



OTONABEE SQUARES

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Our summer dancing is now over and we again celebrate! We always had 6 or more squares and welcomed visitors from Napanee to Barrie. Thanks to callers Joe and Wayne for making these dances so much fun.

The highlight of our summer dancing was the Barn dance and picnic held at the home of Alan Bigelow. Beside the square dancing, we celebrated the birthday of our past president, Sharon Rae – a milestone birthday for her! An unexpected addition to the party was being entertained by Bonnie Irwin and her accompanist. Bonnie is a professional singer and added much enjoyment to our day. Big thanks Alan and to all who organized the food and to those who brought food. Thanks to Sharon for purchasing supplies..

We now turn our attention to resuming our regular dance season, starting on **Monday, September 10** at 7pm. For the club to continue to prosper we rely on all of you to bring friends and family to join us. To this end I enclose some coupons which we ask you to give to people you meet in your daily life. Also enclosed is a yellow flyer. Please post it wherever you can - your local store, library, church, other clubs, workplaces, etc. All of these are on our website www.otonabeesquares.org and feel free to print up as many as you wish or phone Jean at 905 342 5450. Many people don't know about square dancing in Peterborough. Most non dancers don't know what modern square dancing is all about. Tell them our dress is casual – some are afraid that they will be expected to buy elaborate outfits. Urge them to come and try one or two evenings.

Our plans to dance at the Lakefield Farmers' Market fell through due to them cancelling the event. We are now looking into doing a demo where we can get some exposure to advertise our club and square dancing. If you have any ideas, let us know.

Warkworth Fall Fair, Saturday, September 8 at 12:30pm. We need dancers for this event. We will start dancing at 12:30pm and dance for an hour then we will do another hour from 2:30-3:30pm. Their theme for this year is "Cowboy Boots and Country Roots". So if you have "cowboy attire" wear it. Also square dance attire and anything denim. They bill our event as a "show". Please let Sandy 705 741-2582 or Jennifer 705 743 2072 know that you are coming if you have NOT written your name on the sign-up sheet Or email otonabeesquares@gmail.com. We are trying to arrange free entry for our dancers. As Warkworth Fair will attract people from all over we have invited the Cobourg and Belleville clubs to join us. We will have a square from Cobourg and 2 dancers from Belleville..

We have a lot on the go for our Fall session. In addition to welcoming new dancers we plan on continuing our monthly mainstream dances, the first will be on Sunday, September 23rd. Also in September we plan on having a Sunday new dancer workshop on September 30th. Both will take place from 2-4:30pm. Although we encourage new dancers to start on Sept 10, we know that we get late comers so this will be

an opportunity to get all the new dancers to the same point. We will not accept new dancers after this date but they will be welcome to join in January. Something new – for any dancer attending a Sunday dance/workshop, you will be admitted free to the Monday dance. In other words, you will only pay once in any week.

The weekend of October 20/21 will be a **mainstream blitz**. Many of you will have started learning some mainstream during the summer. Wayne will teach more prior to the Blitz so it is planned that all the moves will have been taught at the end of the day on the 20th and Sunday will be a dance for all mainstream dancers.

Please remember that if you wish to stay at the basic program that is OK. No one should feel pressured to dance a level they are not comfortable with. You should be very confident at your current level before moving onto the next program.

Nov 10 is our joint dance with Toronto and District Square Dance Association and Lift Lock. Callers will be Joe Uebelacker and Wayne Whatman. It will cater to all our members including our newest dancers. We hope to have many visitors join us. Otonabee members will be supplying the pies for this event.

New Year's Eve Dance. Tickets will be on sale for this event very soon. The cost will be \$25pp for dance and dinner. The committee has been working hard this summer to put it together and it will be a fun event. Sharon Rae is the co-ordinator so speak to her for more info. 705 743 8699. There are a limited number of tickets available so get yours soon.

We are sorry to lose Jackie and Mike as they have moved to Whitby. However we are very grateful that Jackie will continue to be our webmaster. Please go to the site regularly for club information, and for links to other sites useful to us square dancers. www.otonabeesquares.org

There will be a **plus** teach offered by Lift Lock Squares starting on Wednesday, Sep 5. The evening starts with a pot luck supper at 6pm with dancing starting at 7pm. Even if you plan on learning plus, it is hoped that you will continue to support Otonabee, even if not every week. We all benefitted from having angels help us learn, so come out and be an angel and enjoy the company of friends. No matter how many levels you dance above basic, you will always be a better dancer if you continue dancing basic/mainstream. It is amazing how advanced and challenge dancers mess up basic moves!

We look forward to another year of great dancing and fellowship.

*Sandy - Jennifer - Bill - Sharon - Ingrid - Anne
Mandy - Rob - Gwen - Donna - Jean - Howard*