



# BUGLE

Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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President's Message



Avril and I would like to thank the SWOSDA membership and it's executive for placing your confidence in us as your President couple. As we move forward into the 2023-24 dance season, and with everyone's support, we will strive to make a difference and inspire others to do the same. I had heard it once said, "The only impossible journey is the one you never begin" So, let's get to work. We believe this journey will be neither smooth nor impossible, but we are encouraged because we are not in it alone.

Square and Round dancing has gone through some troubling times these past few years and those that have led us through these difficult times should be applauded. The achievements and successes initiated by these teams were inspirational and give us hope that we, as a team, can rebuild our dancing activity back to its glory days. Every dancer needs to become involved. Every dancer needs to be enthused and every dancer needs to step up and do their share. Any contribution, even those trivial, could result in a positive difference. We have a huge hill to climb and it begins with new ideas, new strategies and working together in a productive, positive and enthusiastic approach to reach our objectives.

No measurement of success can be achieved unless you have something to measure. Therefore, we have set a goal that we, as an organization, as a club or as an individual who is in any way associated with our dancing activities, can achieve. Currently, we have 17 clubs within our association, consisting of 430 dancers. Our goal is simply, a 25% increase in membership. That is only an increase of 108 dancers. This is easily attainable and not too much to ask.

Additionally, this year we as an executive will try and be more transparent, more open to new ideas, and more active within our dance community. We will work to find candidates to fill the vacancies on the SWOSDA executive committee, we will work to find new callers and cuers and we will strive to make SWOSDA a successful, vibrant, and active association clubs can identify with.

Enjoy a safe, healthy, and happy summer.  
We will see you in the fall.  
Austin & Avril

# SWOSDA Executive News, June 2023

## Club Reps at AGM

The SWOSDA AGM took place on Saturday, April 29th following the one of the final regional square dances of the season. We sincerely thank all the club representatives who attended. Taken together, club representatives and the SWOSDA executive make up the body that governs our association. Even though there may have been no controversial motions tabled, (in fact, every motion was unanimously passed) there could have been. The participation of the club representatives may seem symbolic, but it is a crucial factor in SWOSDA's governance. Also, outgoing and incoming executive members and award winners deserve to be celebrated. I believe they all felt well appreciated by your warm response. Don't wait for the next AGM, though; if your club has some new ideas about how the executive might better support the mission of your club, contact us at any time. Just as dancers are the *raison d'être* of clubs, clubs are the *raison d'être* of SWOSDA.

## ARTICLE 5 - GENERAL MEETINGS

I am including here, Article 5 of SWOSDA's constitution which lays out the requirements of the AGM. I mistakenly requested that clubs send two representatives rather than requesting two couples or four individual dancers. To set the record straight, I quote:

*Every Member Club shall elect or appoint two couples or four persons who are not members of the Association Executive to be their representatives at all General Meetings. Every appointed member is eligible to vote at every General Meeting. Every Club Representative shall register as such at every General Meeting in order to have a vote.*

## Outgoing Executive

The attendees at the AGM bid a fond farewell to several executive members who have fulfilled their terms (**and more!**) and who will now be free to apply their energies to enrich their own clubs. Mark and Heather Ackervillers, who served SWOSDA, most recently, in the position of Halls and Refreshments, during the last five years, will continue with their work with Guys 'N' Dolls. Stan and Mary Smith served for six years looking after Doors & Receipts. We'll miss their friendly faces at the registration table! Merv and Janice Reid are leaving their current position as Past President

though they have served in multiple positions over the past decade. They can now focus their efforts on The Swinging Duos.

We are grateful to all these outgoing members who have given their time, talent and energy to the smooth running of our regional association for so many years.

## Incoming Executive

We are most relieved to welcome Avril and Austin Hayward back onto the executive as Presidents. They are well familiar with the role! Avril and Austin have dedicated themselves to the success of our regional square dance organization during the past twenty years in various roles. We're so happy to have them back!

We also welcome back to the executive Joan Armstrong-Jacques and Earl Jacques. Like Avril and Austin, Joan and Earl have served in multiple positions on the executive for many years. This time round, they have agreed to come on board to fill the role of Doors and Receipts. We so appreciate their willingness!

## Club Fees

Better late than never...If your club is in arrears, please, send Stephen Kilbridge, SWOSDA Treasurer, a cheque in the amount of \$25.

## Tom and Jo Kahnert Honoured



Perhaps, the highlight of the AGM was when Janice and Merv Reid presented Tom and Jo with the SWOSDA Recognition Merit Award. It was a big surprise to Tom and Jo but not to anyone else- their outstanding contribution to square dancing over the last decade is well known. Congratulations, Jo and Tom!

# ***FEATURE***

## **SWOSDA Executive Positions – Explained.**

During the past few years, it seems that SWOSDA has had difficulties filling vacated executive positions. As your SWOSDA President couple, we feel it is important to address this issue now in the hopes that someone will come forward after reading and understanding what is expected of each position on the executive board. It has been brought to my attention, by an interested couple, that more people would be receptive to positions on the SWOSDA executive board if they knew the responsibilities and duties associated with each specific position.

