

# BUGLE

Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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**President's Message**



We are already looking forward to meeting you all again at the January 24, 2026, SWOSDA dance in Waterdown, hosted by the Waterdown Village Squares. All details are found in this December Edition of the Bugle and on the SWOSDA website itself. How lucky for SWOSDA dancers to make tracks to Waterdown for a new and outstanding program in January 2026.

There are SWOSDA members who are preparing to find the sunshine and warmth of warmer locations outside of Canada over the next few months. We wish you all good travels with our very best wishes for relaxation and rejuvenation.

This month's "Executive News" continues with a mission to keep everyone up to date and involved in the work of our dance Association. New this month we've included a special link to a YouTube video. It may help for a better understanding about current and growing frauds and trends of "spoofing". The ways to identify a fraudulent email or text are addressed in this video. As some may know our own emails have been involved in a fraudulent manner this year. Should you receive something odd from any email, text, or call, the important thing to know is we, or anyone close to you, would not reach out with urgent and bizarre requests of any kind, especially money and gift cards. Watch for the email address or phone number on your weirdly received request. It will not match those in your contact list.

That all aside! We bring you, your loved ones, and dear friends warm wishes for the coming season of Advent and Christmas, for peace, and joy. A New Year will be on our doorstep too. Let us jump into it with hope, joy, and peace of understanding in our hearts.

With kindest regards,  
Tom Charlton (SWOSDA President) and Linda Charlton (SWOSDA Secretary)

# SWOSDA Executive News November 2025

*Square & Rounds Dancers of Southwestern Ontario*

## YOU'RE INVITED!

### UPCOMING SWOSDA DANCE

January 24, 2026, 1:00 – 5:00 pm

\$8 per dancer

St. James United Church

306 Parkside Drive, Waterdown, ON

[Hosts: Waterdown Village Squares](#)

[Map and program](#)

<https://swosda.ca/square-dancing/>

## Did you know?

**SWOSDA is a Registered  
Not-for-Profit Corporation**

This step was created when SWOSDA hosted for the first time, the Canadian National Convention in London in 2008.

As a Not-for-Profit Corporation SWOSDA has a Constitution and Bylaws, Executive now in process of updating. SWOSDA Membership's approval of these changes will require a 2/3 majority of Executive members and Club Delegates present on **April 25, 2026, AGM to be held in Owen Sound.**

Do help us out and plan to come to this special AGM.

It's early to think about, but don't hesitate to add this SWOSDA date to your calendar today.



## Ontario Trillium & Long Service Awards

Congratulations! You've begun planning to recognize your amazing long-time club members or ones who have given extra volunteering for the association, province, and possibly Canada, someone planning and building the square and round dance movement over the years.

To help you on the process don't hesitate to reach out to an Executive Member OR help is available here:

<https://squaredance.on.ca/trillium-awards/>

## 2026 Canadian National Festival Penticton, British Columbia

July 15 – 18, 2026

Take advantage:

**Event Registration and  
Accommodation – Online at**

<https://csrds.ca/>

## NATIONAL NEWS!

**2028 Canadian National Festival  
Fredericton, NB**

Dates to be confirmed

(Proposed dates July 19 – 22, 2028)

## CLUB CONTACT UPDATES

Club contact changes should be sent to the SWOSDA Secretary as soon as changes occur. Thank you for your kindness in keeping us informed.

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## GRANTS & BURSARIES Reprinted

Please review the financial support application process for member dance clubs and other available through: SWOSDA [www.swosda.ca](http://www.swosda.ca) Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation

[www.squaredance.on.ca/funding/](http://www.squaredance.on.ca/funding/)

Deadlines and application forms are provided 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/Promotion
- Leadership Training Grants
- New Club startups
- Tech Support
- Caller/Cuer Leadership Bursary

## BUGLE, WEB, AND SWOSDA CLUB REPORTING

These are good ways to keep up to date on all the comings and goings of SWOSDA. Thank you for contributing and creating first-class publications for ease of information access.

[www.swosda.ca](http://www.swosda.ca)

## Current Frauds and Trends

Suspicious emails, texts, and telephone calls are on the rise.

Although disturbing and irritating it is important to follow your instincts and delete.

