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President's Message

*A long time ago, in
a galaxy far, far
away... Turmoil
has engulfed the
Association. The
future of dancing is
in dispute. While
the EOSARDA
Board debates this
alarming chain of
events the
President has
secretly dispatched
two dancers to
settle the conflict ...*

Whoops - wrong story line!

I'm supposed to be writing about Square and Round Dancing not a small group of people trying to shake things up and start something new and exciting

mmmm maybe I've got it right after all.

Away, back in the spring of 2011, Wendy VanderMeulen told me that Seaway Valley had hired Nasser Shukayr, a highly-regarded Square Dance Caller from Florida, for the 2012 edition of the annual Mothers Day Dance. Since that dance is traditionally a Basic/Mainstream event, while he was in Canada Wendy proposed bringing Nasser to Ottawa for a Plus dance.

It seemed to me to be a shame to bring Nasser, a Caller to whom Pearl and I had previously danced, all this way and not make better use of his talents. So I suggested to Wendy that since Nassar would be here over for several days, we should consider expanding his Mother Day Dance contract to a weekend event.

Shortly thereafter I found myself meeting with Wendy and Teresa MacInnis to discuss my idea. Several meetings later, the idea had grown into a full blown concept. An Organizing Committee of interested volunteers was formed and we began

serious planning for what was to become the very first Swing into Spring dance weekend - a weekend that turned out to be a roaring success.

With the exception of 2014, when the Swing into Spring Organizing Committee opted to forego the event in favour of the Canadian Square and Round Dance Convention (aka Festival 2014) planned for Ottawa that summer, Swing into Spring has become a major annual Eastern Ontario dance event. It has consistently featured highly regarded Callers and Cuers who have provided exciting and enjoyable dancing for everyone from first year dancers to grizzled veterans of the dance wars.

Swing into Spring has grown and prospered under the capable leadership of its Organizing Committee, and has evolved into a World Class dance event that attracts dancers from Montreal, the United States, Central Ontario, the GTA and points beyond.

Held annually in the beautiful Seaway Valley town of Prescott, less than an hours drive from the Nation's Capital, in approximately the geographical centre of our dance region, it, coupled with the annual Mothers Day Dance, provides a weekend of fun, friendship and high quality Square and Round Dancing complete with a complimentary lunch on Saturday and a brunch on Sunday for those who register in advance for the full weekend.

Not only is Swing into Spring a dance success story, it is also a major booster of Prescott's economy. Not only do dancers fill the local restaurants and bars, but many dancers stay in the local hotels and B&B's which are consistently sold out on dance weekend. For those who cannot get a room in Prescott itself, Brockville's hotels are only a short drive away. Others choose to camp on site, while others commute from home on a daily basis.

But there is one enduring mystery about Swing into Spring...

It draws dancers from near and far and has a well-earned international reputation, but it consistently fails to attract a significant percentage of our own dancers, particularly those from the National Capital Region and particularly Square Dancers.

Think about it:

- we have dancers who regularly drive over an hour each way to dance at their clubs
- we have dancers who fly to distant cities to dance to a particular Caller
- we have dancers who regularly attend National Conventions in both the US and Canada
- we have dancers who drive to Vermont twice a year just to dance
- we have dancers who are constantly looking for ways to enhance their dancing experience

But:

- when we offer a World Class Dance Event in their own backyard at a reasonable price, a majority of our dancers fail to support it

- when a group of local volunteers works extremely hard to put bring us World Class Callers and Cuers such as Johnny Preston, Jeff Priest and Jerry and Bonnie Callen, most of our dancers stay away
- when we offer a weekend of dancing that allows dancers the flexibility of registering for all or any part of the weekend, they don't attend
- when we offer dancing at every level from Basic through Advanced and Phase II through Phase V, the majority of our dancers fail to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to improve and enhance their dancing experience

Frankly I don't get it.

Pearl and I have attended (and worked at) every Swing into Spring since the event began, and we have consistently had a wonderful time, as have many of our dancing friends. We look forward eagerly to our annual weekend in Prescott and make sure to register early and to do all that we can to support the event because we know that we will have a good time both on and off the dance floor.

What about you? Are you going to support Swing into Spring this year? I hope so. We cannot continue to offer this kind of dancing experience without your full support.

So come to Prescott this spring and experience the thrill of Swing into Spring - A World Class Dance Event

Dave Western, President, EOSARDA

Precision Dancing #10

By Paul Adams

The last column looked at Circulates from most of the standard positions: Couples Circulate; Named Dancers Circulate; Single-File Circulate (as in a column); and All 8 Circulate.

Think for a moment about Single-File Circulate and Single-File Promenade, and you'll see that Single-File Promenade is really just a Single-File Circulate, as long as the dancers move one or more positions around the set. In other words, the call All Face Right and Single-File Circulate 4 Positions would have the dancers end up in the same spot as the call All Face Right and Single-File Promenade Halfway.

The fifth standard position, Split/Box Circulate, is a bit more complicated: the dancers "divide the formation in half" and circulate only within their own half. In the diagram below, dancers 1, 2, 3, and 4 start out in one column, while dancers 8, 7, 6, and 5 start out in the other. All the dancers are facing clockwise, and the Circulating path has a clockwise rotation.

Positions before	Positions after
Split Circulate	Split Circulate
1 2 3 4	8 1 6 3
8 7 6 5	7 2 5 4

When Split Circulate is called, the dancers draw their imaginary line between dancers 2 and 3 and between dancers 7 and 6 (as in "Positions before Split Circulate" above) and then circulate only within their own half. With their imaginary centre line in place, all dancers then circulate one spot: dancer 1 moves straight forward one position into dancer 2's spot; dancer 2 flips over to the adjacent column into dancer 7's spot; dancer 7 moves straight forward into dancer 8's spot; and dancer 8 flips over to the adjacent column into dancer 1's spot.

The same thing is happening in the other half of the columns, and all dancers in both halves are moving at the same time, making this a single, smooth, flowing action.

The next diagram shows Parallel Right-Hand Ocean Waves, which gives a clockwise rotation to the Split Circulating path on each side of the imaginary centre line.

(Don't confuse this with an All 8 Circulating path, where the outside or end dancers in the wave move on a clockwise rotating path, while the centre dancers move on a counter-clockwise rotating path.)

Positions before	Positions after
Split Circulate	Split Circulate
4 5	3 4
3 6	6 5
—	—
2 7	1 2
1 8	8 7

In the example above, dancers 4, 5, 3, and 6 are on one half of the Split Circulate formation, while dancers 2, 7, 1, and 8 are on the other half.

While Columns and Ocean Waves are the two most common starting formations for Split Circulate calls, the CALLERLAB definition tells us that Circulates can also be called from lines, which I'll look at in the next issue.

While Box Circulate is part of the Split Circulate definition, it refers only to the "box" of four dancers in the centre of a formation. This diagram shows a right-hand, clockwise-rotating column with dancers 2, 3, 7, and 6 in the centre box, so only they can Box Circulate:

Positions before	Positions after
Box Circulate	Box Circulate
1 2 3 4	1 7 2 4
8 7 6 5	8 6 3 5

All these examples could also be called from left-hand formations, which would make their rotation counter-clockwise. And after Basic and Mainstream, the other programs expand the use of these calls and add clarifying names, such as Cross-Over, Ping Pong, or Trade Circulate.

Learn more from the CALLERLAB definitions and your home club caller. Thanks for taking the time to read this article, and enjoy the dancing!

Caller's Corner

Information for all dancers!

Email caller.geoff@gmail.com



January 2017

By Geoff Clarke



Hard to believe that half of the dance season is already over and as I write this column, it's almost the eve of the great HALFWAY DANCE! Named because the timing is 'halfway' through the dance year, it is also a celebration of the 'coming out' of our newest square dancers - those folks that joined us last September! Wow, have they learned a lot of dancing in those few months and are 'eager' to meet other new dancers and get a real 'sense' of what this great activity is all about. Yes, it's the "fun and friendship" that truly makes this activity unique! Don't you agree?

For myself and Teena, as dancers, this is our 24th year and although we haven't made all of the Halfway dances, we've probably made 20+ and they've all been great events. Mississippi Squares really know how to 'put on a show' and now I'm privileged to be one of the Callers that entertain you for the evening. It's SO GREAT to see the newest dancers there and we, the Callers certainly appreciate you 'experienced' folks dancing with them and helping them to succeed. THANK YOU for doing that and please don't stop supporting them (psst... Frosty Fling is next!)