It was also suggested that the following information regarding executive positions and their specific duties be attached to the AGM meeting agenda in the future, giving people a better understanding of expectations associated with those positions enabling them to make easier choices.

It should be understood that each and every member of the SWOSDA executive is part of a team that is willing to help each other with their respective duties.



### **President**

- Coordinates association activities and ensures they run in a progressive manner.
- Serves as a member ex-officio on all committees.
- Represents SWOSDA at all regular dances and other functions and prepares messages for Bugle.
- Presides at all Executive and General meetings.

### **Past President**

- Provides continuity in executive operations.
- Chairs the nominating committee.
- Performs other duties as assigned by the President.
- Reports at Executive and General meetings.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

- Assumes responsibilities and duties of the President in his/her absence.
- Performs other duties as assigned by the President.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

- Assumes responsibilities and duties of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President in his/her absence.
- Performs other duties as assigned by the President.

### **Secretary (Appointed Position)**

- Serves as recording secretary at executive and general meetings, assists with agenda preparation and distributes minutes.
- Serves as the Association's general contact point (for correspondence, insurance, annual dues, etc.)
- Maintains up to date records of club memberships.
- Ensures association and corporation records are properly maintained.

**Treasurer** (Appointed Position)

- Ensures the association's financial activities are properly recorded and maintained.
- Receives all association monies and co-signs payments for rendered services.
- Ensures an annual audit is completed shortly after financial year end.
- Reports to each Executive and General meeting.

**Bugle Editor**

- Collects and co-ordinates items for posting to the [www.swosda.ca](http://www.swosda.ca) website (Club news, flyers, other items of interest, etc.) as the Bugle is the voice of square and round dancing in southwestern Ontario.
- Compiles monthly dance calendar for all clubs.
- Publishes the Bugle monthly 9 times a year from September to June (Excluding May, July, August)
- Reports to Executive and General meetings.

**Directors Positions****Round Dance Section Leader**

- Co-ordinate round dance activities at all association dances.
- Co-ordinate round dance leaders to ensure that a round dance program is available at regular association dances and at round dance parties in May and September.
- Co-ordinates a location for the May and September association round dance parties.
- Ensures that the programs are made available to the Bugle editor for posting to the association website.
- Reports at Executive and General meetings.

**Square Dance Section Leader**

- Co-ordinates square dance activities at all association dances.
- Co-ordinate square dance callers to ensure that a square dance program is available at regular association dances.
- Ensures that the programs are made available to the Bugle editor in a timely manner for posting to the website.
- Reports at Executive and General meetings.

**Halls and Refreshments Co-ordinator**

- Arrange for member clubs to host future association dances at least one year in advance and supplies each host club with a copy of the guidelines associated with hosting association dances.
- Liaises with host clubs to ensure that club responsibilities are carried out in a timely manner in accordance with the guidelines for host clubs.
- Maintains a historical listing of club involvement.
- Reports to Executive and General meetings.

**Registration & Door Receipts**

- Attends all association dances, arriving 30 minutes earlier for setup purposes.
- Greets dancers as they arrive and collects dance fees as they sign in.
- Collects and records attendance statistics.
- Displays a listings of member clubs at Annual General Meetings for respective delegates to sign in.
- Reports at Executive and General meetings.



### Visitations

- Canvasses the Executive at the beginning of the dance year to determine their choice of club(s) they would visit as SWOSDA representatives.
- Monitor the clubs visited.
- Report at Executive and General Meetings.

### Bugle Correspondent/ Public Relations

- Submit a written report to the Bugle editor immediately following each association dance.
- Attends Executive and General meetings.



**Saturday April 29, 2023**

**Hosted by Guys 'n Dolls**

**SWOSDA Regional Dance and AGM**

Seven squares of energetic dancers recently squared up for the last regional square dance of this season. The afternoon was hosted by Guys 'n Dolls at Glen Cairn Church in Kitchener.

The afternoon began with a pre-round dance cued by Dan Roy, followed by the round dance party cued by Andrea Priest. Throughout the afternoon, round dances were provided by Dan, Andrea and Ed Dolson, interspersed amongst the square dances. Their expert cueing was enjoyed by all.

After a welcome was given by Tom and Jo Kahnert, SWOSDA presidents, Dan Weatherby, host caller, began the square dance program. He was joined by fellow callers Jeff Priest, Ed Dolson and Brian MacIsaac. Together, they provided dancers with an amazing array of Mainstream and Plus dances. Thanks to all these callers and cuers for giving of their time for such a great afternoon!