For good information and interest "Email Spoofing by Leo Notenboom" follow this link:

[Email Spoofing](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z42YE3DoRH8>

## SWOSDA HISTORIAN

Please contact Dorothy Dahm

[familypatchwork.dd@gmail.com](mailto:familypatchwork.dd@gmail.com)

Interested persons for this position are sought for assistance and learning. This will aid and help in a transition period for a new SWOSDA Historian.

*"History doesn't stay behind us; it brings a deeper and more lasting understanding of what happened and a relevance to today."*

## SWOSDA EXECUTIVE 2025-26

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## Saturday November 22, 2025

Hosted by Country Squares  
Rostock, ON

We met again for our November SWOSDA dance on a beautiful sunny day at the Brodhagen Community Hall. This dance was hosted by the Rostock Country Squares celebrating their 10th anniversary.

There were 60 dancers attended with 9 callers and cuers donating their time and talent. The afternoon started with the Round Dance Party for the first half hour. Ian and Debbie Hulley set the tone for the day starting the afternoon with Christmas music. The holiday favourites were enjoyed by all round dancers.

SWOSDA President and Secretary, Tom and Linda Charlton, welcomed everyone to the dance with opening remarks. Tom and Linda Charlton invited Rostock Country Squares President couple Dave and Joanne Foster for a presentation of a 10 year certificate. The Mitchell newspaper reporter was present to take pictures and get an article for the paper.



Square dancing started with a mainstream tip from the host callers, Neva McVittie. Tom Charlton followed with another mainstream tip. Dan Roy brought all the round dancers back to the floor for a couple of rounds. Donna Fielder then called 2 mainstream tips, followed by 2 rounds from Dan Roy.



The afternoon continued with Tom calling a plus tip then another mainstream level tip. Neva called everyone to the floor for a specialty tip. This turned out to be a dip and dive dance up and back through the long line of dancers. It was a lot of fun and a nice break in the afternoon.

Dancing continued with a Plus tip, followed by Ian Hulley with more rounds. Donna Fielder took to the stage with a mainstream tip followed by one more round by Ian Hulley.

Neva and Duncan McVittie asked for everyone to make a big circle on the dance floor. Soon there was a rush of red coming through the doors with HoHoHo coming from Santa himself. He was followed by Mrs. Claus and some helpful elves. They carried big baskets of fruit and Santa wished everyone a Merry Christmas with a hug or a handshake. When Mr. and Mrs. Claus and their helpers had left the hall we went back to our squares for a plus tip from Neva.

Two poinsettia plants were presented by the McVittie's to the Mr. And Mrs. Claus volunteers in recognition of many years of helping spread some Christmas cheer.

A great big thank you is extended to the Rostock Country Squares for the beautifully decorated table of assorted scrumptious offerings. It was truly filled with everything to tempt our tastebuds. The hall was also very well decorated.

John Stemmler thanked everyone for coming and reminded us that the next SWOSDA dance will be on Saturday, January 24, 2026 hosted by the Watertown Squares.

On behalf of SWOSDA we would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas season and look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Respectfully submitted by Ian and Debbie Hulley.

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**So Far 280 Registered**



**Dancing takes place in the Penticton Trade & Convention Centre  
Square Dance, Round Dance, Clogging**

**To Register early is to allow for better planning – Register NOW**

[Website](#)

[Registration](#)

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# SWOSDA

## Remember When...

Looking Back – 25-12 gems chosen by Dorothy Dahm, SWOSDA Historian

Bugle December 2005

Every year when Christmas comes, I realize anew,  
The best gift life can offer is meeting folks like you.  
So, may the spirit of Christmas the forevermore endures.  
Leave its richest blessing in the hearts of you and yours.

### Bugle December 1995

*Ode to a Grandmother – by Bill Anderson,  
Grandmas are always so sweet and so kind  
They're the nicest folk that you'll ever find  
They come in all ages from forty-five up  
And live with a Granddad, a cat and a pup.  
They can knit and can sew, and how they can bake  
A sweet cherry pie or a big birthday cake,  
She remembers all birthdays, anniversaries too  
At Christmas her presents are perfect for you.*

*She's called on to baby sit day, week or nights  
At Grandma's the kids never quarrel or fight  
They know that there's candy and lots of ice cream,  
She never gets cranky, or yells, or gets mean*

*She goes to school plays and concerts galore,  
She'll take you to Santa = spend hours in his store  
She never gets tired with kids around the place,  
She greets one and all with a sweet smiling face,*

