

SQUARE TIME

Eastern Ontario Square and Round Dance Association



Ready or Not, We're Making Plans for 2022

The Swing into Spring Organizing Committee is (and we know you are, too) upset that COVID has made it impossible for us to stage the 2021 event this spring. We are, however, making big plans for the Swing into Spring 2022 dance weekend.

We are confident that, with vaccinations being made available, we will be able to plan and facilitate the event for 2022. To that end, the following dance leaders have agreed to spend the weekend with us in Prescott:



Todd Fellegly
Meriden, CT



Tom Miller
Chest Springs, PA



JL & Linda Pelton
Plano, TX

We will not know until the fall whether the school board will be allowing the community to reserve space in their schools, so planning must wait until the fall, as is usual. When the Organizing Committee meets again at the end of the summer, we will have more information about COVID, the school board, as well as whether and when we are able to resume dancing. We will keep you up to date with Square Time articles, information on www.SwingintoSpring.ca and posts on www.facebook.com/PrescottSiS. Please keep watch!

Gloria Bateman, for the Organizing Committee

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Submissions to Square Time

We welcome letters, articles, advertisements and almost anything dance related. Each member club is encouraged to send us their news, and tell us about themselves. Separate text and pictures, please. Text is reformatted to present a uniform appearance and pictures have to be extracted. Please send them to SquareTimeEditor@eosarda.ca.

Next issue...

The next issue will be May 2021. Deadline for submission is May 1st.

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Message from the President

March 9, 2021

It has been a year since dancing in our region abruptly shut down thanks to what was then called the Novel Corona Virus. And what a year it has been: self-isolation; social distancing; wearing masks; staying home; sanitizing hands; not seeing family and friends; not travelling; and most certainly not dancing.

But we all did what we had to do to survive the worst pandemic in 100 years. And now there is light at the end of the tunnel. The vaccines are coming! In some cases they are already here! After a shaky start the roll out is finally beginning to gather steam.

IF the vaccine arrives as promised and

IF the on-line booking system doesn't crash and

IF we all patiently wait our turn and

IF we continue to respect public health guidelines,

the government thinks that all Canadians who want the vaccine will have received at least one dose by this coming Canada Day. Good news indeed.

But, what does this mean for square and round dancing? When will it be safe to return to the dance floor? When can clubs expect to start up again?

There are a lot of factors that will have to be taken into consideration before that long-hoped-for day arrives.

First of all, we have to keep in mind that even if you are vaccinated, you may still be able to get COVID (albeit apparently a less serious version) and to pass it on to other people. Consequently, most COVID protocols will remain in force for some time yet. Any club or group of dancers thinking about getting back to dancing is strongly advised to check with their local health authority to determine whether dancing is permitted in their area and if so, under what conditions.

Then there is the question of being able to rent a dance hall. Once dancing is permitted in an area, that doesn't mean that a club's regular dance hall will be available. Many school boards and churches have indicated that they will not open their building to outside rentals for some time yet. And new sanitization requirements may significantly increase the cost of renting a hall.

Once facilities do start to re-open, rental agreements may include a number of burdensome conditions. I have heard of one facility that has advised potential renters that, when the facility does become available, renters will be required to agree to 15 pages of binding terms and conditions. When considering a post-COVID hall rental, make sure to read and understand the fine print.

Next is the question of insurance. Thanks to the efforts of the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society, dancer insurance has remained in place throughout the pandemic and it will be in place when it comes time to sign new hall rental agreements. But keep in mind that we have been advised that dancer insurance will not cover COVID related claims. I do not know if any insurance companies are offering

COVID coverage but it may be worth looking into. If not, the liability for any COVID related damages may devolve to the club executive.

Last on the list of things to be considered are the kind of policies that a club may wish to establish prior to starting dancing again. In no particular order, this may include, but is not limited to:

Will dancing be restricted to those who have received a COVID vaccine?

What if someone has had only one of two recommended doses?

What if someone cannot take the vaccine for medical reasons?

Will masks have to be worn coming into the building? While socializing ? While dancing?

Will the club require a COVID questionnaire to be completed before dancing

If so, how often will a dancer have to fill one out? (weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually?)

Will dancers be required to sign a waiver exempting the club from liability in the event of a COVID-related incident?

Will capacity limits be imposed and enforced?

Will temperatures be taken at the door as is being done in some American dance clubs?

Will hand sanitizing between tips be compulsory?

Who will be responsible for sanitizing hard surfaces before and after the dance?

Will washrooms be available and under what conditions?

And, most importantly, *who will be responsible for enforcing the rules?*

I realize that this is a lot to take in. But if dancing is to resume, these are things with which we are going to have to deal.

We all want to get back to normality. But it may be a very long time before post-COVID reality bears much resemblance to the reality that we all knew and loved prior to the pandemic. If we are to survive, and I am convinced we can, then we are going to have to adapt as necessary.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

Dave Western

President

EOSARDA

This happened yesterday. A friend had his 2nd dose of the vaccine at the vaccination center. Afterwards he began to have blurred vision on the way home.

When he got home, he called the vaccination center for advice and to ask if he should go see a doctor or be hospitalized.

He was told NOT to go to a doctor or a hospital, but just return to the vaccination center and pick up his glasses

Message from the Editor

It's March, it's still cold and snow abounds here in eastern Canada. The weather person says that spring will be in the air next week. We have ordered our maple syrup. All is well, except that we are not dancing. However, as we all have heard it said; all good things comes to those who wait.

Still waiting...

I put the 'Swing into Spring' information on the front page, so you can see dancing progress is underway. So difficult it is to be patient until we can start dancing again! We hope you all are looking forward to getting the vaccine when its offered, but please, continue to be safe.

Even under 'stay at home orders', time seems to fly by. I am finding all the things that I had put off doing over the years, and even getting some of them done!

This version of Square Time, will again only be online. You can get your copy with the following link:

http://www.eodance.ca/square_time.php

Many of us are calling and connecting with friends, family and dancers. We remember at this time the importance of touching base with folks; especially those who live alone. It can make someone's day. How about arranging an online get-together with your club? This is a very hard time to be alone.

We want to have a memorial page that can be added when folks from our dancing community pass onwards. In the past clubs have provided these; but it might be good to have a separate item. Please let us know what you think, and pass along memorials.

I have added some material from "Around the Square", a publication from Australia produced by Barry Wonson, with his permission. I hope you will enjoy it.

From our family to yours, we wish you the best. Spring will soon be here and with the return of birds, the warmer weather, and hopefully our vaccine opportunity.

As with each magazine, I appreciate my wife Margaret's support.

