

# Otonabee Squares

Summer 2016



We are just a few weeks away from starting a new season of dancing – Monday September 12th. It means getting together with friends we may not have seen for a few months. 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 need your help to do this! A club such as ours lose dancers every year for a variety of reasons.

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. Although only one date is on this coupon, please note that we do take in new dancers for the first 3 weeks, especially as this year we hope to recruit people at the Expo 50+ (more info below). Also enclosed are some business cards.

There are two flyers which, if possible, will you post in a place that may attract attention. I suggest you post these towards the end of August. I will email a copy of the coupons and flyers to everyone with internet. If you run out you may be able to print up some.

We have rack cards and holders and would appreciate if you could put these out in doctors', dentists', etc., offices; places where people wait. Also libraries will take them. Newer dancers probably are not familiar with our rack cards so please speak to me if you can help distribute them. If you put them out last year, please will you check on them to make sure they still have cards.

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 12<sup>th</sup>** at George Street United Church. We will treat our first night back as an Open House night and all dancers are encouraged to stay until 9pm. Thereafter our program will follow the same schedule as last year – basic level first followed by mainstream.

We have some demos and promotions coming up. Please mark your calendar. Casual attire please for all demos.

Lakefield Farmers' Market will be Thursday, August 25th. 9:30-11am.

Mapleridge Recreation Centre, 1085 Braeley Drive, Sunday, September 4. 1:30-3pm.

Expo 50+ at the Evinrude Centre – Thursday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is an all day fair so we will have a sign-up sheet the first night back. We need to staff the booth from 10am to 4pm.

Please remember our joint dance (Otonabee, Lift Lock and the Toronto & District Square Dance Association) on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Basic and mainstream dancing will be in the afternoon from 2-5pm. Trinity United Church.

As some of you may know, 30 years ago Joe Uebelacker started the LGBT square dance club in Toronto (Triangle Squares) and until last month (when he retired from that club) was their staff caller. He is now working on starting a LGBT square dance club in Peterborough and is holding an intro dance on September 24, from 6-8:30pm at St. John's Anglican Church, 99 Brock Street. Everyone is welcome to attend. This activity is part of Peterborough gay pride week. If anyone would like to join the dancers in the Pride Parade at 2pm which takes place the same day, please contact Joe 705 657 9084. You have to be registered to participate in the parade.

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.

Our facebook link is: <https://www.facebook.com/otonabee8squares>

There will be an executive meeting on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you want anything brought to that meeting, please contact Fred Olson at 705 743 4582.

There is a committee discussing a long term plan for recruitment and retention. This work was started by Bill Harris and is now being continued by this committee. If you have any ideas to pass on which may be useful to them, please contact Allan Gault 705 742 7230 or Doris Buttar at 905 342 5644.

Our callers are always open to be hired for private parties and dances. Speak to Wayne or Joe if you want more information. This is another great way to introduce people to square dancing.

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

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