*You see, Grandmas today don't all have grey hair  
Nor sit with a shawl in an old rocking chair.  
The left corner lady who is pretty and neat  
Is a square-dancing Grandma – who is right on the  
beat.*

### Christmas Bugle 2005

**Where is Santa Claus?**  
He's seen in the smiles  
The whole word is sharing  
He's found where ever there's friendship  
And loving and caring  
He's felt in warm handshakes  
When people are meeting  
He's heard in the cheer  
Of a Christmastime greeting  
His spirit's behind  
All the gifts we receive  
He's everywhere, always  
To those who believe.  
Submitted by Robert Deacon via Mae Day



Wishing you all a joyous Christmas and all the very best in 2026 - DD

# FEATURE

## How to organize a square dance club

in this case ....Ancaster (southern Hamilton)?

Here's what I tried....

### **The First Rule of Club Making**

As we get older, our physical abilities and mental sharpness decline. Seniors are prone to depression, feeling irrelevant, unfulfilled, isolated, not able to do what they used to. New dancers are not looking to help seniors dance Plus. When you organize a new club, think about your audience's needs and not about yourself. It's about them.

### **Choosing a Location**

They say that the three most important things in business are: location, location, location.

*Get a free road map from the CAA.* Mark all the seniors' residences (free on the Internet). Mark all the potential dance hall locations. Mark all the amenities (people want their coffee).

*Visit prospective locations in your car.* Find out about distance from highways, road conditions and parking. Is the building modern? Does it look like it's in a growing, healthy center of energy?

*Call the location.* In my case, the church told me they were looking to reach out to nearby seniors. They were excited and wanted to partner on square dancing. They were willing to negotiate a cheaper rental rate. Cooperation with willing partners is important because it's hard to start a club by yourself.

### **Promotion by Paper**

Less than an hour on the Internet (not necessarily square dancing sites) will give you publicity pointers.

*Use a tri-fold brochure.* A brochure folded in 3 improves people's attention and helps them hear your message. They get to interact with it, carries easily and can be mailed out. You make these with Microsoft Word.

*Put a face on the cover.* You want an image that people can immediately recognize as they walk past your flyer, a face or object in the age group you are appealing to. You want people to recognize the photo in a second and stop to learn more.

*Solve people's problems.* Few people are asking, "Gee. Where can I square dance?" They have problems and they want to know how to solve their problems. You should be describing what square dancing can do for them. My brochure reads "for health, fitness and friends".

*Include an invite card.* You may have seen flyers for a babysitter with tear-off phone numbers at the bottom. That's what you're doing here. Attach a business card with the location and time that people can detach and put in their wallet or hand to a friend. You want people to invite their neighbours easily. Glue dots to attach the cards to a brochure are cheap on Amazon.

*Answer their questions.* Do I need a partner? Do I need previous experience? What's it cost? What do your dancers say? Can I get a map? Address these "blockers" or concerns inside your brochure.

*Use a QR Code.* Thirty-somethings do everything with their phone. If this is your target audience, you need to have a Quick Response code—one of those squares with the dots in it—so they can snap a picture with their phone and be taken directly to the club's web page or online flyer to look later.

*Ask a professional for help.* My local print shop's designer spruced up my pamphlet and designed the invite cards for only \$50. Money well-spent to make the presentation attractive and engaging.

*Distribute them.* No matter how good the brochure, no one will see it if 100 copies sit at your dance hall. Put them in corner stores, post offices, libraries, arenas...any place with a bulletin board or a rack. And go back and refill them on a regular basis. Canada Post will do target mailings to the seniors' communities if you provide the details. Put your mailed brochures in blank envelopes adorned with a picture or invitation: this prevents them from being tossed out unread with the junk mail.

**Finally...**

*Be prepared to be laughed at.* Your first effort to form a club may fail but that is how we learn. Your peers can be cruel. Don't listen to this talk. They are breaking the First Rule and probably thinking of themselves. There are interested dancers. There are partner organizations. My advice is to go out and find them.

Ken Burtch

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Jesus and Satan were having an on-going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering.

Finally fed up, God said, 'THAT'S IT! I've had enough!

I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job.'

So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away.

They moused, they faxed, they e-mailed.

They e-mailed with attachments, they downloaded, they did spreadsheets, they wrote reports.

They created labels and cards, they created charts and graphs, they did some genealogy reports.

They did every job known to man. Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan was faster than hell.

Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and, of course, the power went off.

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld.

Jesus just sighed.

Finally the electricity came back on, and each of them restarted their computers.

Satan started searching frantically, screaming:

'It's gone! It's all GONE! I lost everything when the power went out!'

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work.

Satan observed this and became irate.

'Wait!' he screamed. 'That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don't have any?'

God just shrugged and said,

**'JESUS SAVES'**





November 30, 2025

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**The ONTARIO SQUARE and ROUND DANCE FEDERATION (OSRDF)** is searching for a Candidate for our Board of DIRECTORS.

Our longtime Secretary Barbara Englehart has done a magnificent job over the years keeping the Federation Meeting Minutes Books. Barb is looking to step away from the board after many years with the Federation in her many capacities.

**Job Title:** Board Secretary

**Organization:** Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation (OSRDF)

**Location:** Ontario

**Position Type:** Volunteer

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Coordinate the scheduling of all board and committee meetings.
- Prepare and distribute meeting agendas and supporting materials.
- Accurately record and distribute meeting minutes.
- Maintain official records, such as governing documents and meeting minutes.
- Act as a primary point of contact for board members.
- Provide administrative and logistical support for board activities.
- Assist with board member onboarding and succession planning.

**Qualifications:**

- Exceptional organizational and time management skills.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Proficiency in minute-taking
- Knowledge of nonprofit governance best practices is a plus.
- Experience as an executive assistant or in a similar administrative role is beneficial.

**How to Apply:**

For further Information and to apply, please contact any of the members of the OSRDF Board of Directors or e-mail me :

Gerry Gregoire – [geraldgregoire22@gmail.com](mailto:geraldgregoire22@gmail.com)

Vice-President OSRDF

Newsletter Editor OSRDF

We thank Barb for her many years of service to the Board and to Square Dancing in Ontario. It is so very much appreciated Barb.



## Decisions to be made...

### CALLERS CLINIC MEETING...

All callers and partners are encouraged to attend. Big changes to Callerlab Programming will be discussed under the tutelage of Callerlab Clinic Caller Jeff priest

Refreshments supplied by Callers Clinic.  
Please rsvp so we know how many are coming to this very **important session**

### RSVP to:

[nancydolson0408@yahoo.ca](mailto:nancydolson0408@yahoo.ca)

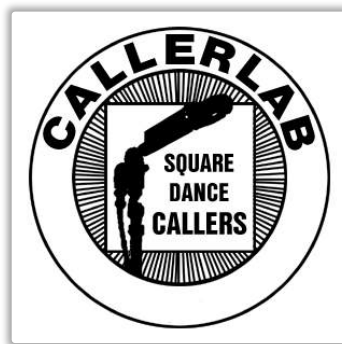
Assistant secretary (unpaid)  
to Callers Clinic

Chairman: Ed Dolson

Nancy Dolson...(519) 281-6261

## Location

Senior Citizens Center  
250 Ingersoll St. S.  
Ingersoll, ON N5C 3J7



Saturday, April 11, 2026

11 am - 1 pm

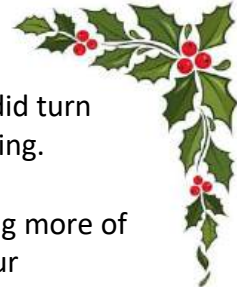


# **CLUB NEWS**

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

## **Centennial Beavers - London**

Days are getting closer to the big day, Christmas! We told you about being sent home on Halloween Dance night, what a sad thing to see all our Square Dancers wandering around the parking lot, checking out everyone's outfits. It did turn out that the Transformer caught on fire, so we watched the firemen do their thing.



So now, in November we had good turnouts and some really good time learning more of our moves. We really had a great dance on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November which was our "Nationality" Night. Funny thing though, only 3 people in 3 squares had remembered what night it was, even Nancy forgot. So, no tablecloth, napkins, no coffee or tea and no goodies. That is to say, someone brought shortbread cookies, some butter tarts and some squares, There was no big rush to get to the "grazing table". There were no ancestry shirts showing your heritage, except for Robert who wore a CANADA IS NOT FOR SALE shirt. Patriotic but not what we were looking for. However, Square Dancers always make due with what we have, and it turned into a lively, happy to dance club.

