

BUGLE

Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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President's Message



Growing into the Springtime, a welcome season for dancing, too. Without generalizing, we believe that modern Squares and Rounds keep people youthful and moving to the best of abilities and laughing; three exceptional reasons to experience SWOSDA events!

Dancing opportunities have changed and evolved over the years. Admittedly there are challenges in that, yet it brings about opportunities that arise in surprising ways. Our 50 plus years of marriage, including our hobby of Modern Square Dancing throughout, might see us slip into thoughts of the past, wanting what was? We might succumb to wistful thoughts like, “Those were the good ole days...” or “When we did it that way back then it was so much better.” Thankfully, these flashbacks are fleeting. Yearning for what was does not help us to keep thankful and looking forward to experience new and surprising opportunities every day.

We offer special thanks to SWOSDA’s members, all helping and keeping our sport of dance moving forward. In our activity where we have fun, skills are deepened, and expanded opportunities begin, it is an exciting time in our Association’s history.

We convey special thanks to the 2024-25 Executive we have worked with and those executive members who will put their names forward again for nomination for a new season; an Executive and support system that chooses to continue building communication, activities, and opportunities for dancers and dance leaders.

Please refer to the Executive News in this Edition of the Bugle for updates and planning. We look forward to a new SWOSDA dance in Strathroy April 26th, a special SWOSDA program that includes our much loved “Everybody Dances”.

Two weeks before SWOSDA’s dance and AGM is the “Frosh Dance for Everybody” on April 12. SWOSDA Callers are set to welcome you. We encourage everyone to meet and have fun in Ingersoll at this special event. Do keep your calendars up to date to include SWOSDA Club and Association events.

And now with our best wishes to you we welcome everyone to Springtime Dancing.

Linda & Tom Charlton, President Couple



Saturday March 22, 2025

**Hosted by Clinton Wheel 'n Dealers
Brodhagen, ON**

The SWOSDA dance was held at a new location for this month and it didn't disappoint. The Brodhagen Community Hall was an excellent venue for our dancers to enjoy.

We were excited to welcome 77 guests from 14 different clubs. This number includes 14 callers and cuers. Our host club was the Clinton Wheel n Dealers.



We enjoyed dancing on a beautiful wood floor that had room for our 8 squares to dance comfortably. Ian and Debbie Hulley led the round dance party to get things started. We had a nice circle of round dancers and they enjoyed the round dance party program.

Tom and Linda Charlton, and Neva and Duncan McVittie shared hosting duties. They started us off with a mainstream tip each followed by a plus tip by Neva and Duncan McVittie.

Ed Dolson did a couple rounds and then a mainstream tip. One of our newest caller school graduates Doug Turvey called a mainstream tip to a full floor of dancers and did a great job.

Neva and Duncan McVittie changed things up by leading us in a line dance which had the floor hopping. It is always refreshing to try something different.

The square dancing with round dancing in between tips finished up the last hour of the afternoon. A final tip by cohost Tom and Linda Charlton featured another recent caller graduate Donna Fielder. It was a great way to end the afternoon.

Throughout the afternoon a delicious lunch was provided by the host club. There was a great selection of both sweet and savoury choices. Coffee, tea and a lovely punch were available to wash everything down. Springtime themed flowers and dancing couple decorations brightened the hall.

Another surprise treat was a visit by former caller and cuer Dave and Blanche Paulen. Great to see them out and about to enjoy dancing and visiting friends.

We would like to thank the Clinton Wheel n Dealers for their hard work in hosting this successful dance. We look forward to next month's dance and Annual General Meeting April 26th in Strathroy. We invite everyone to come out to the last square dance SWOSDA of our season.

There will be a SWOSDA Round Dance May 24th in Woodstock.

Submitted by Ian and Debbie Hulley

March Frosh Dance

The first of two spring frosh dances was held on March 15 at Richards Memorial Church in London. It was well attended by over four squares of frosh dancers and angels.



A fun dance time was provided by callers Jeff Priest and Merv Reid, who freely gave of their time to make the newer dancers, from a variety of SWOSDA clubs, feel comfortable in a different setting to their usual clubs. A lot of laughing could be heard around the room while the dancers enjoyed some social time and snacks between dances. One of the visiting grandchildren even tried out a dance!



The dancers were encouraged to attend the second frosh dance in Ingersoll in April. What a great way to support our new dancers!



Well, we have one more SWOSDA square dance coming up on April 26. This event will be held in Strathroy, hosted by the Swinging Duos.

This is a special event in that we will also be holding the Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is your chance to hear what SWOSDA is

all about and to have your say!

