

# OTONABEE SQUARES NEWSLETTER FALL 2014

What a great beginning to our 6th year of Otonabee Squares! A full hall the first night back and so many smiling faces and new people. Welcome to all our new dancers!! A big thank you to all who brought friends and family to our club. We look forward to a good year ahead.

This newsletter has a lot of housekeeping information, so if you are an old hand in the club, please have patience!! (Sometimes we all need a little reminder). To cut down printing costs, we distribute our newsletter by email and have a few hard copies for those without email.

## *Club nights and Lessons*

From 7-9pm Wayne teaches basic and mainstream every Monday night. 9 to 9:30 will be full mainstream.

If you are confident in all your basic moves, you may get up for the mainstream teach. If in doubt, please speak to the caller.

If you know someone who could not start in September, we will again be having a six week basic teach session starting January 6<sup>th</sup>.

## *The Executive*



Presidents: Bill Holley and Howard Lander  
Vice-president: Fred Olson  
Treasurers: Anne Hare and Suzanne Barker  
Secretary: Myla Bell  
Social Convenors: Lynda Hainer and Antoinette Mylan  
Publicity: vacant – accepting volunteers  
Registrar: Margaret Kean and Maureen Newby

If you have any suggestions, comments, etc., please bring them to the attention of the executive. It is your club and your feedback is essential. Club email is [otonabeesquares@gmail.com](mailto:otonabeesquares@gmail.com)

## *Name Badges*

Jean Lander is taking orders for name badges. They are \$8 with a magnet and \$6 with a pin. Sign-up sheet on the flyer table.

## *Absentee Dancers*

We endeavour to keep in touch with absentee dancers. If you know of a member who is ill or unable to attend for other reasons, please mention it to Margaret or Fred.

If you are learning a dance level new to you, it is important to attend regularly. Although the caller will review what was taught the previous week, he cannot spend a lot of time re-teaching. On our web-page the new moves taught each week will be posted so if you miss please refer to this site and use the resources and links to do some review.

## *Refreshments*

Our social convenors co-ordinate the volunteers who make refreshments and clean-up each night. Please sign up using the sign-up sheet. If everyone takes a couple of turns it is not a big job for anyone. We encourage everyone to “lug a mug”. It cuts down on our costs and is good for the environment.

## *Visiting Other Dances and Clubs*

We encourage you to attend outside dances at your dance level. We have flyers out in the red binder for your information.



There is another binder put out every week which has general information, a copy of the Bylaws, minutes of meetings and a list of other clubs and their club nights and locations.

## *Mainstream Sunday Dances Callers*

*Oct 26 - Brian Crawford*

*Nov 9 - Don Moger*

*Feb 15 - Berry Chumbley*

*Mar 22 - Jeff Priest*

*Apr 12 - tba*



## *Special Events*

You will see from the club calendar that we have some fun activities and dances this coming year.

### **Basic Review Saturday, Oct 18**

10-12 and 1-3pm. For beginner dancers and any others who will come and help. \$12 for beginners and we are asking our other dancers to pay \$5 to help defray costs. Remember it is for the benefit and enjoyment of ALL club members when dancers know their moves!

**Halloween dance : Monday, Oct 27** – come in costume, if you dare! Prizes!



### **Christmas Party: Monday, December 8**

This will be our last regular club night for 2014. (We cannot have the hall on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>). We are asking people to bring a small plate of finger foods or get together with others to put together a fruit or veggie platter. Wear your Christmas colours and party gear and come out for a fun evening.

**Wednesday, Dec 31: NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER/DANCE**. 6:30pm-12:00 midnight Full-Basic/mainstream: Caller John Park. Mark your calendar – more details later.

**Monday, January 5.** First regular dance for 2015

**Tuesday, January 6.** Beginner lessons for a 6 week series. More details later.

**Sunday, Jan 25: Frosty Fling**. 2:00-5:00pm Basic/mainstream - Callers: Doug Holmes and Wayne Whatman

## *Dancing Etiquette and Dress*

We are fortunate to have couples and singles in our club. When the caller tells you to square up, please get in a square promptly. If you need a partner, raise your hand on the side on which you need a partner; don't wait for someone to get you up. If you stay sitting people assume you want to sit this one out. A couple cannot bump a single out of the square. The first person in the square has the right to stay there! Occasionally a couple may have to split up to partner a single.

Our club has a casual dress policy but anyone is welcome to wear square dance attire.

Please carry clean shoes for dancing. The floor has been refinished over the summer and dancers are very hard on the floor. We want to do what we can to lessen the damage.

Our club, along with most public events these days, has a "no perfume" policy. This includes scented deodorants.

## *Website*

Please refer to our website for updated information: [www.otonabeesquares.org](http://www.otonabeesquares.org).

There is a lot of useful information on the website not just club information.