

# BUGLE

Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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**March 2026**  
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President's Message



Warmest greetings to SWOSDA membership. We are feeling confident to be at the beginning of easier travels to March, April, and May monthly special dances. May you enjoy your own club dances in March, traveling without snowy blasts of winter. Winter weather patterns all too often made everything about dance “challenge dancing” this season.

The March Executive News outlines again information that is important to you. Note the opportunity to mark calendars now, setting priority for attending each coming SWOSDA dance this season (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday’s of each month until May).

Each event is unique and offers opportunities to dance to new leaders and to meet new friends in areas across SW Ontario. Coming: two special dances provided by Caller’s Clinic for newer square dancers: March 14 and April 11. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun with our newest dancers.

Stay connected with your SWOSDA executive members. Ideas and questions are welcome. Note that there is still time for the Southern and Mid-SW Ontario Association members to ensure travel to Owen Sound on Saturday, April 25, 2026. This event in addition to the dance is the Association Annual General Meeting. More information is found in the Executive News and Bugle Publications.



As long-time dairy farmers, all the while dancing and calling square dances, here is a favourite joke to share, “What do you call a cow that square dances?  
Answer: A mooo-ver and a groover”

We are so glad to be part of such an amazing human part of mooo-vers and groovers in this Association.

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



## Saturday, February 28, 2026

Hosted by Silver Streaks Squares

We all had a beautiful sunny day for our drive to Woodstock on Saturday, February 28, 2026. We were welcomed at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church by our host club Silver Streaks and SWOSDA Presidents Tom and Linda Charlton.

All our round dancers were invited to join Bob and Betty Beck for a round dance party.

The afternoon square dance was kicked off by our host caller Tom and Linda Charlton with a mainstream tip. We were all so happy to see Jeff and Andrea Priest call a tip after a serious health scare for Jeff. They called both a mainstream and a plus tip. Ian and Debbie Hulley then cued 2 rounds for the round dancers in the room. Square dancing continued with Doug and Lois Turvey calling 2 mainstream tips. Bob and Betty Beck called our round dancers to the floor again for 2 rounds. Tom and Linda Charlton kept things lively with both a mainstream and plus tip. Bob and Betty Beck continued the dancing with 2 rounds. Doug and Lois Turvey stepped up their calling with a plus tip. Ian and Debbie Hulley cued 2 rounds followed by Doug and Lois Turvey with a mainstream tip for the square dancers. Ian and Debbie Hulley had one more round for the afternoon. Ed Dolson stepped in to call a plus tip.

Tom and Linda Charlton made the SWOSDA announcements including an invitation to the March dance on March 28th at Duff's Presbyterian Church at 319 Brock Rd. S. Puslinch, Ontario.

The final tip of the afternoon was called by Tom and Linda Charlton and was a mainstream tip.

We had 5 squares dancing from beginning to end of the day. Other dancers were able to take a break and watch.

We also were tempted to the food table that held a delicious array of delectable treats all afternoon. We had 44 dancers and 12 caller/cuers representing 11 clubs.

Mark your calendar for April 25th dance hosted by the Owen Sound Steppers at First United Church 435 21st street Owen Sound. This is an afternoon dance that ends with our annual meeting. We need everyone to participate with delegates for each club doing the voting. Please lug a mug.

Respectfully submitted by Ian and Debbie Hulley.





Well you may have noticed that Rhetha & I have been absent from quite a few dances lately. Rhetha has developed a hip issue that we are trying to figure out. She goes for an MRI on March 7 (finally!) and we hope this will give some indication of what is wrong, and how to fix it.

We stay involved by email, but it sure isn't the same; we sure miss our many dancing friends! These 'hugs in the email' are definitely missing something!

I'm sure you herd of the "working from home" thing. Well turns out you can volunteer from home too. As such, we can still stay in touch, send out those jabby reminders, put out the Bugle regularly, and keep the website up-to-date; isn't the internet a wonderful tool!

This year we tried something different; we went to stay at a condo in Sosua, Dominican Republic. We just got back after a 2-month stay. Rhetha thought if she had to be hobbling around, at least she could do it without snow! Overall it was a very enjoyable, relaxing experience, and we plan to do it again next year. We have our reservation made and plan to stay in the same location.