If you have any questions or comments you can send them directly to me, by email at askthecaller@gmail.com

Have a great dance season!
Geoff

OUCH!

Last month, I provided a few "do & don't". In particular there was one that I'd like to talk about a bit more - that was - **DO NOT pull, push, shove ANY dancer into position, let them 'figure it out' for themselves!**

Generally any 'list' of do/don't is a collection of things that DANCERS have complained about, sometimes many times over, with the fervent 'hope' that all dancers will 'take note' and thus make this activity the FUN that it should be. Yes, these are usually DANCER 'complaints', not CALLER complaints, edicts, or teachings etc.

However from a Caller's perspective, and my personal observations from 'behind the mike,' there is one thing in particular that disturbs me greatly, and thus the reason for the heading above.... "**Ouch**"

I invite comments from both Dancers & Callers out there on the following comments -

BE A CONSIDERATE DANCER - an 'ANGEL' not a devil!! - There is **no acceptable excuse** for (rough) handling of fellow dancers...period!

I know you think you're trying to help, BUT..... **grabbing** people to put them in the correct position is **unacceptable** and it's a very unusual dancer who likes to be pushed around! If a dancer appears not to know where he or she should be going, then you can help them best by pointing them to the correct position or whisper in their ear (e.g. NO grabbing, pushing, pulling or yelling at them!).

And, so what if they don't get there & if the square breaks down, then have a laugh about it!

Remember that the next mistake may be **your own**, so do NOT be critical of others. This can ruin everyone's fun and we ALL make mistakes... right? *And certainly, if the same dancer keeps making the same mistake(s) then obviously 'that' dancer needs more help, so then you talk to your Caller!!*

In all honesty, no one steps into a square to make a fool of themselves, so figure that mistakes really are just that – mistakes – and not intentional attempts to break down a square.

And yes, I DO know of dancers that have quit dancing because of being "handled" by another dancer!

To you experienced dancers out there - do you remember your first dance and how scared you were in making a mistake & then perhaps someone would yell at you? Allow others the space to make the same kind of goofs you did. Not every square has to be step-for-step perfect to be fun!

And yes, I do understand the "temptation" to "help" and I recognize that we all have a role to play in ensuring that all are dancing at a level that they can handle, are successful and enjoying themselves. After all that is why we dance in the first place to have a good time. But being shoved around is never fun, so do your part to make sure this doesn't happen! Please!

Remember to SMILE



Don't forget to check our website!

There's a lot of information on the EOSARDA Website: <http://EoDance.ca>

The front page shows upcoming events; below it is a link to show a month by month calendar of special events.

Looking for the flyer for an event? Most of the events listed on the calendar have a link to their flyer.

Looking for information on a club? Or to find where to dance on a specific night? All the Square, Round and Line dance clubs in the area are listed along with their contact information, where and when they meet and so on.

There's information on EOSARDA itself, on dancing, and of course now the online edition of Square Time!

CSRDS Canadian Square and Round Dancing Society

The Canadian Square and Round Dancing Society is the umbrella organization for the Square and Round dancing federations of Canada. It is the body that provides the club insurance and organizes a national convention every two years (in London in 2018). The CSRDS Marketing Committee is actively developing online resources for clubs to use to promote our activity.

Pinterest

The first such resource is an extensive, user-friendly Pinterest page. Pinterest is a way of sharing information using the metaphor of boards and pins. You would need to become a member of Pinterest in order to see the CSRDS page. Becoming a member is easy: go to www.pinterest.com and set up an account. This is free. Once you have your account in Pinterest, link to the CSRDS board: <https://www.pinterest.com/canadiansquarea/>. Now you are ready to go.

The CSRDS page is made up of 28 boards with over 1,673 pins and counting! The boards consist of dance images, articles, videos, promotional material and general dance information. The content is continually being upgraded and added to. Anyone can access these boards and use them for their own clubs promotion.

Looking for a good video to promote square dancing? There are 37 of the very best. There is no need to spend hours looking on Youtube. Looking for some good images for your publicity and ads? There are 112+ pins to inspire you. There is a board on square dance promotion that groups the best posters and ideas. Want more on the health benefits of dance? Check out the "Dance Research" board. The committee's objective is for the Pinterest Page to be a One Stop Shop with lots of practical information - all gathered in one place!

How it works

A pin is usually a picture that links to a page on the web. These pins are grouped into boards, so the effect is like a bulletin board with pictures on it. For example, if you see an image you would like to use on a poster, click on it, click "copy image" and "paste" it on your poster.

Current List of Boards and Number of Pins

Round Dancing (63)
Press: Square Dancing (50)
Callers and Music (25)
Contra Dance (103)
Dancing: Children and Teens (43)
New Dancers starting out (8)
Dance Research (85)
International Square Dancing (24)
Dancing with the Handicapped (19)
Traditional Square Dance (83)
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Rainbow Dancing (14)
Advanced Square Dancing (5)
Square Dance Memes (268)
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Nostalgia (198)
Square Dance Imagery (112)
Quirky Square Dance (21)
Great Websites (8)
Promotional Video (37)
History of Square Dance (95)
Dance Motivation Memes (137)
Promotion (77)
Newsletters (10)
20th National Convention (7)
Dance Weekends (2)

CSRDS continued

Facebook

The second initiative is a CSRDS Facebook page that has as its objective linking square dancers across the country and to provide a portrayal of our favourite activity to anyone who might be interested. As a first step, we would invite everyone to “like” the CSRDS Facebook page, and to make sure that your club executive is receiving its content. By pressing the “Like” button on the page, you will allow the CSRDS postings to appear in your news feed. This will enable square dancers across the country to share good ideas, make content, and even to set up discussions in the comments sections of the posts. You can find the CSRDS Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/CSRDS.ca>

As a second step, we invite clubs to cross post photos and videos of your events. Cross posting means that you would post it to the club Facebook page first, and

then post the link to the CSRDS page. This will build traffic to your Facebook page, and allow people to follow you by liking your page. In this way any national promotion of the CSRDS Facebook page would have an impact locally by directing people to your page. The Facebook page is interactive, and needs people to participate in generating its content for it to work the way it is intended.

If you have content you would like added to Pinterest, or to the CSRDS Facebook page, please email Rachelle at csrds.qc@gmail.com or Claudia at claudia.littlefair@gmail.com. We welcome your feedback and reactions.

Peter Grondin & Rachelle Cournoyer
Quebec Reps to CSRDS; 514-631-3679

EOSARDA Bulletins replace EOSARDA Broadcast Messages

You may have noticed there is a recent change in the format of messages sent from EOSARDA. They used to have a subject beginning “EOSARDA Broadcast”, and were originally sent from squaretimeeditor@gmail.com though you probably got them from your club contact who forwarded it you. The new system is called EOSARDA Bulletins and messages originate from the address bulletins@eodance.ca.

The other change is the way requests are made to send these messages. The same address mentioned above, bulletins@eodance.ca, is used [typically by a club representative] to request a bulletin be sent out. *Do not use the SquareTimeEditor@gmail.com for such requests*; that account is now solely for Square Time related matters.

Messages to be sent out must be “ready to go” without requiring any further formatting or reworking. These messages may include pictures and pdf files. Do not include files that require special software to read them, such as .doc files.

You can subscribe directly to get them!

If you are not getting these messages forwarded by your club representative you can complain to him or her of course, or you can subscribe directly by simply sending a message to that same email address, bulletins@eodance.ca, and ask to be put on the list. You can easily unsubscribe: each message has a link at the bottom to do so, or again you can send mail to that same address and ask to be removed.

Bay Waves

The Bay Waves Masquerade Ball for 2017 held Friday, January 6th was a night to remember and a great way to start the new year. It was a special treat to have Bob Summers in attendance to join Richard in handling the calling for this event. Needless to say, they really kept us hopping.

Speaking of calling, it has been wonderful having Richard as our caller over the past few months. He's done a terrific job and will be greatly missed by everyone in the Bay Waves. Apparently, British Columbia has been calling to him for some time now and, unfortunately for us, its attraction can no longer be ignored. We wish him well in his trip "out west" while, somewhat contradictorily, are still keeping our fingers crossed that there's a chance he may find his way back to us eventually.

