



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

### ***Greetings to fellow dancers! Happy New Year to everyone!***

This Fall, most clubs were up and running. Unfortunately we have lost a couple of clubs, viz., Cloverleafs in Lindsay and Rainbow Squares in Niagara Falls. We begin this year with excitement and hope for a good year ahead.

T&D started off their joint dances in the Fall, with the first dance in Peterborough on October 1st. Everyone had a lot of fun and we look forward to upcoming dances in Etobicoke in February, Guelph in March and Waterdown in April. A flyer is attached, but you will find them on the Events page of the T&D website.

[www.td-dance.ca](http://www.td-dance.ca).

A big event will be happening in Ottawa this summer at the IAGSDC Convention [ottawa2023.com](http://ottawa2023.com). The Convention starts with Trail-In dances on the evening of July 5th, then closes the evening of July 8th. Dance levels will be from Basic to C3B. There are two full meals included in your registration and many fun tours of the area are offered. Fantastic callers from all over North America will keep you entertained and having a great time. If you are a first time dancer to this Convention, you can apply for a discount. Go to the website for all the information. Also, starting on July 2nd, you are invited to attend the Caller School which is a fantastic opportunity for only US\$75.

After a three year absence, [Spring Spree](#) will be back in Peterborough on Saturday, April 22. Mainstream, Plus and Advanced levels will be offered in three halls, with three great callers: Jeff Priest, Brian Crawford and Don Moger. Register early to save!

As an opportunity for clubs to stimulate interest in learning to be a caller, the T&D committee voted to pay up to \$100 if a club wishes to invite a qualified caller to give a short presentation to your club members. Callers who do caller training are Barry Clasper, Jeff Priest and Don Moger. It is hoped that clubs will take advantage of this offer before the July caller school in Ottawa. There might be people in your club who have never thought about learning to call, but hearing more about it, maybe they will give it some thought.

I want to remind all clubs that the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation offers bursaries to help cover the cost of recruitment and also for trainee callers. For more info go to: [squaredance.on.ca](http://squaredance.on.ca).

Thank You to those clubs who responded to our request to do a short write-up about their clubs since starting up again after Covid lockdowns.

# DESERVING RECOGNITION

— Dan Roy, President of Ontario Square & Round Dance Federation

It is said that if a person or persons deserve something, it means that they should be recognized because of their actions or qualities.

Recognition is the act of recognizing someone or identifying something when you see it.

The Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation wants to give deserving recognition to those that have made outstanding contributions and gave freely of their time, energies, and talents in pursuit of keeping modern square and round dancing alive and well in Ontario.

As most are aware, The Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation encompasses clubs from the following regional associations:

- 1) Lakehead and District Square and Round Dance Association (LDSRDA)
- 2) Eastern Ontario Square and Round Dance Association (EOSARDA)
- 3) Toronto and District Square and Round Dance Association (T&DSRDA)
- 4) Southwestern Ontario Square and Round Dance Association (SWOSDA).

Through the Ontario Federation, those deserving of recognition within the square and round dance community, specifically those in Ontario, are presented with either an Ontario Trillium Award of Merit or an Ontario Trillium Award for Long Service.

Clubs within the regional associations as listed above may submit two applications of each type per year for approval. Approved applications are then forwarded to the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation board, no later than **April 30** of each year, for final critique, acceptance and presentations.

The process is simple. If you know of a person or couple that are deserving of special recognition associated with square or round dancing in Ontario,

the [Ontario Square & Round Dance Federation website](#) provides simple and easy directions on filling out a nomination form.

After entering the website, scroll down the page to “Trillium Awards” and then further scroll down to “Find Out More”.

Select the award you believe the person(s) you are nominating are most deserving, then click on “Nomination Form” for that particular award. You can download the form or view the form, whichever you prefer. Be sure to follow the nomination guidelines as listed below the nomination forms on the website.

After filling out the form, forward to your regional association for approval after which they will forward to an Ontario Federation representative. Remember that nominations must be received by the Ontario Federation by **April 30** of any given year.

Mary Kay Ash once said:

“Everyone wants to be appreciated, so if you appreciate someone, don’t keep it a secret.”

Take the time and make the effort to nominate a deserving person or couple that you believe should be recognized for what they have done for square and/or round dancing. Let them know that they are appreciated and that we recognize the contributions they have made.