How can we be a better Association?
What can we do to make it better?
Make some suggestions for change!
Let's hear from YOU!



SWOSDA'S EXECUTIVE NEWS – MARCH 2025

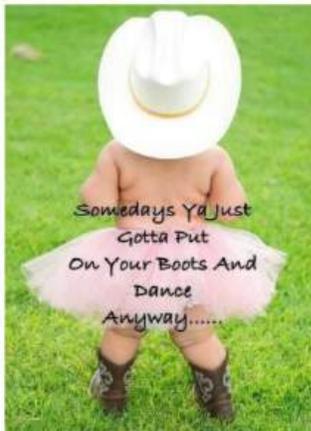
**The SWOSDA Monthly Special
is coming to Strathroy in April**

*Including
Newer Dancer "Everybody Dances"*

**OUR HOSTS:
Swinging Duos Strathroy**

**WHEN: Saturday, April 26, 2025
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

WHERE:
Strathroy East Christian Reformed Church
476 Metcalfe Street East
Strathroy, ON N7G 1R5
(Take Hickory Drive Exit off Hwy 402; 6.8 km
to 476 Metcalfe Street East)
\$8.00 per person



½ price admission
coupons are
available for any
dancer attending a
SWOSDA dance for
the very first time.

**Mainstream with
Announced Plus
and
EVERYDODY
DANCES**

Annual General Meeting 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

**2025-2026 SWOSDA CLUB
MEMBERSHIP FEES**

***Information follows on page 2**

** SWOSDA Member Clubs please take
note of the following information for the
upcoming April 26, 2025*

Annual General Meeting

Although only delegates vote at the AGM,
discussion and ideas from all members are
welcome. Your input is important.

Although all club members are encouraged
and welcome to attend, please note that each
Member Club shall elect or appoint four
persons from their Club who are not
members of the Association Executive to be
their voting representatives at the General
Meeting.

Every appointed member is eligible to vote at
the General Meeting. To have a vote all Club
Representatives must register as an
appointed member.

Please register voting members at the
Welcome Table when arriving at the dance.

*SWOSDA Executive Nominations
Nominations for Executive 2025-26 will be
opened at the AGM April 26, 2025*

For information about SWOSDA's Executive
please speak to an Executive Member today.

SWOSDA Executive Positions:

Past President Plus 7 Elected
President

1st & 2nd Vice President

Four Members at Large

Appointed by Executive:

Secretary

Treasurer

Bugle Editor/Web

SWOSDA'S EXECUTIVE NEWS – MARCH 2025

ALL ARE WELCOME at
SWOSDA's FROSH DANCE
Saturday, April 12, 2025

2:00 to 4:30 p.m., \$7.50/Person
Ingersoll Senior's Centre
250 Ingersoll Street South
Ingersoll, ON N5C 3J7

Whether a newer or experienced dancer, the
reviews are in: It's Fun for Everyone

Special Thanks to Callers:
Neva McVittie
Ed Dolson
Doug Turvey

THANK YOU SWOSDA Square Dance Event Hosts 2024 - 2025

SWOSDA Executive 65th Anniversary Event
Sound Steppers
Guys 'n Dolls
Thames Valley Dance Club
Clinton Wheel 'n Dealers
Swinging Duos Strathroy

THANK YOU SWOSDA Round Dance Event Hosts 2024 - 25

ShadowLight Rounds
and
Rhythm Rounds



With Our
Appreciation
All SWOSDA Dance
Programming by:
Jeff & Andrea Priest

2025-26 SWOSDA MEMBERSHIP FEE

Clubs will receive the Annual Fee Request
Letter via Email from the Secretary during
the first week of April.

The SWOSDA Club Membership Fee remains
unchanged at \$20 per club.

Deadline April 26, 2025

Thank you for your support in SWOSDA

Benefits of Belonging:

- Opportunities for dancing at large events for Square & Round Dancing with varieties of Dance Leadership
- No Fees for SWOSDA Event Dance Leaders
 - Caller & Cues Training
- New and Newer Dancer Training and Events
- Club promotion opportunities by hosting regional SWOSDA Dances
- Provision of Dance Leaders in areas with limited leader availability
 - Increased opportunities in progression of dance levels, new friendships, and healthy lifestyle dance activities
- Qualifying membership in the Ontario & Canadian Associations with additional benefits of Third Liability Insurance for Clubs, Leaders, and Members

*****Please respond quickly*****

1. **SWOSDA Merit Award Requests**

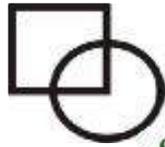
Complete information:

<https://swosda.ca/awards/>

2. **Ontario Trillium Award Applications**

Complete information:

<https://swosda.ca/awards/>



SWOSDA



Square & Round Dancers Of South Western Ontario

MONTHLY SPECIAL IN STRATHROY AND ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 26, 2025

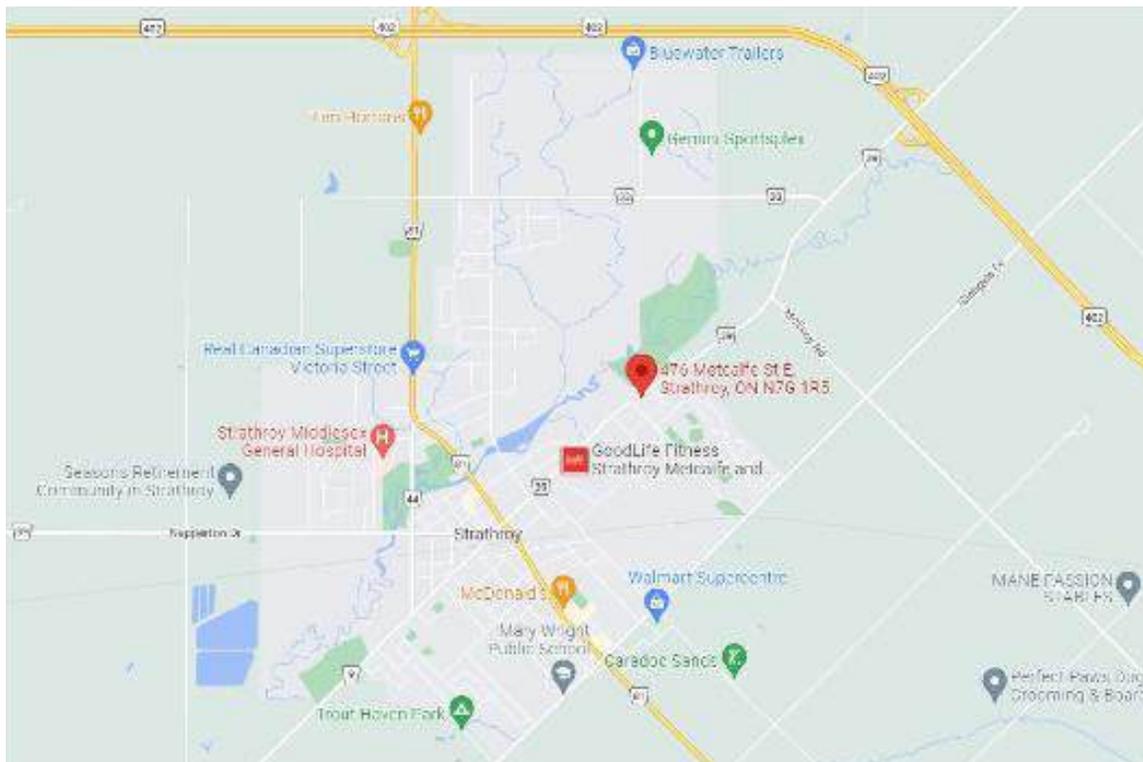
Afternoon Dance 1:00 – 5:00 ~ \$8.00 per dancer

Hosted by – Strathroy Swinging Duo's

Location – Strathroy East Christian Reformed Church

476 Metcalfe Street East, Strathroy, ON - N7G 1R5

(Take Hickory Drive Exit off Hwy 402; 6.8 km to 476 Metcalfe Street East)



For further information or program details Please visit: www.swosda.ca

Or Contact:

Hosts: Janneke Newitt - President

e-mail: jnewitt26@gmail.com ~ Ph: (226) -688-8457

SWOSDA Contact: Jeff & Andrea Priest ~ jeff@jeffreypriest.com

SWOSDA is a member run organization!

SWOSDA DANCE APRIL 26th in STRATHROY – SOME RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS

(no recommendations)

The Duke on Sydenham 51 Front Street, Strathroy 519-245-9111	Chuck' Roadhouse 323 Caradoc St. S, Unit #C6 Strathroy 519-245-5911
Swiss Chalet (limited seating-mainly take out) 329 Caradoc St S, Strathroy 519 245-2424	The Clock Tower Bistro and Pub 71 Frank St., Strathroy 519-205-1500
The Balcony Cucina Restaurant and Bar 571 Metcalfe St, Strathroy 519-205-9501	Tia's Place – Portuguese Restaurant 11 Front St. W, Strathroy 519-205-8427
King of the Pigs – Portuguese Restaurant 425 Caradoc St. S, Strathroy 519-299-2992	BanhMi and Bites Asian Fusian Restaurant 78 Frank St., Strathroy 519-205-8800

South London (Colonel Talbot Rd closed (construction) between Lambeth and South London- check route)

East Side Mario's 3079 Wonderland Rd. S 519-649-6566	Milestones 3169 Wonderland Rd. S, 519-649-7997
Dolcetto 3020 Colonel Talbot Rd 519-652-5617	Boccochini 1140 Southdale Rd West (at Boler) 519-601-7799



The Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation

AGM – [CLICK HERE](#) to Register

Will be holding a ZOOM Annual General Meeting

Saturday May 3, 2025 at 10 am

Must [REGISTER](#) to attend



SWOSDA

Remember When...

