

BUGLE

Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

WEBSITE: www.swosda.ca **E-MAIL:** bugle@swosda.ca



September 2025
Volume 64 Number 1
President's Message



September, the month of new beginnings.

We have learned from club members that SWOSDA dance leaders, executives, and membership, with no exception, are keeping on task to offer quality dance opportunities.

Our SWOSDA Executive continues working to provide quality dance programming for the 2025-2026 dance season of the Association. Dance is a fun and a rewarding sport, and good times are ahead for SWOSDA's dance clubs.

We celebrate our membership's enthusiasm in planning recruitment and promotion of modern squares and round dancing, too. Coming this season:

Friends Invitation & Welcome Nights for the Novice - special events to provide welcome and fun for learning and dancing.

Video Promotion - A special shout out to SWOSDA's Ken Burtch, Waterdown Village Squares, for his creation of and sharing with each of our clubs free of charge, promotional videos that highlight the experiences of enthusiastic dancers. There is a unique focus in each video on aspects of Square Dance. The topics include Fitness, Friends, Going Single, Messing Up, Community and Changes. Links have been shared with all SWOSDA clubs inviting any to use as best suited to individual club promotions. When you see Ken in person, we know you will join us to thank him for his ingenuity and sharing of promotional videos for square dance with the clubs.

Throughout the season, do review and share the celebrated Bugle and our Association's Executive News publications each month from September to June.



Remember that your kindnesses in communication with Executive members are appreciated so much. If your club does not receive a dance night visit from an Executive member this coming season and you have ideas or questions, or invitation to attend, please contact a member of Executive by telephone or email.

Words cannot express our appreciation to all the volunteers and supporters of SWOSDA clubs and events. We look forward to seeing everyone at SWOSDA square and round dance events (the fourth Saturday's of October, November, and January to April) and round dance specials (the fourth Saturday of September and May).

With kindest regards,
Tom & Linda Charlton, SWOSDA President & Secretary



Saturday September 27, 2025

Hosted by Jubilee Rounds

The SWOSDA Executive welcomes everyone back to our 2025/2026 dancing season.

We always begin with our Round Dance Party. This dance will be held at the Maranatha Christian Reformed Church in Woodstock on Saturday September 27th.

It will start at 2pm and run until 4:30pm. It will feature some of the top cuers in Southwestern Ontario with Andrea and Jeff Priest, Bob and Betty Beck, Ed and Nancy Dolson, Dan and Rhetha Roy and Ian and Debbie Hulley.

There will be a variety of music and levels to encourage everyone to take a turn around the dance floor. We look forward to seeing you there.



From the
Editor

Dan Roy

Well, another year has passed us by! Here we are approaching the 2025-26 dance season.

It's a new dance season, and of course, it's time to get those new dancers on the floor.

Let's get promoting this wonderful activity so we can share it with others.



www.facebook.com/swosda

SWOSDA Executive News, September 2025

Welcome to a new Season of Dancing in SWOSDA

All contact information is conveniently found at

www.swosda.ca

CLUB INFORMATION REQUEST

Including updating Web Editor Dan Roy please forward the following information for the 2025-26 dance season to SWOSDA's Secretary at

secretary@swosda.ca

A deadline of September 15 is appreciated.

- Club Contact person(s) – Contact information (mobile or home phone number and email address)
- Club dance type, dance level, dance location information, 2025-26 Start & Finish Dates
- Club website if applicable
- Date and times of regular dances, program
- Dance Leader name and contact information (mobile or home phone number and email address)



SWOSDA Executive News

Executive News notices are available to the Association following each Association Executive Meeting. Reports are available at www.swosda.ca SWOSDA executives meet prior to each SWOSDA Dance on the fourth Saturday of each month; October, November, and January to April.

Grants & Bursaries

Please review the financial support application process for square dance clubs available through SWOSDA and Ontario Square & Round Dance Federation www.swosda.ca and www.squaredance.on.ca/funding/

Deadlines are listed for each.

Please note that ample time for application to the Ontario Federation and Canadian Society must allow time for applications to be received and reviewed by the SWOSDA Executive before submission to the Ontario Federation.

Funding available:

- Planning Recruitment Strategy
- Leadership Training Grants
- New Club startups
- Tech Support
- Caller/Cuer Leadership Bursary

SWOSDA HOSTS 2025-26

Thank you sincerely for your welcome and support.

