



May 2023

## Toronto & District Square and Round Dance Association Inc.

Spring greetings!

At this time of the year many clubs will be going into a recess for the summer months . We hope you have had a wonderful dance year. It was a special year of getting back together, realizing you had not forgotten your dancing over the covid years and most importantly, seeing friends again.

Three successful club/T&D joint dances were held this season: Peterborough, Etobicoke and Waterdown. Unfortunately the Guelph dance was snowed out . The AGM was held in April at the Waterdown dance and a new executive was voted in. We welcome Gerry and Patty to our committee. Our thanks and good wishes to retiring members, Lorna Irwin and Terry Rothman.

**President** - Dave Williamson

**Vice President** - Gerry Gregoire

**Secretary** - Patty Cameron

**Treasurers** - Bob & Betty Beck

**Directors**

Niall O'Reilly - will continue to act as Webmaster

Dave Williamson- will continue to take care of T & D Joint Dances

Jean Lander—Publicity

Sue Boyle

**Past Presidents:** Howard and Jean Lander.

We still have director positions open for anyone who may be interested in becoming involved. Contact Dave Williamson if you are interested. Go to our website for contact information.

<http://www.td-dance.ca/>.

**New Caller Information Session.** If you ever wondered how it is that your caller works his/her/their magic, seamlessly resolving squares on the fly, then come out to the New Caller Information Session at Maranatha Church in Woodstock on Saturday May 13. The trade secrets will be revealed and you can give calling a try yourself. Register at [www.shadowlightdance.com](http://www.shadowlightdance.com)



The GCA caller school will be held in Ottawa from July 2-4, before the Convention. Space is very limited so register now! [gaycallers.org](http://gaycallers.org)

The need for callers is urgent as this past year we have lost callers due to retirement and death. So please think about learning to call.



We are very sorry to say goodbye to another club—Lakeshore Waves in the Cobourg/Port Hope area. They were planning their 60th Anniversary celebrations when Covid shut down all our clubs. Unfortunately, they have not recovered from the shut-down and will be closing their doors on May 11.

Another club closing (we hope temporarily) is Happy Hoppers in Newmarket.

**Doug and Heather Holmes** are retiring after many years of dedicated calling and supporting square and round dancing. They will be greatly missed but we wish them all the best in their retirement.



Our condolences to Ethel and family of the late Dean Fisher, caller for many years to the Blue Mountain Promenaders in Collingwood. He passed away in March.

**The Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation have a budget for promotion and each year we focus on a different part of the province. Last year the money went to support a booth at the International Plowing Match near Ottawa. If anyone has any ideas about large community functions or festivals where we could do some promotion, please contact me. Jean Lander [hjlander@gmail.com](mailto:hjlander@gmail.com) or phone 905 342 5450**

Memorabilia. Dave Barron, son of the late Ian and Anita Barron who danced for many years, one club he remembers is Eagle Beavers has many photo albums and other memorabilia which he is trying to pass on to any interested parties. If you are interested, please contact him at [ripperdave40@hotmail.com](mailto:ripperdave40@hotmail.com) or phone 705-789-1607.

Please note links where you can find information about recruitment bursaries; caller bursaries, club support and information, etc.

<https://squaredance.on.ca/members/>

Please go to our own webpage, where amongst other information, there is an events page where you can find what is going on.

<http://www.td-dance.ca/>

**It is not too late to register for the IADSDC Convention taking place in Ottawa from July 5-8. Go to the webpage for all the information, It will be a fantastic event, with many of the top callers from all over North America. Dancing is from basic to C4 and many other activities are available as part of the convention. Go to <https://ottawa2023.com/> for all the information.**



### **Greeting from Waterdown Village Squares**

After the Christmas break, January 2023, Waterdown Village Dancers returned to weekly square dances with continuing Tuesday evening Plus with Jimmy Lee and Thursday evening basic and mainstream with Bill Everett.

