping Darlene set up and for representing us at the FVS&RDA meetings.

We were very happy to receive a cheque from Sandi Poje from the Building Fund. It will help our Club greatly. It is always great to see you Sandi.

We will be in the **Aldergrove Parade** for Canada Day on **Friday July 1st**. If any dancers want to join us it would be great. The more the merrier. We will be able to dance on the float. We will also be doing a display dance in the **Kinsmen Park** on **July 16th** for the **Aldergrove Fall Fair**. Please come and join us as we all would like to welcome New Dancers.

You can follow us on Facebook. Contact Tyler if you want to be in the parade phone at 604 817 9350. Our hall address is **OAP Hall 3015 273 Street** in **Aldergrove**.



VALLEY PROMENADERS

Author: Wendy

Caller/Cuer/Instructor: Wendy Krueger

Happy summer to everyone! We hope everyone enjoys beautiful weather in just the right amount of warmth and sunshine, wherever you may roam.

Valley Promenaders has become pretty well established in the last 4 months here at the OAP Hall in Aldergrove. Most Thursdays our round dance class has had 10 people, and the square dance session has averaged 17 dancers. So sometimes we've had one square, sometimes two squares, and twice we had 3 squares dancing! We even got a Club badge designed and manufactured in Abbotsford that, I think, looks really good.

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Through our split the pot and recycled clothing sales, our Club raised \$525 that we donated to the Red Cross for relief work in Ukraine. That feels really good.

The Thursday afternoon square dancing will no longer be lessons come our September opening. Valley Promenaders will be dancing the full Social Square Dance program. **SSD dancers** and **Mainstream** dancers are encouraged to come for a visit and dance with us. Come a little early to say hello — **dancing** is from **1:15 PM to 3:00 PM**. The fee is \$7.00 per person per dance for visitors. Those who become Club members pay \$6.00 per person per dance.

Round dance lessons will still be from **11:15 AM till 1:00 PM**. I will find a way to incorporate a teach for beginners as well as continue the learning for those who have had two-step and waltz lessons this spring.

When will our new dancer class for square dancing be held come September? I am working on that question. It will happen!

If anyone is interested in becoming a square dance caller or round dance cuer, I extend an invitation to you to let me know how I can help.

Best wishes again for a great summer. See you in the fall.

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Dear Editor:

At the Stardowners' annual Trifle Plus Dance on Thursday, April 28th long time dancer Joe Witiuk, for his many contributions to the Square dance community and on his 98th birthday, was designated as an honorable member of the Stardowners' Square and Round Dance club.

Joe and his late wife Louise were president couple of the Stardowners' Square and Round Dance club from 1997-98. In 2003 Joe and Louise were awarded the Scroll of Honor. Some of the accomplishments of the couple were; they were Directors for the Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association from May 1986 to April 1987; they became Vice-President in 1987 and President couple in 1989, they held this position for 2 years; in April 1991, Joe and Louise became past president and served 2 more years on the executive.

Joe and Louise were Directors for the 1990 Canadian National Convention, holding the position of chair couple for Social and Special Events.

They served on both the 1993 and 1995 B.C. Festival committees looking after Heritage and they also served on both B.C. Ball and Promotion Committees.



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