Gerry Johnson

We haven't done much since COVID-19

Exploded onto the worldwide scene

Can't see any one

Can't have no fun

Just eat and drink and watch TV

Wendy VanderMeulen

During COVID-19 Lockdown☐NOT EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED ...

Sunshine is not cancelled. Rain & snow are not cancelled.

Walking outside is not cancelled. Walking inside is not cancelled.

Friendships are not cancelled.

Smiling is not cancelled.

Love & kindness are not cancelled.

Laughter is definitely not cancelled.

Reading is not cancelled.

Napping is not cancelled.

Music is not cancelled.

Eating good food is not cancelled.

Conversations are not cancelled.

Teasing is not cancelled

Joking is not cancelled.

Making others smile is not cancelled.

Caring about others is not cancelled.

Wondering if others are thinking of you ... not cancelled.

Writing letters is not cancelled.

Sending stories or cartoons is not cancelled.

And most of all ... HOPE for better times Not cancelled.

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Linda Levitt, President

Lift Lock Square Dance Club

IN MEMORIUM

Sadly, on February 27th, 2021 we lost another dancer when **Dorice Hanes** (wife of Gary Hanes) passed away.



Dorice & Gary began their enjoyment of Square Dancing when they joined the ***Town & Kountry Kickers Club*** in Stittsville as 'new' dancers in the fall of 2001. They danced with the Kickers club until it closed in 2011. During the years 2004-2015, they also danced frequently with the ***Trackers Plus Club***.

Always eager to dance & have fun, they were part of the original group of dancers that formed the ***Lockits Advanced Club*** when it started out in 2007-2008.

They also joined the ***Mississippi Squares*** in 2006 and danced with them until 2018 serving on their Club Executive for a number of years. Health challenges caused them to leave the dance floor in 2018.

Dorice was 83, and will be sorely missed by all!



Your Publicity Committee, working with you to promote square, round and line dancing!

The Latest and Greatest from Your PC!

Lamar, Carole and I really think that our latest idea was a GREAT one!

Thanks to all of you who saw our EOSARDA Bulletin of mid January and/or the highlights on www.eodance.ca about the Canadian-made masks and have sent us your order form and payment. We have placed an order with Canadian toggle Wear in Barrie for **more than 100 masks!**



We are excited because, as mentioned in the Bulletin, the masks will not only help keep dancers in the Eastern Ontario region safe, but should create some awareness, interest and hopefully, some **participation** in our modern square and round dancing activities.

We will contact everyone who has placed an order with us as soon as we receive the shipment from the vendor, and will provide you with contact information so you can then make arrangements to pick up your masks.

When you are wearing (modelling?) yours and people ask about it, be sure to direct them to more information on www.eodance.ca where they can find a club near their home and will see information about when clubs are beginning to gather post-COVID.

On another topic, we have received a couple of questions about the Posters that were submitted by Linda, Geoff and Wendy. If you want to put them on your Facebook page, do an on-line search for 'convert files from pdf files to jpg', follow instructions to make the conversion (not difficult to do) and download the results. Then you can insert the resulting pictures (jpg files) onto your FB page.

The Publicity Committee continues to 'put our heads together' (on Zoom) to try to generate ideas about how we can increase awareness, interest and **participation** in square and round dancing under the current circumstances ... and, for that matter, post-COVID as well!

For instance, have you seen a magazine/newspaper that covers a large part of eastern Ontario that we might publish in? What do you think about having T-shirts with the info we are putting on the masks? Should we make yard signs for dancers to purchase and display? How can we help clubs spread the word and gather new dancers?

If you have an idea (whether or not *you* think it is *great*) that we might be able to use for publicizing our dance activities, please email us at publicity@eosarda.ca ; we would love to hear from you.

Gloria, Lamar & Carole

STOP THE PRESSES !

Have you heard the news?

The Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation has made significant changes to both the Trillium Long Service Award Program and the Trillium Merit Award Program. These changes take effect immediately.

The Trillium Long Service Award Program

The biggest change is to the Trillium Long Service Award Program. Previously, to qualify for this award, a nominee had to have 25 years of dancing experience. That has now been reduced to 20 years. While separate periods of time and dancing outside of Ontario can be used to meet the 20-year requirement, a significant amount of a nominee's dancing experience must have been in Ontario.

Nominees for a Trillium Long Service Award must:

if they are current dancers or dance leaders, be members of the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society. (Retired or deceased dancers or dance leaders may also be nominated.)
have served in leadership capacities at the club level, and
have helped recruit dancers and/or dance leaders

EOSARDA may only submit two Trillium Long Service Award nominations per year to the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation. In the event that more than two qualified Trillium Long Service Award nominations are received in any year, the Board will have to choose which nominations it will support. To help the Board make this selection, consideration will also be given to volunteer participation in:

more than one style of dancing
dancing in multiple clubs
promoting dancing to the general public, and
advancing square and/or round dancing in Ontario.

Guidelines for completing a nomination for a Trillium Long Service Award can be found on the Federation web site at <https://squaredance.on.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Trillium-Nomination-Guide-2021-01-30-1.pdf>

A nomination form in MS Word format can be downloaded from the Federation web site by simply clicking on the Long Service Nomination (doc) link on the Federation's Trillium Awards web page (<https://squaredance.on.ca/trillium-awards/>)

Remember that for clubs in Eastern Ontario, nominations for a Trillium Long Service Award must be submitted through EOSARDA. They cannot be submitted directly to the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation.

The Trillium Merit Award Program

Changes to the Trillium Merit Award Program are not as great as those to the Trillium Long Service Award Program. Rather, they are intended to provide greater certainty and clarity as to the qualification criteria for a Merit Award.

For instance, it is now clear that to earn a Trillium Merit Award a nominee must have served both in a leadership capacity at the club level and as an executive or committee member at the regional, provincial, and/or national level.

Nominees for a Trillium Merit Award must, if they are current dancers or dance leaders, be members of the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society. (Retired or deceased dancers or dance leaders may also be nominated.)

In addition, to qualify for a Trillium Merit Award, a nominee must also have:

been involved with square and/or round dancing for at least 5 years;

made a significant contribution to dancing in Ontario;
participated in dancer and/or leader recruitment events;
supported dancer and/or leader development through mentoring, serving as an angel, and/or serving in leaders' clinics;
participated in non-club events such as conventions and dance events outside of their own home area; and
volunteered time and effort to contribute beyond the minimum level expected of most dancers or leaders.

As with the Trillium Long Service Award, EOSARDA may only submit two Trillium Merit Award nominations per year to the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation. In the event that more than two qualified Trillium Merit Award nominations are received in any year, the Board will have to choose which nominations it will support. To help the Board make this selection, consideration will also be given to volunteer participation in:

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A nomination form in MS Word format can be downloaded from the Federation web site by simply clicking on the Merit Nomination (doc) link on the Federation's Trillium Awards web page (<https://squaredance.on.ca/trillium-awards/>)

As with nominations for a Trillium Long Service Award, for clubs in Eastern Ontario, nominations for a Trillium Merit Award must be submitted through EOSARDA. They cannot be submitted directly to the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation.