Looking Back Through April Bugles (in 10-year jumps)

Dorothy Dahm, SWOSDA Historian

Now that I am no longer dancing, this is one of my favourite activities; I occasionally have difficulty meeting the deadlines because I have been caught up in the reading. It's taking me a little longer this time because I am refining the SWOSDA historical materials so they are more accessible.

This month for a change I started with more recent times and am working backwards. You'll be able to say more often, "Oh, I remember that.!" A common theme often heard at this time of the year was the request for more replacements to fill spaces in the executive. Speaking as a former executive member, I can testify that it is a tremendous experience and you become better acquainted with a larger number of great people – dancers from other clubs and the executive and the executive you are working with. **Don't hesitate to take a turn!**

2015 – Were you at Clinton when the Easter Bunny dropped in at the SWOSDA dance with his basket of goodies? Did someone from your club answer my request that you send me **a list of your club callers/cuers that had served your club through the years? It's not too late!** My email address is patchwork.dd@gmail.com.

I often hear from dancers wondering what they can do with their **gently used Square Dance Clothes**. It was reported in this issue in 2015 that with the help of Edna Fairles and the Fordwich Church Women, many used pieces had taken on a new life as quilts to be donated to the needy and would help keep someone warm. A great idea

SWOSDA invited all basic dancers to come out to the April 25th dance in Flesherton free of charge **to gain experience dancing with different callers and dancers**.

Twenty-five clubs reported on their club activities. **Aren't we fortunate** to have such a good editor/webmaster to take our bits and pieces and put them together in such attractive, informative manner.

2005 – In their President's Message Dan & Rhetha Roy congratulated **Ted & Sarah Stover and Andre & Shirley Aerts** on their receipt of **Trillium Awards**. Having danced frequently with both couples while visiting other clubs we agreed heartily that they were very deserving.

On a sad note, the **Star-A Naders from Simcoe had decided to disband** because of declining enrolment. Fortunately, we and 3 other couples, with Tom Charlton's cooperation were able to organize a new club, **Tri-County Squares in Tillsonburg** starting out with over five squares. I was surprised to see on a later page A Test Drive for Publicity Ideas where I had outlined the methods we used for recruitment.

-Bill & Bonnie Taylor were appointed as Ontario **Director to the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society**.

-In Flashback, historians **Harry & Mary Phillips** mused on the **power of music** to bring back memories and link us to significant events in our lives. Mary invited readers to share their memories of significant events

relating to particular pieces of music. I'd be interested in any you share(d). I would then share any bits I receive from you in a later issue.

-Judging by the advertising in the latter half of this Bugle a busy summer was head of **special dances, SD camping, camporees and festivals, some with very intriguing names like Cackleberry Castle or Daisy Do.. Care to Share memories?**

1995 - Presidents **Ken and Mary Brennan** had been presented with the **Trillium Award** in 1993 but also had the privilege of signing the certificates for 3 more deserving couples in 1995- **Jim & Lerine Gillespie, Harold & Olive Clark, and Ed & Lois Wise.**

-**Callers Clinic** had booked **John Kaltenthaler** for Sept. Dance. in St. Thomas. Intrigued by his fitting name I googled to learn he was an American caller/cuer since 1958, the Executive Secretary of Callerlab, conducted callers'/ clinics and colleges throughout the US and Canada until his death in 2016? Do any of you remember dancing with him?

-**115 complimentary copies** of this issue were prepared to give out **to the new dancers** in the SWOSDA area. -**Gingham Swing'em Club** sponsored **Windsor's 27th International Rose City Festival** scheduled for May 7.

1985 –Did you know that Egbert Jacobs' Club near Milverton was once called **Pairs & Squares**? A badge contest was held and the new name **Egbert's Scramblers** was chosen by ballot. **Same Club – New Name!** It seems to me that wasn't the last change. Any one care to fill me in if you know your club's name was changed?

-Betty & George Brown resigned after four years as Bugle Editor.