Still a bit more on the topic of calling – our intrepid former Bay Waves president, Ron Gardner, has been bravely venturing into the world of calling over the past few weeks. His first steps down that road have been a delightful blend of novelty and discovery for both Ron and the rest of us Bay Wavers. Well done Ron!

So that about wraps up things for this issue. Please come out and join us! Our regular Friday evening gatherings feature dancing from 7:30 to 10:00. Afterward, we open the bar and sit down to enjoy snacks and a beverage. If you'd like further info about anything Bay Waves related, please contact our President, Susan Harford (613-832-4388 or via Bay.Waves@live.ca).

Charles Henderson



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Capital Carousels



At our party December 9th, all our members arrived bearing samples of their favourite recipes. We spent the evening dancing to many winter and Christmas songs cued by Donna Stewart before adjourning to tables lavishly

laden with potluck delicacies. As there was a request to share with everyone any unusual, nostalgic, or sentimental memories of childhoods or Decembers past, one dancer, whose father was a sea captain, told us about his childhood in a colony (like a military base) on Aruba. During World War II, the colony and local refinery operated under complete blackout, but after the war the Cat Cracker was lit up each year. At 244 feet (about 23 stories), with a rotating 10 foot star on top and decorated like a Christmas tree with several hundred coloured bulbs, it was billed at the time as the tallest largest Christmas tree in the world and was visible 20 miles out to sea. After the war, each year the J. A. Mowinckel ship discharged almost 1000 Canadian-grown Christmas trees just in time for the holidays. He still remembers with fondness the pine-woods smell and the tree sprigs in everyone's buttonhole.

A Jewish member told about playing with a dreidel (a spinning pointed four-sided top toy with a letter on each side) during the Festival of Lights. The letters stand for the phrase a Great Miracle Happened There. He explained Chanukah: The Seleucids who then ruled the Holy Land tried to force the people of Israel to accept Greek culture and beliefs. However, Judah the

Maccabee led a small band to defeat one of the mightiest armies on earth, drove them from the land, and rededicated the temple. Finding only a single cruse of uncontaminated olive oil, they lit the Menorah (seven-branched candelabrum) with that one-day supply, which miraculously lasted for eight days until new oil could be prepared under conditions of ritual purity.

We sang several carols, including the twelve days of Christmas, with appropriately timed animal calls. Then those of us who never seem to get enough dancing (moi aussi) finished off the evening with more of our favourites. Finally, we wished each other and indirectly, you and yours, a Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! After this brief repose, we are looking forward to our upcoming Valentine and Saint Patrick's Day dance parties.

Our web site lists what will be cued this coming week, so please contact us if you have considered visiting us to share smiles and dances in a welcoming atmosphere.

For information about our club, visit <http://learnngcreations.ca/CapitalCarousels/> or our facebook page.

Linda Shannon



More pictures on next page...

Charmin' Promenaders

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Seaway Seniors Centre

Knox St. Paul Church, 800 Twelfth St., E., Cornwall,
ON

Wednesdays (Please check our schedule)

Plus, 7:00-9:00 PM

Our new Plus dancers are coming along nicely and by the time you read this, they'll have learned all the Plus calls, many of them from several different positions. We'll keep working at them all, and with less teaching and more Just Dancing for this second half of the dance season, we'll be able to relax a little more.

Just before Christmas, we were happy to put on a demo at a local seniors' home, where the mother of two of our dancers is in residence. Other than the first dance, where another of the residents seemed to

want to be the centre of attention and worked her way into the centre of the square, the dancing went off without a hitch. It's always a pleasure to entertain those who are restricted in their abilities to dance and get out and about. Of course, we don't do this to recruit the residents (I've heard of some clubs/callers – not locally – who don't do these kinds of events because they know the people there can't dance anyway) but I feel that we have a responsibility to those who are less fortunate than we are. They enjoy it and there are often some who will mention afterwards that it brings back such wonderful memories for them. We should all be willing and HAPPY to do this kind of event.

Well, there are plenty of open dances coming up. We look forward to seeing you at many of them!

Wendy VanderMeulen

Capital Carousels continued...



Grenville Gremlins

The Gremlins had an especially great recruiting year; we are so pleased to welcome 14 new dancers this year, and 2 returning couples. See the attached photo showing the new members accepting their club badges.

The Gremlins were pleased to be able to donate a further \$250 to the Kemptville District hospital. This brought our donation this year to \$500. Ms. Margaret Norenberg the vice chair of the KDH foundation was on hand to accept the check from club president Tom Mesman.

We also hosted a silent auction which attracted many participants and netted \$300 for the club coffers. A great big thank you to all the club members who donated the many items for sale (including some super pies and pastries).



New members accepting their club badges

The New Years dance was again a success despite the inclement weather which prevented some of the ticket holders from attending. It featured as usual great square dancing thanks to our caller Geoff Clarke. A good time was had by all and the evening concluded by our usual copious buffet.



All the Gremlins (nearly) presenting KDH vice chair Margaret Norenberg with donation

We also plan to charter a bus to take members to the Halfway dance and most of our new members will be attending.

All in all we are off to one of our best seasons ever.

Jacques Phaneuf

Harbour Lites

Happy New Year to everyone and now that the Christmas season is over it's time to get your dancing shoes out again and back to dancing.

We are a little late starting, as our first dance of the New Year had to be cancelled due to weather conditions. However, we are hoping that we don't have any more interruptions for the rest of the winter.

In November The Swingin B's came to visit and dance with us and, of course, to retrieve their banner. Marlene is really hanging on to their banner!



The Christmas spirit was evident at the SVSRDA Christmas Dance and once again we all had a great time. Its wonderful having the opportunity to renew acquaintances and to dance with the different club members. We are fortunate to have such great callers in our area who are willing to call for us at these special dances and we do appreciate them. What a lovely colourful spectacle we all made out on the dance floor.

Our final dance of the season was our Christmas Pot Luck and there seems to have been more food than ever. Many of our friends who have danced with us over the years were able to join us again to share happy memories. 15 of us received EOSARDA travel dangles and we decided to forego our Plus lesson to include more dancing as we finished the evening.

The Plus lessons, which we enjoy between 9 - 10 on our regular (Wednesday) dance nights are going well and hopefully we will be able to dance Plus Squares next season!

See you on the dance floor in 2017 and remember "There are shortcuts to happiness and Dancing is one of them."

Eileen Torr



Limestone Dancers

We are very fortunate to have had 20 people show up for our Introduction to Modern Square Dancing events in September, and also to have 11 continue the classes—5 couples and 1 single. The new dancers are very keen and want to learn more so that they can start going to the higher level dances next year. As with most clubs, our members are aging faster than we can recruit and our Executive recognizes that we are in a building stage and must promote our Club every opportunity we can find.



Bill Bryan
Best Individual Costume



Mel & Bonnie Hazell
Best Couples Costume

Our Halloween Dance held on Monday, October 24 was a great success. Although it was Mainstream/Plus a number of our new dancers came for the evening so Dave did call a Basic tip for them. Dancers came wearing some very interesting, creative and fun costumes—Bill Bryan won the best individual costume dressed as an 80's Rock Star and Mel and Bonnie Hazell took the prize for best couple as Queen's cheerleaders—Mel was the one wearing the skirt!

Limestone Dancers were proud to support Harbour Lites on November 5 at their annual Food Bank drive. A couple of our new dancers, David Doucette and Mary Kennedy attended and danced

in the Basic Hall and watched the Mainstream dancing. Mary came away from this evening wanting to learn the “wave” formation as soon as possible!

On Saturday, November 19th we hosted a Plus level dance with a couple of A-2 tips and although attendance was light, those that came had a fun time. Dave did his usual great job of calling and talking the dancers thru some unique positions and calls! There was a lot of laughter and high energy coming off the dance floor! The club provided a great array of desserts as well as a couple of savoury options. We hope to repeat a couple more Saturday Night dance events in the late spring when there is little competition for dancers time – watch for our flyers in future issues.

Our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance was held on December 10th with many of our members attending. After a great meal dancing was provided by Dave Hutchinson calling and Susan Connors cueing.

Whatever is bright & beautiful, whatever means the most to you, whatever brings you happiness, and these are our wishes for you and your family – Limestone Square & Round Dance Club

We now look forward to 2017 when we will be starting a new Basic class on January 19th and our basic dancers from September will be angels with a couple of tips called with some Mainstream teach for them during the evening.

We invite all to our St. Pat's Dance on March 18th, hope to see you there if not in a square before that.

