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Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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President's Message



Ready, set, go! Yahoo! And we are off to dancing, seeing all our friends again and enjoying all the benefits of the activity we so look forward to. Are we excited? ...You bet. Apprehensive? A bit. Nervous? ...maybe. Confident? ...for sure and absolutely committed.

As we begin the 2023-2024 dance season, we are already faced with some adversity. We are still feeling the effects of what covid has done to our numbers. Our clubs and our membership have suffered greatly. We have lost some callers to retirement. Our SWOSDA executive struggles to find interested people to fill vacancies on its board, and individual clubs have had their own difficulties. but so much for the negatives.

Let's talk about great things positive! Let's talk about the wonderful, committed, and energetic people on your SWOSDA executive, your club's executive, callers, cuers, and let's talk about what lies ahead for all of us as dancers.

On a positive note, various caller schools have taken place throughout the summer yielding positive results with many new developing square dance callers showing interest. We all know that this is an essential asset to the existence of square dancing, and we are very appreciative to those that have implemented these programs as well as to those that have taken it upon themselves to become educated in this art.

Secondly, in the absence of anyone coming forward to fill the "Halls and Refreshments" portfolio on the SWOSDA executive, we want to thank Laura Chernak, our SWOSDA secretary, for taking it upon herself to find host clubs for the scheduled SWOSDA dances during this 2023-2024 dance season. For anyone willing to step into this position on the SWOSDA executive, Laura has completed half your assigned tasks associated with this portfolio. All that remains is that you supply each club with guidelines on hosting a SWOSDA dance, communicate with host clubs to ensure that club responsibilities are carried out in a timely manner, maintain an historical listing of club involvement and lastly, report to executive and general meetings. Simple.

William James once stated "Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."

We are also appreciative of the clubs that have come forward and agreed to host these SWOSDA dances during the upcoming dance season and we look forward to visiting and dancing with you. It would be erroneous for us not to express sincere gratitude to prior SWOSDA and club executives that have carried on our activity preceding this dance season. Your leadership and commitment have paved a path for us to continue governing and improving dance opportunities and objectives within Southwestern Ontario.

During this 2023-2024 dance season, our goal is to initiate open communications with SWOSDA clubs, focusing on increasing enrollment by utilizing existing proven programs and working together to pioneer new ideas and directives in achieving these membership goals.

Phil Jackson, is a man who has experienced teamwork. One of his phrases that captures the importance of collaboration in any team, project or organization is ***“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”***

Know that desire is a key to motivation, but it is determination and commitment in pursuit of your goal that ultimately succeeds.

Together we will succeed.
See you on the dance floor.
Austin & Avril Hayward



SWOSDA

Remember When...

Looking Back - Dorothy Dahm, SWOSDA Historian.

Welcome back to a new season of dancing: I'm starting out the year by **asking for your help**. Part of my job as historian is the collection of accounts and pictures of dancing activity in the district for the SWOSDA albums. My email is familypatchwork.dd@gmail.com. I would appreciate it if you would send me some pictures and/or sentences about interesting square dance activity you experienced during the summer. I will gather it into a collage and share at the district dances. I would even like to hear about special events that you miss from previous years.

These are just a few of the activities undertaken by different clubs in 1983.

The Clinton Club held their annual camping weekend in August at Point Farms Provincial Park. On June 16 over 70 dancers helped Bea & Charlie Bodfish celebrate their 40th wedding celebration.

On July 25 at the Garbutt Splash 18 couples from Circle T Squares enjoyed dancing, swimming, socializing and a delicious lunch.

Oil Spring Promenaders participated with great gusto in the Oil Spring Black Gold Days weekend. Without a doubt their float was among the best, due to the untiring efforts of some ingenious souls.

Bruce Payne and 30 Simcoe Star-A-Naders started out with the July 1st parade in Port Dover dancing their way to 1st prize . On July 10th weekend they provided entertainment for the grand opening of Haldimand-Norfolk Regional Government Offices and Complex and on the 28th were in the parade for Friendship Weekend in Simcoe.

