



Otonabee Squares Newsletter

Spring 2018

Today I saw the first robin so spring must be just around the corner! With spring comes many opportunities for going to dances sponsored by other clubs.

If this is new to you, it is part of the “culture” of our square dance world. A chance to meet many wonderful people who share our love of square dancing.

I hope many of you will get out and enjoy these events!

Monday, April 30

Celebration of our new dancers

This is a fun party night. Everyone will stay until 9pm.

We need some volunteers (not new dancers) who will help organize some activities. Please speak to Fred or Doris if you can help. We need new ideas—executive out of inspiration!!!!!!

Upcoming dances: for flyers see

www.td-dance.ca/calendar/default.html

In red are our own dances

Sat, Mar 17. St Patrick's. Kingston 2-4:30pm

Mainstream to advanced with rounds

Sat, Mar 24. Keswick. For New dancers! 2:15 to 4:30pm.

Sun, Mar 25. Baltimore (Cobourg) 2-4pm
Basic, MS and plus.

Sat, Apr 7. T&D Dance 2:30 to 4pm. MS and plus. Waterdown

Sun, Apr 8. Mainstream Sunday. 2-4:30pm

Fri, Apr 20. Napanee Welcome to Spring. 7-9:30pm. Basic, MS and plus

Sat, April 21. SPRING SPREE. 2-5pm; 7-10pm. Basic to advanced. See page 3.

Sun, Apr 29. Apple Blossom in Belleville. 1-4pm. See page 2 for more info.

Summer dances

Mon, June 4 and 18. 6:30-9pm

Canadian National Convention. July 19-21. London, Ontario.

Sun, Jul 29. 2-7. Driveway dance and picnic.

Heather Dummitt is our social convenor. Her duties are to ensure that the supplies are available for our refreshment break on club nights and to prepare the sign-up sheet. It is a big commitment for one person to ensure that the supplies are there every week. Many thanks to Glenda Brommel who has agreed to share this position.



We need people to sign up for help in the kitchen for the next 9 weeks. If you would sign up for more than one week it means you will know what to do without Heather or Glenda being there to supervise. If we are to continue having a refreshment break, we need volunteers to share the work. Many thanks!!!

Our AGM will be on Monday, May 7. Starting 6pm. (I heard a rumour that it may be a pizza night!) Dancing will follow for everyone until 9pm. This will also be the election of officers for 2018/19. If you are interested in helping on the executive, please speak to Howard Lander who is heading up the nominating committee. 905 342 5450 or email hjlander@gmail.com.

We would like someone who would be our club historian. This involves organizing photos into albums and possibly taking photos of special events. There will be a budget for printing photos and any other expense necessary. Please speak to Doris Buttar if you can help.



At our recent executive meeting a few things came up which we wish to bring to your attention.

Clothing Sale of square dance attire: **Monday, April 16.**

Senior Showcase: Wed, **June 20.** 9:30-4:30. We need volunteers to staff the booth. If you can give an hour of your time, it would be appreciated. Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre, 775 Brealey Dr.

Peterborough Pulse. Sat, **Jul 21.** We hope to participate in this. If you are interested in helping out, speak to Charles Paterson.

Please mark these dates on your calendar:

Sat, Sept 29. T&D dance in Peterborough. 2-5pm for MS and basic.

Sun, Oct 28 and Nov 25. Mainstream Dances. 2:30-5pm.

*Registration forms for the **Canadian National square and round dance Convention, Jul 19-21 in London, Ont.***

go to:

<http://www.squaredance.ca/2018/>

Bus to the Belleville dance on Sunday, April 29.
We have a bus departing Peterborough at 11:15am.
Cost will be \$10pp.
There will be sign-up sheet at the club.
There will be two callers and two halls at this dance. One for basic and mainstream and the other for higher levels.
Our 50/50 funds support the cost of this bus.



We value your input.

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These are websites we encourage you to use.

Our own club's page: otonabeesquares.org.

From our website find useful links including sites like Saddlebrook and Taminations which are learning assists.

<http://www.td-dance.ca>. This is the webpage for our Toronto and District Association website.

[facebook.com/otonabee8squares/](https://www.facebook.com/otonabee8squares/)

This is our own club's Facebook page. Please "friend" it.



Spring Spree Saturday, April 21

Crestwood Secondary School, 1885 Sherbrooke St. W., Peterborough
dews— hosted by Lift Lock Squares

Afternoon: 2-5pm Evening: 7-10pm

This is a dance you must not miss. It is a lot of fun, you get experience dancing to different callers AND you meet a lot of nice people!!! There are four halls, one for each dance level so you will get a lots of good floor time.

There will be a vendor selling dance shoes and some attire.

Tea/coffee and cookies are available all afternoon. After dancing in the evening, at 10pm, a light sit-down lunch will be served. Fruit loaf, cheese and grapes plus tea/coffee.

First year dancers will get a lot of help from the callers and they are there to encourage and support. It would be appreciated if our more experienced dancers will spend a little time in the basic hall to help the newer dancers.

If possible, please purchase your ribbons in advance from either Wayne Hare or Jean Lander. \$15pp for afternoon and evening or \$7.50 for one session.

Recently talking to a square dance caller, he commented on the importance of three basic calls. **Circulates; trades and run.** These are calls that carry through all levels and many dancers do not put in time to really master them, hence dancers move up the dance levels and continue to break down on these basic calls. Here are some things to remember which might help you become flawless when executing them.

Look at taminations <https://www.tamtwirlers.org/tamination/>
or Saddlebrook— <https://saddlebrookesquares.com/square-dance-lessons/>

Circulate. Think “circle”. You are walking in a circle in your four person group. I know it looks like a square of four people but visualize the four of you in a circle. **Box circulate** in the four people in the centre of the formation. **Split circulate**—two groups of four people. **Centres circulate** are the four people in the centre, usually waves. **Ends circulate** are the four people at the ends of two lines (or waves) and they circulate staying on the outside. Also **girls circulate, boys circulate**, etc.,

Trades. A trade will always turn you around 180 degrees and you will trade places with another dancer.

Run/Cross run. The designated dancer will run around another dancer and the person being run around must slide into the place vacated by the runner. Both people must move, but the dancer who is being run around MUST NOT TURN AROUND!

One common error in many moves is dancers turning around when there was no reason for them to do so. For example in walk and dodge in mainstream, the dodger MUST NOT TURN AROUND!