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President's Message

It seems hard to believe, but here we are almost at the end of another dance year. But as clubs wrap up their 2017/18 dance year and we celebrate the accomplishments of our newest dancers, keep in mind that it's not over yet. There is still lots of dancing ahead.

First off the mark is Swing into Spring on the weekend of May 4 to 6. This world class dance event in Prescott is jointly sponsored by EOSARDA and the Seaway Valley Square and Round Dance Association and features guest Callers and Cuers from outside our region. It has something for all levels of square and round dancers and we will even feed you if you register early. If you cannot join us for the whole weekend, you can attend for any part of the weekend that you are available.

Swing into Spring ends at noon on Sunday, May 6, but don't go home just yet. As Swing into Spring winds down, Seaway Valley's Mother's Day Dance takes over and provides Basic, Mainstream and Easy Round Dancing for the rest of the afternoon. Best of all, while you can purchase a separate ribbon just for the Mother's Day Dance, admission is free with a weekend pass to Swing into Spring.

This summer's block buster event, the Canadian National Square and Round Dance Convention will take place in London, Ontario from July 19 to 21. If you have never attended a national convention, don't miss this one.

The Harbour Lites are offering a summer dance program in Prescott starting on May 2 and running through August 15, see <http://www.eodance.ca/flyers/180502-180815SummerDancePrescott.pdf> for more information. They will also hold a Just Dance event on Wednesday, July 11.

It also looks like there will be summer dancing again in Ottawa this year as two of our newest Callers, Ron Gardner and Luke Periard are in the process of putting together a Basic/Mainstream summer program. Check [eodance.ca](http://www.eodance.ca) for more details.

Mississippi Squares has announced a Spring Mainstream Dance by Definition workshop which will start on Tuesday May 1 and run through June 12. That's 6 weeks on dancing fun with Caller Brian Crawford - an event not to be missed.

The Riverside Gypsy Squares will be dancing Mainstream, Plus and Phase II Rounds most weekends throughout the summer, see <http://www.eodance.ca/flyers/180525-180930RGSSummerSchedule.pdf> for dates, times and location.

From June 29 through July 2, Don Moger is offering 4 Days of C-1 in Brockville, see <http://www.eodance.ca/flyers/180629-30-01-02MogerC1Brockville.pdf> For more details, Don is also offering a C-1 Teach in Brockville from August 3 through 6 see the flyer at <http://www.eodance.ca/flyers/180803-04-05-06MogerC1TeachBrockville.pdf>

Don will also run his annual Summer Magic program in Cornwall on the weekend of August 24 - 26. This is another don't miss event featuring top level callers from Canada and the United States. You can find more information on Summer Magic and a registration form at http://www.borderboosters.qc.ca/MAD_Summer_Magic_2018.pdf

Finally, Pembroke's Swinging Swallows invites you Gather with the Swinging Swallows to Dance in the Parks: on August 29, 6:00 – 8:30 pm, on the shores of the Petawawa River in the amphitheatre at Centennial Park, Petawawa (www.petawawa.ca) AND/OR on August 31, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, on the shores of the Ottawa River at Pembroke's Marina Park amphitheatre (www.pembroke.ca).

So near or far, and whatever your dance level, there is a dance floor waiting for you this summer, Keep your dance shoes close to hand and don't miss the opportunity to keep on dancing.

Dave Western, *President*
EOSARDA

2018 CANADIAN SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

New Dancers at the Convention

Are you a new, or first year dancer?

Have you thought about going to the National Convention in London, Ontario next July?

Are you concerned that maybe you are not ready to dance on the world stage?

Will there be a place for new or first year dancers to dance at the convention?

Do we have to wear square dance outfits?

Where do we stay?

So many questions, and yet all very good questions that all need to be answered.

We, as hosts of the 2018 Canadian Square and Round Dance Convention are committed to making you feel warm and welcomed to London next July, regardless of your level of dance experience. You will be amazed at the wonderful time you are sure to have, the many, many new friends and acquaintances you are sure to meet from all over the world.

And guess what? They are facing the same anxieties and questions that you are.

Of course you can wear traditional square dance clothes if you so desire, and many, many other dancers will, but it is not necessary, nor mandatory in modern square dancing. Dress as you feel comfortable. This is not a fashion show, nor a dance competition. We will all be there to have fun, meet up with old friends, make new friends and to build memories we will carry for the rest of our lives.

We have a specific room set aside especially for new and first year dancers that you will fit into with ease and will be welcomed by friendly experienced dance callers as well as by other new or first year dancers from all over. Simply slip into a square, introduce yourself to your corner and others in the square and

just like that, you have already met six new friends that may turn into life long friendships.

Your caller in this basic dance room knows you are new to square dancing and they anticipate that you may need some instruction and they will be happy to help you out as a group, not by singling you out, but by part of a floor of dancers.

All dancers, as well as new or "basic" dancers, are expected to remember square dance etiquette.

- Square up with the nearest square needing dancers.
- Introduce yourself to your corner and to the rest of the dancers in your square.
- Try to refrain from talking while dancing as it is important to hear the caller and their instructions.
- Never leave a square unless (of course) it is an emergency.
- When the tip is over, be sure to thank all the dancers in your square.
- Always smile, be cheerful and have fun. Overlook mistakes by others and laugh at your own mistakes. It is all part of the fun learning to square dance.

You will leave this convention a better dancer and with new enthusiasm towards improving your dancing skills when you return to your home club.

If you think you are ready to dance mainstream, you can sit in to watch or participate if you feel ready.

Worried about a place to stay? Not a problem!

Visit our website at www.squaredance.ca/2018 and you will find hotel and campsite information. London is a city of almost 400,000 people and there are many, many more hotels and motels that are not on our website, but are easy to google if you so desire. The city of London knows about this Convention as we are working closely with Tourism London and we will all be welcoming you with open

arms and sharing huge, warm, cuddly and sincere yellowrocks when you arrive.

The goal of this convention is to help you have fun and enjoy square dancing as much as we do.

Start planning now to come dance with us this summer at your Canadian Square and Round Dance Convention in London, Ontario.

"Make the Scene in 2018"

MEET YOUR DANCE LEADERS

John Charman



I was born and raised in England. My hometown was Westerham – a town where Winston Churchill had a residence. I went to Westminster Technological College where I took a course in "Hotel Chef" with a specialty in Pastry Chef. For years, I worked in Bakeries and even had my own in Peterborough, Ontario for 9 years. However,

with the advent of personal computers, I took an interest in computer programming and took a course at Honeywell School in Toronto in 1984. At the end of that course, I was hired by Honeywell and placed in a job with Canadian Border Services and moved to Ottawa.

I started dancing when I was very young. I had an uncle who played in an Old Tyme Square Dance band and I used go along with him when he was playing in the village where we lived. I got in for free if I carried his violin for him!

At school there was a dance club that met after classes where we learned various dances. So here I learned several traditional circle dances, and also ballroom dances, including waltz and foxtrot. Later I got involved with traditional English Folk dancing, which included squares, contra, and circle dances. That was where the bug to learn to call started. But, before I could do anything about it, I left England

and came to Canada. This was in 1967, Canada's centennial year.

It was in Canada that I first started Modern Square Dancing, and after my first year of dancing, I started calling. That was in 1969, when I was dancing in Port Hope and Peterborough. From that time on, life was centered on Square Dancing. Before long I was calling three nights a week – in the Peterborough area, Toronto, and Cobourg. To help my calling career, I attended caller schools in different parts of the USA for the first 10 years that I called. Each year, holidays were spent at these schools.

Most of the time I was calling at the higher levels, what today we think of as A1 and A2, but each year I also taught a beginners' class, as well as Mainstream. I also taught and cued what we refer to as "Easy" or "Square Dance" Rounds, as most Clubs in the Toronto area also had Round Dancing as part to their club program.

In 1984, I moved to Ottawa where I had been hired to work as a computer programmer in a government office. Very shortly, I started to call for Meri Squares and then Mississippi Squares and, a couple years later, The Challengers, a C1 club. Later I called for the Four Star Squares in Alexandria, which later on became the Charmin' Promenaders in Lancaster and later moved to Cornwall.

Currently I call for the Harbour Lites (Basic, Mainstream, and Plus), and twice a week for the Meri Squares (Mainstream and Plus).

Quite a few years ago, Wendy and I were invited to become members of LEGACY, when they held one of their meetings in Toronto. The association has since morphed into the Alliance of Rounds, Traditional, and

Square Dancing (ARTS – www.arts-dance.org). Over the years, we were on the Board of LEGACY as Vice-Chairs and then as Chair-Couple. As they were a US-based organization (although international in scope), we started going to US National Conventions and have called at 6 or 7 of them, now. Through friendships made in the US, I've also called at the New England Square Dance Convention, and have been invited to call in Vermont a few times.

In 1994 I was asked to be Programme Chairman for the 1998 Canadian National Convention, so we started attending and calling at the Canadian Nationals. I have called at all but one since 1994. In 2014, I looked after the registration database for the 2014 Canadian Festival.

I have been a member to Toronto and District Square Dance association since 1969, serving on the board for two years, which included being editor for their note service. After moving to Ottawa, I joined the Ottawa Area Callers Association where I served a term as chairman and, since 2000, have been the treasurer.

