

Town 'N' Country Dancers October 2019 Valley Circle

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Dear Valley Circle readers, welcome to the party month of October, which includes Thanksgiving, Halloween and all the time between these two events planning food, costumes, pranks and dance steps. I've decided to write less this month to allow for the space needed by my good friend Tanye's very entertaining but consistently lengthy accounts. Our club enjoyed its second annual Potato Bake and Bottle Auction at Roger and Janet's country manor. Three members from the Stardowners joined us, too. The weather was a little rainy, so we gathered in the enormous immaculately clean garage. (I think it's bigger than my house.) I never would have thought that a mere potato could taste so good. People brought all sorts of yummy toppings and the potatoes were accompanied by tasty salads and even some delicious meatballs and chilli. Then, of course, there were a variety of enticing desserts that we savoured as we bid on cleverly disguised bottles of liquid. Our bottle auction was lively and productive. We raised \$520, which also included our entrance donation. Janet, as always, was a lovely hostess, but Roger was not well enough to join us. We hope that he is much better soon and that we'll see him during this new dance season.

One Saturday, in the wilting heat, ten of us plus John and Mary, of course, met at the Royal Crescent Gardens in Maple Ridge to be part of a day of outdoor entertainment for the seniors and their families. We danced in the parking lot on uneven pavement, so many of us looked at our feet as we attempted to dance. Despite the temperamental sound system, which forced us to pause when John's voice was lost, the audience smiled, cheered and clapped for our performance.

A few of our club members drove to Cle Elum, Washington to dance at Circle Eight Ranch. For this weekend, Brent Mawdsley and Scott Coon called. Deb remembers that the cuer's name was Sue, but she didn't catch her last name. To cover this omission, Deb related that during the round dances that she watched, Sue cued quite fast, complicated-looking dances. This weekend was really well attended, for example at the trail in dance there were ten squares. During the weekend there were other entertaining activities as well. People could take part in a bocce tournament, there were clogging and round dance workshops and a Sunday morning pancake breakfast. Deb said she enjoyed Brent and Scott's calling and when they sang together their harmonies were wonderful. I hope that Chuck and I can join everyone at one of the dances in Cle Elum next year.



I told you I had a big heart!