



TOPICS NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ken & Rose Marie Robinson

What an exciting time of year! We are looking forward to spring approaching, with gardens springing to life; we're making summer vacation and travel plans; and we're gearing up for our **51st International Square & Round Dance Convention!**

At our individual clubs and at Toronto & District Square and Round Dance Association Inc. ("T&D"), we're also preparing for the 2012-2013 dancing year. An important part of that preparation is the **Annual General Meeting**, when clubs and associations choose the executive that will lead them forward through the next year. We encourage all of our members to be part of this process.

Following recent news, we are familiar with two stories that illustrate the importance of **good navigation** and **sound decision-making**. Passengers aboard the Costa Concordia had no input with respect to the route chosen by the captain nor experience to judge the seriousness of their predicament once the ship grounded. They found themselves in a perilous situation. A Via Rail engineer's choice to ignore speed

limits led to the Burlington train derailment.

Fortunately, we are not dealing with life and death decisions at T&D! However, by **exercising your right to vote at the T&D annual general meeting on April 7th**, at the joint dance in Stouffville, current members can influence the course our organization takes in the coming year. By accepting nomination to an office or **offering to run for an executive position**, you can help make decisions that will impact the future of our activity.

For those dancers who are not yet members of T&D, we encourage you to **join our Association**. Don't sit helplessly by, perhaps grumbling about the direction your executive is taking you! For the nominal annual membership fee of only \$10.00 per individual or couple, you can become involved and **you can make a difference**. Membership applications are available in this publication, and we would be delighted to welcome you!

Rose Marie & Ken Robinson

To access our membership form, please click on the link below:

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/jerry.callen/td/flyers/membershipapp11.pdf>



Happy Easter
April 8, 2012



Toronto & District Square & Round Dance Association Inc.
and Happy Hoppers - Joint Dance

Saturday, April 7, 2012

Plus with A1 tips

Pre-rounds at 2:00 p.m., Squares and rounds 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Doug Holmes and Al Calhoun

Bob & Betty Beck

Lebovic Arts Centre

19 Civic St. Stouffville

\$6.00 per person

Norm Wilcox Caller/Cuer Training Bursary

The executive of **Toronto & District Square and Round Dance Association Inc.** is pleased to announce that **Sue Gaetan**, of Waterdown Village Squares, has been awarded the **Norm Wilcox Caller/Cuer Training Bursary for 2011**, in recognition of her completion of the caller clinic offered by Jeff Priest.

This annual bursary was established by the association to honour the memory of **Norm Wilcox** and his contributions to square and round

dance leadership. It is available to current or prospective callers or cuers who attend a recognized training course to learn or improve their skills.

Applications, including the name and date of the workshop, together with evidence of payment and completion, may be submitted to Sharron & Wayne Hall, 8 Seven Oaks Circle, St. Catharines, ON L2P 3N6.

Convention Chairman's Report

I hope everyone has enjoyed our 'nonwinter' weather this year. Every club report I read seems to refer to the fact that none of the dancers missed regular dance nights because of the driving conditions.

I'm writing this article just before the change to daylight saving, the weatherman is forecasting exceptional weather during March Break and the view of my back yard tells me that most of the migratory birds have returned (remember when you seldom saw a Robin before April 1st!). All these indicators make me think of spring and, for me, that goes hand in hand with thinking about Convention.

I'm sure you are aware by now that we have changed both the location and the format for our **51st Convention**. The location is the **University of Guelph** and the format is a Friday, Saturday and Sunday affair **May 4, 5 and 6**. We are excited to have all the dance areas under a single roof and all with wood floors. We are doubly excited to be staying in hotel accommodations!!

A few reminders:

For those who are commuting to the convention or choose not to walk from their hotels (it is a bit of a hike), the University will charge a parking fee for the Friday only. Parking on Saturday and Sunday is free of charge.

Normally the campus has many eating

facilities available, however, since we are meeting in the 'break' between semesters, these venues will not be open. Fortunately, there are many restaurants in the vicinity or you can pre-order a "Buffet Meal Card" which includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch and dinner for \$50. Breakfasts are not included since they are complimentary at most of the hotels.

Once again **McCulloch's** will have their usual display of square dance attire so bring your money honey!

Finally, don't forget your **CLUB BANNERS!** We'd like to decorate the balcony in the Plus hall.

I look forward to seeing all of you at convention.

Dave Williamson

CONVENTION REPORT

BUSINESS MANAGERS ~ Jeff & Andrea Priest

Brantford, Ontario

We are on track to another great event...

We have had our meeting with the Guelph University staff and they are very excited to host our convention this year.

We have been hearing for years from many dancers that they couldn't come to our Convention because it was always on Mother's Day weekend. We have changed that and we really hope you will be able to join us this year to enjoy the changes we have made! If you haven't registered yet, click this link for the ([Flyer](#)).

Running a convention of this size is quite a challenge, as you may imagine. There are always

issues to deal with and our objective is to make them as invisible as possible to the dancers. We really have an excellent team who work very well together to put this on for you. This year, in a new facility and with a new program, we face several challenges but we know it will be an outstanding convention and we very much appreciate your support!

Plans are well under way for our **52nd Convention**. Make sure you pick up flyers in Guelph this year and be sure to plan to attend May 3-5, 2013.

Looking forward to seeing you at Guelph May 4-6, 2012!

CONVENTION PROGRAMMERS - Jeff & Andrea Priest

Brantford, Ontario

Greetings,

We are well under way with the program for this year's Convention. We have a number of callers/cuers that have volunteered to help out with the program. If YOUR caller/cuer is not listed here, please remind them we need their support too and let them know you would love to dance to them at the T & D Convention!

We will of course, have a Trail-In dance on Friday Afternoon starting at 2:00. Our staff Callers and Cuers will be participating in the Trail-In as well. Be sure to get there early so you can be part of this too!

