

BUGLE

Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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President's Message



We can't believe it is the end of September already. It still feels as if it's still summer. We've already had about one month of dancing.

S.W.O.S.D.A. started this month with successful demo's at the London Western Fair. Many thanks to all the volunteer dancers from various clubs who showed off their dancing skills to the audiences. Many kudos and thanks to callers Jeff Priest, Tom Charlton, Neva McVittie, Ed Dolson and Dan Weatherby. All demonstrated their skills to show spectators just how much fun square dancing is. Spectators were invited to join in with the dancing. You might want to ask Dianne about the blonde dancer Fred plucked from the audience. The fair organizers have invited us back next year. We must have been a hit.

Happy 50th anniversary to the Centennial Beavers of London. We were very proud to present them with congratulations and a Recognition Certificate for this great achievement. Also, happy 55th anniversary to the Royal City Squares of Guelph. S.W.O.S.D.A. reps Jim and Dot Ferris presented them with a letter and certificate to recognize this milestone. It's great to see these two clubs thriving so well. Thanks to the many dancers for supporting these clubs.

This has been a month of recognition and celebration. Federation announced that two couples have been awarded the Trillium Award. Their names were submitted in the spring. It gives us great joy to name Jack and Joy Glassman and Jim and Grace Bagshaw who will be awarded the Federation Long Service Award. The Bagshaws will receive their certificate at the next S.W.O.S.D.A. dance. It has not been determined when the Glassmans will receive their Certificate. Congratulations to both couples for their contributions to square dancing.

Just a reminder club insurance is due, find forms on line most clubs have received forms through email from Federation.

Convention 2018 fundraising is still selling colourful T-shirts. Rhetha Roy has started a draw for a tailor made skirt with your choice of colour. These draws will be held at some of our future dances.

Happy Thanksgiving, Eat all the Turkey you want, dancing will wear it off.

Presidents Fred and Dianne Joyner

Hosting A SWOSDA Dance

Please consider hosting a SWOSDA dance for the 2017 - 18 season. The cost is little and the reward great! Duties of a host club are basically two fold: recommend a location and provide the refreshments. Hall costs and caller arrangements are covered by SWOSDA. Without clubs who are stepping forward to host, these dances cannot occur. Smaller clubs might consider co hosting with another club. Contact Syd or Jane Fletcher at sydfletch1@gmail.com or any member of the SWOSDA executive if you are willing to host.

SWOSDA ROUND DANCE – Sept 23, 2017 Hosted by Jubilee Rounds – St. Jacobs

Wow! Who would have thought it! Getting close to the end of September and we have a day with over 30 degree heat! With a smaller than usual crowd of dancers, some people were obviously enjoying the beautiful weather doing other activities outside. Can't really say that we blame them!



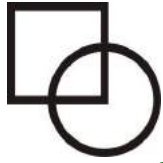
However, those of us who chose to dance for the afternoon had a fairly cool hall to do so at St. James Lutheran Church in beautiful St. Jacobs. A basement room with fans going kept us all comfortable. Dianne and Fred Joyner, SWOSDA presidents, welcomed everyone, consisting of twenty-five dancers and four cuers, to the dance. Our host cuer, Andrea Priest, was joined by Dan Roy, Stan McKeen and Marie Harrison. They kept us on our toes calling a variety of waltz's, two steps, foxtrots and rhumbas with a jive thrown in.

Thank you goes to the Jubilee folks who provided a nice assortment of snacks in the middle of the afternoon (really great for those of us who skipped lunch!). We also had tea, coffee and water to keep us all hydrated.

A big thank you to our four talented cuers who donated their time so we could enjoy an afternoon of round dancing and thanks to Jubilee Rounds for hosting this event.

The next SWOSDA Round Dance Party will take place on May 26th, 2018 in Clinton and will be hosted by Huron Happy Hearts. Hope to see you there.