Appreciation is also extended to the members of Guys 'n Dolls club for providing the dancers with a lovely spread of sweets to enjoy while socializing with friends from 12 clubs in our region. What a great turnout! Following the dance, the Annual General Meeting was held, and the large number of clubs participating was wonderful! The executive members leaving were recognized for their contributions- Stan and Mary Smith, Mark and Heather Ackersviller, Merv and Janice Reid. The new members joining the executive were warmly welcomed- Austin and Avril Hayward, Earl and Joan Jacques. SWOSDA also welcomes Linda Charlton who replaces Lee Cox as Director. Further new members were encouraged to join when they become ready throughout the coming year.



A SWOSDA Recognition Merit Award was presented to Tom and Jo Kahnert in honour of their dedicated service to “growing clubs.”



Although this was one of the last regional square dances for the year, please keep an eye on the SWOSDA calendar to watch for summer dancing opportunities, and, of course, the first fall regional dance of next season! Hope to see everyone soon on the dance floor!



**Saturday May 27, 2023**

**Hosted by Rhythm Rounds**

**Afternoon Round Dance Party**

What possible excuse could a dancer have not to attend this last regional dance for the year on May 27<sup>th</sup>? The weather was perfect for a drive; there were 6 expert cuers and the hall boasted a lovely dance floor and delicious goodies.

Richards Memorial United Church in London was the location and the host club was Rhythm Rounds. The 41 round dancers were from many parts of Ontario, and one even travelled from New York. Ed Dolson, the host cuer, welcomed fellow cuers- Bob Beck, Ian Hulley, Gail Mottashed, Andrea Priest and Dan Roy. The dancers were provided with “dreams come true” and “happy sounds” while dancing away the afternoon. Thank you to these great cuers for sharing their time and expertise!



SWOSDA greetings were extended to the dancers by presidents Austin and Avril Hayward. During the breaks, the dancers were treated to a large array of delicious snacks, including fresh rhubarb squares. Luckily, the dancers were getting so much exercise!

The afternoon was just perfect, and we know that the first fall round dance on September 23rd in Kitchener will be just as much fun, so mark it on your calendar and have a great summer!



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## **SWOSDA Leadership Information Session**

In appreciation of and with the co-operation of the Canadian Callers College, Callers Clinic and SWOSDA, Jeff and Andrea Priest hosted a leadership information session on May 13, 2023, at the Maranatha Church in Woodstock.

Four specific topics were explained, discussed, and demonstrated.  
These topics included –

**a) What is a leader?**

Dancer leadership within a club.

Dancer leadership in a club without a caller

Caller leadership.

The attributes and qualities of leaders were described as well

as what dancers can do to be a leader within their club, not just on an executive level.

**b) What is a club “Angel”?**

Discussions and direction on exactly what a dance “angel” can and cannot do in supporting the teaching process.

Another form of being an angel was described as when dancers are worked with outside the normal dance space in what is referred to as a learning station. This process is called “The Nest” and is practiced with success by a club in Alberta.

**c) What is a “Tape” group or a “Tape” club?**

Specific types of tape groups were discussed. These being teaching systems groups, workshop tape groups and dance only tape groups.

Why are these tape groups necessary, what are the legalities associated with acquiring music (tapes and CDs), and what equipment is needed to play music to dance to.

**d) What is a “Caller”?**

A caller could be a teacher, a singer, an entertainer, or a choreographer or all the above.





Discussions on the requirements of being a caller and the expectations dancers depend on the caller to know such as definitions and figures.

What callers need to be a successful caller and what they do not need.

Throughout this session, five potential callers took their turns at the mic calling to a square of dancers and all performed well.

Various websites and free downloads were described as backup to the topics discussed throughout the session. There were also handouts and lots of very useful and interesting suggestions.

An open mic session included many interesting questions and follow up responses from Jeff and Andrea.

There were 38 dancers in attendance representing 11 clubs.

The event concluded with SWOSDA President Austin Hayward thanking Jeff and Andrea for the contributions to SWOSDA in putting on this particular informative learning session.

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## **CLUB NEWS**

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

### Camp and Dance Weekends

**August 2th5 – 26th**

C112 & C046 dance in Blyth

Jeff & Andrea will be Caller & Cuer

All are welcome

**August 11 - 14**

**NSDCA Camporee 2023**

**Blyth, ON**

*Not just for Campers!*

*There are Hotels, Motels and B&B's available.*

[Flyer/Registration](#)



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### Centennial Beavers - London

The Beavers engaged an age-old tradition of "banner stealing". Rose & Gwen (the instigators) took the Thames Valley Dance Clubs new and beautiful banner in April. TVDC sent a square plus, to retrieve it. To take the banner from Woodstock, the Beavers had to do a square dance tip WITHOUT touching hands which is not easy, so they decided to reciprocate and the Thames Valley dancers had to dance in shoe boxes. They were all good sports about it and did quite well. Ed had visions of people falling all over the place but no, they accomplished their initiation and got their banner back.



We had our last dance on Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> and it was a fun night to be sure. There was a lot of laughter and joking about. We had a grazing table during the evening. It was just loaded with all sorts of goodies. Each of our members was given 5 tickets for the first night free, to hand out to friends and family for our first night in September, which happens to be Friday September 8 from 7 to 9.