We very much wish to hang the banners in the

PLUS hall as in previous years. We understand how much work (& love) goes into these banners and are very pleased to have them at our Convention. So, any club wishing to have their banner displayed at T & D this year should bring it to the Registration area Friday before 5:00 p.m. Again this year, Dave Williamson (Convention

Chair), will be hanging the banners before the General Welcome. Your banner must be ready to hang, either with a dowling, rope or picture frame hook.

Volunteers registered as of January 31, 2012

Surname	His/Hers
Beck	Bob & Betty
Calhoun	Al & Renia
Callen	Jerry & Bonnie
Clingin	Don & Jean
Cowan	Don & June
Goodman	Aaron
Hall	Wayne & Sharron
Henry	Bryan
Himberg.Larson	Andy
Hinkle	Mary
Logan	Grant & Ann
McClure	Charlie & Betty
Meyer	Charles & Sharon
Priest	Jeff & Andrea
Roy	Dan & Rhetha
Seager	Arthurlyn
Williamson	Dave & Karen

We are always very appreciative of our local callers and cuers who support the convention by volunteering their time and talents to help with our success. If you get a chance to thank them for their participation, I know it would be appreciated.

See you on one of the Hardwood Dance Floors in Guelph. **May 4-6, 2012....**

FROM THE CONVENTION REGISTRARS:

Rose Marie & Ken Robinson, St. George, ON

We are encouraged by the fact that the number of registrations to date is well ahead of where we have been for the last couple of years. In fact we already have 54 people registered who have never been to Convention before. The new Guelph venue is obviously closer for a good number of dancers and as a result they have decided to come.

[pdf](#) if you haven't seen one where you dance. If you are coming from a distance there is hotel information on the back page of the flyer. Although the host hotel is fully booked there is hotel accommodation within minutes of the university.

Have you registered yet? If not you can get a registration form at <http://www.jeffreypriest.com/td/Flyer2012-Web>.

For more information about this years convention check out chatter at <http://www.jerrycallen.ca/td/ChatterSep11.pdf>.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

We have just **one date** left for our popular
T&D Joint dances in 2012-2013!

Joint dances are currently scheduled for **October 13, 2012;**
November 10, 2012; and **April 6, 2013.**

At present, we have an opening on **March 2, 2013.**

By hosting a joint T&D dance, your club is guaranteed success!
T&D will promote the dance, and T&D callers volunteer their time!
Profits are split equally, and losses (if any) are covered by T&D.

THIS IS A "WIN-WIN" SITUATION!

Contact Tom & Marion Petersen @ tpetersen@tomar.ca

INTERESTING TRAVELS

I have been in many places, but I've never been in **Cahoots** . Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in **Cognito** . I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in **Sane**. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work. I live close so it's a short drive.

I would like to go to **Conclusions**, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in **Doubt**. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in **Flexible**, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in **Capable**, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favorite places to be is in **Suspense!** It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

And, sometimes I think I am in **Vincible** but life shows me I am not.

People keep telling me I'm in **Denial** but I'm positive I've never been there before!

So far, I haven't been in **Continent**; but my travel agent says I'll be going soon.

Wishing you all safe travels!

CLUB NEWS
(Toronto and District Member Clubs)

ROYAL CITY SQUARES - Guelph, ON
Yvonne Paterson, Publicity



Royal City Squares Continues to Celebrate its 50th Anniversary

We're celebrating our 50th anniversary all year, kicking it off on the third of March, with **Royal City Squares hosting T&D's afternoon and evening dances** with over 100 people representing 15 clubs. As part of the festivities, Rose Marie and Ken Robinson, presidents of T&D, presented our club with a handsome plaque commemorating 50 years of providing square and round dancing in Guelph, and SWOSDA presidents, Avril and Austen Hayward, gave our presidents a congratulatory letter. Thanks also to Sharon and Wayne Hall of the Ontario Federation. Who presented us with a certificate.

We've continued stealing and retrieving banners, cleverly getting ours back from Elora on their cake night. Yummy! Thank you for a wonderful time, Elora, and also for visiting us so often. It's always fun to be with you.

Royal City Squares dancers look forward to March Break with as much pleasure as do the school kids, because when Paisley Road School is closed we get invited to the St. Patrick's Day dance in the Village by the Arboretum. Jeff Priest, wearing a shirt as green as a shamrock did his usual excellent job of choosing music to fit the occasion. We danced our

feet off and then replenished our calories with delicious food supplied by the Villagers.

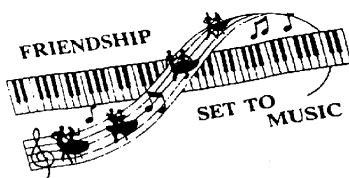
We don't know yet how many dancers will be graduating this year on April 10, the last Tuesday night class of the season, but they've come along quickly under the expert tutelage of Dave Williamson. The club is so pleased with the response to Continuing Education's brochure, that we have arranged to have them advertise and register Basic and Mainstream dancers again in September.

Our final singing call night is April 25, so come join us at our 'Spring Fling'. As with all our Tuesday and Wednesday classes and dances, you'll find us at Paisley Road School at 406 Paisley Road.

Yes, it's been a very good year, thanks to Dave Williamson, Jeff and Andrea Priest, our dancers, and the two umbrella organizations, SWOSDA and T&D, which give us such wonderful support. Royal City Squares continues to celebrate its 50th anniversary throughout 2012, with a corn roast this summer, date not yet certain, and more special events coming up in the fall.

Have a good summer everyone!

Contact: Yvonne Paterson, 519-936-7289 or yvonnepaterson88@yahoo.com



HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?
**51ST INTERNATIONAL SQUARE &
ROUND DANCE CONVENTION**

May 4, 5, & 6, 2012

University of Guelph

Sign up **Now**

Spend a weekend with your dance friends.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Info on page 19 of this newsletter.

