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Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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President's Message



Well, what a winter we have been having. We hope the cold has not been keeping you sitting by the fireplace. Remember, you can keep warm by dancing, and it wears off those calories you gained during the festive season.

Convention 2018 is fast approaching. We're getting excited at the thought of all that dancing, and meeting old and new friends. If you have not registered, please, download a form from the website, complete and send to Lee Cox.

The Convention executive are planning and organizing the rooms. They need to know to allocate the rooms depending upon the numbers registered. Don't be a last minute registrant, and risk disappointment. There will be rooms for Basic dancers for all you new dancers.

Sign up, and experience the thrill of meeting all these dancers. We're speaking from experience. We still reminisce of the conventions we've attended.

February is Heart Month. We want to exercise that vital muscle. What better exercise than to go dancing. It brings a smile, friendship and fun to your life. We hope our new dancers are attending the Frosh Dances. The next Frosh Dance will be held on Saturday, March 17th in Woodstock.

Just check the S.W.O.S.D.A. website for details. The Callers Clinic organize the Frosh Dancers so new dancers can experience the Square Dance world. You will experience different callers, and meet dancers from other clubs. Try it, and you will get hooked. Why not sign up for Convention 2018.

Be part of the excitement of the Banner Parade. Join the Basic dancers, and be proud to represent your home club.

The next S.W.O.S.D.A. dance is scheduled in Strathroy on Saturday, February 24th. Check the website for details.

Happy Valentines Day to all. Let the love be shown through our friendship and dancing.

Presidents Fred & Dianne Joyner

SWOSDA DANCE – January 27, 2018

Hosted by Chatham & District Square Dancers

Our first afternoon only SWOSDA dance was a great success! A relatively mild and snowless day brought out approximately 70 round and square dancers from near and far. Dancing at the Active Life Styles Centre in Chatham was in an impressive room, nice and bright, with large windows overlooking the nearby river: good dance floor with round tables and chairs at one end for visiting. SWOSDA president, Dianne Joyner, welcomed everyone to the dance shortly after one o'clock. Host caller Tom Charlton along with callers Yvonne Carman and Keith Bertram kept the square dancers moving on the floor with mainstream and plus calls. Yvonne also called a contra dance; those of us brave enough to get up, quite enjoyed. Our cuers for the afternoon were Marie Harrison, Jean Clark, Stan McKeen and Keith Bertram (double duty!). A majority of the square dancers there were also round dancers who honed their skills with two step, waltz, rhumba and cha cha dancing. Although this was an afternoon only dance, we felt that we got in a lot of dancing as the breaks were very short and there were no teaches of any kind. We heard many positive comments about the dance and program change.



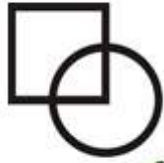
As in our last few SWOSDA dances, Rhetha Roy donated a made-to-measure dance skirt to be raffled off. Linda Charlton was the lucky winner this time. Thanks Rhetha! The draw brought in \$80. to be put toward the 2018 convention which is coming up this July. For as little as \$5.00 you could be the lucky winner at one of the upcoming SWOSDA dances!

Thanks so much to the Chatham & District Square Dancers for hosting our January dance and for providing the afternoon tea and coffee and all the delicious goodies.....great especially for those of us who skipped lunch! A special thank you, as always, to our talented callers and cuers who volunteer their time to give us a day to dance outside of our home clubs. We so appreciate them!

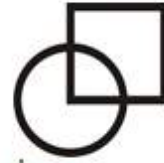


The next SWOSDA dance will be held at the Strathroy & Area Seniors' Centre on Feb. 24th hosted by the Strathroy Swinging Duos. This will be an afternoon and evening dance, as usual. A Trillium Long Service award presentation will be made to Joy and Jack Glassman for their many years of dedication to square and round dancing. Come out to congratulate this deserving couple and enjoy a great dance as well. We'll hope to see you there!

