

# OUR NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

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**W**ell here we are in November, don't know where all the time has gone. The Christmas Pot Luck and New Years will be upon us soon and we will be asking for volunteers to assist on these; hope you can help.

On October 29 we had a group from Royal City Squares, Guelph attend our club to steal our banner. They all came dressed for Halloween along with a lot of our new dancers. Bill

Everett had them dance in a special qualifying square of 16 persons so they could prove they were worthy to steal it. The Presidents and Vice Presidents of Waterdown joined them and boy was it a fun square with lots of laughs. In the future we will need a group of dancers to go to Guelph to reclaim our banner.

It's great to see some of our dancers back whom we haven't seen since the spring. Now cold weather is here we are getting cars winterized and along with

debating flu shots for ourselves so we can dance all winter.

Yellow Rock to you all.

*Ralph & Pat Coutts*



Get your New Year's Dance Tickets NOW—see flyer on our website

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Crime Wave
- Fashion Show
- Christmas Pot Luck around the corner
- New Year's Dance tickets on sale NOW

## MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

**O**ur Annual Membership Campaign is winding down for this year, with the main batch of registrations having been forwarded to T & D on October 31st. Including our callers (and spouse), we have 145 members registered with us for this season, down slightly from last year. However, the good news is we have 17 new Class dancers who have signed on as members. Congratulations

and welcome.

The new insurance cards should be arriving in the next couple of weeks, and will be forwarded to you. New Membership Lists should also be available shortly.

We have also had numerous requests for

“Hand Squeezing” and “Spinning” warning badges. We have been able to source both of these, and they are now available for sale with either a pin (\$4.00) or magnetic (\$6.00) fastener.

*Bill & Corinne Turnbull*



**T&D AND WATERDOWN VILLAGE SQUARES JOINT DANCE**

We welcomed dancers from as far away as North Bay and Peterborough on November 7th, when Waterdown hosted a T&D "Joint Dance". Our host caller, Jim Lee, and Wayne and Sharron Hall called and cued us through an afternoon and evening of fun, followed by delicious snacks provided by our club members. Everyone enjoyed having Dave Williamson, T&D President, join us for



the afternoon and early

evening, bringing greetings on behalf of T&D.

A highlight of the day for me was a workshop



of "Grand Sweep", lead by Wayne Hall. I am told that this call was an experimental series of moves that never actually made it to the Caller Lab list, but Wayne did a great job of teaching us - although, if Jim started calling it at regular dances I'd need a "refresher"!

The joint dances are a great opportunity for our clubs and our dancers. T&D takes care of



the publicity, and T&D callers and cueders volunteer their services - dramatically decreasing costs, and giving us a chance to dance with different callers. The next T&D dances will be held March 6th and April 3rd, 2010 - so watch for flyers, and plan to attend!

-Rose Marie Robinson



**T & D DISTRICT SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION NEWS**

As you know, our club has agreed to sponsor a T&D Convention Fashion Show at our 2010 Convention, to be held Sat. May 8th, 2010. In order to put together a Fashion Show, we need to have a committee in place and be planning the show as soon as possible.

I very much appreciate offers from a number of dancers, who are

prepared to print tickets, sell tickets, donate door prizes, etc. Our immediate concern, however, is to find a person or people who will work with us in a couple of functions:

- 1) finding appropriate music, recording it and attending to play it back as accompaniment to the show; and
- 2) planning suitable stage

decorations, constructing or arranging the set-up prior to the fashion show, and taking it down following the show.

These people are not expected to work alone - if you can act as the committee chairperson, we will work with you and find other dancers who are "happy to help"!

Of course, I also need

dancers who are interested in modeling their favourite square or round-dance outfit or helping out as "runners" at the show.

If you can help us in any of these jobs, please contact me by November 27th. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about the fashion show.