Our Future Square Dancers

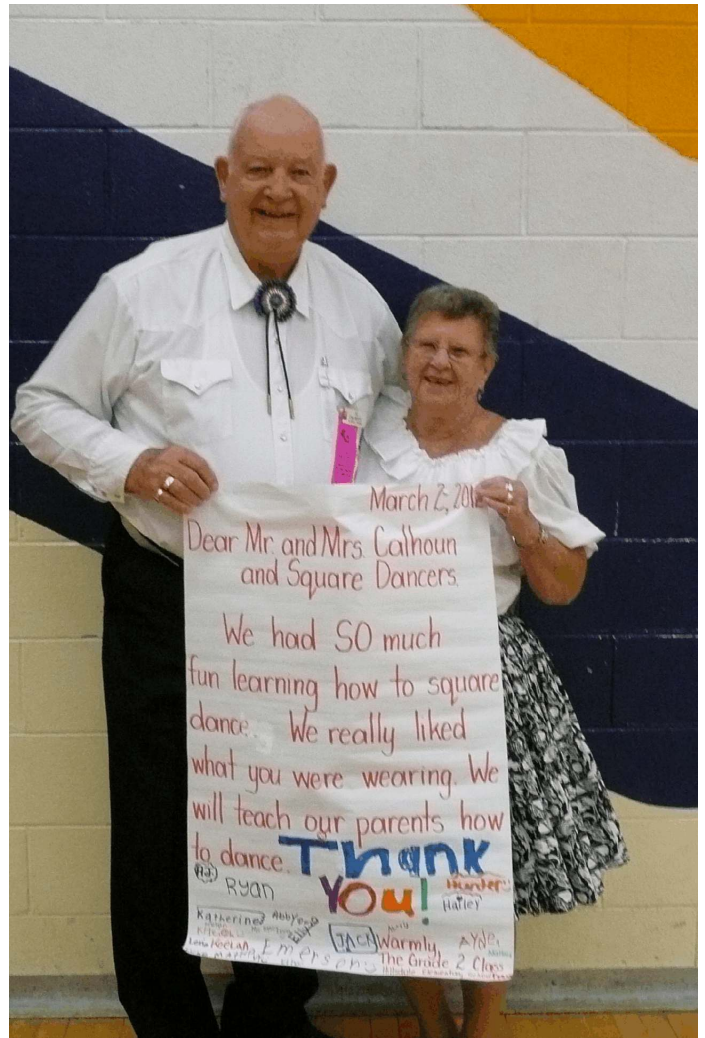
By Al & Renia Calhoun

Renia and I spent two full days at the **Hillsdale Elementary School** teaching all the young Canadians Modern square dancing. We had the grades 2 to 8, 150 students in all. They were wonderful.

We had a square of our dancers there to demonstrate the moves first and then let the students do them. WOW! WE all had a ball, and as we were leaving we saw some of the student's square dancing in the snow outside by themselves.

The grade 2 students presented this scroll to Renia & I. Isn't life wonderful

Al & Renia



OTONABEE SQUARES OFF TO A FLYING START IN 2012!

Sandy Martin and Jean Lander

Otonabee Squares has been enjoying a busy winter with lots of exciting happenings. Our main event "**Frosty Fling**" held on **Sunday, January 29th** was a huge success boasting 106 people present, resulting in 12/13 squares. We had two callers; **Dave Williamson** and **Wayne Whatman**, with caller **Grant Logan** sharing his talents with us that day. In attendance was a good representation of the following clubs: Oshawa, Lift Lock of Peterborough, Willow Weavers of Thornhill, Kawartha Clovers of Lindsay, Quinte Twirlers of Belleville, Lakeshore Waves of Baltimore, and the Napanee Pioneers.

Ten squares attended our **Valentine's Party** held on **Monday, February 13th**, regular Club night; highlighting the evening was a build-your-own ice cream sundae social time, which went over extremely well with our red-clad dancers.

Our very first **Mainstream-only dance** held on **Sunday, February 19th** was a giant success, allowing dancers who had attended our Mainstream Blitz in January an opportunity to dance two full hours. **Berry Chumbley** from Napanee was the caller for this event. **Joe Uebelacker** was our caller for our second Mainstream-only dance held on **Sunday, March 18th**. Six squares happily danced along to Joe's high energy style calling.

We all got a great workout this day. 21 dancers met for dinner after the dance to further their enjoyment and put a nice cap on the day.

A **Basic Workshop** has been organized for Tuesday, March 20th to aid our first year dancers in their preparations for Spring Spree.

We'll be having a Crazy Hat Dance Monday, April 2nd, where all proceeds plus half the Share The Wealth will go to a local charity. We're anxious to see all the unique creations as our members take this opportunity to earn a dangle for their efforts.

Speaking of dangles, some of our members earned their Road Runner dangle, and others are working towards it by attending one special square dance function in Peterborough and two special functions given by Clubs outside of Peterborough.

We welcomed fourteen new dancers into the Club in February after they completed their four-week session of lessons at a separate venue. Choosing to hold these lessons outside of our regular Club night proved to be successful and we plan to do so again in September.

We recently held a used square dance clothing sale where we raised a total of \$450.00. This money was donated to another local charity "Our Space".

George Street United Church, where we dance weekly, offered us a free course on the use of the defibrillator. They have made it available to us to use in an emergency. We hope it will never be needed but really appreciate these folks including us.

On February 27, Linda and Rob Harrison and Cynthia Furr from Kingston's Limestone Dancers joined us on Club night to woo our members to their St. Patty's Day dance. The Club also

welcomed caller Joe Uebelacker who dropped in because the school cancelled his dance on Family Day. He called a tip for our members and also joined in dancing in the squares. Otonabee Squares is a friendly club whose members love having visitors!

We have 47 dancers new to the Club; 8 of these are returning to square dancing. We will be graduating 39 dancers on Monday, May 7th from the Basics Program. These folks began in September 2011. Celebration will include graduation cake, graduation hats, clap out, the whole enchilada, followed by a fun night of dancing.

