



OTONABEE SQUARES

NEWSLETTER - FALL 2012

Seven weeks into our dance season and what a lot we have done! First we welcomed all our new dancers and are thrilled that everyone is coming out so regularly and having a great time. Successful learning of the moves involves regular attendance. We have enjoyed 2 mainstream Sunday dances, a Sunday Basic Booster dance and our Mainstream Blitz which was attended by 5+ squares of enthusiastic people!

We were amazed by the variety of costumes people and John Manning won the prize for best couple; costume and Jeff Roberts for best man. A difficult clever costumes.



wore to our Halloween party dance. Clara Antoinette Mylan won for best woman's choice as there were so many lovely and

If you have internet please watch our webpage – www.otonabeesquares.org. As well as club news, on the Home page are many links to square dance sites. Click on the link to the T&D site, "events", where you can see all the upcoming dances. You will also find our Bylaws and other club administration information. Another reason for frequently going to our website is that the more hits it gets, the greater priority it gets when people do a search for square dancing

We encourage our members to dance with other clubs. Dancing to various callers will make you a better dancer. You may ask why. If you only dance to your club caller, you get used to his choreography and way of calling so that you can anticipate what is coming next. When you dance to other callers, you have to listen more carefully, be prepared to do calls from positions you are not accustomed to and do moves in different sequences. In other words, you have to use your brain more and not rely on muscle memory! .

The next event in Peterborough is the Joint dance hosted by the Toronto & District Square Dance Association (commonly referred to as T&D), Lift Lock Squares and our own club. This is coming up on this **Saturday, November 10th from 2-5pm**. We have changed our location from Westdale to the **Crestwood Secondary School, 1885 Sherbrooke St. W.** This dance is for **ALL** our dancers, including those who started in September. Basic and mainstream tips will alternate. Otonabee members will need to bring 36 pies so please sign up. We will also need about 8 people to come early around 1pm to set up and we need about 8 people at the end of the dance to help clean up. Please sign up for these jobs. For special dances we ask the ladies to wear a skirt and the men should wear a long sleeved shirt. Those ladies dancing on the man's side can wear a skirt or pants. Joe Uebelacker, the Lift Lock caller, will be calling with Wayne. In addition to Otonabee and Lift Lock dancers, there will be representatives from T&D and the Ontario Federation and we hope to have many visitors from other clubs. Please plan to be there. We are the co-hosts and it is for your enjoyment too!

*Don't forget our Mainstream Sunday afternoon dance on **Nov 18th** from 2-4:30pm. Caller will be Doug Holmes.*



On Saturday, Dec 15th, Lift Lock Squares will be hosting a Christmas dance from 7-10:30pm. The location will be George Street United Church hall. This dance will be full mainstream and plus level.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Our New Year's Eve dance on **Dec 31st** will be at George Street United Church. Starting at 6:30pm. Dinner will be served at 7:30pm and dancing will start around 9pm. Dessert will be served sometime later in the evening and the dance will wrap up shortly after midnight. The cost is \$25pp. Speak to Sharon Rae, Joan Hobson or Doris Buttar for tickets. Dance level is basic and mainstream – for all members of our club!

Our next big event will be our Annual Frosty Fling on Sunday, Jan 27th from 2-5pm. Please mark your calendar. More details later.



Upcoming dates of dances hosted by clubs outside of Peterborough and which welcome the new basic dancers are: Nov 24 in Etobicoke; Feb 9th in Thornhill; March 10 – Newmarket; and May 25th also in Thornhill. See the T&D website for more details. Flyers are in our red binder or out on our flyer table.

Our club has a policy of helping drivers with the cost of gas when they travel to special dances outside Peterborough and offer rides to others. The club pays .22c per km if you take two passengers with you (your spouse is not counted as a passenger for this reimbursement). We use the proceeds of the 50/50 money for this. We also ask the passengers to each pay the driver \$5. Mileage is always calculated from the City Hall to the destination. This is for special dances only and not travelling to other clubs for their regular club nights.



Many of you know about dangles! For the new people, dangles are those little discs hanging on people's name badges. Some of these are earned, some for fun, some for helping at new dancers' lessons and some for perfect attendance! If you recruit two new members to the club you can get a recruiter dangle! In the red binder there will be a list of possible dangles. (It is currently being updated)

January lessons. The executive voted to offer lessons for new dancers IF there was a minimum of 16 new people. These lessons will probably be on a Tuesday night for about 6 weeks. If the students are agreeable to it, we might do a full day session on a Saturday towards the end of the session. Joe Uebelacker has agreed to teach this as Wayne has too much on his plate. Please sign up any friends you know who are intending to come. We must know in advance to proceed. The lessons are payable in advance - \$30. If we do the Saturday there may be an additional charge. All potential students are invited to come, free, to our club night on Monday, January 7th and the first lesson will be Jan 8th. Possible location will be PCVS gym. Our club has a policy that dancers only pay once a week. So if you come as an "angel" or new September dancers who want to repeat the lessons, pay on Monday, attend free on Tuesday.

With recruiting in mind, please all try to promote square dancing and our club. A few people have indicated we have enough dancers but in the winter we lose our snowbirds and each year some people leave so it is important to bring in new members. Dancing is fun but what we should be promoting is the health benefits of



dancing. Square dancing has it all; physical exercise, mental exercise and the benefits of social interaction. Flyers will shortly be available for our potential class so please take some and post them up somewhere. If you have any ideas for promotion and publicity, speak to Howard Lander or email hjlander@gmail.com.

All dancers must have insurance purchased through the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society. If you still have not paid your \$5 membership (\$3 of which is insurance and \$1 is membership to the Ontario Federation) speak to Mandy. If you have paid insurance at another club, she must know this too. If you change your address, phone number or email address, please let Mandy know.

In appreciation for the effort the church has put into the floor, our executive voted to donate \$250 towards this. We pay a very reasonable rent and try to be good tenants. With this in mind we ask for your co-operation in wearing clean shoes for dancing. This is so important!

Can anyone offer a ride to Bunny Laing who lives on Crawford Drive. Her number is 705 743 9437.

We thank all those people who have signed up to help each week with refreshments. If we all take a turn in the kitchen it is not a burden on any one person. Great to see many more people remembering to *“lug a mug”*.



Last but certainly not least, we thank Wayne our caller for making every Monday night such fun!

Last date for Monday club dance will be Dec 10 and the first session in the new year will be Jan 7th. On the first night back in 2013, please bring new dancers so they can meet the club and be introduced to square dancing!