Submitted by:
Joan & Earl Jacques



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Square & Round Dancers Of South Western Ontario

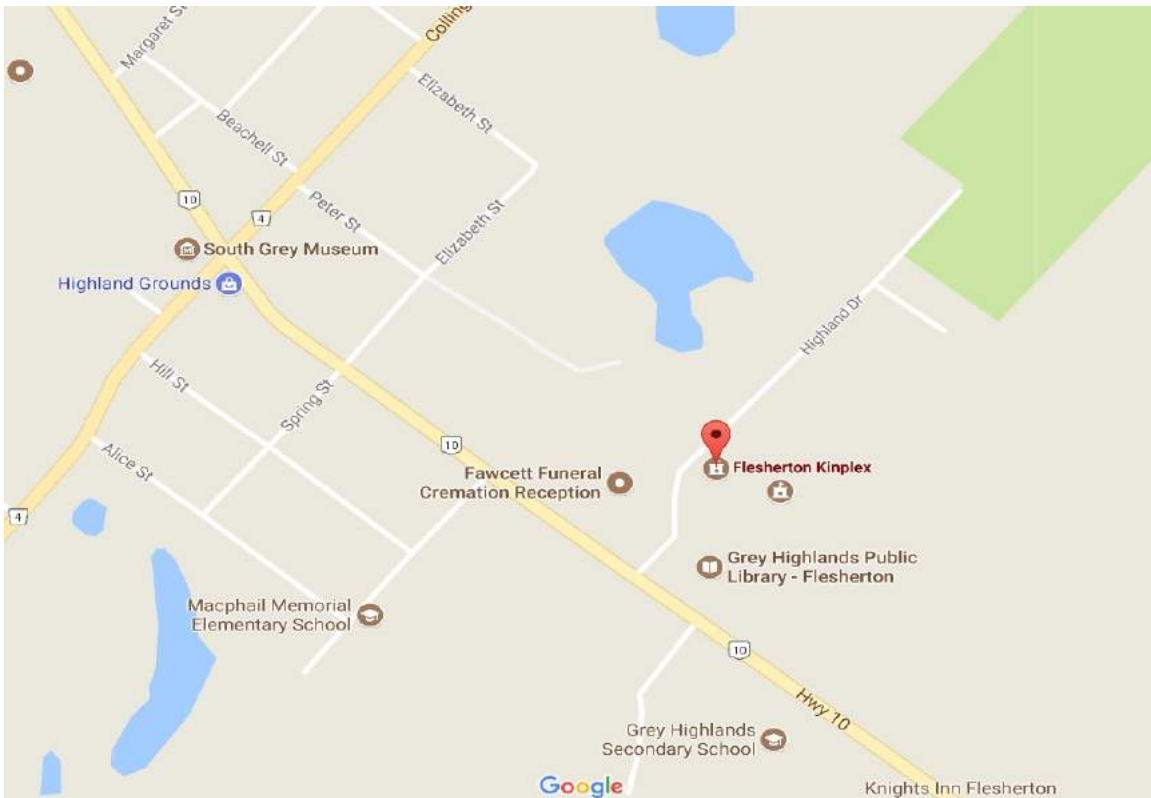
MONTHLY SPECIAL IN FLESHERTON

OCTOBER 28, 2017

2:00 – 5:00 & 6:30 – 9:30 ~ \$6.00 per dancer

Hosted by – Denim & Lace

**Location - Flesherton Kinxplex,
2 Highland Drive, Flesherton, ON - N0C 1E0**



For further information or program details Please visit: www.swosda.ca

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SWOSDA is a member run organization!



SWOSDA

Remember When...

*Flashback in the Oct 2007 bugle reported that In 1987 Hanover Happy Twirlers welcomed Lorne & Cecille Lockrey as their dance leaders after Bill & Doris Cranny's retirement while 2002 saw the retirement of Harold and Olive Clark with Harry Vander Giessen, and assistant Dan Weatherby taking over the reins of Galt Swinging 8's.

*They also reported the start up of a new business venture in Branson, Missouri, the television broadcasting of square dancing, as well as line dancing. The first taping took place on Aug. 23, 1997 with the then Bugle Editors, John & Irene Bullock, and 24 other dancers from this area participating.

* Leading up to the convention in Hamilton in 1988, they noted that in Oct. 1987 there were 2,750 dancers registered. Following on that theme, in Ottawa noted that their registration was outstanding. Although they had originally planned for 5,000, they decided they had to limit it to 5,600 so the available space would not be overcrowded.

*In his update on Festival 2008, Dan Roy noted, "The sooner you register, the better equipped we can be to handle the numbers. I'm sure you know how hard it is to plan a party if you don't know how many are coming." At that time over 1,100 registrations had been received.

