

TOLL-FREE INFOLINE REPORT **PLUS E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE & FACEBOOK INQUIRIES**

Report to the Online Board of Directors Meeting of the B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation, Saturday March 28, 2020. By Brian Elmer, volunteer receptionist

Note that this report contains active internet links that should be “clickable” as long as the document remains in electronic form (digital)

Background

The B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation’s toll-free INFOLINE was established many years ago as an overall source of dance information via telephone for the dance community and the general public.

Furthermore, it serves as the telephone number for the B.C. Federation in matters relating to the organization.

The number 1-800-335-9433 “re-directs” to the home of volunteer receptionists Brian Elmer and his wife, Rosalyn Garnett, in West Kelowna. Contracted with Telus, charges incurred to the number are billed to the treasurer of the Federation. The number currently connects only within B.C.

Inquiries also come via e-mail and they are documented below. Some of those are prompted by persons viewing the promotional “landing page” when they click on paid advertising (www.squaredancefun.info) or free publicity (such as on Twitter) done by SQUAREUPB.C.

Additional inquiries sometimes come to us through the B.C. Federation’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation>) and those are documented below, if any.

Note that the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society has cancelled its toll-free information line service (formerly 1-866-206-6696). At this point, the Society can only be contacted for information by e-mail at: info@squaredance.ca. The Society’s secretary is Lorraine Kozera of Oak Bank, Manitoba.

Note that the previous INFOLINE call-tracking report from August 7, 2018 to March 25, 2019, prepared for the March 30/19 B.O.D. in Victoria, can be read online at:
<https://www.squaredance.bc.ca/images/Bod2019/InfolineReport-BOD-Victoria-March30-2019.pdf>

INFOLINE Call-tracking – June, 2019 to March, 2020

As calls come in to the INFOLINE, an effort is made to document each, noting the name & city of the caller, the nature of the inquiry and the action taken to satisfy the caller. For cost efficiency, most responses are sent by e-mail when queries cannot be answered immediately over the phone.

For privacy purposes, many names and contact information in this report have been abbreviated or deleted. That information can be furnished to eligible persons through a request sent to dancinglikethestars@gmail.com

The following list of calls received is chronological:

Monday June 3, 2019 – 9:50 am – Call from a woman in Langley, a dancer with the Surrey Square Wheelers. Relative to B.C. Festival 2019 in Salmon Arm, she ordered event bars with her pre-registration and wondered how they'll be delivered; she did get her confirmation and promotional ribbons in the mail.

Action taken:

Festival event bars will be enclosed in the registration packets awaiting pickup at the Registration Desk before and during the event. Caller left her landline phone no.

Thursday June 6, 2019 – 2:54 pm – Call from Jean (Dennis) H. in Salmon Arm, a dancer with the Salmon Arm Squares. She requested the telephone number for the B.C. Festival's Registrar, Carla Gyle. Unfortunately, health issues have caused her to have to cancel her Festival registration for two. Caller left her phone no.

Action taken:

Carla's telephone number was furnished along with an e-mail address to contact the President of the Salmon Arm Squares, Bernie Onderwater.

Friday June 14, 2019 – 11:52 am – Call from Isabelle S., Summer Camp Manager at the Kerrisdale Community Centre in Vancouver. She requested a caller-teacher to come instruct children at two different sessions in August. Mon. Aug. 19 would be kids aged 11 to 15 and Mon. Aug. 26 would be children aged 6 to 10. They'd like to hear back by June 28th at the latest. Caller's phone no. and e-mail were left.

Action taken:

She was assured verbally that we would explore what caller-teachers might be available at that time and would like to take on the task. After learning that caller-teachers for the two Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley youth clubs were not available, caller-teacher Wendy Krueger of Abbotsford accepted the task. An e-mail was sent to the Community Centre reading that a caller-teacher had been found and Wendy's contact information was given. They responded with appreciation.

Tuesday June 25, 2019 – 7:53 am – Call from a manager at Setters Pub in Salmon Arm to confirm that B.C. Festival 2019 organizers had received their submission of an advertisement to be placed in the Program Guide.

Action taken:

The caller had event co-chair Jean Wood's phone number and was directed to call Jean directly. Subsequently, Jean confirmed that she had talked with the business about the ad placement.