Over the years, I have run several "Introductions to Calling" sessions and several workshops for new callers. Sometimes I worked in conjunction with other callers and sometimes just by myself or with Wendy's help. Many of EOSARDA's current callers got started with one of these sessions.

In 2004, Wendy and I received the Trillium Merit Award, thanks to members of Meri Squares.

ARTICLE

Why do we dance

We as Canadians are a very diversified and unique society exposed to many, many cultures and dances. We all listen to music and regardless of whom you are, we all feel some urge to dance at one time or another, or are expected to dance on occasion.

Dancing isn't something that can be explained in words. It has to be danced.

Why? Because dancing is far easier to feel than to explain.

If you already dance, it may be interesting for you to read, the many reasons listed in this article that may pertain to your desire to dance, and some of these may surprise you. No, it is not because dancing is an inexpensive date, or because you have nothing better to do. So, let's be realistic. Dancing makes me happy. It is said that there are many short cuts to happiness, and that dancing is one of them. I know that dancing makes my wife happy, and anything that puts a smile on her face is something I want to be doing.

EXERCISE FOR YOUR MIND?

Absolutely. Scientific studies have proven that dance has been shown to improve motor function, mental symptoms and overall quality of life in both people

with and without Parkinson's disease or dementia. (Ten ways dance strengthens the brain www.nicabm.com)

WE DANCE FOR EMOTIONAL STABILITY.

"While I dance I cannot judge, I cannot hate, I cannot separate myself from life. I can only be joyful and whole. This is why I dance" (*Hans Bos*)

George Bernard Shaw once wrote...

"if you can't get rid of the skeletons in your closet, you'd best teach it to dance"

We all have circumstances in our lives that demand our attention and leave us with emotional highs and lows that consume our thoughts. When we dance, all our thoughts amalgamate to our dancing, leaving us free to experience the pleasures of friends, partners, music and dance.

WE DANCE TO EXPRESS OURSELVES

Great dancers are not great because of their technique, they are great because of their passion. I see dance being used as communication between body and soul, to express what is too deep to find in words.

"The truest expression of a people is in it's dance and in it's music. Bodies never lie." (Agnes De Mille)

DANCING MAKES YOU MORE INTERESTING AS A PERSON

"Dancing insists we take up space, and though it has no set direction, we go there together. Dance is dangerous, joyous, sexual, disruptive and contagious. It can happen anywhere, at any time, with anyone and everyone. Dance joins us and pushes us to go further." (Eve Ensler)

Personal artistic expressions draw attention to us as dancers. There are so many ways one can dance. Artistic expression can be unique to you as an individual and create interest in those that wonder where your creativity comes from. Is it your cultural background, your ethnic heritage or simply your love of dance?

IT IS SAID THAT DANCING IS ALL FUN AND NO PRESSURE

Now I realize that not everyone enjoys dancing as much as I do, but I really believe that you feel better when you dance. Some people feel nervous, or self conscious or maybe even shy? For us, life really is so much more fun when you throw all of that out the window and just live in the moment and dance. No one cares if you are a good dancer or not. "Dance like nobody is watching" is a common phrase with deep meaningful roots.

Dancing cures the "working is no fun" syndrome Fact. (www.dancewithmeusa.com)

Eight reasons why dancing will enhance your mood and boost productivity while you work.

- 1: Dancing makes you smarter
- 2: Dancing encourages team building
- 3: Dancing improves your energy level and wellness
- 4: Dancing improves your health and fitness
- 5: Dancing boosts your confidence
- 6: Dancing improves your creativity
- 7: Through dancing, your perseverance and dedication are noticed and valued.
- 8: Dancing is fun.

Dancing provides us the opportunity to exercise, socialize and share our love of dance with friends. We would never have dreamed that dancing would expand our friendship circle to the magnitude it has become. How exciting it is to know that we can dance anywhere from Yuma, Az, to Halifax, NS to Vancouver Island and many, many other places in between, meeting new friends and renewing old friendships.

Travelling to dance conventions in Canada and the U.S. provides the perfect opportunity for us to see old friends again.

There are far too many reasons why people dance. For me to expand on or to justify any one person's specific reason is not necessary, only that they dance.

Some will tell you that it is excellent exercise for the body and mind. Some dance for mental clarity. Some dance to show the world who they really are and project an image, or to overcome fear, improve relationships, decrease anxiety or to help them cope with daily stressors. Some dance because it makes them feel beautiful and powerful.

Jamie Benson explains how dance can replace your physical and psychological burdens (both chemically and emotionally) with pure joy.

www.thoughtcatalogue.com/jamie-benson

The best part is that literally, anyone can dance for whatever the reason.

WHY DO WE DANCE?

Perhaps a better question would be...
Why would we not?

See you at the 2018 Canadian Square and Round Dance Convention in London, Ontario, July 19, 20 & 21

"MAKE THE SCENE IN 2018"



Bay Waves

Northwinds Community Centre
262 Len Purcell Drive, Constance Bay
Friday, 7:30 – 10 pm
Level: Basic and Mainstream
Caller: Ron Gardner

This year our Bay Waves St. Patrick's Day dance was held 1 day early on Friday, March 16th. We are happy to report that it was a great success. We are especially grateful for the visit paid to us that night by the "group of seven" Swinging Swallows who swooped in from Pembroke to help brighten the occasion. A great big Bay Waves thank you to each and every one of you! The dress that evening was definitely distinctive, the dancing delightful, and the potluck extravaganza that followed delicious.

Our Bay Waves new dancer celebration is scheduled for Friday, April 20th and we're looking forward to putting

our 3 new dancers through their paces. Christine, Lorene and John have impressed everyone with their fancy footwork throughout the year and deserve to be commended for their efforts. Well done!

It looks like April 27th will be our last Bay Waves get together for the 2017-2018 season.

Please note: folks are welcome to join us anytime. We're dancing most Friday nights from 7:30 to 10:00 pm, after which the bar opens and we sit down together to enjoy light snacks and a beverage. If you'd like further info about anything Bay Waves related, please contact Charlie at 613-832-1869 or via Bay.Waves@live.ca.

Charles Henderson



Capital Carousels

Be sure to mark your calendars now for October 27-28, 2018, when we anticipate a dedicated group of Montreal dancers will join us in welcoming Steve and Irene Bradt from Easton, Pennsylvania, as they teach us new dances and styling techniques at our own Capital Caper Round Dance Weekend.

But there will be other opportunities to kick up our heels before then:

Roy and Janet Williams will be cuing May 4 - 6 at Swing Into Spring 2018 in Prescott, Ontario.

Curt and Tammy Worlock, from Florida, will be featured June 1 - 3 at WOW 23rd Western Ontario Round Dance Weekend.

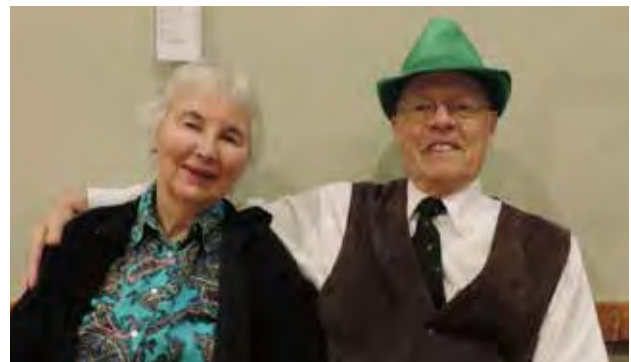
Please support the 20th Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention July 19 - 21 in London, Ontario. It starts with a trail-in dance (one room squares, one room rounds) on Wednesday, July 18 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

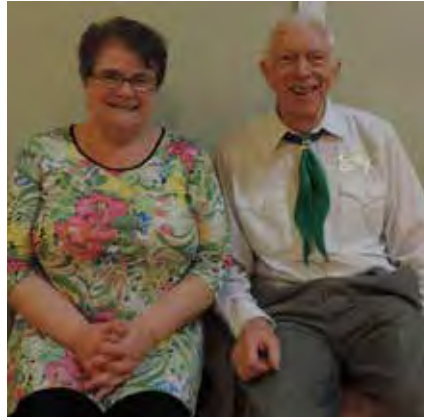
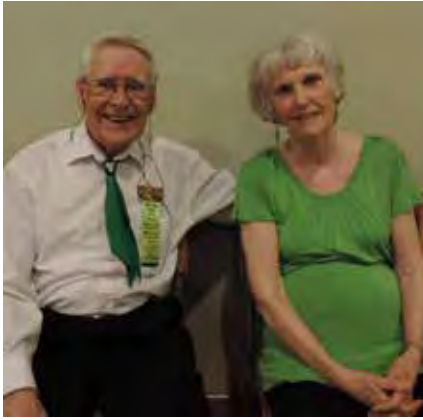
Meanwhile, have a safe and happy summer, everyone.

Linda Shannon









Teena (Tarantour) Goldberg

1939-2018



Teena Goldberg (Tarantour) passed away peacefully on February 5 after a brief encounter with cancer, at the Ottawa General Hospital surrounded by her beloved husband of 57 years, Uri, and her loving family. Her dance friends in Canada and Mesa, Arizona, and in particular at Capital Carousels Round Dance Club offer their sincere

condolences to all her family. We were privileged to have spent a fraction of our time with such a compassionate, gifted, and good-natured soul.

