

BUGLE

Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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President's Message



Welcome to a brand-new season of dancing in SWOSDA. With the cooler autumn days, it is our time, the perfect time, to put on our dancing shoes, get active through music and friendship, and dive into Autumn. As the leaves change colour and begin to fall, our clubs are gearing up for New Beginnings.

SWOSDA continues bringing opportunities for squares, rounds, and lines, including supporting clubs in their steps toward offering others a new and “Ultimate Social Hobby” through dance.

Many of our clubs are focusing on building opportunities to give the beginner the means to step onto the dance floor, experience teamwork, laughter, and sharp thinking, too!

Do you remember your very first beginner dance lessons? What were your favourite memories that helped you fall in love with dance? Was it the friendly members of the club, the patient and fun dance leader, the music, the exhilaration of feeling confident and successful by winning as part of a team? Was it being able to laugh and have a break from the responsibilities left at home or work for even a short while?

We have had good reports of clubs bringing new folks into learning modern squares, rounds, or lines. Please share with us your ideas and successes, or challenges, which face your dance club this season. Let us learn from each other, meet the challenges head on, and make this a record-breaking season of friendship and fun. Behind every successful season is a team of people working together. We are grateful to our membership for their positive energy making SWOSDA Regional dance events possible.

There is nothing quite like social dance to shake off the autumn chill. We are grateful for the laughter in our dancing groups and the shared rhythm of music that connects us all.

Thank you for bringing your warm smiles and passion of dance to SWOSDA season after season. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Tom & Linda Charlton
SWOSDA President



Saturday September 26, 2026

**Hosted by ShadowLight Rounds
Cambridge, ON**

We started a new dance season with the September Round Dance Party; a bright day, and a great time for a leisurely drive to Cambridge. The King Street Baptist Church hall, with its lovely hardwood floors, was the destination.

It was a good dance with a total of 37 people attending. There were 10 dance clubs represented. Part way through the afternoon Andrea taught a phase 3 + 1 cha. A great way to shake off the cookies!

Participating in the afternoon program were Andrea Priest, Bob Beck, Gail Mottashed, Dan Weatherby, and Ed Dolson.



Delicious snacks with a variety of goodies were kindly provided by Jeff and Andrea's dancers.

Hope to see you at the October 24th SWOSDA dance at Brodhagen.



www.facebook.com/swosda

Teacher – How old is your father?

Kid – He is 6 years

Teacher – What? How is this possible?

Kid – He became a father when I was born.

(Logic! Children are quick and always speak their minds.)

Teacher: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

Harold: A teacher.

Your SWOSDA Executive – 2026-27

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A full list of the Executive, along with a summarized list of their duties
can also found on the SWOSDA Website

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

Representing SWOSDA on the Ontario Square & Round Dance Federation

Merv & Janice Reid

Doug Turvey

Gail Jeffrey

Help us keep our Dance Movement Strong & Growing!

Comments and Suggestions

are always Welcome.

Email: bugle@swosda.ca



SWOSDA'S EXECUTIVE NEWS – OCTOBER 2026

SWOSDA'S Square Dance Special

Saturday, October 24, 2026

An afternoon of Square Dancing
(Mainstream and Plus) with Rounds
Brodhagen Community Centre, 6708 Perth Line
44, West Perth, ON
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

\$8.00/person

Half price admission coupons are available for
any dancer attending a SWOSDA dance for the
first time.

Special thanks SWOSDA Square Dance Hosts
WHEEL 'N DEALERS, CLINTON

Ontario Square & Round Dance Federation Memberships

Please refer to the Membership Letter emailed to
all Club Contacts by the SWOSDA Secretary on
September 29, 2026.

Deadline: November 15, 2026

The first SWOSDA Executive Meeting of this new dance season is in Brodhagen,

same location as the dance,

October 24, 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Agenda

Reports & New Business Arising from Reports

Treasurer Financial Report

Memberships

Halls & Refreshments

Visitations

Publicity & Bugle Correspondent

Registrations & Door Receipts

Web/Bugle/Ontario Federation/Canadian
Society

Square & Round Dance Programming

Thank you!



