



BUGLE

Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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President's Message



Hello fellow dancers,

Here we are into the month of June already. Time does fly when you're in a pandemic lockdown! Hopefully you have all enjoyed the warm spring weather pursuing outside interests like gardening and walking, and viewing and smelling the beautiful flowering bushes in your neighbourhoods. And now the golfers and tennis/pickleball players can get out there swinging again too!

We are all keeping our fingers crossed for 2nd vaccinations and continued social distancing measures to allow Ontario to open up by fall for in person dancing of course! It was great to find out at the annual meeting that some clubs already have fall arrangements in place for when we get the green light. No harm in thinking positively and being prepared.

We're keeping busy at our house with yard work, and the shed still needs to be sided. The rabbits, groundhogs, deer, et all are hungrily eyeing up the vegetable garden so, hopefully, the mesh covers will deter them enough to let us get our share. We had a fish fly invasion the last week of May, but the colder weather and a hungry flock of martins helped make quick work of them.

We've also continued to dance online with Jeff each week, which provides us with some social time and some good laughs when we both execute the move in a different direction and are sure we are both right. We also were lucky enough to join the Thames Valley Dance Club for their April trivia evening and that was also a fun social time.

Please continue to keep in touch with your club members often over the summer online, by phone or outside when allowed. Staying in touch with friends keeps us all positive. And before you know it, we'll be back to our dancing in person again!

Wishing you all a happy and safe summer.

Janice and Merv Reid
SWOSDA President Couple

SWOSDA Executive News June 2021

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to all of our SWOSDA club members who supported our April Virtual dance and Annual General meeting. We had 114 dance attendees and 67, representing 13 clubs, stay for the meeting. Thank you also to Jeff & Andrea Priest for organizing (and calling/cueing) the dance and to Ed Dolson, Gail Mottashed, Dan Roy, and Dan Weatherby for their calling/cueing contributions.

Because of the uniqueness of this year, all of the elected executive agreed to continue in their positions for next year and there were no new nominations at the meeting. The only changes to the executive are in the appointed Secretary & Treasurer positions, as noted in the April Bugle. [The SWOSDA 21-22 Executive are:](#)

[Janice & Merv Reid, President](#)
[Linda & Tom Charlton, 1st Vice President](#)
[Jo & Tom Kahnert, 2nd Vice President](#)
[Dot Mitchell & Jim Ferris, Past President](#)
[Heather & Mark Ackersviller](#)
[Avril & Austin Hayward](#)
[Jeff & Andrea Priest](#)
[Mary & Stan Smith](#)
[Laura Chernak, Secretary](#)
[Stephen Kilbridge, Treasurer](#)
[Dan & Rhetha Roy, Web Site / Bugle Editor](#)

[Minutes of the AGM will be attached to the notice we send to club contacts with the link to the June Bugle for all interested SWOSDA members.](#)

21-22 SWOSDA Dance Schedule (Tentative)

Oct. 23 Silver Streaks, Woodstock
Nov. 27 ... Huron Bruce Swingers, Lucknow
Jan. 22 ... Guys & Dolls, Kitchener
Feb. 26 ... Waterdown Village Sqs., Waterdown
Mar. 26 ... Sound Steppers, Owen Sound
Apr. 23 ... The Town Squares, Paris

[\(See SWOSDA site one month before dance for up to date information.\)](#)

Visit swosda.ca For Up-to-Date Dancing Information!

Our web site is the primary information channel for our clubs and dancers. Visit it regularly for up-to-date information on dancing opportunities, club information, SWOSDA executive contact information, or to submit inquiries to us.

Club Contacts

SWOSDA relies on our Club Contacts to forward our information to their members. We also rely on club contacts for making sure their **clubs' information on our website is always up-to-date. Please make sure any changes in club and club contact information are sent to secretary@swosda.ca & bugle@swosda.ca.**

Summer Activities

At this point, in person summer dancing seems unlikely, but Zoom dancing will continue with Jeff Priest (<https://shadowlightdance.com/> for details and information).

Another opportunity to see some of your dance friends is at The Thames Valley Dance Club's Trivia nights, which will continue while we can't dance in person. These are held the 4th Monday night of the month, at 700PM. Email Doug & Lois Turvey at zoringtowncrier@gmail.com to join their invitation list (invitations go out the weekend before the night). They are a very welcoming group!

22nd Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention July 20 -23, 2022 Fredericton, New Brunswick

Registration \$125 pp until July 31. Visit our SWOSDA site Events Calendar, for a link. When it opens click on **CURRENT REGISTRATION FORM UNTIL JULY 31, 2021** to register.

[Price increases after July 31!](#)

SWOSDA RECOGNITION AWARD OF MERIT WINNERS 2021

Due to a last minute pet emergency, we were not able to present the Award of Merit to Dianne & Fred Joyner at our AGM. We did, however, catch up with them at The Thames Valley Dance Club annual general meeting to make the official presentation.

Nominated by Avril & Austin Hayward, Dianne and Fred epitomize service to their Thames Valley Club, SWOSDA, and the community at large.

Dianne and Fred are accomplished Square and Round dancers. They have been treasurers of their home club for 10 years. They served on SWOSDA executive for 8 years, including two terms as presidents. They are avid angels for new dancers at their home club and at our regional Frosh dances. They also volunteer regularly to attend demonstrations at schools, fairs and homes for the aged.