(Look for Dan's report in this Bugle to see where we are now and if you haven't yet registered, why not?)

*As SWOSDA members we are all hosts of the upcoming Festival 2018. How are you supporting the event? Volunteering to help at the conventions, attending the fund-raising events. Even if you are no longer dancing, there are still ways to help.

* We hope to see you there.

Dorothy (and Nick) Dahm, SWOSDA Historians
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A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store for Thanksgiving Day, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"
"No, ma'am. They're dead."



Convention 2018

July 19, 20,21, 2018

UPDATE

Here we are October 2017; the final dance season before our next convention. Notice I said **OUR** Convention. We, the Dancers of South Western Ontario (SWOSDA) are hosting this wonderful event. We ALL, will welcome dancers from all over the world. Have you checked out the convention web site? Are you keeping tabs on registration numbers, or callers? We have callers registered from across Canada, many US states, as well as a caller from Australia. What an event this is turning out to be!

ARE YOU PART OF IT ?

We now have 453 registered for the convention; many from out of province.
FACT- We have over 2000 dancers in Ontario. The time to commit is NOW!

This will be a great event! This will be a successful event! It will be an event that you will enjoy and talk about for years to come. Help us by showing your support. Your registration will help us as we continue our planning process. Think of it as your RSVP to the party.

Looking forward to a big inrush of mail....

Dan & Rhetha Roy
Chair Couple
Convention 2018

Web Site: www.squaredance.ca/2018

CLUB NEWS

Send Club News to bugle@swosda.ca

[Centennial Beavers - London](#)

Our 50th Anniversary event was a huge success. We had a great attendance from many past Beavers. Mary Brennan brought her photo album and shared some pretty awesome stories. Leroy and Anna came with their huge smiles and natural friendliness. So good to see Hilda, Les & Eve, Alice & Keith, Barb Gordon (who was a huge help with the past history of the club) the Maks, the Pinches and so many others ...too many to mention!

Our luncheon was the talk of the event. A tea room was set up with gold balloons, beautiful centerpieces and tons of food. Many that could not dance sat and visited, which was our mantra...come, share, enjoy! The Beavers all pooled their talents and had the dance of the season. A lot of work but a lot of fun sharing stories and the past of a club that has survived for 50 years!

We, again this year are welcoming beginners and the first dance following the anniversary was well attended. We had a couple (who were visiting dancers) from South Africa. Boy, they had an amazing time and hoped to come again next year during their visit. We had the whole gang return from last year so our floor was full with new and happy dancers. We welcomed 11 new dancers and we hope to see them all return. We had a blind lady join this year, she is a psychologist at Western and was at one of our demo's at the Western Fair. She did amazing and said she will return for the entire season (she said "if you'll have me"....what??? of course!) Ed will keep them happy and on their toes and before you know it we will have another square to add to our growing family!

We hope that you will send your family and friends by to get in the groove of dance. Its fun, its healthy and it will bring such joy to you! We dance on Friday nights at the Hamilton Road Senior & Community Center (525 Hamilton Road) from 7 to 9... we would love to welcome you!

[Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers](#)

Clinton Public School, 27 Percival Street, Clinton

Presidents – Mary and Paul Eisler- 519-345-2500

Caller – Dave and Blanche Paulen – 519-348-8335

Dancing Wednesdays 8-10 pm Mainstream with announced Plus Tips
Traditional and Casual Attire welcome at our regular club dances

Regular Dances begin October 4, 2017 8-10 pm

Free introduction night October 18, 2017 at 8 pm

We are happy to welcome back all our square dancing friends to another great season. We wish to remind everyone that there is a slight increase in the nightly dancing fee this year bringing it to \$6 per person. We hope everyone will be excited to share our passion for square dancing WITH OTHERS. We need new members in order to keep our club vibrant. We are offering 6 weeks of lessons this year and the first night October 18th will be free. We will ask the new dancers to commit to the 6 weeks by paying upfront the \$30 fee.

We will be celebrating Halloween on October 25th. We always have some dancers come in great costumes. Think about how you can add some fun to our night and see what great costumes you have.

Reminder to mark your calendar for this year's Pumpkinfest on Saturday, November 4th in Holmesville, at 7:30 with our guest caller Dan Weatherby. This will be another highlight of our dancing season.