The **week of April 21st Square Dancing Week** in Peterborough will be proclaimed by the Mayor's office in honour of Lift Lock's 50th Anniversary of Spring Spree. We hope to use this opportunity to raise the profile of square dancing in the community. With this in mind, we will be having an **Open House at Otonabee Squares** on Monday, **April 30th** at 7 p.m. Location will be George Street United Church. All members are encouraged to invite, as our guests, family, friends, and neighbours to have a look at what we've been crowing about all year, and to take part in a fun night of very basic dancing. We anticipate a lot of smiles and a lot of laughs. Special treats will be served for our guests' further enjoyment.

Once again, we plan to hold **summer dances every second week** on regular Club nights, except for Civic Holiday on August 6th...we will dance Tuesday, August 7th that week. Callers **Joe Uebelacker** and **Wayne Whatman** will alternate. Our **first summer dance** will be **Monday, May 28th** at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Parish Hall, 859 Barnardo St. Peterborough.

Submitted by Jean Lander and Sandy Martin
Otonabee Squares of Peterborough

Deadline for next TOPICS Newsletter

Saturday, August 11, 2012

The next issue will cover September. Please be sure to get your events in the newsletter. Thank you to all the Clubs and members who contributed to this newsletter. Remember, I hope to get all of your flyers and club reports. Please watch for your events on the web site, www.td-dance.ca

GREETINGS FROM JUBILEE ROUNDS...

Who would believe this is March. As I write this it is 26c and I am sitting on our deck enjoying the sunshine and a tall glass of Iced Tea. According to the weatherman we are about to create a new record for the warmest day in March. **Y e a h!**

We have been very busy lately and missed the last issue of Bugle so would like to bring you up to date on our activities. We had a fabulous Valentines Party with almost all of our club members attending as well as some visitors. What a great night!

Our second youngest son got married in February as well, hence one of the reasons we were so busy. This is the second son in 6 months to be married - two down and two to go! There's hope for grandchildren yet!!

At Jubilee we have been working on our phase III waltz moves and now have a new dance under our belts - "Tonight" - (Ph: III + 2 - Callen). We have also been working on some phase II dances, including; SWOSDA ROM for January "Lollipop" - (Ph: II+1 Twostep - Watanabe), SWOSDA ROM for February - Oceans of Love (Ph: II Waltz - Floden) and "Why Ask For The Moon" - (Ph: II Twostep - Meyer)

St. Patrick's Day saw lots of green on the dance floor as we just danced the night away. We enjoyed some nice chocolate and green treats too. Everyone is enjoying the rhythm practice dances that we do each night in Rumba, Cha, Jive and

Foxtrot.

Please note: Due to Easter there will be no dancing on Thursday April 5, 2012.

We will be hosting a **Tango Clinic** on **April 14th** in St. Jacobs. So if you would like to learn a couple of Tango's visit our website for the registration form and send it along.

Be sure to look at the write up for our sister club - ShadowLight Dance Club. There are exciting things happening there. Including a couple of summer Round Dance workshops!

Please visit our website for info, flyers & registration forms: www.jeffreypriest.com.
(If any of these flyers are not on YOUR club flyer table, please feel free to print some out and take them along with you or contact us and we will send you some. Thanks.)

Jeff

Visitors are always welcome; just come on out & dance. (No Dancing April 5, 2012)

Remember: For Round Dance fun, we're # 1 - the place to be is Jubilee!

Thursday nights 7-9:30pm. St James Lutheran Church, 1407 King St. N., St Jacobs.

"Success is a state of mind. If you want success, start thinking of yourself as a success."

Joyce Brothers

"The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence."

Vincent T. Lombardi

SQUARE DANCE HANDBOOKS

Basic/Mainstream - \$2.60

Plus - \$2.00

Mailing costs are extra. Please contact Bob Beck if you wish to order books.

905-227-7264

or e-mail: rbeck9@cogeco.ca

SHADOWLIGHT DANCE CLUB

Greetings! This is the first write-up for ShadowLight Dance Club this year. We have been very busy keeping folks dancing.

Squares: Our daytime A-1 teach in Cambridge on Monday afternoons is going very well. We also offer a daytime A-2 workshop in - Brampton every Wednesday Afternoon – this too is going very well.

Jeff is involved in a very successful kids square dance program in schools and to groups such as Brownies & Guides as well as Kids Day Camps. He is really looking forward to teaching grades 5 – 8, a total of 20 classes and just over 600 kids, how to square dance at Rockwood Centennial School the second week of April.

Keep us in mind if you know of a group that might be interested in a “Square Dance Party!”

We do many private parties for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Weddings and pre-wedding party’s, as well as “just because parties”

Rounds: As well as Etobicoke Rounds that meets 2nd & 4th Fridays in Toronto, our last dance this season will be Friday April 13th, ShadowLight Dance Club sponsors many rhythm clinics and specific round dance teaches and workshops. We are running a **Tango Clinic on April 14th in St. Jacobs.** **We are also running two summer workshops in Guelph; one for Rumba and the other for Jive.** Visit our website for flyers and registration forms, all of these sessions require pre-registration. If you don’t have access to our website, please call us and we will send you a registration form. Although our Tango Clinic does require you to know your phase II figures, our summer workshops on **Rumba and Jive don’t require any dance experience.** If you know of someone – friend, neighbour, co-worker, son or daughter, etc – who you think would just like to join us for one or both of these 7 week sessions, please pass the information along to them, or their names and contact info to us and we will send them the information.

Dances: ShadowLight is holding **Crocus Capers a PLUS Square Dance with Rounds on Saturday, April 14th from 7 - 9:30pm in St Jacobs.** ****This is a Funtime Event – see below!