In addition to their extensive dancing involvement, Fred sings in a men's choir and Dianne plays her harp at retirement homes and wherever else she is asked. Both volunteer as palliative care workers at a local hospital. They also volunteer at the Hamilton Family Theatre.

Such deserving Award of Merit winners! Congratulations Dianne & Fred!



We want to Thank all of our Square Dance family for recognizing our efforts especially our nominators Austin and Avril and our home club Thames Valley Dance club.

Thanks

Fred and Dianne



SWOSDA

Remember When...

Looking Back – by Dorothy Dahm, SWOSDA Historian

If someone had told you ten years ago that you would experience what we have experienced in the last couple of years, would you have believed them? Not likely, but nevertheless, we have. Hopefully brighter days ahead seem not too far distant.

Please come to my assistance in describing for the SWOSDA albums, some of the ways our square dancers have coped. Pictures are welcome too. Give me a call (519-842-9212), write me a letter, (38 Kamps Crescent, Tillsonburg, N4G 4Z3), send me an email (familypatchwork.dd@gmail.com or

dndahm@sympatico.ca) Future dancers need to be aware of how resourceful we have been throughout this pandemic.

Shortly after the publication of the April Bugle I received a call from Rhetha. I really appreciate her chatty calls just to check up on me and fill me in on what is going on. Many others receive similar calls but this time she was sharing an activity that the Kincardine club had carried out. A volunteer committee had set up a car rally/scavenger hunt, choosing appropriate sites to be visited using clues to find the answers to questions. Each team car held 4 members assigned by the committee. No husband-wife combinations were in the same car. She said the activity was very well received. You'll have to contact her for more particulars. I can only imagine what great fun they had. I have been on several of this type of activity and greatly enjoyed it as you learn a lot about the community and the people on your team.

Earlier this month I received an email from Ross Lehman from Brantford with the following question. "Has any one ever thought about what to do with the Banners of Sq.Dance clubs that have had to close. Maybe they could be put on display at a Swosda Dance in the Future.) It sounds like a great idea BUT as historian I shudder about the storing of a great many banners and transporting such a display. I do have a suggestion.

Perhaps you remember the collage I created a number of years ago of SWOSDA Banners Past and Present. It needs upgrading. Perhaps we can replace it with a binder with a page for each banner with a picture and an account about the club containing answers to the 5W's about their banner and club. Then each club could choose a club member to be Keeper of the Banner to be contacted whenever it is needed to be displayed.

I would be willing to work on such a project with your assistance. A 300 pixel picture would be preferred and the details needed supplied if not already written up. I would attempt to make sure that the binder would be at each SWOSDA dance so you could review its progress.

What do you think? Let me know. I appreciate suggestions.

I'm not sure when we get back dancing whether I will be able to dance but I miss my people. Square dancing was a big part of life for many years, and I will be at as many dances as possible to visit even if I can't dance. I hope to hear from and/or see you soon.

We have a great executive making plans for a successful and safe return. I have worked with most of them through my dancing years and we should appreciate how fortunate we to have such a talented and congenial group at our head.

I am so glad so many of you have been keeping safe and healthy. We are so good at following instructions.

Dorothy



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FEATURE

Your Future in Dance

It goes without saying; Covid-19 has hit our dancing activity hard.

Many of our fellow dancers have chosen to escape the world of dance rather than become engaged by way of “virtual” (Zoom) dancing. We know of others that have past on and we will miss them, and yet others that believe that virtual dancing does not satisfy their need to dance and have moved on.

Fortunately, for most, virtual dancing has become an integral part of their lives, understanding that participation is necessary in keeping connected with our activity.

It is simply stated that to participate in virtual dance programs, one only needs a partner, room to dance, a computer or I-Pad with a camera and having Internet access. It saddens me to think that we may have lost dancers due to their lack of the required necessities. We can only hope that their interest can be rekindled once we return to in person dancing.

Everyone has their own personal motives for wanting to dance. These may include Interacting with others, spending quality time with our partners and friends, exercising, a night out, or just simply the desire to dance.

This pandemic has set us out on a virtual tour, like it or not. For some, virtual dancing satisfies their desire to dance. The fact is, if done regularly, it will maintain and perhaps improve your knowledge of dance figures while we await our return to the dance floor. Obviously, a “Ghost” couple will not fill our need to interact with other people, not even close, but do we have a choice?

It has been mentioned that virtual dancing is the way of the future. I, for one, certainly hope not, but it certainly is the link that keeps us in touch with our dance community during these trying times and we owe appreciation to those that provide this service.

Satisfying your own personal needs to dance is found within yourself. What you choose to do will determine your future in dancing. In registering with a virtual dance program, it does not mean you are obligated to dance. Listen to the music, the laughter and the calls. Connect with friends and enjoy the experience. We miss you as well and would love to see your smiling face.

Summer is upon us and with that the perception that we part and go our separate ways until the dance season emerges again in the fall. It does not have to be that way. Stay connected! Go online to see what is happening in the dance world. Call your dance friends and become involved in the planning of your club reopening, rebuilding and beginning dance programs.

