

BUGLE

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President's Message



Hello again fellow dancers,

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We were finally able to enjoy our first extended family dinner since last Thanksgiving. It has been a long haul and we are keeping our fingers and toes crossed that our current pandemic stability will continue and improve.

As with most of our dance community, we are looking forward to the time we can get back to in-person dancing. Some of our clubs have indicated that they are planning to start up again in November, while others are targeting January for start up. Halls of all kinds are becoming more available for rental in several areas. The government, however, classifies square/round dances under “spaces that provide dance facilities”, which means that capacity is limited to 25% of the fire rated hall capacity, at least until November 15th.

SWOSDA regional dances are still some time away, but several clubs have asked about COVID Safety Plans, which are currently required by the government of facility renters. Accordingly, in this Bugle you will find a current COVID Safety Plan for SWOSDA dances, which clubs may wish to use in developing their own plans. Dancers will have different comfort levels with respect to returning to in-person dancing, but having a safety plan that meets or exceeds government requirements will help them in making that decision.

On another note, we would like to thank Steven Kilbridge and Laura Chernak for stepping into the roles of Treasurer and Secretary of SWOSDA. Both are proving to be great additions to our team --- this issue's Executive News is courtesy of Laura.

Stay safe and well. We are looking forward to once again seeing everyone in a square!

Janice and Merv Reid
SWOSDA President Couple

SWOSDA Executive News November 2021

In-Person Dancing Coming Soon...

At the October 23rd SWOSDA Executive meeting there were reports that some local clubs will be resuming square and round dancing soon! If you're double vaccinated, you may soon be lacing up your dancing shoes. There are no regional SWOSDA dances on the calendar yet but stay tuned- The SWOSDA executive will be making a decision about the date for the first SWOSDA dance at their next meeting.

SWOSDA Dances Covid Safety Plan

The Executive has been working on a document which will support the eventual safe return to regional SWOSDA dances. The Safety Plan will meet or exceed government regulations and will be revised in response to changes in the evolving pandemic situation. Heads up: be prepared to show proof of vaccination through 2022. Let's keep each other safe.

Local clubs may wish to use *The SWOSDA Dances Covid Safety Plan* as a guide to develop their own Covid Safety Plan which will be a legal requirement for hall renters.

QR Codes and Ontario Verify

To download or print your proof of vaccination with the QR code, you can go to:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/get-proof/>

If you want to make up a wallet-sized proof of vaccination card, ask for help at your local library. Many branches are offering this service.

Clubs can use *Ontario Verify* to scan QR codes to verify the proof of vaccination of participants. You can find it in your phone's App Store. You'll recognize the icon as the Ontario Government trillium. Scan and go.

Caller/Cuer Licenses

Callers and Cuers will already be aware of some of the confusion and inconsistencies surrounding issues of licensing for dance events. The two agencies, *SOCAN* and *Resound* are now

incorporated into a single entity, *Entandem*. The Canadian Square and Round Dance Society has put together a project team to negotiate a new agreement regarding licensing fees paid by cuers and callers. Just another example of the benefits of SWOSDA's participation in The Society.

Changes to Awards

At the recent Executive Meeting, the members agreed to make changes concerning both the SWOSDA Merit award and The Trillium Award. Going forward, the Merit Award may be conferred on a candidate with ten years of exceptional service to a club in place of the original criterion of having served for fifteen years. The deadline for nominations for Trillium Awards has been moved forward to February 15th, replacing the January 15th deadline. Check the SWOSDA website for the nomination forms and, if you know of someone who should be recognized, nominate them today.

Club Contacts

Club contacts are more important than ever as local clubs and SWOSDA prepare to return to in-person dancing. There will be a two-way line of communication between SWOSDA and clubs as we feel our way forward together into post-lockdown territory. Club contacts are the linchpin in the operation. Keep in touch and share your club's news by contacting:

secretary@swosda.ca & bugle@swosda.ca.

