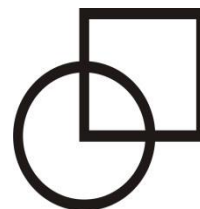




SWOSDA



Square & Round Dancers Of South Western Ontario

- September 28, 2024** **Round Dance Special**
Afternoon Dance **Hosted by: ShadowLight Rounds**
 Location – Ingersoll Pipe Band Armoury
 108 Wonham St S, Ingersoll, ON N5C 2Y8
- October 26, 2024** **SWOSDA 65th Anniversary**
Afternoon & Evening **Location** – Maranatha Christian Reformed Church
 735 Frontenac Cres., Woodstock, ON – N4V 0B1
- November 23, 2024** **Hosted By: The Sound Steppers**
Afternoon Dance **Location** – Memorial Hall, Owen Sound Legion
 1450 2nd Avenue West, Owen Sound, ON – N4K 5P3
- January 18, 2025** **Hosted by: Guys ‘n Dolls**
Afternoon Dance **Location** – Glencairn Mennonite Brethren Church
 725 Erinbrook Dr, Kitchener, ON – N2E 3E3
- February 22, 2025** **Hosted by: Thames Valley Dance Club**
Afternoon Dance **Location** – Maranatha Christian Reformed Church,
 735 Frontenac Cres., Woodstock, ON – N4V 0B1
- March 22, 2025** **Hosted by: Clinton Wheel ‘N’ Dealers**
Afternoon Dance **Location** – Brodhagen Community Centre
 6708 Perth Line 44, West Perth, Ontario - N0K 1B0
 In the village of Brodhagen
- April 27, 2025** **Hosted by: Strathroy Swinging Duos**
Afternoon Dance **Location** – Strathroy East Christian Reform Church
 476 Metcalfe St. East, Strathroy, ON – N7G1R5
- May 24, 2025** **Round Dance Special**
Afternoon Dance **Hosted by: Rhythm Rounds**
 Location – TBD

SWOSDA is a member run organization!

WHO is SWOSDA?

- If you are a member of a Square Dance Club then YOU are a part of SWOSDA.
- In 1959, **South Western Ontario Square Dance Association** or SWOSDA was formed.
- Today, we are officially South Western Ontario Square and Round Dance Association Inc. In the '80's Square Dance and Round Dance clubs joined forces. We are a part of the **Ontario Square & Round Dance Federation**, which, in turn, forms part of the **Canadian Square and Round Dance Society**.
- Currently there are approximately **35 clubs** registered. Each club pays a small annual fee to support the activities of the Association. Our Annual General Meeting is always at the April SWOSDA Dance.

SWOSDA Mandate

- To promote square and round dancing as a healthy, recreational activity. Thus we provide a comprehensive on-line website, six SWOSDA Dances, two SWOSDA Round Dance Parties and help with three Caller's Clinic Frosh Dances.
- To provide communication between Club about club events. i.e. the online Bugle and the Calendar.
- To promote uniformity in square and round dancing, thus enabling encouraging dancers to visit other clubs to enjoy other callers/cuers and making new friends.
- To help finance Callers Clinics where callers and cuers meet to discuss issues, review new calls, and introduce and train new callers and cuers.
- To secure insurance for member clubs and dancers for a nominal fee.

SWOSDA Monthly Dances: Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., Mar., and Apr.

- SWOSDA dances take place every 4th Saturday of the months.
- The dancing is Mainstream with announced Plus tips. Round dancing is mainly Phase II. There is also a Square Dance and Round Dance teach to help you hone your skills or learn new ones.
- Member Clubs take turns hosting the dances and every effort is made to distribute them geographically around South Western Ontario.
- **Dancing Formats:**
Full Day: 2:00 PM - 9:30 PM. Rounds 2 - 3 PM, Square Dancing starts at 3 PM and there is 1.5 hours for supper.
Half Day: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Rounds 1 – 1:30 PM, Square Dancing starts at 1:30 PM.
- Cost is \$8.00 per person. Dancers attending a SWOSDA dance for the first time get in for ½ price by having their Club President sign a “special pass”.
- Callers and cuers volunteer their time at SWOSDA dances.

SWOSDA Round Dance Parties: Sept. and May

- Round Dance Parties are from 2 – 4:30 PM. The cost is \$8/person.
- The round dances are Phase II and III.
- Any SWOSDA Club can be the host for a Round Dance Party.

Caller's Clinic Frosh Dances: Jan., Feb., and Mar.

- The Callers Clinic sponsors the three Frosh Dances.
- These dances provide a comfortable atmosphere for beginners to dance to different callers, meet fellow dancers and further enjoy the sport of Square dancing.

SWOSDA Executive

- The executive positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Website Administrator/Editor are appointed & are paid a small fee.
- The rest of the executive are volunteers and are members of a square or round dance club or both.
- Executive names and positions are posted on our website.

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