Submitted by Joan & Earl Jacques



SWOSDA



Square & Round Dancers Of South Western Ontario

MONTHLY SPECIAL IN STRATHROY

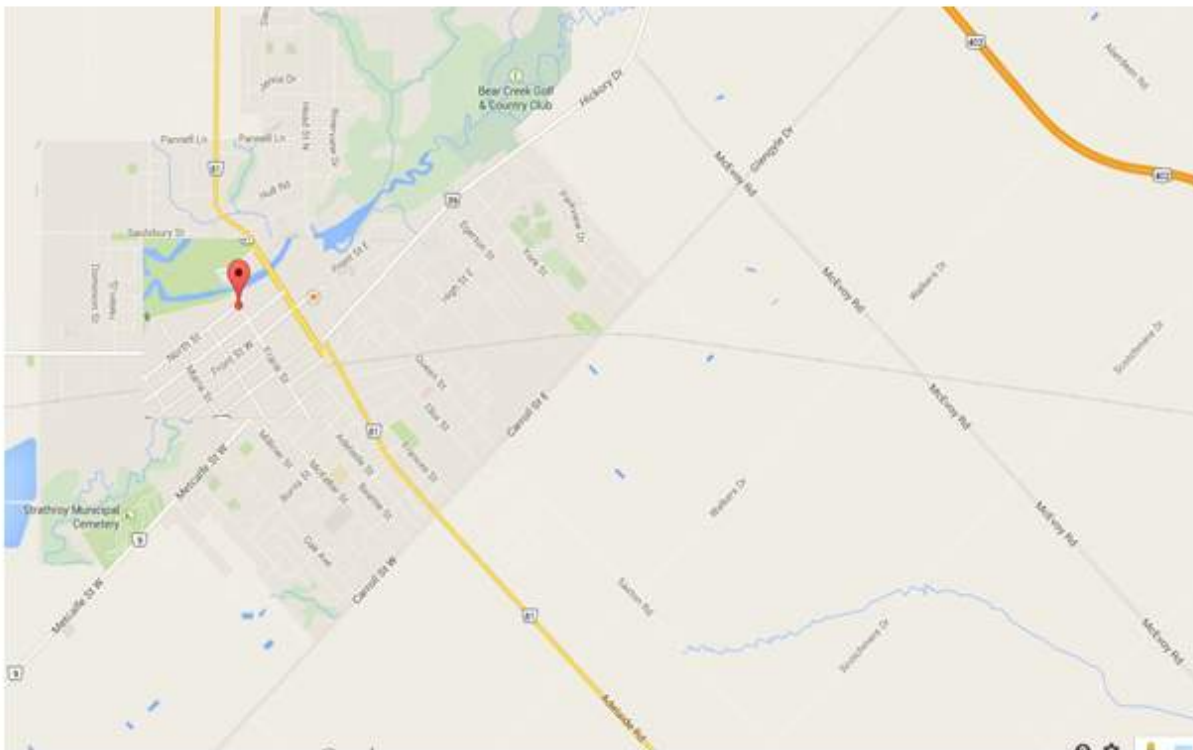
FEBRUARY 24, 2018

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

Hosted by – Strathroy Swinging Duo's

****Location – Strathroy and Area Seniors Center****

137 Frank St., Strathroy, ON N7G 2R8



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

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SWOSDA Contact: Jeff & Andrea Priest ~ jeff@jeffreypriest.com

SWOSDA is a member run organization!

Valentine Humour

Mike walked into a post office just before Valentine's day, he couldn't help noticing a middle-aged, balding man standing in a corner sticking "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. Then the man got out a bottle of Chanel perfume from his pocket and started spraying scent over the envelopes. By now Mike's curiosity had got the better of him, and so I asked the man why he was sending all those cards. The man replied, "I'm sending out 500 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'"

"But why?" asked Mike.

"I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replied.

Q: What happened when the man fell in love with his garden?

A: It made him wed his plants!

"You came home early from your date," John observed to his roommate. "What happened?"

"Well," said the flatmate, "after dinner she invited me up to her flat. We had a couple of drinks and she put on some soft music. Then she reached over and turned out the lights."

"So, what next?" asked John, eyebrows raised.