Saturday June 29, 2019 - 9:46 am – Call from Richard F. of Langley, BC. Registered to attend B.C. Festival 2019 in Salmon Arm, he communicated that he wants to participate in the special event golfing during the Festival and had not heard back.

Action taken:

He was directed to contact by e-mail the golf co-ordinator, Gordon Campbell. It was confirmed that Gordon received his message and replied. An e-mail was sent to Richard to re-confirm that he is on the golfing schedule and Gordon's phone number was furnished to him. The caller left both his phone no. and e-mail address.

Wed. July 10 to Sat. July 13, 2019 – During this period, the toll-free Dance INFOLINE was forwarded from its regular destination to Salmon Arm via cell phone at the time of the provincial Festival. Incoming calls were not logged when received but the following represents two of them:

1) Inquiry from the Canadian Red Cross' Kelowna office asking if they could have a booth in the Shaw Centre arena during the Festival.

Action taken:

They were put in touch with Festival Co-Chair, Jean Wood, and they did set up a table in one of the exhibit areas during the Festival.

2) Inquiry from a female Salmon Arm area resident who wondered if there would be line dancing at our Festival.

Action taken:

She was told of the special, free one hour introduction to line dancing planned for noon on Friday July 12 in one of the two Shaw Centre arenas. It was open to public participation. Furthermore, she was invited to explore other dance forms at various daytime introductory workshops and evening community dances. Also, an invitation was extended to come at any time during the Festival to see the dancing in the various halls. She was quite pleased to learn of the options and planned to attend.

Monday Sept. 9, 2019 – 11:30 am – Call from Valerie O. of downtown Vancouver to inquire where the nearest square dance lessons are relative to her location. She had talked about square dancing to a fellow of Asian extraction who had moved from Eastern Canada. His enthusiasm for the recreation caused her to want to explore lessons.

Action taken:

She was advised that, apart from the LGBTQ club in Vancouver, the nearest ones are the Swinging Singles (& Couples) in Burnaby and the Century House Squares in New Westminster.

Her husband works, so attending the Monday afternoon sessions in New West are not possible.

She is interested in the lessons in Burnaby sponsored by the Swinging Singles club and took note of the free introductory session on Tues. Sept. 9 at 7 in the Burnaby Lake Pavilion. She was already aware of the Swinging Singles club and assumed that it was strictly for singles but learned that couples are welcome too. She'll have to reschedule another event planned for that evening or attend the next week, Sept. 16, when newcomers are still welcome for a \$7 admission.

She was e-mailed additional information, including a contact at the Swinging Singles club. She left both her phone number and e-mail address.

Tuesday Sept. 10, 2019 – 8:59 am – Call from an elementary school teacher in Surrey by the name of Lisa M. who wants to have the whole school taught some square dancing in advance of their annual Harvest Day. The teacher, at Ellendale Elementary, 14525 110-A Avenue, Surrey, is looking for a caller-teacher to give grades K to 7 enough square dance material to show off what they learned at the school's Harvest Day on Friday October 11.

Action taken:

It was confirmed with the teacher that we'll launch a search for a caller. Contacted Wendy Krueger of Abbotsford with the following message: "As a retired teacher, this might be a task that you want to embrace, given available time in your schedule. Otherwise, you can put it before the Caller-teacher Association members." Wendy happily accepted the task.

The teacher left her cell phone number and e-mail address.

Tuesday Sept. 10, 2019 – 1:05 pm – Call from the recreation supervisor at the Heritage Retirement Residence in West Kelowna asking if the local square dance club, the Westsyde Squares, does display dances at retirement facilities. The facility left their telephone number.

Action taken:

The club has done similar public service dances in the past. She was referred to the secretary of the dance club, Carol M., and given an e-mail address to connect.

Saturday November 9, 2019 – 6:35 pm – Call from Judy L. of Penticton who would like to have a square dance display as part of a holiday luncheon for a rehabilitation swim group called "REACT." They gather at the Penticton Recreation Centre. She volunteers to lead the group and left both a phone no. and e-mail address. The event would be in the early afternoon on Thursday December 12, 2019.