Shirley Brown





LIMESTONE DANCERS

SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CLUB
KINGSTON, ONTARIO

19th Annual St Patrick's Dance !

Saturday March 18th, 2017

TIM CRAWFORD & DAVE HUTCHINSON

CUER - SUSAN CONNORS

Afternoon 2:00 - 4:30 pm – Evening 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Hall 1 - Caller Showcase 6:00 - 6:30

Hall 1 Mainstream & Plus

Hall 2 A-1 (with 2 A-2 tips each session) & Rounds

2 C-1 Tips at 4:30 and 6:00



**** NEW ****

**Mainstream, Plus and Advance both Afternoon & Evening!
LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED BETWEEN
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Holy Cross Catholic High School
1085 Woodbine Rd., Kingston K7P 2V9

Share the Wealth - Door Prizes

Full Day – Advance Sale \$15.00 – \$18.00 at door
Evening or Afternoon only - \$10

Please - Indoor, soft sole shoes only



Lockits



As I write this on January 12th, there's really not a lot to report since the last issue of Square Time because we've all been off since mid-December, resuming our dancing yesterday, January 11th, 2017

But, we can report that we had another great "Mistletoe Dance" with some **59 Advance dancers** in attendance at the Holiday Inn, Kanata! It was a great evening of fun, food, fellowship and dancing with everyone enjoying themselves. Socializing started at 6pm, followed by a terrific turkey dinner which was intermingled with a few brain teasers, Christmas carols and a 'guess the # of chocolate bars in the jar', as well as some great door prizes. We wound up the evening with ~90 minutes of A1/A2 dancing. **A great night of fun!** We've taken some great photos to share and they'll be posted on our website in the near future.

As said, we started back our Wed dancing yesterday and it was great to see everyone again after the holidays. As I write this, later today we have our Thursday A2 dance for the first time in 2017. Reminder that Thursday A2 dancing is now ***in the afternoon from 2 to 4pm***. Check our club schedule for specific dates!

So, going forward, we dance every Wednesday ***mornings*** each week and Thursday ***afternoons*** generally on the

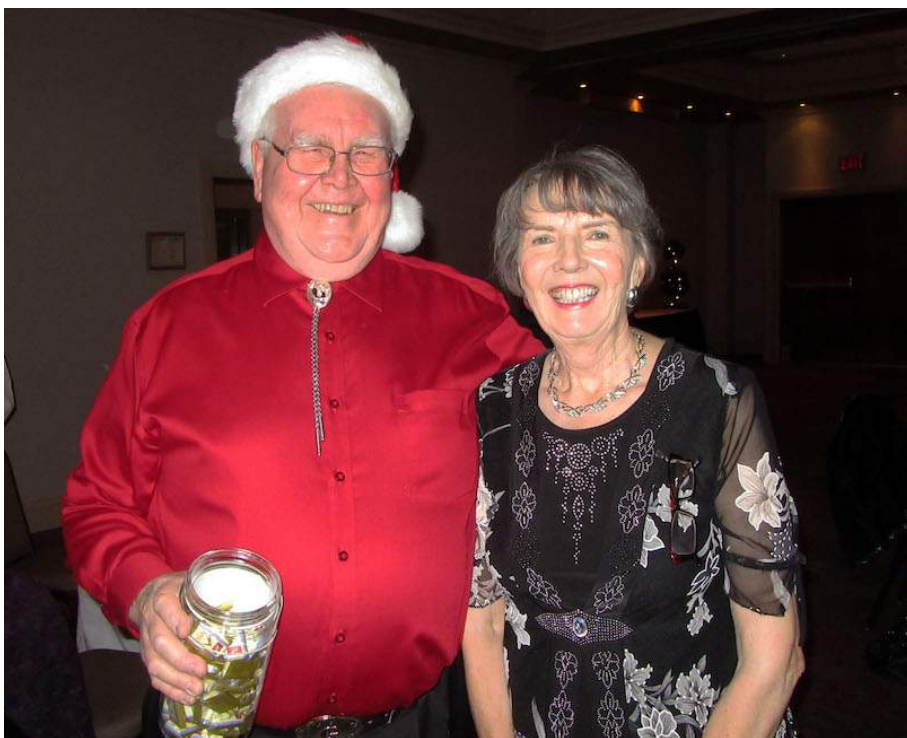
first and third weeks of most months. Most weeks we have 4+ squares dancing on Wednesday morning A1 and A2 dances and 3 squares for our Thursday afternoon A2 dances. So whether you dance A1 or A2, Lockits will provide you with the chance to not only keep your 'Advanced' dance skills sharp but to meet some really great folks as well!

We're back dancing now until the end of February, take off the month of March, and then dance to the end of April. If you'd like to drop by, please feel free to do so. Our website will give you everything you want to know about our club including our dance schedule as well as some great pictures, videos etc. Check it out at: <http://www.lockits.ca>

You are always welcome to dance with us at any time!

Square Dancing IS all about Fun and Friendship—so come join us won't you?

Geoff Clarke



Geoff & Teena passing around some 'goodies'!

Meri Squares

Once again the Meri Squares closed out the dancing year with a full scale dance party—including turkey dinner with all the trimmings, a warm welcome to past Meri-Squares members and friends from other clubs, and lots of dancing and fun! We were thrilled to be able to welcome members of the Date Squares, the Harbour Lites and the Village Squares. It was a great evening, with some 80 people deciding to join us for dinner

and a few more who showed up just for the dancing. Aside from celebrating the end of another great year of dancing, this event was also a chance to recognize tremendous contribution made by our callers John Charman and Wendy VanderMeulen—not just to the Meri-Squares but also to dancing across the Ottawa region. Many thanks to you both. We look forward to what you have in store for us in 2017!!



The year 2016 was full of activity for Meri Squares. We were proud to have graduated 12 new members in the spring. During the summer all three levels took part in dance sessions and a demonstration dance in the Carlingwood Mall. And the Regina Convention topped off the square dance year for 16 of our club members, who were excited to be able to dance with Wendy and John in such an exotic location.

The Christmas holidays provided a welcome break, but now we are glad to be back in the 'swing' again! We have a very busy spring calendar, starting early with a new dancer open house on January 17. If you would like information on the Meri-Squares schedule or any other aspect of Club operation, please visit our website at <http://www.merisquares.ca/>. We look forward to seeing you at any of our dances.

Plans have been afoot since last May for our club's April Capers, coming during the afternoon of Saturday, April 1, 2017 with Basic, Mainstream dancing (and perhaps a couple of Plus tips). Don't be 'fooled' – it's really on its way! For 2017 Meri Squares has decided to gear up 'jest' for you!

As you are reading this article, the Halfway Dance will no doubt be a treasured winter memory, with EOSARDA's Frosty Fling beckoning. It's a great way to beat the cold—and if we dance fast enough, can Spring be far behind?

Ann Davelaar

Mississippi Squares

Christmas has come and gone but, we have to reflect back to Dec. 13th when a crowded house at Mississippi Squares celebrated Christmas with a superb, catered, roast beef dinner and all the trimmings. Tom Edwards was presented with a Lifetime Social Membership in recognition of his long time service to the club.

The 28th Annual Half Way Dance was once again a great gathering of more than 300 dancers some of who walked away with one of the 82 door prizes.



Journalists discuss EOSARDA issues with Dave Western



Tom Edwards receives award from Betty Goodwin

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers and especially the attendees who, without their support, this notable event simply would cease to happen. Proceeds from this event go to Interval House, a shelter for women in need of comfort and support at a time of need.



Just some of the delights
(better in full colour in the online edition!)



Mississippi Squares is celebrating its 30th Anniversary with a Dance on Saturday April 29th, 7:00 – 9:30 pm Notre Dame Catholic HS, 157 Mc Kenzie St. Carleton Place. Tickets: \$8.00 in advance, \$10 at the door.

George Newton



Mississippi Squares is 30

**Join us for our Anniversary
Celebrations**

**Saturday, April 29
7:00pm to 9:30pm**



**Notre Dame Catholic High School
157 McKenzie St, Carleton Place**

**Ribbons: \$8.00 In Advance
\$10.00 At Door**

SQUARES

**Basic/Mainstream/Plus
Brian Crawford**



**EASY ROUNDS
Jean & Don Clingin**

Anniversary Cake & Coffee/Tea



**Info: mississippisquares.ca
Betty Goodwin: 613-256-0551
betty.goodwin@gmail.com**



Napanee Pioneers

Well, another year has come and gone. I can't believe I'm writing 2017!

