

Here is my **Summer Club Chatter**. It seems to be longer than ever.

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We're thinking of our caller, **John**, who is steadily improving from the stroke he had in March and he is now walking short distances with a cane. John is strong and determined, he has set himself a goal to call for our now famous Canada Day Dance in July. Brent will be there as back up caller. In the meantime, Brent has been calling for us. He has a beautiful, powerful singing voice and his energy inspires us to dance with energy, too. We sure miss John, but it is especially good for new dancers to hear and interpret the various calling styles of different callers.

We love to have visitors and since my last writing, we've had a couple of visitations, as well as the special attendance of dignitaries. Fourteen Swinging Singles visited us, partly to retrieve their banner, but for us, it was fabulous having four squares. Mildred spoke to us at the end of the evening, saying that her club had forgotten that we had their banner until Lucille reminded her. When Peter told Mildred that we happily displayed their banner at each Monday night dance, she was quite excited that we awarded her club so much attention. Wayne and Lynne brought seven Swinging Hubs with them, as well as Sandi Poje. During that visit, Brent reviewed Facing Diamonds with us. Now I will say that it is not only new dancers that can benefit from listening to different callers. On this night Brent described 'Cut the Diamond' from Facing Diamonds in a different way that suddenly made perfect sense to me. He said, "Girls slide together, join inside hands and trade." Until that evening my mind always froze when this combination was called.

On April 1st we had our first Lady Bug Dance. This is in honour of our friend, Gloria Gager, who passed away in 2018. Gloria loved ladybugs and this dance was full of them, from decorations on the walls to songs and creative costumes. Those of us who aren't quite as creative as Cheryl and Val, who looked amazing in their homemade outfits, wore red and black. Cheryl made up a ladybug round dance, which everyone completed with huge smiles. I remember hearing Cheryl calling "Lady Bug" and watching the dancers do, 'Forward, close, forward, kick, clap, clap, clap' Brent sang, 'I never promised you a ladybug garden', the Showboat song, Goodbye My Lady Love, which he called Goodbye My Lady Bird, then he told us he'd be singing a song by Lady Bug Gaga called Edge of Glory. That was especially awesome.

John did call for us since the last Valley Circle entry, and as always, he keeps us on our dancing toes. I've been dancing with the Town and Country Dancers long enough to know that John is likely to attempt to trip us. He is most often successful. Therefore, for example, as soon as I hear the word 'Peel' I instantly tune in to the very next word or phrase.

One night he had us practise Peel the Top a few times then suddenly he called Peel Off. It would be so easy to automatically do the same move as we'd been practising. I wasn't tricked this time, but I heard John say to some dancers, "No, not peel the top, peel off. We must not drift along but stay alert and listen.

We began this year of dancing in our regular hall in Maple Ridge but as most of you know, we were chased out by the September floods of 2018. Happily, we were able to have our last dance of the season at the end of April back in our own hall. In the intervening months, we were lucky to be able to dance in the Pitt Meadows hall. We were honoured to welcome Alex and Jean Galbraith, referred to as royalty by Chuck, at this last dance. They presented the four-score badge to Guy Tryssenaar. He made it clear to us all that he was just barely 80, being 80 and 8 days old. Barb was encouraged to join Guy on the stage but she assured us that she is far too young to ever receive a four score-badge.

There are a few dancers we'd like to send our best wishes. They are John Richoux, who is recovering very well from his surgery, Vivian Murray, who is home from hospital and doing well on oxygen 100% of the time, and Peter Lysne, who has a lung infection. Following our last dance on [April 29](#), Lucille visited John and Mary at the hospital and presented them with an envelope full of cards and donations from club members and visitors from other clubs. John has been given a mid-May release from the rehab centre and will most likely want to hear from his many friends while he continues to recuperate at home. John has been given a mid-May release from the rehab centre and will very likely want to hear from his many friends while he continues to recuperate at home.

Our AGM was held in mid-April. Our president for the 2019-20 dance season is John Connolly, a long time member with our club. He replaces Peter and Lucille, who were President couple for eight years. They still remain on our Executive, having taken on the positions of Plus Coordinators and Special Events/Dance Coordinators. Following the AGM, we had a very successful fundraiser dinner at the Maple Ridge Legion, where we all had a wonderful steak or chicken dinner and a fun time socializing and tossing our toonies, trying to win those bottles of Crown Royal and Baileys. During the evening Darlene Hagel, one of the founding members of Town 'n' Country Dancers, was presented with an Honorary Member badge and Honorary Member Ron Hay once again brought his pals, known as the "wheezin geezers" to round up our number to 49 diners. We enjoy having his friends come out to this yearly event and hope to see them all again next year. Have a safe and happy summer and keep an eye out for emails or check our website ([www.mapleridge.squaredance.bc.ca](http://www.mapleridge.squaredance.bc.ca)) for some extra fun events Town 'n' Country will put on during the summer.

***The next edition of the Newsletter will be July/August.***

***Check the website for news and updates.***

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# Town 'n' Country Dancers May-June 2019

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## Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

#### July 2019

July 1 33rd Annual Canada Day Dance

#### September 2019

Mondays Beginning Sept. 9, 2019

Plus and Rounds

Ridge Meadows Sr. Centre

12150 224 St. Maple Ridge

7:00 - 7:30 Round Dance Review & Teach

7:30 - 8:00 Plus Teach

8:00-9:30 Full Plus and Rounds

Fridays Beginning Sept.13, 2019

Beginner/ Mainstream

7:00-9:00 pm

Pitt Meadows Community Church Society Hall

12109 Harris Road Pitt Meadows

### Eight Years – Quite Memorable: The Lysnes

*Back in July 2011 Lucille and I were dance partners and we started our tenure as President Couple. At that time I lived in North Vancouver and I would trek the 50 km drive to Maple Ridge to attend dances, Executive meetings and other club events. The best driving time one way was about 40 minutes and everyone thought I was nuts.*

*By 2013 our relationship blossomed and Lucille and I got married and by 2014 we had become pretty fed up with driving from North Van to Maple Ridge, with one one-way time taking us around 2 hours due to construction, so we bought our current house and cut our commute to 5 minutes.*

*Over the 8 year span, I gradually stepped away from any direct presidential duties and took on a much supportive role while Lucille stepped up to actively run the club. I think it has worked very well.*

*We would like to thank everyone in our club, both Executive and general membership past and present, for making our 8 years as your President Couple such an overall positive experience. Again, thank you so much; your support has been sincerely appreciated and we look forward to many more years as members of Town 'n' Country Dancers.*



*Fall 2019 Dancing*  
**Town 'n' Country Dancers**

Square and Round Dance Club

## Come and Join us!

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