Every month in 2023, we featured a special Dance.

**JANUARY**, it has been a tradition at Waterdown Village Square to celebrate **Robbie Burns DAY**. Our Dancers wore **Scottish Attire**, kilts, shirts, plaid shirts, skirts, ties socks or hats. It is fun to dress up in different outfits and everyone had good time.

Our monthly special dance in **FEBRUARY** was a **Valentine Day Dance** with the usual Red and White Attire. The dancers also enjoyed a treat/snack table loaded with commercial treats in ready-to-eat format. We are now going to have members volunteering to bring treats every week for future dances.

**MARCH** special dance was **St. Patrick Dance** with the dancers wearing **Green and White Attire**. This month treat/snack table was loaded with green theme related goodies.

**Saturday APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> Joint T & D Waterdown Dance was an amazing success.**

There were 70 paid Dancers plus others. There were 8 squares dancing mainstream!!!

Many people travelled from far away to get to the Waterdown T&D dance. North Bay, Barrie, Newmarket, Thornhill, Peterborough, Toronto, Mississauga, Niagara Falls, St Catharines, Thorold, Hamilton, Dundas, Burlington, Brantford, Guelph, Elora, Woodstock, London, Cambridge, Waterloo, Kitchener.

The Waterdown Dancers pitched in to provide the wonderful food; served tea, coffee and water; do set up an awesome room to welcome our guests

**Looking forward to hosting Saturday April 6, 2024 the next T & D Dance**

To celebrate the year together, we had our **ANNUAL HOEDOWN on April 25, 2023**

The club provided cold cut sandwiches and club, the member brought the appetizers and desserts with coffee/tea service. Then we had our first Club AGM since April 2019.

Thank to our hard working executive members for managing our club during with first year after COVID. Thank you to our awesome callers, Jim Lee and Bill Everett.

We always welcome dancers from other clubs to come visit and dance anytime, especially on our special dance nights. Masks are optional, sanitizer solution provided, free parking in St James United Church lot. Our venue is a nut and peanut free facility.

Contact information: email [publicity@waterdownvillagesquares.ca](mailto:publicity@waterdownvillagesquares.ca)

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Submitted by : Susan Roat Winter

Waterdown Village Squares maintains both a website  
and a Facebook page **Waterdown Village Squares**  
to publicize our club events and to recruit new dancers

<http://www.waterdownvillagesquares.ca>

Waterdown Village Dancers are happy to be back to weekly dances after far too long break from this wonderful activity. **"Square Dancing is Friendship set to Music"**





## Gateway Gliders North Bay

First time back after  
the pandemic!



Gateway Gliders Square Dance Club is gliding along with Monday dancing at Mainstream and Plus levels. Our four Mainstream dancers have covered most of the Plus program and are benefitting from being integrated into the existing Plus group. Some of the Advanced dancers join us and we usually have two squares plus a few dancers to take turns on the floor.

Our Advanced dancers meet at a private residence on Sunday and/or Wednesday afternoon, depending on who is available. They meet if there are enough dancers to form one square.

We are hosting an afternoon dance on Saturday, May 13 from 1 to 4 pm. at St. Peter's Church, 299 Airport Road, North Bay, with Laird Green calling. Cost is \$5 per person. We hope some dancers will venture north and enjoy our spring wild flowers on the drive.

Our club is taking a break after the dance on May 13 so our members can pursue other seasonal activities.

We are working on plans for the fall and they will likely be status quo with a potential start date of Monday, September 18. John Richards has offered to teach a basic class. However, as we all know, recruitment is a challenge.

We have all enjoyed being able to get back "up to speed" in our dancing capabilities now that the pandemic is at bay. Muscle memory doesn't always work but it sure helps.

The photos are of our inaugural gathering in September 2022 where we mustered two squares and a bit. John Richards was in charge of music and patter. It was a beneficial start to our year.

Have a great summer, everyone!