Please remember that we dance in a fragrance and nut free environment.

Ian and Debbie Hulley

Publicity Contacts

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[Denim'N Lace - Flesherton](#)

Hello dancers, back to some more reasonable fall temperatures, beautiful fall colours, apple harvests and pumpkin patches.

The Flesherton Denim and Lace club has had a great start to the dancing season.

Our first specialty dance of the season is on Wed. Oct 18th, which is our Pumpkinfest dance, so come out and dress in your fall colours and join in the fun.

The Flesherton Club is hosting the October Swosda dance at the Kinplex in Flesherton. For more details please see www.swosda.ca.

We dance every Wednesday evening from 7pm to 930pm September through May to the calling of Jimmy Lee at the South East Grey Support Services Pavillion 774292 Hwy 10 North in Flesherton. Our beginner class is from 7-8pm and Mainstream and Plus from 8-930pm.

Keep up to date on all that goes on with this fun club by going to our club website www.fleshertondenimandlace.ca.
Hope to see you all of the dance floor.

Linda Wedow
Bugle Rep/Website Designer

[Elora Grand Squares - Elora](#)

St. Mary School, 251 Irvine Street, Elora, ON
Caller: Jeff Priest

So, we've had our first dances of the season...all of them interesting! The first evening back there was a mix up with the school and we came to a locked facility. No problem for our smart guys! Ken went home for a generator, Jeff opened his trunk and out came the speakers and music, and we danced on the paved play area



till it got too dark to see each other. Lunch was handed out between tips and a fine time was had by all!

The following two weeks we invited new Basic dancers to our club and we were thrilled to have 2 squares of brand new dancers show up. They had a good time, literally, "sweating it out" with us and we're quite sure that most will sign up and join our group. We got brave and promised them cooler weather in October!

We also did a demo dance at the local Harvest Festival on the warmest day of the summer (the last Sunday in September!) outside, in 32 degree heat (40 degrees with the humidex) Good thing you can't see the sweat under Jeff's cowboy hat or our wet faces on the pictures! What we won't do for square dancing, eh?!

Have a great season and see you on the dance floor somewhere!

ps: Remember Quistmas Quackers is coming the first Saturday in December!! Save the date!!

Joan Klapwyk, Publicity

[Hanover Happy Twirlers - Hanover](#)

Date for your Calendar

Hanover will be having a Banner Retrieval Dance on Tues. Nov 7

Rounds at 7 pm, with Squares from 7:30-9:30

Callers: Lorne & Cecile Lockrey

[Horseshoe Squares & Wheels – C112 - Waterloo](#)

Camp & Dance Weekend – Green Acres Park, 580 Beaver Creek Rd, Waterloo, ON

Oct 21, 2017

Rounds 1-2 pm, Squares 2-3 pm, Round Dance Party at 7:30 pm, Squares & Round till 10 pm

Caller: Jim Lee, Rounds: Andrea & Jeff Priest

[Huron Bruce Swingers - Lucknow](#)

(Brookside School - 36937 Belgrave Rd.)

Have you enjoyed the early fall season with the summer temperatures? The temperature is too hot, hot, hot! Many, including our caller Neva and husband Dunc are getting in their fall season camping at such places at the IPM in Walton and other locations. Don't think they have needed to put on heaters. Some members have been able to advertise square dancing in local community fair parades with our magnetic signs to place on vehicles. Thanks to them for making square dancing visible to the communities.

Huron-Bruce Swingers had a good three weeks of "learning classes" in September with 6 to 8 new dancers giving it a try. We hope that they will carry on through the year. The regular season starts on October 4th at **8:15pm**. Please note the slightly later start. (That is because most of the club will be enjoying a community turkey dinner in Belgrave.) So Huron-Bruce Swingers will check in next month in November with an update as to what is happening.

Yellow Rocks to all,
Sharon McDonald,
Bugle Correspondent

[Huron Happy Hearts - Clinton](#)

Huron Happy Hearts have been enjoying the Summer weather with some dancers doing camping at various events. As well as camping a number of couples attended the IPM where some Round Dancing took place in the Mutual Tent. A good crowd of spectators was on hand, and some promotional material was made available: too soon to know if there is any new interest!

