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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Corn Roast—A Successful kick off to our dance season**
- **NEW DANCERS dance in Newmarket Friday November 28**
- **Fashion Show returns to T&D Convention**
- **Recruiting: We want you**

The world of square dancing is changing rapidly. Many clubs, and the organizations at the provincial or national level have difficulty keeping up and even surviving. Over the next while the executive will be looking at all our present activities , policies and organization to ensure our survival as a club. The usual new member recruitment activities don't seem to be reaching a younger age participant. We will be asking your opinion and input as we move forward. In the meanwhile we were impressed with Doug's corn boiling abilities. The evening was great fun and continues to be a great start to the dancing season

Pat Coutts and Gerry O'Halloran



Our fantastic Presidents

Gerry O'Halloran and Pat Coutts

CORN ROAST WAS HELD ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20

The Annual Corn Roast kicked off the first social event of the Waterdown Village Squares.

Six squares danced to Wayne Hall's enthusiastic calling. Sharron Hall led several Rounds.

At 10:00 pm pleasant

outdoor weather greeted the dancers. Farm fresh corn, cake, tea and coffee were served and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to all the dancers who attended; to Doug Irwin and Faye

Evenden who convened the

event and to their many volunteers—Pat & Ralph Coutts, Gerry & Christine O'Halloran, Dawn Ragg & Al Berry, Hannah & Jorgen Hansen, Aini & Frank Anderson and Harold Bohiken.

Submitted by Faye Evenden

SQUARE DANCING ON THE INTERNET

There are several—maybe lots—of interesting square dance sites on the internet. Perhaps the best sites are those which demonstrate or describe the various calls we are asked to perform.

Here are two such sites to get you going. Don't forget to bookmark them if you find them of value. As you progress through the different levels, you will find them of increasing usefulness.

www.squaredancecd.com/sdance.htm

This site uses couples of different colours so that you can follow one individual dancer through the move more easily. A good place to start, it covers calls from Class through Plus with some Advanced moves.

www.remus.dti.ne.jp/~jsda/sdtext/basicpro-eng.html

This animated Square Dance Text was created by Mr Hiroshi Yaoko, who is a member of the Japan Square Dance Association Home Page Steering Committee, and a member of the Tokyo Square Dance Club. A great site to get information.

Happy Browsing.

Submitted by Peter Hill



Taken from the www.remus.dti.ne.jp website

WORDS FROM T&D DIRECTOR—ROSE MARIE ROBINSON

TORONTO AND DISTRICT SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION: The Newmarket Happy Hoppers hosted the first T&D joint dance of the season on October 4th, at Newmarket Seniors Meeting Place, 474 Davis Dr. in Newmarket. About 7 squares enjoyed an evening of Plus, Rounds and A1 tips with callers, Doug Holmes and Grant Logan, and cuer, Reg Ross, followed by a lunch of "quick breads" provided by the club members. Grant workshopped an old call, Grand Parade, which was great fun and really kept us thinking!

ATTENTION NEW DANCERS: The Newmarket club is hosting a party dance for NEW DANCERS on Friday, November 28, 2008. There are very few opportunities for new dancers to enjoy "away dances" - (our Snow Bunny Dance in January is another one not to be missed) - so get together with the other class dancers and make it a group outing! (Of course, higher level dancers are welcome too.) Flyers available at our hall, or you may email: drholmes@explornet.com

NEXT T&D JOINT DANCE is hosted by BEAUX & BELLES on November 1st, at Trinity United Church, 74 Frederick St., Kitchener. Let's have a good showing from Waterdown Village Squares!

FASHION SHOW RETURNS to the T&D Convention! Some people consider ruffles and crinolines to be a turn-off for potential new dancers, so the show will center around modern prairie skirts and more sophisticated tops/blouses. Anyone interested in showing off their favourite "contemporary" outfit - something you sewed yourself or purchased - please contact

Rose Marie Robinson
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LOST SQUARES—EXTRACT FROM CALLERLAB

August 1987
In 1986, CALLERLAB introduced a procedure for 'LOST SQUARES'. It was approved with some small changes in 1987 and reads as follows:

The following method of returning to dancing once a square has broken down, shall be a uniform method to be taught to all dancers for class programs through all

approved CALLERLAB dance programs:

DANCERS
RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Return to home position as soon as possible.
2. The head ladies will take their corner's hand and head couples will back out to form lines at the sides of the square.

On the caller's command "EVERYBODY" go forward and back", they enter into the dance pattern.

CALLERS
RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Recognize that a number of sets have broken down and have formed lines at the sides of the hall.
2. Place the dancing squares into lines that

are in normal boy/girl arrangement

Give the command "EVERYBODY" go forward and back" in a bold voice which is the command for the broken squares to enter into the dance



YOUR EXECUTIVE FOR 2008—2009

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Conveners:

Plus-[Monday]:
Pat & Ralph Coutts
Lucy & Jim Fratoni

A1- [Tuesday]:

Volunteers required

Class/Mainstream-[Thursday]:

Kieth Evans

Note from the
Editor

Please note that Dawn Ragg & Al Berry's phone numbers were incorrect in the September Newsletter. The correct numbers are here.

MEMBERSHIP IS OFF TO A GOOD START

Well, September has come and gone, autumn is upon us, and Waterdown Village Squares are back in full swing. Membership registration is progressing very well, and we currently have 112 members signed up. We also have welcomed 13 new dancers this year

during September, nine who have been attending the Thursday dances on a regular basis. We are also pleased that four of these new dancers have applied for membership already. We hope that the others will find a home here as well. Six more experienced dancers have also

decided to seek membership in our club, and we welcome them. Although there are still a fair number of past members who have not returned yet this year for various reasons, we are hoping they will rejoin us soon.

Submitted by Bill Turnbull



Bill Turnbull— Membership

We are on the web!
www.waterdownvillagesquares.ca

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Forget your cares, dance with the Waterdown Village Squares

UPCOMING EVENTS

Membership dues

If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so in the next two weeks. Club deadline to T&D is October 31st

Halloween Dance Nights

(Orange & Black)

October 27, 28 & 30

Lucky 13 Fall Fantasy Dance

Saturday October 18 In Newmarket hosted by Happy Hoppers with Doug Holmes & callers Dean Fisher & Claude Pelletier and Rounds with Reg Ross

Rounds, Mainstream, Plus & A1

Bob & Betty Beck 40th Anniversary

Saturday October 25 in St Catharines

Dance Plus & Rounds

T & D Joint Dance

Saturday November 1 In Kitchener hosted by Beaux & Belles & T&D

Rounds and Mainstream with Plus tips

Christmas Pot Luck

Monday December 15

All levels

Sing-along with Jim n' Tim [See Jim Lee for details]

RECRUITING: WE WANT YOU

I recently came across a copy of Tim Crawford's keynote speech for the 53rd US Nationals in Denver. Although I cannot imagine or perhaps refuse to consider his suggestion to change the dress code to include spandex, I do think his point that you and I are responsible for recruiting more dancers is a valid one. You can read his speech on his web site <http://home.cogeco.ca/~callertim/>. If you have a few minutes please read his speech and consider his idea of promoting Square Dancing to friends, family and acquaintances. Square Dancing will only survive if we can continue to encourage new dancers. As we all know it is a healthy activity that keeps your mind sharp and brings you fellowship. Let's get out there and bring in the recruits!

Submitted by Tom Petersen

New Year's Eve

Wednesday December 31

All levels



Pumpkins from the past