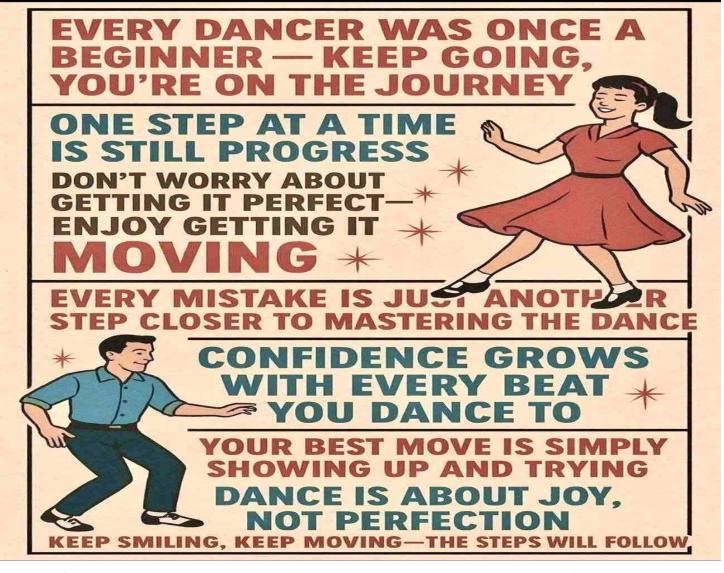
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We welcome letters, articles, advertisements and almost anything dance related. Each member club is encouraged to send us their news, and tell us about themselves. Separate text and pictures, please. Text is reformatted to present a uniform appearance and pictures have to be extracted. Please send them to SquareTimeEditor@eosarda.ca.

Next issue...

The next issue will be December 2025. Deadline for submission November 30.

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We are always looking for new directors to be on the board, so we would be delighted to have your help. We also have committee members who are not directors, but fill important rolls.

Message from the President

Trillium Awards

We began the new dance year with the welcome news that the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation has awarded Trillium Awards to several of our members.

Charlene and Ron Gardner have been awarded the Trillium Merit Award Ardele and Tom Mesman have been awarded the Trillium Long Service Award and Mary and Bernie Power have been awarded Trillium Long Service Award. Plans are underway to formally present the recipients with their awards later in the season.

The square and round dance movement relies on the hard work and dedication of many volunteers. The Trillium Awards are one way to recognize their contribution. We will soon be looking for Trillium Award nominees for 2026. Do you know someone who might qualify for either a Merit Award or a Long Service Award? Check out the criteria for these awards and instructions on applying on our web site at http://www.eosarda.ca/associations/eosarda_Trillium_Awards.php

Return to Dancing

Sing to me, Autumn, with the rustle of your leaves. Breathe on me your spicy scents that flow within your breeze. Dance with me, Autumn

We are balanced on the edge of an exciting new Dance Year.

It is too soon to know how may experienced dancers have returned, nor do we have a count of new dancers though there are surely some --- hopefully many? Clubs are holding Open Houses; summer rust is cascading from our returning dancers; and our newest dancers are trying to figure out right from left.

Now we wait with baited breath for clubs to submit their registration numbers. Last year we increased our membership slightly. Was this a blip or the start of a trend? Time will tell. But if

the dedication and energy of our volunteers and Directors and the enthusiasm of our dancers is any indication, it's going to be a great year!

The Board's "Summer Recess"

Clubs may be just starting up again but for EOSARDA's Board of Directors it has been a busy summer:

Our Registrar has redesigned the registration package to take the new fee structure into account and has ensured that all clubs have received the new documents

An Assistant Treasurer has been recruited and is preparing to replace the current Treasurer Publicity Committee has had a busy summer working with a number of clubs on Project Fair Squares, designed to promote local clubs at local fairs and events across the region,

A new, revitalized Dance Committee has implemented an ambitious regional dance program Club Liaison Committee restructured itself over the summer months with a new Committee Chair, several new members and lots of good ideas.

EOSARDA hit the dance floor swinging with a new (annual?) Autumn feature, the Welcome Back Dance. Held in Prescott on a beautiful September day, it was billed as the first dance of the new dance year. Eighty-five dancers from all corners of our region - and a few from outside the region - heeded the call to dance the day away. A good time was had by all.

So now we get down to the serious business of having fun on the dance floor. I look forward to seeing you in a square some time soon.

Dave Western President EOSARDA president@eosarda.ca

Message from the Editor

At the last board meeting, I resigned as Chair of Club Liaison. I will only be looking after Square Time. Margaret and I no longer dance and I feel it is important that board members are participating in our activity.

Do you have club badges from a club that no longer exists? I am planning to do articles on clubs that no longer dance. If you have badges or other historic material, and would like to share, please take a picture and send it along. I have a long list of clubs that have danced in our area over the years.

I am still waiting for articles to include in our *How We Got Here* column. This should be a paragraph or two about how you got interested in dancing and how it has affected your life.

I want to thank Gloria Bateman of the Swallows for her much appreciated proof reading and editing skills.

Gerry Johnson

Square Time Editor

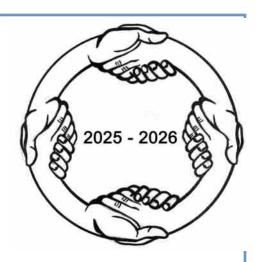
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Hello Danglers!

Happy Fall! I am sure that you are looking forward to another incredible dance season!

As a reminder, the best way for any dancer to become stronger is to dance more often, and visiting another club is a great way to do this. A different caller or cuer will present things in a slightly different way and this is a fabulous way to improve your skills!

We want to remind all dancers about the EOSARDA Visit Dangle program!



So how do I earn a dangle???

Check out <u>Calendar</u> on <u>eodance.ca</u>) to see what is up and coming for September to December and beyond! Remember that we made changes to the Visit Dangle Program to make it THAT much easier for you to track and participate!

We have removed the requirement to obtain a signature to verify that a dancer did participate.

Attendance at any club other than the club where the dancer pays the EOSARDA registration fee qualifies. This also includes dancers who may dance with a second or third club on a regular basis - limited to one visit per club.

Attendance at any workshop, special event, summer dance and/or convention, including outside Canada, also counts in the Visit Dangle Program.