We all received invitations to her annual bazaars, from which a portion of the proceeds were donated to the Canadian Cancer Society. There, we became aware of her exquisite artistic tastes, creative abilities, and beautiful jewelry-making skills.

At special dance events and parties, her fruit tray was an appealing masterpiece, superbly crafted in kind consideration of anyone with diabetes or dietary restrictions.

A couple who bought a house beside them in Mesa, Arizona in 2009 described it:

The Park Model they purchased was already established and Teena immediately started to put her stamp on the unit. It started with Uri contracting

a renovation guy and the kitchen got ripped out and redone to Teena's specifications. Uri no doubt enjoyed the hours in shops while Teena found just the right piece, then Uri would get it home so Teena could mould it into her beautiful creation. She made the place warm and inviting. There were various cacti around the property and she enjoyed "regimenting them into shape". If there was a special occasion she would take great delight in inviting a GANG. She made you feel so wanted and comfortable. In keeping with her generous nature she encouraged Uri to dance with the single ladies at dances.

I also was the beneficiary of Uri's helpful guidance in some of the most difficult dance steps. They always asked me if I had a ride home from the weekly dances, for my safety, even if they were pretty sure that I did. If there were a blizzard or rain, they would even phone me before they left for the dance, offering to pick me up so I wouldn't have to wait outside for a bus in increment weather.

At the end of the year, she always ensured that there were flowers to present to our cuer and teachers in appreciation of their hard work. All of which demonstrate her thoughtful consideration and generous heart that we will sorely miss.





The Glengarry Tartans

THE ARRIVAL OF A NEW SQUARE DANCE CLUB IN ONTARIO'S CELTIC HEARTLAND

This is a case where all the stars aligned.

Last October at the end of Fall Fest I was helping myself to a piece of pie. Looking for Barbara, I found her sitting at a table talking to a Lady Dancer I didn't know.

I was greeted with "Hi this is Carole. She is looking for a Caller." I quickly found out that she is Carole Lauzon, Co-chair of the Swinging B's publicity. I had heard many times through EOSARDA and OACA that Carole is a member of the Public Relations and Advertising Committee with the Swinging B's which has been successful with Open House events.

Wanting to know about my calling style, I went to my car to get my laptop and showed a video of myself calling in Cornwall at an event. It was felt that the Maxville, Vankleek Hill and Alexandria triangle would be an area where Modern Square Dance could thrive. This Rural area constantly celebrates its rich Celtic heritage through numerous musical festivals & events such as the Maxville Highland Games.

So Carole enthusiastically proceeded at a fast pace with emails, phone calls and meetings with different local organizations and free media articles were happening. Posters and magnetic cards were created, printed and posted in Alexandria, Vankleek Hill and many other surrounding communities along with the help of her partner Bernie.

Because of the significant French speaking population, I translated advertising and notices into French that were sent or posted on different local Facebooks and

community newspapers. We were granted a non-profit table at the Vankleek Hill Farmers Market. So my Saturday mornings were spent advertising the Alexandria Open Houses and sampling different local foods at the market.

Two Open Houses were held at the Alexandria Sports Palace In January 2018. With the greatly appreciated support of Angels from the Swinging B's we had up to four squares dancing. After a quick Dancers Survey it was decided that we would keep dancing 2 to 3 Sundays a month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. We received input from all dancers for a club name suggestion and finally The Glengarry Tartans was selected – very appropriate to the area!



So far we average 3 Squares and by the time of printing we will have a Facebook page and Web Site.

We have an enthusiastic group of new dancers and welcome singles or couples at every dance. Angels are always welcome at no charge.

Hope to see you at one of our dances. You will have a good time. I play a modern mix of beats to keep everyone swinging.

**2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Glengarry Sports Palace,
170 MacDonald Blvd., Alexandria
April 8th, April 22nd, April 29th, May 13th, May
27th Beginners welcomed at every dance!**

Francois Desmarais, Caller

The Glengarry Tartans Square Dance Club
We are dancing until May 27th
(see the dates and times below)



Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

April 8th

April 22nd

April 29th

May 13th

May 27th

Address:

Glengarry Sports Palace
Community Hall,
170 MacDonald Blvd.,
Alexandria ON
\$6.00

*New Dancers and Basic Dancers
are welcome!*

No dancing experience required.

*Dance level is Basic or
higher if enough experienced
Dancers are present.*

*Angels dance for free
Spectators are Welcome*

For more information Contact
Francois Desmarais
613-798-9163
Francoisd2@rogers.com





Grenville Gremlins

KEMPTVILLE

"SPRING HAS SPRUNG", and our winter season of square dancing was enjoyed by all of our members, including guests from the Stonebridge Squares, along with dancers from a few other clubs. We enjoyed a "Wishing for Spring" square dance in January, where everyone dressed up in their spring attire, with great food and a warm venue even though the temperature was so very cold outside; that did not stop us from dancing to our hearts content with our great caller Geoff & Teena Clark.

Then along came our party for "Valentines", and once again we enjoyed Geoff's romantic music.

Our "Plus" members enjoy dancing the "plus calls" before and after each evening. The winter passed quickly, and Geoff is enjoying his vacation for a month down south, while Brian Crawford stepped up to call for the month of March. Thanks Brian!

Party time again with great Irish music for St. Patrick's Day; this time our great chefs cooked up pancakes & sausages served with Maple Syrup. Brian had us dancing a good Irish jig along with square dancing.

Until the next time,
Elizabeth Vingerhoeds





Harbour Lites

Many visitors joined us for our Valentine's Day Dance, Among them were the Grenville Gremlins, who came to retrieve their banner. We had many happy couples among our visitors and members. Everyone enjoyed the evening especially the extra goodies, including the 3 different chocolate sauces for dipping!!



Some of our members, joined the Riverside Gypsies for their Mid-Winter Dance including Ron Roy, who was in the Caller Showcase. They all had a great time.

Once again, our winter weather caused problems for our St. Patrick's Day celebration and we cancelled due to a snow storm along the Seaway. All was not lost as we had another celebration to look forward to, the following week. Our annual visit for pancakes and Square Dancing at Hunter's Sugar Bush, March 21st. They always make us welcome and after a good meal everyone was ready to dance off the pounds.

Our Easter dance, March 28th, was another great turn out of dancers with visitors from Cornwall and Canton, who came to do some banner napping. We also had 3 new dancers come to check us out and they picked up the steps really quickly thanks to Brian Crawford for making it so much fun. Brian was standing in for John, who is on holiday, Marcel Lemay will be calling for us April 4th and Geoff Clarke on April 11th.



We are looking forward to the graduation of our 4 new members April 18th, and the following week is our Round Up Dance. Once again, we are extending our dancing season through May with a review for all dancers. June 13th will be a regular dance, but in July we have a special "Just Dance Evening", that will include, Eight couple Squares, Rectangles, Rounds, Contra and more. The last Square Dance of the summer will be on August 15th. So mark your calendars and come join us for some great nights of dancing.



Square Dancing - is good for the health and great for your soul!!

Eileen Torr



Kanata Squares

Yes, it's the St Patrick's Day party. Unlike those struggling home from the pub after too much beer, here we are dancing as Siamese twins to see if two heads work better than one in trying to get home on the dance floor. You can see by all the smiling faces that it was just as much fun as going to the pub.

We have been fortunate to continue to maintain good attendance even though some of us have been lucky enough to enjoy vacation time in warmer climes. Their spots have been assumed by our guests who have come out fairly regularly to share our welcoming fellowship. It is always enjoyable to meet new friends.

Our new dancers have completed the curriculum and now are in the process of practicing the calls until they become second nature and automatic reflexes. This part is every bit as challenging as learning the moves in the first place. The proof that this is happening took place at the St Patrick's Day party when, inspired by some authentic Irish reels, they moved gracefully and seamlessly through the choreography. Well done team!



Like almost every other club these days, ill health has put a few of the group on the "disabled" list. We sincerely hope that they will be returning to the team as quickly as possible for we miss them. May the rest continue in great form

Just in case you thought that we have forgotten how to eat, here we are at the St Valentine's Day party. Don't worry about us. Like most clubs, we dance and eat.

May it be ever so!

Lift Lock Squares

Lift Lock Squares in Peterborough enjoy dancing on Wednesday evenings at Activity Haven Seniors Centre accommodating Advance and Plus level dancers. We start the evening with A2 level dancing with 3 tips then two tips of A1 and then Plus dancing for the remainder of the evening. We had special party nights for Valentine's and for St. Patrick's. Unfortunately, our dancing was at the mercy of the winter weather this year and we like other clubs had to cancel a couple of dance nights.

Lift Lock Squares also have a monthly A2 dance time on the first Friday of the month from 10am to 12:30pm to provide our A2 dancers with some additional dance time. We encourage out of town dancers to join us for these sessions to further their Advance dancing.



Lift Lock Squares are presently organizing for our annual Spring Spree festival for the 21st of April 2018. This is the 56th anniversary of our Spring Spree and we have four halls/levels of dancing with four callers rotating through the rooms to provide dancers with a variety of callers at their level of dancing.

This year's callers are Don Moger from Montreal, Tim Crawford from Burlington, Wayne Hall from St. Catherine's, and Joe Uebelacker of Peterborough.