We begin our regular dance season on Friday Oct 6 at 7 pm. The program is phase 2-3 dancing (with a few ph 4); a weekly teach is also generally included.

We dance weekly at the Clinton Public School on Percival St. in Clinton.

Visitors are always welcome. Check out the SWOSDA web site and our web page for current updates in case of any changes in programming, or possible cancellations.

[Jubilee Rounds - St. Jacobs](#)

Wow... At the time of writing this the temperature is 30c on the 26th of September ... I guess it really is still summer!

We hope you are all back dancing and enjoying the exercise and social aspects of this great activity!!

Remember, if you are able to get out and visit other clubs, it is a great way to increase your dance skills and your friendships! AND be sure to support all the SWOSDA dances that you can fit into your calendar.

Our program for this season will be Phase 2/3 dancing with a teach! We will dance straight Phase 3 from 7:00 – 7:30 and then Phase 2/3 from 7:30 – 9:30. Again this year, in each month we will strive to include 3 new teaches and one evening of just “dancing”. This program will give you lots of new dances to learn and also provide some quality dance floor time.

On September 23rd Jubilee Rounds was very pleased to host the September SWOSDA Round Dance Special. We had a great turn out. The weather was a bit warmer than anticipated but all had a good time.



October 14th in the Afternoon.

We will be hosting a Rhythm Clinics Afternoon. First will be Bolero and the second will be Waltz/Foxtrot. We do hope you will be able to join us from 1:00 – 4:15 at St. James Lutheran Church in St. Jacobs. The flyer is available on our website @ www.shadowlightdance.com and the SWOSDA website @ www.swosda.ca

November 12th

We will be hosting our annual “Gala By The Grand” with Andrea and Dan Roy Cueing. This is an afternoon and evening dinner dance. Phase 2 – 4 Rounds. Flyers are on the website and links are on the weekly mailer.

Jubilee is still at St. James Lutheran Church in St. Jacobs dancing on Thursday evening. Visitors are always welcome! If you wish to join us, please feel free to come out Thursdays at 7:00pm. Check our website www.shadowlightdance.com for cancellations.

For info: Andrea or Jeff at: 1.519.752.2172 or andrea@jeffreypriest.com

Printable flyers are on our website: www.jeffreypriest.com

Happy Dancing,
Jeff Priest ☺

[Kincardine Tartan Twirlers](#)

The Tartan Twirlers will not dance on October 6th as members celebrate Thanksgiving with their families. On October 20th we will be dancing at an alternate location St. Anthony’s School just up the street toward Hwy 2, since the church hall will be unavailable to us.

On October 27th we look forward to welcoming friends from other clubs to our **Harvest Howl** dance. If you wish to don a costume for Hallowe'en, please do. It will add to the fun!

[London Harmony Rounds - Lambeth \(London\)](#)

Leaders: [Jerry and Bonnie Callen](#)

London Harmony Rounds started their 2017/2018 Season on Wednesday September 13th, 2017. Jerry and Bonnie began the evening with a workshop on the heel turn in the Foxtrot rhythm. We then danced Phase IV dances such as "I'm Alive" and "Manuela". They also taught a mixed rhythm dance "Dancing at Washington Square" which gave the dancers an opportunity to practice their heel turns. We finished the evening with dances including "Girl Crush" and "Out of Africa".

This fall we will be concentrating on specific figures and styling in Phase IV rhythms. We will begin each week at 6:45 with a workshop or review. Jerry and Bonnie will provide a program of Phase IV dancing as well as teach of a new dance every week.

We dance every Wednesday at the Lambeth Public School, 6820 Duffield Street, London (Lambeth) 6:45 to 9:00 PM.

Please feel free to contact either Ed and Nancy Dolson (e.dolson@hotmail.com) or Stan and Mary McKeen (smckeen@exeuclick.com).

[Rhythm Rounds - London](#)

Our new season started off with a bang. We had 9 new beginners start our program from 6 pm to 7:15 pm at the Kiwanis Center. They are learning the moves with the waltz as a starter. Most of our dancers came and joined the new dancers at the end of their class so we could welcome them into our club. We have a busy schedule this year and we hope to have our schedule of our special dances out for the next Bugle. We love to have visitors and hope that you will take the time and drop by.