To obtain your dance dangle:

Complete the required number of visits during a single dance year. No signatures are required. Submit your completed application_form to dancedangles@eosarda.ca on or before September 30 of the next dance year.

Let's get those forms rolling in and increase the number of dancers who will earn their dangles for 2024-2025!

Not sure how the program works? Send an email to dancedangles@eosarda.ca and I will be happy to chat with you.

See you on the dance floor!

Michelle Gravelle



At the recent meeting of the EOSARDA Board, Lamar presented a report about the Fair Squares Project and most of that info is included here.

The clubs that participated in Fair Squares are the Glengarry Tartans, Cornwall Swinging B's, Ottawa Date Squares, Meri Squares, Kingston Limestone Dancers, Quinte Twirlers and Russell Square Dance. Pembroke Swinging Swallows was originally to be part of the project but had to cancel their two events due to a lack of dancers for the demonstrations.

All of the participating clubs received at least one backpack. EOSARDA still has two left over. A couple of clubs supplemented the backpack with additional items to make them more attractive. To date, most clubs have indicated that the backpack was useful in collecting contact information.

While 7 clubs participated in the Fair Squares project, only 5 requested magnets. Feedback from those clubs indicate that they were not overly useful, mainly because they contained generic information rather than club-specific information. The idea of distributing them widely for future reference seems to have taken second place to the interest in materials advertising current club events. EOSARDA has LOTS of magnets undistributed. These will be used perhaps for a future EOSARDA-sponsored event. Clubs have been advised that they may keep any remaining magnets for their own future use if they wish.

A couple of years ago, EOSARDA created a new tri-fold brochure providing general information on square dancing that has been used in previous EOSARDA recruitment activities and made available to clubs. Two clubs requested these brochures as part of the Fair Squares project. Additional copies were printed.

EOSARDA also worked to support clubs requiring extra dancers. While we were unable to provide enough non-club volunteers for the Swinging Swallows in Pembroke, extra dancers were recruited for the Glengarry Tartans and Russell Squares. In addition, all three clubs in the Kingston area - Limestone, Quinte Twirlers and Napanee Pioneers - worked together on a couple of recruitment events, directing interested persons to the club closest to them. The Glengarry Tartans and the Cornwall Swinging B's also worked collaboratively on an event. The Ottawa Dates Squares hosted a dance for all levels and all clubs on August 23 followed by an open dance for newcomers in the afternoon. Both events were well attended.

While this was not a specific goal of Fair Squares, it is great to see clubs supporting each other in their efforts to promote square dancing and attract new dancers.

At this time, the number of new dancers recruited is not available. With the main goal of Fair Squares being a 10% increase in overall EOSARDA registration, we will have to wait to see if that objective has been achieved.

From Lamar Mason's Report to EOSARDA Board of Directors Meeting, September 2025

Attention Club Presidents and/or Treasurers

Did you know that EOSARDA has set aside \$3000 to assist member Clubs with new dancer recruitment expenses and that you are eligible for up to \$300 each year? Here are the details.

- Applications are usually submitted during the month of October, but can also be submitted at other times i.e. if a Club is SSD and has a second class in January, they can apply a second time.
- These funds are allocated on a first come, first served basis and applications must include copies of receipts. They are generally submitted in October as these expenses generally occur at the start of the dance season.
- Eligible expenses must be over and above the club's normal operating expenses advertising, printing costs, caller, etc.
- Simply fill out the Application Form attached to this article or download it here:
 https://www.eodance.ca/associations/
 eosarda_form_reimburse_4_club_promotion.pdf, attach the receipts for all expenses being claimed and then email all documents as pdf's to financialsupport@eosarda.ca
- The Club Liaison committee will review all applications for completeness and will ensure that they meet all applicable criteria. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant with an explanation and may be resubmitted later.
- Once approved, the treasurer is notified and authorized to proceed with payment.

Full details can be found at: https://eodance.ca/associations/eosarda financial support.php

There are also funds available **from Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation Recruitment Bursary**. Although this program functions independently from EOSARDA's subsidy program, application MUST be submitted to EOSARDA for verification and will then be forwarded for processing to the Federation. They are not sent directly to the Federation. This application may be made at the same time as an application for an EOSARDA subsidy.

Criteria for Approving Clubs for the Recruitment Bursary Program;

- Caller Fees are not to be included.
- Must possess an outstanding, organized and well-planned member recruitment program;
- Must show evidence of going beyond the call of duty by utilizing unusual or creative ways of recruiting new members (For Example: by doing more than just handing out occasional flyers.);
- Must have a system for gathering contact information from potential new recruits for the purpose of doing follow up calls (For Example: draws for free instruction);
- Must complete and submit an evaluation of the Recruitment Program and determine what worked and what did not.
- Must provide detailed receipts for money spent. It is advantageous to include copies of flyers, local newspaper advertisements, social media promotions, etc.

Complete the Federation Recruitment Bursary Application form available from the Federation link in https://squaredance.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/recruitment-application.pdf.

If yo/u have questions - please email financialsupport@eosarda.ca.

The Welcome Back Dance

On Saturday, September 13, EOSARDA's Dance Committee kicked off Dance Year 2025/26 with the first-ever Welcome Back Dance, held at St. Andrews Church in Prescott.

The dance was intended:

- to give experienced dancers the opportunity to refresh their skills in a fun atmosphere before welcoming and assisting new dancers into the start of a new season;
- to attract as many dancers as possible through a convenient location and multiple levels of dance; and
- to have a FUN and financially successful dance that members would look forward to in the coming years.

The event featured:

- a large hall for SSD/Basic to Plus and a smaller hall for A1-A2
- Callers, Dave Hutchinson and Brian Crawford
- Guest Callers: Geoff Clarke, Laird Green, JM Robichard, Leo Mac Intyre, Mary Thurston
- all day dancing with the option of attending only the morning or afternoon session
- two donated door prizes
- an unlimited supply of Coffee, Tea, Water, fruit and baked goods
- dancers were encouraged to bring their own lunches.