Action taken:

The possibility was explored with members and visitors at the Westsyde Squares square/round dance club in West Kelowna. A square of dancers from the Central and South Okanagan volunteered to participate and the group performed a couple of singing-style calls to Christmas tunes led by Brian Elmer.

Prior to the event, they undertook a couple of practice dances on the regular club night.

The swim group was very receptive to the dance display, enjoying it while they participated in their holiday luncheon.

Sunday March 1, 2020- 2:40 pm – Call from a recreation coordinator for Derby Manor in Burnaby, 8601 16th Ave, (across from Cariboo High School). She wanted to have a square dance caller-teacher come to the independent living facility to teach on a volunteer basis some introductory square dancing to some of their 127 able-bodied residents for 45 minutes to 1 hour. The coordinator, named Anita, left both a phone number and e-mail address.

Action taken:

Anita was assured that contact with B.C. Federation dance clubs would be made and her request forwarded. At 3:30 pm, an e-mail inquiry was sent to caller-teacher Wendy Krueger of Abbotsford to see if she'd like to satisfy the request. By 5 pm, Wendy accepted the task and made contact with Anita, about 2 hours after the initial INFOLINE inquiry.

E-mail inquiry tracking – April, 2019 to March, 2020

Friday April 19, 2019 – 11:40 am – Email from “Diana” in Vancouver

Message:

Happy holiday! This is Diana. We spoke a while ago regarding learning to square dance but I lost the phone number that you referred to me. Luckily, I received an e-mail about events. I will try to attend the upcoming East Van Old Time Social. Hope we'll have a chance to meet. Thanks.

Action taken - sent about 3 hours after initial inquiry:

In a return e-mail, Diana was encouraged check out the various options to learn to dance in the Lower Mainland.

She was notified of the opportunity in Burnaby at the end of May to participate in ten special late Spring/early Summer square dance lessons presented by the Swinging Singles (& Couples) club. The lesson plan for twice weekly instruction with two free introductory nights was identified and a link furnished to online details posted at www.squaredancefun.info

July 1, 2019, 3:12 am - Email forwarded from our webmaster, Frank McNeil, wherein Ontario dancer Helen M. requested assistance in locating a possibly retired caller and his wife, Bill & Hazel Judge. She identified that they had moved to B.C. in about 2009. The desire to contact them is with regard to giving them an invitation to a 25th Anniversary Celebration for the NSDCA (National Square Dance Campers Association) club, the Riverside Gypsy Squares.

A reply was sent to Helen the same day with a copy to Frank:

It was stated that no such couple are known to be in the Okanagan Valley.

An online phone number search of www.Canada411.com revealed a "B. Judge" listing for Duncan, B.C, and under "William Judge" a Walter Judge, living in Williams Lake. Contacted were caller/cuer couple Nick & Mary Ann Turner of Williams Lake who said that the name was not familiar to them.

The B.C. Federation 1st Vice-President, Dennis Sutton, was messaged in Sidney on Vancouver Island and that contact proved fruitful when it was revealed through Alex Wotherspoon, editor of the Cross Trail News dance magazine, that the couple did live at Sidney on Vancouver Island as recently as 2017.

A church they attended at the time will be contacted to follow up further.

August 2, 2019, 12:13 pm - Email from Jen K., Manager, Kin Village Community Centre & manager of Volunteer Engagement at Tsawwassen, B.C. She was looking for a caller-teacher to introduce square dancing to a 50+ afternoon group on Friday September 13, 2019 (revised from the original Fri. Sept. 20). Her message began with the words: “I was very excited to discover that there is a Square Dance Federation of BC/Canada. How fun!”

Action taken:

She was contacted by e-mail and told that the B.C. Federation will be happy to locate a caller-teacher for her event. She was put in contact with the Vancouver & District Caller Teacher Assn's secretary, Wendy Krueger, who was able to fulfill the request.

September 9, 2019, 8:44 pm - Email from Brian W. in Burnaby who stated that he's interested in having some square dancing at a party for 50-100 people, most of whom will not have square danced for years, if at all. He asked if we have a list of callers who may be available to do that and inquired approximately how much callers charge for an evening. He also wondered if they provide their own sound system and music.

A response was sent at 10:27 pm same day after which additional correspondence relative to details took place:

The fellow's questions were answered and notification was sent out to four Lower Mainland area caller-teachers; it's known that at least two responded. The final result is unknown.