We are also going to have our ANNUAL BBQ, once again at Robert & Marie Lades, on Sunday August 13th. We are hoping to have the entire group come and share in the festivities. Robert and Marie have been dubbed the Host & Hostess with the "mostess". She constantly comes up with something interesting and fun. I have attached the flyer for the BBQ. It's a potluck. Ed and Nancy are bringing the burgers & hotdogs, and we hope everyone shares in either the salad, munchies or baked goods for dessert. So mark your calendars for that date and please give them the courtesy of an RSVP by phone or by the email address at the bottom of the flyer. The rain date will be the following Sunday. Ed will also get you all up for a "refresher" dance.

We have no news as of yet if we can get an air conditioned hall for 1 or 2 nights over the summer. We will advise you all as soon as we know. But for now, enjoy your gardening, family visits, camping or just relaxing, September will be here before you know it and we hope to see you all back, happy and fun-loving, as usual.

(and don't forget to bring family or friends with you)

Happy Summer

### Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers

Clinton Public School 27 Percival Street Clinton  
 Presidents Fred and Deb Hakkers 5195258640/5199557277  
 Caller Dave and Blanche Paulen 5199498336

Clinton Wheel n Dealers ended their dancing season with a fantastic banquet and dance in honour of Dave and Blanche Paulen's retirement as our clubs full time callers. This was held at the Clinton United Church.

We enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings served by the Clinton United Church Women. Your choice of several varieties of pie was served for dessert. We were almost too stuffed to dance but with Dave's encouragement we had 5 squares filling the church hall. It was a memorable night with all our favourite records played by request.

Ian Hulley was able to add a couple of round dances to the night. There was a large circle of round dancers who enjoyed these dances.



**CENTENNIAL BEAVERS**

**SUMMER BBQ**

**ON SUNDAY AUGUST 13TH AT 2PM**

**OUR HOSTS ROBERT AND MARIE LADE**

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**AND YOUR LAWN CHAIR**

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Neva and Duncan McVittie and Ed Dolson added to the nights entertainment by calling as well. Their efforts were much appreciated.

The club presidents Deb and Fred Hakkers presented Dave and Blanche with a gift on behalf of the club. Dave and Blanche have given our club many years of dancing enjoyment. We also thank Blanche for her many years as our round dance cuer before she retired a few years ago.

Group pictures were taken of the club members present.

We hope to be able to continue dancing and will keep you updated in the fall.

Have a safe and happy summer break everyone.



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#### [Denim'N Lace - Flesherton](#)

Denim 'n Lace held their final dance for the season on May 31, a great evening with six squares in attendance. Caller Jim Lee was joined by his good friend and square dance caller Wayne Hall sharing tips and joining together for the final dance. Snack/treats were provided by the dancers; it was a party like atmosphere enjoyed by all. President Shirley Chamberlain in her remarks noted that the Club resumed dancing post-Covid on April 6 2022, and continued to May 31, 2023 except for no dancing in August 2022.

The Club is looking forward to the 2023/24 season. The Welcome Back Dance will be on September 13, 2023: a Toonie Burger BBQ will commence at 6:00 pm and the dance at 7:00 – more details in August.

An Executive meeting held April 23, 2023 set a schedule for theme night special dances to be held monthly and conveners were appointed for these special dances.

Our Club has agreed to host the April 2024 SWOSDA dance on April 27 at the Kinplex in Flesherton with Jim Lee as the Host Caller. Please save the date.

At our May 31 dance our members were asked what their special plans were for the summer. By the responses given it is evident that many are gardeners whether it be vegetable gardens or foliar or both. Both farmers and the gardeners suggested some rain would be welcome. Others mentioned family picnics and reunions, one couple mentioned a re-union with Junior Farmer friends which has been held for many years. Square dancers are active, busy people.

Mel Chamberlain,  
Bugle Correspondent

### Huron Bruce Swingers - Lucknow

Yes, the Huron-Bruce Swingers Square Dance Club did disband in September 2022, but a good number of the club dancers continued on. A big thank you goes out to Clinton Wheel 'n' Dealers and Rostock County Squares for welcoming many of us into their clubs so that square dancing could carry on as part of our lives. The winter weather co-operated to allow for distance travelling with only a couple of dances missed. It was great to continue on as part of these club's activities, enjoy square dancing and meet new friends.



The summer season is now upon us.....there will be square dancing somewhere. Enjoy!

Sharon McDonald,  
former Bugle correspondent.

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### Jubilee Rounds - St. Jacobs

## *Greetings from Jubilee Rounds:*

Summer will soon be upon us! We hope you all had a wonderful dance season and are looking forward to spending time this summer dancing as often as you can.