You may have noticed that I am on the March Program, so will see you then. Looking forward to a wonderful dance in Puslinch. (Guelph)



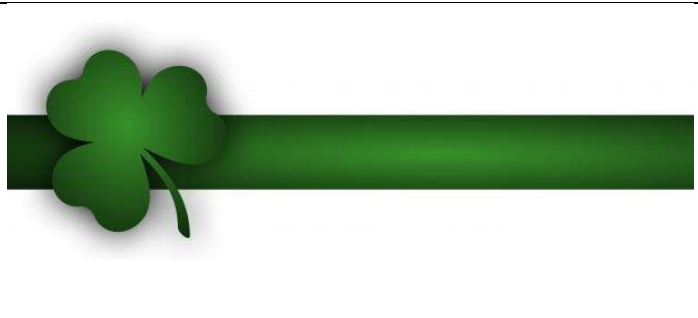
[www.facebook.com/swosda](http://www.facebook.com/swosda)

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer.. Always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point.

When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway.

And that's how the fight started.....

P.S. The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.



A young girl always told her mother about the dreams she has during the night.

One morning she said, "Mommy, I sure had a good dream last night, didn't I?"

"Tell me about it," said the mother.

"But Mommy, you already know about it," she protested, "You were there!"

# SWOSDA'S EXECUTIVE NEWS – MARCH 2026

## SWOSDA's next Monthly Dance Special

**Saturday, MARCH 28, 2026**

Duff's Presbyterian Church,

**319 Brock Road South, Puslinch ON N0B 2J0**

1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Round Dance Party

1:30 – 5:00 p.m. Mainstream & Plus Squares  
including Rounds

**\$8.00/person**

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

Special thanks to our Hosts

**Royal City Squares**

**For all those interested in History, please Contact  
a SWOSDA Executive Member OR  
SWOSDA Historian Dorothy Dahm  
[familypatchwork.dd@gmail.com](mailto:familypatchwork.dd@gmail.com) Training is  
available to help with a transition period into the  
SWOSDA Historian Position**

### 1. Dance Promotion – Growing Your Club

It's likely that dance promotion is on your radar as you plan for your Club's programming and growth next season.

"Growing your square or round dance Club is more critical today than ever," explains Tom and Jo Kahnert, Strathroy Swinging Duos Executive and Past Presidents of SWOSDA. Do not hesitate to contact Tom or Jo Kahnert to jump-start your promotion planning for next season.

Email Tom: [tomk2005@gmail.com](mailto:tomk2005@gmail.com)

Email Jo: [jokahnert24@gmail.com](mailto:jokahnert24@gmail.com)

2. Ontario Federation – The Annual General Meeting date is Saturday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m. (Virtual Zoom Meeting). Everyone is welcome to learn about the work of and opportunities

through Ontario Federation of Square and Round Dancing. Register online.

<https://squaredance.on.ca/> or by contacting

Dan Roy <https://swosda.ca/executive/>

### 3. National Square & Round Dance Convention

**2026** – July 15-18, 2026, Penticton, British Columbia. Website is active, registration can be sent online or by downloading a pdf form here:

<https://csrds.ca/news-26/>

You'll be noticing increasing numbers of "We're Going" ribbons worn by SWOSDA dancers. Would you like to join in the fun?

Please register ASAP  
to enable better event planning.

### **Frosh Dances for Beginning Square Dancers**

#### **Provided by Caller's Clinic**

Everyone is Welcome

Dancing is geared toward newer and early  
level square dancing

**March 14**, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.,

Richard's Memorial Church, **London**  
Callers Ed Dolson, Doug Turvey, and Tom  
Charlton

Plan for next month, too:

**April 11**, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.,

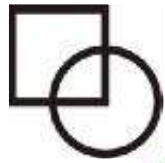
Ingersoll Seniors Centre,  
250 Ingersoll Street S., **Ingersoll**  
Callers Neva McVittie, Jeff Priest, and  
Wesley Knierim

### *"Dancers, have you heard?"*

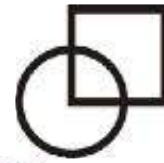


By following the SWOSDA Website & Bugle you can be kept up to date on all coming events. Springtime and dancing opportunities throughout the year

await...Follow us on [www.swosda.ca](http://www.swosda.ca)