Above all, stay safe, stay healthy and stay positive.

See you soon.

Austin Hayward (Thames Valley Dance Club)



Time To Plan To Restart Your Club

Hope is on the horizon for everyone!

Vaccinations against the ongoing virus and variants are the beacons of this hope as people are tired of lockdowns and restrictions on our daily lives. For square dancers, the second dose reflects a stronger anticipation to get together with our families, our Club and friends.

The uncertainty of a target date to re-start square dancing activities remains, as we move through the 're-opening phases' of the overall economy. However, the valuable element for all Clubs wishing to grow their memberships is – *time*. All square dance Clubs need time to plan, liaise with dance halls to confirm plans to re-start at some date, communicate with members, keep in touch with callers and develop a plan to grow the Club. All of these elements are important. The time to plan is now.

Noted in previous *Bugle* articles, SWOSDA has a committee of dedicated and experienced dancers to help Clubs grow. Knowing that a dancing start-up date for Clubs is not set at this point, health authorities are endeavouring to guide us through the important vaccine dose program and the timing for opening of various sectors of the economy leading to square dancing and a sense of 'normalcy' for everyone.

SWOSDA's *Grow Your Club Committee* is ready to assist Clubs in the development of marketing plans so that strategies can be in place when we receive the 'green light' to move forward with dancing. Over the next month or so, Committee members will reach out to Club contacts to identify areas where the committee can help with your plans to re-start and grow.

Of course, Clubs will want to welcome their members back to dancing initially before they put in place marketing efforts to help the Club to increase its membership at some point. Deciding on a 'hopeful Club start-up date' can be tentatively set now in order to be ready for the news from the province and health authorities to zero in on a return to dancing. For example, if January 2022 is your tentative re-start date which your Club anticipates, then a plan will help you to move forward in a well-oiled fashion. This approach will also be less stressful.

Reflecting the *Next Steps* outlined in recent *Bugle* articles, planning to re-start dancing as well as future growth expectations can be done using the following key steps:

- #1 – *Form a Committee (two to six members);*
- #2 – *Communicate to all Club Members relative to your objectives (keeping your dance location contact and your caller apprised);*
- #3 – *Brainstorm re-starting and growth Ideas;*
- #4 – *Develop marketing ideas, commencing with an anticipated budget.*

All square dancers want to return to dancing to enjoy the continuing friendship and fun with others as well as the health benefits that are received.

Let's continue to have *hope* that the time to come together again is not too far off for all of us!

Tom & Jo Kahnert (tom@teamtomandjo.com OR jo@teamtomandjo.com)
2nd Vice-Presidents, SWOSDA, 2020-2021

PLANNING AHEAD



How a Little Forward
Thinking Can Set
YOU Up for Success

CLUB NEWS

Send Club News to bugle@swosda.ca

Centennial Beavers - London



LETTERS FROM THE CENTENNIAL BEAVERS

Since I live in an apartment, there's not a whole lot to do except clean...it's never been so clean. And I've rearranged my furniture several times, just to give things a different feel, you know. Finished updating the photo albums ages ago...remember them...not much for having everything on digital...there's something about turning the pages that make the pictures more memorable for me anyway. Haven't decided about a lot of plants on the balcony yet, might just get fakes, because I keep forgetting to water them, not that I have much else to do...just like looking at them. Did I mention I wrote my own obituary, after all, who knows me better than me...working on my third draft, just as in life, there's always room for improvement...I did mention in it that I enjoy dancing. Luckily it's warmed up enough that I can get outdoors more, just wish everyone would stay home so the paths wouldn't be so crowded..oh well, guess everyone has the same idea. Hello to all and stay safe

CARMEN LAMOND

Bobbie Vanstone sends in her favorite summer recipe

1 Box Mori Nu Silken Tofu (make sure it is Silken Tofu)

1/2 cup raw cashews (ground into a powder)

1 1/2 Cups of frozen strawberries (with juice)

1 1/2 TBSP lemon juice

1 tsp pure Vanilla

3/4 cup of dried pineapple or 3 rings (Bulk Food Store)

Note-cut the pineapple into small pieces and soak them with the strawberries (+juice) overnight

In the morning blend everything together. (Blend 1/4 of mixture at a time for a creamy consistency)

Enjoy!

Robert and I are fine and have had our first shot as well. As you know we have been doing glass fairies and such for sale and have done pretty well with it (Thanks to Rose). Last week I started to paint the arbor and am hoping to do the deck floor this week. We are also working in the garden. It has been touch and go working on the bus, we only have one boy going right now, but he has been sick the last two weeks so I have had two weeks off. Robert finally got the new tires for his old car and is looking forward to taking it out. He is busy all the time just trying to keep up with what I want done. (HA HA) I am holding on to the hope of having our Barbecue when everything opens up again. Missing our family in Michigan so much. They have all had their shots, even the 13 year old, but the border remains closed. Well hope to see you soon and really miss our Dance family. **Marie and Robert Lade**

So good to hear you are both doing well. Frank and I have been mostly isolated because of his health problems. Keep well and stay safe.

Frank & Barb Vincent

Marg Mueller has been having trouble keeping up with her pond. She has decided to close it down and fill in the pond. She gave her fish to Rose (who has a lovely home for them).