Gratitude for the "Great White North"

By author Lee Straus

*At its core, Canadian Thanksgiving is a pause.
It's a long weekend that forces us to stop and
look around at the stunning beauty of our
autumn landscape and reflect on the blessings of
the year. It's a gratitude that feels deeply
connected to the land itself—for the harvest, for
the vast forests, and for the communities that
thrive here.*

*It's a holiday that embodies a quieter, more
reflective Canadian value: taking a moment to be
thankful for the peace, prosperity, and natural
beauty we are so fortunate to enjoy.
So, this October, as the leaves turn to fire and the
air grows crisp, know that across Canada,
families are gathering not just for a meal, but for
a moment of genuine, quiet gratitude. It may not
have the parades or the fanfare, but its warmth
and sincerity are every bit as meaningful.*

Happy Thanksgiving eh



Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc. OCTOBER 2026

2026-27 Executive

Tom Charlton.....President
Linda Charlton.....Past President
Paul & Mary Eisler.....Vice-President
Earl & Joan Jacques.....Registrations & Door Receipts
Don Procter, Anne Melady.....Halls & Refreshments

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Jeff & Andrea Priest.....Square & Round Dance Section Leader
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SWOSDA

Remember When...

Looking Back – 26/10 SWOSDA Historians

Outgoing Dorothy Dahm & Incoming Paul Knierim

My apologies for not making sure an introduction to Paul was included in last month's article. In his own words

Paul Knierim has been dancing for eight years with his family. Paul is a member of Royal City Squares in Guelph and enjoys going to weekend dances. This year Paul travelled with his wife Theresa, twin 21-year-old sons Mark and Wesley, in laws, sister-in-law and nieces to Peterborough's Spring Spree, Triangle Square's Fly In, Montreal Mix and two camporees in Blyth. Paul's other hobbies include: teaching skating lessons, leading 4-H, volunteering with the Fergus Agricultural Society, and camping and canoeing with the family. Paul's background is in information technology and he is excited to use this background to help the square dance community record their history for future generations."

I've often heard that if you want a job done well, you look for a busy individual. I think we've got it made. Since I had fallen in May and cracked a bone in my shoulder and messed up my right arm, my summer was very quiet. I agreed it would be okay for the SWOSDA items to be transferred in October and that I would write the Oct. article and assist Paul whenever he needed me.

I read as far back as 1976, jumping up 10 years each time to find info which you might find interesting in each October issue from the Bugles

1976 – October Bugle was produced by members of the executive and a help committee. The President announced in the Bugle that the prospective editors had informed him that a change of circumstances prevented them from accepting the position. He included that whoever volunteered would have very good equipment, **a new typewriter** and a **new gestetner** to work with. (*How times have changed!*) He added that if you did volunteer, "remember that you are the captain – whose crew will assemble at a phone call" I know that the Roy's and Cox's cooperated a lot on their terms as editors, so I am confident that if our current editor needed assistance, he would find volunteers quickly.

Jimmy Lee was guest caller at Woodstock Y Promenadors 20th Anniversary Dance.

1986 – This year editors are Jim and Eleanor Silcock. Presidents Jim & Lerine Gillespie message presented a good discussion answering the question which they were asked about coming out to the next SWOSDA. If you are interested in finding out their answer email me, familypatchwork.dd@gmail.com and I'll send a copy of their message to you. In her Flashback to 1973 Mary Steward mentioned that Canada had held its own **Canadian Round Dance Festival** in Toronto and the committee was already making plans for the second one to be in 1974. In a letter to the editor May & John Meijer thanked all the clubs and members who made it possible for the **Waterloo Wheeling Squares** to attend the Convention '86 in Calgary. They hoped to be able to go to Hamilton in '88. Callers of the Month were John and Peggy Wilson.

1996 - John and Irene Bullock were editors at this time. Three clubs were celebrating Anniversarie's - Byron Round-A-Bouts 20th, Shiloh Buckles and Bows, 30th, and Simcoe Star-A-Naders also 30th. A very informative full-page article explained, "**What is the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation all About?** One fact was that they were first Provincial Federation to establish a home page on the World Wide Web. You might be interested in checking out the updated model created by our own webmaster, Dan Roy. <https://squaredance.on.ca/> Advertising was also included for the 11th Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention being hosted in Ottawa in 1998.

2006- This issue of the Bugle was under the control of Lee & Sharon Cox and had shrunk to half-size. The ad for the 32nd **Annual Christmas Quackers dance** held in Arthur caught my eye and brought back memories of the last trip we had made. I drove the car of ladies, while my husband was driving the men. On Dec. 2, it's no surprise to run into a bit of snow. However, on the way home, we took a bit longer than usual because there was LOTs of snow. However, the dinner buffet and dancing led by Jim Lee and Tom Charlton had made it worth the effort.