Our dance runs in the afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 and then in the evening from 7:00 to 10:00 with lunch to close out the evening. This would be a great opportunity for dancers to experience 6 hours of dance time at their chosen dance level. This would provide dancers with a chance to experience different callers and might be an encouragement to come join with dancers at this summer's National Dance Convention in London.

Check our Flyer elsewhere in this Square Time issue for more details on our Spring Spree and a form to register for the dance.

Look forward to having you join us for a great dance festival on 21st of April.



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Join Us In Peterborough
Lift Lock Squares Presents The
56th Annual

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SPRING SPREE

21 April 2018

2-5 PM and 7-10 PM

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Tim Crawford **Wayne Hall**
Don Moger **Joe Uebelacker**



Crestwood Secondary School
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Pre-registration: – All Day \$15.00 PP, Half Day \$7.50 PP

At Door –All Day \$17.00 PP, Half Day \$8.50 PP

Phone contact Howard & Jean Lander Tel: 905-342-5450 Email: springspreedance@gmail.com

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Mail registration to : Dorothy Wilkins, 80 Andrea Rd. Ajax, ON L1S 3V9

Specify Number of Dancers at highest level you plan to dance. Dance in lower level rooms as you wish.

Dance Level: Basic..... Mainstream Plus..... A1..... A2..... C1.....

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LOCKITS Advanced Dance Club

Actually I'm writing this Club report for the April edition on Feb 10th as we stare at another snow storm coming in tonight with potential freezing rain tomorrow. We're now in the "February blahs" period when most of us (certainly not the skiers) are getting fed up with winter & start dreaming about Spring & Summer, or at least "getting away from it all" to a warm destination? Sounds great?

Yes indeed it does & that's what we're doing at the end of this month (Feb), heading to some warmer weather areas until Spring arrives here! And because of our departure until April, the LOCKITS club will not be dancing for the month of March but will resume on Wednesday April 11th for A1/A2 and an A2 dance on April 19th. We dance until the end of April, our last dance being Wednesday April 25th.

So if you'd like to drop by & dance with us, please feel free to do so. Our website will give you everything you want to know about our club including our dance schedule as well as some great pictures, videos etc. Check it out at: www.lockits.ca

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO DANCE WITH US AT ANY TIME!

SQUARE DANCING IS ALL ABOUT FUN & FRIENDSHIP – SO COME JOIN US WON'T YOU?

Geoff & Teena Clarke

WHAT THE CALLER SEES!

Written by Caller
Geoff Clarke



Do you form Lines or go Home?

At a recent dance, I observed dancers just 'standing around' after their square had broken down trying to decide what to do now? They were 'discussing' and not dancing!! It happened during both the Patter and Singing call, and it appeared they didn't seem to know what to do?

So what do you do when your square breaks down?

The prime "rule" is to do it quickly so that you can get back to dancing! It really doesn't matter who you're dancing with as long as you're dancing & not standing around 'wondering' & questioning & deciding!

PATTER - if your square breaks down during a Patter call, then form *two normal facing lines of 4* (*normal = boys on the left of the girls*), parallel to one wall (Side wall is probably best because the Caller can more easily see you "standing still"), and then wait for the Caller to "pick you up". (eg: "Lines of 4...")

The easiest way to quickly get to the facing lines is to first go 'home' with your regular partner & then #1 & #3 lady take their corner's hand & all adjust to form facing lines. **Callers** can easily spots a square that's broken down, **but can't do anything to help you until you're in facing lines**. Once there, the Caller will 'adjust' the dancing to bring the whole floor to "lines of four" (you must wait for the Caller's cue), whereupon you can start dancing again!!

SINGING CALLS - go Home & square your set and then wait until you hear an Allemande left or Promenade or Swing or *any call that can be done from a squared set* so that you're back dancing again!

In both cases, the key is to quickly move into position and get ready to start dancing again – *after all, isn't that what you'd rather be doing?*

At our February 2018 Ottawa Area Caller's Association, we reviewed this 'process' and we are all in agreement that it is the proper way for dancers to recover from a 'lost' or 'broken' square.

OUCH !!



BE GENTLE with each other when TAKING HANDS!

A hand "crunched" during a Right & Left Grand; a shoulder twisted during a Swing Thru - **has that happened to you?** Well, it has to me & dancers that I know, & we're not alone!

Sure, I know that no one ever "intends" to be rough, but sometimes "**we just don't think**" or '**just don't realize**' that we may be hurting a fellow dancer by not being careful as to how we're making that (mandatory) hand contact!

Very often it's because we're "new" at dancing & we may be a little nervous or unsure and thus tend to be a 'little up tight' and squeeze a little harder than we realize – **BUT, as a result, someone can have their hand painfully squeezed & that's no fun!**

As well, "hanging on" too long while dancing a call can result in an *arm being twisted, or a shoulder being wrenched*, again resulting in "pain" for a fellow dancer.

SO, **THINK ABOUT how YOU are dancing** & whether YOU may be 'holding on' too long during Square Thru, or Right & Left Thru, etc. **BE AWARE** just how you're dancing & whether or not you may be holding on too much or squeezing too tight!

In other words folks, BE VERY CONSIDERATE of your fellow dancers & treat each other GENTLY! PLEASE!!



NOT HEARING THE CALLS?

If you're having difficulty hearing the calls (or Cues) due to a personal hearing loss, there is an answer & believe me, you're not alone!

Not hearing the calls clearly can not only be very frustrating for the dancer experiencing it, but most often results in square break-down.

Sometimes it's where you're dancing in the hall (echo, or a dead spot); sometimes it's a poor loudspeaker; perhaps a Caller's (or Cues) voice that you're not used to hearing, but, sadly **QUITE OFTEN** it's the result of a personal hearing difficulty!

Unfortunately as we age, so does our hearing. Certain words & phrases start to muffle a bit; specific voices can be difficult to understand where before it was never a problem, & picking out words amongst other sounds (such as music), becomes an increasing challenge.

None of us like to admit that we're getting older & certainly very few people will admit that they're having a hearing problem. So, often dancers just try to cope & 'soldier on' hoping that even if they miss they odd call, they can figure out where to go & maybe even look for others to help them be in the right place. That may work fine for a while, but eventually, even that no longer works. What now then? Sadly, sometimes they just 'quit dancing', and when that happens, then we all lose!

THAT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THE CASE!!

As a Caller, I carry with me a 'hearing assistance' transmitter that works in the industry standard 'hearing assist' range for personal receivers. I don't set the system up 'automatically', but **if YOU need me too, then please just ask me**, it only takes a minute or so. You only need to have your own personal receiver & we just need to set the frequency up in advance of using it.

MOST of the clubs in EOSARDA also own their own transmitter as do many of the other EOSARDA Callers. ALL EOSARDA dance halls are equipped with 'hearing assist' transmitters as does the Mississippi Squares halfway dance.

SO DANCERS, HELP IS AVAILABLE!! All you have to do is ask! Ask your Club. Ask your Caller!

At one of the clubs where I call, I have two dancers **successfully** using the hearing assist system, both having their own personal receivers. If you don't have a personal receiver ***but would like to try it out***, then 'just ask'!! Most Clubs have at least one receiver available to 'try out', all you need to bring is your own 'stereo' ear-buds (personal hygienic reasons).

YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!!



Mississippi Squares

We had so many Valentine decorations that the walls turned into a dizzying kaleidoscope of continually changing patterns as we were spinning the top and casting off three-quarters through a sea of red. We also had enough delicious food to fill up anyone who hadn't had time for supper before coming!

Then our St. Patrick decorations changed us over to thinking in green and wishfully looking at all the pots of gold on the walls. There was no need for research on ancestry.ca because everyone's family history was tied to Ireland on St. Patrick's Eve as we danced to Brian Crawford's rendition of "My name is McNamara. I'm the leader of the band." But next thing we knew,

Brian had slipped into "My Bonnie lies over the ocean" for anybody struggling to keep their Scottish heritage alive at such a green event, where even "Seven Spanish Angels" had turned into "Seven Irish Angels."

The month of March wrapped up with our annual Bring a Friend Night / Open House. Seven new people found themselves dancing as soon as they set foot in a square, and as we look forward to spring and Brian's mainstream workshop (see our ad!), we also leap ahead to next fall with hopes that these seven people will return to dance with us in September.

Marion Kennedy





Meri Squares

Amazing that the 2017-2018 dance season is almost over! The Winter Session was more dancer-friendly this year with the cancellation of only one evening due to weather. However, attendance was still down compared to the Fall Session. There were lots of good reasons as our dancer population ages including travelling to warmer climes, not wanting to drive in the pitch dark and snow, and succumbing to colds or the flu, which no dancer wants to share with their fellow dancers. Follow-up with those missing in action indicates dancers will be back as soon as the weather warms up. Spring brings hope that both will happen soon!

Numbers at weekly club dances were down but the energy was good. Now that the new Mainstream and Plus dancers know all the calls, John Charman has been ensuring that the music is lively and the calling interesting. Yes, folks, it is possible for the men to be the lead dancers in Dixie Style to an Ocean Wave or to dance in hexagons!

