

BUGLE

Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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President's Message



Hello fellow dancers,

How did October arrive so quickly? Even though Thanksgiving is not yet bringing us in-person dancing, it is bringing us a time to be thankful for our health, our homes, our family members and our friends! Hopefully, it will also be possible to share a special dinner with family. We hope to be celebrating with our daughter's family, as well as Merv's sister. In September, after almost 2 years, we were able to visit with our son and daughter-in-law from Vancouver. We even got a free golf lesson while our son was here! (Dan is a teaching golf pro).

We have again started Zoom dancing with Jeff and, in spite of being very rusty, we are having fun and taxing our brains! We are also challenging our mental health with trivia questions provided by Doug and Lois of Thames Valley Squares each month. We very much appreciate their hard work!

After volunteering at the Covid Clinic in the summer, Janice is now volunteering at the Port Stanley Festival Theatre. Merv is making a 5th attempt at redoing the front lawn, now that his shed is finished. A few fallen trees in the storms have also kept him busy!

Because there has been no need for an early SWOSDA executive meeting, there is no "Executive News" section in this Bugle. Our first SWOSDA executive meeting will likely be scheduled later this month. If you have any issues you would like to see addressed, please let us know at secretary@swosda.ca.

We are sure hoping to see you on the dance floor in the new year! Fingers and toes both crossed! In the meantime, stay active and well, and continue to keep in touch with your club members. Remember that a phone call or email can easily lift someone's spirits!

Merv and Janice Reid
SWOSDA president couple



SWOSDA

Remember When...

Looking Back 21-10-01 by Dorothy Dahm, SWOSDA Historian

Bugle. Oct. 2011

- This month I started looking back ten years at a time. Presidents Avril & Austin Hayward's message included some thoughts on club recruitment that caught my eye and my full agreement. "The best form of recruitment is personal contact. It all starts with you. A single person can infect many by expressing their passion to dance." All you have to do is see the Hayward's on the dance floor or participate in a conversation with them and you will admire how well they practise what they preach.
- Austin also reported on the Canadian Dance Assembly Convention which Avril and he representing SWOSDA, and Nick and I representing Ontario Federation, had attended in Toronto as advocates of social dancing. The hope was that with the collaboration of social and professional dancing the awareness of dance in Canada could be raised and Canada recognized as a Dance Nation. The Canada Council for the Arts was already in the process of National Dance Mapping in every town and city across Canada. *(An interactive map and website was developed and posted online in 2019 and promised to evolve. It was off to a good start but like everything else, covid has affected the progress.DD)*
- Tom and Linda Charlton, Nick and Dorothy Dahm, Les & Jean Pitt were honored with Trillium Awards in 2011. There are many other deserving folks in SWOSDA. Look around you and make sure that steps have been taken towards their nomination.
- Harold and Sylvia Stephens received a 50-year bar to attach to their membership badge. They had been active members of Beaux and Belles Square Dance Club for over 50 years.

Bugle – Oct. 2001

- The first SWOSDA round dance party of the year was held in London at Carling Heights Community Centre, hosted by Rhythm Rounds. Dan Roy reported everything was perfect, except possibly the attendance of only 18 couples, 5 of which were executives.
- The first SWOSDA dance of the season was advertised for Oct. 27 in Flesherton. The host club Denim'N Lace, provided a short history of their club. Inspired by the square dancing in the campgrounds, Roy & Lynn Cross in the fall of 1992 had encouraged about 4 squares to participate in a 10-week night dance course with caller/leader Jimmy Lee. This was so successful that the group continued. Wanting more experience, a budding square dance caller, Charlie McClure, assisted Jimmy Lee, alternating between tips and sharing responsibilities. By 1995 Charlie had his own clubs to look after and Jimmy became the sole caller. In 1999 round dancing was added, and they joined SWOSDA.
- Charlie had lots to keep himself busy. Besides Charlie and Betty being presidents in 2001 and being responsible for his own clubs, he was advertised as host caller for the Clinton SWOSDA Dance Nov. 17, the guest caller at the Snowflake Dance in Strathroy on Nov. 19, and on Oct. 19 at Simcoe Star-A-Naders.