Schoolhouse Squares demonstrated square & round dancing at Dorchester Belmont Street Fair on Aug. 7.

In 1993 Ken Brennan asked, ” **NEW DANCERS ARE ON THE WAY, aren’t they?**”

-Many of us are advertising with the help of square dancers who recognize the need for recruiting new members for our classes.

-Many of us are presenting square dance demos with the help of dancers who want to share in putting our activity out where others can see.

-Dancers are talking to friends and neighbours in an effort to share their enthusiasm for our activity.

-Posters are going up in stores, places of work, recreation areas and any location that will get the attention of prospective new dancers.

-Cards and invitations are being circulated. People are talking to people.

It’s that time again when classes are being offered to teach new dancers

ARE YOU READY? ARE YOU BRINGING NEW DANCERS IN?

‘The most effective recruiting method still remains - Dancers personally inviting people and joining them for their first night.’

Will we see YOU at the FIRST NIGHTER?

Each time you dance, take a minute or two to appreciate the amount of time and effort your caller has put in to provide you with a pleasant experience.

WITH A WHISPER OR A HOLLER TAKE THE TIME TO THANK THE CALLER!

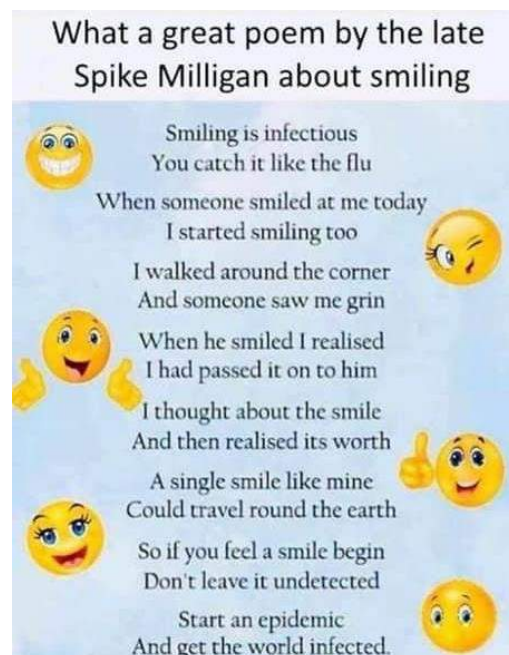
If you have any questions or suggestions about dancing, I will be glad to hear from you and respond as soon as possible.

Dorothy Dahm, SWOSDA Historian



September, and the start of a NEW dance season. We have a few less clubs; those coming back have more spirit and excitement than ever, and are looking forward to a successful year with many new dancers. There are a lot of beginner classes coming up at various locations, so let’s join in the fun, and get in a square.

Word of mouth has always been our best recruiter, so talk it up!



FEATURE

Goals and Aspirations

(This “Feature” was printed almost two years ago, but worthy of reading again as it pertains to the needs of all dancers today and throughout our dance season.)

Ok, ...it's September and time to discuss our goals and aspirations for the new year ahead. Not dreams, not fantasies, or figments of our imaginations, but actual factual goals, we sincerely are intent upon achieving.

Imagining things like the beautiful words of John Lennon that there would be “no need for greed or hunger” or, “a world where there is peace and acceptance of everyone”, is, unfortunately, just that. Our imagination.

Dreams are made up of actual vivid things we might have experienced that may contain people, objects or themes, that are relative to your life when you are awake. But dreams are not a promise for change, or even a desire to improve one's physical or mental well-being. I am not suggesting you stop dreaming, but just the opposite. Dreams help process our emotions and benefit functions like learning and memory. Avril and I dream of being better dancers and of travelling to faraway places.

Which leaves us with ‘Aspirations’...

Aspirations more closely defines what we might call a resolution or promise and is defined as “a hope or ambition of achieving something”. Aspiring to become, or to be anything that we may perceive to be an improvement over what we currently are, may be more relative to common thinking. It is written that people can have social aspirations, personal aspirations and/or career aspirations. I personally define my career aspirations as associated with my physical and mental well-being.