-Linda Charlton thanked everyone at School House Squares for their **support for Tom in his new endeavour at square dancing calling. Tom was planning on starting a new beginners' square dance class, in Oct. '85 at Springfield Public School.** (*Nick and I learned to square dance with Tom as caller with the Star-A-Naders in Simcoe, Brantford, Tillsonburg and Strathroy. Although we danced to many other callers over the years, few topped his easy manner of making his dancers feel confident and able to enjoy their activity as he does Many thanks, Tom and Linda, for your support through the Years.*)DD

Linda had also included the following poem in her report:

**Oh, it's great to be alive when the fresh spring days arrive
And the crocus and the tulip bloom again.
And the blackbird all day long sings his glorious trilling song
On a hawthorn in a quiet country lane.
So cheer up, friend ---smile cares away
Rejoice --- springtime is here today!**

It definitely does not describe today as is, but what I wish were true!

I turned the page and there was a page advertising a camping weekend sponsored by **Shiloh Buckles & Bows with caller Denny Howlett at Our Ponderosa** on West Ipperwash Beach Road near Ravenswood (less than 5 miles from where I grew up).

-Topping it off on the next page was an **NSDCA ad for an Ontario Square Dance Camporee in August located at the Tillsonburg Sports Complex**, sponsored by 5 of the Square-Dancing Clubs.

-I had been looking for info on that dance as we had actually popped into that dance to connect up with Nick's sister and brother-in-law a few years after we moved to Tillsonburg. They had been dancing many years and were trying to persuade Nick that he should be dancing too. It took another 15 years before he caught the bug!

-Through my years, I have created **files/binders of specific topics which I have collected from our records and outer sources adding to the information pertinent at the time and answering members' questions.** You may have seen some of these on display at special dances. They are always "works in action" and I keep them handy in my personal files for when I need them. If you have a question, I might be able to find an answer there.

I would have had this report to our editor much sooner except for "**help**" I had from my daughter's black cat who seemingly designated himself as my proofreader and editor. Gable jumped up on the arm of my chair,

onto the desktop, nose to the computer screen and proceeded to walk across the keys replacing my text with a “**gobbledy gook.**” It took some time for me to get rid of him and replace what I was trying to say. Thank goodness I had backed up shortly before he came in.

I welcome comments, questions and additional info pertinent to the history of SWOSDA. I have even been known to scan pertinent info that you are interested in. I have agreed to continue on as historian for another season -Lord Willing and the Creek Don't Rise! (as a former colleague and friend used to say)

I hope to hear from you or see you sometime soon.

Dorothy Dahm, SWOSDA Historian
familypatchwork.dd@gmail.com

The Beginning

The SWOSDA Association has been around since 1959. It all started with a few people gathered in someone's living room deciding that things could be a bit more organized.

Have a look at the [History Section](#) on the SWOSDA website sometime; there are some very interesting tid-bits in there.

Look under About ->History.

A few people got this whole thing started, and it has grown!

We grew, we had fun, we organized some more, and we kept going from there.

New BRIGHT Ideas

Spring is that time of the year when you get new growth.

Fresh new ideas are sprouting all around. We have a lot of very smart people among us. Let's look for, and use that talent to help this Association blossom into a bountiful future.

At this time of year we get together to dance, visit friends, enjoy wonderful music and eat; can't forget the goodies!

But we also put all these minds together in order to reflect on what has been done, and where we are headed. Should we be making a course correction in our journey, or are we on the right track?

Put some thought into this question! Let hear from YOU at the AGM in Strathroy. Be there and be heard!

This Association needs YOU!

Just me ramblingDan Roy

Comments? dan.roy1950@gmail.com



CLUB NEWS

Send Club News to bugle@swosda.ca

Centennial Beavers – London

One day it's Spring and the next day we are out shovelling again. Not our best time of year. Mother Nature just teases us from day to day. Never mind, nicer weather is on its way and soon we can start complaining about humidity.

We started our month of March out with a bang. We had a perfect St. Paddy's Dance. Many in their "green" outfits, a few with the "Kiss Me I'm Irish", the favoured "Guinness" shirts and 1 T-shirt admitting "0" % Irish. We had a visit from our SWOSDA reps Norma Kahn & John Stemmler. They joined in all the fun and had a great time. They gave us all the info on what SWOSDA was & what they do. It was very nice having them. However, we had a few treats on the 'Grazing' table and I didn't see them having any of our Troll Green Elixer, which really had a puckering effect! Hahaha.



