

OUR NEWS

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Corn Roast—All Levels
Saturday Sept 20
- First T&D dance—Plus,
Rounds and A1 Tips
Saturday October 4 in
Newmarket
- Tuesday dance night
Conveners needed
- Jim Lee back and
healthy

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

We would like to welcome everyone back for another fun year of dancing. We had the Square Dance Doctor check Jim Lee out and he says all is well for him to start calling again. Bill Everett is ready to start another year he informed us so here both callers are ready to go again.

However, we could use volunteers to help with the set-ups before dancing each night. This makes each evening a lot easier for everyone.

We will again have the pay once for a regular dance and come again for another regular dance night that same week for free.

We have extra ladies waiting for men partners. If you know any men square dancers please encourage them to come out. Let any of the Executive know if there are any possibilities.

Welcome to Faye Evenden who has returned from the north and is back to winter in the south again.

Our first Saturday night dance is the Corn Roast on September 20th.

Have a Great Year.

Pat Coutts and Gerry O'Halloran



Our fantastic Presidents

Gerry O'Halloran and Pat Coutts

CORN ROAST ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20

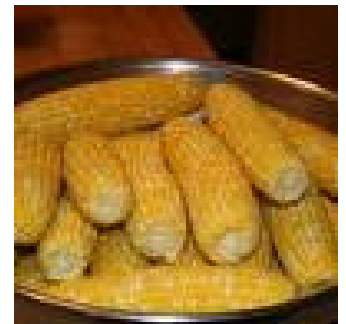
Our annual Corn Roast and Dance is to be held on Saturday September 20th at 8:00 pm

We will be dancing to Wayne Hall for Mainstream, Plus and A1 and the lovely Sharron Hall will cue Rounds.

Mark you calendar now so that

you don't overlook our first big event of the 2008-2009 dancing season.

Remember, we will be eating after the dance! Assuming the weather will hold we will eat out side under the stars.



GRADUATION—THURSDAY APRIL 17 2008

We had a wonderful group of dancers at our Thursday Class / Mainstream dance.

We are very proud of the 7 dancers who graduated on April 17 2008.

Congratulations to:

Betty Dowsett

Bill Dowsett

Janet Saunders

Dianne Cruickshanks

John Cruickshanks

Brent Ellis

Denise Mayes

We are always looking for new people to take up square dancing. As we all know it is an activity that allows exercise of both body and mind not to mention the social interaction. All very important aspects. Square dancing is an international activity and you can travel to

any part of the world and find square dancers. English is always used by callers everywhere.

Remember—new dancers can come to the “Bring your friends” square dances on the Thursdays in September—11th, 18th and 25th for free for their first night.



Bill Everett with the 2007–2008 season graduates

T & D CONVENTION IN ST. CATHERINES—MAY 2008

Your “roving reporter” was at Brock University, May 8, 9 & 10th, where nearly 700 dancers attended the **47th Annual International Square & Round Dance Convention**. I find I enjoy the convention more every year – maybe because I’m getting to appreciate how much work goes into the planning for it! And sitting at the front desk gives you a great opportunity to meet & greet friends. (And I’m finding out that all square dancers are our friends!) Our staff callers and cuers

were among the very best! And we had a great “supporting cast” of volunteer leaders, without whom our dance program could not be complete. Our hosts at Brock were very welcoming and attentive.

The T&D Convention committee is already gearing up for the 2009 International Square & Round Dance Convention, May 7, 8 & 9, 2009. Not only is Waterdown represented on the committee by Ken and

myself, as registrars, but this year Peter & Diana Hill have taken over the job of publishing “Chatter”, the convention newsletter.

If you have never attended the T&D Convention, or if it has been a while since you joined us, please consider going next year – remember that at T&D Convention you can choose to attend for one day, two days, or the full three days. We’ll welcome you there!