-Rose Marie Robinson

**CRIME WAVE IN WATERDOWN**

**T**welve hoodlums disguised themselves to join in with the Thursday night dancers on October 29. They were dressed up as hippies, a Greek dancer, a cowgirl, farm hands, a French maid and a couple of them were definitely females but felt that if they painted on a moustache and wore a hat and men's clothing they would not be recognized. They eventually absconded with the Waterdown Village



Square banner. We were expecting a visit from the Royal City Squares from Guelph but they never showed up. Investigators now suspect that the Royal City Squares inquiry was just a ruse to put us at ease.

Fortunately photos of the dancers were taken and if you

recognize anyone in the photos please contact a member of the executive. We are planning to invade the Royal City Squares club in the near future to see if we can find any clues to the whereabouts of our treasured banner.

- Tom Petersen



**YOUR EXECUTIVE FOR 2008-2009**

**Presidents:**

Ralph Coutts & 905.822.8045  
Pat Coutts

**Secretary :**

Dennis Foster 416.621.3897  
Evelyn Scott 905.820.3349

**Conveners:**

**Plus-[Monday]:**  
Volunteers required

**Past President:**

Gerry O'Halloran 905.469.3134

**Publicity**

Tom Petersen & 905.824.4647  
Marion Petersen

**A1- [Tuesday]:**

Volunteers required

**Vice Presidents:**

Ken Robinson & 905.549.0489  
Rose Marie Robinson

**Membership:**

Bill Turnbull & 905.878.9573  
Corinne Turnbull

**Class/Mainstream-[Thursday]:**

Richard & Susan Klement  
Joe & Barb Winer

**Treasurer:**

Bev Barrowcliffe 905.628.9061

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

We are on the web!  
www.waterdownvillagesquares.ca

## WATERDOWN VILLAGE SQUARES

Dances held at:

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2009

#### Christmas Pot Luck

Monday December 14

*All levels*

#### New Year's Eve

Thursday December 31

*All levels*

### 2010

#### Snow Bunny Dance

Saturday January 23

*Class and Mainstream*

#### Beef à la King

Saturday February 20

*Plus & A1*

#### T & D Dance

Saturday March 6 at St. Bartholomew's United Church, 22 Abbey Rd, Brampton

Afternoon 2:00—4:30 pm

Caller: Al Calhoun

Caller: Norm Wilcox

Rounds: Bob & Betty Beck

*Plus & Rounds*

*with A1 tips*

#### A-1 Dance

Saturday March 27

*A1 with A2 tips*

#### T & D Dance

Saturday April 3 at St. Bartholomew's United Church, 22 Abbey Rd, Brampton

Afternoon 1:30—4:30 pm

Host Caller: Barry Clasper

Caller: Dave Williamson

Caller: Wayne Hall

Rounds: Sharron Hall

Rounds: Bob & Betty Beck

*Fun Plus & Rounds*

#### GRADUATION

Thursday April 15

*All levels welcome*

#### Hoedown & AGM

Thursday April 22

*All levels*

#### T & D Convention

May 6, 7, 8 2010

*All levels*

#### Halifax National Festival

July 29, 30 & 31 2010

*All levels*

#### Summer Magic

Aug 27, 28, 29 2010

*All levels Mainstream thru C-1 and Rounds*

## SQUARE DANCING IS A CONTACT SPORT

Recently we were dancing at another club and we were learning some new moves that involved a chain through. After one particularly involved manoeuvre I noticed the square next to us completely stop and a couple of dancers leave the square midway through the tip. After completing the tip I learned that one of the dancers in the broken down square had twisted his back and was in considerable pain. It turns out that he and his partner in the move had a difference of opinion on which way to turn during the move and because the partner had a hand lock on him the net result was a painful back injury. Fortunately after a few days of sleeping on the floor and some heavy medication, the injured dancer was able to return to dancing.

Although square dancing is a contact sport there is no need to latch on to your partner and hang on for dear life. In a promenade the beau should hold their hands extended with the palms up and the belles hold their hands extended with the palms down. A light touch with just the two palms meeting is all that is required. In a wave with the hands held up and flat again just a light touch with the palms meeting is all that is needed. Keep in mind we are not setting up to do an arm wrestle. There is no need to cup the hand around and lock thumbs.

Enjoy your dancing but keep it light.

- Tom Petersen