

# OUR NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

It never varies, February arrives and the Snow Birds fly. We wish them a good and safe trip. Meanwhile the Snow Bunny dance was a great success. Thanks to all who were involved. The meat pies were appreciated by my resident food expert. I look forward to his pronouncements on the Beef à la King. No doubt he will be content with the food at that dance too. When you are involved with the planning of our dances it makes you wonder if we are a dance or eat club. In that vein the 40th is progressing well. Lucy has sold half the tickets already- Better to book now than be disappointed. If you know someone from the past who was a member and would like to know about the celebration of our 40th give me a call. When I look at the time that the executive spend both planning and working on our behalf to ensure that our regular dances and special events are enjoyable I am truly thankful.

Yellow Rock to all



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Guess the Beefeater**
- **Upcoming Fashion Show—see page 2**
- **Executive Nominations**
- **Reunion Dance**

## SLATE OPEN FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2009-2010

Have you ever thought “I could do a better job than they are”? Or do you have a jar full of ideas on how to make the club more exciting? Do you just want to take your turn at organizing the way the club does things? Now is your chance. We are starting to gather names for nominations to the various positions in the club. The Waterdown Village Squares Executive is voted in for

one term each year at our Annual General Meeting and Hoedown. This year the meeting will be held on April 23. If you want to be added to the slate please submit your name to Dawn Ragg or any other member of the Executive.

For a complete list of the positions and who is currently in that position see the third page of the newsletter. Feel free to

approach any one of us to ask about the duties of the various positions. If you would like a copy of the job descriptions contact Marion or me. It is a rewarding way to get involved in Square Dancing and it is an opportunity to meet so many more members of our club.

*Tom Petersen*

**SNOW BUNNY DANCE 2009**

A great time was had by all who attended our Class and Mainstream dance. Thank you to Bill and Elvis for doing a good job of calling and our convenors and decorators for preparing the food and dance hall.

Richard and Susan Klement from our Thursday night group had fun as the Snow Bunnies welcoming the dancers this year; grand job Richard and Susan.



We did have a disappointing turn out, not

too many of our club to support our beginners. We need to do a better job if we are to keep this club going.

Our 3 bunny winners this year are Pat Coutts, Joan Barton and Lottie Flavin; Congratulations ladies I hope those bunnies have a prominent place in your homes.

Bev Corsini was the lucky winner of the Share the Wealth.



For more Snow Bunny pictures and movies, see our web site.

Marion Petersen

**WORDS FROM T&D DIRECTOR—ROSE MARIE ROBINSON**

It was good to see so many Waterdown dancers at the T&D Joint Dance, hosted by Royal City Squares on Saturday, February 7th. Jeff Priest and Dave Williamson had us really moving, and Andrea Priest lead us through a wide selection of rounds. The leaders who volunteer their time for the T&D Joint Dances are top-notch - we all had a

great time!

If you haven't already, remember to put the next T & T dance - March 7th, at St. Bartholomew's United Church, 22 Abbey Rd., Brampton on your calendar. This dance is a special, 'afternoon only' dance - 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. with a host of leaders: Barry Clasper, Norm Wilcox, Wayne & Sharron

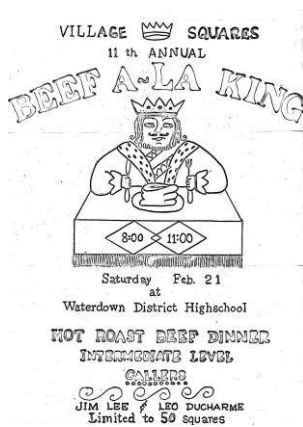
Hall, and Bob & Betty Beck! Great opportunity to dance all afternoon and still have time to go out for dinner!

T&D CONVENTION - FASHION SHOW: Watch for entry forms for the Fashion Show in "Chatter" and in the next issue of "Topics". Don't be shy - we all have favourite outfits, and this

is your opportunity to show them off. We hope to emphasize 'contemporary' dance clothing, but the outfits may be purchased - it's not necessary that they be home-sewn. Let's have a good showing from Waterdown!

Rose Marie Robinson

**REUNION DANCE TO CELEBRATE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**



Do you recognize the befeater here?

This was taken at the Beef à la King of 1976.

In 1976 we had to put a limit of 50 squares.

Those were the days.

All come out and fill the hall at this year's Beef à



King on Saturday 28 February. This year our limit is 16 squares—so buy your tickets now, see flyer on our web site.