Camp & Dances: On May 24th weekend, the Trillium Spring Fling Camp Weekend is held in Port Glasgow. (More affectionately known as “The Puddle Jumper”) We have a limit of 50 units and usually this weekend fills with return guests from the previous year. Up until two weeks ago, we had our quota and the weekend was “full”.

Unfortunately, we have had a couple of attendees who find they are not up to either camping or dancing for another season and have given up their spots. If you are interested in joining us for this great long weekend of squares, rounds, teaches, fun & fellowship, please drop us an email or pick up the phone and we would be happy to add you to the group.

Funtime Events: Periodically, ShadowLight Dance Club will hold “**Funtime Events**”. These are dance events that will include a specific aspect to make them FUN, whether it’s a theme, or a location, or just that little something extra. Each attendee couple at a Funtime Event will receive a punch card and, when they have attended so many Funtime Events, there will be a reward. A little something for just coming out and having fun! Our first Event was **Swing into Summer** – our second one was the **Hallowe’en Howl**, our third will be the **Crocus Capers** – Don’t miss it.

Happy Dancing and More – Much More!

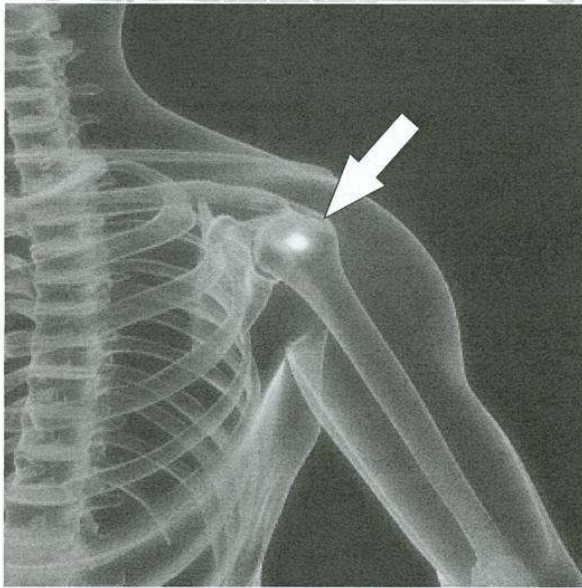
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“People with goals succeed because they know where they’re going.”

Earl Nightingale

CALLER MUSINGS

Another Dancer Goes Down For The Count!



No, this is not the World Boxing Association or World Wrestling Association Report, this is about our beloved Square DANCING activity! An activity that is supposed to be fun, relaxing & enjoyable and yet.... we still have an ability to HURT each other!

I'm writing this because I'm annoyed, as I just learned of another dancer who has been permanently injured while dancing. YES, while dancing! Permanently meaning he'll never square dance again AND thus he & his wife are no longer able to do what they love doing most! Square Dancing has been their life for many years, and now it's done, all due to a physical injury caused by another dancer(s). Yes, the bracketed (s) is correct, more than one dancer contributed to the end result.

What kind of injury am I talking about? A wrenched shoulder with the resulting rotator cuff injury that cannot be repaired, thus a permanent situation. All caused by another dancer 'hanging on' & trying to force 'their will' on another without thinking!

Unfortunately, this is not the first time that

I've seen this happen and one of the prime reasons why I, as a Caller, continually (ad nauseam sometimes) "preach" about the importance of hand contact. No, it's not hand "holds", it's hand CONTACT! A firm but gentle use of hands to just say "I'm here" - nothing more than that. Especially important in Ocean Waves, when the hands are "up" - it's 'contact' with crossed palms only, NO fingers interlocking; NO thumbs entwined; NO GRIP of any kind whatsoever - EVER! And so if there's a 'disagreement' about who goes which way, you 'part company' easily as the hand contact slips apart. However, if you're 'hanging on' (thumbs, fingers, whatever), that's when injuries happen, as shoulders are wrenched, fingers twisted, wrists strained. That's bad enough when we were younger, but as we age, the end result can be very painful & often debilitating - such as in this recent case.

I can think of a myriad of 'reasons' this is going on and I'm sure that's it's not a deliberate action by anyone, BUT despite my many years of 'preaching', it continues to happen. Many of you may have had it happen to you without a problem, perhaps not. How many others are no longer dancer because of it - I have no idea. However, think & ask yourself... do I do that? Do I 'hang on'? How do I hold (contact?) onto others with my hands?

You know, sometimes we just DON'T THINK, we don't realize that we're doing something that can have such a drastic impact on others.

Folks, our favourite activity is Square DANCING, so be GENTLE with each other, BE CONSIDERATE with each other and let's all focus on eliminating this 'affliction' permanently, once and for all, so that we can ALL enjoy having fun with each other for many more years to come!

Let us stop putting our fellow dancers "down for the count"!! ~ Caller Geoff

SWING & WHIRL SQUARE DANCE CLUB TO CLOSE

By Bob Beck

It is with sadness that the executive of the **Swing and Whirl Square Dance Club** of **St. Catharines** announces the closure of the club after our last dance of the season on **Saturday, April 28, 2012**. The club, **started in 1960** by **Orphie (Easson) Marcellus** and several interested couples from Grantham United Church (now First Grantham United Church), has danced at the church for **over 51 years**. The club continues to be sponsored by the First Grantham Friendship Group (formerly the Grantham Couples Club). In December of 2011 we closed our Wednesday A-1/A-2 group and now feel it is time to close the Plus evening as our attendance has shrunk to the point that we only dance one square.

Orphie called for the club for many years until she married Mac Marcellus and moved to Thornton.

Callers since then have included **Geoff Ford, Bea Foottit, Mike Harris, Dough Smith, Harry Vander Giessen, Tim Crawford** and currently, **Wayne Hall**.

Anyone who would like to join us for our final evening of dancing is welcome to do so. It will be finger foods after the dance so if you would like to bring your favourite finger food, that would be appreciated.