Eighty-three dancers from 14 clubs attended the dance, a notable increase from EOSARDA dances in 2024. The clubs in attendance included:

Glengarry Tartans Alexandria **Grenville Gremlins** Kemptville **Harbour Lites** Prescott Lift Lock Squares Peterborough Limestone Squares Kingston Lockits Carleton Place

Meri Squares Ottawa

Mississippi Squares Carleton Place Napanee Pioneers Napanee Ottawa Date Squares Ottawa **Quinte Twirlers** Belleville Swinging B's Cornwall Swinging Swallows Pembroke **Swing Stars** Montreal)

When broken down by dance level as identified by the dancers, there were:

7 SSD/Basic dancers 15 Mainstream dancers

32 Plus dancers

28 Advanced dancers

1 C3A dancer

Dancers had lots of positive and encouraging comments with many requests to do it again next year. The atmosphere was friendly, comfortable and FUN. The callers were energetic and entertaining and received an end of day cheer from the dancers.

The success of this Dance reflects the hard work and commitment of the members of EOSARDA's Dance Committee. Sincere thanks are extended to the committee members, volunteers and EOSARDA Directors, whose collective efforts made this event possible. Special recognition goes to Lamar Mason and her kitchen elves.

DID YOU KNOW that YOU and your dance club are members of a vast not for profit square & round dance community in Canada? AND that each is run by volunteers!

Brought to you by the EOSARDA Club Liaison Committee – Creating Awareness #1

Note: the following is a short summary only. For more info visit the posted websites below.

Your Club is a member of EOSARDA- and EOSARDA is a member of both OSRDF & CSRDS



EOSARDA www.eosarda.ca

EOSARDA is our regional organization supporting clubs in Eastern Ontario. Our goal is to promote dancing as a healthy, friendly, social activity. We support clubs with recruitment of new dancers, caller training and numerous other endeavours. Locally, your association coordinates a variety of activities including sponsoring EOSARDA open dances as opportunities to mingle with dancers from ≈20 EOSARDA clubs.

Association Membership ≈578



www.squaredance.on.ca

To encourage the growth and advancement of the square and round dance movement within Ontario by:

- providing assistance in the organization, development and promotion of clubs and associations;
- encouraging the development of square and round dance callers, cuers, and leaders;
- Financial programs are able through a variety of bursaries & grants.







CANADIAN SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE SOCIETY

CSRDS Our Mission Www.csrds.ca

As a central focal point for the Canadian square and round dance movement it supports worthwhile projects that further square and round dancing in Canada. It also negotiates the liability insurance policy that is required by many of the venues used by the Club for dances & classes. They also assist in the planning of the biennial National Square & Round Dance Convention, which attracts dancers from across North America and the world. The next one is in July 2026 in Penticton, BC

Society Membership ≈4,556



Crazy A's

J.A. Dulude Arena, 941 Clyde Ave, Ottawa Fridays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM Wendy VanderMeulen



The report I submitted for the Square Time just before summer break ended like this:

"... now we're into summer break so we'll forget everything again. Poor John. He will have to retrain us all over again, come September. (Dancers' reaction: ;

John's reaction: !!"

Yep. That was pretty much "right on the money." But, we have only been dancing three times so far, and some of our dancers are still on holidays and haven't been out with us yet. Once they're back, we'll feel like we're back to normal and things will pick up.

We were fortunate on September 26 to welcome some German visitors to our ranks. They were passing through (from Huntsville to Montreal – but they DID stay one night in Ottawa[Gatineau]) and it was a pleasure to have them with us. Afterward, some of us went to Boston Pizza for a social time and supper. Isn't it great when people from other countries have this connection with us that makes them feel free to contact total strangers and invite themselves over knowing that they will be SO welcome!

Club News The Glengarry Tartans Alexandria

we were invited to showcase square dancing at two fun events this summer. Note: You must love square dancing to dance outdoors in 40°C weather! Many thanks to Wendy for always making our dances fun!









And now it's time to enjoy Fall Square Dancing Parties!

Hope to see you at this one.



Your Invitation to

Our Annual Falling Leaves & the Canadian Tartan

EVENT

Sunday, October 19, 2025 2:00-4:30pm with Caller Brian Crawford

Glengarry Sports Palace 170 McDonald Blvd, Alexandria, Ontario

Fun dancing for everyone

Basic/SSD Full Mainstream & Plus

Featuring a demo & dance with the Roadhouse Line Dancers

Join the Party! \$10.00



Bring a guest(a non dancer) for \$5

Harvest Basket Door prize

Handmade Fleece Blanket draw & share the wealth

Charcuterie, salads, pumpkin & apple pie!

Carole & Bernie Lauzon 613-931-1783

Club News — Limestone Dancers – Kingston



LIMESTONE SQUARE DANCE CLUB starting a new season of Square Dance

I hope that some of you found some chances to dance during the summer.

I was blessed to be able to dance twice a week in North Fredericksburgh Hall with Dave Hutchinson. Wednesday evenings catered more to the recent graduates and taking them a few steps further in the program of steps to learn. We had 3 or 4 squares most nights. Thursday nights catered to those learning advanced and most nights we had two squares. Those in attendance travelled from Peterborough, Ajax, Belleville, Kingston and Lansdowne, just to name a few.

I don't know about the rest of you but I need to keep things moving or I get rusty in more ways than one.

Kingston hosted a couple of demo dances at local fairs to try to let people know that square dance is still happening but mostly to show people how much fun we have while dancing. We also showed them that we are not just dancing to country music but there are songs that come from all types of music. On Aug 16th we were at the Odessa Fair Grounds and on September 13th we were at the Kingston Fair Grounds. Turn out at the Odessa Fair was poor for all events because we were in the middle of the summer heat wave. Kingston Fair Ground demo was after school had started so there were lots of young adults out and some of them danced and then gathered up more friends and came back for another fun experience.

The hope, of course, is that this will translate into feet on the floor in the gymnasium that we dance in every Thursday. Time will tell.

Some of the Kingston Dancers helped Napanee with their demos just as they helped us with ours.





Our first evening of our new season both Napanee and Kingston used a bracelet to make people feel welcome. In Kingston, I personally greeted everyone who came in the door and placed a glow stick bracelet on their left wrist. As I placed this bracelet on them, I said, "Square Dancers traditionally have trouble knowing their left from their right and therefore I am placing this on your left wrist so that you will be able to identify quickly the left arm. It is a glow in the dark bracelet so that when you step out into the parking lot, your wrist will glow and remind you of all the fun you had here tonight"

It was a great way to connect with each person and help them feel welcomed. It was wonderful to see each of our returning members, brand new faces and those who danced many years ago and have decided to give dancing another try.

