

# WATERDOWN VILLAGE SQUARES

NEWSLETTER



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*Founded in 1969*

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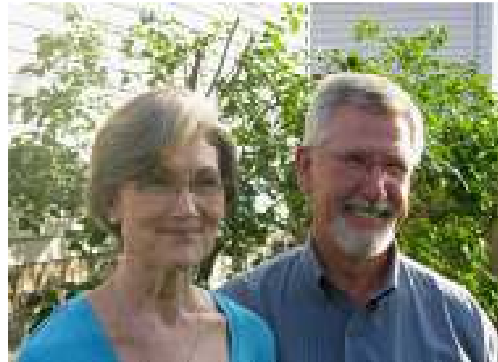
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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:**

As I write this column, there is a distinct autumn chill in the air – not something we've been familiar with this summer! We've enjoyed the gardening, the travel, the sun and sand – all of the summer activities that are so precious, because our warm weather lasts such a short time. It's sad to see the summer pass, but at the same time I experience a sense of anticipation. September is a time of beginnings: kids begin a new school year, we begin a new season of our familiar routines - and it's a great time to introduce new dancers to square-dancing!

Ken and I are beginning our term as President couple of Waterdown Village Squares. We thank Pat & Ralph Coutts, our Past-Presidents, for all of their hard work over the past few years, and we are looking forward to working with them and with the other members of our new executive for 2011-2012.

We are very fortunate to be a part of such a successful organization, particularly at a time when many clubs are struggling. Of course, the executive is not solely responsible for our club's success – we rely on our membership for ideas and support, and we know that we can count on our dancers for help whenever it is needed.



Our Publicity couple, Bill & Carol Marsh, have worked hard during the summer to produce and distribute New Dancer flyers. They have been posted at various locations throughout the area. Articles have also been submitted to numerous local papers. We hope to have a good response to our publicity efforts, but WE NEED YOU!

We encourage our members to help "spread the word" and to invite at least one new couple to a FREE night of dancing, beginning Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. That's when dancing starts, for another great year at Waterdown Village Squares!

**Waterdown Village Squares recently received a special award – see page 4.**

*Ken & Rose Marie Robinson*

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VICE PRESIDENTS  
JAMIE WHITEWOOD & SUE GAETAN

## GRADUATION 2011

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 was our Graduation Night. Waterdown Village Squares had 16 graduates this year! We are very proud of all of them. Many thanks to our Basic/Mainstream caller, Bill Everett.



**Back Row** Irene Forbes - Barry Christie - Genevieve Schmidt - Laura Proctor - Mark Proctor (left to right) The Presidents - John Cassidy - Nancy O'Neil - Marlene Beltrame - Carolyn Andrews

**Front Row** Bill Everett (caller) - Tom Waugh - Kathy Horak – Judy Basset (left to right)

**Missing** Bob Dugdale - Gayle Lewis - Carolyn Ponsford - Gabe Basset



## AGM and HOEDOWN 2011

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 our Hoedown started with a delicious pot luck supper, followed by our Annual General Meeting. The meeting informed members of how we were doing financially and also to vote in the new executive for 2011/2012. After the meeting everyone danced to Bill Everett and Jimmy Lee. We also enjoyed dancing to guest caller, Sue Gaetan, singing Mary Ann Regrets. Great job!



## *THE MANY FACES OF DON WOODS*

Most of you know Don Woods as an accomplished square dancer (since 1972) and the leader of our annual Christmas Carol sing-song. He is also extremely proud of his 1982 **Chief YellowRocker** award. All of these are admirable talents, but as you might have guessed, they are not among his most notable achievements.

Don got his Bachelor's degree from Queens University (1957), his Masters from the University of Wisconsin (1958), and his PhD from the University of Wisconsin (1961).

Don taught at McMaster University from 1964 up until his retirement in 2000. During that time, he published numerous papers, received many awards and was presented with honorary doctoral degrees from McMaster, Queens and Guelph.

Don's reputation is that of an innovator in both chemical engineering and learning. He is recognized internationally as an academic scholar in teaching, research and administration. Don was keenly interested in improving student learning, trouble shooting, decision making and problem solving.

This past April, Don travelled to Oklahoma State University to receive a very prestigious award, the ConocoPhillips lectureship for outstanding contributions to Chemical Engineering education. This award was first presented in 1967 and Don is the first Canadian to receive it. His award winning talk, "Ideas to Measure and Rewards to Improve Student Learning" will be distributed to over 2,000 faculty in Chemical Engineering across North America.

In 2010 Don and his wife Diane, published a local history book called "The Mills of Waterdown, the growth of an Ontario village 1790 to 1915". It was so popular it has already sold out, but is available for reading at the Waterdown Public Library.

Among other things, Don and Diane enjoy helping out with the St. James Church Senior Lunches and spending time with their five grandchildren.

Diane is an accomplished weaver and is heavily involved in the Ontario Handweavers and Spinners organization, which was established in 1956 to promote fibre arts and arouse public interest in the craft. Recently Diane's weaving creations won three awards.

The Woods love travelling and have visited such places as New Zealand, the High Arctic, Tanzania, Newfoundland-Labrador and Tahiti. This past June, to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, they went on a 20-day Alaskan cruise, which included a side trip to the Yukon.

So next time you're in Don's square, you'll be dancing with a scholar, an author, a world traveller, a loving husband, father and grandfather, and of course – an award winning Yellow Rocker.



# OUR CALLERS



**Bill Everett - Mainstream & Class**



**Jimmy Lee - A1 & Plus**

Below, are three web sites that show you how to execute the many square dance calls. They have proven invaluable to many dancers that just want to review some steps before heading off to a dance session, learn steps that they missed while off sick or practice a particular move that is giving them problems.