Rose White Has been working lots of hours over the pandemic. She says it has been hard on the patients who cannot see their families. They just wait for their visits. She has been trying to cheer them up by doing crazy

fun things for them. She collected puzzles for the home, had a St. Patricks Day party for them, Read to them, sang old songs with them and even danced with them. She says she will do what it takes to get a smile or a giggle. At home, she has been preparing her garden and her house for summer. She had all her windows in the house replaced with energy efficient ones. She also had some window boxes made for under the window. Thanks to Robert Lade, she also got a couple of nice garden boxes for the back yard. She has a beautiful Japanese style pond in her deck that she keeps koi in. She has adopted Marg Mueller's fish and intergraded them in with her fish babies. Her back yard is a real relaxation sanctuary for down time after work.

Like everyone else we haven't been doing much other than gardening, and a few drives in the country, oh....and eating too much sugar because of boredom!

Doug & Pat Stanlake

We hope you are all keeping well. We have had a rough few weeks as both Gordon and I got Covid, boy it was something else, didn't go to hospital but bad Family are all doing ok, so that is the main thing. Hope your Family is staying safe. Good to hear from you , stay safe and well.

Cheers Jean Roo

We are doing good. Have been keeping busy with home improvement projects, gardening and we have logged loads of kilometers walking. Take Care Everyone and stay safe. **Joe & Joanne Huybers**

Hi there everybody. I have been busy building a new barn and all the stuff that comes with being a dairy Farmer!

Paul (Pol) O'Neill

[Country Square - Rostock](#)

Greetings everyone from the "Rostock Country Squares"!

Well here we are.... another year has gone past with COVID and still no signs of being able to get together for a yellow rock. Hopefully we do that again sooner that later.....

The Rostock Country Squares would like to extend their sincere condolences to one of our dancers, Don Martin lost his wife Yvonne recently. Please send him a big yellow rock. Yvonne was a great dancer and we will miss her...

We would also like to give a great big congratulations to Ron & Sylvia Soeder for reaching a milestone anniversary!!! They have been married for 60 years – Congratulation!



[Denim'N Lace - Flesherton](#)

Spring is here, the daffodils and tulips are up and the grass is greening, gardening time is near, the Blue Jays WON their opening game! And the Denim n' Lace Square Dance Club is still optimistic that we will be back

dancing in the fall of 2021.

But, this pesty COVID is still a formidable challenge; again, it makes me think of baseball. Our team is at bat- our first batter struck out, our second batter got a hit deep into right field and slid into second SAFE. COVID management pulled their pitcher and brought out VARIANT - claiming he could pitch 99-102 mph and had a



curved ball that few ever hit. Our team had a plan for this and picked their new star batter VACCINE - pitch one he didn't see it, pitch two he swung hard and missed the pitch - well that's all of us - we have to get our COVID -19 VACCINATION if we are going to hit that HOME RUN and beat COVID.

WE HOPE EVERYONE had a HAPPY EASTER - the Easter bunny and flowers arrived at our home and are being admired by Shirley and Mel in the picture.

Mel & Shirley Chamberlain
Bugle Correspondents

[Huron Bruce Swingers - Lucknow](#)

It's June - yes ... *June is bustin' out all over, All over the meadow and the hill, Flowers bustin' out on bushes.....* as the Rogers and Hammerstein song goes. *Mother Nature* is giving us her best and aren't we glad. But peoples' activities are still curtailed. Last June 2020, you were asked if you had "run out of toilet paper"? Well, have you? This June 2021 the question is "have you got your vaccine yet?"

We have lost a season of square dancing. Virtual/zoom connections are the norm but are just not the same as person-to-person contact. So many activities have been cancelled - the question is when will they return and will they return? We all want to be active and socialize, but age and health issues may play a role in being able to return to a "new normal". The pandemic is not over, but things appear to be "loosing up". Hopefully, come September/October life will be as we once knew it, but there will be differences for sure.

June would have been the Huron-Bruce Swingers annual BBQ and meeting. This club has not done any virtual/zoom meetings - too many "old school" members! When members do come into distancing contact, the question is usually "have you heard from anybody lately" and is passed about. Yes, a different life style. No plan for a meeting at this time.



Thus, Huron-Bruce Swingers are sending out wishes for a safe summer to everyone. We would especially like to acknowledge some special events happening this summer with club members. On July 13, Stan Doherty celebrates his ?? birthday. Stan has been a member of this club since 1975. Best wedding anniversary wishes and congratulations to: June 15 - Phyllis and George Henhoeffter ... 57 years, (plus George's birthday (July 7)); July 22 - Elsie and Gerald Schuler54 years; and *a big shout out July7th to Elaine and Ross Errington on 70 years* ♥☐. WOW - wouldn't that be a party! (Plus, Elaine's birthday on Aug. 22nd).

Stay safe
Sharon McDonald
Bugle Correspondent

[Huron Happy Hearts - Clinton](#)

The time keeps slipping by and it seems we are no closer to dancing. On the bright side many are getting their vaccines, and that should make for a brighter future.

On the other hand, this virus continues to mutate, spread quicker, and continues to cause grief. All we can do is continue to be patient and stay safe.