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<http://squaredancenb.ca/convention-2022>





SWOSDA

Remember When...

Looking Back 2021-11 by Dorothy Dahm, SWOSDA Historian

How fortunate that on this rainy day I can sit in a cozy corner reading about SWOSDA events in the November Bugles in preparation for the Looking Back article in the upcoming Bugle. I'm quite enjoying being reminded of great times square dancing and looking forward to reconnecting face to face with the many friends we made through square dancing. During our time on SWOSDA executive Nick and I visited nearly every one of the SWOSDA clubs of the time and rarely missed a SWOSDA dance.

2011-11 Bugle

- In the Presidents' message, the Hayward's reminded us that it is our job to encourage newcomers to come out to SWOSDA functions and experience the spirit of dance and fellowship found there. Reminding them that first time SWOSDA dancers can get in for half price by presenting the coupon retrieved from their caller of club leader is an important part of our task.

-The report of the first SWOSDA dance of the season hosted by Huron Bruce Swingers included an answer to the query, "Have you ever wondered how Lucknow got its name?" Because of its strong Scottish heritage, it is named after a battle in the Indian Rebellion of 1857 fought in Delhi, India. Others may be aware that one of Lucknow's famous residents is Paul Henderson, who restored our pride in Canadian hockey by scoring the winning goal against USSR in 1972. If you are advertising an important event, it's a good idea to share some facts about your club or community to your prospective dancers.

2001-11 Bugle

-Presidents Charlie & Betty McClure reported that a fresh overnight snowfall had greeted the dancers on the morning of the first monthly SWOSDA dance hosted this time by the Flesherton club.

-Historians of the time, Geoff & Rosemarie Edwards flashed back to Nov. 1987 and revisited plans for the '88 convention. Past Presidents Bob & Ruth Pereira had obtained Ontario & Canada flags which had originally flown over the Peace Tower and also the Ontario Legislature. Their size was 7.5' x 15'. WOW!

- Wheel'n'Dealers welcomed the Greenwoods back from their trip to the Orient. They had left Toronto on the 9th, refueling at Anchorage that night. They were in the air and crossing the International Date Line and completely missed the 11th. They had been the last to leave Anchorage before all planes were grounded.

1991-11 Bugle

-At Callers Clinic Les Greenwood gave a report on the Callers School, which he and Ken Brennan had conducted during the summer. Those who attended expressed their appreciation but I'm sorry to say I haven't found any more details.

- I'm repeating this reprint from MSDCS Times I (Sept) – The Joys of Aging. "I have become quite a frivolous old gal. I'm seeing five gentlemen every day. As soon as I awake, Will Power helps me out of bed. When he leaves I go see John. Then Charley Horse comes along and when he is here he takes a lot of my attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't stay in one place but takes me from joint to joint. After a busy day I'm ready to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a day!" (*I can surely relate to that! DD*)

1981-11 Bugle

-New Bugle Editors George and Betty Brown introduced themselves and reminded us the readers of the importance of input by the dancers. The advice is still good today. Submit your club news, comments and articles by the deadline or your Bugle cannot continue.

-“Too many people confine their exercise to jumping at conclusions, running up bills, stretching the truth, bending over backwards, lying down on their friends, sidestepping responsibilities and pushing their luck.”
(I'm always impressed at the multitude of fill-ins in times where the fill-ins had to be hand-typed not just copied and pasted.DD)

1971-11 Bugle

-Did you ever try to square dance with a paper bag mask on? On their Halloween Dance the Ausable Flairs and Squares, along with their visitors from Exeter Promenaders discovered what you can do and what happens. This was just one of the games that the group enjoyed.

-On Nov. 2nd the Ausable club visited Shiloh Buckles and Bows at Petrolia to rescue their banner. The word had passed that they had tried to wash the banner and unfortunately it had shrunk. The first thing that met their eyes as they walked onto the dance floor was their banner -sure enough shrunk to 8"x12". After Denny Howlett worked them through all sorts of interesting maneuvers, they were presented with a suitcase to take home. Out of it came their original banner in A-1 shape.

