

# BUGLE

Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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President's Message



Hello fellow dancers!

We certainly hope that all of you have enjoyed the warm summer weather and are keeping well. We very much miss seeing you in a square and on the round dance floor!

Welcome to what promises to be a very different dance year. All of our usual plans for the year are on hold and the prospects for an early return to dancing as we know it are slim, at best. During this long break we want to keep our dance community in touch with each other. Accordingly, we shall continue to publish the Bugle regularly to continue to provide a forum for us to share news, ideas, and information with each other, as we work towards our return to dancing. As well, Dan Roy has established a "[Covid-19 Update](#)" link on the SWOSDA web [Virtual dancing Link](#) site (SWOSDA.ca) which we shall use to post resources and information helpful for planning a **safe** return to dancing when the time comes.

While we wait patiently and the weather starts to focus us more on indoor activities, there are several possibilities for weekly dancing, both round and square. Several resourceful dance leaders, including our own Jeff Priest, have been busy creating two couple square dance videos and weekly "zoom dances" at various levels. There are also weekly open Zoom round dances. You can access these resources, by clicking on the link in the Covid-19 box on SWOSDA.ca home page. Check them out and TRY SOME! Check the link regularly, as more resources are likely to become available as the dance season progresses.

As much as we miss dancing, we miss the socializing that goes with it even more. During this prolonged period of relative isolation it is easy to get down (even with beautiful summer weather). We miss our dancing friends a great deal and often find ourselves thinking about them. Unfortunately for us all, we don't often follow those thoughts up with a "check-in" contact. We encourage all of our clubs and dancers to make an effort to keep in touch regularly. To spark ideas on how we can do this, we are including, in this issue, a mini brainstorm of ideas for clubs and their dancers to keep in touch.

As your SWOSDA Presidents for this year, we look forward to working with our great executive team to help all of us meet the challenges ahead as we work to a brighter future. If you have ideas or suggestions for us,

please send them to us or any other member of the executive. --- Executive list and contact information is posted on SWOSDA.ca (go to “About” and scroll to “Executive”).

Until next month, stay well, follow all the Covid-19 safety guidelines and, if you start to feel overwhelmed, remember the recent church sign that read, “Don’t panic! Even Moses was a basket case once!” We shall get through this together!

Your President Couple,  
Janice and Merv Reid

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## Probably a sign to come for the next little while

While we will probably continue to see the above sign for some time yet, there are still ways to stay involved. Your Clubs may not be dancing, but your fellow dancers are still around. Why not give them a call? See what they have been up to. Get the latest gossip! A quick phone call can make someone’s day. Go ahead – Reach out and touch someone!

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### Awards News and Reminder

**Congratulations to SWOSDA nominees Ed and Nancy Dolson, and Austin and Avril Hayward** who were awarded Ontario Federation Trillium Awards of Merit at the August Federation meeting. Both of these well known couples have, for many years, contributed a great deal to sustain and advance our dance movement. Formal presentations by a Federation rep are to be arranged.

As we wait patiently on hold for our regular dancing this year, you may wish to use some of that extra time to nominate someone from your dance community for a recognition award.

The **SWOSDA merit recognition award** goes to a person/couple who has contributed significantly to the dancing community at the club level for at least 15 years. Each club can nominate one person/couple by March 15th and the winner presentations will be at the SWOSDA AGM .

The **Ontario Federation Trillium Awards for Merit and Long Service** are awarded in August each year. The Merit award requires at least 5 years of dance, and recognizes those who have made an outstanding contribution beyond the scope of their normal regular activities at the club and regional levels. The Long Service award additionally requires 25 years of involvement. SWOSDA is allowed to submit two nominations each year. Nominations must be received by the SWOSDA Secretary by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

For detailed guidelines and forms visit SWOSDA.ca, click “About” and scroll down to “Awards”. All enquiries and submissions to [secretary@SWOSDA.CA](mailto:secretary@SWOSDA.CA) .

## New Secretary - New Email Address!

We thank Linda and Tom Charlton for their many years of service as SWOSDA Secretary couple and welcome **Kathy and Don Proctor** as our new SWOSDA Secretary couple. With the change comes a change in email address. **The new secretary address is [secretary@SWOSDA.ca](mailto:secretary@SWOSDA.ca)** . Please use this address for all SWOSDA submissions and to contact Cathy & Don regarding SWOSDA business.

## Important Insurance Reminders

Liability insurance for clubs, dancers, callers/cuers runs from January to January. All those currently insured will continue to be insured in the New Year (2021) courtesy of Canadian Square & Round Dance Society until clubs open again and are able to collect membership insurance fees.