<http://www.saddlebrookesquares.com/lessonindex.htm>

<http://www.tamtwirlers.org/taminations/info/index.htm>

<http://www.squaredancecd.com/sdance.htm>

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!** Waterdown Village Squares won "Best Float" at the 2011 Dundas Cactus Festival Parade! Way to Go, Waterdown!!! Thanks go to Rose Marie & Ken Robinson and Gerry Fuchs for creating the float, all the dancers and Bill & Carol Marsh for handing out flyers and chatting with the crowd.



9 of the 17 Cactus Parade dancers  
**Caller - Jim Lee**

## Getting to Know your Corner

Each time we "square up" to dance, we are usually with a different group of people - and more often than not, we know very little about those people and what interesting lives each of them lead. With that in mind, we hope to include a short article about one of our fellow square dancers in each issue of this newsletter.

It can be a brief biography, a humorous tale, a good deed or an uplifting story.

So put on your thinking caps and write a short article about yourself, your dance partner or a fellow dancer and send it, plus a photo to Carol and Bill Marsh. [w.marsh@shaw.ca](mailto:w.marsh@shaw.ca)

## TORONTO & DISTRICT SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION (“T&D”)

We were very pleased to see a good turnout of Waterdown Village Squares at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our International Square & Round Dance Convention on May 12, 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The staff included Jerry & Bonnie Callen and Curt & Tammy Worlock, Tim Crawford, Charlie McClure, Tom Miller, Jeff Priest, and **our own Jim Lee!** Everyone had a good time dancing with the staff and with the many volunteer callers and cuers.

We are particularly proud of the number of our “graduates” who attended the **Graduate Festival!** We’re sure that with Bill’s able instruction they were well prepared for what, for many, would be their first experience dancing to different callers.

**JOINT DANCES:** Throughout the square-dancing year, Toronto & District Square and Round Dance Association co-hosts dances with clubs in the T&D area – often referred to as “Joint Dances”. **T&D callers and cuers volunteer** their time for joint dances, and these are great opportunities to visit other clubs, dance to a variety of callers, and meet new friends!

On **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**, **Otonabee Squares** will host the first joint dance of the season at Westdale United Church in Peterborough. This dance will be Basic and Mainstream with Plus tips. Round-dancing from 2:00 – 2:30, followed by squares and rounds 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

On **November 5<sup>th</sup>**, **Waterdown Village Squares** will host an afternoon and evening dance. The level of dance is Plus and A-1, with A-2 tips.

Flyers for these dances will be available at the club dances, or may be accessed on the T&D website, [www.td-dance.ca](http://www.td-dance.ca) We hope that our membership will support these events!

Rose Marie & Ken Robinson



**JUST A REMINDER**  
**Since square dancing**  
**involves a lot of hand**  
**touching it is important**  
**to wash your hands**  
**regularly or use the hand**  
**sanitizer at the back of**  
**the hall.**

### **Bill & Carol Marsh say thanks.**

We would like to thank Tom and Marion Petersen for helping out the “rookies” (us) with the publicity position. Being new at this is quite a challenge, but following in their footsteps is next to impossible. Thanks also to Rose Marie and Ken for their guidance and assistance. And thanks to Doug White who is always eager to lend us a helping hand.

Submissions for this newsletter must be sent to Bill & Carol Marsh 14 days prior to the next month’s publication. Email: [w.marsh@shaw.ca](mailto:w.marsh@shaw.ca) Phone: 905-388-6160

# Waterdown Village Squares

Dances held at:  
St. James United Church  
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Waterdown, Ontario

[www.waterdownvillagesquares.ca](http://www.waterdownvillagesquares.ca)

Email: [rwoodley000@sympatico.ca](mailto:rwoodley000@sympatico.ca)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Bring-a-friend square dancing**

Thursdays, September 8, 15, 22, 29

### **Rockton Fair** October 7 to 10

Square dancing demonstration  
For info. see Bev Barrowcliffe

### **Used square dancing apparel sale**

October 20, 24 & 25

### **Joint WVS/T&D Dance**

Saturday, Nov. 5 Plus & A-1 levels

### **Christmas Pot Luck Dance**

Thursday, December 12 All levels

### **New Years Eve Dance**

Saturday, Dec. 31 Mainstream & up

## **YOUR EXECUTIVE FOR 2011 - 2012**

### **Presidents:**

Ken Robinson &  
Rose Marie Robinson  
519-448-3842

### **Vice Presidents:**

Jamie Whitewood 905-878-4005  
Sue Gaetan 905-878-3052

### **Past Presidents:**

Ralph Coutts &  
Pat Coutts  
905-822-8045

### **Treasurer:**

Bev Barrowcliffe  
905-628-9061

### **Secretaries:**

Dennis Foster 416-621-3897  
Evelyn Scott 905-820-3349

### **Membership:**

Bill Turnbull &  
Corinne Turnbull  
905-878-9573

### **Publicity:**

Bill Marsh &  
Carol Marsh  
905-388-6160

### **Convenors: Plus (Mond)**

Ken & Fran Welch  
Roy & Lucy Bower

### **Convenors: A-1 (Tues)**

Bunty & Mary Smith  
Frank & Aini Anderson

### **Convenors: Class/Mainstream (Thurs)**

Mark & Laura Proctor  
Joe & Barb Winer  
Peter Playford

### **Callers:**

**Jim Lee:** Plus & A1  
**Bill Everett:** Class &  
Mainstream