Bugle - Oct. 1991

Presidents Pat & Ken Parrish reported on their recent experiences at the recent Plowing Match, described by many as the "Dust Match". Opening Day swept in with a cool north wind, each successive day seeming colder

and windier, with winter boots and attire being right in style. Despite the weather, George Watson was pleased with the program. The wooden stage was comfortable and the bleachers gave the audience a good view. George and Ken Brennan, Denny Howlett, Don Teskey did the calling with Elma Watson doing the rounds. They were well supported by dancers, and on the Fri evening George called for four sets of dancers representing several area clubs, some from as far away as Lyndsay.

- Thirty-five couples enjoyed the first Round Dance Gala of the season at Medway Community Centre on Sept. 28 with cuers Lois Wise, Peter Chandler and Jim Gillespie. The first SWOSDA dance of the season was to be hosted by Lads 'N Lassies at Laurentian Public School in Kitchener.

Bugle - Oct. 1981

-Peter and Sybil Chandler were the presidents and claimed their experience on SWOSDA executive was time well spent and thanks for the enjoyment they have received through their involvement with square and round dancing.

-First SWOSDA dance of the season was scheduled for Oct. 24 at John McGregor High School at Chatham hosted by the Hi Neighbour Square Dance Club. Scheduled leaders were George Watson, Dave Alway, George Clark, John Gray with squares, and Jean Clarke, Lois & Ed Wise, John & Peggy Wilson with rounds.



Still trying to fill in the gaps in the history account/ albums from 2005 to the present, I will appreciate any suggestions, notes or pictures for that period.

Familypatchwork.dd@gmail.com , 519-495-9776, are all ways to reach me.

I do have a small portable scanner if you have items you want to share but don't want to chance losing, we can plan to meet and scan them quickly onsite.

Looking forward to the time when we will be able to meet on or around an actual dance floor. DD

ONLINE DANCING

Caller – Dan Weatherby

If you are missing your dancing at your club, there is another option:

We are dancing online, calling to 2 couples, using the 30-call system.

If you are vaccinated and can get together with another couple, you can do that. If you don't feel comfortable doing that, try dancing with phantoms.

It takes more thought, but can be very rewarding.

Dan Weatherby is calling each Friday evening for 1 hour, 7-8 pm.

This begins again on October 22.

If you are interested in joining us, please email to

d.weatherby@hotmail.com

He will send you the link. It is done by GoToMeeting, similar to Zoom.

Payment is purely voluntary and can be done via e-transfer or Canada Post.



CLUB NEWS

Send Club News to bugle@swosda.ca

Centennial Beavers – London

Well friends, here we are in October and cannot really look forward to live dancing as of yet. This has been the craziest time of all time. I know some of you are really ready to dance. We have had a few calls to ask if there is any news now that we are all double vaccinated. We would love to tell you ...yeah, it's a go but the halls are being very cautious. The schools are saying that if we do get our spot, we will not be allowed to use any equipment because everything would have to be sanitized by the custodians. I sent a letter stating that we would bring our own lawn chairs and folding tables. They will look into that for us and see if it passes the committee. At this time, they are preparing for end of October for outside groups and possibly Mid November for inside classes. We will keep you in the loop. One known fact is, that no matter where we dance, everyone must show their vaccine proof and all must still mask. They have also said that there will be a questionnaire that will have to be filled out prior to attending each night, with the usual questions. Have you experience any flu like symptoms, have you been in contact with someone with Covid, have you been out of the country in the last 14 days....etc. etc. etc.

I know many of you are saying the same thing as we are, " well this looks like the new normal". These things need to be done for a while so that everyone feels safe and I for one, groaned and then said "You know what, I will do what I have to so everyone feels safe".

There are plenty of lessons we have learned over the last 2 years and one of those things is being thankful for our friends, being grateful to be able to dance, to be understanding of those who live in fear of the pandemic and to be happy to experience the anticipation of getting together again to dance.