**Our dancing liability insurance does not cover any Covid 19 related issues (e.g. claim against an insured because someone contracts Covid at a dance event; claim for costs associated with closing a venue due to an outbreak traced to a dance activity.)** All the ramifications of this aren't known, but **when clubs prepare to re-open**, they should take care to ensure a mutual understanding with venues regarding Covid 19 related issues and seek a release from Covid 19 related venue claims. As well, clubs should consider having dancers sign a waiver indicating they are attending entirely at their own risk. The waiver should state that the club, caller/cuer and facility are released from any liability due to possible COVID-19 contraction through this dance activity.

## Ideas for Keeping in Contact with Your Club Members and Fellow Dancers

- Use your club emergency contact tree to touch base with your members early in September
- If you haven't already, consider emailing your dancers the members contact list in order that they can connect with other members
- Email your members and invite them to join a Zoom session (40 minutes free!) for part of what would have been your first dance of the season (and/or for other regular dance nights)
- Encourage your members to pursue virtual square/round dance opportunities via Zoom & You Tube, and to share their experiences
- Share humour items from the internet submitted by your members



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# SWOSDA

## *Remember When...*

### **Looking Back -2010 -09 by Dorothy Dahm, SWOSDA Historian**

At the beginning of this year I resolved that every day of the year I was going to be in contact with at least one person, family or friend. I would choose to visit personally, contact by email or snail mail or phone.

“It’s amazing the great people I have in my life that I would never have ever met if it wasn’t for dancing.” You’ve seen this quote quite a few times in my writing. It always continues to astound me. For obvious reasons I started out the more senior of my friends. Since I don’t drive at night or in nasty weather, I would venture out on sunny days for face to face visits and save the phone calls and messages for evenings or not so nice days. We had a great time reminiscing!

After Covid-19 raised its ugly head, I missed the face to face interaction but was glad I could still be in contact. I was tired of talking to myself at home. Because of my diabetes, I considered myself at risk and was being very careful to follow the rules and keep my circle of friends small.

However as time went on and restrictions were loosened, my bubble increased to a gathering of four in the back yard. So when Linda Charlton phoned to ask if it was okay if she and Tom paid me a driveway visit I didn’t hesitate, changing the location to our backyard patio where we had lots of room for social distancing. It was good to see them and we had a good visit, catching up on news of family and friends.

Near the end of the visit, Linda confessed the other reason they were visiting. They had a SWOSDA Recognition Merit Award for Many Years of Service and Dedication as SWOSDA Historian for me. It would normally have been presented to me at the last dance of the season had it not been for the cancellation because of Covid. What a nice surprise! It’s always nice to know your work is appreciated!

A huge amount of the thanks should go to those who preceded me - the historians, the bugle editors and their contributors who provide the information for my research. I couldn’t do much without the collection of photo albums and copies of Bugles that have been built up over the years.

**It’s never too late** to add information to our albums. So if you have information, news clippings, or photos of a special event or two please send them on to me to add to the collection. You can scan it to me or lend your original copy to me and I will scan a copy for the collection and make sure you get your copy returned. I’m also missing a few copies of Bugles. If you have a collection that you are willing to share, let me know and we can touch base and make sure we get a copy.

A big THANK YOU to the SWOSDA executive and members who thought we were deserving of this award. I find it quite rewarding and always have a project or two brewing in the works. The job has evolved over the years and I’m sure will continue to change in the future.

I have a list of the previous historians, bugle editors, and webmasters in my working binder, part of the plan for a current project, tentatively called, Keeping Us in the Know! If you have info that could flesh that out,

please let me know. Another project idea is brewing in my brain concerning past and present club mascots. After we get back to dancing again, I will work on that as well. Like many others I know, I had many ideas for all the things I would get done during our enforced isolation during the pandemic.

Once we are freed from our captivity, I will be glad to have a visit from interested parties who would like to check out the collection, maybe even with an eye for applying to take on the job after I can no longer manage to do it effectively. Right now I'm dealing with wonky knees that curtail my trips to the basement. I also had to type this out a paragraph at a time from my handwritten notes because any more than 5 minutes at the computer meant PAIN!

Anyway, Thank you, Keep Safe and Well and hopefully we see you on a dance floor sometime in this next year!

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### **Dorothy Dahm Recognized** ( While social distancing of course )



Dear Dorothy,

This year SWOSDA Executive chose to recognize you, and with reverence, posthumously, Nick.

You and he have always been and always will be strongholds in the SWOSDA organization, all for square and round dancers in South Western Ontario now and into the future.

As SWOSDA Historians the amount of energy and organization in keeping our Association's important records is immense. Your contribution is valued by us. Whether it is your contributions to SWOSDA Bugle reports, dance presentations and event displays, you bring a sense of pride and honour to our long standing history of dance.

Thank you. Nick, and you, Dorothy, are examples who have shared great integrity and citizenship values that we all benefit by. Thank you for being our Association Historian. Blessings to you.