All nominations for either award must be received by EOSARDA no later than March 1 of any given year. The recipients of the awards are usually announced by the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation in mid to late August with presentations of the awards being made as soon as possible thereafter.

The success of the square and round dance movement in our region is due to the combined efforts of a large number of volunteers and a cadre of dance leaders both of whom give freely of their time and energy to keep things running smoothly at all levels of our organization. The Trillium Awards give us the opportunity to recognize and thank those individuals whose hard work, dedication and skills do so much to give us a vibrant and enjoyable dance scene across our region. Where would we be without them?

If you know someone who you believe may be qualified to receive either a Trillium Merit Award or a Trillium Long Service Award, please feel free to contact me at any time for advice and guidance.

Dave Western

President

EOSARDA

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Getting Old is a test of time you don't want to flunk.

1. I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.
2. Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.
3. I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.
4. I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.
5. Old age is coming at a really bad time.
6. When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.
7. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
8. I don't have gray hair, I have "wisdom highlights"! I'm just very wise.
9. If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees!
10. Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.
11. Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?
12. Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.
13. At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.
14. Actually I'm not complaining because I am a Senager. (Senior teenager) I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant. And I don't have acne. Life is great!

Club News Capital Carousels

Finally, we have said goodbye to 2020. Members of Capital Carousels continue to update us on the topic of “What have you been doing and how have you coped, since we stopped dancing last year?”. Below is a self-explanatory letter from Pat Black (and Uri Goldberg):

Uri and I returned home from Mesa Arizona on January 19, 2020. Because of COVID, I stayed at his place as I lived in a condo and we both would have been alone. My daughter and grandson, as well as Uri's son and daughter-in-law, brought us food for the first 14 days of isolation.

When our period of isolation was over, spring was coming to the Rideau River in Manotick. The squirrels were happy, the robins and geese were returning, and although we could only grocery shop, we were fine here just watching nature all around us.

For weeks our families would come and we would eat outside on the picnic table. My kids would bring their two dogs and they loved to come and brought us so much joy. We've enjoyed each other's company ever since; and in October I moved in permanently and am renting my condo to Uri's granddaughter.



We miss our round dancing and all our friends at Capital Carousels, and also our other friends. We hope to be back dancing in the fall. We're keeping our fingers crossed, big hugs to all.

Pat Black and Uri Goldberg

Some round dancers, moi aussi, have been participating in Wendy VanderMeulen's increasingly frequent two-couple Virtual Square Dances. Since I previously did a lot of solo round dancing before COVID anyway, when these

included the occasional rounds, the cues were not hard to follow.

But I always had a partner for square dancing, and most recently that had been to Paul Adams, so my definitions were rusty. I am a very visual dancer and being the only human in a four-person square required too much tracking of phantoms in order to know what the current formation was, and therefore what my position was in it.

In Don Moger's weekly Virtual Teach of MS and Plus, he simply suggested putting two adhesive strips on the floor in the shape of a “plus sign” (+), which REALLY helped me visualize as the phantoms moved between quadrants. As he viewed individual participants' mistakes on his computer screen, he was also able to quickly explain where they had erred by referring to these quadrants: fast feedback.



Tamination's website of animated circles and squares going through the calls has refreshed my memory of the definitions in the past. So I am hoping that it will work its wonders again now. Then all that will be missing is to instantly remember those definitions while dancing, which is the hardest part.

Requesting if possible that all club members or former members send me close-up photos of themselves to remind us what you look like, or even of what activities you are doing during lock-down & beyond: Let us know you are alive, staying happy and healthy. Doesn't take long! Anyone out there?

Linda Shannon

PANDEMIC BLUES – YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Glengarry Tartans Alexandria

We are living during uncharted times. Social disconnect is having a negative effect on most everyone (in the world).

Families rarely see each other. Gatherings are not encouraged.

Dancers wish to return to the dance floor, to the social interaction and friendship and joy that dancing brought to their lives. All forms of in person dancing are affected be it Zumba, Line, Salsa, Modern, Hip Hop, Highland, Clogging, Square & Round dancing, etc.

All forms of physical group activities are on hold, gymnasiums, golfing & mingling in lounge, exercise classes, contact sports and the list goes on...

Then there's working from home & online schooling which have their own challenges.

We are truly all in this together!

What to do? Just the best we can..

Many have found ways to cope – home hobbies, Zoom meetings, going for walks, exercising, cooking, remodelling their living spaces, listening to music, chatting on the phone & staying connected in various ways.

Good News!

Spring is around the corner. Spending loads of time outdoors is healing. Start a garden, watch it grow!

Vaccines are arriving daily! Life will return to near normal! We will gather and dance again!

Till then...Stay safe – we're on the road to recovery!



Here's a video link to our Christmas Event 2019 - <https://www.facebook.com/dansecarreeMontreal/videos/2271845863105732/>

Here's a link to one of Don Moger's (also the Swinging B's Caller) Intro to Zoom Dancing video – <https://www.facebook.com/dansecarreeMontreal/videos/198731585068483/>

Carole Lauzon
Secretary, Advertising & Promotion
Glengarry Tartans Alexandria
Social Dance Club – Squares, Lines & Fun





LOCKITS Advanced Dance Club

Geoff & Teena Clarke

Here we are in the first week of March, and looking forward to (1) Spring & (2) getting vaccinated.... Hopefully #2 before #1?

As probably the same as our readers, not much 'new' has happened since our last 'report' (Dec) although celebrating Christmas with just the 'two of us' was a very first since we were married back in 1964! Certainly, we did 'join up' with our family on Christmas Day via Zoom, but that's "so different" than gathering with them (usually about 30 of us) at our son's home. Oh well, another item for "next year"!!



A 'highlight' prior to Christmas was the completion of our kitchen renovation which was finished just a few days beforehand and we couldn't be more delighted with the finished product. The only 'delay' was the arrival of our new fridge which, although ordered in September, didn't arrive until nearly the end of February. But, "all is well" now and we enjoy the 'upgrade' after being in this house for 20 years!



We continue to work on 'projects' around the house as 'travelling' beyond our 'home turf' of course, is still not recommended! As we no longer buy use "grocery store bread", weekly, we take a short journey to Almonte to



pick up freshly-made bread at our favourite spot, "Baker Bob".

We grab our bread, a pastry (of course!) & coffee and then drive down to the banks of the Mississippi River & watch the ice melt! (isn't that exciting!!)