We are a very well "Rounded" out group! Come and give us a try!

[ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario](#)

Greetings! Dancing Season is well under way. Hope your club is back in the swing of it.

Visit our website Calendar page for ALL our flyers www.shadowlightdance.com

Squares:

Monday Afternoon A-2 Dance followed by A-1 Review in Cambridge

Tuesday Afternoons Basic in New Hamburg (Residence only) This is Active Adult Community

Wednesday Afternoon A-2 Dance in Brampton Will be starting on October 18th.

Friday Afternoons A-2 Dance by A-1 Review in Lobo

We are also involved in four evening groups as well.

Monday Evening: Grand Squares, Elora – Class followed by Plus Review and dance

Tuesday Evening: Royal City Squares – Guelph - Class and Mainstream programs

Wednesday Evening: Royal City Squares – Guelph - PLUS Teach followed by Full PLUS Dance

Thursday Evening: Jubilee Rounds – St. Jacobs – Phase 2/3 Rounds.

Dance Parties:

ShadowLight Enterprises is very involved in introducing Square, Round and Line dancing to various new groups all through the year. Keep us in mind if you know of a group that might be interested in a "Square Dance Party, Round Dance Party or Line Dance Party. We do many private parties for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Weddings, Pre-wedding parties, as well as "just because parties"

Camp & Dances: We are very involved with Camp and Dance groups as well. This summer we called and cued at C-046 in Forest twice and C-112 in Waterloo and our own May weekend (The Puddle Jumper) for PLUS dancers that took place at The Rock Glen Family Resort this year – Rock Glen has cabins too, so not just for campers. This is a great facility and we will be hosting our third weekend special “The Advanced Extravaganza” next year at Rock Glen. If you would like to join us for either of these weekends the flyers are on our website or contact us and we will get you registered.

Dances:

Saturday September 23rd ShadowLight hosted the “September Sashay” an Annual Dance we have to welcome the PLUS dancers back to the new season. This was following the SWOSDA Round Dance Special hosted by Jubilee Rounds that afternoon. Lots of refreshments and the weather was warm but all who attended had a great time.



Saturday October 14th in St. Jacobs

Afternoon: we will be hosting a Bolero Clinic and a Waltz/Foxtrot Clinic in St. Jacobs.

Evening: We will be hosting “An Evening of Advanced” featuring both A2 & A1 Sessions
Flyers for both these events are on our website.

November 11th. In St. Jacobs we will be hosting our annual salute to our Veterans – “A Night To Remember” And evening of great music and some fun PLUS dancing. This is a Funtime Event!! See Below for Description.

Sunday November 12th. We will be hosting our annual Gala By The Grand with Andrea and Dan Roy Cueing.

This is an afternoon and evening dinner dance. Phase 2 – 4 Rounds.

**** Funtime Events: Periodically, ShadowLight Dance Club will hold “Funtime Events”. These are regular Plus program dance events that will include a specific aspect to make them even more FUN, whether it’s a theme, or a location, or just that little something extra. Each attendee couple at a Funtime Event will receive a punch card and, when they have attended so many Funtime Events, there will be a reward! A little something for just coming out and having fun! Join us on November 11th - you won’t want to miss it!

Happy Dancing and More – Much More!
Andrea & Jeff Priest
ShadowLight Dance Club

**Check out our website for flyers - www.shadowlightdance.com
519-752-2172**

Sound Steppers - Owen Sound

Hello dancers, back to some more reasonable fall temperatures, beautiful fall colours, apple harvests and pumpkin patches. The Owen Sound Steppers club has had a great start to the dancing season.

We have a NEW location that we are dancing for our weekly Thursday dance nights at St George's Anglican Church at 1049 4th Avenue East Owen Sound, corner of 10th street and 4th Avenue.

We have our Specialty Dance coming up fast, Our Autumn Twirl on Saturday October 14th at our church from 7-930 pm \$8/person. Everyone welcome.

We dance every Thursday evening from 7pm to 930pm September through May to the calling of Neva McVitte.

Keep up to date on all that goes on with this fun club by going to our club website www.owensoundsteppers.ca and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/owensoundsteppersdanceclub.ca

Hope to see you all on the dance floor.