The very next day was the Frosh Dance and those who went said it was exactly what I told them ... the best FUN DANCE you will ever go to. Their callers, Jeff & Merv, kept everyone hopping and they can't wait for the next one, which is April 12th at the Ingersoll Senior Centre, a new venue for everyone. It's going to be a nice drive that day (no rain or snow) so we are hoping for an excellent attendance. Our Callers will be the easiest one.... Ed Dolson & a happy smiling woman Caller, NEVA McVittie, she always has something different that the others don't do, and lastly our very own Doug Turvey from the Thames Valley Dance Club, who will probably have a joke or two to tell (just smile if it's vulgar or bad). He will be bringing his cheering group of beginners from their club so be prepared!!

Our Pajama Party is on Apr 11, so we will let you know what happened there. We will wear our Pajamas to dance in and enjoy Milk n' Cookies.

We also are Not dancing on Good Friday, but the following week April 25 is bring a FRIEND NIGHT.

Hope you take some time and join us in dance and friendship.

Happy Easter to all



Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers

27 Percival Street Clinton

Presidents -Ian and Debbie Hulley 519-482-7972

Shared Callers - Neva and Duncan McVittie 519-797-5623

Tom and Linda Charlton 1-519-765-4020.

Donna Fielder 519-955-0850

Dancing Dates - October 2nd, 2024 to May 7th, 2025

Note - Please Lug a mug

The Clinton Wheel n Dealers Club have enjoyed our weekly dances without any weather cancellations this month. We did miss a week due to March break.

We danced to alternating callers between Neva and Duncan McVittie and Tom and Linda Charlton with Donna Fielder calling a tip when she can.

The club hosted the March SWOSDA dance this month which was a great success. We thank everyone for supporting the clubs' efforts.

We look forward to the month of April before closing our season with a potluck May 7th.

We dance in a peanut free and fragrance-free facility.

[Denim'N Lace - Flesherton](#)

We have had weather interruptions but when all is well have had 3 to 4 square. St Patrick's dance was well attended. I think previous photos might have been better sorted.



Cheers,
David

[Jubilee Rounds - St. Jacobs](#)

Greetings from Jubilee Rounds on Zoom:

Greetings from Brantford ... As I prepare this report the sun is shining and it is a pleasant 10c. Much better than last month when I was sitting here doing the Bugle report.

ZOOM Dancing is still very popular around the world - just check out the [on-line calendars](#). If you wish to join Jubilee Rounds on-line, click here to [REGISTER](#). We will be dancing through to June 26th. We have folks join us from across Canada and the US. You can also visit our website and register for some of our in-person events as well. Visit www.shadowlightdance.com and select "Register Here", then select the appropriate option and complete the form.

Our "In Person" dance club, ShadowLight Rounds hosted 2 specials...

On March 16th we hosted "Wearin' O' The Green" Round Dance special and had a great turnout for the afternoon ... the rain didn't dampen anyone's enthusiasm.



On March 29th we hosted a Rumba Clinic. We had a great afternoon of dancing and fun to the Rumba rhythm.



Saturday May 3, 2025 - we will host a Tango Clinic in Cambridge 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Registration Required sign up on our website [HERE](#)

Once again, we will be hosting: “Summer Sounds” Phase 3 /4 Rounds in Woodstock. Monday evenings through May and June from 7:00pm – 9:00pm If you wish to join us [Flyer](#) - [Registration](#)

Wishing you a Blessed & Happy Easter!
We hope to see you on the Round Dance Floor soon!
In the meantime – Stay safe & healthy....
Check out our website and sign up for upcoming Virtual or “In Person” Dancing:
www.shadowlightdance.com

Happy Dancing,

Jeff Priest

[Rhythm Rounds - London](#)

Now that the snow is clearing, we will see the influx of all our snowbirds who are back from the warmer climates. We have had a few smaller classes recently so it will be nice to have a few of our friends back home - and joining us in our rounds.

Ed and Min have been working hard with the Waltz and 2 Step. The newer dancers are progressing quickly and loving every minute.

We are looking forward to hosting the May 24th, Swosda Round Dance Party in Woodstock at the Maranatha Church. Check the flyers for directions and times. We hope that being in Woodstock (a central location) will bring Round Dancers from other Clubs.



Hope to see you all there.
Happy Spring and Happy Easter.

[Royal City Squares - Guelph](#)

Upcoming events –

Join us April 22 for our last singing call night – Lets ‘ROCK & ROLL’. This will be our last Plus and A-1 dance for the season. Let’s have fun. Not enough for a square, then we double up so everyone dances.



Our last Basic/MS dance will be Wednesday April 30. Starting at 7 pm with Basics followed by MS at 8:15



In March we had the opportunity to entertain the residents of St Joe's LTC facility. Live music was provided by Ted Kent, daughter Terry Knierim and grandson Wesley Knierim who also called for us along with his aunt Nora Kent; Yes family affair. We are very thankful to all that made this event possible. It was good to see and visit with 3 of our past square dancers who were in the audience.

[ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario](#)

Greetings!

Welcome to spring! We hope you all had a Green St. Paddy's Day and enjoyed your favourite Green Beverage!

On March 15th Jeff called at the Caller Clinic FROSH dance along with Merv Reid and had a great afternoon calling to 5 ½ squares of dancers. It was a fun dance!

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Jeff will be calling at the Peterborough Spring Spree on Saturday April 12th. Multi-Caller/Multi-Room Dance - [Flyer](#)

Jeff will be guest calling at Guys N' Dolls on Friday, April 11 and Friday, May 2nd at Forest Hill United Church, 121 Westmount Rd. E. Kitchener. 7:00pm Basic followed my Mainstream at 8:00pm

Continuing until May 21....

ShadowLight Squares A-2 Dance, Wednesday afternoons in Cambridge [Registration Required!](#)

Winding up on June 26....

ShadowLight Rounds Phase 3 Teaches and Dancing Thursday Mornings in Cambridge [Registration Required!](#)

SUMMER DANCING:

Mark your calendar now and sign up as soon as you can. Space is limited!!

Rounds on Monday Evening through May and June - [Flyer](#) - [Registration](#)

PLUS DBD Wednesday Afternoons June, July & August! [Flyer](#) - [Registration](#)

Mainstream Dancing with Reviews through June & July [Flyer](#) - [Registration](#)

We do dance parties for all occasions; Birthdays, Anniversaries, Weddings, etc. If you are having any special parties this summer, we still have some openings available to entertain your guests. Get in touch with us as soon as you know the details.

We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor!

Stay Healthy and Safe!

Happy Dancing and More – Much More!

Andrea & Jeff Priest

ShadowLight Dance Club: www.shadowlightdance.com for info or to register.

Sound Steppers - Owen Sound

Hello fellow dancers and Friends. Hope everyone had a great Saint Patrick's Day and the beginning of Spring. The weather is getting better and everything is starting to grow and Blossom. Spring is in the air.



Our March specialty dance was our St. Patrick's night. We had a fun night with leprechauns and Irish themed dances and food.

Our April specialty dance will be our Easter Egg surprise night and will be on Thursday April 17th beginning at 7 p.m. Every "bunny" is welcome.

We dance every Thursday night from 7 to 9 p.m. at the lower level of the Harmony Center at 890 4th Avenue East Owen Sound. Everyone welcome. Bring your friends and your neighbors.

For all of our pictures, videos and updates of coming events for our club, check out our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/owen sound steppers.ca](http://www.facebook.com/owen_sound_steppers.ca).

Keep dancing. It's good for your mind, body and soul. Take care of each other and always be kind to one another.

Hope to see you on the dance floor.
Linda Wedow
Bugle Rep

Strathroy Swinging Duos

Spring has sprung! Once again, we are able to enjoy some balmy days! With the nice weather our club attendance has increased. Our new dancers are learning the mainstream level and are now dancing with the rest of the club the entire evening.

We had a full hall at our recent St. Patrick's dance. Tom had us going at a good speed and the colour green was swirling



over the dance floor. After the dance we enjoyed delicious sandwiches and cupcakes for lunch. It was great to be able to sit down, enjoy good food over fellowship with each other.

We had a very special visitor on March 25. One of our past, long-time club members, Dorothy Wilton enjoyed watching us dance and visiting with everyone.

Upcoming we will have Ed Dolson as guest caller on Tuesday April 22, with lunch following the dance. We would love to have you join us. We invite you to our year end potluck dance on Tuesday April 29. Please bring a main dish or salad, your own plates and cutlery. The club will provide dessert. Arrive no later than 6:15 as we will be eating at 6:30 sharp. We dance weekly at the Anglican Church Hall on 37 Head Street. Looking forward to meeting everyone in a square at the next SWOSDA dance in Strathroy.

Yellow rock,
Jake and Jean Hamstra

[Thames Valley Dance Club – Woodstock](#)

March has come and gone. I felt all of Canada breathing a huge sigh of relief at having made it through this winter. And, what a winter it was! We have pushed the clocks ahead, giving us longer daylight hours. The warmth of the sunshine and the flowers peeking through the ground tells us that spring is just around the corner!