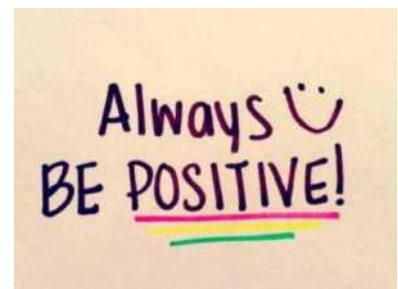
-In my reading this month I found an account describing the recovery of Awaywego's mascot which had much travelled from club to club but had been lost for a time. He is now residing in my house since he was passed to me along with some other archival materials. I also read another piece that told how Snoopy's Dog House left their club to go home with the dancer who had travelled the farthest to their dance. This is the beginning of a collection of bits describing club mascots or gimmicks used to encourage cross - visiting between clubs. Please drop me a line about something that could be included in this. Pictures are also welcomed.

I'm glad to report that once I got past the hot humid weather and a change in meds the pain has receded. When I behave myself things look positive. I'll be curious whether I will be able to dance when we finally get back in action.

Take care. This will end sometime soon, I hope.
Dorothy Dahm, SWOSDA Historian.



Well our government guidelines are changing and things seem to be relaxing a bit. The covid numbers are down and the vaccines are up. Maybe there is light at the end of the tunnel.



The T & D Association is holding it's first dance on Saturday November 6 in Peterborough. It's a joint T&D dance with Lift Lock Squares. Another sign of good things to come in the near future.



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FEATURE

Giving Thanks

O.K., so it's November, but allow me if you will, to express my thoughts on October just past; more specifically, Thanksgiving.

Avril and I were invited to the home of close dancing friends for Thanksgiving. As we sat down at the table, I became entranced by the wonders of the moment, the magic that has placed us there. After all, this was a time to give thanks and my mind raced through the multitude of circumstances that enhanced our lives and brought us to this moment.

To have such an awesome meal as was laid out before us, to have made so many wonderful friends through dancing, to have such a wonderful wife for sharing my life with me, our health, our children, and our Grand children. Need I go on? ... So much to be thankful for.

Are we just lucky? Does one really believe the realities of good luck or bad luck? It is said that luck is circumstance brought about by success or failure, more apparently brought about by chance rather than one's actions.

The simple answer is that we are blessed.

We must try to focus our attention on the simple things in life that surround us everyday. Stress can physically and mentally destroy you. Sweating the small stuff, worrying, complaining, gossiping, comparing, coveting, wishing, wanting, and waiting for something bigger and better can all divert your attention from what is important in your life. Practicing gratitude and making gratefulness a habit can be attained in many ways.

Life is short. Live your life, leave no regrets and most importantly, give thanks.

Know that it isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart. Sometimes it's tough to find the time to express the appreciation for all our blessings. We are busy and we find ourselves fused to our everyday routines which may become overwhelming. Add the stress caused by Covid-19 and at times, it is seemingly too much.

Find a few quiet moments away from the chaos to reflect on the many things that you have in your life to be grateful for.

Trusting everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends like we did. We are indeed blessed.

Austin Hayward (Thames Valley Dance Club)



A senior is sitting at a bar when a young woman walks in and sits down a few seats over. The senior man gets up, shuffles over to her, leans in, and asks, "So... do I come here often?"