The Club dances **plus level** with **easy level rounds** from **8:00 - 10:00 p.m.** The church is located at 415 Linwell Road, St. Catharines. Parking is at the side or behind the church. The entrance is located at the far right side of the church when facing it from Linwell Road.

OSHAWA SQUARES

By Pam & Barry Clasper

Barry Clasper and the **Oshawa Squares** took their turn to host a **Basic dance** on Sunday afternoon **February 26, 2012**. The day turned out bright and sunny so no one had problems getting to the dance. Over **13 squares of dancers** had a wonderful time dancing to **Barry, Doug Holmes, Aaron Goodman and Grant Logan**. The level of enthusiasm in the hall was very high throughout the dance with many friendships renewed and new ones made. Although a small group, the members of Oshawa Squares provided a fantastic spread of goodies for everyone to enjoy after the dance.

This series of Basic dances has been well-attended, by new dancers as you might expect, but also with great support from area Mainstream and Plus

dancers. Everyone is having a wonderful time at them.

The next one in the series will be hosted by **Doug Holmes and the Newmarket Happy Hoppers** at the Lebovic Arts & Entertainment Centre in Stouffville on Sunday afternoon, **March 25, 2012**.

The final dance in the series for this season will be hosted by **Grant Logan and the Willowdale Willow Weavers** on **Saturday May 12, 2012** at Thornhill Presbyterian Church. For information, call Grant or Ann at 905-709-9241 or email grant.logan@3web.com



Happy Mother's Day

May 13, 2012

2012 CONVENTION SQUARE DANCE CALLER JOHN MARSHALL

John was raised in Baltimore, Maryland. He began his calling career there in 1969. Four years later a change in his day job brought him to Northern Virginia. He currently resides in Sterling near Washington D.C.

John regularly calls every program from Basic through C-3B as well as party nights. John has worked to develop a strong program in his community. The program includes home clubs ranging through Challenge 2. In addition to these clubs, John also teaches classes and workshops to support the continued growth of these groups.

This home program is accented by John's out of town calling commitments which have taken him all over the United States and Canada, and overseas to Sweden, Denmark, Germany, England, Australia and Japan.

Becoming a full time caller in 1979 gave John more time to work at his chosen profession.

Consequently he has chaired committees as a Callerlab member, and is serving an elected term on the Board of Governors and the Executive Committee. John is a past Chairman of Callerlab.

He is very proud to have served in this capacity. John enjoys serving as a clinician, panelist, and presenter at workshops and schools for callers.

During his career he has been a regular contributor to various square dancer and caller publications, he has appeared on television a variety of times, and as a talented singer has served as a recording artist for Sets in Order, 4 Bar B Records, and Red Boot Records.

John is always working to expand his music and choreographic knowledge, as well as his showmanship abilities in order to bring you the best square dancing possible.

IN MEMORIAM DOROTHY (DOT) BLACKLEY

Dorothy (Dot) Blackley passed away on **March 17, 2012** after a brief illness. Dot and her husband, Ed, started square dancing in 1967 and round dancing the same year. In 1972, they began teaching rounds and eventually taught rounds four nights a week, from Phase I and II thru Phase V & VI at the club they started in St. Catharines, **Footnote Rounds**. Ed died suddenly in the summer of 1990. Dot continued teaching and cueing rounds with the help of some of her dancers and finally stopped about five years ago due to some health problems.

In 2003, her dancers held an appreciation night for her at First Grantham United Church in St. Catharines. Over 100 dancers sat down to a catered supper and then enjoyed an evening of squares and rounds.

Dot is survived by five of her six children (her youngest son died on February 29, 2012), eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Her funeral was held on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at Pleasantview Funeral and Reception Centre in Fonthill. Our sympathies to all of her family.

ROUND DANCES TAUGHT

Bob & Betty Beck - Thorold, Ontario

Could I Have This Dance - Phase II - Waltz (Eddins)
Edilweiss - Phase II - Waltz (Kullman)
Dreams Come True - Phase II - Waltz (Cooksey)
Hitchhike - Phase III - Cha (Norris)
Volare - Phase III - Cha (Baldwin)
Dancing Queen - Phase III - Cha (Seurer)

Jerry & Bonnie Callen - Guelph, Ontario

Hallelujah Waltz – Phase VI Hesitation Canter Waltz (Read)
Sam's New Pants – Phase IV Foxtrot (Finch)
Endless Love – Phase III Bolero (Callen)
Are You Lonesome Tonight – Phase III Waltz (Scherrer)
LOVE Quickstep – Phase III Two Step/Quickstep (Callen)
Los Rayos del Sol – Phase V Rumba (Moore)
And I Love You So – Phase V Rumba (Childers)
Venus Waltz - Phase V Waltz (Blackfords)

Mary Hinkle - Grand Island, N.Y.

Burgers & Fries - Phase IV+1 RB (Wolff)
I Talk to the Trees -Phase III+2 RB (Gloodt)
Mona Lisa's Smile - Phase III+1+1 WZ (Helton)
Lollipop - Phase 2+1 T/S (Watanabe)
Tea for Two, for Me & You - Phase III+1 Cha (Ulmenweg)
This is Our Dance - Phase III+2 WZ (Borengasser)
Sweet Apple Cider - Phase III+2 FT (Roy)
Irish Whistler - Phase IV WZ (Healea)
Reviewed
La Vie En Rose' - Phase III+2 FT (Molitoris)
Am I Blue - Phase IV +2 FT (Slater)

WATERDOWN VILLAGE SQUARES

Sent in by Bill & Carol Marsh

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE:

The balmy weather is making it very clear that summer will soon be upon us. The approaching end of the dancing year at Waterdown Village Squares is a good time to reflect on our achievements during the 2011/2012 season, and consider what our focus should be for next year.