Motivation, a sense of responsibility, and reasons to get up in the morning are clearly good for my health. Over the last couple of years, I found myself surrounded by closed doors relative to multiple variants of Covid-19, which has certainly put a dent in my social life. No dancing, (except for “Zoom”) no weekends with friends, no going to our favourite dining or entertainment establishments. Somethings we can aspire to change, but somethings we may not have any control over. So, I am personally going to work on things that are within my power and my control to change, like dancing again, and like helping rebuild our club's membership. Things I need to do for myself and those close to me.

However, there is a need for involvement in creating change to things out of our control. Getting vaccinated, obeying health protocols, and protecting ourselves and others are things you can do that will help change the course that these variants have taken, and practicing these protocols have finally given us back control. Ok. So, I need to shed a few pounds. I need to address some personal things that I know I can improve upon. So be it.

There is a very thin line between success and failure. Remember, failing is usually a slight or insignificant defect in character, conduct or ability. Success is the accomplishment of an aim or purpose. Henry Ford once said, “whether you can or you can't, either way you are right.”

Stay positive, Stay Healthy
Let's have an Awesome Dancing Season
Austin Hayward (Thames Valley Dance Club)

CLUB NEWS

Send Club News to bugle@swosda.ca

Centennial Beavers – London

Isn't it funny how slow the winter passes and how fast the summer passes. This summer was a whirlwind for us. At the end of June, our son and grandsons came from Scotland for a visit. It was the most wonderful holiday. Ed and Ben did a re-furb of my kitchen and the boys and I did what every kid wants to do. Go to BULK BARN! They don't have bulk barn is Scotland and when they went online they decided that this would be their #1 stop Candy Shop. Up and down the aisles more than twice, gathering bags of different candy. It cost me \$30 each kid, I nearly fell over but they were happy kids for about 3 days.



We rented a cottage near Mitchell's Bay and did fishing, hiking, campfires singing and swimming. These boys were up and out of the house by 6:30-7 in the morning. They were back close to noon and loved having brunch. All in all, it was an amazing visit and we hope they will return next summer.

We had our summer BBQ at Robert and Marie Lades again and as always, they were fabulous hosts. We played a few games, listened to Gord Bell sing and entertain us, and ate tons of food. Last year we had tons of salads and very few desserts. This year it was dessert heaven and I think we were all on a sugar high for quite a while. Everyone was given a calendar of events for this year. If you didn't come to the BBQ, I have a few more, I'll bring.

The first night for us is on Friday Sept 8th - 7 to 9. Same place. same dance hall. Our first 3 nights will be BRING A FRIEND night, so hopefully you all will bring a friend or family member to enjoy the fun. After September 23rd we will not be able to have new people start. We want to progress at a decent rate and we found that many of last years' dancers learned quickly. So to be fair to everyone, I would like to start October in learning mode. The more dancers we get will help because we can switch off new dancers and our regular group, so they can progress. We will talk about this on Friday night. I just hope to see you all there. We have kept the price the same this year (\$7.50PP), even though the rent is higher this year. I want you to enjoy yourselves without breaking the bank! Come on out and bring a friend for a lot of fun.

Ed and Nancy Dolson



Friday Evenings 7:00 to 9:00



Beginning September 8th 2023

East Lions Community Centre (Corner of Wavell & Edmonton Sts.)

To Pre-register email beginnerdance@hotmail.com

or call Nancy at **519-281-6261**

CB Square Dance Club - London ON

[Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers](#)

27 Percival Street Clinton

Celebrating 60 years 1963/4 -2023/4

Presidents - Fred and Deb Hakkers 519-525-8640/519-955-7277

Shared Callers - Neva and Duncan McVittie 519-477-2028
Tom and Linda Charlton 519-763-4020

Dancing Dates - October 4th to December 7th, 2023.

Note - Please Lug a mug and dress is casual.