SWOSDA Dances Covid Safety Plan November 1, 2021

Communication of Current Plan

- (a) to be posted to SWOSDA web site, with a link from SWOSDA dance posters
- (b) to be posted at dance entrance and in the hall
- (c) updated versions to be sent to club contacts

Screening:

- (a) Proof of full vaccination (receipt or passport) and government photo ID **(at least through 2022)***
- (b) Current Ontario screening questions (posted at entry)
- (c) Suitable, properly worn mask

Controlling the risk of transmission at dances:

- (a) Administrative Controls:
 - (i) Ensure current government hall capacity limits are adhered to (currently 25%; potentially increased to 100% Nov. 15, 2021)
 - (ii) Participants to sanitize hands at check in table before checking in and paying, and after (Provide sanitizer station(s))
 - (iii) Keep a list of all present with contact numbers (for at least one month)
 - (iv) Ensure current government social distancing and **separation requirements are met, except when dancing** (currently 2m between individuals not from the same household)
 - (v) **No refreshments will be provided and dancers are to bring their own hydrating fluids**
 - (vi) Dancers are recommended to keep the same seating throughout the dance
 - (vii) **Proper face coverings to be worn at all times (including when dancing)** except while drinking
 - (viii) **Hands to be sanitized immediately prior to and after each tip (No Gloves).** Provide ready access to sanitizer stations.
 - (ix) **Callers/Cuers to be on same level and 2m or > away from dancers;** to use their own microphones & cords (**no sharing of microphones**); to sanitize hands at start and end of each set; to sanitize any shared plugs, amp knobs, record player arms, etc. between users; **to remove masks only while calling/cueing sets or announcing.**
 - (x) Frequently clean any surfaces subject to frequent touching such as the check-in table
- (b) Engineering Controls
 - (i) Maximize hall ventilation, but **avoid cross drafts**
 - (ii) If ceiling fans are used, they should rotate clockwise to provide an updraft.
 - (iii) Minimize surfaces needing to be touched (e.g. prop doors open wherever possible)

In case of a potential or suspected exposure to COVID 19 at a dance event:

- (a) Contact the event hall's local health unit for directions

Review and revision of the plan:

- (a) SWOSDA executive will review each dance event for opportunities to improve the plan
- (b) SWOSDA executive will regularly monitor government health directives and guidelines and update the plan to ensure that **it meets or exceeds government requirements.**

*This date exceeds the current March government date for potential removal of vaccination requirements for the following reasons: dancing is a COVID high risk activity; most of our dancers are seniors and thereby at greater risk of serious complications from COVID; unvaccinated individuals have a greater risk of contracting COVID and pose a greater viral transmission risk for break-through infections among the vaccinated.



Canadian Square and Round Dance Society

Zoom - AGM Meeting – All are Welcome

The Canadian Society will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday November 21, 2021 at 3 pm est (Toronto Time). As Canadian dancers you are all members of the Society, and so are welcomed to attend this afternoon Zoom Session.

General discussions take place on various subjects, all pertaining to dancing across the country.

- Are clubs starting up
- What are other provinces doing pertaining to covid
- Status of Convention 2022
- And so much more

To attend, request your Zoom Invitation by sending an email to AGM@csrds.ca



CLUB NEWS

Send Club News to bugle@swosda.ca

Centennial Beavers - London

With Halloween & Thanksgiving over and done with, we all know what's going on next. Yes, Christmas is just around the corner.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news but we only have 7 weeks to get all that stuff done that we didn't have to do last year or the year before because we were all quarantined and everyone stayed home. We didn't even put up the tree. We have a huge wreath full of presents, lights and various baubles so that was the extent of our Christmas Spirit. Now, don't judge, it took 3 minutes to put it up and 7 minutes to re-bag it and put it back in the basement. We did not shop for gifts, just sent the kids money. We did not do up a turkey for 2, we had snacks from M&Ms. You know what, we didn't mind at all. We watched the kids from Scotland on facetime at 330 in the morning (because it was 830 their time) and watched the magic flow from our grandsons. No one knew we had our pajamas on under our Christmas sweaters. Back to bed at 430/5am to get up again at 830am Barrie time. With our Christmas sweaters and our coffee, we watched the joy of our granddaughter.

That's what it's all about eh, the family, the kids joy, no stress about cooking, no stress about presents and most of all being with your partner, friend or loved one.

I hope that we learned what is really important, after our long and lonely pandemic. How bad did you want a hug? Remember how sad it was to say or hear "we can't come for Christmas".