Rose Marie Robinson



2008 Convention Banner Carriers

Betty & Bill Dowsett with Lucy & Jim Fratoni

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN LONDON—JULY 2008

Wasn't that a party!!! Our hosts for the **16th CANADIAN NATIONAL SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FESTIVAL** in London, Ontario are to be congratulated on an amazingly successful event. Just under 1,800 dancers attended - and we danced our feet off! There were over 100 volunteer callers and leaders! Some readers may not be aware that at the National

Convention, the callers and leaders are ALL volunteers. They care so deeply about our shared activity that they pay to come to Convention, just like the rest of us, and on top of that they donate their time and talent to entertain us!

The dancing venues were spacious; the accommodations were comfortable and close by. Information was available at

the front desk, both about the dancing and the surrounding tourist area. Those of us who like to sew our own outfits had an opportunity to attend sewing demonstrations, where we learned some little “tricks of the trade”. One room was devoted to the history of dancing and the convention – this is where Jean Allen’s dancing dolls whirled ‘round and ‘round for the enjoyment

of all. Best of all was the opportunity to meet people, renew old acquaintances, and generally have a great time!

If you missed the National Convention this year, don't despair - just get geared up for the next one - the Halifax National Festival 2010. We'll see you there!

Rose Marie Robinson

SANTA CLAUS PARADE—SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29

We need dancers to sign up as volunteers to dance on the float for the Waterdown Santa Claus Parade.

A minimum of 6 couples is required.

We would like everyone to sign up before mid-October otherwise we will not be able to proudly represent our club at this event.

All volunteers return to the church after the parade and

share in chili and hot drinks. Fun is always had by all.

Sign up sheet will be at the events table at the back of the hall.



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Conveners:

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

A1- [Tuesday]:
Volunteers required

Class/Mainstream-[Thursday]:
Kieth Evans

We are still looking for Conveners for Tuesday night dances. If you are able to help please contact a member of the Executive

JIM LEE IS OFF TO PORTUGAL



Fisherman's Beach at Albufeira

Our dear Jim Lee is one of the callers for next year's Hay's trip to The Algarve, Portugal. He is featured in the 23 day holiday to this beautiful place in the sun along with Les and Shirley Greenwood and Lorne and Betty Hay. There is still some spaces left for anyone interested in this trip. See

flyers on the club table.

Watch for the details regarding replacement callers for the time that Jim is away.



Some dancers from a previous trip to Portugal with Hay's Travel

We are on the web!
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Forget your cares, dance with the Waterdown Village Squares

UPCOMING EVENTS

Corn Roast

Saturday September 20 at
8:00 pm

All levels

Corn and Fixins after the
dance

T & D Joint Dance

Saturday October 4 in
Newmarket hosted by
Happy Hoppers & T&D

Plus, Rounds and A1 tips

T & D Joint Dance

Saturday November 1 In

Kitchener hosted by
Beaux & Belles & T&D

*Rounds and Mainstream
with Plus tips*

Waterdown Santa Claus Parade

Saturday November 29

All levels

Christmas Pot Luck

Monday December 15

All levels

Sing-along with Jim n' Tim

[See Jim Lee for details]

New Year's Eve

Wednesday December 31

All levels

Waterdown Village Squares was formed in 1969 by a group of enthusiastic square dancers who organized dances for Mainstream and Club (now Plus) levels at the Memorial Hall in Waterdown. Calling was Ron King, who along with his wife Marg, were the cornerstones of the Club.

Starting a tradition that continues to this day, the '70's were ushered in on New Year's Eve by a dance at the Hall, which was moved to the present site of St. James United Church in December 1970, when Memorial Hall was no longer available.

Also in 1970, Class or Basic was added to the menu under the tutelage of Dave Moss, who was later replaced by Leo Ducharme. In 1976, Jim Lee replaced Ron King and Bill Everett replaced Leo. Jim and Bill continue to call for us.

The A-1 level was added in 1981 and continues as the top level dancing taught and called in Waterdown.

Members come from many surrounding cities, including Hamilton, Brantford, Guelph, Burlington, Mississauga and other communities in the Golden Horseshoe. Our dances and special events welcome all dancers.

Please join us!



Some of our Executive tucking into the excellent corn from the 2007 Corn Roast.

See you all there this year on
Saturday September 20th at
8:00 pm

Corn served after the dance