"I can take a hint," said his flatmate. "I came home."

AN OLDER WOMAN runs into her friend at the mall. "You're not going to believe this," she said. "I found an old lamp the other day. I rubbed it and a genie popped out. He explained that genies don't give three wishes anymore, but he did offer me a choice between one of two wishes. He could give me a better memory or turn my husband into the greatest lover ever."

"Tough choice," said her friend. "Which one did you choose?"

"That's the thing. I can't remember."

Q. What is the difference between a girl who is sick of her boyfriend and a sailor who falls into the ocean?

A. One is bored over a man the other is a man overboard.



Caller's Clinic News

See Website for Minutes of last meeting

Next **FROSH DANCE** is March 17, 2018 in Woodstock

See [FLYER](#) on the SWOSDA website



*Be Sure
To Remember
Your Special
Someone*



SWOSDA

Remember When...

Looking Back from Feb 2018 - Compiled by Dorothy Dahm

Once again, I have been looking back in leaps of 10 years for interesting tidbits about SWOSDA.

To Feb. 1968

* Bugle Editor L.E. Clayton reported that SWOSDA executive had decided to extend to all member clubs the opportunity of advertising “Special Dances” by sending in flyers for a fee of \$2 per issue and enumerated the standards of publication necessary. 250 copies of the flyer had to be received by the Editor by the 10th of the month. He informed the readers that they had 50 subscribers, 33 clubs and 15 complementary issues on an exchange basis. (Contrary to the trend of rising prices through the years, I can’t help but think what a deal we have now when advertising our special events in the Bugle and on the website – no paper costs, and unlimited possibilities as to readership.DD)

*SWOSDA club for the month was Circle Four Club in London starting in early 1954 in the basement of Sadie and Alec Whitfield when three squares of their friends gathered in their basement to try some square dancing. On the second night Perry Stuart joined them and had been with Circle Four every meeting since. The original objective of the club, to provide fun by square dancing, had not changed.

* **Definition of a SMILE - A crooked line used to straighten out a square.**

***Square Dance Recipe** – The following are ingredients which make up a square for real square dancing!!! - 4 MALES, 4 FEMALES, 8 HEARTS for Fun, 8 HEARTS of Kindness, 8 HEARTS of Consideration, 8 HEARTS THAT WANT TO DANCE.

*Historian Kay Sehl quoted some thoughts and opinions from letters received on the topic of “dance dropouts”. One couple stated: “the greatest appeal of dancing is the movement to music. Enjoyment and satisfaction are there, when I can move through the dance and concentrate equally on the music and the calling. It’s not dancing, when, at the end of a set, the caller is gulping for air, and I’m almost too exhausted to wipe my fevered brow”

* Also included was an article by Gloria and Ede Pos of Simcoe Star-a-Naders entitled DANCING IS WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT on the benefits of dancing at other clubs once you have learned the basics of dancing. (I have bookmarked this to share with you at another time.)

To 1978 Feb Bugle

*I found my breath taken away by the report concerning the 1st **Square and Round Dance Convention** to be held in Edmonton Alberta Aug. 17-19 1978. In Dec. 1977 there were already 4,501 registrations. 458 were from Ontario, and a few more from England, Australia, and the US. (I scanned this article for our Convention 2018 chair just for interest’s sake.)

*Included in this issue was also a discussion paper to help bring out the orderly formation of a Canadian Square and Round Dance Federation during the Convention mentioned above.

To 1988 Feb Bugle

*Included in this issue was an amusing article entitled **Dieting Dancers Divulge**. It started out, “ Thousands of pleasingly plump people around the world have subjected themselves to weight-loss programs without considering the obvious danger of poor nutrition while dieting, and many latent hazards. Here are just a few.” One of those listed was Burnt, Frozen Fingers, Tongue with explanations, including solutions in this case“ wait until food is out of the oven or freezer before starting to eat”. I have scanned this article to share with the club at some appropriate time and am willing to share it with anyone who requests it.

To Feb 1998

*Kudos to Nancy Dolson who made the report on the Callers Clinic as interesting as the actual meeting must have been.