Our club received some very sad news in February. Our long-time member and friend, Fred Joyner, passed away on Feb 20th. Fred was forced to step away from dancing a couple of years ago due to health issues. Fred joined our club about 16 years ago, when his girlfriend, Dianne, brought him along one Monday night. He stuck around, the 2 of them married, and have since been enthusiastic and invaluable members of Thames Valley Dance Club, enjoying both square and round dancing. They were always leaders in our club, and eventually moved into the role of Treasurers where they stayed for 11 years. They also have been on the SWOSDA Executive, serving 2 terms as Presidents there. Aside from Fred's many leadership roles within square-dancing, he was also a very active volunteer with local theatre, hospice, and a member of a men's choir. He was always such a happy, friendly, and welcoming fellow, and we were always glad to see him at our weekly dances. He even played Santa at one of our Christmas Banquets! Fred will be sorely missed by all of us. We will keep Dianne in our thoughts and prayers in the coming days and weeks.



Along with the regular round dance teach and square dancing each Monday, March held several special events for us. On Sunday Mar 2nd, we did a dance demo at the Recreation and Leisure Fair in Woodstock. Lots of people attended the event, so hopefully we have put square-dancing in the forefront of some people's minds and we will see them come and give square-dancing a try. Bring a Friend Night was on Mar 3, and we had 9 people learn the first few basic steps. They all seemed to enjoy the evening, and some were adamant they would be back in September! Our St. Patrick's Day dance was on Mar 17th. This was also Pie Night. There was lots of green on display and several great pies were enjoyed!

While we head into April, we realize we have only a few weeks of dancing left before we take our summer break. Unbelievable! We thought winter would never end, yet here we are. Feel free to come join us on a Monday at 7pm at the Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall, 108 Wonham St. S. Ingersoll. We love to have friends join us! May 5th will be our final night of the season.
Enjoy spring!

Lois Turvey
The Bugle Correspondent for Thames Valley Dance Club

[Waterdown Village Squares – Waterdown](#)

Greeting from Waterdown Village Squares

On March 8, 2025 Waterdown Villages Squares hosted our Second Annual Hawaiian Dance on a warm sunny Saturday afternoon. The dancers wore colorful Hawaiian outfits and danced to the topical Island themed music of our talented caller Jim Lee.



The food table was loaded with tropical fruits and vegetable platters, Hawaiian pizza, deviled eggs, cheese and crackers and many tasty desserts. We enjoyed dancing with our many of our regular guest dancers and new friends who attended from other Ontario Square Dance clubs.



Our March special dance is St. Patrick's Dance. The room was filled with happy dancers wearing green and white. Our callers choose Irish music and we enjoyed a treat/snack table in the St. Patrick's Day theme.

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Caller's Clinic Presents....

April

FROSH DANCE



**Neva McVittie
Ed Dolson
Doug Turvey**

Saturday April 12, 2025

2:00 - 4:30 pm

\$7.50 per person



**Ingersoll Seniors Centre
250 Ingersoll St., S.
Ingersoll, ON N5C 3J7**



Square & Round Dancers Of South Western Ontario

Round Dance Party

May 24, 2025

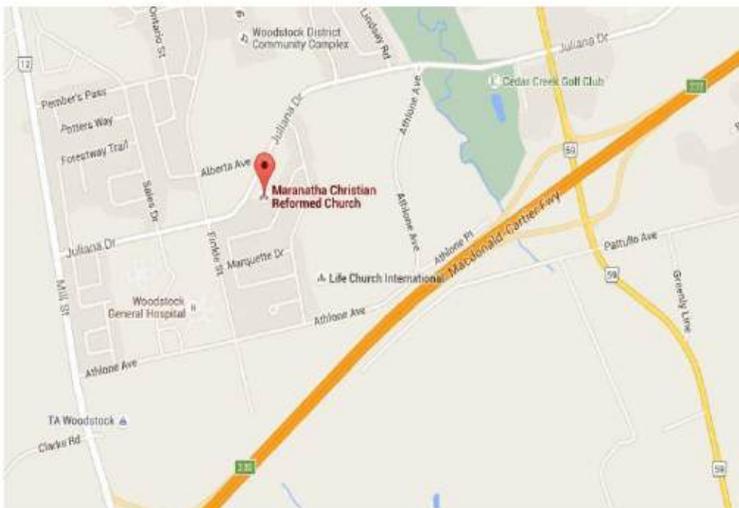
Woodstock, ON

2:00pm – 4:30pm - Phase II – IV

Cost: \$ 8.00 per person

Hosted by: Rhythm Rounds

Location: 735 Frontenac Cres. Woodstock, ON - N4V 0B1



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Reformed Church**

735 Frontenac Cres.
Woodstock, ON - N4V 0B1

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*Turn on Champlain Ave and
between the fourth and fifth
house on the right
you will see the entrance!*

For further information or program details Please visit: www.swosda.ca

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