Let me tell you, The Pioneers had a fun and busy December. We were invited again to dance in a Christmas Parade in our neighbouring town of Deseronto, Ontario.



Then on December 9th we enjoyed a yummy traditional Christmas dinner catered and later our caller Dave entertained us with his calling of favourite Christmas carols and songs.



Since September we have been trying out some line dancing and one of our local dancers, Gail Jones has been teaching and calling for us. We wish to thank her for the enthusiasm and energy she brings to our club. The dancers enjoy the line dancing.

The Pioneers have an interesting schedule lined up over the next few months. On **January 20th** we are hosting our **3rd Annual Old Tyme Square Dance** with a local band of Old Tyme Fiddlers and an Old Tyme Caller. We have found this throws an interesting night of variety into our normal dance routine and invites outsiders who might see we are a fun crowd and want to join us.

Then on **February 10th**, weather permitting, we have invited **Ron Brown from Cicero, NY** to come and call for us. Ron has had plenty of experience with dancing and calling and you won't want to miss this event. Watch for flyers and bulletins.

The Pioneers' motto is to try to maintain a friendly, active and exciting environment within our club and hope you will come and join some or all of our many happenings. Remember, one smile leads to several!

Muriel Brough

Ottawa Date Squares

Things are changing for the Ottawa Date Squares. In the Fall James Williamson took over the reins, overhauled the Web Site and directed a major recruitment drive for January.

In early December we were shocked to hear about the death of Bob Booth. Bob had been a member of the original Date Squares and had returned to dance with us a couple of years back. He was an enthusiastic dancer who attended many open dances and events in Ottawa, Cornwall, Prescott and Toronto. We held a "Missing Man Formation" memorial dance in his honour. This is where his place in the square was empty and we have to keep track of it. We invite you to visit our "In Memorial" page to Bobbie at:

<http://iagsdc.com/ottawa/in-memorial/bob-booth/>

Now it's 2017 and have a new location! We've gone from a west-end basement to the Jack Purcell Community Centre downtown. And we have a new caller! We are very fortunate that Dave Currie has agreed to call for us! The night hasn't changed -- we

dance Wednesday evenings -- but start a little earlier (6:30 now!) because we have to be out of the centre at 9 o'clock sharp!

In January we had two "intro sessions". The first was on the day of the large snow storm, which may be why so few people showed up. On the second night we had a much better turnout and for a while we had 3 squares! Since the room only held 2 squares the extra square was in the hallway outside! Of course the sound didn't carry well out there and was rather hard to hear! Our hopes were dashed on the third night, however, with only one new dancer showing up. This was ironic because for that night we had a bigger hall. So, we're really not sure in what state we're in; we're just hoping this was a temporary glitch and some (no, many!) of last week's beginners come back next week!

Richard Sharman



At our Memorial Dance for Bobbie



At the Half Way Dance
(sorry, Ann, we couldn't find you for the picture!)

Quinte Twirlers

You may not have heard from us in some time but we are alive and thriving. Our caller, Dave Hutchinson, has been providing great dance instructions and is very entertaining with his wit and sense of humour.

After a membership campaign this past summer, our membership is now at 62, a number we are very pleased with. Many of our 18 new members are new dancers. Their feet, hands, and heads are working very hard to learn the Basic level.

We are also enjoying having a number of visitors from other clubs each week. Thank you! You make our club better with your presence.

Another piece of information about the club: Gail Jones is leading us in a half hour of Line Dancing before square dancing starts. I am surprised how many people are participating. Some people just can't get enough dancing! I have to say, dancers are such great people; they just keep dancing and smiling.

Our executive has worked hard to keep our calendar busy and interesting. We had several events last fall and the Christmas Party was a huge success with 86 people present for our turkey dinner and dance.

Some of our coming events are:

- January 18th - guest caller Brian Crawford
- February 15th - our Valentine's Dance
- March 15th — our St. Patrick's Dance with guest caller Wayne Whatman

- April 30th - our 38th Annual Apple Blossom

- May 17th - the last dance of the season Pot Luck Dinner

One other event I want to mention, which we tried last year for the first time, is a Rock'n'Roll & Karaoke Night. Well, we are doing it again...cuz we had so much fun! It's on April 19th.

Some of these events will be history by the time you read this but I wanted you to see a few of the things happening in our club.

I cannot reiterate enough that Dave always adds so much to our club each week and to our special events.

Our club executive and members have been a wonderful support this year. A special thanks to our hard working President, Bob Jones and his sidekick & Social Convener, Gail Jones.

Special congratulations to Sandy Martin and Murray Quackenbush on your marriage.

Yes, we are busy dancing and having a great time!

Betty Howell



Quinte Twirlers

38th Annual

Apple Blossom Dance

Sunday, April 30, 2017

Quinte Secondary School
45 College Street West, Belleville
(South side of College St, west of North Front St)

SQUARE DANCING 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm



Hall #1 – Basic and Mainstream
Hall #2 – Plus and Advanced

Cost: \$8.00 pp (advance)
\$10.00 pp (at door)

Callers

BRIAN CRAWFORD
&
DAVE HUTCHINSON

Share the Wealth & Door Prizes
Refreshments in Cafeteria following the dance

For information & tickets contact :
Bob Jones, Club President, 613-478-6630
jones_family@sympatico.ca or quintetwirlers@gmail.com



Riverside

Gypsy

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Midwinter Dance

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Share The Wealth Draw or 50/50
Chit Chat & Dancing

1:30 - 4:30

Potluck to Follow
Please bring table service, utensils and
a HOT dish & salad or dessert

Callers & Cuers Showcase

Mainstream/Plus and Rounds PH II

\$5.00/ person

Hwy#401, Eastbound : Exit 721B South; Westbound: Exit 721;
East on Hwy #2; North on Sophia; East on Sutton to #24,
Johnstown Community Centre, Johnstown, ON

For Info Contact: Mary Anne Reinhard 613 838 5781 // Chris Slater: 613-925-1712

Riverside Gypsy Squares

Happy New Year! It's a cold day in January but I find myself thinking of summer and warmer weather. Along with that I am looking forward to another season of dancing and camping. Gypsy Joe will be getting up to some new tricks this summer I'm sure. How could he not when we have monthly themes that vary from Flower Power, Mickey & Friends, A Garden Party, Tacky 50's Prom Night and a Pumpkin Fest to wrap it up! Will Gypsy Joe arrive in a VW bus in May? Will he overdo the Brylcreem in August? To find out more about the when and where please have a look at our summer camping schedule included in this issue. Can't make it for a week-end of camping but would like to dance for an evening? You are welcome to join us either Friday or Saturday night.

I'm including a few pictures from our last September campout that I talked about last month. Apples were the theme that time and the Apple Pie Contest and the shenanigans from the audience kept everyone entertained Saturday afternoon. Here are pictures of the entries and the winners.



We are offering dancers and callers/cuers a chance to shake off any winter doldrums. We are hosting our Mid-Winter Dance, Sunday Feb. 26th 1:30-4:30 pm at the Johnstown Community Centre. Come out and

join us for an afternoon of dancing followed by pot-luck. Gypsy Joe will probably sneak in and perhaps get into a little mischief!

Mary Anne Reinhard

Saturday Squares

Saturday Squares

Heron Community Centre, Heron Room

1480 Heron Rd., Ottawa, K1V 6A5

Saturdays, once a month, 2:30-4:30 PM

No Level –anyone welcome

Someone pointed out to me that the information on our dance dates for 2017 in the last issue of Square Time were, in actual fact, our 2016 dance dates. The “problem” has been rectified and you will now see our correct dance dates in the Club listing in the back of Square Time. The www.eodance.ca website has also been updated with current information.

We were unfortunate to have to cancel our Christmas dance back in December 2016 due to miserable weather. Here's hoping we don't have to cancel any of our January-through-May dances!! We'll have to make up for a LOST party. Come on out to join us on Saturday, February 18 for a belated Valentine's Party. As usual, no experience is necessary, so take your friends who want to try square dancing but don't want to wait until September to try it. Saturday Squares is where they will fit right in, as no experience is ever necessary. Just come for fun.

Wendy VanderMeulen

Used Square Dance Clothing

To browse and shop through a good variety of used square dance clothing (men and women), contact Lynn Legree at laughinggal@rogers.com or 613-829-5959. Contact her ahead of time to make an appointment and get directions to her house. Lynn will recommend a purchase price, but all monies collected will go to a local food bank.