I hope your Christmas is full of "Safe Hugs" and lots of love!

Ed and Nancy Dolson

[Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers](#)

Presidents – Ray and Lois Scoins 519-527-2680

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

We hope everyone enjoyed a Happy Thanksgiving. Our days are getting shorter and cooler.

Debbie Hulley was happy to celebrate her 65th birthday with some family and friends.

Many of the virtual dances have started for the season. We are all encouraged to check them out.

If any of our members have any news to share please contact us.

[Denim'N Lace - Flesherton](#)

Our Club Executive met on October 5th and mapped out plans for the remainder of the 2021-2022 dance year. Our Caller Jim Lee had an operation in early October, is making good recovery, but will not be able to lift anything for at least two months. This coupled with the continuing Covid-19 restrictions on our hall rental, we don't expect to return to dancing until January 2022; target date for our first dance is January 12, 2022. Dance location is the same as in previous years - South East Grey Support Services (SEGSS) Pavilion, Flesherton on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.. Vaccine requirements of SEGSS and the Club is two doses of Covid-19 vaccine.

President Bruce Saunders having completed his three-year term, announced his resignation. Vice-President Shirley Chamberlain will fill the President's role until an Annual Meeting can be held.

We celebrated Halloween, the Boyce's and Chamberlain's dressed up, participated in virtual dancing with Caller Jeff Priest on October 27th; the picture below was taken on our neighbour's front lawn. We all had a good time; the neighbour's Halloween display placed second in the Grey Highland's Chamber of Commerce contest. And the Chamberlain's had 54 Halloween callers on Halloween night.

Preliminary plans are to participate in Santa Claus parades in Markdale on November 27 and Holstein December 11.



We're ready for winter, the lawnmower is put away and the snowblower is tuned up.

Mel and Shirley Chamberlain
Bugle Correspondents

[Huron Bruce Swingers - Lucknow](#)

November. The month of November brings the thought of Remembrance Day - November 11th. How much of an impact does this day have on the younger people of today? For many of today's square dancers, the day

has significance, for grandfathers, fathers, brothers, other family members, or maybe even current square dancers, were involved with those times of World War I and II, the Korean War. Yes, there are still wars being fought today, but unless the event "hits home", are you paying attention to it?

Here is a poem written by Elizabeth Collier, a grade 6 student at Howick Public School and selected by the Howick Legion, to go onto the next level and placing second for all of Ontario. (Sorry, I did not record the year as this is from a number of years ago.)

Always Remember:

LEST WE FORGET

<p><i>We are told to always remember, never forget Those who fought without regret. Soldiers from Canada, strong and brave, Some who rest in fields of unmarked graves.</i></p> <p><i>But they haven't left without a trace, Because the poppies take their place. On the battlefields and on our chests, Reminding us to never forget.</i></p> <p><i>Right now when I go out the door, And look at our beautiful region, Protected by all the souls that went to war, To be remembered forever more</i></p>	<p><i>But now it all means so much more, When I imagine all those soldiers Walking bravely out to war.</i></p> <p><i>All the poppies of red Have become the Soldiers' bed As they Rest in Peace.</i></p> <p><i>Our hearts may drag But there's still our flag To remind us of what we lost And be thankful for what we gained.</i></p>
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The health precautions are being lifted, but square dancing is not happening - yet!. Huron-Bruce Swingers did have a "social distancing" gathering on October 13th in Elsie and Gerald Schuler's shed. Thanks to them for hosting the gathering. We did some trivial games and visited. Great to see everyone! Since no dancing is occurring, it was decided to have another "social" gathering in January, provided we can find a location. Meanwhile, by email and "word of mouth" we keep in touch. So remember to wear your poppy, visit a cenotaph, privately if no public service, (or watch on TV, computer) and stay safe.



Social distancing "yellow rocks".
Sharon McDonald
Bugle correspondent

[Huron Happy Hearts - Clinton](#)

It's harvest time, and all around Clinton roads are busy with farming equipment. Fall is upon us with rain and cooler weather. The Happy Hearts are keeping warm huddled by the home fires (so to speak), and staying safe. Conversations continue over the phone, and so we know all are well.