Dance venues TBA

Jubilee Rounds (Woodstock – see online flyer) – 9/27/25

Flesherton Denim 'n Lace – 10/25/25

Country Squares – 11/22/25

Waterdown Village Squares – 01/24/26

Silver Streak Squares – 2/28/26

Royal City Squares – 3/ 28/26

Sound Steppers – 4/25/26

TBD – 5/23/26

Your Summer 2026 Planning Can Begin Here!

**2026 Canadian National Festival
Penticton, British Columbia**

July 15 – 18, 2026

Early Bird Pricing ends

December 31, 2025



SWOSDA

Remember When...

Looking Back - Septembers Past in 10-year intervals. By Dorothy Dahm

When I started this job, I mulled over my approach to the job. Investigating the styles of the previous historians I finally chose the option of looking back in the ten-year intervals to catch the interest of both newer and veteran dancers and working on the current month as likely to catch on more relevant activities. As I worked through the years, I also accumulated some binders and displays on various themes that were of interest to me.

“No other dance form encourages you to meet as many new friends as square dance where you have the opportunity to interact with up to 7 new faces every time you get into a square! “

“It’s amazing the great people I have in my life that I wouldn’t ever have met if it wasn’t for dancing!”

The above two quotes were only two of the many descriptive quotes I collected about square dancing through the years.

2015 – Presidents Heather and Mark Ackersviller pointed out the new club, Silver Streaks Squares, will be Mainstream and Plus with some Plus teaching by Tom Charlton. Colin and Joy Aram have left Ontario and are on their way to Alberta. Chair of Callers Clinic, Nick Dahm noted callers and cuers are dwindling and suggested anyone interested in calling talk to their club caller for info. Dan Roy announced it’s now official. SWOSDA will host Convention in 2018.

2005 – Presidents Stan & Carol Down announced new club, Tri-County Squares of Tillsonburg would be having their first dance in Sept with caller Tom Charlton. Round dancers were looking forward to the Sept. 24th SWOSDA Round Dance Party in Clinton, hosted by Kincardine Sunset Rounds. Dan & Rhetha were commended for their busy year working on the Constitution & Bylaws as well as being Chair Couple for Festival 2008. Hilda Hibbert retired from Round A Bouts with Peter & Sybil Chandler to take over in Sept. Huron-Bruce Swingers were saying goodbye to Lorne & Cecille Lockrey with Neva and Dunc McVittie callers in the new season. Harold and Olive Clark received the Trillium Award.

1995 – Presidents Lois and Edward Wise announced that the Round Dance Party in September would not be held. Instead, Callers Clinic was sponsoring a special weekend with John Kaltenthaler from Pennsylvania as guest caller on Friday in Cambridge and Saturday in St. Thomas. The first SWOSDA dance would be Oct 28 in Petrolia with Shiloh Buckles and Bows hosting.

1985– Presidents Bea & Charlie Bodfish announced that Jim & Eleanor Silcox had agreed to take over as Bugle Editors since Betty and George Brown have resigned. Sept Round Dance Gala is in London while the Oct. SWOSDA will be in Windsor, Four Square Dance Club welcomed Roy Hull as caller for the 85-86 season dancing at advanced level. Malcolm Davis from England was scheduled to call at a number of SWOSDA clubs. Bugle labels were now computerized. If you had a red square on it, it would not be printed next month because you hadn’t paid your subscription.

1975 - Presidents Staff & Eleanor Bidwell welcomed everyone back to the Sept. dance at Wallaceburg. Callers Clinic had a special guest for their meeting, Jerry Holt of Cincinnati who gave them a very informative talk on the various phases of square dancing and gave the experience of Progressive Squares leaving everyone in the wrong square at the end of his "hash call" and right back at home at the end of his Singing Call., Bill Blaney of Dorchester was caller of the month.

If you see me pop up at local SWOSDA dances, don't be surprised. I just like to make contact with some of my dancing friends.

Dorothy Dahm, Current SWOSDA historian.

REQUEST

Time to check in your closet...



I didn't think I would ever be reaching out again for this! Yet, there is proof that everything that is old is new again!!

We have a group of approximately 55 youth who are learning to modern square dance.

The young women are hoping for this coming season to have their own crinoline for square dancing. The youth are busy sewing full skirts now

in preparation of this new season of learning

to dance. And the young men, they would enjoy a dance tie if there were any extra to share.

Please contact me if you are willing to donate, or set at a low cost, these items for the youth.