Seaway Valley Square & Round Dance Association

S.V.S & R.D.A

Mother's Day Dance

Sunday May 7TH 2017

Callers ***Jeff Priest & Johnny Preston***

Cuer ***Jerry & Bonnie Callen***



1:30—2:00 Easy Rounds

2:00—4:00 Basic, Mainstream & Easy Rounds 2+1

Cost for Mother's Day Dance On Sunday \$10.00

South Grenville District High School

1000 Edward St. North, Prescott On. K0E 1T0

For info: Gerald & Marlene Casselman 613-652-4232

Helen MacCallum

613-933-4052

Seaway Squares

Our usual Monday night dance had a slight twist on January 2nd. We all came out to celebrate our favourite caller, Harold Moore's 81st birthday. We had about thirty dancers from four different clubs. Bob Summers and Marcel Lemay both stepped up to the mic to put us through our paces and Kim Hamilton did some cueing for the round dancers in the crowd. We even had a few new dancers join us in

all the fun. Harold surprised us all by ending the night with an old fashioned Dip-and-dive-six. Everyone had a great time and to tell the truth there wasn't much left of that birthday cake. What a wonderful way to welcome in the new year. Keep dancing from the Seaway Squares.

Angela Harriman



Stonebridge Squares



Well the Christmas Holidays are over, the cold weather has returned and the Stone Bridges Squares have resumed their square dancing for the winter session. Our new dancers were excited to get back to dancing and are looking forward to learning even more new moves towards completing the Basic Program. Our new Mainstream dancers are advancing as well, as Bob introduces the new moves to them. Our mixed dancing of Basic and Mainstream seem to be working well as the new dancers enjoy watching the more experienced dancers do their thing. Although Mother Teresa's school is a great venue for our dancing, we are having some problems with the temperature that we hope to get rectified as soon as possible.



We held our annual Christmas party on Dec. 16th, where we danced to some Christmas music and we all enjoyed the delicious treats that were provided by our members. It was even more satisfying to see our new dancers participate in the party atmosphere and enjoy the socializing and companionship that evolves from square dancing. The hot apple cider that the school custodians prepared for us was delicious as well.

There is always a high level of energy on the floor as our dancers learn the new moves with enthusiasm and fun. Please drop by and dance with us on any Friday night. We always enjoy and appreciate visitors dropping in for a dance. Happy dancing from all of us at the Stone Bridge Squares.

Dean & Shirley Benson



Sunshine Squares

Once again this year Christmas came to the Sunshine Squares Dance Club and the good little boys and girls were anxiously awaiting the annual visit from Saint Nick. As the time of Santa's arrival is notoriously unpredictable, dancers spent their wait time engaged in a number of activities.

In case Santa managed to miss the Canterbury Community Centre the Club management provided members with an opportunity to purchase their presents at most reasonable prices. Two payment options were presented. At the "fixed price" table, were collections of books, DVD's, CD's and even VHS tapes. At the other table were a myriad of preserves, wine, puzzles etc. These items were in hot demand since competitive bids were required.



At 6:30 the dinner bell gonged and members sat down to enjoy another sumptuous potluck dinner with the Caller's table having first dibs on the food. Finally St. Nick made his grand entrance and handed out present to everyone who was willing to give him a big hug...or a kiss!

It will be good to get back to dancing now that the holidays are over. We are all looking forward to seeing our old friends... and working off those extra calories! The Sunshine Squares start dancing on January 11th at 7:30 and we would love to see any guests who would like to join us this winter and spring for a night or more.

Jim and Diane Kearns



Swinging B's

2017 I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. After a hot Caribbean Nite the B's were ready to cool down. They started to collect cereals for local food baskets. The Swinging B's enjoyed all of the holiday dancing they could get. Sixteen of our B's attended the SVS&RDA Christmas dance in Prescott. They danced to their hearts content, including Line dancing and easy Round dancing. One of the B's even came home with a beautiful poinsettia. The B's also enjoyed Christmas cheer and Dancing with the Charmin' Promenaders. These two dances were only a prelude to the fun had by all who danced at the Swinging B's very own Christmas party. All the B's and visitors enjoyed the antics that Don Moger provided, not to mention the food that comes with all of these parties. I can only wonder if anyone had energy left to celebrate Christmas with their families.

New Years Eve saw 6 of our B's making their way to Kemptville where the Grenville Gremlins hosted

another exciting New Years Eve party. The Gremlins provided everyone with some very interesting New Year's Eve trivia. We were all told it is tradition to ring in the New Year with family and friends because the first people you see will either give you good luck (friends) or bad luck (foes). I am sure our B's will enjoy good luck this year with all of the good friends they shared with as 2017 arrived. We were also told the top three places to celebrate New Year's Eve are Las Vegas, Disney World and New York City. I think

Kemptonville will be on that list in the future if they continue to ring in the New Year like they have.

Now that we all have the new 2017 calendars hung we can mark them with all of the exciting dances to come. I hope you will all remember to mark February 12th as a must attend for Valentines. This dance is for everyone and we will have Soup and Desserts for refreshments after an afternoon of dancing fun with Caller Brian Crawford and Cues Jean Clingin. The B's will be happy to see you all there. I hope everyone gets their dancing shoes on and starts dancing off those extra pounds we all seem to have put on over the holiday season. Happy New Year Everyone!

Millie Chisholm



Swinging Swallows

Life is Full of Surprises!

The Swinging Swallows have done some reformatting in order to have as many on the floor at any one time as is possible. After discussions, we decided to try having François teach one level in the main hall while the other level danced in the lower level to CDs that provided moves already taught. After an hour the groups switched halls so the second level dancers received their lesson from François. All our Plus dancers are full-plus and we dance for a half-hour starting at 6:30, then our Angels fill in wherever needed, or form another square.. We all gather for a tip or two together at the end of the evening. This seems to keep everyone dancing most of the night!

The Swallows celebrated the Christmas season with our annual pot-luck Dinner Dance...good food, good friends, good dancing! What else is there? We also gathered a couple of days before Christmas for a 'cheep' night (Swallows...\$1 entrance fee, not a misspell). We danced to CDs to help our new dancers get used to dancing to a variety of callers, in preparation for the Half-Way Dance in Carleton Place! Santa even showed up and joined in a couple of squares! Who could have guessed that Santa knows 'Yellow Rock'?

At last count 24 Swallows (plus François and Barbara) are planning to make the trip to Carleton Place and we're all looking forward to it.

Something else we're planning is to visit Miramichi Lodge (nursing home) in Pembroke to entertain the residents and have a lot of fun. We've also been asked to dance at the Seniors Club in Eganville and at Marionhill (nursing home), but final arrangements have yet to be made. Our Caller, François, has offered to call for us (rather than using CDs) if we can arrange the events for a Thursday afternoon.

One of the 'advertising/publicity' items I tried to arrange for last summer was to have local recreation departments (Pembroke and towns within a half-hour



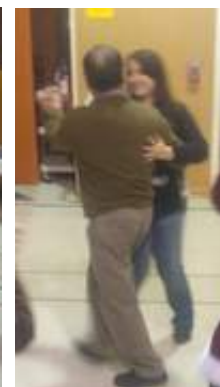
drive) to host a 'square dance workshop' for youths. I didn't receive much encouragement (one comment was that "you'll never get teens out"). Well, just for the record, we have a mom, Michaela, her two teenage daughters and a teenaged friend all dancing with us. Nicky is dancing with Randy in the picture below, and Brianna and her friend Vanessa are shown in the second picture. They are all very good dancers!

Before I forget, here's a flip of the crinoline/tip of the hat to volunteers, Jeannie Mastine for collecting dry goods, and to President Bill and Wendy Shields for delivering the donations, to the local Salvation Army Food Bank (Lt. Kath Walker received the gift) in late November. I think this is the eleventh year the Swallows donated to help the local food banks. We also help a family in need each year at Christmas time.

We're planning a Valentine's Day party, so if you're in the area, join us and wear red! If you don't like February weather, join us in March for our St Patrick's Day party. It's amazing how many of us claim to be Irish!

PS: A couple of us have earned our "Been Hugged By the Bay Waves" dangle...have you?