Meri Squares dancers were out in appropriate colours for the club's Valentine's Party and St. Patrick's Party. And the treats were appreciated by everyone. Planning is now underway for the wrap-up party on April 24. This will be a time to celebrate all of our new dancers and to make plans with friends to attend summer dance opportunities. We have a good list of members who are planning on attending the National

Convention in London. We hope to see lots of folks from other EOSARDA clubs on the dance floor!

In keeping with our motto of "Fun, Fitness and Friendships", we decided to expand our social gatherings outside the club. The last Tuesday of the month, anyone who is interested gathers for dinner at the Barley Mow Restaurant on Richmond Road at 5:30 p.m. to share some good food and conversation before heading out to dance. Attendance the first night was excellent and members expressed interest in continuing the activity. This social opportunity expands on our after-dance pub nights on the last Thursday of every month at the same location. Square dancing is so much more than just dancing – it offers lots of opportunities to make and grow great friendships!

April is also a time when we elect our new Executive. We have a full slate of officers this year. Thank you to all the volunteers.

This summer, Meri Squares hopes to expand its demo opportunities to recruit new dancers and convert skeptics! Look for us around the city and make sure you stop and say hello! We wish everyone a safe and happy summer and encourage you to keep on dancing!

Lamar Mason



Spring Workshop 2018

Mississippi Squares presents

Mainstream Dance by Definition



Tuesday Evenings 7:30 to 9:30

with

Brian and Amy Crawford

Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, June 5, 12, 2018

Number of classes: 6

Prerequisite skill level: Dancers should be comfortable and confident with the full mainstream program.

Location: Brunton Community Hall,
1702 9th Line, Blacks Corners, ON



Brunton Community Hall is 3 km south of Carleton Place on Highway 15.



This workshop progresses through the full mainstream program, including non-standard positions.

It will be fun and interesting for both mainstream and plus dancers who want to improve their dancing skills and increase their dancing enjoyment.

Workshop fee: **\$40** per dancer
Payable by cash or cheque, in advance
Please make cheques payable to *Mississippi Squares*.

For more details,
call: **Nick Burn** 613-461-0150
president1@mississippisquares.ca
or **Betty Goodwin** 613-256-0551
Website: www.mississippisquares.ca

Mainstream Dance by Definition Workshop Registration

Mainstream Workshop May 1, 8, 15, 22, June 5, 12, 2018

Brunton Community Hall **\$40** per dancer

Please register for the workshop as a dancing couple.

	Name	Phone Number	Email
Dancing as Left-Hand Dancer (Boy's Position)	_____	_____	_____
Dancing as Right-Hand Dancer (Girl's Position)	_____	_____	_____

Mail registration form with cheque to:

Muriel Hanneson, Treasurer
PO Box 156, Almonte, ON KOA 1A0

***** Register early to ensure a space in the class. *****



CONVENTION 2018

**20th Canadian National
Square & Round Dance Convention
London, ON Canada
July 19, 20, 21, 2018**

Hosted by Square & Round Dancers of South Western Ontario



**Square Dancing - Basic to C2, all under one roof.
Also available – Round Dancing Phase II to VI,
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Phone – 519-396-7228

Email :
convention2018@squaredance.ca

Website :
www.squaredance.ca/2018

Make The Scene In 2018

Montreal Acey Deuceys

We at Montreal Acey Deuceys hope everyone is getting ready for some warmer weather and a fun filled summer. Since the return of Don Moger from the west coast we have been dancing A2 on Monday evenings with 5 squares and sometimes 6 squares not bad for A2 level. The plan is to continue all summer long on Mondays with a few cancellations. Remember if you dance A2 you are always welcome do join us. We were the first club in the area to dance with computer generated squares and it is nice to see that other clubs have followed us to dance the same way. This is probably a good time to let folks know about some summer A2 events.

Kingston Magic

May 25, 26, 2018

Kingston, ON

Albany Magic

June 15, 16, 2018

Albany, NY

Summer Magic

Aug 24, 25, 26, 2018

Cornwall, ON

Of course Summer Magic will have 4 levels of dancing, Plus, A1, A2, C1. This event is a not to miss weekend as can be attested to by many square dancers that have been attending since the beginning.

Please remember at Summer Magic each room has a dedicated level. Dancers are not forced to sit out or drop down a level because the room has 2 levels operating. Dancers should have the level they like to dance all weekend. Please join us there is an ad in Square Time for Summer Magic check it out.



**Black and White Night at Summer Magic
50 squares of happy dancers**

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All International Staff

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- ★ *Ray Brendzy BC.*
- ★ *Don Moger QC.*
- ★ *Tony Oxendine SC.*
- ★ *Michael Kellogg CA.*
- *Steve & Irene Bradt PA.*

Summer Magic

Aug 24, 25, 26, 2018

*This dance has been
dubbed the best dance in
Canada year after year*

NAV CENTRE
Cornwall, Ontario
Plus, A1, A2, C1, Rounds

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We would love to have you join us.

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one roof
'WOW'*

Napanee Pioneers

Since our last article the Pioneers have been relatively quiet and concentrating on getting our new dancers up to speed for graduation. Dave has been doing a wonderful job and we will have 7 graduates celebrating on May 25th. We are having a Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 p.m. with dancing and celebrations following. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Some of us visited the Country Round Up Dance in Baltimore, Ontario on March 25th. They had our caller, Dave Hutchinson calling and the dance was well attended. It was a fun Sunday afternoon.

On March 23rd we held an Easter Bonnet Dance and all sorts of creations and designs showed up; some winning prizes for the different categories.



One of our Dancers, Dave Smith, created a collage of some of the Easter Bonnet Hats.

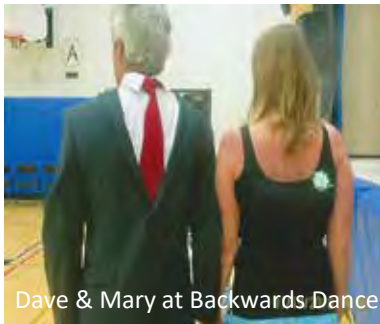
This is a REMINDER that on Friday, April 20th Napanee Pioneers are hosting US caller Ron Brown for the evening. The dance starts at 7:00 at the Southview Public School in Napanee and there will be delicious refreshments after the dance.

And another REMINDER that on May 11th Brian Crawford will be our guest caller. Dance at Southview Public School starting at 7:00 with refreshments following.

DANCING IN NAPANEE IS ALWAYS AN ENJOYABLE EVENING. Come and join us.

The Pioneers closed 2017 with a blast. Our Christmas party consisted of 50 dancers. We enjoyed an excellent catered meal of turkey and fixin's before dancing to Dave's Christmas music selection.

After the long Christmas break we were all happy to get back to dancing on January 5th. On January 12th we had another break when the weather was too bad and everything was closed down.



Dave & Mary at Backwards Dance

On January 19th we held a backwards dance with everyone participating. Everything was done backwards for the night. A lot of dancers dressed back to front.



One fellow even had his face painted on the back of his head by his wife. It was a very amusing evening.



We submitted our photo to be published along with others in the community celebrating Canada 150. The theme was "Napanee Pioneers have Canadian Pride".

We also decorated a Christmas Tree at the Lennox and Addington County Museum with the theme “All Things Canada”. We won first prize for that.



On **April 20th** we are hosting for the 2nd time, a caller from the US. His name is **Ron Brown** and last year a crowd welcomed him. We hope to have a good turnout again this year. He is quite good, so come to Napanee on April 20th, you won't want to miss him! See our flyer in this issue.

Then on **May 11th** we will be dancing to a well-known local caller, **Brian Crawford**. We are looking forward to having him call for us. You all know how much you enjoy his calling so we hope to see you on May 11th. See our flyer in this issue.

Our season will be wrapped up with our graduation dance on May 25th. We have 7 new dancers to graduate this year.

On a closing note I'd like to say, with all the negativity bombarding us from all sides, either on the world stage, or in our communities or even on our own square dance level with running of the clubs and funding of our organization, it's good to have such a wonderful outlet where we can go to dance, visit with friends and forget the problems of life. So Dance, Dance, Dance!

Muriel Brough
Napanee Pioneers



Ottawa Date Squares

BASIC GRADUATES

Graduation night plans have been finalized for our Basic program dancers. The graduation celebration for these new Mainstream dancers will take place during our usual weekly session on Wednesday, May 16th. Former members and friends are welcome to attend. Dave Western will represent EOSARDA at the celebration. Congratulations!

MAINSTREAM CLASSES BEGIN

We've timed our Mainstream program so that it will end before the May 25-27 fly-in weekend in Toronto, giving interested new Mainstream dancers the opportunity to dance there.

Many of our dancers have expressed interest in this opportunity to network with other LGBTQ square dancers, experience world-class international callers, and benefit from the 50% first-timer discount.

VEER NORTH FLY-IN

The planning for our own fly-in, Veer North, has been progressing over the past several months. We're well on our way to having a full house. There

has been a lot of interest so far, and the registrations are rolling in!



This will be our first international fly-in in over a decade, and it will take place from September 14-16, 2018. There will be dancing at all levels with internationally renowned callers, Barry Clasper from Toronto and Gary Monday from Seattle. There will be a potluck meal on Friday for registered dancers, workshops on Saturday, as well as a full buffet brunch on Sunday. We are also offering a bus tour to see Ottawa's highlights while enjoying some dancing.