# SWOSDA



Square & Round Dancers Of South Western Ontario

## MONTHLY SPECIAL IN PUSLINCH

### MARCH 28, 2026

Afternoon ONLY ~ 1:00 – 5:00 ~ \$8.00 per dancer

**Hosted by – Royal City Squares**

**Location – Duff's Presbyterian Church**  
319 Brock Rd S, Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0



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

Or Contact:

**Hosts:** Ted and Jean Kent

e-mail: [kentonvale.ted@gmail.com](mailto:kentonvale.ted@gmail.com) or (519) 843-3371

SWOSDA Contact: Jeff & Andrea Priest ~ [jeff@shadowlightdance.com](mailto:jeff@shadowlightdance.com)

**SWOSDA is a member run organization!**

**Attention: SWOSDA Membership**  
**(SWOSDA Reps please forward this notice to your club membership)**

We are pleased to report that the task of updating the SWOSDA Constitution and By Laws is now complete. Please note that amendments to these documents have not taken place since April 27, 2019.

Amendments to the SWOSDA Constitution require 60 days notice and SWOSDA By Laws 30 days notice to Association membership prior to the Annual General Meeting. Both documents are included in one file and attached to this email for your convenience.



A second document is attached outlining positions of the SWOSDA Executive, responsibilities and cooperative work to provide communication, organization, and ongoing Regional Dance events for and with club memberships.

Please note that the SWOSDA Annual General Meeting is **April 25, 2026** following the regular SWOSDA Dance in Owen Sound (and hosted by the Sound Stepper Square Dance Club).

All are invited to attend and participate in addition to four SWOSDA club members per club delegated by the club as voting delegates to the AGM.

We will seek membership's support at the SWOSDA AGM to approve the work and accuracy of the Association Constitution and By Laws.

As a courtesy to Executive please mail, email, or call us with questions or comments prior to the Annual General Meeting.

With kindest regards,

Tom & Linda Charlton



[Constitution Approved Jan 24, 2026](#)

[Executive Positions Description](#)

I took my wife to a restaurant.  
The waiter, for some reason, took my order first.  
"I'll have the rump steak, rare, please."  
He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?"  
"Nah, she can order for herself."  
And that's when the fight started.....



My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table.  
I asked her, "Do you know him?"  
"Yes", she sighed,  
"He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since."  
"My Gosh!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"  
And that's how the fight started.....



# SWOSDA

## *Remember When...*

### Looking Back at February issues in March , 2026 - 03

*Last month you may have realized that I was referring to March events in February. I didn't until our editor questioned me on it. I guess it must have been the Leap Year effect. This month as I finish up my article it will be counting down to a Full Lunar Eclipse.DD*

**2016** – The January **SWOSDA dance** was hosted by Swing N' Wheels in Springfield at Malahide Community Place. Eighteen clubs were represented by 96 dancers. The Round Dance party was cued by Stan McKeen, followed by Andrea Priest. Host caller Tom Charlton along with Danny Howlett and Jeff Priest kept square dancers busy with mainstream and plus squares interspersed with cuer Sharon Hall. Dan Roy started the evening early with level 3 and 4 dancers followed by level 2 dancers cued by Andrea Priest. Denny Howlett put the dancers through the “Wheel Around” from many positions.

Chair Couple Dan and Rhetha Roy shared that 150 people had already taken advantage of the early bird price for **Convention 2018** allowing them to make better advance planning.

At **Caller's Clinic** in answer to questions by a number of callers about what to do when you have odd numbers of dancers sitting out rather than dancing; Jeff Priest presented a very interesting session on uneven numbers of dancers. Jeff started with standard circle formation to show what can be done with it. Then he followed with 2 couple squares showing what could be done, then 3 couple formation which involved moving at angles; hexagons followed. It was a most interesting afternoon. We were there.

Nick Dahm, Bob Miller, and Dan Weatherby were the scheduled callers for the first **Frosh dance** but a good number of caller couples came out to support the newer dancers as well.

**ABC Dancing** was promoted as a means of creating a way to get more people out dancing every week without having to take a long set of lessons. Tom Charlton and Ed Dolson were offering opportunities in Chatham and London.

Fifteen clubs reported to **Club News**, illustrated with pictures of ways they were having fun.