Just by passing forward something to part with it's clear to see how these items will bring many smiles and excitement to the youth. We hope one day this season they will join us all at a SWOSDA dance; ready and set to twirl and strut their stuff on the dance floor with us.

If you can help please reach out to me at swosdasecretary@gmail.com

Thank you

Linda Charlton

As you get older...

Going out is good, coming home is better

CLUB NEWS

Send Club News to bugle@swosda.ca

Centennial Beavers - London

Finally, back to dancing.

Our first night will be Friday Sept. 12, 2025.

We dance from 7pm sharp to 9 pm.

We will be at the East Lions Community Centre at the corner of Wavell and Edmonton St. We will invite new dancers with the first night free. We will be taking new dancers for Sept. 12, 19 & 26th so that by October we will learn new things from then onwards.

We hope everyone enjoyed this summer and we are so grateful that we were able to have our BBQ at our place. Thanks goes out to Sherry (the one Ed calls Shirley) for taking care of the kitchen and the dining area. Thanks to Judy who always is busy and making sure everyone got their plates, napkins, utensils etc. we had more food than we needed. (as per usual when we get together).



Another big thanks to Marie, who took care of our favourite “re-gift” game. That was so much fun, especially when a few dancers got more than 1 or 2 gifts and had to hand them over to another person.

There were more helpers, Rose, Robert & Ed put up the 2 sun shades for us so it was quite comfortable.

Once we got started, “golden boy,” Gord, got his music out and we either sang along or danced on the grass. Everyone loved seeing my fish ponds and Thor came to the edge begging for food. Those under the shade of the porch, with a slight cooling breeze were happy to sit and have a good chinwag! All in all it was an awesome party to start our new season. We are hoping that everyone will bring along a friend or family member to add to our group of crazy fun bunch.

See you on Friday Sept 12th.



[Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers](#)

Location Clinton Public School Perceval Street Clinton

Wednesday nights 7:15-9:15pm

President Couple Ian and Debbie Hulley (226-222-7972)

Callers Tom and Linda Charlton (519-765-4620)

Neva and Duncan McVittie (519-797-5623)

Donna Fielder (519-955-0850)



Please Lug a Mug

We are nearing the end of our summer break and quickly moving towards the new 2025-2026 square and round dance season. This promises to be an exciting season as we have not one, not two but three callers set to provide the Clinton Wheel n Dealers with an incredible variety of weekly dancing programs. We are looking forward to dancing to Neva and Duncan McVittie, Tom and Linda Charlton and Donna Fielder.

Clinton Wheel n Dealers enjoyed a wonderful summer potluck on Saturday, July 5th at the Blyth Lions Park in Blyth. We had some social time followed by the potluck dinner. Then we travelled across to the Blyth Arena and joined the Horseshoe Squares and Wheels dance for the evening.

Many of our club also attended the Ontario Camporee August 9-11th. Ian and Debbie Hulley were the chair couple for this year's Camporee. It was a great weekend with dancing in the afternoon and evening all weekend.

Many from our club also helped celebrate Don Procter's birthday on August 9th. We had two squares putting on a demonstration for his family and friends. Then we invited guests to join us for some basic moves. Everyone had a great time with Donna Fielder providing an entertaining program for the afternoon. Weekly dancing will begin on Wednesday, October 1st this year from 7:15-9:15pm at the Clinton Public School.

There will be a "Bring a friend" night on October 8th. This is always a night of great fun with friends and family. Let your friends and neighbours know that this is a chance to see how much fun we have at Clinton Wheel n Dealers every Wednesday night.

Reminder that we dance in a peanut and fragrance free facility.

[Country Square – Rostock](#)

Greetings from The Rostock group. I hope everyone has had a great summer. Recently our group got together at the home of Dave & Joanne Foster with the Clinton group. After an afternoon of square and round dancing we finished up our day of fellowship with a pot luck supper. What a great meal we had... complete with BBQ turkey and corn on the cob.

A big thank you goes to Neva McVittie, Donna Fielder, Dave Paulen and Ian Hulley for all their calling. They all helped us knock off the rust from our dancing shoes. Believe me, there was lots of rust to knock off!



Rostock Country Squares will be starting back September 23..... and we are all looking forward to being back at it again.

Stay tuned for more updates about Rostock Country Squares 10th anniversary!