We will dance again, we will be together again on a dance floor not too far away!

Tom & Linda Charlton  
Vic-Presidents



## Hello Everyone,

It's a beautiful day outside, and I am sitting here thinking about my fellow dancers. Rhetha and I have been calling various dancing friends to see how they are doing. As they respond with Hello, you can almost hear the smile on their faces. It's usually just a short visit, but it's a visit all the same.

It only takes a minute to say hello to a friend. We really should do it more. It's funny how we say, "I should give her a call sometime!" but we just let it slide. The next thing you know, it's been months! Give a call now, or send an email; you'll be glad you did.

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## ZOOM Program

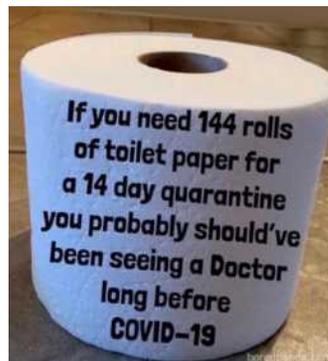
### What is Zoom?

It's a computer program that lets you chat with someone, or a group. Not only can you have a conversation, but you can see one another on your computer screen. If you don't have a computer, you can also use a Smart Phone, or an iPad or Tablet. It's easy to use and can be used for FREE for 40 minutes. Many people can gather at the same time. If you don't have a smart device, you can even phone in from a landline, and take part in the conversation (without video).

SWOSDA used Zoom for the AGM meeting this summer, so many of you are already familiar. Give it a try to have a chat with your fellow dancers; have a get together with your club! <https://zoom.us/>  
Try out some Virtual Dancing (See below)



**Prediction: There will be a minor baby boom in 9 months, and then one day in 2033, we shall witness the rise of THE QUARANTEENS.**

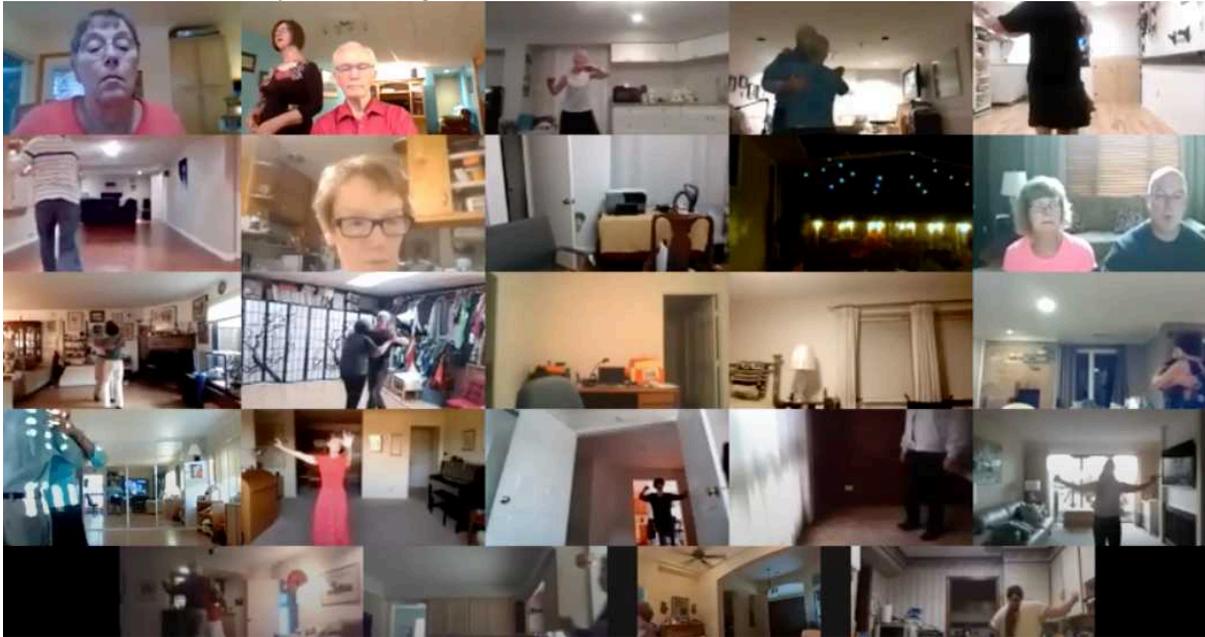


# FEATURE

## VIRTUAL DANCING

### We can't get together for dancing, or can we?

You may have heard the word Virtual dancing. It's a way to get together, and yet, still be the only ones in the room. See below how everyone dancing in their own homes.



Some Callers and Round Dance Leaders have started doing dances using the Zoom program on their computers. They have their equipment setup so they can send music and calling commands to the Zoom program. If you join the Zoom session, you can hear the music and calling commands, and so just follow along. By glancing at the Zoom screen you can see what other are doing too.