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Our "In Person" Round Dance Club on Thursday mornings, through June 29th, will enjoy dancing the four rhythms we have learned this dance season. If you would like to join us for June sign up [HERE](#)

**Please note there will be no dancing on Thursday June 15th**

If you would like to join us next year, keep an eye out for our flyer and make plans to join us on Thursday mornings in Cambridge starting on September 14th.

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Our Thursday Evening Zoom Group continues no matter what the weather does!! 😊 We really enjoy seeing folks from around the globe at our weekly Jubilee dances. We will be dancing through to June 29 and then taking some time off to enjoy the summer and our trailer. If you would like to join us for June, go to our website and register so we can send you the code.

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### **Specials!**

**Saturday Afternoon April 15<sup>th</sup> ...** Summer Serenade – Was a wonderful dance with a full house - we were sold out for this event. The weather was great and we even had a Round Dance Cuer from New York join us for the afternoon – what a treat! Several of us went out for dinner after the dance ... a benefit to an afternoon only dance.

**Saturday Afternoon May 6<sup>th</sup> ...** Our Introduction to Jive was another sold out event with folks from Toronto to London joining in the fun.

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**Summer Sounds Rounds: Phase 2/3/4.** We do have some spaces available through June if you wish to join us, please sign up [HERE](#) – See our flyers on our website and on SWOSDA.

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Stay safe & healthy....

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you on the dance floor.

Happy Dancing,  
Jeff Priest



### Rhythm Rounds - London

Rhythm Rounds hosted the May Round Dance SWOSDA, on May 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4:30 pm at Richards Memorial Church in London. The level for this one is Phase 2, 3 & 4, meaning that the new round dancers could attend. The club made cookies for the event to be served with coffee & tea. It was well attended and enjoyed by all.

This season has been very exciting to all of us, as we tried to grow our club by adding a beginner's class prior to the regular dance time. It was well attended and we ended up with some very good dancers. We did lose a few couples due to it being "harder" than they thought it would be and that's ok. It's better to be an involved dancer than trying to struggle through every night until it becomes a chore. The new dance couples we retained are enthusiastic about learning and the challenges in new moves. We hope to see them all this fall when we start up again on Wednesday Sept 20th. Its later than usual but we usually dance the first night and then the school bumps us the second week for meet the teacher night. Hopefully, we will have few changes over the next season.

Ed is hoping to get Richards for a couple of nights for rounds this summer (just to keep everyone updated). We will advise the dancers when a contract is signed.

Wishing everyone a safe, fun-filled summer with family and friends.



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### Royal City Squares - Guelph

While Royal City dancers have wrapped up their regular program of weekly dancing for the year, we hope to see our many southwestern Ontario friends on the dance floor this summer. Locally, of course, are the fun and challenging weekly Plus DBD classes offered by Jeff Priest in Cambridge on Wednesday afternoons, June 7 - August 30, 1 - 3 pm. See more at [shadowlightdance.com](http://shadowlightdance.com).

A new volunteer Board of Directors was constituted at our Annual General Meeting on April 19th, though too many of the faces are the same. Plans are now underway to offer a Barn Dance and Corn Roast in the late summer and to restart Basic/Mainstream and Plus classes in September. We are hopeful that some of the students who attended our winter Basic classes will return in the fall and bring friends! As part of the early planning for the coming dance year, we have stepped up to host a SWOSDA dance in Guelph on Saturday, February 24, 2024, including our very popular clothing sale.

Almost two squares of Royal City dancers are headed to the nation's capital for the square dance event of the year - the 40th [IAGSDC Convention](#), making a rare stop in Canada. This annual event - hosted by [Ottawa Date Squares](#) and strongly supported by our friends at Toronto's [Triangle Squares](#) - offers a world-class dance experience, three days of dancing from SSD / Basic to C3 to amazing callers from across North America. Taking over the Convention Floor of the Westin, steps to Parliament Hill, the Rideau Canal and the Byward Market, this event offers a Caller's School (with our own young Wesley Knierim enrolled), pre- and post-convention tours of Ottawa and area, a fabulous Brunch and Banquet for the more than 700 dancers registered to attend, and special events too. It's not too late to join this Ruby Anniversary extravaganza. Register now for the full convention. Or, plan to come for just one day - One Day passes are now available. Or, drop in for some of the free dancing - Intro to Modern Square Dancing, Country Western Dancing, Contra Dancing with Toronto's Bev Bernbaum calling and live music of Peach Jam, and an Olde Tyme Canadian Barn Dance, with Toronto's Bill Hands calling.