So, this Thanksgiving we give thanks for all the small things in life, give thanks for those we miss so much and give thanks for the many caregivers, nurses and doctors that have given us probably 2 of the hardest years of being on the front lines helping those that had Covid and lastly give thanks that we are healthy enough to do these things.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!
God bless you and yours!
Ed and Nancy



It is with great sadness that we mention the passing of Mary Virginia (Ginny) Arthur on Sunday, on September 19, 2021 in her 81st year.

Ginny was a long time member of the Centennial Beavers. She will be greatly missed by all.

Never Forgotten

[Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers](#)

Presidents – Ray and Lois Scoins 519-527-2680

Caller – Dave and Blanche Paulen – 519-348-8335

We are enjoying the changing of the seasons, which would normally indicate the beginning of our dancing schedule. It looks like we will have the opportunity again this year to join others via Zoom to dance.

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hope we can meet again soon.

[Country Square - Rostock](#)

In August, Dave & Joanne Foster, members of Rostock Country Squares hosted an afternoon and evening get together. We had BBQ hot dogs, (supplied by Neva) sweet corn (supplied by Dave & Joanne) and a delicious potluck supper. After supper we all gathered around the “Sexy Tractor” for a picture. It was quite the conversation piece. Although there was no yellow rocking or square dancing, we all enjoyed each other’s fellowship with a potluck supper and then some visiting around a campfire. We were supplied with an afternoon and evening with some tunes, thanks to Duncan. A good time was had by all who attended.



[Denim'N Lace - Flesherton](#)

Our Club Executive is meeting on October 5 to discuss our current situation and options for the remainder of the 2021-2022 dance year.

We continue to communicate with South East Grey Support Services (SEGSS); our contract is in place for dancing in the Pavilion and the dancing floor has been refinished. However, like many other dance locations, approval has not been received by SEGSS for rental of the hall due to Covid-19 guidelines. It is now unlikely that we will be dancing this fall.

Some of our members have participated in virtual dancing with Caller Jeff Priest over the summer months and are continuing this fall.

Happy Thanksgiving to all; we have much to be thankful for in this great Country – CANADA!

Mel Chamberlain
Bugle Correspondent

[Huron Bruce Swingers - Lucknow](#)

BREAKING NEWS:

*Ronald McDonald just ran over the **Burger King** in front of **Popeyes**. Two witnesses, who only want to be identified as "**A**" and "**W**" said it was because that girl named **Wendy** was sleeping with **Tim Horton**? The wake is to be held tomorrow at **Harvey's**.
(unknown author)*

It is hoped you got a chuckle out of this "breaking news"! These days we all have to smile and chuckle a little as we all go through the steps to get this Covid pandemic over with. At this time of writing, things are not comfortable enough to be getting back to square dancing. But under precautions, one is able to visit some eating establishments or at least get "take out". In this area, community organizations have been having "drive by" pick up meals for fund raising - you just have to order a ticket as numbers are limited. And the word is, they have been sold out - good community support.

The Huron Bruce Swingers are hoping to gather for a "social time" in October, but a location to be able to social distance could be a challenge. Autumn has arrived and outdoor meetings may be "chilly"? Meanwhile, with the falling leaves, we can all dance like "Snoopy" is with a falling leaf!

Communications with the club is by "word of mouth". Someone talks or sees someone and then talks or sees someone else and news gets around. Some internet communication also occurs. Thus, we will send out "get better soon" wishes to one member, Rosemay Benninger, who had an unfortunate "tumble" and is now recovering from some broken shoulder/arm bones. She would be a "one winged" dancer at present.

So be patient everyone, better days are ahead.
Socially distancing "yellow rocks" to all,

Sharon McDonald,
Bugle Correspondent



[Huron Happy Hearts - Clinton](#)

The Fall has arrived, but the weather is still seems like summer; that sure is great! All is quiet with the Happy Hearts. There has been a bit of chatter about what to do with the club. We will either have a group discussion or conduct a short survey as to where we go from here. Although some want to keep dancing, cost may be prohibitive in the future. We are still evaluating options.

We keep hoping for the best, with a wait and see for a final result.

The Bugle Guy

[Jubilee Rounds - St. Jacobs](#)

Fall has arrived...what beautiful weather we are having. We hope you enjoy the sun and warmth.