### Square Dancing

Callers are getting more creative with their choreography. They know that you are only 1-2 couples in a room. They are creating dancing for 1-2 couples. In many cases 1 couple will dance with a phantom couple (pretend another couple is there)

### Round Dancing

As in square dancing, music and cues are sent through the Zoom program. Couples can dance to the cues in the comfort of their own homes

### Getting Started

The Ontario Federation has many link to Zoom Activities. Follow one of the links below:

Ontario Square & Round Dance Federation – Events

<https://squaredance.on.ca/events-3/>

You can also access the Virtual dance page from the SWOSDA site by selecting:

Virtual dancing Links from the Covid Update Box, or Events -> Virtual Dancing from the menu bar.

# **CLUB NEWS**

Send Club News to [bugle@swosda.ca](mailto:bugle@swosda.ca)

## Centennial Beavers - London

It will be September soon and many were hoping that we would be back dancing with our friends. That hasn't happened as of yet but we have all been keeping in touch and staying safe. I thought I would share what has been going on so you can see that we are all in the same boat.

Ed and I are keeping well and as ISOLATED as possible. The fear of COVID is very real since I have no immunity with my Bullous Pemphigoid. We take all precautions and God has blessed us with good health over this scary time. Ed built me a new pantry. He is an amazing woodworker and made all my drawers and cupboards more accessible. I Love it! He also has been caring for the gardens and ponds in our yard. Such a beautiful sanctuary this year.

Today he is putting in a new back door (very posh)! He also has laid a new kitchen floor, I mean there is nothing this guy can't do. He is my special Angel!

Monte & Audrey Black returned from Mesa in March, right before the borders closed. They isolated for 2 weeks and saw Cheryl & Dan riding their bikes around the park across the street from where they live. They had a deck fire in early April that also ruined their kitchen, but now everything is on the mend and reno's are almost complete. They are well and dancing in their dining room!

Oh, by the way, Cheryl had her operation on her hip and all went well. I talked to her a few days after her surgery and she was in great spirits and says there is almost no pain. She is a real trooper and I know Dan would be an excellent caregiver. Get well soon Cheryl & keep moving! We are all thinking of you.

Karen Dingle has worked throughout the pandemic and is finally on holidays this week. She & her husband are heading north this week for some camping, canoeing and some fishing. She is well and looking forward to getting away.

Gail & Jim are also well and say their dance shoes are getting dusty but they await the day for the call to dance arrives.

Jean Rook is also well and has been walking in the parks to keep fit. They live in an apartment so it's nice to have 3 kids with decks in their bubble. They are getting used to the masks (like many of us). They took their holiday in a cottage in the Kawartha's with her sister and her husband.

Bobby has been a very busy Beaver. She is well and preparing to move to Gainsborough Road by Sherwood Forest Mall. It's close to many activities. She is staying fit as usual and looking forward to her new home.

I did hear that Marg Mueller was not well and has been in and out of the hospital for months. She did not have COVID. She has Von Willebrand disease and it is a blood disorder which the blood does not clot properly so she needs blood transfusions to help her own blood to clot; not very nice to have! She is home now and I am sure she would love to receive a letter or card. Praying for good days, Marg.

Carmen, like all of us, is wondering why the time is flying by so fast and she isn't accomplishing much. She has still been walking and trying to stay in shape for when we start back to dancing.

Marie and Robert have been renovating their rec room. They have been de-cluttering (as most of us have). Robert is putting in a new washroom down there also. Marie will have a workplace to do her stained-glass

artwork. We had the pleasure of their company one afternoon. They brought over Fish n' Chips and we had a social distanced picnic. It was such a nice thing to do. But then, who is more thoughtful, kinder and more understanding than Marie. She has made a huge number of masks for people. She has limited grandkid time (which she loves) and she is waiting for the call to go back to work. She is a caregiver for special kids on the bus; nobody loves their job like she does. She is perfect for it and the kids love her. She also says that Linda and John are still traveling around in their little motorhome but staying safe and following the rules.

Rose has been working on the front line the entire Pandemic in a nursing home. She is the queen of staying safe and is tested every 2 weeks. In her free time, she works on her garden, backyard and her house. She has always been a Do It Yourself woman and is never afraid to fix anything. This week she is camping with her cousin who lost her child to Cancer during the pandemic. She will be spending some nice quiet moments away from the worry of the workplace this week. We thank her for all she does for the elderly in her home. She is always arguing with someone not following the rules and calls them out to get their masks on properly. Her goal is to never have COVID in her nursing home and so far, ...so good!

Had a call from Ruth. She has been staying at her sons over the last few months so she would be in the family bubble. Well she is back home now and finding it quite lonely away from everyone. I know exactly what she means. Not speaking or seeing friends is so hard on you. She is well and looking forward to getting back in the swing of things. She said she will be happy to get more activity.

