



Town 'n' Country Dancers

October 2019

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Newsletter

Upcoming Events

October 2019

Monday Oct 7 NB: Regular Dance Pitt Meadows

Monday Oct. 14 Dark Thanksgiving

Friday Oct 25 New Dancer Halloween

Monday Oct. 28 Pumpkin Patch & Pie Night

November 2019

Monday Nov. 11 Dark: Remembrance Day

Monday Nov. 18 Plus Western Dance with Chilli dinner 7:00pm

Friday Nov. 22 New Dancer Western Dance with Finger Foods

December 2019

Friday Dec. 6 Dark Hall prebooked

Monday Dec. 16 Executive Catered Ukrainian Christmas Dinner & Dance

Welcome New Dancers



"The only dancer you should compare yourself to is the one you used to be."



5 Star Rating

California Twirl



5 Star Rating

Grand Squares

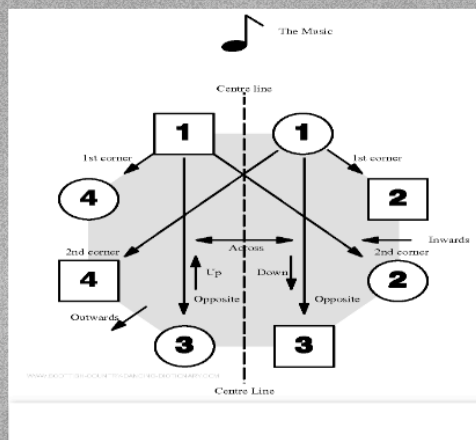
Focus of the Newsletter

The intent of this monthly "journal" is to be of interest to Town 'n' Country members featuring articles submitted by each of us, as well as information re: coming events and Valley Circle excerpts.

Being able to read member's stories and biographies, share in their interests, hobbies and trips can bring us closer together as a club. Conversations between calls are too short to learn about our fellow dancers in any depth.

New Dancers we welcome your input!

Thanks to Maureen Thomey for "encouraging" dancers to contribute.



"John planning a variation on a tip because he thinks we know the definition."

PRESIDENT'S EDITORIAL

John Connolly

Speaking of Singles Board, square dance clubs, of which this one is included, have discovered the necessity of opening its doors allowing the solo dancer into its membership because of the number of walking wounded. A square dance can no longer lock out the individuals who are single, now allowing the single person to become a member of the Club. One-half of many couples find themselves limited in their dancing while the spouse is quite able-bodied.

A big thank you to our caller, Mr. Corrigan, for encouraging the new dancers to place themselves into a square and raise their hand and arm to allow the caller to see which square requires a dancer for the vacant space, and the coordinator has a responsibility to fill that empty space. This scenario can also apply to experience dancers who require a partner in the vacant space beside them. This idea of raising the hand and arm is good idea as the alternative to the actual Singles Board with its list of males and females who are solo, including the rotation of partners for each set of squares.

Now, that brings us to the actual Singles Board, whereby all of those individuals who are solo, and especially the New Dancers who have made the decision to participate in the activity and recreation of modern square dancing. This concept gives the single person the opportunity of dancing most of the evening when many the persons are included on the Singles Board and dancing with a different partner for each set of square when the names are rotated to a new partner.



Posters

Town 'n' Country Dancers

New Dancer Halloween Party & Pie Night

Happy Halloween

Friday October 25 7:00 to 9:00
Pitt Meadows Community Church
Society Hall
12109 Harris Road

Town 'n' Country Dancers

Pumpkin Patch Dance & Pie Auction

October 28, 2019
7:00-9:30

"It will be a slice!"

Ridge Meadows Sr. Centre
12150 224 St. Maple Ridge

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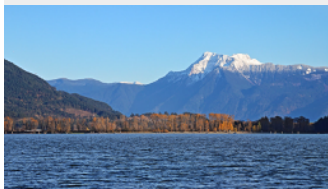
Birthdays

3 October Cheryl Plume
17 October Janet Purser
24 October Margaret Stone
27 October Loretta Teasell
1 November Hilda Richoux

Anniversaries

28 October Roger and Janet Purser
No anniversaries in November

We are going to Japan!! We attended a tour presentation in September and just got word that just enough people have signed up to make the tour a go. It is in May for 16 days and listed as Cultural Treasures of Japan. We have traveled with this tour company several times now and these tours are as stress-free as it gets. All sorts of things (medical insurance, transportation to/from airport, local guides on excursions) are included in the one price. It has always been a very friendly group (they should be square dancers). So...if anyone else is interested or hadn't considered it but are intrigued, let me know (you also get a discount if you sign up before the end of October).