*A description of the Eastern Canada Ice Storm as seen through the Eyes of Lorne and Connie Bowerman of Nepean, Ontario which concluded, “If this whole thing were a test of people’s will, then this area passed with flying colours. There were many stories of human kindness reported every hour. It was a time to show the stuff of which the people are made. And it looked pretty good.”

*An update on the plans for the 11th National Convention to be held in Ottawa July 16-18, 1998 reported that registration currently was at 3000, on track for planned 5000. 13 halls of dancing were planned to accommodate squares, round, basic, intermediate, clogging, wheel chair dancing, contra, and line dancing. Two sessions of dancing on Parliament Hill were planned. A combined event for the last evening projected over 3,300 dancers on the floor. Imagine that - over 800 squares!

To Feb 2008

*It was reported that our SWOSDA team was working really hard to make sure the 2008 National Convention in London was the best ever. They were already over the 1300 mark in registration but said it was never too late to volunteer or encourage others to register.

*Is this an extra hint? **Did You Volunteer?**

Many will be shocked to find when the day of judgment nears
That there’s a special place in heaven set aside for Volunteers.
It’s furnished with big recliners, satin couches and footstools
Where there’s no committee chairman, no canteen duty or car pools
No eager team that needs a coach, no carnival, nor bake sale.
There will be nothing to staple, not one thing to fold or mail.
Telephone lists will be outlawed but a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks, and gourmet dinners, and rare treats fit for a king.
You ask, “Who’ll serve these privileged few and work for all they’re worth?”

Why all those who reaped the benefits and not once volunteered on earth!

It’s time I quit for this month. When I open up the Bugles, I learn all sorts of amazing things about our activity and those involved in it. Please, if you ever have any questions about a person or event in SWOSDA’s past, drop me a line, or give me a call and I will try to find an answer. dndahm@sympatico.ca or 519-842-9212.

My thanks to our ever patient editor who has too often to wait patiently for my article to roll in at deadline date. I hope everyone lets him know once in a while how appreciated he is.

Nick and Dorothy Dahm, SWOSDA Historians.

(He is my faithful proofreader) dndahm@sympatico.ca

CLUB NEWS

Send Club News to bugle@swosda.ca

Centennial Beavers - London

2018 started with snow abounding. We had only a few show up for our first night of 2018 because of a snowstorm and the following week was not much better. The weather was horrific but we did manage with 1 square, which in a way was good because we got to practice some moves we were having trouble with. That is the positive part of a small group is that you can work on the things that give you nightmares!!!

We had a full house of 4 squares of new dancers for the November Frosh dance hosted by the Beavers. The weather was fine and the dancing was great. We had 1 dancer in from Tillsonburg and we had our caller Ed calling and Strathroy's Merv Reid (a new caller). Also, at the last minute we had Yvonne Carmen drop by and call a few sets for us. She was on the other side of Toronto visiting her sister and was headed back home to Windsor. She contacted Ed and said she would stop in London and help call the dance. We were very happy to have her join in!

This March the Frosh Dance will be hosted by Thames Valley Squares in Woodstock. The dance will be on March 17th and the club colours are Green and White so St. Patricks Dance for the new Dancers will be a hoot! The dance is from 700pm to 900pm at College Ave United Church where they dance on Monday nights. The cost is \$10 per couple.

We invite all new beginner dancers to come out and dance with other new dancers. Hopefully, the club you are learning at will have some of your new friends that will come with you and show you the ropes at the "Frosh".

Usually the Frosh Dance is attended in Jan / Feb / Mar...after you have been dancing for a while. January and February, in the past, have had bad weather so only those in town attend. Callers Clinic has decided that we would try the dances when the weather is better. Ed Dolson and Tom Charlton will be calling. Tom will be bringing his new beginners from Strathroy and the Beavers will be there in full force as well as the Thames Valley bunch from Woodstock. It will be a blast so mark it on your calendars. Don't forget, you don't have to be a beginner to dance at the Frosh, you are welcome to come out on "St. Paddy's Day" and dance with all of us!