Submitted by Lorna Irwin  
Royal City Squares' Dancing Bee Girl



# Free Dancing!

at the 40th Annual IAGSDC  
Modern Square Dance Convention  
(you don't need to be registered to attend)

## **Intro to Modern Square Dancing**

Wednesday, July 5th, 7 - 10 pm

*Bring your friends so they can see how much fun square dancing is.*

Brian Crawford, Caller

## **Country Western Dance**

Friday, July 7th, 10 pm - 1am

*2-step, line dancing, East & West Coast swing, country waltz and other country dancing styles.*

Alan Gaudet of Club Bolo in Montréal, DJ & Host

## **Contra Dance**

Saturday, July 8th, 2 - 4 pm

*Dance up and down the hall in long lines to the live music of Peach Jam.*

Bev Bernbaum, Caller

## **Olde Tyme Canadian Barn Dance**

Saturday, July 8th, 6 - 8 pm

*High energy and easy to learn traditional squares, big circles, lines, and more.*

Bill Hands, Caller



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## ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario

*Wow, what a great dance season!! We hope you all enjoyed some “in person” dancing this year!!*

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### **Summer Square Dancing: Wednesday Afternoons – 1:00pm – 3:00pm – Cambridge.**

We are, once again, running our Summer PLUS DBD program in Cambridge. Space is limited so if you haven't signed up yet, please visit our website to register [HERE](#)

### **Zoom Round Dancing Continues: through to June 29<sup>th</sup>!**

Thursday Evenings: 7:00pm – Phase 2/3 with the occasional phase 4. Sign up on our website [HERE](#) for the Zoom code. **Note: No Dancing in July and August!** We will be taking time off from Round Dancing this summer to enjoy some down time.

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### **Private Parties!**

Life is getting back to some kind of normal. Jeff has a number of private parties booked over the next few months to introduce folks to the fun of Modern Square Dancing. Remember, if you or someone you know wishes to arrange a square dance party for any reason, (with Square Dancers or NON Square Dancers), please get in touch with us – it is what we do!!

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### **Saturday May 13 ... Special SWOSDA Interest Session ...**

We had the pleasure of presenting this session on behalf of SWOSDA and Canadian Callers College. The room could hold 40 people and there were 38 attendees! A total of 11 clubs were represented. It was a great afternoon. A lot of information was provided and there was some good interaction amongst the group. There were also 5 potential callers that had a turn at the mic calling to “live” dancers.

The items covered were:

What is a leader, What is an Angel, What is a “Tape Club”, What is a Caller!

You can find the entire Presentation on our website [HERE](#)

Visit our [Canadian Callers College](#) website – there are lots of links for information

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Have a wonderful summer

Stay Healthy and Safe!

Hope to see you on a dancefloor soon!

Happy Dancing and More – Much More!

Andrea & Jeff Priest

ShadowLight Dance Club

Check out our website for all our events. [www.shadowlightdance.com](http://www.shadowlightdance.com)

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### Silver Streak Square Dance Club - Woodstock

Silver Streak Squares celebrated the end of a successful season of 'Plus' square dancing with a potluck gathering at Merkley's Little Muskoka in Oxford Centre where good food and good friends made for a great time. We then proceeded to the church for a lively dance which was expertly choreographed and called by Tom Charlton - the smiles say it all.



Gail Mottashed added to the fun by cueing a Cha Cha.

*(written by Gail M & Marilyn M, photos by Gail M, Jake H & Barry M)*

See you in September!

All 'Plus' dancers are welcome to join us.

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### Sound Steppers - Owen Sound

Hello Fellow Dancers and Friends. We have had an enjoyable year in our new location at the Harmony Centre in Owen Sound. Being back together after our "COVID hiatus" was like being reunited with family again! Unfortunately a few of our regulars have not been able to return to dancing and are missed - but still join us for special occasions.

Neva, with the assistance of Duncan, continues to teach and entertain us - and to help make every night fun.

Our theme nights are always special and this year included a 50's-60's night, Hallowe'en, Western Night, Christmas (complete with pot-luck supper!), Hawaiian Night, Valentine's (a dress-up night), St. Patrick's Day, Easter Bonnets and our year end pot-luck. On a Saturday in February there was also a snow day. With the exception of a few bad weather occasions we have enjoyed a regular turnout. We have also been joined frequently this year by several members of Denim'N Lace (Flesherton) who have been most welcome.



In March our Club hosted a SWOSDA dance - such a fun day and quite well attended!

We are looking forward to having a pot-luck get-together on June 10th hosted by Olive & Cliff Stanley which has become a much enjoyed end of year activity.



Our 2023-24 season will be once again at the Harmony Centre and should be starting up the first week of September. Keep an eye on our [facebook](#) page for updates.

Wishing one and all a healthy, happy summer - hopefully full of love, laughter and fun.

Take care of each other and hope to see you on the dance floor.

Violet Fligg

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### Strathroy Swinging Duo's

Our club had a great dance season this year! We ended the season on April 25 with a scrumptious potluck supper prior to our dance. We were very pleased and welcomed Dorothy Wilton visiting with us during the dance. We managed to get her on the dance floor for the last dance.