Check out our ad in this issue of Square Time and be sure to visit www.VeerNorth.ca to register!

WEBSITE UPDATES

Our Date Squares website (<http://www.iagsdc.com/ottawa>) has recently been updated with new content that targets prospective members, while addressing the needs of our existing members.

Ottawa Date Square members can check out the new Members Only section to access tips and advice for experienced and new dancers.



And now some of our styling...

Dosado

When doing the Dosado, walk a smooth circular path forward, right shoulder to right shoulder, hooking the right hand across the waist of the partner, while lifting the left hand up over head with palms facing outward so that fingertips touch the partner's fingertips, and continuing to circle to the right until back at the starting position.

Jaël Potvin

Veer North to the Capital

Back after a long hiatus, the Ottawa Date Squares LGBTQ square dance club is putting on their first international fly-in in over 10 years and it promises to be one of the best ever!

September 14-16, 2018

Featuring over 15 hours of dancing at all levels from Mainstream through C with two amazing internationally renowned callers: Gary Monday (Seattle) and Barry Clasper (Toronto).

Registration features a potluck meal on Friday evening, workshops on Saturday morning, a full buffet brunch on Sunday and, for an additional \$15, we offer a bus tour with city highlights and dancing!

Weekend Dance Schedule - Two Halls MS, Plus, A and C Dancing

Friday, September 14

6:00 pm registration begins.
A light potluck buffet will be available.
7:00 -10:30 pm: Dancing (all levels).

Saturday, September 15

10:00 am- noon: Workshops
1:30-4:30 pm: Dancing (All levels)
7:00-10:30pm: Dancing (All levels)

Sunday, September 16

9:00 -10:30 am: (optional) City bus tour
\$15.00 (with Mainstream dancing at selected locations).
10:30 am-noon: Brunch
(included with registration)
1:00 pm-4:30 pm: Dancing (All Levels)

Registration Fees

\$115.00 Canadian before Aug 1 and
\$125.00 Canadian after Aug 1.

Non-dancer: \$40.00 Canadian (includes:
Friday potluck, Sunday brunch)



Barry
Clasper

Gary
Monday



Please visit www.VeerNorth.ca to register or to download a registration form that can be mailed in to us or contact us at 613-806-2474 or by email at VeerNorthToTheCapital@gmail.com.



Riverside Gypsy Square Dance Club

The Riverside Gypsy's Mid-Winter Dance often lives up to its name by giving us some wonderful weather to drive through if we wish to dance. This year's dance was no exception: snow and freezing rain in the morning meant that some roads were treacherous or for those that started out early in the day for a longer drive the visibility was pretty poor. We did have a number of dancers who did manage to make it out to enjoy some Rounds as well as Mainstream and Plus calls. Thank you to all the Callers and Cuers who contributed to the Caller Showcase and the enjoyment of the afternoon. After the dancing and the visiting we sat down to a friendly potluck supper and as usual there was a wonderful selection of salads, casseroles and desserts.

We are all looking forward to the Spring and the first campout of the season on the May 25-27th week-end. We have open dances on Friday and Saturday night. Saturday night we are having an Open House as you can see from the flyer in this issue. We dance

at the fully graduated Mainstream and Plus Levels as well as the occasional A1 sets. Please come out and join us for the evening or if you like to camp then bring your trailer or tent to try a week-end with us. Note there is a charge for the camping site.



If you can't make it to the dances or camping in May you will also find a camping schedule in this issue. It will outline the dates we are camping, the week-end's theme and who is calling Squares or leading the Round dancing. There is an activity that is planned for the afternoon and workshops most Saturday morning so there is time to dance and

Mary Anne Reinhard
Publicity



Riverside Gypsy Squares C175



2018 Summer Dance Schedule

Dances are MS/Plus and Ph. II Rounds. Saturday Nights may include a special dance as indicated. Non-members are welcome to come to our Open Dances on Friday or Saturday Night 8-10 pm.

You can find us at Happy Green Acres Tent & Trailer Park, 2 Happy Green Acres Rd., Brockville ON 613-342-9646 on these week-ends:

Dates	Caller	Cuer	Theme	Saturday Night Special 7:30-8 pm
May 25-27	Doug Holmes	Kim Hamilton	Mexican Flavour	A1
June 22-24	Berry Chumbly	Margaret Thomas	Pass the Pot	
July 27-29	Bob Summers	Jean Clingin	Towel-R-ama	A1
Aug. 24-26	Harold Moore	Gerry Sawtell	On the Bayou	
Sep. 28-30	John Charman & Wendy Vandermeulen	Susan Connors	Bon Voyage	A1

We dress for the theme on Friday night and Square Dance Attire is appreciated for Saturday nights.

Directions to Happy Green Acres: Highway 401 to exit 687. West on Highway 2 for 1.5km and the park is on the left.

3 way hookup (15 amp may be upgraded by summer 2018*), pool, rec hall, and showers. Campers may join us for one week-end without joining NSDCA.



Riverside Gypsy Squares C175



Curious about our Campground? Are you looking for a Spring dance evening?

Join us for our Open House! Doug Holmes will be calling and Kim Hamilton will cue. Graduated Full Mainstream and Plus Dancers welcome.



You can find us at Happy Green Acres Tent & Trailer Park, 2 Happy Green Acres Rd., Brockville ON 613-342-9646.

We share a potluck supper at 5:30 pm, please bring your dishes, utensils, and a main dish to share.

If you would like more information : Mary Anne Reinhard, Riverside Gypsy Square Dance Club - Publicity mareinhard@sympatico.ca 613-838-5781. Campers wishing to stay for the week-end are welcome but camping fee is requested.



Stone Bridge Squares

Here we are into the last of the spring season and winter still hangs around! The season has been fairly busy with some visits to other clubs to enjoy their hospitality and dancing several times. Several of our members have visited the Grenville Gremlins in Kempville and the Swinging Bees in Cornwall,



as well hosting several members from both clubs. Unfortunately we have not attracted any new members and have had to work with two squares and sometimes three. Our caller Bob Summers has suffered some heart issues and is facing surgery in early April and will be away for several Friday dances



while he recovers. Fortunately we have gained the services of Dave Curry as our caller while Bob recovers. On Feb. 9th we had a visit from the Grenville Gremlins and they stole their banner back! On Feb 16th we had a Valentines Dance with a pot luck which was very good! We have been reviewing the Mainstream moves. On Mar 9th we had a Pizza Night with pizza for all, very welcome and enjoyed by all. To encourage new potential dancers our club is offering free dancing instruction for the last three dances of the season. Dean has produced a flyer and sent it by e-mail to all the members hoping that they will manage to pass it out to friends and neighbours in an effort to attract some new members. I am attempting to attach some pictures from our dance nights and occasions.



Sunshine Squares

Did anyone else notice that Wednesdays this winter were cursed? We started the dancing season in January with enthusiasm and a keen interest in working off those Christmas calories with this best off all methods! Old Man winter didn't care. I am (almost) positive that at least 3/4 of the Wednesday nights in January and February came with "bad weather" warnings from Ian Black. Each Wednesday also came with the **BIG**



QUESTION : do we cancel or not? Take a hike Old Man Winter... we danced anyhow and had a great time doing it!

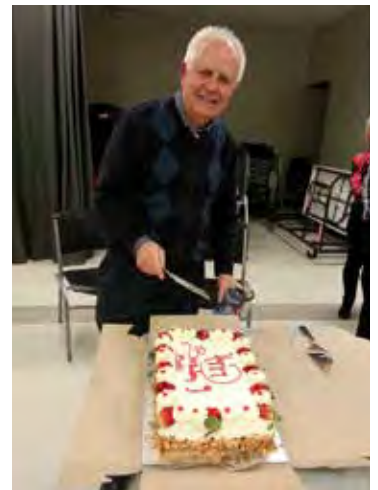
For the Valentines Party, dancers from the Meri Squares joined our club

members and the participants of the Improve Your Plus Workshop for a fun and "very romantic" night.

The other highlight of the winter session was Saint Patrick's Day. Our caller Bob Summers seems to particularly enjoy calling for this party. I suspect that he must have some Irish genes since he can really belt out those Irish songs and he never misses a chance to tell his best Irish jokes. However, the joke was on him when a very important birthday happened on square dancing

night and we surprised him with a beautiful and delicious birthday cake!

It is almost April and spring is supposed to be officially here, so we are now seeing the end of our dancing for this year. Our club is planning our Windup Party for April 11. There was no debate about the details. The gourmet feast that is provided by the members' pot luck contributions always beats any catered fare! Our caller, Bob, will miss the party since he is having his heart operation the day before. He and Marguerite will have our heartfelt best wishes to keep them company. Luke, our "apprentice caller", has agreed to fill in for Bob and help us jiggle down all that food!



So... until next year... have a great summer everyone and come and visit us next September!

Jim and Diane Kearns
President Couple, Sunshine Squares

Canterbury Community Centre, Ottawa
Wednesdays – Plus, 7:00-9:00 pm



Swallows

The Swallows, all 23 of us who attended, thoroughly enjoyed the Half-Way Dance in January and came home all fired up to dance even more! Luckily, we had lots of extra events planned and that enabled us to participate in even for fun times!