With Covid numbers still high, we are quite happy to be Zoom Dancing. We hope you will take the opportunity, as so many have, to join us for Round Dancing in the comfort of your own home. We see visitors from several parts of the country and the USA.

Our Fall program is Thursday evenings: 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

This season we will be featuring a dance teach once a month on select Thursdays starting at 6:00pm – 6:45pm

We will advertise these teach dates on our website and send out a mass email to all those registered with our Jubilee Rounds program.

Our 2-Day Phase 3 JIVE BLAST!! Friday September 24th & Saturday September 25th was a great success!! We had more than a dozen couples join us on Zoom for 6 1/2 hours of teaching and dancing over two days. Andrea put together a great program that introduced all the Phase 3 Jive figures during this Blast and the attendees were provided with a recording of all three sessions so they could review and practice on their own time in order to be able to continue enjoying the rhythm at home.

Virtual Round Dance Special:

On Sunday November 7th we will be hosting our annual Gala By The Grand Round Dance special. Again this year this event will be virtual. Andrea Priest and Dan Roy will keep you dancing for the afternoon with a variety of great music and rhythms to keep your dancing feet moving around the comfort of your own space. You can [register](#) on our website.

We see this version of Jubilee Rounds continuing even after Covid-19, as we find it a lot of fun and very convenient for dancers to attend. No need to fight traffic or spend time driving back and forth. We will still have some kind of physical club but most likely only once a month. So join us now and plan for the future!

We don't publish our codes; they are sent only to those who REGISTER. Please visit our website: www.shadowlightdance.com select "Contact us" select the appropriate option and complete the form.

In the meantime – Stay safe & healthy....

For info: Andrea or Jeff at: 1-519-752-2172 or andrea@jeffreypriest.com
Check out our website and sign up for Virtual Dancing: www.jeffreypriest.com
Happy Dancing,
Jeff Priest

Rhythm Rounds - London

Hello Dancers

We are getting closer to our start date and so looking forward to seeing you all again.

Stay tuned for information on start up.

Nancy and I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving. We hope that you will be able to see and share the day with your family.

Virtual Hugs from
Ed and Nancy



Royal City Squares - Guelph

We continue to watch and wait until we can safely return to in-person dancing in Guelph.

In the meantime, we know that some RC Club dancers gathered in (fully vaccinated) foursomes for Jeff Priest's Summer Dance by Definition classes, which are always fun and challenging and guaranteed to make everyone a better square dancer. He and Andrea have rolled out their fall online fall dance programs. They're set up for one to four dancers in your own space. And like in-person dancing, they offer great learning, good exercise and that special social component as we head into another fall and winter of covid uncertainty. Even if you choose not to join in on the dancing, you'll find the dance refresher and social component offer a lively

boost.

To register for any of Jeff and Andrea's online Square and Round dance programs, see shadowlightdance.com.

30 - call Program (Intro / Basic), Wednesday evenings, 7 pm
Mainstream, Wednesday evenings, 8:05 pm
Plus, Tuesday evenings, 7 pm
A2, Wednesday afternoons, 1 pm
Rounds, Thursday evenings, 7 pm

If you're a Round dancer, keep in mind this year's planned online event, Gala by the Grand, on Sunday, November 7th.

Caller Joe Uebelacker is offering weekly Plus dances and is workshopping calls beginning this Monday, September 13 at 7 pm EDT. To obtain login information contact Joe: cchsoap@yahoo.ca. Some of you will know Joe from Triangle Squares or Lift Lock | Otonabee Squares.

We continue to stay connected with the Upper Grand District School Board with respect to space rental and classes at Paisley Road School gym, and with our regional and provincial associations so that we're ready to return to dancing when we can.

When we can't dance, we socialize with dancers. That's Terri and Niall from Triangle Squares with Judy and Rick from RC Squares at the Boathouse last month. While no dancing was involved, there was a lot of talk of dancing!



[ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario](#)

Fall has officially arrived!! Soon Hallowe'en will be here.....