Clinton Wheel 'n Dealers were well represented at the recent Ontario Camporee held at the Blyth campground. Thank you to all those who attended to make this event successful.

We would like to thank all those who attended our Garden Party Pot Luck hosted by Marris and Tina Bos on Wednesday August 16th. We had a beautiful afternoon to catch up with our dancing friends surrounded by an amazing array of plants and flowers. We enjoyed a delicious potluck supper with all our favourites. A few brave souls took part in a very competitive game of bean bag toss.

Clinton Wheel 'n Dealers are very excited to inform our dancing friends that we will be starting another dancing season with the help of two amazing callers. **Neva and Tom** have generously offered to alternate weeks to keep our club going. We will also support Donna Fielder in practicing calling at the club.

We will start on Wednesday October 4th at Clinton Public School 7:15-9:15pm.
We have 2 groups alternating months to either bring cookies/squares or help with set up/down duties.
Yearly membership fees have been increased to \$15 per person, and weekly dancing fees also increased to \$10 per person. These increases are necessary to help cover expenses incurred to keep dancing.

There will be a theme night October 25 for Halloween with dancers asked to wear orange/black.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to enjoy the great fun and fellowship square dancing provides. We need everyone's support to keep our club going. Guest dancers are always welcome.

Please remember that we dance in a peanut free and fragrance free facility.

[Denim'n Lace - Flesherton](#)

The Denim 'n Lace and Blue Mountain Promenaders 'Welcome Back Dance' for the 2023-2024 Dance year will be held on Wednesday evening, September 13.

Dancers are asked to come at 6:00 p.m. to eat, the menu will be sausage on a bun with veggies - dancers are asked to bring some finger food for dessert, if they wish, and to bring their own water. So, it's eat at 6:00 and dance at 7:00.

Fall term dances will be from September 13 to December 13, 2023 (14 dances) and for the Winter Term from January 10 to May 29, 2024 (21 dances). Levels of dancing will be Mainstream teach and Plus dancing. We are looking forward to another great year of fun, friendship and dancing to Caller Jim Lee.

Special dances: October 25th - Halloween Dance - November 22nd - Ice Cream Night.

Several of our members enjoyed a summer social at the home of Olive and Cliff Stanley, very gracious hosts, and members of the Owen Sound Club. Our members also attended the Ontario Board and Chapters of the National Dance Campers Association at the Blyth and District Community Centre.

Planning ahead, Denim 'n Lace is hosting the April SWOSDA Dance at the Kinkplex Hall in Flesherton on Saturday April 27, 2024 with Jim Lee as Host Caller. Please save the date.

Looking further ahead, the 23rd Canadian National Festival will be held in Calgary, Alberta on July 17-29, 2024. Registration and details soon.

Mel Chamberlain
Bugle Correspondent

Guys n' Dolls Square Dance Club - Kitchener

Welcome back dancers to another fun season of square dancing. We trust that all had a wonderful and exciting summer and are returning to dancing rested and ready to show our talents off.

Our season starts this Friday, Sept 8 at the new location at FOREST HILL UNITED CHURCH, 121 Westmount Road East. This is a free dance and all friends and family are welcome to come. The commencing time is 8 pm to 10 pm. Refreshments of coffee, tea and an assortment of homemade cookies after the dance will be offered.

Our current presidents Mark and Heather Ackersviller have thought up some theme night dancing this season and that could be a lot of fun and very interesting.

The club wishes to extend our condolences to Dorothy Mitchell and Jim Ferris on the recent passing of his mother. It was truly a blessing that they took the opportunity to travel east to spend some time with her before the passing.

The club continues to be blessed by enjoying Dan Weatherby as our caller for another season and so fortunate to have such a caring and dedicated executive to keep the club running smoothly. Well done.

We would love to see you at our location sometime this season, till then...

Donna Reed, Bugle Gal
Guys and Dolls Square Dance Club.