Presidents Ed and Mary Faber thanked our outgoing executive, Gary and Liz Cooper and Tom and Pat Mahon. They introduced our executive for the 2023-24 season. They are Tom and Jo Kahnert- Presidents, Janneke Newitt and Wendy Thomson – Vice Presidents, Ed and Mary Faber-Past Presidents, Gerry and Don Richardson- Secretary, Earl and Joan Jacques- treasurer, Frank Willsie and Sherry McPhee- Social, and Jake and Jean Hamstra- Publicity and Historians. Dance admission fees for 2023-24 will be \$7.00 per person. Our condolences to one of our new dancers, Wilma Zondag with the recent passing of her father.



Congratulations to Tom and Jo Kahnert with receiving the Recognition Merit Award from SWOSDA. Come to our summer dance on Saturday July 29, 2023, at Strathroy East Christian Reformed Church, 476 Metcalfe St. E., Strathroy. We will have a picnic style potluck lunch from 12:30 - 1:30 pm. Dancing will be from 1:30 - 4:00 pm with Tom Charlton calling and Gail Mottashed cuing. See our poster for more details on our website [www.squaredancestrathroy.ca](http://www.squaredancestrathroy.ca)  
Have a great summer,  
Jake and Jean Hamstra

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### Thames Valley Dance Club – Woodstock

Happy Summer! It seemed to take its sweet time arriving but now that summer is here, I hope you are enjoying the beautiful sunny days we are having!

Thames Valley Dance Club finished its year with a bang! On April 24, “Bring a Friend” night saw 19 people join us for the fun – 6 squares on the floor! Oh, it was so good to see so many people enjoying the evening. We are hoping that some of them will return in September and become members of the club.



May 1<sup>st</sup> was our final dance of the year, and our Graduation Night! We had 11 members graduate from the Basic Program. They will begin learning Mainstream in September. We are so glad they have joined our club! The level of laughter and spirit has gone way up because of them!

Graduation night did not stop the Centennial Beavers from joining us! They caught us unaware and left with our banner in their hands. They didn't have it long, as 12 of our club members paid them a visit on May 6<sup>th</sup> to retrieve our banner. We had to dance in shoe boxes to get it back, but get it back, we did!

During Covid, our club marked its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We have begun making plans to celebrate this milestone with a SWOSDA Dance. The dance will be held on Sat. Oct 28<sup>th</sup> at Maranatha Church in Woodstock. Be sure to mark your calendar and save the date. We would love to have everyone join us in our celebration!



Our annual summer picnic will be on Sun July 30 at the home of yours truly. We always look forward to this afternoon of fun and friendship and good food! And, maybe there will be a dance or two!

As we enjoy a break from the regular routine, and think back to what a great dance season we have had, we also look forward to our return to dancing , which will be on Monday, Sept 11. Ed is busy planning the program to cover Mainstream and Basic this coming season.

Enjoy your summer whether you stay close to home or travel afar. Stay cool, safe travels, and savour these beautiful days and long evenings.

Lois Turvey  
The Bugle Correspondent for Thames Valley Dance Club

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### [The Town Squares – La Salette](#)

The Town Squares will continue with Round Dancing through the summer - as long as the air conditioner keeps working!

We dance Phase 2 for the newer dancers and also Phase 3 for the more experienced dancers.

We dance in an old school which has been converted to a community hall.

Sometimes we get bumped to accommodate a funeral; so if you are considering a visit it might be best to check that we are dancing.



Gail [thetownsquares18@gmail.com](mailto:thetownsquares18@gmail.com)

Tuesday evenings 6:30 to 8:30

La Salette Community Hall , 88 La Salette Rd, La Salette.

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### **Confession is good for the soul...?**

"Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose girl."

The priest asks, "Is that you, little Joey Pagano?"

"Yes, Father, it is."

"And who was the girl you were with?"

"I can't tell you, Father. I don't want to ruin her reputation."

"Well, Joey, I'm sure to find out her name sooner or later so you may as well tell me now. Was it Tina Minetti?"

"I cannot say."

"Was it Teresa Mazzarelli?"

"I'll never tell."

"Was it Nina Capelli?"

"I'm sorry, but I cannot name her."

"Was it Cathy Piriano?"

"My lips are sealed."

"Was it Rosa DiAngelo, then?"

"Please, Father! I cannot tell you."

The priest sighs in frustration. "You're very tight lipped, and I admire that. But you've sinned and have to atone. You cannot be an altar boy now for 4 months. Now you go and behave yourself."

Joey walks back to his pew, and his friend Franco slides over and whispers, "What'd you get?"

"Four months vacation and five good leads..."



**SAVE THE DATE!!**



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**Registration & Details Coming Soon**

**CSRDS2024FESTIVAL@GMAIL.COM**



# Strathroy Swinging Duos

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*Welcome to our*

## **SUMMER DANCE** **& PICNIC POTLUCK** **SAT. JULY 29, 2023**



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**CALLER: TOM CHARLTON**  
**CUER: GAIL MOTTASHED**

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**Dance - 1:30 - 4:00 PM**

**Basic, Mainstream, Plus & Rounds**

**Picnic Style Pot Luck Lunch. At 12:30 PM**

**Bring Your Own Place Settings. \$7.00 Per Person**

**Tom & Jo Kahnert, Presidents (519) 245-3929**

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**Strathroy East Christian Reformed Church**  
**476 Metcalfe St. East, Strathroy.**





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**From the Editor**

Dan Roy

The 2022-23 dance season is coming to an end. Another year goes by, but this one has been much better than the last few. We finally got back to dancing the way it used to be.