With Christmas just around the corner, we will celebrate our Christmas on Friday, December 12th. We are going to get all dolled up in our square dance attire and ring in the Christmas Spirit. We will also have a Christmas Goodies table and as long as no one forgets it is our Christmas Party, we will enjoy ourselves for sure. **(see poster/flyer)** Centennial Beavers were all invited to the Christmas Party with our sister club. The Thames Valley Dance Club on Monday December 15th. We are so pleased they invited us again this year. But I did get a shout out from the President of the Club asking if we could make sure Gord Bell comes and sings for us again. He has already said yes, so it will be a great exchange of gifts. Beavers will get a lovely hot turkey dinner and TVDC will get the music from our own entrepreneur, Gord!

We wish all our dancing friends to have a wonderful Christmas and New Year with their family, and we will see you back at dance on January 9, 2026, a new year and a new beginning.



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## **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

Clinton Wheel n Dealers enjoyed a full month of dancing in November. We average Two and a half squares at our weekly dances. We have lots of room for visitors anytime.

Neva and Duncan McVittie alternated weeks with Donna Fielder calling for the club. This gives our dancers a lot of variety in the music, dance levels and fun tips.

Our Christmas potluck dinner and dance wrapped up the month on November 26th. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our festive meal. A special thank you to Fred and Deb Hakkers for cooking the turkey, making the dressing, gravy and also the cranberry sauce. Our members filled in all the other delicious trimmings and decadent desserts. It was truly a Christmas feast enjoyed by all.

Donna got us back up on the dance floor once everything was cleared and tables put away. We enjoyed a wonderful night of square dancing along with some Christmas round dances cued by Ian and Debbie Hulley. We thank Donna Fielder for several festive plants given away as door prizes.



We still have one more dance December 3rd before our Christmas break. The club will start again on Wednesday, January 7th, 2026 weather permitting.

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



Respectfully submitted by Ian and Debbie Hulley  
Bugle Correspondents.



## Country Squares - Rostock

On November 22, 2025 Rostock Country Squares hosted SWOSDA at the Brodhagen Hall. We had a good turnout. With over 60 people attending. Thanks to all who showed support and came out to dance. It was a great day. Part way through the day our local town newspaper reported showed up to take some pictures and learn about what we were all doing. Check out the Mitchell Advocate!

Linda Charlton along with her husband Tom, President of SWOSDA, called President Joanne Foster and her husband Dave Foster along with Neva McVittie our caller and her husband Duncan to the front to present a



certificate recognizing the fact that our club name has been changed for 10 years.

Egbert Jacob began dancing in 1960 and attended caller school in 1961. He soon became a club caller and called for several groups in the Milverton area. Did you know that Egbert's club near Milverton was once called "Pairs & Squares"? A badge contest was held, and by ballot, the new name Egbert's Scramblers was chosen. Same club—new name! Egbert called for this club for 22 years.

In 2010, our new caller, Neva McVittie, brought her calling expertise to Rostock Hall. Like Egbert, Neva has danced and called for many years. Ten years ago, because a new caller, the club decided once again to refresh its identity and became known as Rostock Country Squares.



Over the years, dancers have come and gone, but today we are fortunate to still have Shirley Bannerman with us—one of the original dancers from 1987 who continues to dance with our group. When Shirley and her late

husband Jack first started, they learned to dance at the Gravelridge Women's Institute Hall near Milverton. Dancers who already had experience went to Milverton. Eventually, the group settled into using Rostock Hall as their home base, so when it came time to choose a new club name, incorporating "Rostock" just felt natural. All who attended were invited to partake in all the squares and cookies. And best of all, we had a cake made to help celebrate our name change anniversary. It was really good. President Joanne Foster also gave both Neva and Shirley a carnation for all their work and guidance dancing.

On December 2, 2025 Rostock Country Squares had a Western night at Brodhagen hall. We enjoyed a wide range of treats and had some social time to visit after we danced. We all donned out western attire and had a lot of fun. Square dancing if fun!

Our next special night will be our Christmas get together on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Denim'N Lace - Flesherton

Denim N' Lace continues to have a strong turnout for our dances with Jim Lee. We even had an excellent turnout the night of our Christmas party with less than ideal driving weather. Snow squalls of Lake Huron did occur. Promise of a fine dinner does get everyone out. Most nights we have 4 and occasionally 5 squares.

We had 2 themed nights, First was a Canada Night. We did do a group photo for that evening.