Our special dances have been great fun, beginning with the dance on November 5th hosted jointly with Toronto & District Square and Round Dance Association, and including all of our annual dances: Christmas Potluck, New Year's Eve, Snow

Bunny, Beef a la King and Ice Cream Social. Our challenge going forward will be to increase ticket sales, to ensure we can continue to offer all of these dances. Our club at Waterdown is very fortunate to have two very talented callers who enable us to offer dancing instruction at four levels, when many clubs are struggling to maintain even one or two; and we are delighted to have 15 new dancers completing the Basic program again this year! Our publicity couple, Bill & Carol Marsh, and your executive are working on promotion strategies to attract new dancers for September.

Ken and I would like to thank our wonderful, hard-working executive for their contributions to our club. They are great people to work with: at meetings we voice our opinions - and often we disagree - but we remain good friends. Some of our officers have decided not to stand for re-election

this year: Evelyn Scott and Dennis Foster leave the position of Secretary, and Aini & Frank Anderson will not continue as convenors on Tuesday nights. We were all shocked and saddened to lose our Treasurer, Bev Barrowcliffe in January.

- We encourage all of our dancers to help us as we strive to keep Waterdown Village Squares thriving in the next dancing year:
- Help us promote our club and increase attendance by talking to your friends, family and neighbours about our activity and the fun you have here.
- Volunteer to participate in demonstration squares and promotional activities when they are available to us.
- Attend our special dances and “talk it up” with your square-dancing friends.

Finally, remember that our Potluck Dinner and Annual General Meeting is coming up on Tuesday, April 24th. We encourage each of our dancers to consider standing for election to our executive - “many hands make light work”, and a full complement of officers ensures that our club will continue to operate smoothly to provide

entertainment for all of us.

Wishing you a happy, healthy summer – see you in September!

Ken & Rose Marie Robinson

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Submitted by Evelyn Scott

A good time was had by all! Well, we certainly hope so! The group of A1 & A2 dancers who gathered Saturday evening were treated to the fine calling of **Tim Crawford** and **Jimmy Lee**. The night included lots of great square dancing and an occasional round, cued by Jimmy Lee.

goodies for making your own ice cream sundaes and a chance to enjoy them while chatting with old and new friends. Although we only had 38 dancers it made for a fun and successful evening.

For the full newsletter, go to [Waterdown Newsletters](#)

Then, of course, there was an abundance of

A HUG A DAY

Hugging is nothing less than a miracle drug. It helps the body’s immune system, cures depression, reduces stress and induces sleep. It’s rejuvenating and invigorating – yet has no unpleasant side effects. It’s all natural, organic and is naturally sweet. It contains no pesticides, no preservatives, no artificial ingredients, and is 100% wholesome. There are no batteries to wear out, no periodic checkups, low energy consumption and high energy yield. It’s inflation-proof, non-taxable, non-fattening, non-polluting, and of course, fully refundable. In fact, hugging is practically perfect. Maybe that is why we all like a big yellow rock.

Wishing you all many hugs over the summer. Looking forward to hearing your news in August.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, April 3, 2012: Oakville Round Dance Club invites you to dance **Phase II, III & IV Rounds** with **Bob & Betty Beck** from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Pine Room, Oakville Arena, 133 Rebecca Street (near Ker St..) Cost is \$20.00 per couple, refreshments included. For information call 905-227-7264 or e-mail rbeck9@cogeco.ca

Saturday, April 7, 2012: Toronto & District Square & Round Dance Association Inc. and **Happy Hoppers** present a **Special Dance** at Lebovic Arts Centre, 19 Civic Street, Stouffville, ON. Dance **Plus with A-1 tips and Rounds** from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. with Host Caller, **Doug Holmes** and Guest Caller, **Al Calhoun** and **Rounds with Bob & Betty Beck.** Cost is \$6.00 per person. For information call Bob & Jean Dalziel at 905-727-4193 or Rose Marie & Ken Robinson at 519-448-3842 or e-mail rwoodley000@sympatico.ca or k.j.robinson@sympatico.ca or call Pam & Barry Clasper at 416-498-0007 or e-mail pam@clasper.ca or barry@clasper.ca

Sunday, April 15, 2012: Otonabee Squares invite you to join them for their **Mainstream Dance** at Geroge Street United Church (corner of George & McDonnel Streets), Peterborough, ON from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.. Caller **to be announced.** Cost \$5.00 per person. Refreshments included. For information call 705-743-8699 or visit our website at www.otonabeesquares.org

Saturday, April 21, 2012: Lift Lock Squares, of Peterborough, ON, present their **50th Annual Spring Spree** at Crestwood Secondary School, 1885 Sherbrooke Street West. Dance Basic, Mainstream, Plus & A-1 with Rounds from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 10:30 p.m. with **Don Moger, Jeff Priest, Joe Uebelacker & Barry Clasper** doing Squares and **Andrea Priest** doing rounds. Cost \$25.00 all day or \$13.00 Afternoon **or Evening per couple (pre-registration by April 7) \$30.00 all day or \$15.00 per couple (after April 7)** Send registrations to Anne & Wayne Hare, 644 Walkerfield Ave., Peterborough, ON K9J 4W2, phone 705-743-3077 or e-mail wayne.hare@sympatico.ca. Flyer is available on the T & D website: td-dance.ca

Thursday May 3, 2012: Super Plus and Super A2 presented by **Triangle Squares** with **Don Moger**, for Plus and higher-level dancers, from 7-10 PM. Don will be calling a special evening of what we're terming Super Plus and Super A2. These will be back-to-back sessions, completely separate from each other. A2 dancers are encouraged to attend for the entire evening, but if you're only interested in the Super A2, you can sign up for that alone. RSVPs are required, because we have limited space. Please sign up for one or both sessions [here](#) or contact us at this [e-mail](#).