We're sure looking forward to more 'Spring-like' weather soon so we can spend more time "outdoors" than "stuck-in".

It's still very hard to 'visualize' just when we'll be back to Square Dancing again as "just when" we'll all be vaccinated is still very much unclear. But even after that, & ALL dancers have received their vaccination, whether or not we'll have halls etc., available to dance in still remains unknown. Our health authorities are still telling us that it will be 'several months' even after all vaccinations are completed before they'll even start considering the loosening of current restrictions on social gatherings, masks & social distancing! **So HANG IN there gang, the time WILL come for us to "square up" again!!**

For this edition of Square Time, we didn't get a lot of "feedback" from our Lockits' dancers, however here's what we have received!!

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Now, talking about 'getting outside', read what Pearl & Dave Western have been 'up to'



Pearl writes:

David had a very important milestone birthday March 1. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, it was celebrated with just our household of 3 plus 2 cats.

We have been snowshoeing on our property when the weather has been pleasant. David made several interesting trails through the trees after he cut down and cleared the dead ones.

We even had Helgi and Sharen over to try the trails and then enjoyed Smores with hot chocolate laced with Baileys and whipped cream using our new firepit.





Les writes:

We have been watching a lot of concerts on-line jazz concerts every Friday night - interesting - three or four guys playing remotely but reacting to each other as if they were on stage. The NACO has concerts at least once a week. Live but with the musicians suitably spaced.

Railway club monthly meetings on line. I'm the program chair for the Bytown Railway Society (I've had speakers from Wales and this week from Vancouver Island). Also, another club (Ottawa Valley Associated Railroaders) has monthly meetings on line. Valerie also has weekly club meetings on line, and sometimes lectures on various aspects of her hobbies. And yes, zooming with friends in Europe (and having a jab at Geoff when Liverpool falters). [which Geoff notes – is sadly, way too often!]



You are always welcome to dance with us at any time when the time is right again!!!

**Square Dancing IS all about Fun & Friendship
We ALL miss it & we miss YOU!
Hang in there!!**

Square Time – March 2021

Jeopardy for Seniors... This is fun!

THIS MAY BE HARDER THAN YOU MAY THINK.

THE ANSWERS WILL BE ON THE TIP OF YOUR TONGUE, BUT YOU JUST CAN'T QUITE REMEMBER THE CORRECT ANSWER.

Let's see how good your memory is. Don't look at the answers yet, until the end.

Having fun with our "sharp witted" friends!! This is a test for the "older kids", - for those that might actually remember?

Youngsters, you don't have a chance.

The answers are printed below, (after the questions) but don't cheat! answer them first...

01. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?"

Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind."

What did he leave behind? A _____.

02. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. In early 1964, we all watched them on The _____ Show.

03. "Get your kicks, _____!"

04. The story you are about to see is true, the names have been changed to _____.'

05. 'In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____.'

06. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we 'danced' under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the '_____.'

07. Nestle's makes the very best... _____.'

08. Satchmo was America 's 'Ambassador of Goodwill.' Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was _____.

09. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? _____.

10. Red Skeleton's hobo character was named _____, _____ and Red always ended his television show by saying, 'Good Night, and '_____.'

11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their _____.

12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? _____ or _____.

13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, 'the day the music died.' This was a tribute to _____.

14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called _____.

15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the _____ - _____.
16. Remember LS/MFT _____ / _____.
17. Hey Kids! What time is it? It's _____!
18. Who knows what secrets lie in the hearts of men? Only The _____ Knows!
19. There was a song that came out in the 60's that was "a grave yard smash". Its name was the _____!
20. Alka Seltzer used a "boy with a tablet on his head" as it's Logo/Representative. What was the boy's name _____?

See answers on next page

Humor

An elderly gent was invited to his old friends' home for dinner one evening. He was impressed by the way his buddy preceded every request to his wife with endearing terms - "Honey," "My Love," "Darling," "Sweetheart," "Pumpkin," etc.

The couple had been married almost 70 years and, clearly, they were still very much in love.

While the wife was in the kitchen, the man leaned over and said to his host, "I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your wife those loving pet names."

The old man hung his head. "To tell you the truth," he said, "I forgot her name about 10 years ago!"

ANSWERS:

01. The Lone Ranger left behind... A silver bullet
02. The Ed Sullivan Show
03. On Route 66
04. To protect the innocent
05. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
06. The limbo
07. Chocolate
08. Louis Armstrong
09. The Timex Watch
10. Freddy, The Freeloader and 'Good Night and God Bless.'
11. Draft Cards (Bras were also burned. Not flags, as some have guessed)
12. Beetle or Bug
13. Buddy Holly
14. Sputnik
15. Hoola-hoop
16. Lucky Strike/Means Fine Tobacco
17. Howdy Doody Time
18. Shadow
19. Monster Mash
20. Speedy

PUZZLE TIME: FIND THE CALLS



ALAMO STYLE
 ALLEMANDE THAR
 BEND THE LINE
 BOX THE GNAT
 CALIFORNIA TWIRL
 CHAIN DOWN THE LINE
 CIRCLE LEFT
 CIRCULATE
 CLOVERLEAF
 CORNER
 COURTESY TURN
 CROSS RUN
 DIVE THRU
 DOPASO
 DOSADO
 EXTEND

FERRIS WHEEL
 FOLD
 GRAND SQUARE
 HALF SASHAY
 HALF TAG
 LADIES CHAIN
 LEFT ALLEMANDE
 OCEAN WAVE
 PARTNER
 PASS THE OCEAN
 PASS THRU
 PROMENADE
 RECYCLE
 RUN
 SCOOT BACK
 SEE SAW

SHOOT THE STAR
 SLIP THE CLUTCH
 SQUARE THRU
 SWING
 SWING THRU
 TAG THE LINE
 TRADE BY
 TURN THRU
 U TURN BACK
 VEER LEFT
 WALK AND DODGE
 WEAWE
 WHEEL AND DEAL
 WHEEL AROUND
 ZOOM

HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE PEOPLE ON THE DANCE FLOOR.....



Run like a gazelle....



Pounce on the corner....



Flap like a swan....



Over-react to calls....



Hop like a rabbit....



Help the caller....



Concentrate too much....



Not concentrate enough....



Swing like thunder....



Forget to be careful....



Be a grandstand kibitzer....



Be a know-it-all....



Be a show-off....



Be out-of-tune with your group....



There are only nine questions.

This is a quiz for people who know everything! I found out in a hurry that I didn't. These are not trick questions ... They are straight questions with straight answers...