I am looking forward to building bonds and continuing to build a strong club.

One of the exciting things in the near future is the New Year's Eve Gala being planned jointly by Belleville, Kingston and Napanee clubs. It will be fun to work together and to share New Year's Eve with Square Dancing Friends.

Submitted by Noreen Peters (President)



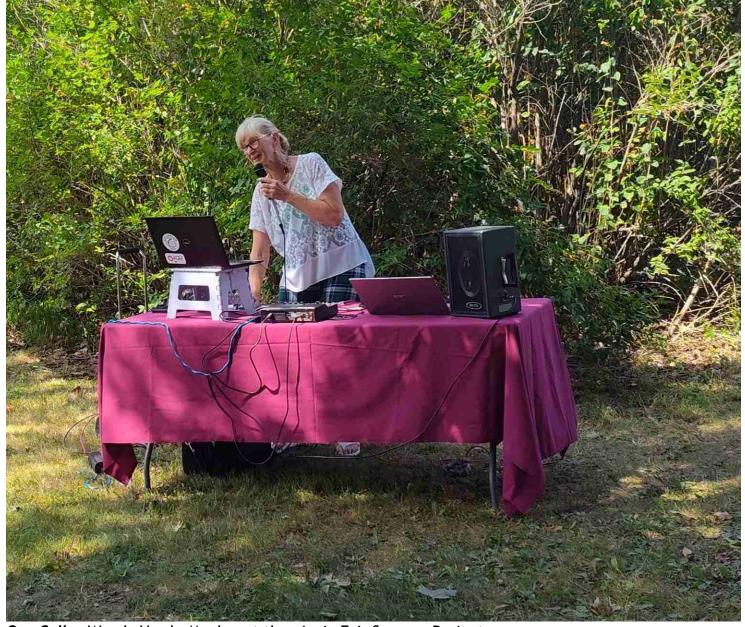
Club News — Meri Squares

Meri Squares continued dancing over the summer, holding once-a-month dances in May, June, July, and August. The dancers were happy to keep all those moves fresh in their minds so they weren't so rusty come September! Thanks to John Charman for calling.



Meri Squares Picnic at Britannia Park

Meri Squares celebrated its annual Summer Picnic on August 9 at Britannia Park. Wendy VanderMeulen and John Charman called to dancers on the grass. It was a HOT day but about 20 members enjoyed a light lunch, conversation, and relaxing on a beautiful summer day.



Our Caller Wendy VanderMeulen at the picnic Fair Squares Project

Meri Squares held three events in conjunction with EOSARDA's Fair Squares project to promote square dancing. We participated in two community booth exhibits; one at the Parkdale Farmers Market and the other at the Westboro Farmers Market. Over all the exposure was good! However, our biggest success came from a square dance Demo on the Saturday of the long weekend, held also at the Westboro Market. We had lots of people participate from the crowd while Meri Squares members were "working the crowd". We handed out lots of door hangers advertising our open houses. There was lots of fun energy happening!

Wendy VanderMeulen did a fantastic job! The Demo was the main reason that people attended our open houses



Westboro Demo on Labour Day Weekend



Gerry and Colleen from Meri Squares at Parkdale Farmers Market

Meri Squares returned to dancing with a new SSD group at the Dulude Arena on Tuesday evenings and Plus dancers at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Thursdays. This year we are welcoming lots of enthusiastic dancers to our Plus Teach on Thursday nights. John is walking everyone through the new moves and it looks like there will be lots of new faces in the Plus room at upcoming dances!

Submitted by John Emond

Club News Mississippi Squares

Welcome to our initial Mississippi Squares club news article for the 2025 - 2026 season. In case you didn't know, this will be our 40th year of square dancing here in Carleton Place and our plan is to have yet another great year of tripping the light fantastic amid the dulcet tones emanating from Brian! To celebrate, we'll be holding a Mississippi Squares 40th Anniversary Dance in the spring and you are all invited. We're currently still in the early planning stages for this event but will be keeping you posted on our progress and passing on the finalized when and where details in upcoming issues of Square Time.

Before immersing you in some exciting reportage of this year's Mississippi Squares opening night events, it might be worth noting several club-related items of interest from last year.

First, we'd like to let folks know that due to the high degree of financial success experienced by our club during the 2024 - 2025 season, we were able to provide the following charitable donations as part of the closing the books procedure for that year:
1. North Lanark Home Hospice - \$500.00;

2. Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation - \$500.00;

3. Lanark County Food Bank - \$500.00;

4. Hand Truck for Beckwith Township for moving chairs at our dance hall - \$169.50.

Second, congratulations on a job well done to the organizers of the Spring Mainstream Teach Workshop. It contained six weekly sessions of instruction which were very adeptly led by Brian. They ran from Tuesday, May 6th to Tuesday, June 10th. Many thanks as well to Brian for his patience and good humour in meeting the challenges offered due to the high degree of innovative dancing being performed by a number of energetic dancers who didn't let their lack of experience dampen their enthusiasm!

The third item of interest was our Summer Dance held at Brunton Hall on July 25th. As you can see from the following image, inclement weather (a rainy night with attendant thunder and lightning), did not prevent a goodly number of folks from making their way to the hall to enjoy some

dancing.



That concludes discussion of housekeeping details from our previous season and for over the summer. It's now time to commence bringing you up-do-date on what's happened so far this year.

Due to a scheduling conflict at our regular place of meeting, our Mississippi Squares opening night was held on Friday, September 5th this year at Zion-Memorial United Church at 37 Franklin St. in Carleton Place. It was a night of Plus dancing and there was a surprising lack of rust to be found on the floor after we were done. Please note the level of skirt-work expertise being demonstrated by our President, Betty Goodwin!



Our first Tuesday night dance session, an open-house Basic teach and Mainstream event, was held at Brunton Hall on September 16th and was a great success. There were 8+ squares in attendance that night including a total of 23 new dancers. Even more impressive was the fact that on Tuesday, September 23rd at our 2nd Tuesday open-house event, there were 11 additional new dancers in attendance. How many of these will be retained is anyone's guess but Brian's introductory work was exceptional as always so the odds are good that a fair number of these smiling faces will be tempted to continue their introduction to the wonderful world of modern square dancing!