A list of previous recipients that were presented with a Trillium Award and recognized for their contributions to our activity can also be found on this [website](#).



## LIFT LOCK SQUARES

The season of dancing started on 7<sup>th</sup> of Sept with Laird Green calling for the club. We start evening dancing with A2 for 3 tips then add in A1 dancers for 3 more tips. Dancing with Plus dancers gets under way by 7:15.

Our club caller is Laird Green. One night a month we have Barry Clasper come as guest caller for the club. Our number of dancers during the fall has been up to 4 squares when all Advanced dancers and Plus dancers are on the floor.

On 15<sup>th</sup> of September Lift Lock hosted a Plus workshop at Activity Haven with a total of 25 dancers attending. Thanks to Laird for his calling and instruction to provide an enjoyable day for the dancers.

Lift Lock Squares ended their fall dance session on December 14<sup>th</sup> with dancing to caller Barry Clasper. The highlight of the evening was a table full of pies and desserts to satisfy everyone's appetite for sweets. Dancing had started at 6:15 with Plus tips providing start up dancing for all club members and the evening mixed in some A2 and A1 tips to challenge the Advanced dancers.

Plans are underway to hold a Spring Spree on 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2023 with Brian Crawford, Don Moger and Jeff Priest calling. The flyer is included with this newsletter or by sending a request to: [springspreedance@gmail.com](mailto:springspreedance@gmail.com).



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Join Us In Peterborough  
Lift Lock Squares Presents The  
58th Annual

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# SPRING SPREE

22 April 2023



Mainstream, Plus & A1/A2  
3 Dance Halls 3 Fabulous Callers

**Brian Crawford**

**Don Moger**

**Jeff Priest**

**Crestwood Secondary School  
1885 Sherbrooke Street West  
Peterborough ON K9J 0E5**



**Please wear clean shoes in dance halls In consideration of others, NO perfumes or scents**

Pre-registration: – All Day \$20.00 PP, Half Day \$10.00 PP

Registration At The Door –All Day \$25.00 PP, Half Day \$15.00 PP

Phone contact Howard & Jean Lander Tel: 905-342-5450 Email: [springspreedance@gmail.com](mailto:springspreedance@gmail.com)

Refunds prior to dance less \$4.00 handling fee or roll over for next years dance

1st Last Name.....First Name .....  
2nd Last Name.....First Name .....  
Address.....  
City.....Province.....Postal Code.....  
Phone..... Email.....  
All Day..... Afternoon Only..... Evening Only.....  
Square Dance Club.....Amount Enclosed .....

Please make cheques payable to : **Lift Lock Square Dance Club** or E transfer to **annewayne644@gmail.com**

**Mail registration to : Wayne Hare 107 Douro 2nd Line Douro-Dummer K0L 2B0**

**or Email to annewayne644@gmail.com**

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

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

For Lift Lock Records

Date Received.....Ribbons Sent.....Given Out.....CQ..... CA..... E-Tr.....





## TRIANGLE SQUARES - Toronto

Last year, Triangle Squares started dancing at the end of February after almost two years of being in lockdown. It was challenging finding a venue that was open to dance groups, but we have managed to dance continuously, except for a summer break, in two school gyms, three churches, and two condo building party rooms. We have over 50 dancers registered in four classes: SSD (Social Square Dancing), Plus, A1, and C1.

A big challenge was keeping everyone free of COVID. We are grateful to all our dancers who cooperated by wearing masks and being vaccinated, which has prevented COVID from spreading through our classes and dances.

In 2022, we hosted three successful dance events:

**Checkmate**, our year-end dance weekend in July, was well attended by 67 dancers from across Ontario, Manitoba, Quebec, and the US. The main callers were Dave Hutchinson and Barry Clasper, with Wendy VanderMeulen and Osamu Miyabe calling the Trail-In dance..

Dave Hutchinson returned to Toronto for our **Halloween** dance, which attracted creative costumes.

We ended the year with a fabulous **Holiday Dance and Potluck Dinner** in December. Tim Crawford kept us moving and entertained.





Waterdown Village Squares reopened September 2022 in our pre-Covid location at St James United Church in Waterdown, Ontario. We have weekly dances; Tuesday evening features a review of Plus and Thursday evening features Basic and Mainstream and welcomes new dancers. We are fortunate that Jim Lee and Bill Everett have returned as our callers.