We had our Club Cowboy, Jesse Crawford's 39th birthday in early February and we celebrated with birthday cake. He's danced with the Swallows now for 10 years, I believe, and still loves everything 'western'; he has challenges but continues to write and encourages others to do the same. He dances at the Plus level and is a good sport.

We danced at Marionhill Nursing Home and the residents loved us. We had fun dancing and even more fun visiting with some of the audience. The next day, our club night, we had a visit from members of a local Weight Watchers club. They

enjoyed the dancing/exercise and we provided some healthy snacks for after the dancing. It was a nice evening. They'd like us to visit them next so those in their group who were too shy to visit will have an opportunity to see the benefit to modern square dancing as exercise (and fun).

March 3 was to have been our horse-drawn sleigh ride with a pot-luck supper and dancing after, but a week prior I learned that because of the lack of snow, the horses wouldn't be able to pull us on the sleigh. Even then, we had planned a snow dance, but as Saturday approached and mild weather continued, our fear that we'd not be able to have our 'snow dance' became more real. Two days prior to the event Norma and Ralph Grant went on the search for enough snow to dance in, and they found some! Dancers gathered near the Amphitheatre (where we invite all of EOSARDA square dancers in late August)

and we danced in the snow! The first 'circle left' and dosado's were a little difficult because of the depth of the snow, but we soon had it packed down and could just have fun! There were some dancers that didn't make it on time for that dance and so we held a second one in some snow behind the church hall where we held the pot-luck supper and dance. Hat's off to all the dancers who participated in the Snow Dance, including Francois and Barbara, Robert and Rosie, and Gerry and Jim who didn't dance in the snow, but were there to cheer us on! Robert and Rosie came determined to dance in the snow and even 'found some Pembroke snow for sale'! Now that's enthusiasm!

Last summer some Swallows and friends danced in the waters of Mink Lake; Doug and I also danced on the boat during a Sunset Dinner Cruise on the Ottawa River; now we've danced in the snow! What's next?

The Swallows were invited to dance at the Deep River Seniors St Pat's Day party, We had a lot of people watching and enjoying the music as we danced. They served a light lunch before we left. We're hoping that some of the audience will come out in the fall and begin dancing with us. Our own Swinging Swallows St Patrick's Day party is this week, too, and some Swallows are hoping to get down to Constance Bay to show off our 'Irish' again!



On April 12 we host the Boys and Girls Club for our Fourth Annual Dinner/Dance, and we're looking forward to it. Francois did a fantastic job last year with all the children. I wonder what he'll do this year?

Our Celebration Dance will be on April 19 when we'll have our pot-luck Dinner/Dance and celebrate the end of the first year for our new Basics Dancers. They've worked hard and progressed well and deserve the recognition. You may already have met a few of them at the Half-Way Dance, and I'm sure you'll get to know more of our new Swallows before long.



We're planning our annual Patio Party square dance out at Mink Lake this summer, and I'm sure a few Swallows will be dancing in London in July.

Visit our website www.GetUpandDance.ca and view our Snow Dance videos! We had a lot of fun! We're planning our dances in the parks in August (see our ad in this issue), so please plan to join us. Spend a few days in the area; there's lots to do and see.

Gloria Bateman

Meet the Callers and Cuers Who Will Lead Us at *Swing into Spring*



Jerry Jestin is well-known for his creative choreography, energetic presentation and a wide variety of music. He grew up in Canada with parents who square danced. He called his first dance in 1967. In 1979 he relocated to Texas where he continued to call and attended university, majoring in physical education and health. In 1980 Jerry married Janice, whose father was a caller in San Antonio. Jerry transferred universities when they later moved to Dallas and they continued building their home program. He and Janice became resident callers at an RV park in Yuma AZ, then at a second resort offering a full program of all levels of various dances, including clogging. They also worked as caller/cuer/director at a resort at West Yellowstone, Montana. In 2007 they returned to Texas but have since relocated and now live in Alberta. They travel frequently to Yuma, AZ, and elsewhere to call. Jerry has worked for several square dance record labels and has some great CDs. He plans to retire in 2019, so this will be the last time we can enjoy his calling at Swing into Spring.



Gary Winter's grandmother and parents all square dance, and he began in the fall of 1984. He graduated in 1986 and began his calling career in December of that year. He attended the Alberta Callers School in 1989 and attended the Callers College in the US in 1992 and he's been involved in the square dance movement ever since. Gary has called all over the world, in Germany, Austria, Denmark, the US (Arizona, Washington, Montana) and in Ontario and Saskatchewan. He has organized bus trips to Saskatchewan and BC to help clubs promote activities. Gary volunteers his time to call for public demos. He has the loving support of his wife, Trish, and his two sons, one of whom already joins with his Dad in singing calls. Gary has made an outstanding contribution to square dancing, both as a dancer and as a caller.



Round Dance Cuers, Roy and Janet Williams, from Amherst Massachusetts will put the round dancers through their paces for the entire weekend. They have been teaching and cuing since 1984. Their original club, Touch of Classics, now dances Phase 5 & 6 on Sundays at the Hayloft Barn in Sturbridge, Maine. They also have a Phase 4 & 5 club, cue for area square dance clubs and at weekend events and conventions in New England and Pennsylvania. They are members of ICBDA, Roundalab and Mayflower, their regional cuer organization. They have been General Chairmen for two ICBDA Conventions and served on its Board of Directors for six years. They have been active in assisting with conventions and the National held in Springfield in 2015. In 2016 the ICBDA awarded them its Distinguished Service Award. Roy and Janet also enjoy square dancing and hope to master C2...someday!

Both Roy and Janet sing with local choral groups and with Valley Light Opera, a community theatre group. Janet also does annual fund-raising for League of Women Voters. They have two children.

Visit the Swing into Spring website, www.eodance.ca/SIS_home_page.php to find the entire program, flyer and registration form. We hope to see you and share in the great calling and cuing that is anticipated for the weekend.

Gather with the **Swinging Swallows to Dance in the Parks:**

on August 29, 6:00 – 8:30 pm, on the shores of the Petawawa River
in the amphitheatre at Centennial Park, Petawawa (www.petawawa.ca) AND/OR
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at **Pembroke's Marina Park** amphitheatre (www.pembroke.ca)

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Swinging B's

Once again we are preparing for April Square Time magazine publication. After such a long winter for some, others who attended all the dancing events scheduled found the winter slip by quickly. To help those who were not off to a warmer climate the Swinging B's held a Caribbean Night on January 26, 2018. This fun night also got the year 2018 off to a

great start. The outfits were so colourful and cheery they made the snow melt.



Mother Nature fought back and the B's had to cancel their Valentines Party on February 11th. We did try to get the word out but unfortunately some devoted dancers made their way to Cornwall in spite of the nasty weather. We do apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused.



The wearing of the Green came, on March 4th for the B's and our many dancing friends. Everyone enjoyed the fun provided by Don Moger and Jean Clinging. After filling the hall with up to 10 squares dancing the afternoon away Irish stew was served along with homemade desserts of all sorts.



As I write this article the B's are busy cooking up some of their favorite recipes to auction off at the Easter bake sale on March 23rd. A Chilli Challenge on April 14th is being co sponsored by St.Mathhews Lutheran Church, Hospic Cornwall , and The Swinging B's. This event is to raise money for a very worthwhile cause; Hospice of Cornwall. April 20th will see our new dancers GRADUATE. We are very proud of them and hope they will all return to us in September. We need all of them to keep the enthusiasm going.

Enjoy the rest of this dancing year and keep a smile on your face and rhythm in your feet. Have a great summer everyone.

Millie Chisholm

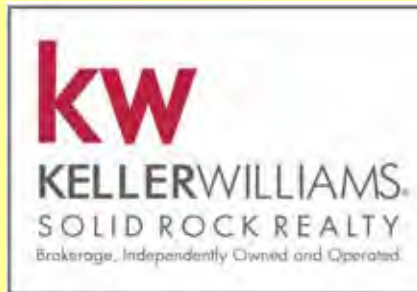
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Janet Carrière, Sales Representative



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Square Dance Clubs

This is a snapshot of the listings on the EOSARDA site as of December 2017.