In closing, we would like to issue, as always, a friendly invitation to dancers from any or all of the other member clubs of EOSARDA. If you are ever wondering



what to do with yourself on a Tuesday or Friday night, please feel free to drop in for a fun-filled evening of dancing in Carleton Place. We'd love to see you! We'll be doing Basic and Mainstream on Tuesdays and Plus on Fridays. Please note as well that we are normally dancing at the new hall at 2022 Beckwith Park Lane. On the following Fridays, however, we've been bumped from our usual place of residence: Sept. 19th, Sept. 26th, Nov. 21st, Nov. 28th and Dec. 5th. On those nights, you'll find us dancing at Zion-Memorial Church at 37 Franklin St. in Carleton Place.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding anything to do with our club, please feel free to contact our president, Betty Goodwin at 613-256-0551. Another excellent source of information about our club may be found at our Mississippi Square Dance Club website at One Pager | Mississippisquares .

Many thanks to Diane Marsh for supplying all of the images found in this article and to Muriel Hanneson for providing attendance figures for our two open-house nights of dancing for new dancers.

Submitted by Charles Henderson

Club News Napanee Pioneers Square Dance Club







Hello. I am Karen Wilson, the incoming President of the Napanee Pioneers. We have a small, very strong club. We are a connected group of friends.

The Napanee Pioneers were founded in 1966. The name is represented in our badge which depicts a covered wagon. Last year we started to introduce some new ideas. The long-standing members have been very accepting and participate willingly.

I personally square and round danced many years ago with my parents. It was their way of knowing my whereabouts at all times. When I decided to take a break, a very long break from it, I never dreamt I would return 40+ years later. My son just graduated from beginners but not because I need to keep track of him. In my case you can call square dancing a family affair.

The Napanee Pioneers are situated between the Kingston Limestone Square Dancers and the Belleville Quinte Twirlers. We support each other by attending as many demos, weekly dances and special dances as possible.

Last year we reintroduced games at our special dances. It was great to see our caller, Dave Hutchinson and our dancers laughing and having fun. My favorite night was our last dance of the season. We each wore glow stick bracelets and at the end of the evening, the dance hall was in darkness except for one light left on for safety. It was a fun way to end the season.

This year we will still have games, which I already have figured out in my head. Gail Jones from the Quinte Twirlers and I will be doing some line dancing at our special dances. If it goes over well, my future goal is to reintroduce round dancing. One step at a time. I am very lucky that our caller and executive is on board with all my crazy ideas and helps to make them even better.



Kemptville has traditionally had a 'Ring in the New Year' dance every December 31st/New Year's Eve. The Napanee Pioneers, the Kingston Limestone Square Dancers and the Belleville Quinte Twirlers are going to throw one this year as well but in the evening with Dave Hutchinson calling. If you can't get tickets to the Kemptville Dance please come and join us at the North Fredericksburg Hall in Napanee.

Respectfully Submitted by

Karen Wilson, President

Club News — Riverside Gypsy Squares C175

Well, we have come to the end of our season for 2025. We had a great year with callers Bob Summers and Kim Hamilton leading us in squares on the dance floor, and Margaret Thomas and Marguerite Summers leading the line dancing in between the tips.

August was a very warm month. It was also the month for our corn roast. Would you believe our members devoured 8 dozen ears of corn!!! I don't know where they get their appetites.

September was our last campout for the season, and it was very fresh! As I am writing this, the high for today is somewhere around 30*C. At our September campout, the daytime high was about 15*C

We are looking forward to next summer starting in May, and catching up with all of our campers that go south, and those we do not see, for the winter.

We will be recruiting like crazy over the winter as our membership numbers have been dropping for a variety of reasons. We are very hopeful that we will be able to encourage a few new campers to join our group. So if you know of anyone of your camping friends that has a tent or RV of any kind, perhaps you would encourage them to check out the RGS. People can camp with up for up to 2 weekends. After that, we would like them to join the Club.

I have attached a couple of pictures from our July campout where we were dancing in the Pavillion at the Lower Beverley Lake Campground. People looked like they were having lots of fun.

Yellow rocks from the RGS.

Helen MacCallum Club Contact, RGS October 2025







Russell Squares
Saint Mother Teresa School, 1035 Concession St., Russell K4R 1G7
Beginner SSD
Fridays, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Wendy VanderMeulen

Well, our fall session if off to a great start – 22 dancers!

We have a core of 12 dancers whom I hope to have completed the SSD calls by Christmas. Then, the plan is to get them out to open dances ... maybe even the Christmas Dance????

We are in no hurry to get our newer dancers to that point. First, make sure they have fun. THEN urge them on. One step at a time!

In the meantime, if you want to join us – and, help us make 3 squares for the first time!!! – we'd love to see you. But please contact me ahead of time, as we do not dance EVERY Friday...



Square Dance Ottawa Intro to Square Dancing J.A. Dulude Arena, 941 Clyde Ave, Ottawa 4th Sunday of the Month Wendy VanderMeulen

I can't believe that this fall Square Dance Ottawa is heading into the second half of its 4th year of dancing! It just goes to show that there IS a need for people who can't commit to a program of weekly dance lessons to still get out and enjoy square dancing. We don't have huge numbers, but we still have fun – and we still have people come out who have never done it before *every time*.

This summer was interesting because of 2 events: First, we had to cancel the June dance. Remember how HOT it was this summer? Well, the air conditioning in the Dulude Arena was not working for a few days and one of those days was when we were supposed to dance. There was no way we could dance in such heat without air conditioning!

Second, we had a group of 14 come out in August! A couple with 3 (or 4) of their teenage children with their friends came out for a dance before heading their separate ways for college. What a fun get together! Some of them had been out before, but having 14 of them come all at once sure added to the atmosphere of THAT dance! When the dance is open to anyone, you never know who will come out to join you. Gotta love it!

Club News - Swinging Bs

After an action-packed summer of planning, attending events, and raising awareness for square dancing (including a demonstration at the Lost Village Museum's Canada Day celebration, which generated a lot of interest) ...

Cornwall's Swinging B's have returned to the hive!