See you in a square!!!!

Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers

Clinton Public School, 27 Percival Street, Clinton

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

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

Dancing Wednesdays 8-10 pm Mainstream with announced Plus Tips

Regular Dances - January 5 – May 2, 2018

Traditional and Casual Attire welcome at our regular club dances

Winter is in full swing here at Clinton Wheel n Dealers. The weather had us getting a longer Christmas Break with dancing cancelled the first week back but we are keeping warm on the dance floor now that we are going again.

We celebrated the cold with our Winter Wonderland dance on January 17th. There were lots of mitts, hats, scarfs worn to keep everyone toasty warm.

Our next theme dance will be our Valentine's Potluck on February 14th. We are looking forward to everyone bringing their favourite potluck dishes to share. Please remember that we are not allowed to bring any potluck dishes that have nuts in them. Dave and Blanche will naturally have lots of love songs planned for the evening.

Ian and Debbie will be in Arizona for February and will not be submitting a March report. Just a reminder that we always invite our grandchildren, friends, neighbors to join in our St. Patrick's dance. This will be held on March 14th. It is always a lot of fun when the children get involved.

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

Ian and Debbie Hulley
Publicity Contacts
519-482-7972

[Country Squares - Rostock](#)

January Tropical Fun! Country Squares headed south on their Tropical Night, January 22 with flowery shirts, colourful leis, and palm trees and ukulele decorations. We slid under the limbo pole - to hilarious results! As well, co-presidents Roger and Elaine Cook taught us how to play pickleball, an up-and-coming sport in the seniors world (although lots of ages play). You'll see Dunc McVittie pretending to be "the net".



Last week caller Neva McVittie introduced some simple round dancing calls for us newbies, and this week we reviewed plus learned Scissors. And yes, we did find some time in all this frivolity to do some square dancing!

By Karen Mills

[Denim'N Lace - Flesherton](#)

Hello fellow dancers, hope everyone is enduring the winter weather without too many cancellations. The Flesherton Club has had a busy month.

Everyone enjoyed our Scottish night, with Jimmy having lots of Scottish themed songs and Scottish snacks.

Our next themed night is our Valentines dance on Wed Feb. 14th at 7pm so bring your sweetheart and dress in your favorite red and whites and enjoy a great evening. Everyone welcome. Hope to see you all on the dance floor.

Linda Wedow
Bugle Rep/Website Designer

[Elora Grand Squares - Elora](#)

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

Included in this article was to be a Disney Night photo with Jeff in his Disney regalia. However, on Disney Night Jeff lost his singing voice so we are postponing Disney Night till next week.



In Jeff's place we were very fortunate to have our friend, Dave Williamson, call for us. He even dedicated his "Doctor, doctor" song for Jeff!

Dave had just finished doing the January Blast in Guelph where Monty and Eileen, from our Basic class, joined him for an all day Basic review. They did superbly so they get to be on the photo today!!

On Feb.13 we are hosting a Valentine Dance so if you'd like to join us in Elora, a warm welcome awaits you! Meanwhile, enjoy winter in Ontario and keep warm by dancing up a storm!

Joan Klapwyk, Publicity

[Huron Bruce Swingers - Lucknow](#)

The Huron-Bruce Swingers held their opening "formal" dance on January 10th and welcomed guests Dan and Rhetha Roy. We were honored to have Dan call a couple of round dances. And when our numbers are low, we do a number of six couple square dances - lots of fun.



A new couple that joined us this year are Murray and Pam Smith. We are finding out how talented this couple are! Murray calls "old time" square dances, so we have a change of venue occasionally at our dances. "Old Time" squares bring back memories for some of us who did it at one time when we were younger - don't swing like we used to do.

Coming up is a "Robbie Burns" night and then into February for a "Sadie Hawkins" dance and of course a "Valentine's"♥ dance and we will end the month with a "Hard Times" dance. Let's hope that the winter weather co-operates and we can get them all in. Remember to call if uncertain about the school openings and weather. Be safe!