Many are thankful for the technology that has evolved as a result of the pandemic. You can do so much more, while still being at home. It has allowed schools to continue, allowed many to keep working and maintain an income, allowed many to keep dancing, and permitted us the ability to keep in contact with family and friends. We need to keep in touch; check on those around you, and also those far away. You'll be glad you did; you can put a smile on someone's face.

The Bugle Guy

[Jubilee Rounds - St. Jacobs](#)

Summer is almost here!!

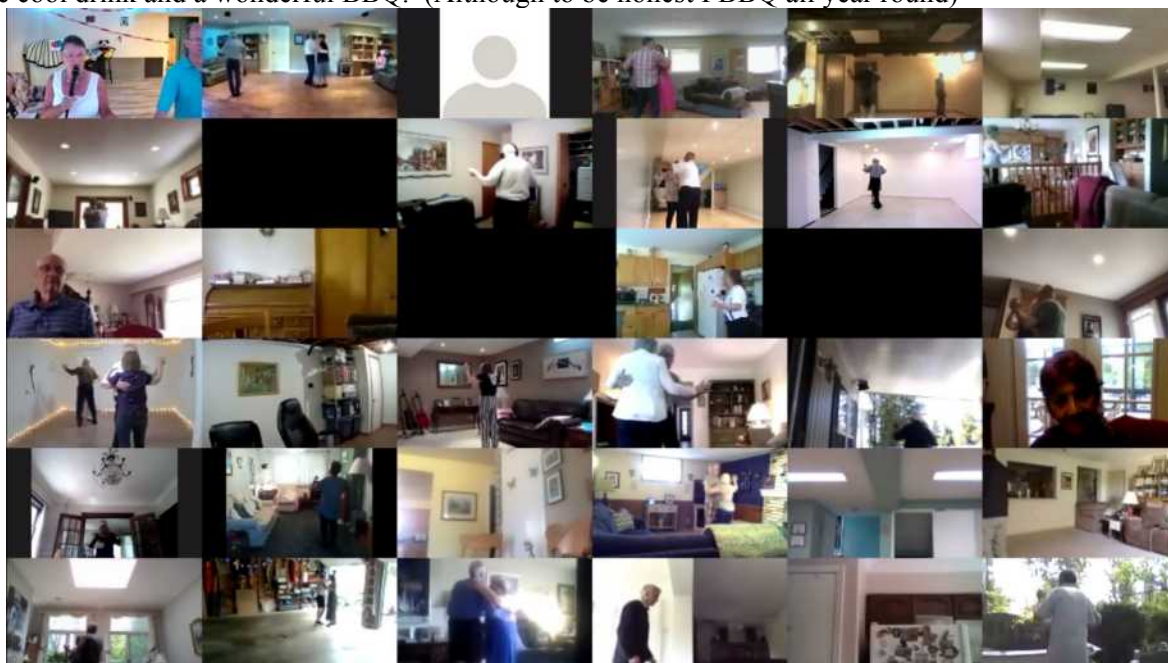
As we mentioned last month, Jubilee is going strong with folks from all over Ontario plus BC, NB, New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Phoenix and from three different cities in Maryland. So nice to see all those smiling faces and dancing feet! We hope to continue the Zoom dancing even when the halls here open again. It is so nice to see folks from all over North America dancing with us.

If you haven't joined us yet, please do so soon! And remember you can always turn your video off or point your camera at the ceiling if you don't want folks to watch you dance.



ANOTHER Special Event!!

Sunday May 23rd A Virtual Round Dance Party – an afternoon of great dancing - Phase 3/4 Round Dance Party with Andrea & guest cuer Dan Roy – was a great success with 83 dancers participating. The weather was beautiful and after the dance, like many others at home, we took some time to sit out on our deck and have a nice cool drink and a wonderful BBQ. (Although to be honest I BBQ all year round)



Virtual Round Dances: will continue right through the summer – so be sure to join us when you can. Thursday Evenings: 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Phase 2/3 with the occasional phase 4 ... Register [HERE](#)

We see this version of Jubilee Rounds continuing even after Covid-19, as we find it a lot of fun and very convenient for dancers to attend. No need to fight traffic or spend time driving back and forth. We will still have some kind of physical club but most likely only once a month. So join us now and plan for the future!

Zoom Dancing requires a code to enter the dance. Due to the potential of inappropriate “zoom bombing” we require you to register. We don't publish our codes; they are sent only to those who REGISTER. Please visit our website: www.shadowlightdance.com select “REGISTRATION” and complete the form.

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

For info: Andrea or Jeff at: 1-519-752-2172 or andrea@jeffreypriest.com
Check out our website and sign up for Virtual Dancing: www.jeffreypriest.com
Happy Dancing,
Jeff Priest 😊

Rhythm Rounds - London

Letters from the Rhythm Rounds.....



from Ed Dolson

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. It's been so long since we have talked and danced and had fun. We are both well and enjoying the gardening season that is now upon us. We both have received our first vaccination and are looking forward to our next one. We try to keep busy every day and plan to have something to do each day. Never, have we had a day with nothing to do.

I bought a new bike and love going for a ride as often as I can. London has an excellent maze of bike trails with lots to see.