I've run out of space and time. I'll leave it for a couple of hours and then proofread and hopefully find all the errors. Then I'll mail it to the new historian. He has the option of adding whatever I missed and then sending it off to the Bugle Editor a couple of days before the deadline (Oct 9) so that he can change what needs before adding it to the publication. I hope he adds a couple of paragraphs of his own before sending it on to the webmaster.

My wishes to you for a great season of dancing. I miss the contact with all my dancing friends so you may see me show up once in while just to visit and catch up on what is doing in the dance world.
Dorothy Dahm, familypatchwork.dd@gmail.com or 1-519-495-9776

As Dorothy passes the torch of Historian to me, I - and I think all of us - need to thank Dorothy for all her work in keeping our history alive. It is sometimes surprising how quickly we can forget the past. As we continue to make history, I ask that you help me to keep our history living by sending me pictures, interesting articles and newsletters from your club and your square dancing adventures.

Paul

Moments Remembered

(Check out the [Gallery](#) on the SWOSDA website for some memorable pics)

CLUB NEWS

Send Club News to bugle@swosda.ca

Centennial Beavers - London

East Lions Community Centre, 1731 Churchill St., London, ON. N5W 5P4
Friday's from 7- 9 pm

So nice to be back and dancing up a storm. Although we had a full square of people away, the two SQ that came to dance were awesome! They did not have a lot of breakdowns, and I noticed they were smiling and enjoying themselves; I think they were all happy to be back. I know some of them were surprised they didn't forget the moves. I hope that the people on holidays will be back and ready to dance.

October is always fun with our group. We have had our share of new, innovated or weird, in the past.



Last year our Halloween dance ended up in the parking lot. Remember the devil and the Nun, Karen & Christine came up to my car and we laughed like crazy people. They are the funniest pair, a true Thelma & Louise! They will be back from holidays next week. This year's Halloween Party is on Oct 30th, just a day before the big event. I always say costumes are optional, but here is hoping we get some really different outfits. I'll take pictures for you. Oh, and don't forget we always have a great grazing table. (Because we always have tons of food, we have decided to split the group in half.) For the Halloween Dance we are asking for A to M (first letter of your last name) Also, if your club doesn't do Halloween "big time", you are all invited to come out to do the "Mash" (monster mash) it's a graveyard smash!

[Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers](#)

Clinton Public School, 27 Percival St., Clinton, ON N0M 1L0
Wednesday's 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Presidents -Ian and Debbie Hulley 226-222-7972
Shared Callers - Neva and Duncan McVittie. 519-378-6645
Donna Fielder 519-955-0850

Dancing Dates - October 7th, 2026 - May 5, 2027.
New Time 7:00-9:00pm.

Note - Please Lug a mug

Clinton Wheel n Dealers will start a new dancing season on Wednesday, October 7, 2026. We will start at 7:00 and dance till 9:00 pm.

Group A are asked to bring a light lunch and Group B are asked to arrive a few minutes early to help set up chairs and stay after to help put them away.

We are so lucky to still have alternating callers Neva and Duncan McVittie and Donna Fielder. They provide our club with great dancing opportunities.

Clinton Wheel n Dealers will be hosting the October SWOSDA dance at the Brodhagen Hall on Saturday, October 24, 2027 from 1:00-5:00 pm.

We dance in a peanut free and fragrance-free facility.

Country Square – Rostock

Rostock Optimist Hall, Rostock, ON

Tuesday

The Rostock Country Square group are back at it again. We started back in September hoping we could get a few more dances in, in case we have bad weather later on in the season.

Lately we have been lucky to have hosted Doug Turvey as a guest caller. He did a great job calling..... thank you Doug.

On 27 October, we will be celebrating Halloween with yummy finger foods and a time to mix and mingle with fellow dancers.

October poem

A sudden chill is in the clear morning air,
As **amber autumn** dances everywhere.
The trees are dressed in brilliant gold,
A fiery crimson, brave and bold.
The pumpkins smile from porch and stair,
While cozy magic lingers in the air.
So hold this golden moment fast,
For sweet October cannot last.



Denim'N Lace - Flesherton

South-East Grey Support Services Pavilion, 774292 Hwy 10 North, Flesherton, ON N0C 1E0

Wednesday's 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Our special dance for October is on the 28th. Theme is Hallowe'en/Harvest.

Our dances start at 6:30 pm with the first 30 minutes an introduction to the new calls introduced (or moved) this year.

Dance fee is \$8 per person.

Several members have been absent due to medical issues but we have still consistently had 3 square or more of plus level dancers to keep Caller Jim Lee happy as we enjoy the evening.