Judy also will be happy to get back dancing and get back to work. She did have a wonderful surprise when her daughter returned from Australia. She doesn't know if she is going back for now but she is so glad to have her home during the pandemic.

So that is all the news from quite a few of us. I hope you all stay in contact with each other even if it's by sending a card or small note to say, I Am Thinking of You! Ed and I are always thinking of all of you too, especially on a Friday night!

Stay safe, stay strong and be healthy!

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### [Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers](#)

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to an end as we await fall.

Our club dancing is on hold for the fall. The public school gym is being used as a classroom and not available to the public. Club members were fortunate to be invited to the country home of Marris and Tina Bos last week. Many of us strolled through the seemingly endless flower beds. They were beautiful. The highlight of the night was the presentation of the SWOSDA Merit Award to Ian and Debbie Hulley. This was totally unexpected and very much appreciated.



We also take this opportunity to wish Lorne and Cecile Lockrey a well deserved retirement. It is very sad to hear of another club closing but all are welcome to join us for a dance when our club resumes again.

We wish everyone a safe and happy fall

Ian and Debbie Hulley  
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### [Denim'N Lace - Flesherton](#)

It's Square Dance time and time for an update on the Denim 'n Lace Square Dance Club, Flesherton. In the June Bugle we reported we were looking forward to returning to our Wednesday evening dances in September after having to cancel our spring dances due to Covid-19. It is now apparent that it is necessary to cancel our Fall Term dances as the pesky virus continues and the need to follow health guidelines is of paramount importance.

During the past two weeks we have communicated with most of our members by telephone or in person and all are at home and safe and are looking forward to dancing as soon as possible. It would be great if we could get back to dancing in January. We have confirmed with South-East Grey Support Services in Flesherton that the hall is reserved for us. We have talked to Jim Lee and he is looking forward to being our Caller.

Without square dancing, what have dancers been doing for the past five months? The answer is they have been busy in a wide variety of ways:

- Sam & Marilyn Lemon celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 21st. **Congratulations!** They continue to be busy on the farm and in community service.
- Al & Joan Boyce marked their 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In addition to farming they enjoy their miniature horses. They are well trained, drive in a three-horse hitch and do tricks. Al's hobby is fixing antique tractors.
- Bruce & Marg Saunders – Bruce's OAC class 50<sup>th</sup> reunion was cancelled but the class devised a method for classmates to email their 50 year updates to each other – great participation – the results are a keepsake.
- John Cowper and Julia Richards are sailing enthusiasts and went on a 19 day sail in their 35 Catalina boat from Tobermory to the north channel as far as the Benjamin Islands and then back home. Now that is the way to physical distance and forget about Covid-19!
- Sue King was prepared for the virus – her daughter is a nurse so Sue had her camper set up in case her daughter needed to self-isolate.
- Gloria spent 10 days on beautiful Manitoulin Island.
- Mybriitt Deleskie moved to her new home in Collingwood so spent a lot of time packing and unpacking.
- Ruth & Bill Einarson are well, looks like we will miss our toonie Burger opening dance this year Bill.
- Denim 'n Lace members are Gardeners – 11 members – some with large vegetable gardens and others with the nicest flower beds in years.
- Many others mentioned looking after grandchildren, caregiver, crafts, making masks, home projects and decorating.

Mel & Shirley Chamberlain

August 28, 2020

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### [Huron Bruce Swingers - Lucknow](#)

Welcome to the "new norm"! It looks like this is what we are heading into. We hope that everyone is doing their part and staying safe.

Huron Bruce Swingers has received word from the Avon Maitland District School Board that it is not allowing access to the schools for community use at this time. All permits/bookings are cancelled to December 31, 2020. So that involves Brookside PS where the Huron Bruce Swingers dance. What are our plans? We are not sure at this time.

An email went out to find out what everyone has been doing for these last six months - yes, six months. This correspondent and husband have been grandparenting as our son and his wife were able to continue working - the mail must go through and farmers need their fuel! Our hens continue to lay eggs, so we have seen our caller and her husband a few times as they come by for eggs and have delivered eggs to a few others - all with social distancing. We have heard of some health issues (not Covid-19) and know that some have been able to do some "isolation" camping. But one of our couples who like to camp have taken up camping in a "different" way. Here is their story .....

*August 16 - I am so thankful I have all my preserving jars full. It seems I will not be functioning in my kitchen for some time following a significant flood in our house. We had a water pipe burst under my kitchen sink last Tuesday morning. We were out of the house for about 1 hour to return to Niagara falls from under the sink and the basement ceiling. We are now forced to camp in our yard until insurance restores both the main floor and basement. We will be "dancing" around boxes and furniture for some time. Tonight we are listening to some 18 large fans and 3 huge dehumidifiers attempting to dry the floors. Not easy on the ears. On the positive side we are thankful it is not winter and we do have the motorhome as an escape. Not the style of camping we were hoping.* Gerald and Elsie Schuler.