Janis Reed, corresponding secretary for North Bay Gateway Gliders

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April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023 was a great day of dancing and renewal of friendships at Lift Lock Square's 58<sup>th</sup> Spring Spree dance. After a hiatus of three years following the cancelation of 2020 Spring Spree, due to covid restrictions, it was a chance for dancers to check out and exercise their dancing skills.

A total of 270 dancers enjoyed the opportunity to join the squares and participate in Basic, Mainstream, Plus, and Advance levels of dancing. With four rooms of dancing in the afternoon

dancers shared the calling of Brian Crawford from Carlton Place, Dave Hutchinson from Marlbank, Don Moger from Montreal, and Jeff Priest from Brantford as the callers moved from room to room. Evening dancing started with Dave Hutchinson calling C1 level tips to a square of higher level dancers while some dancers were enjoying the calling of guest callers in a caller's showcase event in the Mainstream Hall. Basic and Mainstream dancing was combined in the South Gym hall for the evening dancing with Plus dancing in the North Gym and Advance dancing in the Cafetorium.

Draws were made from the names of pre-registered dances for complimentary passes to 2024 Spring Spree and the winners of the passes were Laureen & Guy Quesniel and Ann & Tony Shuttleworth.

Share the Wealth draws were made in the afternoon and in the evening. One very happy dancer happened to be the winner or  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the take in the afternoon and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the take in the evening in the name of Bob Jones from the Quinte Twirlers. We had two other lucky winners of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the take afternoon and evening but we did not make a record of their names. Thanks to everyone who purchased draw tickets and supported the Lift Lock Squares.

During the afternoon dancing, coffee, tea and lots of homemade cookies were available for dancers to help themselves to an afternoon snack. Super break from 4:30 to 6:00 gave dancers a chance to head out to a restaurant or fast food location to stock up for the evening dancing.

At 9:00 PM the gym dividing wall was rolled back and everyone joined all four callers in the combined gym space for a finale with all dancers together.

Following the grand finale everyone moved to the Cafetorium for a snack of cookies and squares and Coffee & Tea prior to departing for home.

Lift Lock Squares extend a thank you to everyone who came to make our dance a success and the Lift Lock executive thank all club members for their work in providing cookies and squares and sharing in the work of hosting the dance for 2023.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the date of 2024 Spring Spree to be held on 20th of April. We'll send out further information about the 59<sup>th</sup> Spring Spree once we get callers lined up for next year's event.

Lift Lock Squares extend a thank you to everyone who came to make our dance a success.. Be sure to mark your calendar for the date of 2024 Spring Spree to be held on 20th of April.

Submitted by Wayne and Anne Hare



Happy dancers and callers at Spring Spree!!



### **Lift Lock Square Dance Club 2022-23**

*Every Wednesday our club meet from 6:15-9:15pm. We start the evening with A2, then A1 and finish with almost 2 hours of plus dancing. After covid we lost members, mostly due to health related issues, we do have 4 plus squares out most weeks. Barry Clasper calls for us once a month and Laird Green is our club caller for all other nights.*

*We finish for the season on May 17th and will have a summer dance on June 14 at our regular venue (Activity Haven, 180 Barnardo Ave, Peterborough) and our annual summer dance and picnic will take place July 16. See flyer next page. All welcome.*



*Invite you to our joint*

**Summer  
Fun**  
**OTONABEE SQUARES AND  
LIFT LOCK SQUARES**

***Summer Driveway Dance and Picnic***

**Sunday, July 16 – 2-7pm**

Dancing called by

**Barry Clasper and Wayne Whatman**

Basic/ms/plus with advanced star tips.

Dancing followed by pot luck supper. Please bring either first (cold) course or dessert to share.