David

Ps. Attached are some candid photos you are welcome to use.



Guys n' Dolls Square Dance Club – Kitchener

Forest Hill United Church, 121 Westmount Rd. E, Kitchener, ON N2M 4Y6

Every other Friday – check schedule

Jubilee Rounds – Virtual Dancing

Dancing on Zoom – Thursday from 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Greetings from Jubilee Rounds on Zoom

Happy Thanksgiving...

Jubilee Rounds started back on Zoom on September 17th and Dancing is back in full Swing!

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The social was really good too.



SWOSDA

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FLIRT

Jubilee Rounds on Zoom
~ Our program is Phase 2/3 with the occasional 4.
The time-frame is the same as previous 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](#)

*We still have a few more dance events planned for this fall!
PUT ALL THESE ON YOUR CALENDAR TODAY... DON'T MISS THEM!!*

Saturday November 14th

Annual “Falling Leaves” dance with Andrea and Dan Roy in Cambridge

[Flyer](#) - [Registration](#)

Saturday December 5th

Our Annual “Christmas Special” Round Dance in Cambridge, ON

[Flyer - Registration](#)

Want to learn Rumba and Phase 2 Waltz??? We have started a new In Person class Thursdays in Cambridge ~ 10:30am – 12:00pm every Thursday. Registration Required!

If you, or people you know, are interested in learning the Rumba and Waltz – this is for you!! If you wish to join us, please register on our website or feel free to contact us.

[Flyer – Registration](#)

Our sister club - “**ShadowLight Rounds**” is Phase 2 & 3 Dancing with Teaches and is on Thursday MORNINGS starting at 9:30am. 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](#)

Lambeth Public School, 6820 Duffield St., Lambeth (London), ON N6P 1A4

Dancing Wednesday evenings

Well, the new season has finally started and we are pulling through.

We are working on Waltz and 2-Step to start off. We have 4 couples in our beginners' group.

Stephen & Sharon are working very hard on a Bolero that Sharon will dance with her son at his fast-approaching wedding. They are both taking some private one on one practices with Ed, and the result has been amazing. Their determination has been so commendable.

We are also doing some good dancing later in the evening with our regulars.

Just to let you know so you put it in your calendar and save the date.....

Our Christmas Dance will be on Wed Dec 16th and we invite all Round Dancers to join us. Christmas is such a special time for friends to come together.

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Fall

Nancy Dolson



[Royal City Squares - Guelph](#)

Paisley Road Public School, 406 Paisley Road, Guelph, ON N1H 2R3

Season has started; Our Open House had some success. Eight dancers from last year returned and we now have at least 4 brand new dancers starting.



Please note: We are only dancing one night per week with alternate nights for Plus and A1
Also please note that entrance to the school is FRONT ENTRANCE ONLY

Our Schedule:

Tuesdays –September 22 – December 15, 2026

Paisley Road School Gym (FRONT ENTRANCE ONLY)

Plus: Second and Fourth Tuesdays (Sept 22, Oct 13, Oct 27, Nov. 10, Nov 24, Dec 8)

A1: First, Third, and Fifth Tuesdays (Sept 29, Oct 6, Oct 20, Nov 3, Nov 17, Dec 1, Dec 15)

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the

Joint T& D dance at Duff's Church at Duff's Church on **Saturday November 7**

[ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario](#)

South Western Ontario

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Upcoming events!

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PUT THESE ON YOUR CALENDAR TODAY... DON'T MISS THEM!!

Saturday October 31st The Halloween Howl... Squares with Rounds - an AFTERNOON Event ...

You will be home in time to see the ghosts and goblins...

Remember: this dance will be using the OLD Plus list so come out and have fun!

Squares with Rounds from 1:00pm – 3:30pm.

[Flyer – Registration](#)

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[Flyer - Registration](#)

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[Flyer - Registration](#)

Saturday January 2, 2027...

The Holiday Dazzle ~ A Square and Round Dance in Cambridge!

Rounds from 1:00pm - 1:30pm and FULL Mainstream Squares from 1:30pm – 3:30pm

[Flyer - Registration](#)

Regular weekly clubs include:

Squares

Daytime A-1 TEACH in Cambridge – Wednesday Afternoons 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Daytime A-2 dance / Review Cambridge: – Wednesday Afternoons 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Visit our website to register. [Flyer – Registration](#)

Rounds:

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[Flyer](#) – [Registration](#)

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[Flyer](#) – [Registration](#)

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

Royal City Squares: Is dancing the new program system on Tuesdays with Mainstream (NEW DANCERS) at 6:30pm – 8:00pm EVERY Week and PLUS on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 8:00pm – 9:30pm with A-1 on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays 8:00pm – 9:30pm at Paisley Rd School. FRONT ENTRANCE PLEASE!