Most clubs have had regular weekly dances, and some continue to do so.

Some are planning for Summer activities to keep the momentum going. It certainly is nice to get those yellow rocks again – probably the thing I missed most (by the way, I’m almost caught up, but not quite!). Hope some of you are planning to attend some of these summer events. It’s always a great time, and don’t forget the great snack that usually come with it. How can you possibly pass that up?

Some will be hitting the road, and travelling. Summer is always a great time to see this beautiful country of ours. Be safe on the roads, and always remember to look out for the other guy!

Hope everyone has a safe and happy summer, and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Dan & Rhetha

## Save The Date – More Dancing

Before you know it, it will be dance time again. Remember to Save These Special Dates:	January 27, 2024 Monthly SWOSDA Dance Hosted by TBD Location: TBD
September 23, 2023 Round Dance Party Hosted by Jubilee Rounds Location: Kitchener, On	February 24, 2024 Monthly SWOSDA Dance Hosted by TBD Location: TBD
October 28, 2023 Monthly SWOSDA Dance Hosted by Thames Valley Dance Club (TVDC Celebrate 25 years) Location: Woodstock, ON	March 23, 2024 Monthly SWOSDA Dance Hosted by TBD Location: TBD
November 25, 2023 Monthly SWOSDA Dance Hosted by TBD Location: TBD	April 27, 2024 Monthly SWOSDA Dance Hosted by: Denim & Lace SD Club Location: Kinplex, Flesherton, ON

**Still Dances for your club to host...**



Square & Round Dancers Of South Western Ontario

# ROUND DANCE PARTY SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 KITCHENER, ON

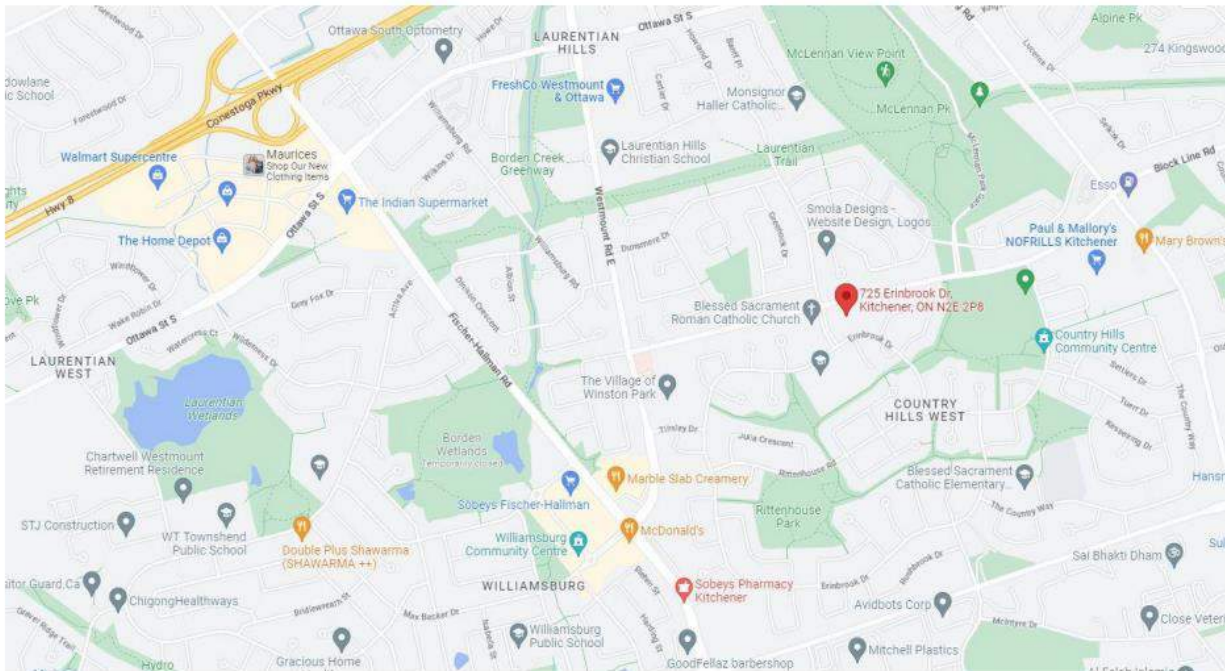
2:00pm – 4:30pm - Phase II – IV

Cost: \$ 7.00 per person

**Hosted by: Jubilee Rounds**

**Location – Glencairn Church**

**725 Erinbrook Dr, Kitchener, ON N2E 3E3**



For further information or program details Please visit: [www.swosda.ca](http://www.swosda.ca)

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