The second themed night was our early Christmas dinner (planned for November in hopes of avoiding snow squalls). We got the snow squalls but we also got a full house of dancers. The meal was lovely as prepared by



Neva and Duncan McVittie. It was a fine meal enjoyed by all.

Several candid pictures of the dining and some socializing and dancing..

Cheers,  
David

## Guys n' Dolls - Kitchener

Here we are enjoying a snowy start to December, where all around us is a beautiful white wonderland Mother Nature does force a cancellation from time to time, as was the case for our last dance. We now look forward to this Fri. 5th of December to re-connect with our dance friends once again.

As we always do, we invite visitors to join us as we share our Christmas Dance, our last until the new year. We start at 7pm for class, followed at 8pm for Mainstream, Plus and a Round or two. Dan Weatherby is our Caller/Cuer. Refreshments enjoyed at the end of the evening, where lively (maybe even boisterous) conversations abound- all great fun!

We dance at 121 Westmount Rd. E, in Kitchener. Watch for our small green sandwich-board on the sidewalk marking entrance to the church parking lot!

Cheers all, and a very Merry Christmas to you and yours!

Dot Mitchell  
Bugle Gal

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## Jubilee Rounds - Zoom

### *Greetings from Jubilee Rounds on Zoom*

Well, we had a lovely Fall but it looks like Winter is upon us!! As I prepare this report, it is snowing outside. Boo.... I would rather it have waited until December 23<sup>rd</sup> to start this.

Our annual "Falling Leaves" round dance with Andrea and Dan Roy cueing was a great dance again this year. We had a full floor for an afternoon of great music and rhythms. Even though we had a bit of a snow storm, it didn't prevent most folks from attending. It is always a pleasure to have Dan on the program. We all missed Rhetha as she is still having some mobility issues but hopefully that will resolve soon.



Unfortunately, due to a miserable cold and persistent cough we had to cancel our Bolero Clinic on November 29<sup>th</sup>. We will try to reschedule that clinic in the spring. Watch for the flyer!

### **Saturday Afternoon December 13<sup>th</sup>**

We will be hosting a Christmas Round Dance Party on **Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>**. There are a few spots left, if you would like to join us, please sign up. This is a relaxed Phase 2 / 3 round dance featuring songs of the season.

[Flyer ~ Registration](#)

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### **Up Coming Events!**

Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a Jive Clinic in Cambridge - [Flyer](#)

Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a Valentines Dance in Cambridge - [Flyer](#)

Visit our [Website](#) to sign up for both of these special dances.

\*\*\*Remember to check out more dance happenings in the write-up from our sister club, ShadowLight Rounds

We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and the best in 2026!

Thanks for reading - we will write again in January...

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](mailto:jeff@jeffreypriest.com)

Printable flyers are on our website: [www.jeffreypriest.com](http://www.jeffreypriest.com)

Jeff Priest ☺

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### [Rhythm Rounds - London](#)

With Christmas on the horizon, we are frazzled and have problems with hanging on to the joy of the season. When couples learn and dance together it bonds our joy. (Well, not always, hehehe!) But you have to admit that when your favourite song comes on and you dance it together, it gives a big boost of serotonin and that great feeling of being close to your better half.

We are working on the bolero and hopefully get this beautiful rhythm under our belt. I encouraged you all to take the Bolero Teach with Andrea as she shapes the moves much better.

December 3 is our regular dance and then, our Christmas Dance is on December 10th. This will be a dance only, No teaches. We hope everyone will bring a little something to share and we will have a nice social following the dance. If you have any favourites you would like to dance to, bring a note on the 3rd and I will collect them & put it on the program.

We return to dance on January the 7th.

We sincerely hope you have a wonderful family gathering and a very Merry Christmas!!

See Ya next Year 🎄

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### [Royal City Squares - Guelph](#)

Our year is ending on a fair note. We are hoping are new dancers will be returning in the New Year. It was fun visiting Silver Streak this November and dancing to Tom Charlton.

Visiting other clubs now has become more difficult because of limited numbers at our own clubs and we can only go on the nights we are not dancing.

Please come visit us on our Singing Call nights. Next one is Tuesday/Wednesday Jan 27/28. Our last singing call night was Big Band (the War Year). It was good to see our newer dancers dress for the occasion.





This year will end with a Christmas Open House on Wednesday Dec 10 – hoping to attract new dancers. Thanks to Dave Williamson for filling in for our class night when Jeff could not come.