**1996** – As I read the President's Message in this issue, I can almost hear Lois' voice as the message is the one that I see or hear often this time of year. “**We need you to take an active part in this Association.** So let's dig right in and serve with pride, and stop going along just for the ride. If we don't get around to asking you to serve, tell someone in the executive that you would be willing to give it a try.”

Eighteen clubs shared their fun in the **Club News**. The **Dance Calendar** filled 4 pages plus there was another page for **Special Dances**. What a busy group!

**Something to Think About** (adapted from the February 1996 Bugle)

Some members keep a club so strong      While others join just to belong,  
Some dig right in, some serve with pride,      Some go along just for the ride.  
Some volunteer to do their share,      While some lie back and just don't care.  
Some always pay their dues ahead      Some get behind for weeks instead.  
Some do their best, some build, some make      Some do nothing, only take  
Some lag behind and let things go      Some never help their club to grow  
Some drag, some pull, some don't, some do      Consider which of these are you.

In 2026, We Need You, You and You,

We do, We do!

Collected by Dorothy Dahm, SWOSDA Historian

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So Far 487 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](#)



Caller's Clinic Presents.... **March**  
**FROSH DANCE**



 Ed Dolson  
 Tom Charlton  
 Doug Turvey

**Saturday March 14, 2026**

**2:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**\$7.50 per person**



**Richards Memorial United Church**  
**360 Edgeworth Ave.**  
**London, Ontario**

# **CLUB NEWS**

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

## 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

Our annual Valentine's Day Potluck Dinner and Dance was held on February 11th thanks to the cooperation of Mother Nature. We enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner with a wonderful variety of dishes. A huge thank you to all who contributed to the dinner. We thank our guests from Rostock Squares. We continued the evening with square dancing called by Donna Fielder and a few rounds by Ian and Debbie Hulley. It was a wonderful night enjoyed by all.

Reminder that there will be NO DANCE MARCH 18th.

We dance in a peanut and fragrance free facility.

Respectfully submitted by Ian and Debbie Hulley  
Bugle Correspondents.

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## Country Square – Rostock

March has started to come in like a lamb. Mother nature has allowed us again to go dancing. Our dance nights since Christmas have been few and far between. We missed our Hawaiian night back in January. We also missed our valentine night. We are aiming to be able to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17. It will be an evening of fun dancing for all finished up with a great selection of finger foods! We will be all decked out in green for the occasion.

Birthday greetings go out to Duncan McVittie! Last week we enjoyed an evening of dancing, followed with a selection scrumptious birthday cakes, and ice cream, courtesy of Neva. Thank you to Neva for all those delicious cakes.

We have started practising and our polishing up our moves because we have been invited to dance at Woodland Towers retirement home in Stratford on April 21. The residents have really enjoyed the previous times that we danced there.

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## **FREE**

Several Square Dance Patterns. Dress, skirt, blouse, shirt patterns.  
See them at SWOSDA dances in March and April.

For more information contact Norma. [khannorma91@gmail.com](mailto:khannorma91@gmail.com)



[Denim'N Lace - Flesherton](#)

We had one dance in February with mother nature's heaviest snow storms happening on square dance night. Our telephone committee had a busy month keeping people off the roads. Spring will be welcome



[Jubilee Rounds - St. Jacobs](#)

***Greetings from Jubilee Rounds on Zoom & "In Person"!!***

Wow... As I prepare this report the sun is shining and the temp should hit 3c today. Spring is on the way... Remember to change your clocks this weekend.

**Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup>** we hosted our Valentine's Round Dance in Cambridge. What a great afternoon it was. It was a beautiful day for driving and we had a dozen couples join us for the afternoon of love songs to dance to. Our new hall is spacious and bright with no stairs to worry about...and lots of parking!



**Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>** we hosted a Bolero Clinic. We had 8 couples sign up for the event and we spent the afternoon learning the intricacies and dancing style of this great rhythm. Bolero is one of Andrea's favourite dance rhythms. This dance was held at our old location.