Long-time club caller for the B's, Don Moger, got us right back into the swing of things. We kicked off September with two 'Fun Night' open house events, both of which were very well attended. In addition to about 30 regular members, we were pleased to welcome around 10 more new dancers! It's inspiring to see more squares out on the floor and so much enthusiasm within them. This promises to be a strong season.

The B's have two events in the works that we're looking forward to hosting. In the near future, there is our annual Tartans & Kilts dance, which will be held the afternoon of Sunday November 23 and is being called by Don Moger. (Flyer below, and on the eoDance website event calendar.)

As well, we are already well into planning a bash towards the end of the dance year to celebrate nothing less momentous than **the 50th Anniversary of the Swinging B's!** (1976-2026! Like B's on the dance floor, time flies!) This anniversary 'Dinner & Dance' event will be held the afternoon of Sunday March 8, 2026. The flyer is below, but the organizers will be reaching out to clubs in Eastern Ontario this fall with information and tickets.

If you find yourself in the Cornwall area, or just feel like coming out to have a blast dancing with some great people, the Swinging B's dance every Friday night at the Knox-St. Paul's United Church from 6:30 to 9:00PM. The first half hour is usually reserved for Plus dancing, and the rest of the evening is a mix of Basic and Mainstream, with teaching tips.

Wishing everyone a fantastic start to the new dance year! Whether welcoming you to our hive and visiting you at yours, we hope to see you all soon.

Rajiv Bhola Co-Vice President





2025 September

The Swinging Swallows had a very quiet summer and put the push on to recruit new dancers through portable signs, newspaper and radio ads, Facebook and our fall flyer.

Our first evening back to the dance floor is always devoted to our returning dancers; it's a chance to catch up on news and changes in our lives. This year, though, we had something special to celebrate:

Ron and Charlene Gardner are recipients of the Trillium Merit



Award and dancers wanted to congratulate them and celebrate their achievements.





Our recruitment efforts brought in five new people at our first Open House, as well as a couple of visiting dancers; the second Open House brought in two more prospects...however, only one has registered to dance. We are hoping to try to generate more participation a little later in the fall in order to increase our numbers.

We hope that other clubs have had better luck with their recruitment endeavours and hope to see you on the dance floor before long.

Submitted by Gloria Bateman



All Day Sashay



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

SSD THRU CI

DAVE HUTCHINSON

BRIAN CRAWFORD
WENDY VANDERMEULEN

J.M., MARY AND BECCA

9:00-NOON : \$15 (\$20 DOOR)

1:30-4:30: \$15 (\$20 DOOR)

6:30-9:30: \$15 (\$20 DOOR)

ALL THREE SESSIONS:

\$35 ADVANCE / \$45 DOOR

THREE DANCE HALLS

VENUE:

COURTYARD OTTAWA DOWNTOWN

REGISTER ONLINE AND SAVE!

SASHAY DOWN THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD







OTTAWADATESQUARES.CA/SASHAY

ll Day Sashay is Back - November 15!

Welcome to All Day Sashay, the spectacular and highly anticipated dance of the winter season and one amazing day full of music, dance and friendship.

Organized by the Ottawa Date Squares this event is for everyone from SSD through C1 and features the amazing calling of Wendy VanderMeulen, Brian Crawford and Dave Hutchinson and also some up-and-coming local talent including JM Robichaud, Joel Smith, Becca McCarthy and Mary Thurston.

Three ballrooms will be open at all times allowing you to dance your favourite level as much as you want all day!

The cost for the full day of dancing is \$35 in advance or \$45 at the door.

Read full details including tip schedule and register at OttawaDateSquares.ca/sashay

We can't wait to celebrate the season with you!

Riverside Gypsy Squares



Do you Love Square Dancing? Do you Love Camping?

Combine these two great activities and join us!



Dancing level is full Mainstream with Plus tips, and easy line dancing. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to join us for our Open Dances on Friday evening and on Saturday afternoon. Our Friday dances are from 7:00 – 9:00 PM and our Saturday dances are in the afternoon from 1:30 – 3:30 PM. They are held in the open air Pavillion just near the entrance gate. Our dress code is "relaxed", so please wear something comfortable and appropriate for the weather as we could be outside.

You can find us at Lower Beverley Lake Park Campground, 146 Lower Beverley Lake Park Road., Delta, ON. Phone (613) 928-2881 on the following week-ends:

Summer 2026 Schedule

May	June	July	August	September
22-23	19-20	17-18	21-22	18-19

You may camp with us for up to a maximum of 2 weekends, then we would expect you to join our group. Our Membership fees are \$40.00 per couple. Otherwise, there is also a small fee of \$5.00 per person to dance.

For more information please contact Chris or Christine Slater at: 613-925-1712 or (Cell) 613-246-3053 (call or text) or email at: <a href="mailto:cslaterfam









Tartans & Kilts Dance

Sunday November 23, 2025 2:00 – 4:30 PM

Tickets: \$12.00

Light lunch, Share the Wealth

Basic/Mainstream/Plus

Caller: Don Moger

Knox-St. Paul's United Church 800 Twelfth St E, Cornwall ON



For more information, contact Iris: (613) 937-3455 | iris.swerdfeger@gmail.com















BELLEVILLE, KINGSTON, & NAPANEE



Present

2026 NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

Caller

DAVE HUTCHINSON

Wednesday Dec 31,2025

7pm to 12:15AM

North Fredericksburgh Hall ,1178 County Rd 8,

Greater Napanee, ON K7R 3K7.

Dancing Full Basic and up

Cold buffet served about 9:30pm We will ring in the New Year with a non-alcoholic beverage at midnight

Questions ?? Call Karen Wilson at 613-328-3221 or karcan595@gmail.com



Tickets to be purchased by Dec 19th \$30 per person



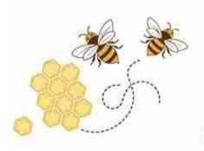
Sunday March 8, 2026 2:00 – 4:30 PM

Tickets: \$25.00 (Advanced Sales Only)

Hot and cold buffet dinner, draws, and more!

