

# Otonabee Squares

August 2015



We are just a few weeks away from starting a new season of dancing. It means getting together with friends we may not have seen for a few months but it also means the summer is drawing to an end. Some of you were able to come out for the summer dancing and a good time was had by all. Our thanks to both Wayne and Joe for calling for us. We are pleased to say that Wayne will continue to be our caller for the coming year.

This time of year also means it is time to get serious about recruiting new dancers. We hope you have all had a chance to put out the rack cards. It is especially important that they be out now in the weeks leading up to our first dance. Suggested locations for the rack cards include doctors, dentists, physio, and chiropractor's offices. Waiting rooms of any sort; medical centres, activity centres, libraries; churches, etc. If any of you have further suggestions, please let us know.

We need new dancers! A club such as ours has a natural attrition rate and this past year we saw many dancers move to plus. We really appreciate those dancers who continue to dance with Otonabee even though they now dance plus or higher levels. Even if you cannot attend every week, please try and come occasionally to mentor newer dancers – not to mention keeping contact with all the great friends you have made!

There are a number of things included with this letter.

First there are some coupons inviting new dancers to join us to try square dancing for an evening, free of charge. Please keep these on you so they will be handy to give to potential dancers

Also included are two flyers which, if possible, will you post in a place that may attract attention or hand out.

If you need anymore of any of the above, please email us at [hjlander@gmail.com](mailto:hjlander@gmail.com) or phone us at 905 342 5450.

We begin our Fall season on **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** at George Street United Church. Please note the change in our schedule. We will treat our first night back (Sept 14<sup>th</sup>) as an Open House night and

all new dancers may stay until 9pm. This will be an introduction to the club so that they know what happens after their lessons.

Beginning Monday, September 21, from 6:30 to 7:30 we will teach basic to new dancers, angels and for those who need to review the basic moves. Around 7:30 everyone will join in for one tip dancing the moves the new dancers have been taught. We will then have our refreshments break so everyone can be included. Following this, approx. 7:50, will be mainstream dance and teach until 9pm. 9-9:30 will be full mainstream for those who have already been through all the mainstream teach.

This change of program was voted on at the Annual General Meeting. If you have any questions, please speak to Fred or Howard.

We have two demos coming up and it would be good if we could get two squares out. The first will be on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Farmers' Market in Lakefield. 9:30-11am. The next will be at the Peterborough Farmers' Market on Landsdowne St., on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Same time. At both of these we will set up a table to hand out our flyers and to answer questions. We need people who can staff this table and plan to stay for a few hours. There are sign-up sheets at the Picnic. As these demos are before our start-up date we need to know that we will have enough dancers. **Please wear casual clothes to these demos.**

Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:30pm, Joe Uebelacker and Dave Hutchinson are holding a mainstream dance as part of their weekend dance schedule. The callers would appreciate pre-registration. There will be a link on the Otonabee webpage where you can find the registration form and flyer. This dance will replace our monthly Sunday afternoon mainstream dance.

If you have internet please keep an eye on our website **otonabeesquares.org**. Not only do we post notices and new items, there are many square dance links of interest including sites which will help you learn your moves or review what you have been taught.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and we look forward to seeing you and your friends back in September.

On behalf of your executive.

Fred Olson and Howard Lander, Co-presidents

Doris Buttar, Vice President

Suzanne Barker and Anne Hare, Co-treasurers

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