We have been enjoying some great virtual dancing and socializing with folks from all over. We are able to see folks each week that we would not be able to see in our regular weekly club due to where they live and where we dance. Zoom has been great to allow dancers to join in from all over the world, literally!

We are always happy to welcome new members to our virtual groups so don't be shy, come and join us!

Here is the listing of our Fall Sessions!

Most sessions are 60 minutes. All our Square Dance Programs are 2 couple choreography for 1 – 4 people and set in Eastern Time.

Tuesday Evenings: Full Plus dancing – 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday Afternoons: A2 dancing – 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Wednesday Evenings: 30 Call Relaxed dancing 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday Evenings: Full Mainstream dancing 8:05pm – 8:45pm

Thursday Evenings: 7:00pm 8:00pm – Phase 2/3 Rounds with the occasional Phase 4

Thursday Evenings: Once a month – a Round Dance Teach from 6:00pm – 6:45pm. Posted on our website and E-mail members.

If you wish to join our Fall programs, visit www.shadowlightdance.com Register!

***Remember you can turn off your video (or point your camera to the ceiling) if you don't want people to watch you dance. Also it is totally acceptable to join in just to watch or listen to the calls and music! Your choice! Stay connected to your dancing friends and socialize with Zoom!

ShadowLight will be hosting a Virtual Round Dance Special with Andrea Priest and Dan Roy on Sunday November 7th. See Jubilee Rounds for details or visit our website.

We have found that Zoom dancing is so much fun and convenient and social. We have decided Zoom dancing will continue for the foreseeable future and even after the regular dance floors have opened again. It certainly will be a great way to cover snow nights. Why not join us now and plan for the future!

We look forward to seeing you soon as you "Zoom into Dancing"!

Stay Healthy and Safe!

Happy Dancing and More – Much More!

Andrea & Jeff Priest

ShadowLight Dance Club

Check out our website to sign up for Virtual Dancing - www.shadowlightdance.com

[Sound Steppers - Owen Sound](#)

Hello fellow dancers and friends. Hope you are all well and staying safe.

Times and seasons are changing again heading into fall and winter months and so is the weather. We have been having some really nice warm fall days and cool evenings so far. The golden yellows, vibrant oranges and copper reds and brown leaves are changing and looking so nice.

As a club, we had a get together in the park, nice to see each other and get caught up in person on what has been happening in our personal lives.

Our venue for our club has not opened for services and we are unsure when it will be for us or any other activity, and also the protocols we will be facing.



We hope everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Take care of each and stay safe, until we are able to meet on the dance floor.

Bugle Rep
Linda Wedow

Strathroy Swinging Duo's

We officially welcomed fall on a cold, windy, and rainy day. We hope everyone got through the storm without property damage. Strathroy was spared from strong, damaging winds, but we had heavy rain and flooding.

After 19 months away from dancing, we question how many from our club will physically be able to return to square dancing. Keith and Dorothy Wilton are unable to return as Keith is now residing at Strathmere Lodge. They have been members of our club for 29 years and have worked diligently to establish the Swinging Duos club. Dorothy had approached us three times to come join the club, before we finally agreed to come. We can't thank Keith and Dorothy enough for getting us involved in square dancing. Keith and Dorothy have received the Trillium Merit Award in 2007 and served on the SWOSDA executive and the 2008 Convention Committee. They will be greatly missed by everyone in our club.

Yvonne Chong took a tumble off her horse a few weeks ago and suffered some serious bruising. We pray for healing for her.

By the time the October Bugle is released it will be Thanksgiving weekend. May we reflect and give thanks for all the blessings we have received.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving,

Jake and Jean Hamstra

Square dancing is not a hobby it's a LIFESTYLE



I would like to thank all those who continue to provide content for the monthly Bugle. I know it's not easy to put words to paper, when there is no dancing, and so little going on. We are all patiently waiting for Covid to become more manageable, so we can get back to the activity we so love.

Since you are not dancing, you must be doing something else! Let's hear about it. Surely you are not just sitting around watching TV. Even if you are..... what new programs have caught your fancy? Inquiring minds want to know!

Send me a note, no matter how short. A non-event to you might be a new revelation to someone else.

Looking forward to you response.

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