Wishing everyone a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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### ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario

Greetings!

Well, it seems that winter has arrived! As I write this, it is snowing with some accumulation!

Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> was our “Falling Leaves” dance and it was excellent. We had a full house with two great cuers on the program. We had a little bit of snow that day but it didn’t keep many away ~ we still had a full dance floor of enthusiastic dancers. The social was wonderful and the food was good, too.

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### **Upcoming events!**



*We have a few dance events planned! Have a look....*

**Saturday Afternoon December 28<sup>th</sup> The Holiday Dazzle** in Cambridge. This is a Square and Round Dance Holiday Special. The Rounds are Phase 2 and the Squares are relaxed (Think Fun Mainstream) with a PLUS tip or two. If you wish to join us, please sign up. Space is limited & registration is required!

[Flyer ~ Registration](#)

We are also offering a **Jive Clinic on January 11<sup>th</sup>** and a **Valentines Round Dance on February 14<sup>th</sup>**.

And, we will also be at the SWOSDA on January 24<sup>th</sup> in Waterdown, hosted by Waterdown Village Squares.

**Royal City Squares has a number of Theme nights planned this season.** Be sure to download the [Flyer](#) and support as many of these as you are able on either Tuesday or Wednesday evenings – or both!! They will be fun....

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Remember to check out more dance happenings on the write-up from our sister club, Jubilee Rounds

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Remember us if you are planning a party. We introduce 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"

We wish you a Very Merry Christmas and All the Best this Holiday Season. May the New Year see you remain safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor in 2026.

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](http://www.shadowlightdance.com)

 ShadowLight Presents...

**The Holiday Dazzle**  
*Sparkle in your Festive Attire!*

**Square & Round Dance**  
 In Cambridge, Ontario

with  
**Jeff & Andrea Priest**

**Sunday - December 28, 2025**

 Time ~ 1:00pm – 3:30pm  
 1:00 – 1:30 ~ Ph: 2 Rounds  
 1:30 – 3:30 Relaxed Squares

**\$ 20.00/couple** (Cash at The Door)  
 Space is Limited

**Pre-Registration Required**  
 Visit: [www.shadowlightdance.com](http://www.shadowlightdance.com)  
 Select "Register Here" and choose the correct link

Contact Andrea at 519-752-2172  
 e-mail: [jeff@shadowlightdance.com](mailto:jeff@shadowlightdance.com)  
 Visit our website: [www.shadowlightdance.com](http://www.shadowlightdance.com)

 "Jubilee Rounds"  
**Christmas Special**

**Round Dance Party**  
 In Cambridge, Ontario

with  
**Andrea & Jeff Priest**

**Saturday - December 13, 2025**

 1:30pm – 3:30pm  
 Ph: 2/3/4

**\$ 20.00/couple** (Cash at The Door)  
 Space is Limited

**Pre-Registration Required**  
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**Silver Streaks - Woodstock**

The 2025 fall season of Silver Streak Squares was very well attended. Sadly, the last dance was cancelled because of the weather warnings of snow squalls—a little early this year.

We enjoyed all those great plus moves and some variations



called by Tom on the nights we were together.

We wish everyone a happy, holiday season and all the best for 2026. Our first dance of next year will be Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

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### Sound Steppers - Owen Sound

Hello fellow dancers and Friends. Mother Nature is trying to make her wintery way back into Grey-Bruce and remind us of the season ahead.

We had our Western night in November and we all had a great time dressing up in our western gear doing some western style dances like the dip and dive, and we all enjoyed beans and wieners for our lunch.



Our club has had a great turnout every week with a lot of our new dancers returning. We have had many visitors come from Flesherton Denim and Lace club.

Our next specialty dance is our Christmas dinner and dance on Thursday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> eating at 6pm and dancing at 7pm. Everyone welcome. Dress up in your favorite green and reds and come celebrate this festive season with us.



We dance every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m at our venue the Harmony Center at 890 4th Avenue East in Owen Sound (around the west side of the building). Everyone is welcome

For pictures, videos and updates of coming events for our club check out our facebook page. [www.facebook.com/owensoundsteppers.ca](http://www.facebook.com/owensoundsteppers.ca).

Take care of each other and always be kind to one another. Keep on dancing!! It's good for your mind, body and soul.

A journey with dancing friends is measured in smiles.... not miles.