I also have been working on my sister's trailer. She bought one of those mini trailers and gutted it so I have been putting in new cupboards, drawers and countertops. I also have been working on my own house, trying to get the pantry finished (which always seems to be put on the back burner). My sister-in-law has started to do a basement bathroom so I find myself helping her do all the things too hard to do on your own. Then, there is the pond to get ready for summer. That's a huge job in itself. I cannot remember working this hard when I was working.

Nancy has been doing well. She is still having trouble with her legs and has been to a lot of Dr. appointments, blood work and tests. She is a real trooper though and keeps up her therapy and tries to go for a walk every day. She is still pretty isolated, because I won't take her anywhere that has a lot of people, but I do take her on drives to the country, which she loves. She tried some dancing on the Zoom a couple of times and I was surprised at her stamina. We both hope to be back dancing soon.

Whew after reading your letter I felt I need to lie down for awhile. Donna and I are doing OK Gardening and Walks. It's been disruptive lately as We are in a building boom 100 new homes to the left of us 335 new homes to the right of us. Big digger are digging up streets sewers being put in Big trucks are backing up beep beep bulldozers are pushing dirt here and there Dust is flying everywhere men in hard hats looking at maps pointing here and there and our street will be torn up next year.

Dave & Donna Anstee

All is well with Bob and me. He's been working with tree slabs making tables. He's also writing a book about his father who was a pilot in world war 2. I've heard that a lot of people are writing family history books. I'm busy sewing and cooking and of course playing the ukulele. Maria and I have been getting together outdoors to play and sing together. This joke made me laugh given our lack of dancing prowess.

What do they say about dancing vampires?They suck.

Hope things get back to normal in Sept.

Take care

Mary & Bob Aldworth

We miss dancing as well, tried virtual square dancing but have no room to round dance in our apartment. We are fearing we will forget how to dance. How sad that is because it is something we love to do together, however, once we get back it will be like riding a bike, won't take long to get back where we were. I am still driving a school bus (until the end of June) working with special needs children. Very rewarding and gets me

out of bed in the mornings. Avril is knitting and looking forward to going camping again. We have brought the trailer out of storage and home on May 2nd. And now have it in Woodstock. We have seven campsites booked for this summer, all in Ontario. We booked them around the 1st of March and glad we did.

We are registered for Fredericton, N.B. And plan on taking our trailer there as well next summer. We have also booked our hotel there with Dan and Rhetha.

Still playing trivia and realizing that I really do not know muchlol. You all take care and stay safe.

Austin and Avril Hayward

As far as what we have been up to... No problem keeping busy here! Dan keeps quite occupied with computer work - Swosda, Federation, (new web sites to boot) Society and Kincardine Horticulture, along with the Bugle... Then all his personal stuff with all his fellow gardeners. He is chair of this year's Garden Tour again (they are hopeful it can go ahead)... Not till August 8, so fingers crossed. He has all his pots planted. Now I just have to keep him away from the garden centres (although with not going anywhere there isn't the same temptation here..) ha ha He had his second cataract surgery in London on April 20, and all is good. He now only has to have glasses for reading. Since the nice weather has arrived we have been working in the gardens, and have opened the pool. Temp is up to 80 tonight, so maybe it will be a swim day tomorrow. I really have a hard time getting in when it is under 80..... whimp yup....

I did some sewing when the weather wasn't great. Also more house cleaning and clearing out file cabinets etc. Two huge boxes to go for shredding tomorrow...

I try to go for a good walk daily, and sometimes Dan joins me....Did some puzzles during the winter in the evenings (to stay awake till dancing started at 9:30)!!!!All is good here, take care

Rhetha & Dan Roy

We are zoom dancing with Mary Nelson Monday and Friday also Andrea Priest on Thursday so we advance a bit, just not the same though. Hoping to get some camping and boating in this summer. Expecting to see you in September. Have a good summer.

Wayne and Jennifer Beard

Hi guys, really nice that the weather is warmer and we can think about gardening. Once again I'm able to visit my sister Dorothy at Twin Lakes in Sarnia. She has had both vaccinations and Dave & I each our first. Just waiting for the word of update or patiently waiting for July 13th vaccine day.. It's so nice

being able to visit outside and with covid test each visit gives me an extra assurance that all is okay.

Mask plastic shield, gown to my ankles, the first visit Dot didn't know it was me. So we had a laugh together. I have my peppers & tomatoes planted. I'm happy to hear that both of you are doing well. It will be nice when we can have an outdoor visit on the patio. On Wednesday evenings I'm enjoying Merry Hinkle's round dancing and chatting with our St. Catherine's friends at break time. Keep in touch.

MIN GIBSON

Audrey and I returned from Arizona at the end of April and have now finished our isolation. We had a good winter and got our vaccinations while we were in Mesa. We found 8 safe dancers and danced to recorded dances, and round danced to cued discs. It was a good winter and it's great to see a London spring. We do hope we can get together soon.

Monte & Audrey BLACK

Laura Chernak sent in this great poem.

Let's tango at two metres in TD

And salsa at six feet in Sam's,

Let's waltz very warily in Walmart

And foxtrot in a pharmacy from afar.

Let's mindfully merengue in M&M –

In Starbuck's, a schismatic ceroc;

Disco from a distance in IDA,

Complete a careful quickstep in Co-op.