Jubilee Rounds - St. Jacobs

Greetings from Jubilee Rounds on Zoom

Wow... what a summer!! The weather was a bit wet but the sunny days were very nice!

We have spent time in the trailer, time in the yard, time with the Grandchildren as well as time with a couple of Camp and Dance groups. We hope you have all been able to stay healthy and enjoy the weather as well.

As we mentioned before we closed Jubilee Rounds on Zoom for the summer, we will be returning with our Zoom Program this fall. Jubilee on Zoom will start back dancing on September 14th. Our program is Phase 2/3 with the occasional 4. The time-frame is the same as the last few years: Thursday evenings 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

If you wish to join us, please click [HERE](#) to sign up or simply visit our website. www.shadowlightdance.com and sign up from there.

It is our plan to have an “in person” event once a month to offer either a Rhythm Clinic, Teach or a Dance. These dances will be mentioned on our dance nights as well as posted here in the Bugle and on our website and our weekly mailer.

In September we are having a Welcome Back Dance ([Flyer](#)) ([Registration](#)) on Saturday September 9th and we are also having a Tango Clinic ([Flyer](#)) ([Registration](#)) on Saturday September 30th.

Jubilee Rounds is hosting the SWOSDA Round Dance Special in Kitchener on September 23rd. We do hope you will be able to join us from 2:00 – 4:30 at Glencairn Church. See the flyer in this Bugle. The flyer is also available on our website @ www.shadowlightdance.com and the SWOSDA website @ www.swosda.ca

“ShadowLight Rounds” is presenting an Introduction to Rumba on Thursday MORNINGS starting September 14th. This will be an 8 week session. If you, or people you know, are interested in learning Round Dancing, this session is for you!! No experience necessary! If you wish to join us, please register on our website or feel free to contact us. [Flyer](#) - [Register Here](#)

For info: Andrea or Jeff at: 1.519.752.2172 or jeff@jeffreypriest.com
Printable flyers are on our website: www.jeffreypriest.com

See you on Zoom or in person!!!
Jeff Priest ☺

[Rhythm Rounds - London](#)

I have no idea why we are excited to see the summer gone and the dance season opening.

Rhythm Rounds had a very good year for recruiting new dancers, and we are hopeful that we will have another September like last year. A few dancers fell on the wayside, mostly due to the fact that it looks like it's an easy thing to do. Don't be fooled, it's a lot of work and it's a struggle most of the time for a new dancer. However, once you get it, things become easier and more fun.

We are hoping that we get some people that have missed the basic teaches and over covid they didn't dance anywhere. We are starting fresh this season on a few new rhythms and some easy review to get everyone in the swing of things. Our new dancers from last year have really done amazing...and I mean amazingly well. They have the right mindset and they laugh at their mistakes. I do hope that if you always wanted to try Rounds then come on out and give it a shot.

We have a fun filled year planned with a few special dances. September has been set aside as a bring a friend night, so for 2 weeks we will let people come in and give it a shot. In October, we will be having our Halloween Dance on October 25th. Costumes are not mandatory but recommended. Our Christmas Social is on December 13th and we are hoping that our dancers all come out to enjoy a no-teach night full of Christmas favorites.

Because February 14th is a dance night for us we will have an evening of romantic music and a light lunch following. We will try to all wear red that night.

Rhythm Rounds always has open doors to all round dancers and hope that you will come and join us for our special dances or join us for the season. There are very few places to do rounds now and we are so thankful to have our club in London. Looking to seeing you all again in September.

Ed & Min

Royal City Squares - Guelph

Planning is underway for kicking off the 2023 | 2024 dance season in Guelph.

We are planning a **corn roast and barn dance in Ennotville on Wednesday, September 6th**, hosted at Mike and Jen's barn (just north of Guelph). Dinner and social at 6 pm, dancing at 7 pm. Everyone welcome! Bring friends! If there are new or non-dancers in attendance, we'll make sure they're able to get up for some dancing. Jeff Priest is calling. Corn and hot dogs supplied by the Club. Free! Donations gratefully accepted. Please bring water bottle and camp chair. RSVP to [Yvonne](#) (so we know how much to order) and for more details regarding location. Rain or Shine.