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

In October, both dance nights had Halloween Dances with dancers wearing orange and black, or Halloween costumes. Prizes were awarded for the best costume.



We celebrated our return to dancing with our Christmas Hoedown. The evening started with a sing-along carol session led by our own Bill Everett on the electric keyboard. A Christmas themed dance followed with both of our callers covering all the levels we dance. Our club dancers wore red and green holiday outfits. It was wonderful to see the hall filled with happy dancers like the old days! We are returning to weekly dances on Tuesday January 10 for learning Plus and Thursday January 12 for Basic and Mainstream. For both nights square dancing starts at 7:30 pm.



Submitted by Susan Roat Winter





OTONABEE SQUARES

**OTONABEE SQUARES** started dancing in the Spring of 2022.

We are a Basic/Mainstream club in Peterborough. Our caller, Wayne Whatman is popular with all our club members and he

shows a lot of patience teaching new dancers. Five new dancers

joined us in September, and we are planning another intake this January, with an extra Saturday morning workshop on January 14th to help dancers get ahead. In November, we held a Mainstream workshop led by Dave Hutchinson and we will be doing another one in February. We have had difficulty convincing our pre-Covid dancers to return. We have an average of four squares every Monday night. The club members enjoyed a fun Halloween party and in December five squares of dancers came out for the Christmas party. We are optimistic that the club will grow and prosper this coming year.

**Basic workshops:**

Jan 14 9:30-Noon and Mar 11 : 2-4:30pm

**Mainstream workshops:**

Jan 28 9:30-12:30 and April 1: 2-5pm

Phone 905-342-5644 to register



## STEEL CITY WHEELERS—HAMILTON

Steel City Wheelers is a wheel-chair capable Square Dance group that have been dancing for over 30 years. We are always in need of new dancers and volunteers to assist in dancing, either by pushing a wheel-chair to dance, or as a dancer or guiding a visually impaired dancer, helping with serving coffee, tea and snacks. Dance instruction is given all year long on any night we dance. We dance every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, September – May at HRIC, 34 Ottawa Street Hamilton from 6:30 – 8:30pm.

Join us for a rewarding opportunity and witness the amazing capabilities of all members of our community!

Check out our website: <https://scwheelers.wixsite.com/steel-city-wheelers/>

Contact Patty Cameron— 905-662-6186 cell 905-317-4031 [handi@cogeco.ca](mailto:handi@cogeco.ca)

## LAKESHORE WAVES SQUARE DANCE CLUB - Port Hope/Cobourg

Lakeshore Waves now dances at the Masonic Lodge in Port Hope on Thursday afternoons. We usually have two squares and a few spares. Two of our friends are not able to dance at present but bring their knitting and we all socialize. We had a lovely Christmas dance with many dressed in red and green. We were sad to say good-bye to our caller, Wayne Whatman, who is retiring. We hope he will come and dance with us occasionally.

Laird Green has agreed to be our caller in the new year. We dance Basic, Mainstream and Plus. We missed our club's 50th anniversary dance in 2020 due to Covid, but hope to celebrate this year.










## Toronto & District Square and Round Dance Association

### 2023 JOINT DANCES

DATE	LOCATION	HOST	FORMAT	TIMES	CALLERS/ CUERS
<b>Feb 4, 2023</b>	Church of Christ the King, 475 Rathburn Rd. Etobicoke	Arrowhead Squares 	SSD/ Mainstream  Plus	<b>Squares</b> 2:00 - 5:00	Steve Goodman, Marge Coahran, Wayne Hall
<b>Mar 4, 2023</b>	Paisley Road School 406 Paisley Rd. Guelph	Royal City Squares 	Mainstream  Plus  Rounds	<b>Rounds</b> 1:00 - 1:30 <b>Squares</b> and some rounds 1:30 - 4:30	Jeff Priest, Marge Coahran, Brian McIsaac, Dave Williamson, Andrea Priest
<b>Apr 1, 2023</b>	St. James Church 306 Parkside Dr. Waterdown	Waterdown Village Squares 	Mainstream  Plus  <b>T&amp;D AGM</b>	<b>Squares</b> 2:00 - 5:00	Jim Lee, Wayne Hall

**Cost: \$10.00 per person.**

**Etobicoke: Masks required while dancing**

**Guelph: Masks optional**

**Waterdown: Masks optional**

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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