We finally got the RV on the road this summer. Once as a trial run up to Sunshine Valley which is a very nice place with lots of places to ride bikes. We also found a campground just across the Harrison River on the way to Harrison Hot Springs. Very friendly people there and the site we got had a fabulous view of the river and the mountains. There were also lots of places to ride the bikes and explore as the campground is on the left of the highway and Kilby Park is equidistant to the right.

Beginner/Mainstream Coordinator

Debra Dahlgren

"It's October and our New Dancer class is underway. As of October 18, we have 13 new dancers registered for the paid session which runs till December 13. They are all doing well learning the moves John is teaching. We hope many of them will buy tickets for our **Ukrainian Themed, Executive Catered, Christmas Dinner and Dance on December 16**. It will be a fun evening and a great opportunity for new dancers to learn more about square dancing.

I'd like to thank all the Club Members and visitors who have been coming out on Friday nights to help with the new dancer classes. Your support is sincerely appreciated."

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Ukrainian Christmas
Dinner & Dance
Club Executive Catered

Monday, December 16, 2019
Ridge Meadows Sr. Centre
12150 224 St. Maple Ridge
Dinner 6:00pm: Rounds 7:00
Mainstream with Plus 7:30 to 9:30 \$20.00
Dance only \$10.00

RVSP Lucille (604) 380-0130
by Dec. 12, 2019 (no dinner tickets @ door)



Town 'N' Country Dancers
November 2019 Valley Circle
Club Chatter

Author: Sue MacMillan

Caller Couple: John & Mary Corrigan

Cuer: Cheryl Plume

Looking back on this time last year, I notice that our tone was somewhat dispirited, as we didn't have a beginners' class to train. This year, by contrast, we are elated to report that our beginners' class has successfully begun. Thanks to everyone and especially to Deb and Chuck for all of your efforts to encourage beginning dancers to join us. The dance hall is full of energy, happy smiles and laughter as our new dancers find that they are learning quickly and moving to the beat of John's directions. John keeps us dancing at a steady learning pace, slow enough that we aren't overwhelmed but fast enough to hold our interest. This writer is learning the man's part, so I am a beginner, too. It was encouraging for me to hear John tell us that it is easier for a woman to learn the man's part than for a man to learn the woman's.

At our first Plus dance of the season, we had three enthusiastic squares, including some welcome visitors; Wendy Krueger, David McVige, Diane Wilson and Bill Fex. We also welcome Sylvia French, who has become a member of our club. Wendy called and cued during the evening along with John and Cheryl, of course. Val Saunders has become a regular winner of the 'Split the Pot' and she generously donates her winnings to the club. Thank you, Val.

During the first tip of our first dance of the season, we felt quite foggy and many of us made mistakes. John said, "I'm not doing a Plus workshop this week but I can see where you and I need work because we're all rusty."

Ten of us, plus Chuck, volunteered to take part in a demonstration dance at Greystone Manor in Maple Ridge. The hall was full of seniors, and their families including several grandchildren. Our space to dance was very small and so crowded we were worried about knocking over the speakers as we whirled around our one square. In between tips, Chuck talked to the audience, encouraging them to join us for lessons as he handed out information cards. As a result of his promotion and perhaps our dancing, one couple has joined us in our beginners' class.

Roger and Janet visited us during one of our Plus dances. They didn't dance but Roger says that he is beginning to feel better.

Recently John was sick with a cold, so Brent was our caller on the night that was also soon to be our cuer, Cheryl's birthday. There was cake for everyone to enjoy, while we sang an early happy birthday to Cheryl. Throughout the evening Brent had us practise Load the Boat from every possible position, (I think) so by the end of that night we knew it inside and out. Brent suggested that we show John the tricks we learned with Load the Boat. Will we remember? At the end of this evening, we only had six couples left so Brent had us make a rectangle square. Then he led us through two tips of calls that magically brought us back to our home positions with our original partner. That was fun.

What's next:

November 18 Plus Western Dance-Chilli supper 7:00 p.m.

November 22 New Dancer Western Dance-Finger Foods 7:00 p.m.

Note to New Dancers. The Valley circle is a monthly publication of the Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association.

It contains ads and posters put in by the various clubs and contains a calendar of events. The "Club Chatter" for our club is written by Sue MacMillan. Note that the chatter is submitted a month a head of publication which explains why you are reading about November in October.

It is \$12.00 per year, although when you graduate you will be eligible for some free issues.