Our regular Mainstream | Plus nights of dancing, with Jeff Priest calling, will begin at Paisley Road School on Wednesday, September 20 at 7 pm. Join us!

We're hosting a T&D Dance in Guelph on Saturday, November 4th. Mark your calendars!

Summer Highlights

The Royal City was well-represented at THE square dance event of the year, the 40th annual IAGSDC Convention in Ottawa in July. More than 700 dancers attended, with a stellar array of callers, multiple rooms for dancing from Basic to C3, great food, awesome tours and activities, sold out Callers School, memorable entertainment, some great media coverage (including CBC Ottawa and CTV Breakfast TV), and open sessions for Contra, Canadian Barn Dancing (traditional / olde tyme squares), Country Dancing and Line Dancing. See our Club photo (that includes a few of our friends from nearby clubs). We salute our good friends at [Toronto's Triangle Squares](#), with more than 50 dancers in attendance! More convention memories are [here](#).



Of particular note to those who enjoy olde tyme dancing, the program included a Traditional Canadian Barn Dance, ably called by Bill Hands, open to both convention goers and members of the public, who did indeed drop in as a result of active promotion in the community. The program included mostly traditional squares, mingled with big circles and lines, very much like the dances Bill hosts monthly in Toronto and Guelph. Lively, inclusive, fun and easy to learn, the modern square dancers who attended - about 8 squares filling the room - enjoyed the easy to learn, fast-paced, dancierly flow of these olde tyme dances, so similar but different from modern square dancing. For some, it was the first time they'd ever seen or danced traditional squares: Texas Star, Chase the Squirrel, Dive Thru / Pass Thru, Spin the Ends. We also danced the Gay Gordons (of course!), and the early modern favourite, Smoke on the Water. Our well-dressed Kent-Knierim family demonstrated a competitive square.

RC dancers showcased a square, with Jeff Priest calling, at Breakfast on the Farm in Elora in June. Yes! We danced in the barn while the cows and visitors watched in admiration.

Hats off to organizers of the really fun and well-attended afternoon dance and potluck lunch hosted by Strathroy's Swinging Duos in July, and the [Camporee](#) in Blyth in August.

Cheers, Lorna

ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario

Greetings! We hope you have been able to keep healthy and enjoyed this great summer!

We have kept busy this summer and are pleased we have been able to get back to some “in person” dancing. Let us bring you up to date on what we’re up to.

Squares:

Our daytime PLUS DBD in Cambridge on Wednesday afternoons was well supported for most of the summer.

We were back to our regular youth programs this summer. Our annual youth camp we have called for since 2010 had over 27 squares of dancers this year. Wow, just like the days I remember when weekly clubs were that big. What a fabulous time we had! We have several youth groups and a couple of adult groups booked for September and November as well.

Camp & Dances: We participated in the NSDCA Camporee this year in Blyth and had a great time. And we also called/cued for the C-112 weekend in August, also in Blyth. We hope to be able to start planning a couple of camp and dance activities for next year now that dancing is getting back to some kind of “normal” so keep an eye out for those details.

The dance season is about to “blast off”.

Daytime A-2 in Cambridge: starting - Wednesday Afternoons September 13th Registration required Visit our website to register [Flyer](#) - [Register Here](#)

**** *New Club!!* ****: A Gentle *Introduction to A-1*: [Flyer](#)
Monday Afternoons 1:00pm – 3:00pm Starting September 18th. [Registration](#)

Royal City Squares: starting – Wednesday Evenings M.S & PLUS September 20th Paisley Rd School

Rounds:

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[Flyer](#) - [Register Here](#)

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

Happy Dancing and More – Much More!