Hoping everyone is staying safe!

The Bugle Guy

Jubilee Rounds - St. Jacobs

Greetings from Jubilee Rounds on Zoom:

It looks like Winter is on the way... Remember the clocks go back at @ 2:00am November 7th.

Although Covid numbers are declining, we are quite happy to be Zoom Dancing. Many of our facilities are not willing to allow dancing in the halls just yet. 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 Hallowe'en party was a fun night of spooky music and some neat decorations and costumes. Many of our dancers dressed up for the occasion even though they never left their homes. It was a fun time.



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

Our featured “once a month” teaches have been well supported. These teaches are announced on our mailer the week they happen. On these selected Thursdays we start at 6:00pm. Our regular program runs as usual at 7:00pm. If you want to know about these teaches, please sign up for our weekly mailer on our website.

Virtual Round Dance Special: (Remember the time change!)

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 be providing an afternoon of great music and rhythms to keep your dancing feet moving around in 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

Ed has been dancing with Mary Hinkle on Wednesday nights and trying to get back in shape. We danced a couple of times with Andrea Priest and just loved it. We have seen quite a few of you there getting all limbered up and ready for our return. We are still hoping for January and will keep you all in the loop.

Ed says

he hopes everyone doesn't think that we will be going back to our same routines...awwhh NO! We will be starting off easy rounds until we get our stamina and endurance back. It will take a bit, but we are not rushing through the season just to jam it all full of stuff we struggled with.

I haven't heard back from the school but they have updated our contract. I believe we will have Jan 19 as our first night if everything stays safe. We will have to be double vaccinated and have to do our best at distancing. We still haven't heard if we will have to bring a lawn chair (due to sanitizing) but as soon as we know, you will know. We are all looking forward to getting back to dance, but it must be safe for all.

Andrea and Dan are hosting the "Gala" on the Grand on Nov 7th from 1PM to 330PM. It will give you all a chance to dance once more before Christmas. Ed is encouraging all of the Rhythm Rounds to attend. **YOU MUST REGISTER**, so please check out the [flyer](#) on the website for ShadowLight Enterprises. Don't miss your chance to dance. We will see you there!

Ed and Nancy

[Royal City Squares - Guelph](#)

Still no word from the Upper Grand District School Board regarding rental at the Paisley Road Gym. So, we continue to watch and wait.

In the background worker bees Yvonne Paterson and Judy Greenhill have been busy sorting the many boxes of square dance clothes and accessories held in storage by various Club members and brought out when we've had annual clothing sales. A big job, they've sorted, donated many items and sold a few. The more streamlined inventory will be kept for future sales, hotly anticipated in the past especially by new dancers looking to build their wardrobe. Hats off to these dedicated volunteers!

As another covid winter approaches, we are seeing a few more dancers participating in [Jeff's online Zoom dancing](#) (Plus on Tuesday evenings and 30-call Basic | Mainstream on Wednesday evenings). These are easy to do for singles or couples at home, so we're encouraging dancers to get involved as we enter our second winter of covid. Some (fully vaccinated) dancers are now gathering in foursomes, which are perfect for Jeff's 2-couple dancing format. Yvonne Paterson and Judy Greenhill are graciously hosting weekly foursomes two nights per week. Often there are extra dancers willing to join in, so we're now actively seeking others in Guelph willing to host and invite other dancers to fill a foursome.

Dances have started and we're so excited! [Triangle Squares](#) hosted a Halloween dance on Oct. 30th, with Barry Clasper calling. Limited enrollment, all dancers required to show proof of vaccination, and everyone fully masked, it was still a lot of fun for the at-capacity crowd. Dancers from Royal City, Willow Weavers, Arrowhead Squares and the Olde Tyme association were represented, in addition to the awesome dancers of Triangle Squares. We know that some Club dancers are heading to Peterborough this month for a joint dance hosted by [T&D](#) and Lift Lock Squares, with covid restrictions in place, Barry Clasper and Dave Hutchinson calling.