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](#)

Malahide Community Place, 12105 Whittaker Rd., Springfield, ON

Dancing Thursday Evenings – check on-line schedule

Our first dance in the Springfield Community Place was well attended with three squares and a few extra. Tom was in fine form calling Plus and including some of the new moves.

It was a pleasure dancing with the Vice-presidents, Paul and Mary who travelled quite a distance to visit us. Looking forward to a great season,

the Merkleys

[Sound Steppers - Owen Sound](#)

Harmony Center, 940 4th Avenue East, Owen Sound, ON. N4K 2N7

Thursday 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Hello fellow dancers and friends...

So many things to enjoy in the fall. With the cooler temperatures, leaves changing to vibrant red, yellow, and orange colors, harvesting corn fields and soybeans, kids enjoying hay and straw mazes, changing sports seasons from baseball to hockey, scarecrow's, pumpkin patches, apple orchards, fall fairs, Halloween and haunted houses, trick or treating, planting spring bulbs, mums and asters blooming, watch geese flying south for the winter, harvest moons Thanksgiving, raking leaves, baking apple and pumpkin treats, getting in

firewood, canning vegetables, jams and jelly's and fruits, and Oktoberfest celebrations and festivals and the best one of all - Square Dancing.



Our club had a busy opening month. Our club was invited to do a demo at the International Plowing Match east of Walkerton and everyone had a great time showing the audience how much fun we have as a club. There were some visitors from the Clinton and Rostalk clubs to join in with us as we also invited some people from the audience to come up on stage and give it a try. They were very enthusiastic and lots of smiles and laughter.

Neva has been teaching us the new protocol calls, each week we learn a new step.

We have had visitors join us from Flesherton Denim & Lace and from the Guys and Dolls dancing club in Kitchener.

We dance every Thursday night from 7 to 9 p.m. at the lower level of the Harmony Center (sidewalk on south side of the building) at 890 4th Avenue East Owen Sound. Everyone welcome. Bring your friends and your neighbors.



Our next specialty night is Halloween on Thursday October 29th starting at 7pm so wear your favorite costume and come out and enjoy the fun and see what a great club we have.

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.

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.

Hope everyone is able to have a happy and safe Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Hope to see you all on the Dance Floor.

Linda Wedow

Bugle Rep

Strathroy Swinging Duos

St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 34 Head St. N., Strathroy, ON N7G 2G7

Tuesdays 7:00 – 9:30 pm

The Strathroy Swinging Duos began the 2026-2027 dance season on Tuesday, September 8th. We're slowly getting back into our routine, with smaller than usual crowds at the September dances. Those who attended enjoyed both Mainstream and Plus dances from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Caller Tom Charlton is also introducing us to the eight new Plus moves that are now part of the Plus Program list.

On October 13th, our introductory program begins at 7:00 pm for the first hour or so. All dancers are welcome to join in at 7:00 and dancing will extend to 9:30 pm for the duration of the program.

We hope that everybody now has the November 28th SWOSDA dance on their calendars. We are hosting it at the East Christian Reformed Church, 476 Metcalfe Street East in Strathroy. This will be a celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Strathroy Swinging Duos and we're looking forward to a big crowd!

Janneke Newitt
Strathroy Swinging Duos

Thames Valley Dance Club – Woodstock

Ingersoll Pipe Band Armoury & Hall, 108 Wonham St. S., Ingersoll, ON N5C 2Z3

Mondays 6:00 – 9:00

Welcome to fall! We are still enjoying some beautiful, sunny days, but the evenings cool down quickly and the sun sets earlier. The leaves have started sporting their colours and the farmers are in the fields harvesting their crops. It is a busy time of year with fall fairs, pumpkin patches and back to school.

On September 14th, our club did a dance demo at the Ingersoll Senior Centre's "Welcome Back" event. The event featured speakers, vendors, and demonstrations from several different groups. Those attending were also able to find out about some of the classes available at the Centre. Unfortunately, only a few people came to watch our demo, but it did get us warmed up for the start of our dance season.

We started our new season on Mon, Sept 14th, welcoming 6 new people who wanted to try square dancing, along with 3 squares of returning dancers. Ed and Doug are again sharing the microphone each evening, teaching everyone new moves and helping them become proficient with those moves already taught.