Let's lindy hop at length in LCBO –
In the Post Office, prudently polka;
Do a partitioned paso doble in Paulmac's
And, in Boston Pizza, a bisected bossa nova.
Join the chary cha-cha at the checkout
And the cautious ceilidh in the queue,
As we all try to avoid one another
For the shopping that's essential to do.

Claire Boot: 'I wrote this poem in April 2020 in honour of all shop staff everywhere, who were making sure we could still do our essential shopping even in lockdown. I noticed that social distancing transformed the act of shopping into a kind of dance, as everyone tried to navigate the aisles and pick items off the shelves without getting too close to anyone else.'

Joan Jacques had a fall and fractured her hip. She is in the hospital presently. Earl said the ambulance, doctor, and everyone concerned with Joan's care that he has spoken to have been excellent. Unfortunately, due to Covid, Earl cannot be with Joan. We hope for the speediest recovery for Joan so she can get back to dancing! If you wish to send a card, their address is
45216 John Wise Line, R.R.#5 - St. Thomas ON N5P 3S9

Earl & Joan Jacques

Roland and I have been working from home since last March. It is so much more work teaching online than face-to-face. In our free time, we have been out cycling and walking, enjoying the beautiful weather and staying fit. We look forward to dancing again this fall, fingers crossed!

Wendy & Roland Hofner

Bob was supposed to go to California this week but it's been postponed until next week, maybe. Parts they had sent down weeks ago are still being held in customs so there's no point in him going until there released. He's had to cancel everything twice now and he's getting a little perturbed about it. I'm still waiting for things to open up again so we can go and get the back splash tile for our kitchen and finally get it done. It's been dragging on for over a year now. Not much else here. Take care.

Joanne & Bob Harding

[Royal City Squares - Guelph](#)

As first and second rounds of covid vaccinations ramp up, and plans are in place for re-opening the province and the country, Guelph and area dancers are eagerly waiting to hear when we can return to the dance floor. It's heartening to see that live dances in the US are beginning to take place, with restrictions in place that may well mirror our own, when the time comes. These include presenting evidence of proof of vaccination. Dance protocols on some programs are also being adjusted to reduce or eliminate partner switching.

As our Club dances in a public school gym, we are waiting to hear what requirements and timing the School Board may implement as well. Fall, Winter, Spring? We still don't know.

In the meantime, some dancers are taking advantage of Zoom dancing online in the comfort and safety of their living rooms, including weekly sessions offered by our own caller, Jeff Priest. Perhaps some outdoor summer dancing opportunities will present themselves.

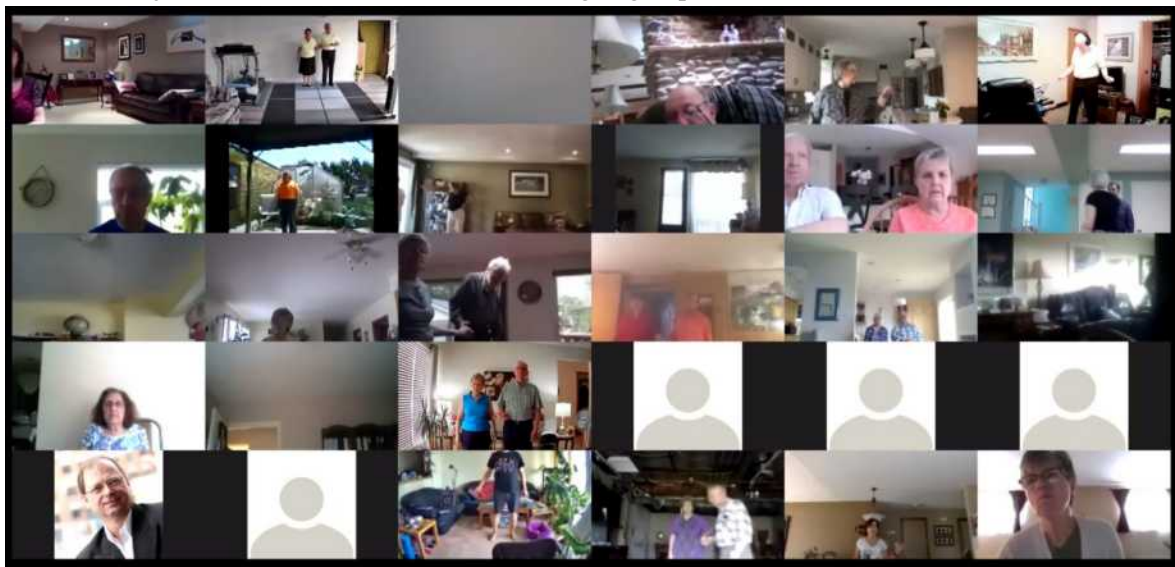
In the meantime, from the royal city of Guelph, we wish everyone a safe, healthy and active summer.

[ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario](#)

Well, it looks like summer is here!!! The lockdown will soon be over and we can enjoy some camping and small get-togethers.

May Zoom Blast!