Yellow Rocks,
Sharon McDonald,
Bugle Correspondent

[Huron Happy Hearts - Clinton](#)

Well the weather has not been kind to the Happy Hearts. We missed our first 2 weeks of dancing in January because of bad weather. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

We finally got started on January 19 with a good crowd present. We're still missing a few with health issues, but hopefully everyone is on the mend.

Dan had a nicely rounded program of dances to keep everyone on their toes. He did have to review a few spots; funny how the mind goes blank sometimes. We also worked on a phase 3 Foxtrot called "Forty Shades of Green"; guess what? There's a new 'box' in town! This dance has a drifting box in it. Maybe by next week we can smooth it out a bit.

Stan McKeen also did a few rounds during the evening. Dan likes to keep him practiced up: something about vacation coverage? When are you leaving gain Dan?

Joe Correspondent - HHH

[Jubilee Rounds - St. Jacobs](#)

Greetings from Jubilee Rounds in St. Jacobs:

Wow, were did January go??

We were away 'til the middle of January so not too much to report this month.

Jubilee Rounds is back dancing again after the holidays. If you would like to join us, our program is 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.

February 10, 2018 we will be hosting two special afternoon clinics.

Rhythm Concepts: 1.) Brush Up On Bolero and
2.) Waltz & Foxtrot – a look at Phase 4 Interchangeable Figures.
Be sure to look up our flyer on our website.

March 17, 2018, we will be holding a special Introduction to Cha Cha session in the afternoon. This is an afternoon of Fun designed for Non Dancers (or Dancers who want!). Pre-registration required - visit our website for flyers or contact us for info.

Jubilee Rounds is still at St. James Lutheran Church in St. Jacobs - dancing on Thursday evenings. Visitors are always welcome! If you wish to join us, please feel free to come out Thursdays at 7:00pm. In the event of bad weather, check our website after 4:00pm for cancellations. - www.shadowlightdance.com.

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](#)

Still taking a winter break, but looking forward to hosting the SWOSDA Dance on March 24 at the Underwood community center (North of Kincardine)

Hope to see everyone there!

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

Leaders: [Jerry and Bonnie Callen](#)

On January 10th, 2018 London Harmony Rounds started the new season off with reviews and workshops which included “Dancing at Washington Square” and “Little White Gardenia”. We want to thank Ed for stepping in to lead the club during the months of January & February.

Ed is planning a workshop on Slow Twostep this month as well as continuing to review dances Jerry & Bonnie have taught.

We will continue to dance 6:45 to 9:00 at the Lambeth Public School, 6820 Duffield Street, Lambeth (London). Please contact Ed (e.dolson@hotmail.com) if you are planning to join us as the School is sometimes unavailable and there is always the possibility of a cancellation due to bad weather.

Stan & Mary McKeen – smckeen@execulink.com

[Rhythm Rounds - London](#)

We started our new season on Tuesday, January 9th. We have had a very good attendance to start the year off right. This season, Ed is teaching us the slow 2 step and we are touching on some new waltz dances and some new Cha Cha's.

Our beginner dancers are learning the 2 step, which we thought they would have a bit of trouble with but they are zooming through the moves faster than Ed anticipated. They love the 2 step and it shows in their eagerness to learn. Well done!

We are always happy to welcome round dancers looking to do some extra dancing through the week. We dance on Tuesdays at the Kiwanis Center from 7 to 9...come on out and join us, anytime!

[ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario](#)

Greetings! 2018 is off to a great start.... Be sure to join us when you can!

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

Wednesday Afternoon: A-2 Dance in Brampton – **NOTE: *Will resume on February 7, 2018***

Friday Afternoon: A-2 Dance followed by A-1 Review in Lobo

We are involved in four evening groups as well...

Monday Evening: Grand Squares, Elora – Class followed by Plus Teach

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:

Not too much going on in January as we were away until the 15th but still had a couple of fun private parties to call.