Sent from my iPhone
Joanne Foster

[Denim'N Lace - Flesherton](#)

Several members took part in a terrific weekend of dancing at Blyth Square Dance Camporee grateful to have a fully air conditioned dance hall. The callers and camaraderie entertained 6+ squares of dancers.

D&L Club members Faye and Ab Boogerman were in charge. Next year's Camporee has a full executive and preparations are well in hand.

Club member Ab celebrated his 75th birthday in July. A surprise (Faye did manage to keep it a surprise) party and camp out at their house had a great turn out. Many attendees enjoyed festivities including square dancing to caller Neva McVittie. Several camped and enjoyed a pancake breakfast before departing.

We are all looking forward to a new season of dancing with Jim Lee.

NEW TIMES. Our dance start time is moved ahead 30 minutes to start at 6:30pm and end at 9:00pm. Our first dance will be September 10. The first dance will be a BURGER NIGHT with food served at 6:00pm and dance to follow.

Contact people for Denim & Lace - Sue King (705) 890-1047, Joan and Ellison Boyce (519) 794-0016 & Ken & Olive Stuckwood (519) 377-7716.

David

[Guys n' Dolls Square Dance Club – Kitchener](#)

Friday the 5th of September, we'll get our square dance duds out for the first dance of the season. The start time is 8pm. We will finish up at 10pm, with refreshments.

We welcome family and friends to join us and we especially welcome newcomers, and those who think they can't dance.

To all who join us for the first time, why not remember the children's story about the little train that could. The motto learned from this book was, "I THINK I CAN, I THINK I CAN, I THINK I CAN." It works every time!

We regular members will be a bit rusty, after the lazy summer hiatus, so you'll feel right at home.

On a normal dance night, we start at 7pm with an introduction to Modern Square Dancing. We are happy to have Dan Weatherby calling for us, and we welcome beginners at any time throughout the season.

Our location is 121 Westmount Rd E in Kitchener, at Forest Hill United Church. Lots of parking available.

A big thank you to our dancers and caller who showcased Square Dancing at an event in Kitchener. They were warmly received by those who attended this summer, and we appreciate their participation Raising awareness for the public, showing just how much fun we have in this artform we so enjoy.

Till then, see you on the dance floor, and remember,
SQUARE DANCING IS FRIENDSHIP SET TO MUSIC!

Dot Mitchell
Bugle



Square Dancin' Friends – [LISTEN to the TUNE](#)

Jubilee Rounds – Virtual Dancing

Greetings from Jubilee Rounds on Zoom

Wow... what a summer!! The heat this year was great. Lots of pool time and sitting in the shade whenever possible. We hope you have all been able to stay healthy and enjoy the summer and had some time to sit and relax as we did.

Didn't get much time in our trailer this summer as we had some issues with our tow vehicle. However, we were able to trade it in and get a "new to us" tow vehicle so we have had a couple of trips out and we have two more planned before we put the RV to bed for the winter.

We were able to do the Ontario Camporee "Camp and Dance Weekend" in August in Blyth. It was a great weekend with more dancers than last year and the enthusiasm was high. We had a good staff and several newer callers participated this year as well. Lots more visitors from the States this year, too. And if that wasn't enough to make the weekend outstanding, we had two of our Grandsons with us 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 11th. 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. [Flyer](#)

Once again this year, we will plan to have an "in person" event once a month to offer either a Rhythm Clinic, Teach or a Dance. These events will be mentioned on our dance nights as well as posted here in the Bugle, on our website, in our weekly mailer and on the SWOSDA and T & D websites.

We have a number of dance events planned for this fall! Here are a few...

Saturday September 13th

We will be hosting a "Welcome Back" Phase 3 Round Dance Special in Cambridge.

[Flyer – Registration](#)

Saturday September 27th

We are co-hosting with Jubilee Rounds. The September SWOSDA Round Dance in Woodstock

[Flyer – Program](#)

Sunday October 4th

We are hosting the 3rd Annual “Fall Flirt” Phase 3/4 Round Dance Special in Cambridge.

[Flyer – Registration](#)

Jubilee Rounds is co-hosting with ShadowLight Dance the SWOSDA Round Dance Special in Woodstock on September 27th. We do hope you will be able to join us from 2:00 – 4:30. The Flyer and program are available on our website @ www.shadowlightdance.com and the SWOSDA website @ www.swosda.ca or here

[Flyer – Program](#)

This season “ShadowLight Rounds” will be teaching and dancing Phase 2 & 3 on Thursday MORNINGS starting September 11th. 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 – Registration](#)

We look forward to seeing you on Zoom or in person!!!