Our third Introduction to Zoom Dancing, the “May Zoom Blast”, (held Saturday, May 15th) was a great success with 80 participants! We went through the 30 calls in the program by definition and demonstration and then we danced them. It was a great afternoon. We do have a weekly dance group with an average of 35-40 zoom boxes enjoying this 30 Call Relaxed format of dancing every Wednesday evening. It doesn't matter what program you were dancing when Covid hit and it is designed for anywhere from one to four people. If you would like to join us for some fun, relaxed dancing, sign up [HERE](#)



On May 22nd Jeff was the Guest Presenter at a Zoom Caller Training session hosted by Mel Wilkerson from Australia. The session was well attended by callers from all over the world including Canada, USA, UK, Australia, and Germany. He is looking forward to doing another one in the future.



Virtual Square and Round Dances: All our weekly sessions are 60 minutes.

These are our weekly dancing programs for the summer! July and August will be ...

Wednesday Afternoons: PLUS DBD 1:00pm 2 couples (or less) dancing

Wednesday Evenings: 30 call relaxed dancing for 2 couples (or less) – 7:00pm

Thursday Evenings: 7:00pm – Phase 2/3 with the occasional phase 4

If you wish to join our Summer programs click [HERE](#) to Register

*****Remember you can turn off your video (or point your camera to the ceiling) if you don't want people to watch you dance. Also it is totally acceptable to join in just to watch or listen to the calls and music! Your choice! Stay connected to your dancing friends and socialize with Zoom!**

We have found that Zoom dancing is so much fun and convenient, that we have decided to continue with Zoom dancing even after the regular dance floors have opened again. We may have one or two physical clubs but certainly Zoom dancing will continue. Why not join us now and plan for the future!

We look forward to seeing you soon as you “Zoom into Dancing”!

Stay Healthy and Safe!

Happy Dancing and More – Much More!

Andrea & Jeff Priest

ShadowLight Dance Club

Check out our website to sign up for Virtual Dancing - www.shadowlightdance.com

Sound Steppers - Owen Sound

Hello fellow dancers and friends

We have missed everyone getting together and are hoping everyone is safe and healthy.

The crops are growing fast but we need some rain and electricity for crops to grow, things are drying out a lot up in this neck of the woods as we have had early 30 degree temperatures for May. The sun is shining, flowers and gardens are blooming, hummingbirds are back and the lilacs are smelling beautiful. The farmers markets are hoping to open soon.

A lot of us have been weekly zoom dancing with Jeff and Andrea which has been a lot of fun, as well as the monthly trivia nights with Doug and Lois and being able to see others from other clubs that we normally would have been seeing this season.

We, as much as everyone else is really hoping this is over soon so we are able to go back to in person dancing. It's going to be interesting as a lot of us will feel like we will be starting off at the beginning again with basics but will get back into the routines fast.

The Owen Sound Steppers hope everyone has a safe and blessed summer, as we are optimistic about being able to get back to some sort of normal and join in person dancing again in September.

Take care of yourself and each other.

Be safe

Linda Wedow

Bugle Rep

[Strathroy Swinging Duo's](#)

We trust that everyone is doing well and enjoying the beautiful spring weather we are having.

Joan Jacques had taken a fall on May 26 and broke her hip. We pray that she may have a complete, speedy recovery, and will be able to return to the dance floor.

On April 8 our executive held a brief, informal Zoom meeting to keep in touch. Our main goal was to discuss what possibilities the future of our club holds. We are hoping that we will be able to resume dancing sometime this fall. For us, it is now time to review our square dance moves and get conditioned for the dance floor.

We hope that come June 2, we will be out of lockdown and able to enjoy our summer. That once again we will can enjoy the company of family and friends, attend functions, and business and recreation can resume normal activities.

During the pandemic we have seen some products become scarce. Our family enjoys cooked vanilla pudding, Jell-O brand only. We have been searching store shelves for several weeks to no avail. So I asked Google for a homemade recipe. The following recipe makes delicious pudding. No more cooked Jell-O pudding for us!

Vanilla Pudding

1/3 cup sugar	2 large egg yolks
3 Tablespoons corn starch	1 Tablespoon unsalted butter
1/8 teaspoon salt	1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract
2 ¼ cups whole milk	

In a saucepan whisk together the sugar, cornstarch, salt, milk, and egg yolks. Cook on medium – low heat whisking occasionally until bubbling. Cook for 1 - 2 minutes, whisking once or twice. Remove from heat whisk in butter and vanilla extract. Chill and Enjoy!

Have a blessed summer everyone!
Yellow Rock,

Jake and Jean Hamstra



Another dance season comes to an end!

It has been a very different year. Not being able to get together has put a new twist on life as we know it. Who knew, that not being able to visit friend could be so frustrating. As dancers, we are a close-knit community, and not being there for one another has been difficult.

Many have not danced at all, but quite a few are making good use of Zoom dancing. It's not like being together in person, but it is alternative. You can just dance, you can just chat, or do some of each.

There's a lot available through the Internet, and many leaders / callers have indicated they intend to continue on Zoom for quite some time. It will be quite a while before we get back to normal.

No matter what you are after, squares, rounds, and/or workshops, it is out there. If you need help in locating something, feel free to contact me; I will be more than happy to get you going on your very own dance floor.

NEXT BUGLE

Remember, the next bugle Publication is on September 4. A reminder will be sent out mid-august. Many thanks to all those inputting to the publication; your contributions make my task much easier.



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