A precautionary message was sent to Brian:

The square dance is a dance form involving careful listening, thought processing and motor actions. There is lots of forward/back, side-to-side and circular movement that requires complete balance. It's strongly advised not to have participants drink alcohol prior to the square dance event. Afterward is fine.

Saturday Sept. 21, 2019 – 1:21 pm – An e-mail sent from Matt B. of the Lower Mainland explained that he and his Fiance are “super into learning square dancing for life activities” and especially want to learn it for their pending wedding. Asking to be “pointed in the right direction,” he identified that they both work at a local ski hill in Vancouver and are looking to learn the dance form somewhere in the Vancouver area.

Action taken:

Since it was the square dance recruitment month of September, he was sent a list of clubs in cities that are conducting new square dancer lessons. Including details and web links, that list included our B.C. Federation member clubs in Burnaby, New Westminster, Surrey/Langley, Aldergrove/Langley, Pitt Meadows/Maple Ridge and Abbotsford.

It was also suggested that he might like to consider personalized instruction for members of his wedding party. To that end, two square dance caller-teacher/entertainers in the Lower Mainland were notified: Brent Mawdsley and Heather Reynolds.

Communication with Matt included the following pre-caution:

It's strongly advised that those displaying or just participating in square dancing at special events such as weddings not imbibe alcohol prior to the dancing. The square dance involves motor skills and a good sense of balance that can be greatly inhibited by liquor. Drinks after the dancing are the best plan.

Facebook inquiries during the period December, 2019 to February, 2020

Monday December 9, 2019, 3:30 pm - Via the B.C. Federation's Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation)

Query:

A woman named Emerald O. inquired “When does the next beginners program start again?”

Note that the query was received via the Abbotsford Grand Squares' Fall Facebook ad, appearing in the comments section. See: <https://www.facebook.com/423356377709725/posts/1550937381698206/>

Response:

An initial response was sent the same day (Dec. 9), about 8:30 pm to say that we'll inquire about January 2020 lessons in Abbotsford (found not to be available). Additional details were provided about upcoming lessons in Aldergrove, White Rock and Pitt Meadows.

Monday December 23, 2019, 7:45 pm - Via the B.C. Federation's Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation)

Query:

Relative to a paid Facebook ad for square dance lessons at the White Rockers club, a Marja B. posted the comment:

I would love to do this. But everything in White Rock seems to be during the day?! I work 9 to 5 Monday through Friday. Isn't there anything for older people that work!?

Reply sent within the hour:

A response pointed out that the lessons in White Rock are on a Sunday afternoon at 12:30, starting January 5. It was explained that she could attend on that date for free to see if she liked it and that January 12 & 19 have free admission.

A link to the full listing for the White Rock sessions was sent:

<https://squaredancefun.squaredance.bc.ca/#WhiteRockSquareDancers>

The reply continued as follows:

If weekends are not convenient, we have a couple of Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley clubs that are presenting weeknight sessions, introducing today's style of square dancing.

The Burnaby lessons start at 7pm on Tuesday January 7 in the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion (6871 Roberts St.). That session and the one on the following week, January 14, are free of charge to allow you to see if you like the dancing.

Our Burnaby club will also offer lessons in choreographed ballroom done to live cues, called round dancing, starting 6:30 pm Sunday January 5 at the Charles Rummel Hall (3630 Lozells Ave.).

Also, in Pitt Meadows we have a dance club that starts lessons at 7pm on Friday January 10 in the hall at the Pitt Meadows Community Church (12101 Harris Road).

Tuesday December 31, 2019, 12:23 am - Via the B.C. Federation's Facebook page
(www.Facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation)

Query:

Relative to a paid Facebook ad for square dance lessons at the White Rockers club, a Darlene S. posted the comment "Are you holding them on any other days? Sunday doesn't work for me."

Reply:

On January 2, 2020, the following response was sent:

Hello Darlene from the B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation. If the White Rockers dance club's lessons on Sunday afternoons are not convenient for you, several of our other Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley member clubs are conducting square dance lessons for newcomers on different days and at different times.

