



# Surrey Square Wheelers

## Square and Round Dance Club Newsletter

Dancing at 19899 36th Avenue, Langley V3A 2R3

Spring 2020

### From the Editor...

Our dance season is flying by and there is still more fun to come! There are lots of activities to fill the spring and summer. Have you registered for 21st Canadian National Square & Round Dance Festival yet? Please register sooner than later! We are happy to announce that our Re-cycle Sale was a huge success, thanks to Marj and her team of helpers...over \$1500 was raised! And congrats to Steve and Lynette on the recent marriage of their daughter!

### Dates to Remember 2020

Beside our regular dance nights here are a few dates to circle on your calendar for spring

**March 3: (Tuesday) open mike night**

**March 14 to 29th spring break**

**March 17/18: St. Patrick's Theme Dancing**



**March 24: (Tuesday) AGM: everyone invited to attend, all levels dance, meeting to follow AKA AS PUMPED UP PIE NIGHT (PIES TO EAT AND PIES TO BE AUCTIONED OFF!)**

**April 4: (Saturday) Annual Happiness Dance at Kennedy Hall (8 to 10 pm)**

Admission by donation at the door

**April 7/8: Easter Themed Dancing**



**April 25: (Saturday) Burgers and Beer night at the Artful Dodger Pub**

**April 29: (Wednesday) New Dancer Graduation Dinner Dance at BSC (6 to 9:30pm)**

**May 5-19th (Tuesday) All levels Hash and Breaks (casual wear, no snacks) 7 to 9 pm**

**May 26: (Tuesday) SSW Spring Hoedown at BSC tickets: \$10.00 7:30 pre rounds**

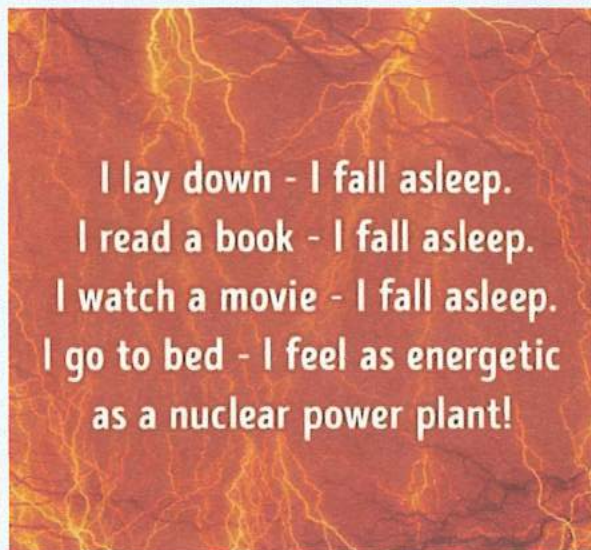
8-10 pm Square dancing with rounds

Please remember Brookwood Hall is a scent free zone, no heavy perfumes etc. please

I don't mind getting older  
but my body is taking it  
badly.



Kudos to Roger Morrow for calling  
for our plus dancers now and then!



I lay down - I fall asleep.  
I read a book - I fall asleep.  
I watch a movie - I fall asleep.  
I go to bed - I feel as energetic  
as a nuclear power plant!

## Annual Happiness Dance

April 4, 2020

Join your Surrey Square Wheeler pals and other dancers at our Annual Happiness Dance. The dance is being held at the Kennedy Hall in Surrey. Admittance by donation at the door and donations over \$20. are tax receipted. The doors open at 7 pm and our lovely Krista will host the pre rounds from 7.30 to 8pm. Square dancing from 8 to 10 pm with our own Steve Edlund. If you have time to lend a hand to the decorating and set up crew please let Roiane know. (roianee@gmail.com) Donations to the snacks and goodie table are also needed and welcome!

## Why do I dance?

For me, square dancing brings back some special childhood memories. My mother always liked to dance so on Friday evenings our family rec room became a place where the neighbourhood kids came to spend time dancing and the after dancing treats she baked. My mom would show us the basic steps and we would follow the directions of a very "twangy" cowboy on old 78 records. I joined SSW 5 years ago at my sister's urging. She told me it was a fun club with lots of great people. She was right! At first I thought I would never learn all the moves but with Krista's patient instruction and help from experienced dancers I am proud (and a bit surprised) that my brain and my feet usually work together successfully to complete the steps. Square dancers are friendly and caring people of all ages, interests and experience. Over the time I have been dancing I have appreciated getting to know people who are very diverse but have a common love of dancing. I enjoy keeping my brain and body active while listening to both modern and oldies music. The wonderful people are a bonus!



Karen Davidson

# Festival 2020 July 29-August 1, 2020

Held at the Sheraton Guildford, Surrey BC

Come and join us and a host of other dancers from all over the world. The 21st Canadian National Square & Round Dance Festival is taking place in Surrey this year!

As of the end of December 2019, there were 576 dancers, callers and callers registered, including dancers coming from as far away as Malaysia and Australia. Space is limited to 800 so please register as soon as you can.

**TRAIL IN DANCE: WEDNESDAY JULY 29, 2020** from 7.30 to 9.30 at the Sheraton (\$5. for registered dancers, \$10. non registered dancers). **Canadiana** themed attire if possible. **LOUD AND PROUD (TO QUOTE JOYCE)**

**TRAIL OUT DANCE:** will be on **SUNDAY AUGUST 2, 2020** from 1:30 to 4 pm at Abbotsford

**OPENING CEREMONIES WILL BE THURSDAY, JULY 30 AT 10.15 am.**

Please go to the website at [www.squaredance.bc.ca/2020](http://www.squaredance.bc.ca/2020) for details.

Cost of event, not including the trail in dance is \$ 130. per dancer, but youth and family rates available too. The official colours of the festival are Blue, White and Green. The Blue represents the Pacific Ocean and the many rivers and lakes in BC. The white eyelet represents BC's snow capped mountains, ocean and lake white caps and the clouds. The green represents our BC forests ( and possibly our golf courses).



*Our recycle queen Marj has several racks of dance attire that matches the colour scheme for festival ..call Marj and pop on over to check it out!*

Dear Auntie Square Wheelers,

I love square dancing but I am finding it hard to hear the calls. Sometimes our squares are so chatty that I can't quite grasp the entire call & I think my hearing is going! Help?

Signed *Hard of Hearing in Surrey*

Dear Hard of Hearing,

Our club (and others) offer a hearing assist device, which is a 2 part system. A transmitter which is owned by the club and plugged into sound equipment & a receiver which is worn by the dancer. Receivers can be borrowed from the club (there are not too many) but best to try them out before you buy one. These devices also help block out background noises, like chit chat. If this sounds like something that could help, ask Jerry or Steve for details.



It wasn't that long ago that we were celebrating Christmas!



And a few shots from our world famous  
Recycle Sale!



We were so excited to be joined at our Valentine Beginner/mainstream Dance by this group of super talented and enthusiastic young dancers and their caller. These young folk dance with the Delta Sundancers Club. IMPRESSIVE!!!