The Olde Tyme Square Dance Callers Association's AGM will be held online this month. No doubt there will be a lot of discussion about how and when to return to dancing.

[ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario](#)

Brrrr..... Winter is on the way... Remember the clocks go back at 2:00am November 7th.

In these unusual days of Covid we are so happy to be able to continue with some form of dancing. Many folks are comfortable getting together with another couple or two in their home and doing some virtual dancing, allowing them to stay in touch with the calls and the people. The socializing is fun and it is very interesting to see how many calls can be done with just two couples or less....

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. We get to see folks from around 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

[Sound Steppers - Owen Sound](#)

Hello fellow dancers and friends. Hope everyone is staying healthy and safe.

The vibrant fall colours and temperatures are around us and filling the air.

The club has been quiet and just doing our own things and coping with the changing of the seasons with farming or family living, preparing for dare I say "winter" weather and settling into different activities to get us through the winter. A lot of us have been enjoying zoom dancing with Jeff and Andrea and Trivia nights with Doug and Lois. Everyone welcome.

We always had fun decorating for Halloween in the church/hall and baking the halloween treats to share with friends at our dances. Then there was always the question, "which outfit do we wear"? Halloween was much more on the "normal" side this year compared to last as far as handing out candy and treats to the kids of the neighbourhood. It was quite comical to see some of the new costumes for this year; they sure have some vivid imaginations for the ideas.



With the pandemic restrictions being lifted slowly, we are heading in the right direction, with any luck at all, to being able to do in-person dancing in the New Year. Time will tell.

Remembrance Day is on the horizon; we are looking forward to our yearly Remembrance day ceremonies at our local cenotaphs and remember those who gave it all for us and our freedoms. Lest We Forget.

Take care of each other and keep in touch with those that are by themselves and may need a helping hand or just someone to chat with.

Hope to see you all on the dance floor in the coming months.
Linda Wedow
Bugle Rep

[Strathroy Swinging Duo's](#)

What a warm/wet fall we are having! The farmers must be finding it challenging to harvest their crops after all the rain we had.

Here in Strathroy we are impatiently waiting for the day we can resume dancing. Our executive will meet in the near future as to how we can move forward and when we can safely begin to dance again.

We are sorry to hear that Micky Angel will no longer be able to dance due to chronic shoulder pain. We are going to miss her on the executive and on the dance floor.

At this time of the year clubs are generally reporting on their Halloween dances. Going through the archives we have noticed that our club had quite a "blast in the past" at our Halloween dances. Pictured are the costumes from our 2003 dance. Can you recognize any of them? We found another photo of this lovely lady and a monster man, taken in 2005.

Aging gracefully is like the nice way of saying you're slowly looking worse.

I grew a beard thinking it would say "Distinguished Gentleman."
Instead, turns out it says, "Senior Discount, Please!"



*Back row – Annie & Bernie Geerts/Dan Joynt/Dorothy Ferguson/Floyd Denning/Jim Ferguson
Front Row – Bonnie Joynt/Muriel Morrison//Ruth Denning/Ian Morrison*

Till next time, Yellow Rock!
Jake and Jean Hamstra

[Thames Valley Dance Club - Woodstock](#)

With sadness, we say good-bye to our fellow dancer and trivia player, Marillian MacDougall. Marillian passed away on Oct 14. She had been a member of our club for several years, and joined the Round Dance circle as well, in the last couple of years. She was willing to help where help was needed – on the dance floor, in the kitchen, and behind the scenes with advertising. She was also a regular attendee of our monthly Trivia Nights, even though she often had issues getting connected on zoom, or being heard and/or seen. She was a lady of faith, with an optimistic outlook and a funny sense of humour. We will miss her online, and on the dance floor.