Starting Monday Jan. 6 at noon, the Century House Squares in New Westminster features early afternoon lessons weekly. Running for 1 hour, they take place in the Century House building in Moody Park. Just drop in. See more online at:

<https://squaredancefun.squaredance.bc.ca/#CenturyHouseNewSquareDancers>

In Burnaby, starting 7pm Tues. Jan. 7, there's a free introductory session for you to try square dancing followed by another the next week, Jan. 14. The location is the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion. See more online at:

<https://squaredancefun.squaredance.bc.ca/#SquareDanceSessions-SwingingSinglesClub>

In Pitt Meadows, starting 7pm Fri. Jan. 10 is the first of 3 free weekly sessions at the Pitt Meadows Community Church Hall. See more online at: <https://squaredancefun.squaredance.bc.ca/#MapleRidgeSquareDancers>

Furthermore, starting February 6 a brand new square and round dance club called the Valley Promenaders, with a great female caller/cuer-teacher, is launching on Thursday afternoons in Aldergrove. It will introduce both square dancing and round dancing (choreographed ballroom done as pairs to live cues).

The sessions are FREE all month long starting February 6, then continue February 13, 20 & 27 at the O.A.P. Hall, 3015 273 Street in Aldergrove. Regarding that group, you can contact instructor Wendy Krueger at: wkrueger@shaw.ca – phone: 778-878-4244.

Friday January 3, 2020, 7:00 pm - Via the B.C. Federation's Facebook page
(www.Facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation)

Query:

Via Facebook Messaging, a Diana H. of Kamloops inquired about square dance lessons with the Thompson Valley Stars, prompted by their paid Facebook ad. She wrote "How do I become a member?":

Reply of same day:

Hello Diana. Thank you for your inquiry. Becoming a member of the dance club generally follows completion of the lessons.

If you're interested in learning to square dance, you simply drop in for the first lesson at 7 pm Thurs. Jan. 9 in the Desert Gardens Community Centre, 540 Seymour Street. There will be a \$60 fee for a total of ten 90-minute lessons.

Our promotional listing about the lessons can be found online at:

<https://squaredancefun.squaredance.bc.ca/#ThompsonValleyStars-Thurs>

If you're a current accomplished square dancer looking to join a club, we know that they'll welcome you with open arms. We suggest that you contact the caller-teacher/entertainer, Merv Meyer: 250-376-5636 – e-mail: meyerdance@telus.net

Result:

The woman and her husband decided instead to take round dance lessons with the same club on Tuesdays.

Saturday January 4, 2020, 10:00 pm - Via the B.C. Federation's Facebook page
(www.Facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation)

Query:

Via Facebook Messaging, an Ayoub A. of Vancouver inquired about square dance lessons with the Swinging Singles (& Couples) in Burnaby. He was prompted to do so by seeing a paid Facebook ad for lessons at the club. He asked to be called back by telephone because he's more comfortable speaking English than reading or writing it and furnished his phone number.

Response:

He was contacted by a member of the club's executive and eventually attending lessons with some help from club members with transportation.

Thursday January 23, 2020, 5:15 pm - Via the B.C. Federation's Facebook page
(www.Facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation)

Query:

Via Facebook Messaging, an inquiry was received from Jennifer A. R. of Port Coquitlam, prompted by paid Facebook ads appearing in her region. She wrote:

"Hi, I was wondering if u could please tell me more about your group? Cost to join and process? Do u have beginner classes and what activities?" She later explained "I saw the square dance pics and have always wanted to try. I may be interested in other types as well."

Response:

In subsequent correspondence with Jennifer via Facebook Messenger, we replied:

"In the Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley region we have several dance clubs and many have just started or are about to start lessons.

Nearest you would be the clubs in New West (Monday afternoons), Burnaby (Tuesday nights) and possibly Pitt Meadows/Maple Ridge (Friday nights). There's a club in White Rock that has just started square dance lessons on Sunday afternoons and a brand new one in Aldergrove starts with afternoon sessions on Thursday February 6. Another established club in Aldergrove dances on Sunday afternoons.

Most clubs accept solo dancers and the long-running one in Burnaby is named the "Swinging Singles & Couples."

She communicated the following:

Fri. Jan. 24, 2020 – "I saw the ad on fb (Facebook). I work full time as well, so Pitt Meadows on Fri. would be an awesome place if they have space. I am single as well, so have no partner. Can u tell me the fees for joining? Also the contact info would be great. Thank you."