## Up Coming Events!

### *NEW DAY AND DATE!*

**Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting a St. Paddy's Day Round Special. This is a Phase 2++ dance so there will be something for ALL Round Dancers no matter what phase you dance! Join us for an afternoon of Great Green Songs! - [Flyer](#)

If you're planning forward, be sure to put **Summer Sounds Rounds** on your calendar. Great May & June dancing for 8 Monday Evenings in Woodstock! Venue is booked and signup is available – visit our website! – [Flyer](#)

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

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

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

For info: Andrea or Jeff at: 1.519.752.2172 or [jeff@shadowlightdance.com](mailto:jeff@shadowlightdance.com)

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

Jeff Priest ☺

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

As some of you might know, Jeff has been unable to call Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Looking forward to having him back Tuesday March 10th . Nora Kent and Wesley Knierim have been filling in for Jeff on the Tuesday evenings. We would like to thank them for the excellent job they are both doing. They ended the evenings with a duet. Wednesday evening was called by Dave Williamson. Thank you for filling in Dave. Due to a low turnout after Christmas, we have had to move our location to a private home on Wednesdays for Basic/MS. Call 519-831-9745

JOIN US for Plus at 7 pm to 8:15 on Tuesday nights.

Next singing call night will be Tuesday March 24 Come Dance to the Theme of DISNEY  
(Where Dreams Come True)

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### [ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario](#)

Greetings from the ShadowLight Dance Club... We hope you had a wonderful Valentine's and are looking forward to St. Patrick's Day. The Wearin' o' The Green means Spring is on the way!

As many of you may have heard, Jeff suffered a TIA (or Mini-Stroke) on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. After a short stay in hospital and a multitude of tests, he was discharged home. He has missed several weeks of clubs while he is in the process of recovery. He is working hard and doing very well with his re-hab. So, there isn't a lot to write this month on Squares but he is settling in to his new self and hopes to be back into his full programs again in another week or two. Because of this event, the hospital suspended his license for 30 days from his discharge date so Andrea has been his chauffeur since he got home. They are both looking forward to March 7<sup>th</sup> when he can drive again!!

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### **Upcoming events!**

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

#### **NEW DAY AND DATE!**

**Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting a St. Paddy's Day Round Special. If you are dancing Rounds at any phase (including Square Dance Rounds), this event welcomes you! There will be lots of seasonal dances, green attire and good snacks! We would love to see you on the dance floor! - [Flyer](#)

#### **Join us on March 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> to enjoy the wonderful world of Disney!**

Be sure to download the [Flyer](#) for RCS Theme nights and support as many of these as you are able on either Tuesday or Wednesday evenings – or both!! They will be fun dances...

**March 28 SWOSDA** in Puslinch. Host club is Royal City Squares! [Flyer](#)

#### **Don't Forget the Frosh Dance by SWOSDA Callers' Clinic on April 11<sup>th</sup> in Ingersoll – [Flyer](#)**

This is a Square Dance for Basic Dancers and everyone else who would like to support our new dancers!

Remember ShadowLight Dance 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"

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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)

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## FREE TO A NEW HOME

A retired dancer has gently used Square Dance clothing for the taking. Size 12 Ladies skirts and dresses.  
Some Men's Medium shirts

Contact: Monica Carruthers

Email: [monicacarruthers2@gmail.com](mailto:monicacarruthers2@gmail.com)

Phone: 519-980-7872



### [Silver Streaks - Woodstock](#)

The February SWOSDA dance was hosted by Silver Streak Squares and it was well-organized, thanks to Laura and Arie. Five squares enjoyed dancing and a good number of round dancers filled the void between tips. The weather was sunny and cold with no wind so good for travelling.

Eleven clubs danced to several callers, Jeff Priest, Doug Turvey, Ed Dolson and our own Tom Charlton. Cuers were Bob Beck and Ian Hulley. Many treats were supplied by volunteers. Thanks to all who made this event successful.

*the Merkleys*

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### *News written by Linda Charlton*

Silver Streak's dancing takes place at the very active College Ave United Church in Woodstock. It is a place of community where people are actively supporting people in need.

Woodstock's vulnerable, hungry and too often homeless, are cared for here. Through College Ave Church "Operation Sharing" is actively helping those in need. With food donations to the church each week we dance surrounded by the aroma of fresh baked bread and sometimes specially cooked meals. It is a reminder that people are being cared for in this place.

Silver Streaks made special effort to support Woodstock's "Coldest Night of the Year" fundraiser (February 28) where critical funds are raised for "Operation Sharing".