Camp & Dances: It's not too early to start thinking about camp and dance weekends. Our May weekend (The Puddle Jumper) for PLUS dancers, at The Rock Glen Family Resort in Arkona, is filling up!! Rock Glen has cabins too, so not just for campers. This is a great facility and we will also be hosting our "Advanced Extravaganza" for Advanced dancers next September – it too is filling up, get your registrations in. 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.

Special Dances:

Saturday January 20, 2018 We held an Evening of Advanced dance and, even though many folks were away, the attendees had a fun night being put through their Advanced paces. Thanks to those who joined us and put up with Jeff's laryngitis!

Saturday February 10, 2018 We will be hosting our Annual Sweetheart Swirl. Join us for a fun evening of love songs and solid PLUS dancing. "This is a FunTime Event"
*See Below for Funtime Event Description.

Saturday March 17, 2018. We will be hosting our St. Patricks Day Dance - Wearin' o' The Green! This will be a "Funtime Event" as well.

**** **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 February 10, 2018 for the Sweetheart Swirl - you won't want to miss it!

Don't forget to register for the 20th Canadian National. July is just around the corner!

We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor in 2018.

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

Check out our website for flyers - www.shadowlightdance.com

519-752-2172

Silver Streak Squares - Woodstock

Happy New Year and stay warm.

Silver Streaks had to cancel our first dance of the season due to weather (fog) and we only dance Jan 11 and 25, so hoping for better weather for 25.

Hugs to all and Happy New Year.
Silver Streaks
Pat Catt

[Sound Steppers - Owen Sound](#)

Hello fellow dancers, hope everyone is enduring the winter weather without too many cancellations. The Owen Sound club has had a busy month with some visitors and great dancing.

Our next special night is our Valentines dance on Thurs. Feb. 15th at 7pm so bring your sweetheart and dress in your favorite red and whites and enjoy a great evening. Everyone welcome. Hope to see you all on the dance floor.

Linda Wedow
Bugle Rep/Website Designer

[Strathroy Swinging Duo's](#)

January has been snowy and blustery. It has been a relatively quiet month for the Strathroy Swinging Duos after our busy fall season, our beginner dancing classes and our Christmas festivities. Many of our members have migrated south for the winter, but those of us who have stayed back are looking forward to an excellent few months of dancing.

On January 15th we enjoyed a Country and Western Night followed by a scrumptious lunch. Pictured below are some folks who enjoyed that dance.



On January 9th we resumed our basic square dance teaching with a second 8 week session and once again we are very pleased to see the excellent turnout and the enjoyment these dancers are experiencing. We are hoping to have these dancers join our club in the spring.

We are looking forward to hosting the upcoming SWOSDA dance on February 24th and to our Valentine social on February 12th. Please feel free to join us at the senior center in Strathroy if you are free on Monday evenings.

Submitted by Syd and Jane Fletcher

[Thames Valley Dance Club - Woodstock](#)

Finally, after a couple cancellations, we were back 'squaring it up' on Monday January 15. We look forward with 'great expectations' to all the planned events.

Ed and Nancy Dlolson teach ROUND DANCE every Monday from 6 - 7p.m.
Square dance goes from 7 - 9:30p.m. At College Ave. United Church.

SWOSDA this month is hosted by Chatham Square dance club with caller Tom and Linda Charlton, on January 27.

You are invited to join us TVDC (Thames Valley Dance Club), for our Valentines Sweetheart Dance on Monday February 12th from 7 - 9:30 with lunch included. Bring your 'sweetheart' or if you don't have one, maybe find one there!!

On Monday March 12th, 7 - 9:30p.m. we would love to host you for our FRIENDS AND FAMILY NIGHT. Bring along a friend or family member so that you can share our fun! Snacks will be provided by our club. We continue to remember our members and their families in prayer, who are in the midst of health struggles, undergoing treatments, tests, and limitations thereof.

Remember the biggest event of the year, hosted right here in London, ON, the bi-annual SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION. If you are signed up...great!!!!.....if not, then let's do it today.

For TVDC, Agnes Claus.