Response:

Additional information was furnished, including web links, about the lessons with our member club, the Town 'n' Country Dancers in Pitt Meadows/Maple Ridge.

Outcome:

The new dancer coordinator for the Town 'n' Country Dancers was contacted and she communicated with Jennifer. She was not able to attend the first Fri. night session in Pitt Meadows but there was promise that she'd be able to go on the next Friday, Jan. 31/20. (The lessons were affected by a heavy winter snowfall causing disruption in the plans.)

Wednesday January 29, 2020, 4:00 pm - Via the B.C. Federation's Facebook page
(www.Facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation)

A comment from Marguerie C. S. was logged beneath a paid Facebook ad for the Wheeling 8's wheelchair dance club, reading:

"My aunt and uncle did this for years and enjoyed it very much."

Reply:

Thank you, Marguerite, for your comment. We're the B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation and we're presenting the Facebook advertising for our member club, the Wheeling Eights of Surrey.

We're proud of this long-running wheelchair square and round dance club. They're not an exhibition group, dancing instead just for fun. It's great to see how they manoeuvre on the square dance floor and their round dancing skill is so graceful to behold. Round dancing is choreographed ballroom dancing done to live cues where everyone moves in unison.

This is an opportunity to invite you to try today's style of square dancing, especially because FREE introductory periods are underway at a couple of our clubs. It's dressy-casual attire and well-fitted low heel shoes are recommended. Singles, couples & youth are all welcome!

In Pitt Meadows/Maple Ridge on Friday nights at 7, there are free introductory square dance lessons underway in the hall at Pitt Meadows Community Church, 12109 Harris Rd. This Friday, Jan. 31 is free as well as Friday Feb. 7. Promotional page:

<https://squaredancefun.squaredance.bc.ca/#MapleRidgeSquareDancers>

In Aldergrove on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 you can try today's style of square dancing for free throughout February starting Feb. 6. That's in the O.A.P. hall at Aldergrove on 273rd Street. See their promotional page at:

<https://squaredancefun.squaredance.bc.ca/#ValleyPromenadersDanceClubLessons>

Today's style of square dancing is loads of fun, very social and an avenue toward improved fitness. Come give it a try!

Learn more about our dance forms, including square dancing, round dancing and clog dancing at www.SquareDanceFun.info

Read more about the Wheeling Eights at: <https://squaredancefun.squaredance.bc.ca/#Wheeling8sHandicapableDanceClub>

Thanks, again, for commenting!

Monday February 3, 2020, 12:03 pm - Via the B.C. Federation's Facebook page
www.Facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation)

The message was sent through Facebook Messenger, probably prompted by the Facebook ad for The Valley Promenaders in Aldergrove

Query:

Hello friend, I am Lucie. We are a West Africa Cultural Group that wants to know if any newcomers are welcome to Festival 2020 at Surrey? Please send me all conditions and an application to Youthempowermentsl@ymail.com

Response:

She was thanked for her inquiry and told that the event is for persons having learned square dancing, round dancing or clogging (clogging has since been dropped). It was suggested that if they have a display or exhibition group, organizers might consider engaging them for the opening or closing ceremonies. Contacts were furnished. It was evident that they wondered about participating in the Festival as dancers or competitors and didn't understand that the dance forms were specific to our square and round dance activity.

Monday February 3, 2020, 6:00 pm - Via the B.C. Federation's Facebook page
www.Facebook.com/BCSquareAndRoundDanceFederation)

Query:

Priscilla A. left a comment relative to the Facebook ad for the Valley Promenaders club of Aldergrove that read: "Love to but no partner"

Response:

In a reply sent about 12:45 am Tues. Feb. 4/20, she was told that, in actual fact, our recreation welcomes singles and they're assured a partner to learn at the lessons.

Woman/woman partnering was mentioned as an alternative provided that one of them learns the traditional "man's position" on the left hand side.

Detailed were the free Thursday daytime lessons in February with the new Valley Promenaders club at Aldergrove along with other options to dance on Friday nights in Pitt Meadows, Sunday afternoons in Aldergrove or Monday afternoons in New Westminster.

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