Linda Wedow
Bugle Rep/Website Designer

Strathroy Swinging Duo's

The Strathroy Swinging Duos began the dance season on September 18th with a "Welcome Back" dance at the Strathroy Senior Citizens' Centre followed by a lunch of cake and ice cream. There were 5 squares in attendance. We are fortunate to have Tom Charlton calling and Stan McKeen cuing again this year. The capable presidents are Tom and Jo Kahnert. During announcements they introduced our new executive who are pictured below.



Recently we were fortunate to receive a grant from the Ontario government and this will assist us in offering a separate session for new square dancers beginning on October 17. It will take place at the St. John the Evangelist Church Hall in Strathroy every Tuesday evening for 8 weeks, the first evening being free. Anyone interested in square dancing is encouraged to come out.

In September several of our members were involved with putting on demonstrations at the Western Fair. We enjoyed inviting fair patrons to dance with us in the hopes of generating interest and encouraging new dancers to join our clubs. A photo of this event is attached below.

Several members of our club sit on the SWOSDA executive as well as the 2018 Convention executive. We would draw your attention to several upcoming events including a 2018 Convention Fundraising dance during the afternoon of October 1st in St Agatha, and the monthly SWOSDA dance on October 28th in Flesherton. Details of these events can be found on the SWOSDA website.



Everyone is welcome to attend the Strathroy Swinging Duo dances from 7:30 to 9:30 on Monday evenings at the Seniors' Centre in Strathroy. We dance mainstream, plus and rounds. Here's to another great season of dancing!

Submitted by Syd and Jane Fletcher

[Thames Valley Squares - Woodstock](#)

At Thames Valley Squares, we are in full swing.....thankfully with....would you believe, 13 brand new dancers!! This was our second week, and we are thrilled to welcome these eager people, and of course, our 'old' standbys with their always eager smiles and hugs, and raring to go! We are loving the fellowship, and extending our bodies and minds with this wonderful form of exercise! Due to the incredible heat, we aired on the side of caution, and danced for only one hour. But next week, we plan to be back for the full time of dancing!

Remember, we do rounds 'teach and dance' from 6 - 7p.m.
Square dancing begins at 7p.m. Same place as always, College Ave United Church, with our always faithful, Ed and Nancy

For TVS's, Agnes Claus

[Tri-County Squares – Tillsonburg](#)

Like many other clubs in the area, it is imperative that we recruit new dancers to keep our club viable, not only to pay the bills but bring in fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

To build awareness in the community, we do many of the same things, the rest of you do. We participate in charity and community events, and entertain at retirement and nursing homes, schools, churches, house parties, weddings evening, etc.

Tri-County Squares mounted an informational display at Ingersoll's Harvest Festival. Our large sign is already up at a main corner in town, the lawn signs were set up around the area. We took advantage of SWOSDA's promotion fund to replace signs which disappeared in last year's blitz. We felt this was important because those signs were the most mentioned by last year's recruits as their source of information. Notices have been placed in our local newspapers, coffee news, community websites, our own website and on facebook. Promotional materials have been placed in libraries, community centres, and tourist booths.

Members are encouraged to talk positively about the fun, fitness and friendship enjoyed through modern square dancing and have been sent promotional materials to assist in the blitz to recruit new members. After scanning CallerLab's Square Dance Marketing Manual which SWOSDA recently passed on to the club we shared The Elevator Pitch and Email Signature as great tools to use. We especially liked and have found from experience to be true, the answer quoted to the question – How long does it take to learn? from Lanny Weaklend:

“Three lessons. After three lessons it's either not for you, or you'll love it so much I can't keep you away.”

Now the pressure is on the club members to bring prospective dancers to the club as personal contact has proven to be the most effective way to recruit.

The next two weeks, the 27th and the 4th are open houses where experienced dancers are encouraged to bring in potential dancers to give modern square dancing a try.

We already had an experienced couple at our opening dance, due to the sessions at Western Fair. A big thank you is due from all of us to Jeff Priest who organized the sessions, to the callers who did multiple sessions through the week plus, and the dancers who did such a good job demonstrating the fun we have in modern square dancing. Credit is due as well to Western Fair for providing SWOSDA the opportunity to showcase fun, friendship and fitness inherent in modern square dance.