Friday - Sunday, May 4, 5, & 6, 2012: Toronto & District Square and Round Dance Association Inc. is proud to present **The 51st International Square & Round Dance Convention** at the University of Guelph, 50 Stone Road East, Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Dance Mainstream to A-2 Squares and Phase II - V Rounds on hardwood floors. Dance from Friday at 2:00 p.m.. until Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Dance Squares with **Jim Lee, John Marshall, & Don Moger** and Rounds with **Steve & Irene Bradt.** Cost: **All sessions** \$45.00 per person (advanced registration) or \$50.00 per person (at the door). **Saturday only** \$28.00 per person (advanced registration) or \$32.00 (at the door). Buffet Meal Cards are available for \$50.00 per person. (Includes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch & dinner) Register early and be sure to have a place on the dance floor for comfortable dancing. The host hotel is **The Best Western - Across the street** at 716 Gordon Street, Guelph 519-836-1240 (book in T. & D. Block). See the Convention Flyer for other options. For flyers or further information on our New & Improved Convention, call **Ken & Rose Marie Robinson** at 519-448-3842 or e-mail k.j.robinson@sympatico.ca. Also, check out Chatter on the T. and D. Web site: www.td-dance.ca Looking forward to seeing you at the convention.

Saturday May 12, 2011: New Dancer s Windup. A full Basic program for all graduates with MS tips. Callers invited to share the stage. Hosted by **Grant & Ann Logan** and the **Willowdale Willow Weavers.** 7:30 to 10 followed by light refreshments. \$6/per. Thornhill Presbyterian Church, 271 Centre St., Thornhill. For more info call Ann Logan 905-709-9241 or email grant.logan@3web.com.

Saturday May 26, 2012: Come Dance with Us on Saturday Night presented by **Horseshoe Squares & Wheels** at Green Acre Park, Waterloo. Dance Mainstream with Plus tips with **Charlie McClure** and Rounds with **Bob & Betty Beck**. Rounds at 7:15 p.m. & Squares at 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$12.00 per couple. For the full summer schedule, see the [flyer](#) or contact George & Mary at 705-429-9593 or Peter & Lorna at 519-856-8231

June 1, 2, & 3, 2012: WOW Weekend with leaders **Curt & Tammy Worlock** teaching and cueing **Phase III, IV and V Rounds** at John Paul Secondary School in London, ON. Cost is \$145 per couple (dance package & Saturday lunch and dinner). For more information and the entry form, see the [flyer](#) or call Bob & Betty at 905-227-7264 or e-mail rbeck9@cogeco.ca .

June 8, 9, & 10, 2012: 15th Annual June Jamboree with callers **Gary Shoemake and Ken Bower** and cuers **Brian & Cindy Adams** in Watkins Glen, NY. Dance Plus level Squares with Advanced tips. For information, see their [flyer](#). Cost \$40.00 per person (advance) or \$45.00 per person at the door. For information contact Lise Rosenfield at 607-257-1638 or e-mail claireliserosenfield@gmail.com

Thursdays beginning July 8, 2012: Summer Dance Thursdays with **Triangle Squares** who will host a series of dance evenings at the 519 Community Centre. Full details will be posted when they become available. To give you an idea of what's in store, last year we had an Intro to Advanced; a Hexagons workshop; a Lefties dance, focussing on left-hand versions of calls; and a wildly popular All Four Couples/All 8 workshop for A2 dancers. Please check [the website](#) or email [Susan](#) to be added to our mailing list. Please specify your dance level and area(s) of interest when you sign up.

August 17 and 18, 2012: The 50th Michigan Square and Round Dance Convention in Kalamazoo, MI. For more information, contact Vickie Stewart at 517-256-1533 or vickie@voyager.net

Saturday October 13, 2012: Joint Special Dance presented by the **Toronto & District Square and Round Dance Association** and the **Blue Mountain Promenaders**. Dance **Plus with A1 tips** and **Rounds** from 2:00-4:30 pm. More information to follow in Septembers TOPICSNews

October 27, 2012: Fall Fest Square and Round Dance Festival in Ottawa, ON. More information when details become available. For information on the **Round Dance program**, contact [Jerry and Bonnie](#).

Saturday December 1, 2012: Jingle Bell Ball presented by your **WOW Committee**. Join us for a **Christmas Dinner and Dance** beginning at 2:00 pm at the Hungarian Self Culture Society Hall, 361 Hellams Ave, Welland, ON with cuers **Bob & Betty Beck, Jerry & Bonnie Callen, Mary Hinkle, and Ken & Dot Lowery**. Cost is \$75.00 per couple. Register early - limited to 40 couples. For more information, see the [flyer](#). Or contact Bob & Betty Beck, 905-227-7264 or e-mail bettytop@aol.com

**SPRING SPREE VENDORS -
PETERBOROUGH - APRIL 21, 2012**

Crestwood Secondary School.

Just a note about vendors.

We are pleased to say the **CANNING CREATIONS** from Ottawa will be there and
THE DANCING PRINCESS from Montreal.

We hope to see you all at this great dance!

NOW'S THE TIME TO CONSIDER JOINING THE EXECUTIVE

Now is the time to start thinking about putting your name forward to run for a position on the **Toronto and District Square and Round Dance Association** Executive. Talk to anyone on the current executive (information on back page) for more information.

It is a great opportunity to put your ideas into action, so step up and join in the fun. All positions come available and are voted on at the Annual General Meeting on **April 7, 2012** at our **Joint Dance with Newmarket Happy Hoppers** at the Lebovic Arts Centre in Stouffville, ON. from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Come out and enjoy a wonderful Plus dance and support your Toronto and District Square and Round Dance Association. We look forward to hearing your ideas and thoughts on how your Association is doing.

Your T. & D. Executive

AN OLDER DOG

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep. An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar:

'He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?'





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MONTHLY DANCE TEACHES & DANCES

If you would like the listing of your club teaches and dances listed on the monthly e-mail, please send me a flyer or a list of dances - level---starting date --time-- and location as well as a contact and phone number. I will include this in my blurb. This monthly list of dancing will only work, with your co-operation.

Thanks

Aaron Godman- Director Toronto & District Square & Round Dance Association

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