Our club continues to meet on the last Monday of the month for a fun Trivia Night. On Oct 25, our theme was Halloween. Many of our members came in costume – witches, clowns, Mennonites, pirates, and even a star! (Literally a star, not a celebrity!) Thanks to everyone who donned costumes of various sorts, hats or headgear, it all adds to the fun! After much discussion of witches, pirates, costumes, etc the “Prize of Unbelievable Value” was awarded to Arie and Sylvia Markvoort. This month’s prize was a variety pack of butter tarts picked up at the Paris Butter Tart Festival. If you would like to join our trivia nights, the next one is scheduled for Mon. Nov 29, starting at 7pm. Just send a quick email to Doug and Lois at zoringtowncrier@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome!

After a beautiful Thanksgiving weekend, it seems Mother Nature is preparing us for the inevitable cold winter season. Maybe we will be able to warm our hearts come January by dancing in-person. Our club executive will hold a meeting after our next trivia night to make a decision on that.

We wish you well this month. Remember those who fought for our freedoms and lost their lives. Remember those who fought for our freedoms and came back home, changed forever. Remember our freedoms, and don’t take anything for granted.

Until next month,
Lois Turvey



What are your clubs doing? We want to know!

A Grow Your Club committee has had regular meetings to discuss how best SWOSDA can assist clubs with their 'Return to Dancing'

The committee is comprised of SWOSDA representatives. One of these people will soon be contacting your club Contact in order to gather information.

Information we will be asking...

CONTACT PERSON

Do we have the right Club Contact person? Sometimes contacts change and we are not notified. Check the website to see if your contact person is listed correctly. Send updates as required.

MEMBERS

How many members did your club have? Have you contacted them to see if they intend to return to the club. How many members do you expect to have once your club opens again?

WHEN

Do you have an expected startup date? Has there been any discussion at a club level?

CLUB GROWTH

It is assumed that most clubs will startup again with their previous members (minus a few). Once a comfort level has been established, we assume you will want to try to grow your club.

Would you like assistance from the committee as we put together an advertising Campaign to help you achieve your goal.

DANCE FACILITIES

Due to Covid, many facilities are still not open. Have you made contact with your previous dance facility? Will the facility be made available to you? Are you aware of any restrictions? Has the fee structure changed?

OTHER

Any other comments or concerns you or your club may have, would also be greatly appreciated. You know the old saying – you can't fix it, if you don't know it's broken

MESSAGE TO CLUB CONTACTS

With the above topics in mind, speak to your club members so you can pass along their concerns. Look for a phone call near the end of November



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FEEL A GOOD STORY - A Man and a Fork

There was a young man has been diagnosed with a terminal illness and has been given three months to live.

So, as he was getting his things 'in order,' he contacted his priest and had him come to his house to discuss certain aspects of his final wishes.

He told him which songs he wanted sung at the service, what scriptures he would like to read, and what outfit he wanted to be buried in.

Everything was in order and the priest was preparing to leave when the young man suddenly remembered something very important to him.

There's one more thing,' he said excitedly.

'What's that?' came the priest's reply.

This is very important,' the young man continued.

'I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.'

The priest stood looking at the young man, not knowing quite what to say.

That surprises you, doesn't it?' the young man asked.

Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request,' said the priest.

The young man explained. 'My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement.

In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, "Keep your fork."

It was my favourite part because I knew that something better was coming ... like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!"

I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork? I want you to tell them: keep your fork ... the best is yet to come.'

The priest's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young man good-bye.

He knew this would be one of the last times he would see him before his death.

But he also knew that the young man had a better grasp of heaven than he did.

He had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice his age, with twice as much experience and knowledge.

He KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young man's casket and they saw the suit he was wearing and the fork placed in his right hand.

Over and over, the priest heard the question, 'What's with the fork?'

And over and over he smiled.

During his eulogy, the priest told the people of the conversation he had with the young man shortly before he died.

He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to him.

He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right....

So, the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come.

Friends are a very rare **jewel**, indeed.

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