ADAMS ACES

A1, Monday 8:00pm-10:00pm
Queen Elizabeth Public School,
689 St. Laurent Blvd. Ottawa
Caller: Paul Adams
Contact: Paul and Judy Adams
613.824.4262
paul452@sympatico.ca

BAY WAVES

Basic/MS Friday, 7:30pm-10:00pm
Constance and Buckams Bay
Community Centre
262 Len Purcell Dr, Constance Bay
Caller: Ron Gardner
Contact: Diana Burnham
613.832.5808
bay.waves@live.ca

CHARMIN' PROMENADERS

Plus, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30 pm
506 Pitt St., Cornwall, ON
Contact/Caller:
Wendy VanderMeulen
613.987. 2711
wendyv@sympatico.ca

COOKIE CLUB

Full Advanced, 2nd, 3rd & 4th
Sundays 2:00pm-4:00pm
Roy G. Hobbs Seniors Centre
5 Larch Cres, Orleans
Caller: Paul Adams
Contact: Paul and Judy Adams
613.824. 4262
paul452@sympatico.ca

GRENVILLE GREMLINS

Basic/MS/ Plus Tips
Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm
North Grenville Municipal Centre
285 County Road #44
Kemptville
Caller: Geoff Clarke
Contact: Peter Matthews
613.258.3690
kemptvillesquaredance@gmail.com

HARBOUR LITES

Basic/MS Plus Teach
Wednesday, 7pm-9:30pm
Presbyterian Church Center &
Dibble Streets, Prescott
Caller: John Charman
Contact: Gerald & Marlene
Casselman
613.652.4232
gm.casselman@gmail.com

KANATA SQUARES

Basic/MS Thursday
7:30pm-9:30pm
Dick Brulé Community Centre
170 Castlefrank Rd, Kanata
Caller: David Currie
Contact: David & Marie Currie
613.521.5292
david.currie@sympatico.ca

LAKE SHORE WAVESS

Basic/MS/Plus
Thursdays, 7:00pm-9:00pm
Baltimore Recreation Centre
23 Community Centre Rd,
Baltimore
Contact: Teresa Wood and
Duncan Slater
905.372.0194
teresa.wood@hotmail.com

LIFT LOCK SQUARES

Plus/Advance, Wednesday
A2, 6:15-7:00pm
A1, 7:00-7:30pm
Plus, 7:30-9:30pm
Activity Haven 180 Barnardo Ave
Peterborough, Ontario
Caller: Joe Uebelacker
Contact: Caroline Charman and
Rick Mckey 905.623.5863
ccrm@sympatico.ca

LIMESTONE DANCERS

Plus/Advance
Monday 6:30pm-9:30pm

Basic/MS
Thursday 6:30pm-9:30pm

Polson Park Public School 165
Robert Wallace Dr, Kingston
Caller: Dave Hutchinson
Contact: Ray Hutchinson,
613.243.2840
raymond.hutchinson371@gmail.com

Lockits

A1 A2 Wednesday
9:30am-12:00am

A2 Thursday 2:00pm-4:00pm
1st& 3rd Thursdays of each
month. Check Schedule.

Brunton Community Hall
1702 9th Line, Beckwith
(Carleton Place)
Caller: Geoff Clarke
Contact: Geoff & Teena Clarke
613.724.8438
caller.geoff@bell.net

MERI SQUARES

Basic/MS
Tuesday 7:30pm-10:00pm

Plus
Thursday 7:30pm-9:30pm
Westminister Presbyterian Church
470 Roosevelt Ave, Ottawa

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470 Roosevelt Ave, Ottawa
Callers: John Charman
Wendy VanderMeulen
Contact: Harold Hedley & Wendy
McCracken 613.731.6538
harold_hedley@primus.ca

MISSISSIPPI SQUARES

Basic/MS
Tuesday 7:30pm-10:00pm

Plus
Friday 7:30pm-10:00pm

Brunton Hall 1702 9th Line,
Blacks Corners (Carleton Place)
Caller: Brian Crawford
Contact: Betty Goodwin
613.256.0551
betty.goodwin@gmail.com

MONTREAL ACEY DEUCEYS

A2/C1 C1 Teach Mon/Thurs
call for location & times
Pointe Claire, Quebec
Montreal, Quebec
Caller: Don Moger
Contact: Avena Smolkin
514.744.6097
avena@videotron.ca

NAPANEE PIONEERS

Basic/MS/Plus
 Friday 7:30 pm
 Southview Public School
 18 Golf Course Lane at Cty Rd 8,
 Napanee
 Caller: Dave Hutchinson
 Contact: Elwood & Marg Hughes
 613.354.6828
 margaret.hughe@gmail.com

OPEONGO SQUARES

Basic some MS teach
 Tuesdays 2:00pm-4:00pm
 call to confirm time & date
 Opeongo Seniors Centre
 19 Stafford St, Barrys Bay
 Caller/Contact:
 Roger Moreau 613.628.6626
 jrmoreau@distributel.net

OTONABEE SQUARES

Basic/MS Mondays
 6:30pm-9:00pm
 George Street United Church
 corner of George and McDonnell
 streets, Peterborough
 Caller: Wayne Whatman
 Contact: H & J Lander
 905.342.5450
 otonabeesquares@gmail.com

OTTAWA DATE SQUARES

Basic/MS/Plus
 LGBT friendly
 Wednesdays 6:30 pm- 9:00pm
 Room 201, Jack Purcell
 Community Centre 320
 Jack Purcell Lane, Ottawa
 Caller: David Currie
 Contact: Rene Dick 613.290.5119
 OttawaDateSquares@gmail.com

QUINTE TWIRLERS

Basic, MS, Plus, Lines
 Wednesday 6:30
 Line Dance 7:00pm-9:30pm
 Harmony Public School Belleville
 Caller: Dave Hutchinson
 Contact: Bob Jones 613.478.6630
 jones_family@sympatico.ca

RIVERSIDE GYPSY SQUARES

MS/Plus/Rounds
 Friday Saturday Sunday
 Various times
 Happy Acres Campground

2 Green Acres Rd Brockville
 Various Callers and Cuers
 Contact: Mary Anne Reinhard
 613.838.5781
 mareinhard@sympatico.ca

SATURDAY SQUARES

No experience necessary
 Tom Brown Arena
 141 Bayview Rd. (at Scott)
 Saturdays – to be determined
 No Level – anyone welcome Caller:
 Wendy VanderMeulen
 Contact: Sue Morin 613.277.5535
 solomon_sue@yahoo.ca

SEAWAY SQUARES

Basic/MS/Plus Monday
 7:00pm-9:30pm
 Dunbar Recreation Center
 3244 Marcellus Road, Dunbar
 Caller: Harold Moore
 Contact: Harold & Marion Moore
 613.543.2341
 haroldearlmoore@gmail.com

SKIRTS N FLIRTS

Basic/MS/Plus
 Friday 7:30pm-10:00pm
 Canton Central School, Banford
 Elementary School Cafeteria
 99 State St, Canton N.Y
 Caller: Bob Brown
 Contact: Alan & Sandy Brown
 315.543.2175
 sadushbrown@gmail.com

STONE BRIDGE SQUARES

Basic
 Friday 7:00pm-9:00pm
 Mother Theresa School
 1035 Concession St, Russell
 Caller: Bob Summers
 Contact: Dean and Shirley Benson
 613.445.2073
 dsbenson99@rogers.com

SUNSHINE SQUARES

Plus
 Wednesday 7:00pm-9:00pm
 Canterbury Community Centre
 2185 Arch Street, Ottawa
 Caller: Bob Summers
 Contact Jim & Diane Kearns
 613.837.3580
 jakearns@hotmail.com

SWINGING BS

Basic/MS/Plus/Rounds
 Friday Class
 7:00pm-8:00pm
 8:00pm-10:00pm
 Knox St. Paul United Church
 800 Twelfth St E, Cornwall
 Caller: Don Moger + Guest Callers
 Contact: Linda Lauzon
 613.936.2563
 linda.m.lauzon@hotmail.com

SWINGING SWALLOWS

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

VILLAGE SQUARES

Basic/MS
 Wednesday 7:30pm-10:00pm
 Roy C. Hobbs Community Centre
 109 Larch Ave, Orleans
 Caller: Paul Adams
 Contact:
 Bob and Gabrielle Forsyth
 613.833.2601
 gandbforsyth@bell.net

Round Dance Clubs

CAPITAL CAROUSELS

Ph 46 Via instructional video
3:00pm
Greenboro Community Centre
363 Lorry Greenberg Dr, Ottawa
Caller: Donna Stewart
Donna Stewart 6134479133
donnas2ndhome@me.com

CAPITAL CAROUSELS

Ph 35 Wednesday 7:00pm 9:30pm Parkdale United
Church Ph 34 Thursday 10:00am 12:00pm Parkdale
United Church

429 Parkdale Ave
Caller: Donna Stewart
Contact: Ziggy Segstro 613.837.4366
ziggy1030pickle@yahoo.com

LIMESTONE DANCERS

Ph 23 + Beginner Wednesday
Beginners: 7:00pm
Intermediate: 8:00pm
Polson Park Public School
165 Robert Wallace Dr, Kingston
Caller/Contact: Susan Connors
613.634.3384 susanhenden@hotmail.com

MISSISSIPPI SQUARES

Ph 2 Teach + Beginner
Mondays 7:30pm-9:30pm St. Mary Catholic School
4 Hawthorne St., Hawthorne at Lake Ave
Carleton Place
Caller: Jean Clingin
Contact: Dave and Muriel Hanneson
613.256.6345 dh@biomation.com

Line Dance Clubs

CAPITAL CITY LINES

Beginner Mon 1:00pm-2:00pm

Wed 1:00pm-2:00pm

Alexander Community Center
960 Silver Street, Ottawa
Caller: (AJ) Diane Poulton
Contact: Diane Poulton
613.729.4974
clogger13@sympatico.ca

GOT LINES

Intro/Beginner/Improver
Tues 2:00pm-2:30pm
Intro to Line Dance 2:30-3:00pm Beginner/Improver
Richmond Arena
(Richmond Memorial Centre) 6095 Perth St.
Richmond
Caller/Contact: Dave Western 613.838.5428
dlwestern@yahoo.com

GOT LINES

Intro/Beginner/Improver Thurs 7:00 7:30 pm Intro to
Line Dance 7:30pm 8:30pm Beginner/Improver
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