Andrea & Jeff Priest

ShadowLight Dance Club

Check out our website for flyers - www.shadowlightdance.com or phone: 519-752-2172

Silver Streak Square Dance Club - Woodstock

Our last season was a very enjoyable one, dancing Plus with caller, Tom Charlton and closing with a potluck and dance in May. We are looking forward to this coming season with much enthusiasm and plan the first dance at College Avenue Church, 22 Wilson Street, Woodstock at 7:30 on September 21. The doors of the church are open from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and locked otherwise.

So--polish your dancing shoes and come out and see what fun we have.

The Merkleys

Sound Steppers - Owen Sound

Greetings to Our Fellow Dancers!

Our "end of season" get-together in June was a wonderful success with a good turnout, lots of food, music, dancing and fellowship.

The good weather has kept most of us busy through the summer, with some of our dancers managing to join the fun at the Camporee in Blyth in August.

The Owen Sound Steppers are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the dance floor on September 7th. We will be continuing to enjoy the Harmony Centre at 940 4th Avenue East in Owen Sound from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday evenings with (the always wonderful) Neva McVittie as our caller. New dancers - whether beginners or experienced - are always welcome.



September 21st will be our "Western Night" - Please join us for an evening of Western themed fun!! Follow our facebook page for updates and future special nights.

Violet Fligg

Strathroy Swinging Duo's

We have been enjoying the summer and the days have flown by! Here is September and it's time to start square dancing again!

Swinging Duos will have our first dance of the season on Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 – 9:30 pm, at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church Hall, 34 Head St. Strathroy. The executive will provide lunch following the dance. Every week, Tom Charlton will do a half hour teach/review at 7:00 pm for everyone who feels a bit rusty with dancing.

We held our summer dance on July 29 with 51 dancers from several clubs attending. After enjoying a pot luck lunch, we danced the afternoon away to Tom Charlton's calling and Dan Roy's cuing. Gail Mottashed was unable to cue for us as planned and we express a huge thank you to Dan Roy for filling in at such a short notice. One of our dance attendees, Carmen Coburn led everyone in a couple of Folk dances.



Coming Soon! Our Introduction to Modern Square Dance program will be held again Commencing Monday October 16, 2023 to April 22, 2024. 7:30 – 9:00 pm the Anglican church hall, 34 Head St Our club presidents, Tom and Jo Kahnert are organizing this program and Tom Charlton will be the caller/teacher. Encourage your family and friends to come out for a fun evening learning to square dance.

Looking forward to a fun filled year meeting everyone in a square.

Jake and Jean Hamstra

More Dancing in Strathroy – Join in the Fun

The Strathroy Swinging Duos Club will be running another Introduction to Modern Square Dancing program this Fall commencing at 7:30 pm on October 16, 2024 and running to the end of April, 2024.

Each evening involves one and a half hours of dancing with everyone having a blast.

Building the membership is key for all clubs from now on, as the lack of square dancing during the COVID period had a negative impact on all, as we know.

Our program will be different this time, as our caller, Tom Charlton, has embraced the idea of teaching both Basic and Mainstream calls this time around to better prepare the dancers to join our Club if they wish. Until now, we have only introduced new dancers to the Basic program of calls.

Following the normal shutdown of the summer months, many new dancers feel nervous that they might have forgotten how to do the calls. For all new dancers, the most important thing to remember is to not worry about that since square dancing is a group activity involving a total of eight people in a square. Everyone is always a little rusty by the September start up, and all callers recognize this and follow easy to understand programs for the first month or so to get everyone up to speed.

Our Club has also learned from our marketing over the past year – people still want to get out of their homes and do something, instead of the tiresome ‘lock down’ feeling that we all experienced. Should you know of anyone who is interested or wish to learn more, they can call Jo at (519)200-2715 or Tom at (519)709-8665.

Prepared by: Tom and Jo Kahnert

[Thames Valley Dance Club - Woodstock](#)

And, just like that, we are back to dancing! Our 2023-2024 dance season will begin on Monday, Sept 11/23, and we are excited!! We are excited to see our friends again, and to welcome new friends into our club. We are hoping that some of the people who came to our “Bring a Friend” night in April will be back to become members. Many of us have had wonderful vacations over the summer and now it is time to return to our routines.