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### Swinging Duos - Strathroy

The coloured lights are a key sign of Christmas and the oncoming holiday season. As Canadians, we do not adhere to the famous 'Black Friday' advertising that many of our U.S. friends look forward to every year, immediately after their Thanksgiving (some starting to line up at 3:00 AM or earlier!). However, some of our retailers are slowly getting on the 'sales band wagon'.

Furthermore, we don't need a *Black Friday* marketing approach for our favourite *Modern Square Dancing* activity. Tariffs don't have any negative effect on us either!!

Our Club has traditionally endeavoured to include one or two demonstration dances at retirement homes every year. We recently had two squares of dancers attend our latest demonstration dance for the veterans at Parkwood Hospital in London. The event was heartwarming for both attendees as well as our dancers, especially during the holiday season.

We have 'theme nights' during the year to raise the fun aspect of square dancing. Our recent dance was an "Inside Out" theme whereby dancers were encouraged to attend with their clothes inside out. Creative ideas were hilarious with some wearing underwear outside of their inside out pants! Knowing that most square dance clubs are finding it difficult to encourage their members to 'step up' to fill an executive committee role, our Club approached the various duties differently this year. Our Presidents, Janneke Newitt and Wendy Thomson, prepared sign-up lists for lunches, greeters, story tellers, clean-up duties and others which have been very well received. Sometimes we just need a different approach to encourage our members.



*Parkwood Hospital*



*Talbot Manor Retirement Home, St Thomas*

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas! Happy New Year too!

Tom Kahnert,  
Strathroy Swinging Duos Publicity.

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### Thames Valley Dance Club – Woodstock

November has settled over us with cooler temperatures and gloomy, overcast days. Christmas parades, markets and bazaars have popped up everywhere. Christmas lights and displays are shining in the dark evenings, and by the time you read this, it will be December!

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to give a huge shout out and thank you to our Executive, and Julie Budd, our President! They lead us every week, keeping us informed, taking on extra tasks, and making sure all aspects of club maintenance are looked after. THANK YOU!

Despite the shorter days and the early and dark evenings November has, our club has kept busy! Along with our regular Monday night dances, we served refreshments at the Thistle Theatre show in Embro on Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, and we had a pyjama dance on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>! (Amazing how many put their pj's on early that evening and still came out to dance!)



We also had a dance demo at Oxford Gardens in Woodstock on Nov 25<sup>th</sup>. We had a large and appreciative crowd and danced for over an hour. It's always great to share with the outside world how wonderful the activity of square dance is – so active, so social and so much fun!

Ed continues to teach round dance on Monday nights, starting at 6:00, with several people taking part each week. We are learning the waltz and the jive. Both dances keep our bodies moving and our brains in gear trying to figure things out and remember them! When we struggle, Ed is a patient teacher!



Doug has taken a couple of weeks off during the month to focus on the play he performed in at Thistle Theatre. When he is “in the hall”, he continues to help our new dancers by reviewing the moves Ed has previously taught. Their hard work has helped these new dancers conquer the first half of the basic program!

December will bring to us our annual Christmas Potluck, on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to this evening, as it will be a festive feast followed by so much fun on the dance floor!

And, so, we send a warm, Merry Christmas from our Club to yours. May you find the joy, blessings and hope of this Christmas season in your own home. And, may you have a happy and prosperous New Year filled with friends and dancing!

Lois Turvey  
Thames Valley Dance Club

## The Town Squares – La Salette

The Town Squares will wrap up the fall season with a Christmas Line Dance on Friday December 19th. This will involve the usual activities of a special dance : dancing to music suited to the occasion and, most importantly, gathering around a table of food to sample and socialize.

A little promotion brought in a few new dancers who are picking up the steps quickly. We had a full floor of dancers for November Friday dances, until the last dance of the month, when a triple whammy of weather, illness and being otherwise engaged kept a lot of dancers away. The Town Squares line dancers are a very social group so the break was pretty quiet but the dancing was still lively.

Gail Mottashed

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THE CENTENNIAL BEAVERS PRESENT

# CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025



**Friday December 12th**

**7pm to 9pm**

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



**"Dancing to the sounds of Christmas"**



**Please join us for this special night with a grazing table!**

**Square Dance attire requested! - \$7.50PP**

**To save on disposable utensils, cups & plates, we ask that you bring your own!**