For info: Andrea or Jeff at: 1.519.752.2172 or jeff@jeffreypriest.com

Printable flyers are on our website: www.jeffreypriest.com

Jeff Priest

[Rhythm Rounds - London](#)

Well this summer is one that some of us will never forget. We have lost people near and dear to us and have changed us forever.

Sept has brought us back to dancing and getting to see all our friends again. Ed has an exciting year planned out with a few “Party Nights” so we can strut our stuff.

We, once again have the Lambeth School and hope we can dance around the “Meet The Teacher Night”. They have not put it on their calendar as of yet, but we will hound them a bit more aggressively this year. We hope to book Richards Memorial Church for that specific night so we don’t miss any dancing.

We hope that each couple will take some time to reach out to another couple and bring them along to try it out. We will not charge them for their first night.

Our first night of dance will be on Wednesday, Sept 17th from 6:15 to 7:15 for new dancers and then 7:15 to 9:00 for anyone who has danced for 1 or 2 years.

As usual, we hope you can wear dance shoes in the gym (or soft soled shoes) to keep any black shoe marks off the floor. Dress comfy as you like. It’s always cool when we start and then after dancing 2 or 3 songs, the sweat starts, so dress for your own comfort.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

[Royal City Squares - Guelph](#)

Welcome back.

This summer some of our members went to the Camporee in Blyth. Fun was had by all in the air conditioned hall. Both Nora and Wesley had the opportunity to call and did a great job. Many joined in the Round Dancing and as you can see, some made it a family affair.





Dancing will begin soon. Check out our flyers.

New Dancers classes will start on Wednesday September 17 at 7 pm. We are still at the same school – Paisley Road Public School. This first dance will be an open house. All are welcome. Bring a friend or a group of friends.

Our Plus and A1 teach will not begin until Tuesday Oct 7th . At 7 pm. We are hoping to start earlier, but unfortunately the school will not let us know until sometime in September. Please check back with us at 519-831-9745, or check the website to see if there has been any changes.


We are all looking forward to seeing everyone again. Let the dancing begin...

Looking For Something Fun To Do?

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

JOIN US - IT'S FREE!

BRING A FRIEND



Sponsored by Royal City Squares

- Enjoy a Great Evening of Fun and Fellowship.
- Meet some new Friends
- This is a FREE introductory evening of Contemporary Square Dancing
- Regular weekly classes begin Every Wednesday

September 24th to December 10th
Membership \$120.00 per person

Have Some Fun with Contemporary Square Dancing
 7:00pm – 8:15pm
 Paisley Rd. Public School- *back entrance*
 406 Paisley Rd. Guelph

For More Info or to Register contact:
 p.t.knierim@gmail.com
 or call/text Theresa Knierim at 519-830-9383



**Plus Dance
 With an
 A - 1 Teach**



With
Jeff Priest



Starting Tuesday October 7, 2025

Full Plus ~ 7:00pm – 8:15pm
 A-1 ~ Teach 8:15pm – 9:15pm

\$12.00 Per Person
\$ 110.00 P.P. If paid up to December 16th
Dance one or both programs



Paisley Rd. Public School
back entrance
 406 Paisley Rd. Guelph



For More Info or to Register contact:
 p.t.knierim@gmail.com
 or call/text Theresa Knierim at 519-830-9383

[ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario](#)

Greetings! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. The weather has been great for relaxing in the yard.

We spent a lot of time in our back yard this summer, we rebuilt our deck that was 35 years old and in need of repair. We also had to replace our pool and we laid out a new patio beside the pool. It has been a busy summer around our place. I'll be glad to get back dancing for a rest 😊

We had our summer off from regular Square & Round Dance clubs however our summer youth groups and wedding events are still going strong. We have been kept very busy this summer calling for a number of these special events.

We had a wonderful weekend in Blyth at the Ontario Camporee “Camp and Dance Weekend” this year (not just for campers anymore). We had a full floor for the weekend and the enthusiasm was great!! We had a terrific staff - Squares - Tom Charlton, Jim Davis (Ohio), Jeff Priest ~ Rounds – Keith Bertram, Ian Hulley, Andrea Priest. In addition, we had a number of our newer callers participate this year – George Williams, Nora Kent, Wesley Knierim & Donna Fielder. It was really excellent to have these newer callers on the program.