**IT PAYS TO BE NUMBER ONE**

When you square up there are a number of things you should notice. Are you a head or a side? Who is your corner? Are you part of couple number one? Or two? Or three? Or Four? These are all important factors that must be registered before the music starts. How many of you have heard the caller suddenly ask a dancer, "Tom, who is your corner?" He is not just testing you, his pilot square may have broken down and he is going to use your square to get us home.

I have noticed recently that during a call if our square breaks down we have a tendency to fight our way back to our home position or we will quickly try and make lines and wait for the caller to pick us up. Once we are picked up then we get into trouble again when the caller says "promenade home". If in our jostling to get into lines the men get out of sequence then we really mess up the flow of things as we jockey to get into our home spot. There is a simple solution for this. The number one man is

the boss. He alone dictates when we stop promenading. If you started out number two man and suddenly the man two couples ahead of you stops then stop in the heads position and now you are part of couple number three. Don't fix it. It could also happen that the caller has deliberately swapped the two and four couples. Don't fix it. When the number one man stops in his home position you must stop in the natural positions behind him. The first man following the number one man stops

at the sides position number four. The man behind him stops in the heads position number three. And finally the last man stops in the side position number two.

In the end it does not really matter which position you end up in, it only matters that you enjoy the dancing and you are having fun.

*Tom Petersen*



**YOUR EXECUTIVE FOR 2008-2009**

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| <p>Presidents:<br/>                 Gerry O'Halloran 905.469.3134<br/>                 Pat Coutts 905.822.8045</p> <p>Past Presidents:<br/>                 Doug Irwin 905.574.7555<br/>                 Faye Evenden</p> <p>Secretary &amp; Publicity:<br/>                 Tom Petersen &amp; 905.824.4647<br/>                 Marion Petersen</p> | <p>Vice Presidents:<br/>                 Al Berry 905.517.7558<br/>                 Dawn Ragg 905.592.0003</p> <p>Treasurer:<br/>                 Bev Barrowcliffe 905.628.9061</p> <p>Ticket Sales:<br/>                 Jim &amp; Lucy Fratoni 905.544.9620</p> <p>Membership:<br/>                 Bill Turnbull &amp; 905.878.9573<br/>                 Corinne Turnbull</p> | <p>Conveners:<br/>                 Plus-[Monday]:<br/>                 Pat &amp; Ralph Coutts<br/>                 Lucy &amp; Jim Fratoni<br/>                 A1- [Tuesday]:<br/>                 Volunteers required<br/>                 Class/Mainstream-[Thursday]:<br/>                 Kieth Evans</p> |
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Looking for Memorabilia for our Reunion Dance for 40 years of Waterdown Village Squares—see Rose Marie Robinson with pictures and stories .

We are on the web!  
[www.waterdownvillagesquares.ca](http://www.waterdownvillagesquares.ca)

## WATERDOWN VILLAGE SQUARES

Dances held at:

St James United Church

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Waterdown, ON

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Canada Post: Box 910, Waterdown, ON LOR 2H0



*Forget your cares, dance with the Waterdown Village Squares*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SPECIAL DANCES

BEEF À LA KING

Sat. 28 February 2009

Plus, A1 and Rounds

### T& D SPECIAL DANCE

Sat. March 7, 2009

1:00 to 5:30 pm

Plus with A1 tips & Rounds

### REUNION & 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DANCE

Sat March 28, 2009

5:30 to 11:30 pm

MS—A1 plus social dance

### 47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPRING SPREE WITH LIFTLOCK SQUARES

Sat. 18 April 2009

Squares with Don Moger, Charlie McClure and Norm Wilcox

Rounds with Jerry and Bonnie Callen

Call Wayne Hare for info at 705-743-3077

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & HOEDOWN

Thurs April 23, 2009

Dinner, meeting, MS—A1 dance

Very Important

### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DANCE FOR BEAUX & BELLES

Sun. 3 May, 2009

1:30 to 4:30pm  
Mainstream, Plus & Rounds

1:00 to 1:30 pm

Round Dance Party  
Egbert Jacobs, Jeff Preist and Andrea Preist

Call the Fletchers for info at 519-208-0435

### 48<sup>TH</sup> T&D CONVENTION

May 7,8 & 9, 2009

Mainstream to C-1

Phase II-V & Contras

## A CATERED AFFAIR

We have been advertising our March 2009 Reunion and 40th Anniversary dance and the tickets are going fast.

There is going to be a catered meal to start off the celebration.

The callers are all excited about getting together and giving us all a swinging good time.

There will be memorabilia to trigger memories of those good old days.

If you know of anyone who may not see our advertising be sure to spread the word and encourage them to come out and have some fun.

Tickets are \$20 per person; see our web site and flyers for more details.