



Otonabee Squares

May 2015

We are at the end of another successful year – the 6th year of our club. Many thanks to all of you who have come out every week; danced a lot, laughed a lot and made new friends too. A big thanks to caller, Wayne, for his patience and humour over the past year. We are glad to say he will be returning in the Fall to call for us.



*Next Monday is our pot-luck supper at 6pm followed by our annual general meeting. **(We will sit down to eat at 6pm)**. Dancing will be from approx. 7:30 to 9:30. Everyone is encouraged to stay until 9:30pm to finish off the evening together. Remember to bring plates and utensils for personal use and food to share.*

At the AGM you will be electing the executive officers for the next year. If you are willing to help by volunteering to be on the executive, please speak to Wayne Hare. Phone him at 705 743 3077. All positions can be shared by two people.

There are two issues to bring to your attention before the meeting. This information will, hopefully, facilitate discussion at the meeting.

The executive voted on a change of program for the fall which you will be asked to vote on.

- **6:30 to 7:30 pm** - new dancers and angels and for those who would like a review of the basic program.
- **7:30 to 9 pm** - full basic and mainstream teach. Mainstream teach will be for those who can confidently dance all the basic moves.
- **9 to 9:30pm** - will be full mainstream for those who have completed learning the mainstream program.

New dancers will be getting the same number of tips (a “tip” is a combination of a patter call and then a singing call) as they do now but it will be concentrated in

an hour. We anticipate this will be the program for 10-12 weeks, up until we break for Christmas. We will review the situation at this point and will likely revert to our current format. The club will only hold a beginners' class in the new year of 2016 if there are enough people signed up to justify the cost involved.

The second item is a new square dancing promotion. This will only work if everyone is willing to help.

Four clubs are participating in this venture; Cobourg Lakeshore Waves, Lindsay Cloverleaves, Otonabee and Lift Lock. Attached to this email is a copy of a rack card which is being professionally printed. We are buying plastic rack card holders in which to display this. We need your co-operation in placing them in suitable locations. Our suggestions include asking your doctor's office, chiropractor, health centres, activity centres, health food stores, libraries, etc. I am sure many of you go to places where you may be able to place them. Hopefully each person/couple will be responsible for at least one holder and cards. After placing them you will monitor them and keep them tidy and filled. We also suggest at some locations they be placed out only two to three months prior to the club starting classes. However at a doctor's office people may not be there very often so use your judgement. The cards can also be handed out or circulated in the most effective way. I am sure you all can think of ways to get them out there. If you need more cards over the summer, contact Fred Olson at 705 743 4582 or Howard Lander at 905 342 5450 or email otonabeesquares.org.



Our summer picnic and dance will be on Sunday, August 16 at Beavermead Park on Ashburnham Rd. Dancing in the pavilion (smooth floor and shaded) will be from 3-5 followed by a pot-luck supper. In addition to food to share, please bring your own plates and cutlery. There are picnic tables to eat at but bring your lawn chair. To minimize the work for the executive, it would be appreciated if you will bring your own non-alcoholic beverages. (Alcohol is not allowed in this park).



In mid-summer, as we have done over the past few years, we will be sending out flyers and coupons to every member. These are also to help with recruitment. Your envelope will be available at the dance on August 10 and also at the picnic. To save the cost of postage it would be appreciated if you can pick them up then. Start-up date for the Fall is Monday, September 14.

If anyone knows of a good location where we could do a demonstration dance for the purpose of recruitment please let someone on the executive know. Preferred time frame is August and September. If anyone has ideas for promoting square dancing please speak to Howard or Jean Lander. 905 342 5450 or email hjlander@gmail.com. We would also like to know about local newspapers where we might be able to publish something about square dancing. (e.g. like Lakefield Herald, Millbrook Times, etc.)

Dates to remember:

Monday, May 25. Mainstream DBD – all position dancing. To participate you must know you mainstream level well. St. Anne's Parish Hall, 859 Barnardo Ave, Peterborough. 7-9pm. For those who dance plus this workshop will be beneficial to you too.



dancing for all basic and mainstream dancers starts Monday, June 1 at St. Anne's. June 15 will be at George Street United church hall but all other dances will be at St. Anne's. Dates: June 1, 15 and 29. July 13 and 27 and August 10. Please support the summer dancing if possible.

On behalf of the executive we wish you a great time over the summer.

Bill *Fred* *Lynda* *Anne* *Suzanne* *Antoinette*
 Myla *Margaret* *Howard*