Gloria Bateman



Village Squares

Here I am on January 08, 2017; with the deep cold of winter upon me while putting the finishing touches to this article. However, my heart is light because I can already see the days getting longer; and have many pleasant memories of the Christmas just past, and am looking forward to the New Year upon us. I trust all of you share these feelings and that you, as I do, have lighter feet now that we are back at square dancing.

The Holiday Season is that much more joyous due to the Square Dance program. We had our Village Squares Christmas Pot-luck Dinner and Dance on Wednesday Dec 7th. The members and the community hall were 'decked out' for the event, and we had a fine meal—with punch, through salads, roast turkey, meat balls, lasagna, various potatoes and casseroles, to cake and coffee. Thank you all for your contributions. This event was well attended with more that 5 squares of current and past members present. Among the long-serving past members were: Bill and Marian Maitland, Joe and Evelyn Thompson (our current Web-Master), Moe and Kathy Amyot, Winston and Ann Babin, and Gerry and Mary Bernard. Included are 2 photos: 1) Paul and Judy Adams (our Caller) standing by our tree and fireplace, hung with stockings that read "I've Been Good" and "Santa I can Explain" (I leave it to you to decide who was naughty and who was nice) and 2) a photo of one of our fleet footed squares.



We also had members visiting other clubs and dances over the Holiday Season to participate in their Christmas and New Year functions. These included visits to: Meri Squares, Stone Bridge Squares, Seaway Squares for Harold Moore's birthday where we danced the traditional "Dip and Dive", and to the SVS&RDA Christmas Dance in Prescott where we danced 'Progressive and Exploring Squares'. Attending the Prescott Dance was our Vice-President couple Dave & Marie Currie, and Social Reps Robert Milburn and Rosie Buckley (see the photo below) with Robert the Elf joining Santa's trip last Christmas and fortunately along with the extra Reindeer Rosie to help carry the more substantial than usual elf.

For the 15th consecutive year The Village Squares held its fund raiser for the Orleans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre. This year we raised \$437.00 bring our 15 year total to \$6,975.00.



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The Village Squares opening night was a regular dance night on Wednesday January 4th, 2017. We are also looking forward to our 'Open House Nights' on January 11th and 18th. Our members are looking forward to attending the "Halfway Dance" on January 14th, and retrieving our club banner which was taken by visiting Mississippi Square dancers in

November. The next events to be held by the Village Squares, at the Roy C. Hobbs Community Centre, will be the 'Tropical Night' on Feb 8th, and St Patrick's Day on Mar 15th; visitors are welcome and theme dress is encouraged.

Robert Milburn



Village Squares
Group Photo
December 7, 2016

Riverside Gypsy Squares C175



2017 Summer Dancing Schedule

Camping Dates	Caller	Saturday Night	Cuer	Theme
Special				
May 26, 27, 28	Doug Holmes	A1	Kim Hamilton	Flower Power
June 23, 24, 25	Berry Chumbley	TBA	Margaret Thomas	Mickey Mouse & Friends
July 28, 29, 30	Bob Summers	A1	Jean Clingin	Garden Party
Aug 25, 26, 27	Harold Moore	Social Rdn Dancing	Susan Connors	Tacky 50s Prom Night
Sept 22, 23, 24	Geoff Clarke	A1	Gerry Sawtell	The Pumpkin Fest

Open Dance Every Saturday Evening
A1..... 7:30 - 8:00 most Saturdays
Ms/Plus, PH II Rounds 8pm - 10pm

Campers are welcome to join us for a weekend without joining NSDCA
Square Dance Attire Appreciated

Publicity: 613 – 838 – 5781
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Mary Anne Reinhard Happy Green Acre
Tent & Trailer Park #2 Happy Green
Acres Rd Brockville, Ontario 613-342-9646

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Tent & Trailer Park
#2 Happy Green Acres Rd
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Directions:
Highway #401 to Exit #687
West on Highway #2 for 1.5km (on left)

3 Way Hookups (15amp), Pool, Rec
Hall, Showers & Playground

MERI SQUARES

Invites you to “jest” join us for our



APRIL CAPER



Saturday, April 1, 2017, 2 – 4:30 pm

Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre
102 Greenview Avenue, Ottawa

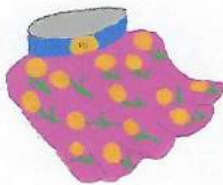


Basic
Mainstream
Plus



Callers

John Charman and Wendy VanderMeulen



Ribbons: \$10 in advance
\$12 at door
Refreshments



For information contact:

Harold or Wendy
harold_hedley@primus.ca
613-731-6538

Francois or Barbara
francoisd2@rogers.com
613-798-9163

Square Dance Clubs

This is a "snapshot" of the listings on the EOSARDA site as of September 2016.

For up to minute listings please visit http://www.eodance.ca/SD_clubs_full.php

Adams Aces

A1 Monday 8:00 - 10:00pm
Queen Elizabeth Public School
689 St. Laurent Blvd. Ottawa
Caller: Paul Adams
Contact: Paul & Judy Adams
613-824-4262
paul452@sympatico.ca

Bay Waves

Basic/MS Friday 7:30 - 10:00pm
Constance and Buckams Bay Community Centre
262 Len Purcell Dr, Constance Bay
Caller: Ron Gardner
Contact: Diana Burnham
613-832-5808 bay.waves@live.ca

Charmin' Promenaders

Plus 3 Wednesdays a month
Check schedule 7:30 - 9:30pm
Seaway Seniors' Centre,
1010 Guy St, Cornwall
Caller: Wendy VanderMeulen
Contact: Wendy VanderMeulen
613-987-2711
wendyv@sympatico.ca

Cookie Club

Full Advanced 2nd, 3rd & 4th
Sundays 2:00 - 4:00pm
Roy G. Hobbs Seniors Centre
5 Larch Cres, Orleans
Caller: Paul Adams
Contact: Paul & Judy Adams
613-824-4262
paul452@sympatico.ca

Grenville Gremlins

Basic/MS/
Plus Tips Monday 7:30 - 10:00pm
Leslie Hall
19 Clothier St W, Kemptville
Caller: Geoff Clarke
Contact: Tom Mesman
613-269-2368
kemptvillesquaredance@gmail.com

Harbour Lites

Basic/MS
Plus Teach Wednesday 7pm - 9:30pm
Presbyterian Church
Center & Dibble Streets, Prescott
Caller: John Charman
Contact: Gerald & Marlene Casselman
613-652-4232
gm.casselman@gmail.com

Kanata Squares

Basic/MS Thursday 7:30 - 9:30pm
Dick Brulé Community Centre
170 Castlefrank Rd, Kanata
Caller: David Currie
Contact: David & Marie Currie
613-521-5292
david.currie@sympatico.ca

Lift Lock Squares

Plus/Advance Wednesday 6:15-7:00pm A2
7:00-7:30pm A1
7:30-9:30pm Plus
Activity Haven
180 Barnardo Ave
Peterborough, Ontario
Caller: Joe Uebelacker
Contact: Caroline Charman & Rick Mckey
905 623 5863
ccrm@sympatico.ca

Limestone Dancers

MS teach/Plus Monday MS: 7:00 - 8:15pm
Plus: 8:15 - 9:30pm
Polson Park Public School
165 Robert Wallace Dr, Kingston
Caller: Dave Hutchinson
Contact: Shirley and Collin Brown
613-767-6650
colshirl@sbcglobal.net

Limestone Dancers

A1/A2 dance/teach Tuesday 7:00 - 9:30pm
Polson Park Public School
165 Robert Wallace Dr, Kingston
Caller: Dave Hutchinson
Contact: Shirley and Collin Brown
613-767-6650
colshirl@sbcglobal.net

Limestone Dancers

Basic teach Thursday 7:15 - 9:15pm
Polson Park Public School
165 Robert Wallace Dr, Kingston
Caller: Dave Hutchinson
Contact: Shirley and Collin Brown
613-767-6650
colshirl@sbcglobal.net

Lockits

A1, A2 Wednesday 9:30 - 12:00am
Brunton Community Hall
1702 9th Line, Beckwith (Carleton Place)
Caller: Geoff Clarke
Contact: Geoff & Teena Clarke
613-724-8438
caller.geoff@bell.net

Lockits

A2 Thursday 2:00 - 4:00 pm
1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month.
Check Schedule
Brunton Community Hall
1702 9th Line, Beckwith (Carleton Place)
Caller: Geoff Clarke
Contact: Geoff & Teena Clarke
613-724-8438
caller.geoff@bell.net