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several or more growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

Answers To Quiz:

1. The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends: **Boxing.**
2. North American landmark constantly moving backward: **Niagara Falls ... The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.**
3. Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: **Asparagus and rhubarb.**
4. The fruit with its seeds on the outside: **Strawberry.**
5. How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle? **It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.**
6. Three English words beginning with dw: **Dwarf, dwell and dwindle...**
7. Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar: **Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses.**
8. The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh: **Lettuce.**
9. Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with 'S': **Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.**

PLEASE DO YOUR PART

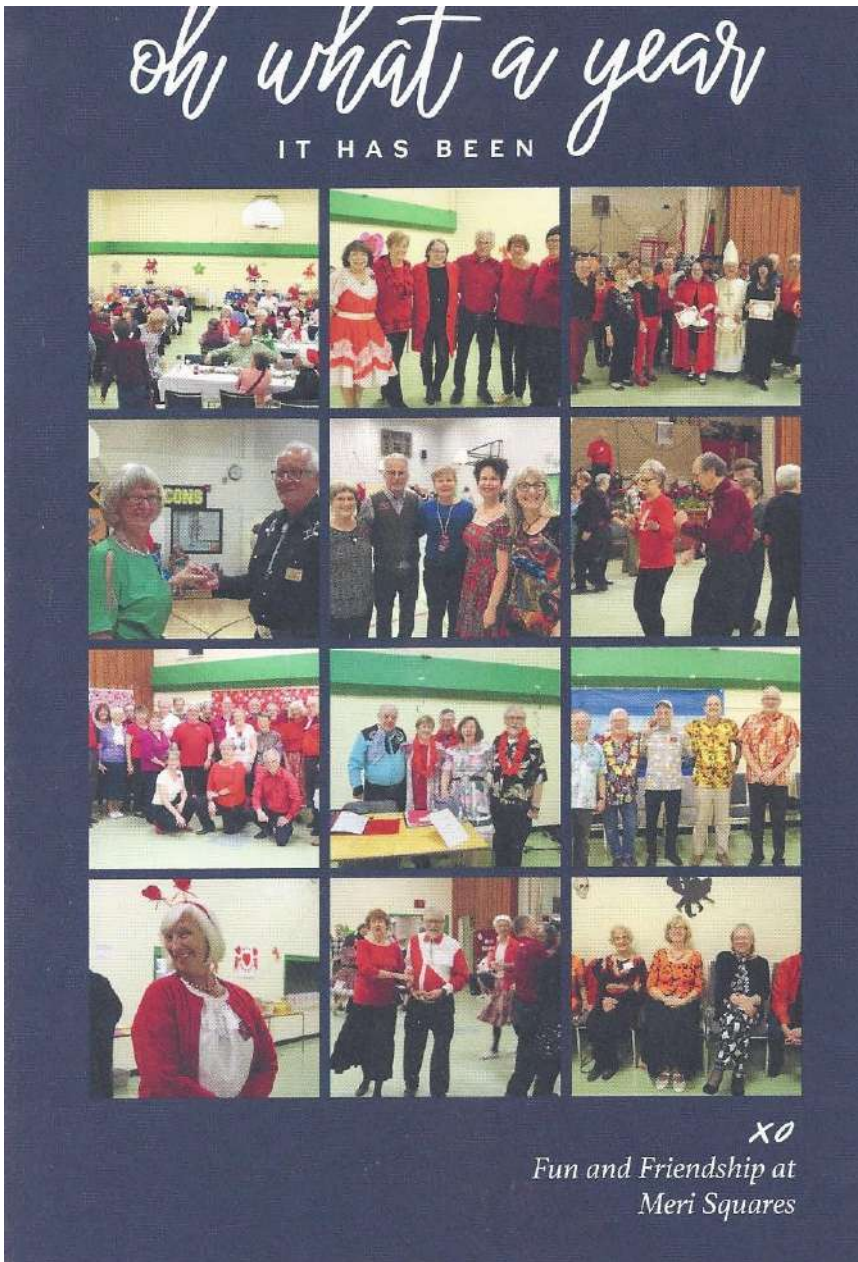
Today is National Mental Health Day. You can do your part by remembering to send this e-mail to at least one genius challenged person. *Don't send it back to me. I've already failed it once.* Okay, my job's done!

Club News Meri Squares

February! Who would ever have thought as we all attended the Frosty Fling last year that that would be last big dance of 2020 and perhaps of 2021? And how many others felt lost without the Halfway Dance in January! I certainly did. So many good memories of great friends and fun dancing. Looking forward to 2022 for sure!

Meri Squares members are missing dancing like everyone else. We had so hoped to be back on the dance floor in person by now. But we are very fortunate to be able to dance to our very own caller, Wendy VanderMeulen. Wendy works hard to host virtual dances and will even give private (via Zoom) lessons to people wanting to become better virtual dancers. John Chapman has joined her a couple of times and Meri Squares members are always in strong attendance. Wendy's last virtual dance was on January 31, with lots of local dancers as well as some from Germany and Sweden and the US. Always good to dance to music, even virtually!

News from near and far



We heard from one of our dancers, Vibeke Knudsen, who lives in Denmark, but danced with Meri Squares while she was here studying. She too is in lockdown and bored, but passing the time hiking whenever possible. Vaccinations are rolling out in Denmark too and she hopes to rejoin us for dancing sometime in 2021. I hope she is right!

Many of you know Lee Warriner as Lee seems to dance every night of the week wherever he can. He asked that I let people know that he got his first vaccination on January 31 and is looking forward to his second on February 21. He can't wait for the border to reopen to join his Canadian friends on the dance floor!

Staying in touch

Meri Squares has been holding informal Club Chats via Zoom about every six weeks. This is a chance for people to see each other in person and get caught up. So far, we have not had any agenda, just friends connecting.

However, on February 13, members have been challenged to create a Valentine card to share with other mem-

bers on the Zoom chat. Of course, they are also encouraged to wear their finest Valentine red since we will not be able to have our usual party night. We certainly hope by the time you read this that many members took us up on the challenge!

We are planning more ideas, from limericks, to Irish songs, to green beverages (make your own!) for the St. Patrick's Chat in March.

Christmas cards

The Meri Squares Executive members decided to send everyone in the club a Christmas card this year because we were unable to have our usual catered Christmas dinner. The card featured pictures of members from events in the 2019-2020 dance season and was signed by each Executive member. It was fun coordinating the safe collection of signatures from around the town! A picture of the card is included with this article. Do you see anyone you know?

Newsletter

We have been putting out a newsletter to all members every couple of weeks since May. We are now challenging individuals to send us their stories so we can share with others. Meri Squares members – be ready! A phone call may come for you to take up the challenge and share your pandemic story....what are you doing, what has kept you going, have you started anything new? One more way for everyone to stay connected until we can share our stories in person.