Update: August 22 - the fans are gone and the floors are dry, but new floors not coming until the middle of September. However, Gerald and Elsie did get to go camping the following weekend.

And we read in the Lucknow Sentinel an article about Ross and Elaine Errington. Can you believe that Ross has been retired from teaching as long as he was teaching? Yes, Ross taught for 36 year and has been retired for 36 years. And on July 7th, they celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. They have continued to be active within the community (prior to Covid-19 restrictions.) which includes 49 years of square dancing with Huron Bruce Swingers. And "Happy Birthday" to Elaine (August 22.) WOW - what a couple.



So that is it for Huron Bruce Swingers. It is a "new normal", a lot of virtual/telephone, etc. living. Stay Safe.

Sharon McDonald,  
Bugle correspondent.

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### [Huron Happy Hearts - Clinton](#)

Well the Huron Happy Hearts have been very quiet. There have been some phone calls, and some updates via Facebook. We hear there is bit of visiting, all while maintaining social distancing of course.

We did get correspondence from the Avon Maitland School board; we will not have access to the Clinton School till at least year-end. Further updates will be forth coming in the future. Maybe Virtual dancing is the way to go. Will have to investigate to see what it involves. In the meantime, there is virtual dancing available From the SWOSDA web site. Check out the Events Menu.

Lee & Sharon Cox celebrated 60 years of marriage on August 26. Because of the distancing requirements, a formal celebration was not possible. Dan & Rhetha had them over for dinner and arranged friends and fellow dancers to drive by and wish them well. They were very surprised and thrilled by the numbers who turned out. They did get to celebrate after all!



The Bugle Guy

## Jubilee Rounds - St. Jacobs

Welcome to Fall - where most programs are still halted. Ugh.....

We miss seeing our dancers very much, especially the socializing and keeping up with folks and the goings on in their lives. We know dancing will start up again. We hope sooner rather than later but time will tell.

Jubilee Rounds will be starting a virtual dance club on ZOOM in September to keep folks dancing around the house. Please check our website for details on the startup in the next week or two.

We are really looking forward to getting back to our normal dance routine and seeing all those wonderful smiling faces we are missing right now. Feel free to drop us a note to let us know how you're doing!

In the meantime – Stay safe & healthy....

For info: Andrea or Jeff at: 1-519-752-2172 or [andrea@jeffreypriest.com](mailto:andrea@jeffreypriest.com)

Printable flyers are on our website: [www.jeffreypriest.com](http://www.jeffreypriest.com)

Happy Dancing,  
Jeff Priest

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## Rhythm Rounds - London

We were so happy to hear the kids were going back to school. That meant there was a possibility to do some "distanced, safe" Round Dancing. We sent a message to the school to see if we could get our gym to dance in. Well, you probably know that they said "Not at this time as we need a few weeks to see how it goes in the school". They said they would contact us end of November and let us know at that time. Ed had worked out a plan that, in theory, would work. We are expecting Rounds to begin before squares do, simply because you are only with one partner, and you can stay distanced. In squares, it's almost impossible. So, we just have to wait and see if we can get together come January. Ed has sent out some cued music to some dancers who have been dancing at home. Its great if you have the space, which many don't, but don't worry Ed says we will start off slowly when we do get back. If you do want some practice you know you can email Ed and he will send some to you.

I heard from Joanne Harding saying that Bob was in California for 2 weeks in August. The stinky part was that he had to isolate in a hotel room for 2 weeks after returning to Canada. That must have been scary being in the US for work. Anyway, home now and both are healthy and trying to stay active and healthy.

Wayne B & Laura C are also well and waiting patiently to get back at the rounds. Wayne did a bit of camping and boating this summer and his granddaughters are really keeping him busy. He has been practicing some of the rounds but says he notices that he is getting a bit rusty. So are the rest of us, Wayne. No worries.

Austin and Avril have also been safe and healthy over the summer. They got their trailer out and headed north for a time. They did Port Glasgow, Grundy Park, Batman RV resort in Manitoulin Island for three weeks, Sturgeon Falls, Wheatley Provincial Park and Willow Lake RV resort. They had a wonderful time but Austin said "Alas no dancing". We know how you feel, man!

The Haywards also received news that they are to receive the Merit Award. It is the Ontario Federation award of Merit for their contributions to square and round dancing in Ontario. No one deserves this as much as they do. They are active in their home club, on SWOSDA, the Federation, the Convention Team....the list goes on and on. It's funny when he said it was quite a surprise and totally unexpected. We say, well done and thanks for being in our circle. Austin is soon to be out busing kids to school again, and he is excited to be back at it. Avril will have to take up shopping, art classes, Zumba, gambling or drinking (ha ha).