Staff Photo curtesy of Linda Charlton

The dance season is about to “blast off”...

Squares

Daytime A-2 in Cambridge: starting - Wednesday Afternoons September 10th Registration required. Visit our website to register. [Flyer](#) – [Registration](#)

Rounds:

“ShadowLight Rounds” Phase 2 & 3 Dancing with Teaches on Thursday MORNINGS starting September 11th. 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](#) – [Registration](#)

In addition to our own clubs, we also call for:

Royal City Squares: hosting a FREE OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday September 17th in Guelph - [Flyer](#)

Royal City Squares: Basic & Mainstream starting – Wednesday Evenings September 17th Paisley Rd School

Royal City Squares: PLUS with A-1 Teach starting Tuesday Evenings October 7th, Paisley Rd School. [Flyer](#)

Upcoming events!

We have a number of dance events planned for this fall! Here are a few...

Saturday September 13th

We will be hosting a “Welcome Back” Phase 3 Round Dance Special in Cambridge.

[Flyer](#) – [Registration](#)

Saturday September 27th

We are co-hosting with Jubilee Rounds. The September SWOSDA Round Dance in Woodstock

[Flyer](#) – [Program](#)

Sunday October 4th

We are hosting the 3rd Annual “Fall Flirt” Phase 3/4 Round Dance Special in Cambridge.

[Flyer](#) – [Registration](#)

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”

See you on the Dance Floor ... Happy Dancing and More – Much More!

Andrea & Jeff Priest

ShadowLight Dance Club

Check out our website for flyers and have a look at our calendar page - www.shadowlightdance.com or phone: 519-752-2172

[Silver Streaks - Woodstock](#)

Silver Streak Squares starts up on Thursday, September 25 with Tom Charlton as caller for plus dancing.

We dance from 7:30 till 9:30 pm.

See the website for our scheduled dance dates.

[Sound Steppers - Owen Sound](#)

Hello fellow dancers and Friends. Hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe summer. As fast as the summer came and is coming to a close it is time to square dance again.

We are starting up our first night Thursday September 18th at 7:00 pm at our same venue the Harmony Center at 890 4th Avenue East in Owen Sound (around the west side of the building). Everyone is welcome.

Our club celebrated two birthdays during our summer off.

At our season end party in May we held a graduation for two of our new members. It was a fun initiation for all.

For updates on upcoming events as well as videos and pictures of what we enjoy doing, check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/owensoundsteppers.ca.

Square dancing is good for your mind, body and soul. Come join in the fun and see what a great club we have. Hope to see you all on the Dance Floor.



Linda Wedow
Bugle Rep

[Strathroy Swinging Duos](#)

Our Club starts its 29th dance season on September 9th commencing at 7:00 PM until 9:30 PM at the Anglican Church Hall on Head Street, Strathroy. Typically, the first half hour is used for review in order to help everyone to get up to speed after the summer months. We have special event dance evenings planned monthly with snacks or a lunch. Of course, everyone is welcome to attend any dance that the Club holds.

In July, the Club sponsored another 'Summer Dance and Pot Luck Lunch' event which attracted 44 SWOSDA Members from various parts of the region. It was great to see everyone, knowing that summer holidays are challenging for many to enjoy and attend square dancing. We were very fortunate to have Dan Roy and his wife, Rhetha, come down from Kincardine to attend our function with Dan cueing a number of rounds. Our caller, Tom Charlton, our host caller, called square dance rhythms for the afternoon. Tom always ensures that everyone has fun for both beginners as well as experienced dancers.

We wish everyone a great dance season ahead! Remember to smile at everyone you meet!

Tom Kahnert,
Swinging Duos Publicity.

[Thames Valley Dance Club – Woodstock](#)

It has been a very hot and dry summer, we hope you have been enjoying it!

Our summer picnic, was held on Sunday, June 29th. We had beautiful sunshine that day, and lots of warmth, but oh, it was wonderful to see our dance family again! We had close to 40 friends join us, with time to catch up, and enjoy some really amazing food! There were so many choices! And, it was great to see friends we hadn't seen in a while!





On Sat, August 23rd, our club took part in the Ingersoll Kiwanis Harvest Market, doing a square dance demo. Many thanks to Ed for calling for us, and helping us to show our stuff, and for those dancers who were part of the dance team. We hope our presence at this community event will help bring some new dancers to the club in September.