That's about it for now. Hope to see many of you virtually on the dance floor in the months ahead! Or even in person, under whatever rules make that possible! Stay safe!

Lamar Mason
President

Humor

Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a checkup, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember...

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks.

'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?'

'Sure..'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.

'No, I can remember it.'

'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?'

He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'

'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks.

Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!'

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, The old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs.. She stares at the plate for a moment.

'Where's my toast ?'

Club news From a Swinging Swallow

Write? Right! *(my personal thoughts about the joy of square dancing)*

I enjoy everything about square dancing. I love the music, some more than others since I am a 'country girl' and love that music most. Some of the singing-call songs are just beautiful and our callers do a fantastic job, both the singing and the choreography. I can dance Basic and perhaps another time, dance Plus to the same song. The callers generally use quite a variety of genres in order to keep all the dancers tapping their toes.



I love the challenge of doing it right! I may not always master this part, but I always try! It is such a great feeling to execute the move and KNOW that you did it and did it right! And, when things are going good and everyone in the square is working together, it creates a special kind of euphoria.

I love getting ready to go dancing: shoes polished and in the travel bag, badges ready, skirts and shirts pressed and ready to go...just grab that pair of earrings and the outfit is complete!

I love the social aspect of dancing. Where else can a person, married or single, go to meet so many caring, friendly folks with at least this one thing in common?

My love for this activity has led to the Club happily taking part in my suggestions for our 'dance in the water' and 'dance in the snow' events, plus dances at senior's residences, at local malls, and many other venues. We share our enjoyment with others through the demo dances, donations to food banks, Christmas giving, suppers for the Boys and Girls Club, and dancing by invitation at other events.

While we are unable to go out to dance, one club member has been sending (now bi-) weekly emails containing another of his favourite singing calls, complete with choreography, music and often a video clip of the original song (before it became a singing call). We also continue with the 'Swallows Challenge', whereby one person sends an email to all the Swallows describing what he/she has been doing since we have been unable to dance or gather. That person then challenges another member to report the following week. Both these communications are a great way to keep in touch and share any news!

A while ago, after proofreading what I had written for that particular Square Time, one person commented, "You must really like to write. How else can you fill up a page full of nothing?" He was referring to the fact that there had been no club activities, no dancing...nothing to report, yet I filled up a page!

I explained that it is not so much the writing (though I do enjoy it), but the dancing I care about! It is how I try to keep in touch with dancers and to encourage them to keep in touch with each other, to remind them what fun we have when we actually DANCE, and that we need each other to be able to dance and build our clubs.

The square dance community truly is a wonderful world to live in. Dancing helps us to exercise both

mind and body; it builds self-confidence and self-esteem; and it provides a social life that others envy. It truly is wonderful!

The Swallows, like all other dancers, are missing the fun, camaraderie, challenge, music ...everything about square dancing! Now that Renfrew County is GREEN, with luck we will be able to www.GetUpandDance.ca before long!

Submitted by Gloria Bateman

Swinging Swallows Club of Pembroke

One action that is being done to keep in touch.

One of our members has, in the Club computer, a collection of 416 dances by 18 different Callers. The dances came from CDs purchased from Callers. How and why they accumulated, and how they are otherwise used, are other stories, but they come in handy for keeping in contact with our membership of 31, plus 19 friends, during the COVID shutdown.

As COVID-19 continued to spread, our Club had its last dance on Thursday, March 12th 2020. The keeper of the dance library recognized that the interruption of dancing would last a while, so he thought he would keep things going by sending out a weekly email, to members and friends, which contained a favourite dance of his. The favourites were mostly singing-call dances. In a singing call, the music of a song is used, but only a few of the words. So just for interest, the song the dance came from was found on YouTube, with the source provided in the email, so that one could listen to the song the dance came from. The matching of the singing call to the original song can be enlightening in that every song has a story or message that cannot be communicated in the few words used in a dance call. It is also interesting to note just how far back in time some of the songs originated.

As an example of what went out to the Club membership, plus friends, at the end of February, 2021, was the singing-call favourite that we've always used for our annual dance in the snow. This is the dance to "Beautiful Sunday", stored in the computer by our previous caller, Andy Himberg-Larsen and attached to the email. Then the link to the original song (on YouTube, or whatever) is included in the email message. Hearing the actual song, in full, is meaningful by itself, but sometimes it helps to choose a YouTube track that has the words of the song printed on the screen. This was particularly useful for "Melody of Love", also called by Andy, which uses the words "moja droga jacie kocham" in the song, and in the dance.

To supplement the above, the email always includes some extra artistic performance videos, or any other video or picture that may be of interest. These are called "COVID-19 Distractions". Where appropriate, the extra video would match the season. There is a limited number of square dance videos, but some are quite useful and different, such a flash-mob performances.

Such email messages as above have gone out every Thursday, our dance evening, since December 31, 2020. They now go out every two weeks. In March we will have marked one year since we quit dancing because of COVID. Only one person, who moved away from the area, has asked to have her email deleted from the distribution list. I therefore conclude that this reflects an interest in this project.

Submitted by Renton Patterson

Keeping in touch – The “Swinging Swallows Challenge”

A second initiative that has helped our club members to stay “in touch” during the pandemic is by way of the “Swinging Swallows Challenge”. The following email was sent to the Swallows in late July:

“Greetings everyone!

Up until this last week, Renton managed to maintain some semblance of social contact within the Club by way of his weekly "Favourites" email. Although it is still too early to resume the dancing aspect of our activities, it doesn't mean that we can't continue to maintain some sort of social contact, albeit only a virtual contact. With that in mind, I invite all the Swallows (and "friends" of the Swallows) to participate in an "online challenge" whereby we will take turns sending an email to the other Swallows. In your email you could inform the others as to what you've been up to since the start of the pandemic, how you've been coping, or share whatever else you may have on your mind. Once you have done so, you are asked to nominate another Swallow for the following week's email.”

The response was great! We received an update from a member (or member couple) most every week until the middle of February. One member went so far as to, on her own initiative, contact a few members that do not have internet, in order to provide an update on their behalf. The following is an example of one of the updates:

“(Wife) took a "precautionary" lay-off from her bookkeeping job ... at the start of the pandemic. Mostly, we stayed home, except for an occasional trip to North Bay to help care for my mother.

We reside on a 100-acre property, and so, there are always lots of things that need be done. Just as the pandemic was declared, we were in the process of tapping our maple trees for our annual maple syrup production. This year's run was unusually long and ran through well into May.

A grass fire, which had started at our neighbour's, added a little excitement to one mundane afternoon in May. By the time the fire spread to our property, both the Chapeau and Waltham fire departments had responded to the alarm. There were no injuries or any serious damage to either property. In July, a side-by-side caught fire on the road at the edge of our property and the fire trucks had to be called again. Fortunately, there were no injuries, but the vehicle was a total loss.