The Baldassarros have been staying safe and are well. I assume Ben is still cycling and Maria is still making baby clothes, masks and other beautiful things. She is so good at that.

Dan & Rhetha came for a socially distanced visit just last week. She makes the best spaghetti sauce in the world so Ed and I thought we would get her recipe and do some canning. (we did jams 2 weeks ago and were surprised that we remembered how to do it) Anyway, she came bearing gifts of frozen sauce, already made for me. We had such a nice visit and they told us their plans to celebrate with Lee and Sharon Cox for their 60th anniversary. This couple has been so active in the dance community for years. Lee did the bugle for ages. We were so glad to hear that Dan & Rhetha we're planning a dinner for them then a "drive-by" of all the dancers in their area wishing them many blessings. Just so good of them to do all this to recognize their friend's special day! Dan & Rhetha are well known for going the extra mile.

Russell and Maria have had a busy summer. We had a socially distanced visit on our back deck with them. What a treat to see them. Maria is a positively charged person and she resonates her energy. We talked about everything. I found out that Lloyd Anderson (passed away on April 16th) was Russell's teacher. I also found out that her mammogram came back clear in March but they found an inflamed duct in July and she was to see her doctor again. Oh, the trials and tribulations of trying to see a doctor or even make an appointment during a Pandemic is a nightmare. But in true Maria style she was persistent, positive and humorous. She sent me a message on the day she was sitting by the phone waiting for a cancellation call.....message said " whiskey is out, Russell hid it" . I laughed; she has a way with words that one. Not only did we lose Lloyd Anderson this year, we also lost Bert Hurrell. I had a call from Pat saying that he had passed away on Friday August 7th. She said she will always have fond memories of dancing with him. She said he was her best friend always and never let her down, ever. He was 95 and they were waiting for a new great grandchild to be born mid-September. She also said to say "I love you" to your husband because you never know when it will be the last time. Good words of wisdom, Pat. Our activity has lost 2 great dance husbands and we can only hope that the memories of dancing with their loved one will stay with them until they meet again. Our sincerest and heartfelt sympathies go out to Eleanor and to Pat.

So, that is our news for the months of isolation in a Pandemic. We all will await the "go ahead" from the government and hope that it is soon. We all are used to wearing masks now and isolating so we will do our best to stay safe. I personally, have enjoyed my time with Ed, we are lucky to like each other and he had the patience of a saint.

Stay safe and don't forget to stay in touch with your dance friends.

Nancy and Ed Dolson

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### [Royal City Squares - Guelph](#)

Royal City Squares **will not be dancing Tuesday or Wednesday evenings this fall**, as the school board has just announced that schools will not be available for community use. This is not unexpected, alas. In the meantime, there are many resources available online, and more everyday, for dancers who want to stay active and limber and engaged, not only doing modern square dancing but olde tyme square dancing, round dancing, contras, line dancing, and folk dancing of every stripe.

Of particular note, our own [Jeff Priest](#), and Calgary caller, [Lorne Smith](#), have partnered up to offer a [weekly online class](#) for Mainstream, Plus, and A/C1 for single dancers (with a phantom partner) or two partners dancing together. See more information, including the Zoom link, [here](#).



**MAINSTREAM:** Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM MDT (9 EDT/8 CDT/6 PDT)  
**PLUS:** Thursdays @ 7:00 PM MDT (9 EDT/8 CDT/6 PDT)  
**ADVANCE/C1:** Sundays @ 6:30 PM MDT (8:30 EDT/7:30 CDT/5:30 PDT)

We continue to remain active with our regional associations, [Southwestern Ontario](#) and [Toronto and District](#), **including planning for dances and events into 2021**. Schedules are tentative of course, but ready to roll out once safe to do so. In the meantime, we are working to stay connected with our dancers.

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### [ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario](#)

Goodbye to Summer ... Hello to Fall!

**Visit our website Calendar page for ALL our flyers [www.shadowlightdance.com](http://www.shadowlightdance.com)**

As we are all aware, dancing has come to a complete halt around the world. It will start up again, we just need to be patient and get over this pandemic that is disrupting the activity we all love most.

#### **Virtual Square and Round Dances:**

We hope you have had a chance to do some virtual dancing this summer. We plan to start a couple of ZOOM clubs in September so keep an eye on our website for details. In the meantime stay Healthy and Safe! We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor when they all open again!

Happy Dancing and More – Much More!

Andrea & Jeff Priest  
ShadowLight Dance Club  
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### [Strathroy Swinging Duo's](#)

With the ongoing pandemic our club will not be dancing until the government gives the OK for contact sport. Since square dancing is a contact activity, it makes sense not to commence until it is safe to do so.

