

Paul Lowe was presented with his award by President, Vicki Downey, at the 2021 RSCDS Vancouver Branch AGM

## Citation for the Branch Award to Paul Lowe

Paul Lowe has been a stalwart member of the Vancouver Branch for the last twenty years. He is a well-rounded individual who consistently supports Branch functions and is always available to help. His planning and organizational skills have contributed to the success of many events. Paul served on the Branch Board and was Chair from 2011 to 2013. He was a member of the Tam O'Shanter Dancers demonstration team that entertained and spread awareness of Scottish Country Dancing. He also served for many years on the executive of the White Rock Club.

Paul is our computer guy; he ensures that the myriad computer systems that are used in the Branch are working properly. Whenever anyone needs a problem solved in a computer application, his is the name that immediately springs to mind. A good example was his provision of technical support for the Branch's Zoom variety shows during the COVID-19 pandemic. On an ongoing basis, and vital for the Branch's operations, is the Membership database that Paul designed and implemented. He now continues with the never-ending task of monitoring, maintaining, and upgrading this database so that it is always available and up to date. Paul has never let us down, and he works cheerfully, quickly, and with an understanding of the needs and skills of the user.

Paul is one of the unsung heroes of the Branch, a tower of strength in the background, and a deserving recipient of a Branch Award. In addition to his service to the Branch, he is a likable and thoughtful person who is also an accomplished dancer. These characteristics reinforce the reasons for making this award.