Mainstream with Plus Tips Caller: Dave Hutchinson

Knox-St. Paul's United Church 800 Twelfth St E, Cornwall ON





For more information, contact Bob or Helen: (613) 933-4052 | hmaccallum49@gmail.com











43rd IAGSDC Square Dance Convention

July 1-5, 2026

Montréal, Québec

Levels: SSD/MS through C4

Barry Clasper

Toronto, ON

Brian Crawford

Ottawa, ON

Dave Hutchinson

Marlbank, ON

Don Moger

Montréal, QC

Ett McAtee

Severn, MD

Justin Russell

Memphis, TN

Kris Jensen

Albuquerque, NM

Michael Kellogg

Northridge, CA

Michael Levy

San Francisco, CA

Sandie Bryant

Chicago, IL

Ted Lizotte

Manchester, NH

Vic Ceder

Los Olivos, CA

Wendy VanderMeulen

Ottawa, ON

Register now at MontrealMix2026.com

The Venue

All dancing, including brunch and banquet supper will take place under one roof. **Le Centre Sheraton Montréal** is in the heart of Montréal and steps away from public transit and tons of restaurants, bars and shopping.







July 15th - 18th 2026

Canadian National
Square, Round & Clog
Dance Festival

squaredance.bc.ca





Come to Penticton, with its rich history of square dancing.

Host of the Peach Festival Square Dance Jamboree for over 60 years.

Enjoy square dancing in Okanagan Lake, floating down the canal joining two beautiful lakes, wine tasting tours, bountiful orchards and dancing with friends old and new.

Welcome to the Okanagan!!



Newsletter #2

Good progress has been made in preparing for our Festival. Our Organizing Committee has met regularly and been expanded to ensure all bases are covered so that they planned and executed on good time.

We have succeeded in reserving sufficient hotel room bookings to cover the anticipated number of dancers. We are actively working to find locations for RVs as these are in high demand and often booked well in advance. We shall share our information with you as soon as we can finalize it.

It is only 10 months to the event and over the next month most clubs in Canada and the USA shall be resuming regular dances. Now is the time to remind your members that registration is open. Registrations are expected to include not only dancers from Canada and the USA, but also from Australia, Germany and China. Our American friends have been very patient with us while we search out the best way to make it possible for you to pay for your registration. Please stay tuned.

Because we are providing for multiple levels of square and round dancing as well as clogging, dancers who shall have completed their first year of instruction (whether at introductory or more advanced levels) shall find themselves welcome. For dancers in their first year, this is an opportunity for them to be inducted into a new expanded, enjoyable celebration of their progress.

Our committee is planning events to engage youth and to give solo dancers a chance to meet before the dancing starts. So if you are partnered or solo, young or not-so-young, and a round, square, or clog dancer, the 2026 Canadian National Festival in Penticton is going to be peachy keen, just for you.

We wish to remind you of some critical dates.

Firstly, Early Bird Registration Fees are offered until December 31st, 2025, after that date the fees will increase by \$25 per registrant. Registration forms are on our website http://squaredance.bc.ca. Look for the Festival heading.

Secondly, there are differing expiry dates for each hotel with which we have agreements for reduced rates (which reflect 2024 not 2026 pricing). After the expiry date their pricing will be that in effect next year. All the hotels are within the 3 or 4 star level. Details for each can be found on the website. There are also many motels in Penticton, but we have no



arrangements with them. The region is a tourist summer mecca, so early booking is strongly recommended.

We are actively looking into other activities which may be of interest and which will fit into our programme. These include, for example, dancing in the lake or trail walking or visiting the radio astrophysical observatory. More information will become available as planning continues. Keep checking back onto the 2026 National website for the latest updates Home - festival2026.squaredance.bc.ca

Be sure to have a look at the invitation written by long-time publicity talent, Jean Galbraith, attached with this newsletter. Jean's invitation would be a good one to share with your club and association contacts, to encourage your friends to register to join you in the fun of next summer's festivities.

Kind regards from 2026 National co-chairs,

Wendy Krueger and Dennis Sutton

CANADIAN NATIONAL SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FESTIVAL 2026 AND WHAT A PEACH OF A DEAL!

Please accept our invitation to the Canadian National Square & Round Dance Festival 2026, to be held on July 15-18, 2026 in Penticton, BC, Canada. Here's a chance for you to get involved in a unique event that can give you the vacation memories of a lifetime. Penticton (pen-TIK-ton) is located in the central area of the southern interior of BC, westernmost province in Canada. It is one of just two cities in the world that is located between two lakes, Lake Okanagan to the north and Skaha Lake to the south, and boasts a semi-desert warm climate. So it's no wonder Penticton's known for both its water sports and its variety of home-grown produce, especially peaches. How many of us can fondly remember the aptly-named Peach Festival with its iconic Aquaduck square dance!

The venue is located by the south end of Okanagan Lake, so it's steps away from the Channel Float activity, where we can take a break from dancing to float from one lake to the other in lazy river fashion on giant rubber floats, courtesy of Coyote Cruises. And Saturday, at the Urban Farmer's Market, load up on fresh fruit goodies to energize those dancing feet.

Penticton is easy to find. It's located on Highway 97, one of the longest-stretching highways that runs from California to Alaska. Also, it is easily accessed from Highway #1 (Trans-Canada Hwy) to the north and Highway #3 (Crowsnest Hwy) to the south. Two airports serve Penticton. The Regional Airport hosts the Pacific Coastal Airline, with daily flights from Vancouver, BC to Penticton. For international flights, Kelowna International Airport is close by, to the north, and provides direct flights from Calgary and Edmonton on Westjet Airlines.

Here's a peach of an idea. Invest some thought into getting involved in the square dance vacation of a lifetime. And now's the time to do it, when it's at its lowest amount. Just fill in the on-line form at Festival2026Finance@gmail.com. It's as easy as pie – peach pie!

Keep in touch with us at squaredance.bc.ca or phone 1-800-335-9433, and thank you for your time and consideration.