Most nice days in May were spent cutting firewood. Rainy days were spent in my garage building a new kitchen counter for one of the cottages that I care for up on the ZEC. After the new counter was installed, we replaced all of the plumbing in that same cottage.

June was spent working in our vegetable garden, maintaining equipment, and keeping all the grass cut on our property.

Our daughter took possession of her first house on the 7th of July. Since then, we have been spending a fair amount of time helping her set up her new home.

I am anxious for the day that we can resume dancing. Although I thoroughly enjoy my retirement out in the country, I miss the weekly dance outings and the camaraderie which comes with it.

*I challenge ***** and ***** to send out next week's email and to nominate the next Swallow to do the same the week after. Let's keep this going until we hear from everyone, or until such time as we get back to dancing! If you feel that you may have been forgotten or that you want to be heard, don't wait to be nominated. We would love to hear from everyone.*

Stay safe everyone, and have a good week!"

The response was great! By the end of February, we started our second round of the "Swallows Challenge". For the second round, members will be asked to provide a new update in much the same order as the first round. As in the first round, members are encouraged to provide additional updates at any time; they needn't wait their turn. Also, they needn't feel obliged to provide a written text for their update. They may send pictures of their family, their home, a project they've been working on, whatever. The idea is to stay in touch and help one another get through these difficult times.

Submitted by Andre Blais, for the Swinging Swallows

Humor

An older, white haired man walked into a jewelry store one Friday evening with a beautiful young gal at his side.

He told the jeweler he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend.

The jeweler looked through his stock and brought out a \$5,000 ring.

The old man said, 'No; I'd like to see something more special.'

At that statement, the jeweler went to his special stock and brought another ring out. 'Here's a stunning ring at only \$40,000' the jeweler said.

The young lady's eyes sparkled and her whole body trembled with excitement.

The old man seeing this said, 'We'll take it.'

The jeweler asked how payment would be made and the old man stated, 'By check. I know you need to make sure my check is good, so I'll write it now and you can call the bank Monday to verify the funds. I'll pick the ring up Monday afternoon.'

Monday morning, the jeweler phoned the old man.

'There's no money in that account.'

'I know,' said the old man, 'But let me tell you about my weekend!'

RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

- 1. Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays.**
- 2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California and mine is in Texas.**
- 3. I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.**
- 4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So, I suggested the kitchen.**
- 5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.**
- 6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said "There are too many gadgets, and no place to sit down!" So, I bought her an electric chair.**
- 7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was. She told me, "In the lake."**
- 8. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.**
- 9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said, "No, jump in!"**
- 10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.**
- 11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was 'Always'.**
- 12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.**
- 13. The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?" I said, "Dust!"**

Can't you just hear him say all of these?

These were the good old days when humor didn't have to start with a four-letter word. It was just clean and simple fun. And he always ended his programs with the words, "And May God Bless" with a big smile on his face.

Humor;

Pasquale died. His will provided \$40,000 for an elaborate funeral.

As the last guests departed the affair, his wife Angelina turned to her oldest and dearest friend.

"Ah well, Pasquale would be pleased," she said.

"You're right," replied Maria, who lowered her voice and leaned in close.

"So, go on, how much did this really cost?"

"All of it," said Angelina. "Forty thousand."

"Aw No!" Maria exclaimed, "I mean, it was very grand, but \$40,000?!!!"

Angelina answered, "The funeral was \$6,500. I donated \$500 to the church. The whiskey, wine and snacks were another \$500. The rest went for the Memorial Stone."

Maria computed quickly. "Mama Mia!!! For the love of God Angelina, \$32,500 for a Memorial Stone? How big is it?"



A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son:

"You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said,

"Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said,

"You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair ~ and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

You're going to love the Dad's reply:

"Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"



FB/Mermaid Musings

I DON'T THINK I
WILL TAKE FOR
GRANTED THE GIFT
OF A
HUG
EVER AGAIN.

Square Dance Clubs

Bay Waves

Basic/MS

No dancing until further notice Friday 7:30pm - 10:00pm

Northwind Community Centre

262 Len Purcell Dr,

Constance Bay

Caller: Ron Gardner

Contact: Ron Gardner

613-878-7712

bay.waves@live.ca

Charmin' Promenaders

Plus

No dancing until further notice Wednesday 7:15pm - 9:30pm

Seaway Senior Citizens' Club

506 Pitt St (at Fifth), Cornwall

Caller: Wendy VanderMeulen

Contact: Wendy VanderMeulen

613-987-2711

wendyv@sympatico.ca

Crazy A's

A1

No dancing until further notice Friday 7:00pm - 9:30pm

St. Mark's Anglican Church

1606 Fisher Ave, Ottawa

Caller: John Charman

Contact: Wendy VanderMeulen

613-987-2711

WendyV@sympatico.ca

Glengarry Tartans

Beginners + Basic

at every dance

No dancing until further notice Most Sundays

Check schedule 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Usually La Fraternité Hall

49 St Paul St, Alexandria

Check Schedule

Caller: Francois Demarais

Contact: Carole & Bernie Lauzon

613-931-1783

clauzon55@sympatico.ca

Grenville Gremlins

Basic/MS/

with Plus Tips before and after

No dancing until further notice Monday 7:30pm - 9:30pm

North Grenville Municipal Centre

285 County Road #44,

Kemptville, ON

Caller: Geoff Clarke

Contact: Peter & Geraldine Matthews

613-258-3690

kemptvillesquaredance@gmail.com

Harbour Lites

Basic/MS

Plus Teach

No dancing until further notice 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

No dancing until further notice Thursday 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Dick Brulé Community Centre

170 Castlefrank Rd, Kanata

Caller: David Currie

Contact: David & Marie Currie

613-521-5292

david.currie@sympatico.ca

Limestone Dancers

Plus/Advance

No dancing until further notice Monday 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Polson Park Public School

165 Robert Wallace Dr, Kingston

Caller: Dave Hutchinson

Contact: Bill Bryan

billbryan4@hotmail.com

Limestone Dancers

Basic/MS

No dancing until further notice Thursday 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Polson Park Public School

165 Robert Wallace Dr, Kingston

Caller: Dave Hutchinson

Contact: Bill Bryan

billbryan4@hotmail.com

Lockits

A2

A1

No dancing until further notice Wednesday

9:30am-10:30am
10:30am - 12:00 Noon
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
No dancing until further notice Tuesday 7:30pm
- 9:30pm
Westminster Presbyterian Church
470 Roosevelt Ave, Ottawa
Caller: John Charman
Wendy VanderMeulen
Contact: Lamar Mason
613-221-9188
lamarmason4@gmail.com