We had our annual Summer Picnic on Sunday July 30, at our home. Thirty-five dancers and family members came to enjoy an afternoon of catching up, playing games,



dancing, and feasting. Doug barbecued hamburgers and hotdogs (supplied by Ed and Nancy) to add to the array of salads and desserts contributed by everyone else. Great friends and great food to enjoy a picture-perfect day!



We have new Presidents! Norm and Elaine Northmore have recently taken on the Presidents' role, and Julie Budd has stepped into the Vice President's chair. Together with Ed and Nancy, they have decided to change the format of our Monday evening dances. The evenings will start with Basic teach from 7-8pm. We will follow this with a half hour of all dancers, and finish the evening with Mainstream teach from 8:30-9:30pm. We are hoping this will give our new dancers a chance to learn the moves well, both groups the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other, and those who have completed Basic Training, the chance to further their dancing skills.

During Covid, our club marked its 25th anniversary! We are making plans to celebrate this milestone with a SWOSDA Dance to be held on Sat. Oct 28th 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!

Enjoy the fall days that are coming our way, and I hope to see you on the dance floor!

Lois Turvey
The Bugle Correspondent for Thames Valley Dance Club

[Waterdown Village Squares - Waterdown](#)

After the summer break Waterdown Village Square is looking to resuming square dancing this September. Our club will start the 2023-2024 with an OPEN HOUSE for New Dancers on Thursday September 21 and 28



The regular schedule is the following:

Thursday evenings 7:30 to 9:30 pm, starting September 21, 2023
Beginner & Basic and Mainstream Square Dance - Bill Everett calling

Tuesday evenings 7:30 to 9:30 pm, starting September 19, 2023
Plus, Square Dance - Jim Lee calling

Tuesday evenings 6:15 to 7:15 pm starting September 19, 2023
Round Dance, Rumba and Cha Cha, Bob Beck cueing

Location: St. James United Church, 306 Parkside Drive, Waterdown, Ontario. L0R 2H0

Club Web Page – www.waterdownvillagesquares.com

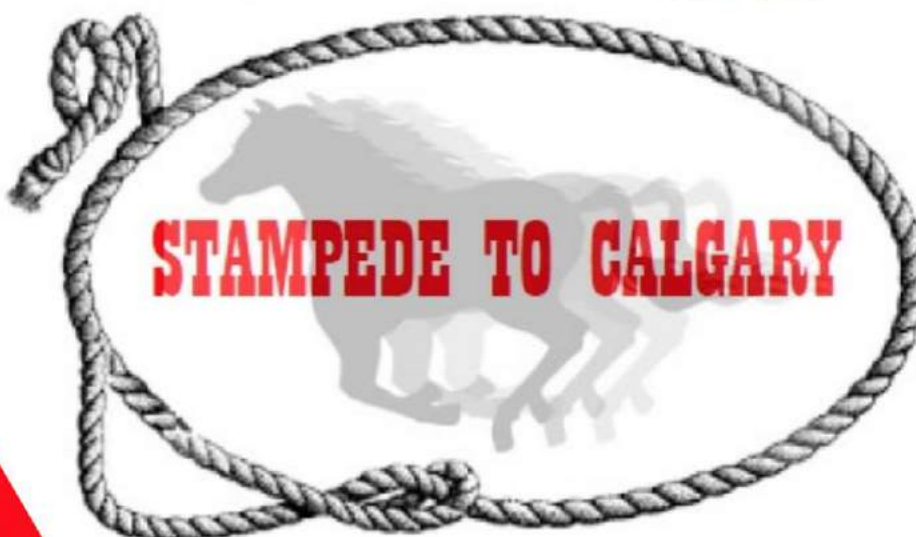
Club Facebook Page – Waterdown Village Squares

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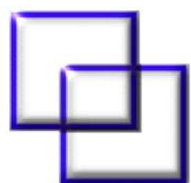
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