Advertising & Publicity, Canadian National Square & Round Dance Festival 2026

List of interesting web sites for our dancers

EOSARDA web site https://www.eodance.ca/SD_clubs_full.php

EOSARDA Facebook hhttps://www.facebook.com/groups/eosarda/

Ontario Federation https://squaredance.on.ca/

Canadian Square Society https://csrds.ca/

Toronto and District http://www.td-dance.ca/

Southwest Ontario https://swosda.ca/

EOSARDA Email Contacts

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Email: <u>Webmaster</u> <u>webmaster@eoDance.ca</u>

EOSARDA Dance Clubs

Grenville Gremlins Grenville Gremlins

Limestone Dancers <u>Limestone Dancers</u>

Meri Squares <u>Meri Squares</u>

Mississippi Squares <u>Mississippi Squares</u>

Napanee Pioneers <u>Napanee Pioneers</u>

Ottawa Date Squares Ottawa Date Squares

Quinte Twirlers Quinte Twirlers

Square Dance Ottawa Square Dance Ottawa

Swinging Swallows Swinging Swallows

Square Dance Clubs

Crazy A's
A1 Friday 1:00pm - 3:00pm
J.A. Dulude Arena, 941 Clyde Ave., Ottawa
Caller: John Charman

Contact: Wendy VanderMeulen 613-282-0575 WendyGVanderMeulen@gmail.com

Glengarry Tartans Basic Most Sundays Check schedule 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Usually La Fraternité Hall 49 St Paul St, Alexandria—Check Schedule Caller: Wendy VanderMeulen, John Charman

Contact: Carole & Bernie Lauzon

613-931-1783 clauzon55@sympatico.ca\

Grenville Gremlins
Basic/MS Monday 7:30pm - 9:30pm
North Grenville Municipal Centre 285 County Road #44, Kemptville, ON

Caller: Brian Crawford Contact: Debbie Armstrong

613-989-2784 kemptvillesquaredance@gmail.com

<u>Limestone Dancers</u> Basic/MS/Plus Thursday 6:45pm - 9:30pm

Polson Park Public School

165 Robert Wallace Dr. Kingston

Caller: Dave Hutchinson Contact: Noreen Peters

613-888-3170 noreenpeters1957@gmail.com

Lockits

A2, A1 Wednesday A2 - 10:00 to 11:00am A1 - 11:00am to 12:30 Brunton Community Hall 2022 Beckwith Park Lane, Carleton Place Caller: Geoff Clarke

Contact: Geoff & Teena Clarke 613-724-8438 caller.geoff@bell.net

Meri Squares
SSD* Tuesday 7:00pm - 9:30pm
Alternating tips: SSD Teach & Full SSD
J.A.Dulude Arena, 941 Clyde Ave, Ottawa
Caller: Wendy VanderMeulen

Contact: Lamar Mason

613-221-9188 lamarmason4@gmail.com

Meri Squares Plus / Plus Teach Thursday 7:15pm - 9:15pm

Westminister Presbyterian Church 470 Roosevelt Ave, Ottawa Caller: John Charman Contact: Lamar Mason

613-221-9188 lamarmason4@gmail.com

Mississippi Squares Basic/MS Tuesday 7:00-7:30pm Full MS

7:30pm - 9:30pm B/MS Brunton Community Hall

2022 Beckwith Park Lane, Carleton Place

Caller: Brian Crawford

Contact: Betty Goodwin

613-852-3496 betty.goodwin@gmail.com

Mississippi Squares

Plus, Plus Teach Friday 7:30pm - 10:00pm Brunton Community Hall 2022 Beckwith Park Lane, Carleton Place Caller: Brian Crawford

Contact: Betty Goodwin 613-852-3496 betty.goodwin@gmail.com

Napanee Pioneers

Basic/MS/Plus Friday 7:00pm - 9:30pm North Fredericksburgh Hall 1178 County Rd. 8, Napanee Caller: Dave Hutchinson Contact: Muriel Brough

613-354-4595 mrb47@cogeco.ca

Ottawa Date Squares SSD*/MS LGBT friendly Wednesdays 6:30pm - 8:45pm Room B203, Jack Purcell Community Centre 320 Jack Púrcell Lane, Ottawa Caller: Wendy VanderMeulen Contact: Jean-Marc Robichaud 613-806-3138 OttawaDateSquares@gmail.com

Ottawa Date Squares

A2 LGBT friendly Wednesdays 6:45pm - 8:45pm Room B201, Jack Purcell Community Centre 320 Jack Purcell Lane, Contact: Jean-Marc Robichaud 613-806-3138 OttawaDateSquares@gmail.com

Ottawa Date Squares

Plus LGBT friendly Mondays 6:30pm - 8:30pm Room 202, Jack Purcell Community Centre 320 Jack Purcell Lane, Ottawa Caller: Wendy VanderMeulen Contact: Jean-Marc Robichaud 613-806-3138 OttawaDateSquares@gmail.com

Quinte Twirlers

Basic, MS, Plus Wednesday 7:00pm - 9:30pm Harmony Public School Belleville Caller: Dave Hutchinson Contact: David Dunham 613-403-2882 quintetwirlers@gmail.com

Riverside Gypsy Squares MS/Plus/Rounds/Lines May/Jun/Jul/Aug/Sep 3rd Weekend of every month (Fri evening, Sat afternoon), Lower Beverly Lake Campground, Delta, On Caller: Various Callers and Cuers Contact: Helen MacCallum 1-613-330-4873 helenmaccallum@sympatico.ca

Russell Squares SSD Friday 6:30 - 8:30pm Mother Teresa Catholic School, 1035 Concession St., Russell Caller: Wendy VanderMeulen Contact: Wendy VanderMeulen 613-282-0575, WendyGVanderMeulen@gmail.com

Square Dance Ottawa
Beginner 4th Sunday of the Month 2:30pm - 4:30pm
J.A. Dulude Arena, 941 Clyde Ave., Ottawa
Caller: Wendy VanderMeulen
Contact: Wendy VanderMeulen
613-282-0575, WendyGVanderMeulen@gmail.com

Swinging Bs Basic/MS

Plus Tips Friday 6:30-7:00 pm (Plus) 7:00-9:00 pm (B/MS) Knox - St. Paul United Church 800 Twe Pan Mars, Cornwall

Caller: Don Mogér **Bob Summers**

Contact: Iris Swerdfeger 613-937-3455 iris.swerdfeger@gmail.com

Swinging Swallows
Basic/MS/Plus Thursday 7:00pm - 9:30pm
Wesley United Church Hall
275 Pembroke St E, Pembroke
Caller: Ron Gardner

Contact: Jeannie Mastine

613-401-4907 j.mastine@outlook.com

Round Dance Clubs

Capital Carousels

Ph 3-4
Thursday 10:00am - 12:00pm
Parkdale United Church
429 Parkdale Ave
Dancing to pre-recorded tapes
Contact Gavin Currie
613-739-9395