We have also had some folks interested in trying round dancing. Ed began his round dance teaches on Sept. 21st. This year, he is teaching the 2-step on Mondays from 6-7pm, just before square dancing.

Sept 28th was our first theme night: Sports! Many different sports and teams were represented, adding another element of fun to the evening. Thankfully no fights broke out, though there were some break downs in a square or two! 😊



We look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with family and/or friends and will take the night off to enjoy the holiday.

Hallowe'en is another highlight of October and we will celebrate it on the 26th. It always amazes me what people come up with for costumes!

In the meantime, enjoy every day. If you are ever free on a Monday night, we will be at the Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall, 108 Wonham St. S. from 6-7pm for rounds and 7-9pm for squares. Come and join us!

Lois Turvey

[The Towne Squares – Waterford](#)

76 Main Street South, Waterford, ON

[Waterdown Village Squares – Waterdown](#)

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

Tuesdays 5:45 – 9:30 pm

Our 2026-2027 Square dance season began on Tuesday September 15, Beginner, Mainstream and Plus levels. We had a great turnout at our **OPEN HOUSE** with 6 squares

Our **Class: Introduction to Round Dance** with Bob and Betty Beck was scheduled on Tuesdays at 5:45 – 6:45 pm. We have several new dancers this year.

This Fall Session has a lot of fun programming for our dancing pleasure.

October 27 we will host our **Halloween Dance**. Suggested attire is orange and black or if you dare wear a Halloween Costume. Dancers are asked to bring some Halloween treats. A prize is awarded for the best costume.

Waterdown Villages Squares invites
SWOSDA dancers to join us for our

Western Dance

On Saturday November 14, 2026

This is an afternoon dance 2:00 pm to
4:30 pm.

Western attire is suggested. Delicious
Ontario Fall Harvest treats provided.

For information Email:
waterdownvillagesquares@gmail.com

Submitted by Susan Roat
Publicity@waterdownvillagesquares.ca



Welcome you to our 3rd Annual

WESTERN SQUARE DANCE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2026

Mainstream and Plus - called by Jim Lee

2:00 to 4:30 pm

Cost: \$12:00 per person

Western attire suggested

Snacks and refreshments provided

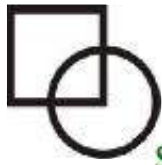
St. James United Church, 306 Parkside Drive, Waterdown

Optional Dinner to follow at near-by restaurant

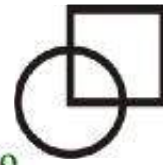


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SWOSDA



Square & Round Dancers Of South Western Ontario

MONTHLY SPECIAL IN BRODHAGEN

OCTOBER 24, 2026

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

Hosted by – Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers

Location - Brodhagen Community Centre

6708 Perth Line 44, West Perth, Ontario - N0K 1B0

In the village of Brodhagen



For further information or program details Please visit: www.swosda.ca

Or Contact:

Hosts: Club Contact – Ian & Debbie Hulley

e-mail: ianhulley157@gmail.com phone: 519-482-7972

SWOSDA Contact: Dan & Rhetha Roy - dan.roy1950@gmail.com

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Afternoon Program

1:00 – 1:30	Round Dance Party	Dan Roy
1:30 – 1:45	Mainstream	Donna Fielder – Co-Host
1:45 – 2:00	PLUS	Neva McVittie – Co-Host
2:00 – 2:05	1 Round	Ian Hulley
2:05 – 2:20	Mainstream	Doug Turvey
2:20 – 2:25	1 Round	Ian Hulley
2:25 – 2:40	Mainstream	Donna Fielder
2:40 – 2:55	** Workshop **	Neva McVittie
2:55 – 3:05	2 Rounds	Dan Roy
3:05 – 3:20	Mainstream	Doug Turvey
3:20 – 3:35	Mainstream	Doug Turvey
3:35 – 3:40	1 Round	Ed Dolson
3:40 – 3:55	PLUS	Ed Dolson
3:55 – 4:10	Mainstream	Ed Dolson
4:10 – 4:15	1 Round	Ian Hulley
4:15 – 4:30	Mainstream	Donna Fielder
4:30 – 4:45	Plus	Neva McVittie
4:45	Announcements	SWOSDA President
4:48 – 5:00	Mainstream	Neva and Donna – Co-Hosts

Thanks for joining us! Your support is appreciated!

See you in Strathroy - November 28, 2026....

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