***Please bring lawn chair and plates, cups, utensils.***

At the home of Howard and Jean Lander,  
5109 Tower Manor Rd,  
Hamilton Township  
(near Bewdley)  
905 342 5450  
Email: [hjlander@gmail.com](mailto:hjlander@gmail.com) for a  
map or directions



In the event that it is raining on July 16, our rain date will be **Sunday, August 13**, same time and same place. If you are unsure as weather may be different from one location to another, please phone 905 342 5450 to check if the dance/picnic is going to go ahead.



## ROYAL CITY SQUARES - GUELPH

Royal City Squares launched a 6-week Basic Class in January and rolled out a second Class in March, as we do what many Clubs are doing, focussing on rebuilding. Starting with almost 20 dancers on the first night, and soldiering on even when only two or three students joined us, we hope that this first post-covid intake of new dancers will be a new beginning.

Unfortunately, our joint T&D and Royal City Squares dance in March was cancelled due to inclement weather. But the sun shone later in March, as three of our teenaged Plus dancers joined their 4H Club to compete in the very popular Olde Tyme Square Dance Competition at College Royal, at the University of Guelph during March Break. We're thrilled that Wes has signed up for the Caller School at the IAGSDC Convention in Ottawa in July. With more than 700 dancers registered and more than a dozen callers on the program, this event (July 5 - 8) promises to be THE modern square dance event of the year in Canada. We hope to see our many friends on the dance floor there!

Submitted by: Lorna Irwin





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### Take me out to the Ball Game

Otonabee Squares celebrated the Blue Jays Home Opener on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The inspiration for this theme was a member questioning how she might obtain a few dangles. Members were asked to pre sign for a dangle- in return- the fine print in the contract, requested that they dress in baseball attire. Jerseys, pants, caps, socks, baseball gloves, baseballs and grease paint- were sported to fulfill their contract. Opening festivities came with roar of the crowd- "Take me out to the Ball Game accompanied by Fred Olson on guitar and vocalist Debbie Kitchen. There was a couple who enjoyed a waltz in our infield. Thus pointing out that the tune was  $\frac{3}{4}$  time aka Waltz music.

Some baseball terminology which also applies to Square Dancing:

Put centres in (depending on hitters' stats); U turn back (after over running the bases)

Trades; Tag the line (all the way through); Scoot back (after trying to steal a base)

Walk and Dodge- when the ball is coming straight at you; A wave

Slide Through - (maybe across home plate). Can you think of more???

We are all team players who are stronger when we show up regularly for practice!

For our Seventh Inning Stretch, we did another rousing rendition of Take Me out to the Ball Game.

We served Ball Park Specials:

-punch, cookies in the shape of Balls and Bats, as well as everyone's favourite Cracker Jacks with prizes. Winners received free dance night coupons.

Popcorn- Get your Popcorn!!!

A fun filled Night. Smiles all around. Submitted by: Doris Buttar



## **Gateway Gliders Square Dance Club**

invites you to join us for

Our (almost) Mother's Day Dance

on

**Saturday, May 13, 2023**

With dancing from **1 to 4 pm**

and **Laird Green** calling

at **St. Peter's Church,**  
**299 Airport Road, North Bay**

\$5/person at the door

Mainstream,  
Plus & Advanced



# SPRING INTO SUMMER WITH THE

## NAPANEE PIONEERS

### TWO GREAT CALLERS



Dave Hutchinson  
from Marlbank

CALLING  
BASIC, MS,  
PLUS & ADVANCED



Dave Eno from  
Preble, N.Y.

## SATURDAY MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

1:00pm TO 4:00pm & 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Registration at the door - \$10.00 per session

North Fredericksburgh Hall, 1208 County Rd 8, Napanee

## REFRESHMENTS & DOOR PRIZES

Contacts - see: [napaneesquaredance.com](http://napaneesquaredance.com)

See Hotels and Restaurants listed on reverse

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Tues- Nights start- June 6<sup>th</sup>  
Basic & Main-  
7:00to 9:3

\$7.00 per  
If you Pay for Monday Night  
- Tuesday is

Contact: Dave -53 -393



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