And now, we look forward to the start of our dance season, on Monday Sept 8th. Ed and Doug have been getting keyed up to coach us through another season, helping us to learn new things and have fun. If you want to join us some Monday night, you will find us at the Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall, 108 Wonham St. S. in Ingersoll. Come and visit – you are always welcome!

Lois Turvey
Thames Valley Dance Club

[The Towne Squares – Waterford](#)
See swosda.ca website for more information.

[Waterdown Village Squares – Waterdown](#)
We hope that you all had a wonderful and fun summer.

In July, our members enjoyed a summer potluck BBQ at the home of Steve. The food was delicious, the back year was serene and the dancers enjoyed seeing each other mid-summer.

We at Waterdown Village Squares are gearing up for a great fall season of Dancing .

Our first dance of the season will be a Welcome Back Dance and also OPEN HOUSE.

All levels will be called, Basic, Mainstream and Plus

We welcome friends, neighbours and family to join us on this first night.

Square Dance Tuesday September 16 7:00 – 9:30 pm caller Jim Lee

Round Dance Tuesday September 16 5:45 – 6:45 pm leader Bob Beck

New dancers get free admission on first night.

Mark your calendars for our **Fall Special Dance on Saturday November 15, 2025.** This will be an afternoon dance, Western Theme, details to follow.

Our venue is St. James United Church, 306 Parkside Drive, Waterdown, Ontario.

Club Web Page – www.waterdownvillagesquares.com

Club Facebook Page – Waterdown Village Squares

Submitted by

Susan Roat

Bugle correspondent

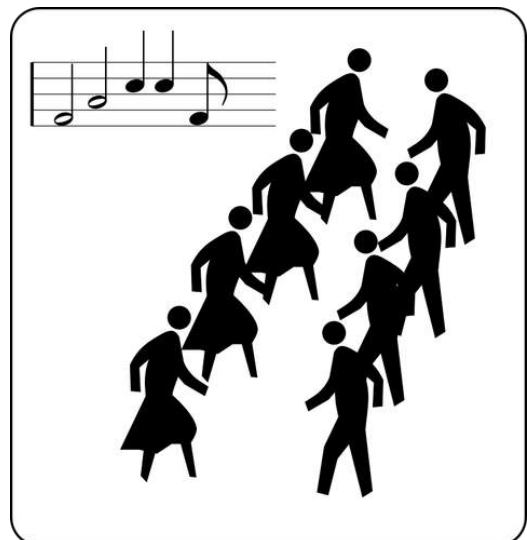
Try your hand (and feet!) at Contra Dancing in Fergus

Contra dance is a lively, social American folk dance where long lines of couples dance in choreographed patterns to live, traditional folk music. Dancers perform a series of walking steps, twirls, and partner swings, moving up and down the lines to interact with different partners throughout the evening. A caller guides dancers through the steps before the music starts and cues them during the dance, making it a friendly and accessible form of social dancing for beginners. (Thank you, AI)

Some of this will sound very familiar to square dancers, right? If you can square dance, you will be a quick study at contra dancing. No preparatory lessons are necessary. You don't need to supply your own partner-part of the fun of contra dancing is that you will find a new partner for every dance. The music is provided by live musicians which adds to the high spirits on the dance floor.

The Drumlin Contra Dance group in Fergus throws contra dances the fourth Friday of the month. (You can soften up your dance shoes the night before the SWOSDA regional dance.)

The dances take place at St James Church Hall ,171 Queen St E, Fergus, from 8-10 PM. Come at 7:30 for a mini-lesson your first time out. The cost is \$17/person, those under 14 are free. You'll be sure to see some other SWOSDA dancers there. The first dance of the season takes place on September 26th.





YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

WELCOME BACK DANCE

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

Basic, Mainstream and Plus

This is the first dance of the season.

Please invite your friends, neighbours and family join us for a taste of Square Dancing

No partner nor experience required. Everyone is welcome.

Admission free for new dancers

Attire is casual with comfy shoes

Snacks provided, bring your own water bottle.

SCHEDULE

5:45 to 6:45 pm Open House Round Dance

6:45 pm Social time

7:00 to 9:30 pm Open House Square Dance

ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

306 Parkside Drive, Waterdown, ON

Susan Roat 905-628-4143

Ted & Barb Jurgen 905-823-7622

Email waterdownvillagesquares@gmail.com