Silver Streak's donations from our dancers over three weeks in support of Woodstock's most vulnerable were graciously accepted by Shaun Baker of "Coldest Night of the Year". Our dancers come from many other communities also supporting "Coldest Night" yet as a



group, we were grateful to help in this community knowing that no matter the boundary, together we can all make a positive and hopeful difference in people's lives.

Even in the hub of activity in this hall we too are taken care of, grateful to the volunteers who ensure a cleared room and clean floors for our dancers.



*Photos by Jake Hamstra, edited to include everyone by Matt Kern*

### [Sound Steppers - Owen Sound](#)

Hello fellow dancers and Friends. We have had some really nice feeling like spring days with lots of sunshine and some days you can even feel the start of the spring warmth in the Sun. Seems like we have waited a long time for this weather.

Our next specialty dance for March will be our St Patrick's dance on Thursday March 12th at 7pm. So come on out in your greens and join in the fun with our leprechauns for a very special evening of dancing, Fellowship, and fun themed games and treats.

Our club has had a great turnout every week (weather permitting) We have had many visitors come from Flesherton Denim and Lace club.



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.

Linda Wedow  
Bugle Rep

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### [Strathroy Swinging Duos](#)

March is upon us indicating that Spring is near! For square dancers, there are many opportunities to dance coming up at various clubs, together with SWOSDA regional dances.



Our Strathroy Swinging Duos enjoyed an excellent Valentine's dance with a number of guests attending from clubs in Clinton, Guelph, London and Woodstock. Of course, the theme also encouraged everyone to wear red.

As the weeks pass by at this time of the year, the likelihood that a dance will be cancelled due to weather conditions is becoming more remote. Some dancers plan to attend other clubs and SWOSDA events to see friends again, not to mention the venues also promise to have pies, lunch or snacks too!

We are looking forward to seeing many of our members who have been sheltered due to the weather. Our St. Patrick's dance will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup>, with lunch to follow. Guests are always warmly welcomed. In early April, a big event with our club is to have a "Family and Friends" evening to allow prospective new members an excellent opportunity to get a taste of Modern Square Dancing and the many benefits the activity brings.

Remember to smile at everyone you meet!

Tom Kahnert,  
Strathroy Swinging Duos Publicity.

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### [Thames Valley Dance Club – Woodstock](#)

The sun is getting warmer, the temperature is a little milder and the days are getting longer! It won't be long until spring is here, though we will likely have to contend with more winter weather before spring comes to stay.

Ed continues to teach round dancing to several couples from 6-7pm on Mondays before we square dance. He has continued with the waltz and jive and is now branching into 2-step. The steps not only challenge our brains and coordination, but our memory, too!

Doug is doing well with his calling. At the SWOSDA and Frosh dances, you will see for yourself how much he is improving! Each week he reviews the calls taught the previous week and helps the newest dancers become more familiar and proficient with the moves.

We were set to host a large group of young 4-H members on Jan 19<sup>th</sup> but a winter storm made us reschedule their visit to Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was well worth the wait! Almost 20 young 4-H members, aged 10 to 19, joined us for some fun. They learned some of our moves, and before the night was over, they demonstrated one of the dances they have been learning in their Square Dance Club. It was good for the soul to see 5 squares on the floor, and each and every person smiling!



On Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Valentine's Day! Again, we had lots of smiles, red and pink, good snacks and great fun! To make the night even better, we were joined by John Stemmler and Norma Khan, representing SWOSDA. John shared with us the basics of SWOSDA and how it works with us and for us. It was great to have them visit us that night and we hope they will come back again sometime soon.

### Waterdown Village Squares – Waterdown

Hello from Waterdown Village Squares  
Our special dance this month was the **Valentine's Day Dance** celebrated on February 10. Our club members wore red and white brought Valentine treats to share. We enjoyed square dancing to selected romantic music.

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Spring tends to be the time for many **Annual General Meetings**. As such, the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation will also hold its AGM on

**Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 10 am**

This will be a Virtual meeting making it easy for anyone across the province to attend. You **MUST** register in order to receive the Zoom access code.

Just go to the [Ontario Federation Website](#) Select the link at the top of the page to enter your information. You will get an Access link a few days prior to the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you

Dan Roy – President  
Ontario Square & Round Dance Federation