Meri Squares

Plus
No dancing until further notice Thursday
7:30pm - 9:30pm
Westminster Presbyterian Church
470 Roosevelt Ave, Ottawa
Caller: John Charman
Contact: Lamar Mason
613-221-9188
lamarmason4@gmail.com

Mississippi Squares

Basic/MS
No dancing until further notice Tuesday 7:00-
7:30pm Full MS
7:30pm - 9:30pm B/MS
Brunton Hall
1702 9th Line, Blacks Corners (Carleton Place)
Caller: Brian Crawford
Contact: Vince and Debbie Guthro
613-257-2480

Mississippi Squares

Plus, Plus Teach
No dancing until further notice Friday 7:30pm -
10:00pm
Brunton Hall
1702 9th Line, Blacks Corners (Carleton Place)
Caller: Brian Crawford
Contact: Vince and Debbie Guthro
613-257-2480

Napanee Pioneers

Basic/MS/Plus
No dancing until further notice Friday 7:00 pm

Southview Public School
18 Golf Course Lane at Cty Rd 8, Napanee
Caller: Dave Hutchinson
Contact: Muriel Brough
613-354-4595
brough@kingston.net

Opeongo Squares

Basic
some MS teach
No dancing until further notice Tuesdays
2:00pm - 4:00pm
call to confirm time & date
Opeongo Seniors Centre
19 Stafford St, Barrys Bay
Caller: Roger Moreau
Contact: Roger J. Moreau
613-628-6626
jrmoreau@distributel.net

Ottawa Date Squares

Basic/MS/Plus
LGBT friendly
No dancing until further notice Wednesdays
6:30 pm - 8:45pm
Room 202, Jack Purcell Community Centre
320 Jack Purcell Lane, Ottawa
Caller: Mark Benoit
Wendy VanderMeulen
Contact: Jean-Marc Robichaud
613-424-2992
OttawaDateSquares@gmail.com

Quinte Twirlers

Basic, MS, Plus, Lines
No dancing until further notice Wednesday 6:30
Line Dance
7:00pm - 9:30pm
Harmony Public School
Belleville
Caller: Dave Hutchinson
Contact: david dunham
613-403-2882
quintetwirlers@gmail.com

Riverside Gypsy Squares

MS/Plus/Rounds
No dancing until further notice May/Jun/Jul/
Aug/Sep
Every 4th Weekend
(Fri/Sat/Sun) Check Schedule
Various times
Lower Beverley Lake Park
Delta, Ontario
Caller: Various Callers and Cuers
Contact: Helen MacCallum

Hm: 613-933-4025
Cell: 613-330-4873
helenmaccallum@sympatico.ca

Saturday Squares

AM - MS Wrkshp
PM - DBD Plus
No dancing until further notice Saturdays
Once a Month
Check Schedule
Tom Brown Arena
141 Bayview Rd (at Scott) Ottawa
Caller: Wendy VanderMeulen
Contact: Wendy VanderMeulen
613-987-2711,
wendyv@sympatico.ca

Skirts n Flirts

Basic/MS/Plus
No dancing until further notice Friday 6:30pm - 9:00pm
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

Sunshine Squares

Plus
No dancing until further notice Wednesday
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Canterbury Community Centre
2185 Arch St, Ottawa
Caller: Bob Summers
Contact: Doug Bennett & Laura Johnson
613-730-0002
douglas.bennett2@sympatico.ca

Swinging Bs

Basic/MS/Plus/Rounds
No dancing until further notice 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: Helen MacCallum
hm: (613) 933-4025
cell: (613) 330-4873
helenmaccallum@sympatico.ca

Swinging Swallows

Basic/MS/Plus
No Dancing until further notice Thursday
6:30pm - 7:00pm Plus
7:00pm - 9:30pm B/MS/P
Wesley United Church Hall
275 Pembroke St E, Pembroke
Caller: Francois Desmarais
Contact: Andre Blais
819-689-5487
andre.cathy@hotmail.com

Village Squares

Basic/MS
No dancing until further notice Wednesday
7:30pm - 10:00pm
Roy C. Hobbs Community Centre
109 Larch Ave, Orleans
Caller: David Currie
Contact: Bob and Gabrielle Forsyth
613-833-2601
gandbforsyth@bell.net

Round Dance Clubs

CAPITAL CAROUSELS

Parkdale United Church
429 Parkdale Ave
Phases 3 to 5
No dancing until further notice
Monday 10:00am 12:00pm
Phases 3 to 4
Thursday 10:00am 12:00pm
Contact: Gavin Currie 613.739.9593
president@capitalcarousels.ca
www.capitalcarousels.ca

LIMESTONE DANCERS

Ph 2, 3 + Beginner Wednesday
No dancing until further notice
Beginners: 7:00pm
Intermediate: 8:00pm
Poison Park Public School
165 Robert Wallace Dr, Kingston
Cuer/Contact: Susan Connors
613.634.3384 susanhenden@hotmail.com

Stepping Out Rounds

No dancing until further notice
Ph 2-3 Teach + Beginner
Friday
2:00 - 3:30 pm Teaching New Dancers
3:30 - 4:30 pm Teaching and Dancing Experienced Dancersy
St. Mark's Anglican Church
1606 Fisher Ave., Ottawa
(South of Baseline, at Normandy)
Cuer: John Charman
Wendy VanderMeulen
Contact: John Charman
Wendy VanderMeulen
613-987-2711

Line Dance Clubs

Capital City Lines

Beginners

No dancing until further notice

Mon 1:00pm-2:00pm

Alexander Community Center 960 Silver Street, Ottawa

Caller: (AJ) Diane Poulton

Contact: Diane Poulton 613.729.4974

clogger13@sympatico.ca

Capital City Lines

Beginner plus

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Mon 1:15pm-2:15pm

Alexander Community Center 960 Silver Street, Ottawa

Caller: (AJ) Diane Poulton

Contact: Diane Poulton 613.729.4974

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Got Lines - Line Dancing - Richmond

Tuesday 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

No dancing until further notice

Easy Lines 2:30 - 3:00 pm

Beginner/Improver 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Upper Hall, Richmond Arena

6095 Perth Street

Richmond

Instructor/Contact: Dave Western 613 838-5428

dlwestern@yahoo.com

Got Lines - Line Dancing - Stittsville

No dancing until further notice

Thursday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Easy Lines 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Beginner/Improver 7:30 - 8:30 pm*

*Includes optional, complimentary Intermediate Line Dance program 8:30 -9:00 pm

Upper Hall, Johnny Leroux Arena

10 Warner-Colpitts

Stittsville

Instructor/Contact: Dave Western 613 838-5428

dlwestern@yahoo.com