Meri Squares

Basic/MS Tuesday 7:30 - 10:00pm
Westminster Presbyterian Church
470 Roosevelt Ave, Ottawa
Caller: John Charman
Wendy VanderMeulen
Contact: Harold Hedley & Wendy McCracken
613-731-6538
harold_hedley@primus.ca

Meri Squares

Plus Thursday 7:30 - 9:30pm
Westminster Presbyterian Church
470 Roosevelt Ave, Ottawa
Caller: John Charman
Contact: Harold Hedley & Wendy McCracken
613-731-6538
harold_hedley@primus.ca

Mississippi Squares

Basic/MS Tuesday 7:30 - 10:00pm
Brunton Hall
1702 9th Line, Blacks Corners (Carleton Place)
Caller: Brian Crawford
Contact: Betty Goodwin
613-256-0551
betty.goodwin@gmail.com

Mississippi Squares

Plus
Plus Friday 7:30 - 10:00pm
Brunton Hall
1702 9th Line, Blacks Corners (Carleton Place)
Caller: Brian Crawford
Contact: Betty Goodwin
613-256-0551
betty.goodwin@gmail.com

Montreal Acey Deuceys

A2/C1
C1 Teach Mon/Thurs
call for locn & times
Pointe Claire, Quebec
Montreal, Quebec
Caller: Don Moger
Contact: Avena Smolkin
514-744-6097
avena@videotron.ca

Napanee Pioneers

Basic/MS/Plus Friday 7:30 pm
Southview Public School
18 Golf Course Lane at Cty Rd 8, Napanee
Caller: Dave Hutchinson
Contact: Elwood & Marg Hughes
613-354-6828
margaret.hughe@gmail.com

Opeongo Squares

Basic
some MS teach Tuesdays
2:00 - 4:00pm
call to confirm time & date
Opeongo Seniors Centre
19 Stafford St, Barrys Bay
Caller: Roger Moreau
Contact: Roger J. Moreau
613-628-6626
jrmoreau@distributel.net

Otonabee Squares

Basic/MS Mondays 6:30 - 9:00pm
George Street United Church
corner of George and McDonnell streets, Peterborough
Caller: Wayne Whatman
Contact: H & J Lander
905-342-5450
otonabeesquares@gmail.com

Ottawa Date Squares

Basic/MS/Plus
LGBT friendly Wednesdays
6:30 - 9:00pm
Room 201, Jack Purcell
Community Centre
320 Jack Purcell Lane, Ottawa
Caller: Dave Currie
Contact: James Williamson
613-804-2446
OttawaDateSquares@gmail.com

Quinte Twirlers

Basic, MS, Plus, Lines
Wednesday 6:30 Line Dance
7:00 - 9:00pm
Harmony Public School
Belleville
Caller: Dave Hutchinson
Contact: Bob Jones
613-478-6630
jones_family@sympatico.ca

Riverside Gypsy Squares

MS/Plus/Rounds Friday
Saturday
Sunday Various times
Happy Acres Campground
2 Green Acres Rd
Brockville
Caller: Various Callers and Cuers
Contact: Mary Anne Reinhard
613-838-5781
mareinhard@sympatico.ca

Saturday Squares

No experience necessary
Saturdays
Jan 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 26, Apr. 16,
May 7, 2016
Heron Community Centre
1480 Heron Rd., Ottawa
(just east of Alta Vista)
Caller: Wendy VanderMeulen
Contact: Sue Morin
613-277-5535
solomon_sue@yahoo.ca

Seaway Squares

Basic/MS/Plus Monday 7:00 -
9:30pm
Dunbar Recreation Center
3244 Marcellus Road, Dunbar
Caller: Harold Moore
Contact: Harold & Marion Moore
613-543-2341
haroldearlmoore@gmail.com

Skirts n Flirts

Basic/MS/Plus Friday 7:30 -
10:00pm
Canton Central School,
Banford Elementary School
Cafeteria
99 State St, Canton N.Y
Caller: Bob Brown
Contact: Alan & Sandy Brown
315-543-2175
sadushbrown@gmail.com

Stone Bridge Squares

Basic Friday 7:00 - 9:00pm
Mother Theresa School
1035 Concession St, Russell
Caller: Bob Summers
Contact: Dean & Shirley Benson
613-445-2073
dsbenson99@rogers.com

Sunshine Squares

Plus Wednesday 7:30 - 9:30pm
Canterbury Community Centre
2185 Arch St, Ottawa
Caller: Bob Summers
Contact: Jim & Diane Kearns
613-837-3580
jakearns@hotmail.com

Swinging Bs

Basic/MS/Plus/Rounds
Friday Class 7:00 - 8:00pm
8:00 - 10:00pm
Knox - St. Paul United Church
800 Twelfth St E, Cornwall
Caller: Don Moger
Guest Callers
Contact: Linda Lauzon
613-936-2563
linda.m.lauzon@hotmail.com

Swinging Swallows

Basic/MS/Plus Thursday 6:30 -
7:00pm Plus
7:00 - 9:00pm B/MS
Wesley United Church Hall
275 Pembroke St E, Pembroke
Caller: Francois Desmarais
Contact: Renton Patterson
publiced@bell.net

Village Squares

Basic/MS Wednesday 7:30 -
10:00pm
Roy C. Hobbs Community Centre
109 Larch Ave, Orleans
Caller: Paul Adams
Contact: Bob and Gabrielle
Forsyth
613-833-2601
gandbforsyth@bell.net

Round Dance Clubs

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Capital Carousels

Ph 4-6

Via instructional video Monday

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Greenboro Community Centre

363 Lorry Greenberg Dr, Ottawa

Cuer: Donna Stewart

Contact: Donna Stewart

613-447-9133 donnas2ndhome@me.com

Capital Carousels

Ph 3-5 Wednesday

7:00 - 9:30pm

Parkdale United Church

429 Parkdale Ave

Cuer: Donna Stewart

Contact: Ziggy Segstro

613-837-4366 ziggy1030pickle@yahoo.com

Capital Carousels

Ph 3-4 Thursday

10:00 - 12:00pm

Parkdale United Church

429 Parkdale Ave

Cuer: Donna Stewart

Contact: Ziggy Segstro

613-837-4366 ziggy1030pickle@yahoo.com

Limestone Dancers

Ph 2-3

+ Beginner Wednesday Beginners: 7:00pm

Intermediate: 8:00pm

Polson Park Public School

165 Robert Wallace Dr, Kingston

Cuer: Susan Connors

Contact: Susan Connors

613-634-3384 susanhenden@hotmail.com

Mississippi Squares

Ph 2 Teach

+ Beginner Mondays 7:30 - 9:30pm

St. Mary Catholic School

4 Hawthorne St Hawthorne at Lake Ave

Carleton Place

Cuer: Jean Clingin

Contact: Dave and Muriel Hanneson

613-256-6345 dh@biomation.com

Line Dance Clubs

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Capital City Lines

Beginner Mon 1:00 - 2:00pm
Alexander Community Center
960 Silver Street, Ottawa
Leader: (AJ) Diane Poulton
Contact: Diane Poulton
613-729-4974 clogger13@sympatico.ca

Capital City Lines

Beginner Plus Wed 1:00 - 2:00pm
Alexander Community Center
960 Silver Street, Ottawa
Leader: (AJ) Diane Poulton
Contact: Diane Poulton
613-729-4974 clogger13@sympatico.ca

Got Lines

Intro/Beginner/Improver Tues 2:00 - 2:30pm
Intro to Line Dance
2:30 - 3:00
Beginner/Improver
Richmond Arena
(Richmond Memorial Centre)
6095 Perth St
Richmond
Leader: Dave Western
Contact: Dave Western
613-838-5428 dlwestern@yahoo.com

Got Lines

Intro/Beginner/Improver Thurs
7:00 - 7:30 pm
Intro to Line Dance
7:30 - 8:30pm
Beginner/Improver
Upper Hall, Johnny Leroux Areana
10 Warner-Colpitts
Stittsville
Leader: Dave Western
Contact: Dave Western
613-838-5428 dlwestern@yahoo.com

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2525 ALTA VISTA, OTTAWA

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Basic, Mainstream, Rounds Phase I-III

Squares: Paul Adams and David Currie

Rounds : Jean/Don Clingin

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For more information: Barb Englehart

613-692-1448 or barbeng@rogers.com

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