We have been in touch with a few of our fellow dancers, enjoying the summer with outdoor visits with family and friends, and taking short trips with our camper.

We are saddened to hear that Gladys Grandlund had a fall and broken her femur. It is our prayer that she may have a speedy recovery.

In June our executive met via Zoom and presidents Ed and Mary Faber thanked the outgoing members and welcomed our new members. We have a full executive ready to make our 20/21 dance season an enjoyable activity under the leadership of our new presidents Tom and Pat Mahon.

The Introduction to Modern Square Dancing scheduled to commence in October 2020 has been postponed till October 2021.

We held an outdoor executive meeting on August 22 to discuss what the coming dance season could possibly be like. It was a great afternoon meeting and fellowshiping with some of our fellow square dancers. A few of us shared how Covid – 19 had affected our lives.

Once we have the go ahead to commence dancing we will make our schedule and posters available on the SWOSDA website. It appears that it will be quite a while for Covid – 19 to be under control. We encourage

everyone to stay connected with the members of your club and the friends you have made in our square dance circle.

Till we meet again in a square,  
Jake and Jean Hamstra



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[Swing'n Canadians C028 & Horseshoe Squares 'N' Wheels C112 - Port Glasgow](#)

Hi Folks:

There will not be a September Dance at Port Glasgow. It was left open as a possibility, but circumstances, such as they are medically and politically, dictate otherwise.

Everyone stay healthy and safe and we will hopefully dance and enjoy ourselves with friends and family later this year or next!

Enough said for now!

Horseshoe Squares ,n Wheels & Swing'n Canadians

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## Caller's Clinic News

Next Meeting – A Zoom Meeting is in the works – Stay tuned!

See Website for Minutes of last meeting

### Quarantine Diary

Day 1: I have stocked up on enough non-perishable food and supplies to last me for months, maybe years, so I can remain in isolation, so I can remain in isolation for as long as it takes to see out this pandemic.

Day 1 + 45 minutes: I'm at the supermarket because I wanted a Twix bar...

## The Sweet File ...

### Bailey's Chocolate Poke Cake

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>THE CAKE</b></li><li>• 2 cups (260g) all purpose flour</li><li>• 2 cups (414g) sugar</li><li>• 1/2 cup (85g) natural unsweetened cocoa powder</li><li>• 2 tsp baking soda</li><li>• 1 tsp salt</li><li>•</li><li>• 2 large eggs</li><li>• 3/4 cup (180ml) milk</li><li>• 1 cup (240ml) vegetable oil</li><li>• 1/4 cup (240ml) Baileys Irish Cream</li><li>• 1 tsp vanilla</li><li>•</li><li>• 3/4 cup (180ml) boiling water</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>FOR THE POKE</b></li><li>• 1 cup (240ml) sweetened condensed milk</li><li>• 1/4 cup Irish Cream</li><li>• 3/4 cup (127g) semi sweet chocolate chips</li><li>•</li><li>• 1/2 tsp vanilla extract</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>WHIPPED CREAM TOPPING</b></li><li>• 2 cups (480) heavy whipping cream, cold</li><li>• 3/4 cup (86g) powdered sugar</li><li>• 1/4 cup (29g) natural unsweetened cocoa powder</li></ul> |
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#### DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare a 9×13 inch cake pan by greasing the sides. Preheat oven to 325°F.
  2. Add all dry ingredients to a large bowl and combine.
  3. Add eggs, milk, vegetable oil, 1/4 cup of Irish cream and vanilla to the dry ingredients and mix well.
  4. Slowly pour the 3/4 cup boiling water into the batter, mixing well and being careful of splashing.
  5. Pour the batter into the cake pan and bake for about 40-45 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out with a few crumbs. (Batter too runny for spring form pan).
  6. Remove the cake from the oven and poke holes all over. I use a knife sharpening rod, but you could also use a straw.
  7. While the cake is still warm, add the chocolate chips to a medium sized bowl. Set aside.
  8. In a microwave safe bowl, Add the sweetened condensed milk and remaining 1/4 cup of Irish. Heat the condensed milk and Irish cream until they begin to boil, then pour over the chocolate chips.
  9. Whisk the chocolate until smooth, then immediately pour over the cake, spreading it into the holes. Don't let the mixture sit before pouring it over the cake or it'll start to thicken and not soak in the holes as well.
  10. Set the cake in the fridge to cool and soak.
  11. When the cake has cooled, add the ingredients for the whipped cream topping to a large mixer bowl. Whip on high speed until stiff peaks form.
  12. Spread the whipped cream evenly over the cake. Top the cake with mini chocolate chips and a drizzle of chocolate sauce, if desired. Refrigerate until ready to serve.
- Baking at 325 for 40 min

**I'm sure you know the old saying.... There can never be Too Much Chocolate!**