Dorothy Dahm,
Club Contact – Tri-County Squares

The Last Laugh

A man in Scotland calls his son in London a few days before Thanksgiving and says, “I hate to ruin your day but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough.”

'Dad, what are you talking about?' the son screams.

“We can't stand the sight of each other any longer” the father says.

“We're sick of each other and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Leeds and tell her.”

Frantically, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. “Like hell they're getting divorced!” she shouts, “I'll take care of this!”

She calls Scotland immediately, and screams at her father “You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?” and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. 'All Sorted Out.
They're all coming for Thanksgiving - and they're paying their own way!

When a Butterball Talk-Line staffer asked a caller what state her turkey was in (meaning how thawed was it) the caller responded with, “Florida.”



Caller's Clinic News

See [Website](#) for Meeting Dates, Locations, and Minutes

A big thank you is due from all of us to all the SWOSDA members who participated in SWOSDA Square Dancing at Western Fair from Sept. 8 to 17: Jeff Priest who organized the sessions, to the callers who did multiple sessions through the time period, and the dancers who did such a good job demonstrating the fun we have in modern square dancing. Credit is due as well to Western Fair for providing SWOSDA the opportunity to showcase fun, friendship and fitness inherent in modern square dance.

Callers Clinic provides each season 3 Frosh Dances which are held specially for newer dancers, but appreciate the support of experienced dancers who encourage the newer dancers and fill in squares as needed. The program is maintained at an easy level for everyone's enjoyment. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Frosh Dance Dates: Next season's Frosh Dance events are approved as follows (callers for these events are pending):

1. Friday, November 17, 2017 will be at Hamilton Road Seniors Center, 525 Hamilton Road, London (hosts Centennial Beavers)
2. Saturday, March 17, 2018, College Avenue United Church (to be confirmed – Ed Dolson), 22 Wilson Street, Woodstock N4S 3N4
3. Saturday, April 21, 2018, Clinton Public School (to be confirmed – Dave Paulen), 27 Percival Street, Clinton N0M 1L0

Callers Clinic Meeting Dates and times were approved as follows (The Sat. dates require confirmation from the venues of the Frosh Dances as outlined above.)

- i. Sun., Nov. 19, 2017 – at the Dolson's home.
- ii. Sat., Mar 17, 2018, 5:00 p.m. prior to the Frosh Dance – Woodstock
- ii. Sat. Apr. 21, 2018. 5:00 p.m. prior to the Frosh Dance - Clinton

Watch for further news.

Note: Callers School 2018 July 13 – 18, 2018 Friday to Wednesday London, ON – Canada with Jeff Priest & Barry Clasper *In Harmony With The 20th Canadian National Convention*- See the SWOSDA website or contact Jeff Priest for details.

If you haven't registered yet for the 20th Canadian National Convention, now is the time - the sooner the better. Check out <http://www.squaredance.ca/2018/> . See the callers already registered.

Nick Dahm,
Callers Clinic Chair



"Callers Clinic and his many dancing friends would like to wish Denny Howlett best wishes on his retirement. Thank you from all of us for the many hours of enjoyment you have brought us."

Dorothy Dahm

"It's amazing the great people I have in my life that I wouldn't have ever met if it wasn't for dancing!"



SILENT AUCTION UPDATE

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The October Fundraiser dance is now in the past. A good crowd of dancers from across South Western Ontario graced the dance floor as Tom Charlton & Jeff Priest put them through their paces. The variety of music these two gentlemen have, never ceases to amaze me. Rounds were also on the program as Dan Roy & Andrea Priest provided phase 2-3 dancing to a large circle of dancers.

The Silent Auction was located in the front room, and jammed with over 90 donated items. In fact some items ended up in the dance hall because of space limitations. The Auction opened at 12:30 pm. It was like Wal-Mart on half price day. During the breaks many took time to browse through the items, while others zipped in and out just to make sure they still had a winning bid on some special item. In the end, most were very happy with their new purchases, while a few were a little disappointed that they missed out by only a few dollars. There were comments like: “Darn, I really wanted that skirt”, “Isn’t this little back pack cute. I just love it!”, “This weekend away at a cottage will be great.”

All in all, it was a successful day and event with an income of almost \$4,200.00
A big ‘Thank You’ goes out to all those who volunteered their time, who donated items, who attended the event, and those who made purchases making this whole day a great success.