[Tri-County Squares – Tillsonburg](#)

Despite warnings of possibilities of unpleasant weather, nearly three squares of dancers made it out to our first dance of the season and our Warm Welcome Back. Most of our dancers came decked out in tropical style and Tom supplied them with an evening of vigorous night of dancing to warm up our bodies and minds. Interspersed in the breaks was a chance to refresh ourselves with our surprise fruit salad, a surprise only because it was a group effort with each of the dancers bringing a cup of cutup fruit to be added to the Honey Lime starter for the salad.



On the 24th, we brightened up the night a bit by wearing odd socks. Nick was on the mike for the evening as Tom had asked him to take over since he had a very sore throat and little voice. We were pleased to welcome Don and Gerry Richardson who made an excellent presentation with information about SWOSDA and the upcoming convention.



We will celebrate love of friends and family when our dance actually falls on Valentine's Day, with possibly a nod to our flag for National Flag Day on the next day. A treat of red, white and chocolate refreshments may be in the offing. We'd love to be joined by many of our dancing friends. See you in a square.

Nick and Dorothy Dahm - TCS Contacts & Presidents.



Convention 2018

July 19, 20,21, 2018

**It's pedal to the metal time – all systems are a GO!
Less than 6 months till convention!**

If you remember back a few years, we asked ALL SWOSDA clubs if they were willing to support the next Convention. We got a 100% agreement from all clubs before we agreed to go ahead and take on this project.

To date we have only about 30% of the SWOSDA dancers registered.

There are 600 dancers in South Western Ontario alone, and yet our total registrations for all of Canada & the US are under 550.

Because of poor registrations we have had to cancel programs – there will be no wheelchair dancing, no line dancing, no clogging, and Contra Dancing has been reduced to a part-time activity.

Many callers and leaders have paid for their registrations, have hotels and will be present to ensure every dancer has a great time. Check the website for a list of callers & leaders! These people have not only paid their way, but they offering to work as well.

They need your support! We need your support!

Reduced numbers may cause reduced programs, but nothing can reduce the fixed costs. We still have to pay for the facility and the flooring. These 2 items are the largest burden we face. No matter what the outcome, bills must be paid. If the committee cannot cover these costs, it falls back on SWOSDA and the Ontario Federation. SWOSDA has been enjoying the profits from the last convention for many years, but the positive bank balance could disappear very quickly without your support.

I know everyone is aging, so are we. I know many have been waiting to make sure they were well enough to attend. I also know of others, who are not even dancing, and yet have registered. Why? Square dancing has given them so much pleasure over the years that they want to support this very worthwhile event. They want to see a large gathering like back in 2008. They want to meet their old friends again, and talk about the good times, the fun times, and reflect on memories.

As a committee we are doing what we can to provide you with a great dance opportunity. The venue will never be any closer. We are looking for your support!

Dan & Rhetha Roy
Chair Couple
Convention 2018

Web Site: www.squaredance.ca/2018

WORD FIND

K N A V A P T W O S T E P R E
 O C H A C H A S T O M P E T W
 L V C A T E H O V E L E T A O
 O R O T Y O R A O T L N N P L
 A E O M T T J S X A L E R D F
 S S L O R O C K A N D R O L L
 L A T S A F O S I G R G T A A
 A M N P O L K A G O E Y U V G
 S B A H T S K I P D S O N O N
 Y A L E O E J I V E S U E L O
 R P P R A Q U A R T E T S T C
 B O L E R O R N M U S I C A P
 D E T A C I T S I H P O S O B
 T A L U H A L U H M O N H E O
 C A R I O C A R A O B L A B W

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

Take your partner

Solution: 25 letters

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| Ask | Conga | Hula hula | Pas | Salsa | Trot |
| Atmosphere | Cool | Jig | Pavan | Samba | Tunes |
| Balboa | Dresses | Jive | Plan | Skip | Twostep |
| Bolero | Energy | Jota | Polka | Sophisti- | Veleta |
| Bop | Fast | Kolo | Quartet | cated | |
| Bow | Flow | Lavolta | Reel | Stomp | |
| Carioca | Hop | Minuet | Relax | Tango | |
| Cha cha | Hot | Music | Rock and roll | Tap | |