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The Olde Tyme

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Presidents Report

Bill Russell

Now that September has rolled around, we are into a new year for the Association. We are looking for a volunteer to round out the Executive. Please consider offering your help.

I hope that you are finding dances to attend. In my last report, I mentioned some of the dances and fiddle jams that are happening mostly outside of Toronto. If you have not yet signed up to receive Ralph and Sandy Price's newsletter, here is the contact:

ralph.sandyprice@sympatico.ca

Listings are also on our website:

<https://sca.uwaterloo.ca/cotsdca/>

There are a few regular dances in the GTA. Do check our web site for the contact people and call ahead. Some of the dances require that you "belong" to the club, which is usually not expensive, and you can be sure that you will be welcome if rules permit. The more, the merrier. If you are using Facebook, I encourage you to "like" and

"follow" our open Facebook page. That way, you will see whatever gets posted:

<https://www.facebook.com/CanadianOldeTymeSquareDanceCallersAssociation/>

Are you transportationally challenged? (Yes, I know that I just made up a word.) If you would like to get to some events, but cannot travel on your own, please let folks know. Ditto, if you are thinking of going somewhere and can offer a lift. One suggestion is to use our open Facebook page to try to connect. Post your offer or request. Be sure to ask that responses be messaged directly to you so you can arrange a meeting place without telling the whole world. Another option is to email one of the Executive. Given enough advance notice, we may be able to pass along your request to our members. And since not all of us use email or Facebook, there is that funny thing called a telephone. If you call me, always leave a message. Let's make the 2019-2020 season a great one. Let's get out and dance and call.

Get to Know the Band

The New Buttonville Strings was formed to play for a Canadian Olde Tyme Square Dance Callers Association square dance three years ago and the group really enjoys playing for these dances. Current band members are Alan McKnight, Steve Brownridge, Carmen Braund, Bill Bechard and Joe Brubaker.



Alan McKnight started playing fiddle as a teenager, learning from

his grandfather and playing at family gatherings and the odd dance in the local community hall. After moving to Toronto he met other fiddlers at a continuing education class in Scarborough with Eleanor Townsend and soon became part of the local fiddle community, jamming at fiddle clubs in Nobleton, Port Perry and Oshawa. He also met a young lady named Pat in Eleanor's class and they have been married for over 30 years. In the 90's Alan started playing for a few square dance events that Murray Smith would call for at local schools and churches. When Tom McQueston broke his arm Alan was asked to fill in for a couple of the COTSDCA monthly dances in the Buttonville Women's Institute Hall and ended up playing for these dances for several years.



Steve Brownridge has been playing fiddle since the early 1990's and attended fiddle clubs in St. Catharines, Hamilton, Nobleton and Bolton for many years. He

plays with the Toe Tappin Fiddlers and has played for dances in the Nobleton Hall and Schomberg as well as tours to Scotland, Ireland and Eastern Canada. Steve still attends clubs in Brampton, Claude, Georgetown and occasional jamboree's.



Carmen Braund plays many instruments, including the hammered dulcimer (extensive Chinese training), recorders, guitar and piano. At church, it's the guitar; in the Celtic and Country bands (Georgetown Folk Collective and Friends of the Hill) it's piano; and on the road, the recorders fit perfectly in the backpack. She also plays piano for the Georgetown Little Improv Company. Her biggest dream is to play the cello, which is slowly coming along.



Bill Bechard started playing acoustical guitar with a local band

in Port Credit, Ontario at age 15. Later, he travelled with the band performing venues in southern Ontario, performing shows and playing for dances. Sometime later he went on a Maritime tour performing shows and while in New Brunswick the group was featured on a local radio station.

Bill ceased playing for some years pursuing education. Before retiring from 23 years at the University of Toronto, in the engineering department, he again reacquainted with music. He is very glad he did, as it has been very fulfilling. For the last several years he has enjoyed playing with the Brampton Fiddler's Club and appreciated the occasion of not only playing with some excellent musicians, but simply enjoy pooling talents and honing musical craft.



Joe Brubaker, an original member of the band, is a nurse by day and a drummer by night. He has been playing regularly for the past 15 years in Jazz bands, big

bands, and blues and rock groups. Joe learned to square dance in grade 8 and remembers the square dance tunes from house parties with his parents. Joe happily provides the steady beat the band needs to keep the dancers dancing.

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone at the dance on November 2nd, 2019

An Update from Caller Member Bob Livingston

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If you haven't seen Bob at a local dance here in Ontario, it just might be because he lives in Middletown, Connecticut. Fortunately for us, he joined the Association in the 1990's. Here is an email he recently sent us:

To Bill Russell with a cc to Nancy Wheeler, because you included her when you wrote way over a year ago and I never found the right words to answer your questions. I'll try now! Again enjoyed your latest Olde Tymer write-up. (find your own words)

It is a new ballgame. The old culture fast aging. Many dances now - and there are less of them - are family dances. Not a bad thing.

Fiddles are popular with all generations. They are found at concerts, jams and house parties. Folks come to listen and appreciate, not for dance. I'll link typical fliers for dance. By necessity programs include circle and longways formations; easier for the general public. Rounds not so much; usually

a waltz at a refreshment break, if there is one, and another at the close. Some Old Time squares still done here but not enough new faces are looking for them on a regular basis. All the routines are in Alex Mulligan's book. Love that book. Copied the pages, put them in sheet protectors and into a hard cover notebook.

There is a small scattered revival of square dance done to Appalachian/Southern Old Time fiddle music around the U.S. Tends to meet at campgrounds, small halls and taverns on what would be slow nights. Mondays or Tuesdays. I did a Sunday night one at a bar and restaurant in Greenfield, MA recently. Small group. Highly spirited!

<https://mail.yahoo.com/d/folders/27/messages/AGI2w0MAEie4V6XOYwzRQE5qIpA>

https://mail.yahoo.com/d/folders/289/messages/AM8Yu4xIr_uhXNJNZwbSGEKydhc

One thing about family dances, they're not kid dances. I know who to call on when that is desired. But I'm amazed at how well some of the fairly young can do. Of course the adults at these dances, being new themselves, tend to get lost first.

Don't know why I would get to Canada right now, but never say never. We may have coffee sometime.
Bob.

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This past spring, the association held its annual election process. I would like to thank the previous executive for their work over the year. They did an excellent job with everyone learning their new responsibilities as jobs changed. In particular, we would like to thank our secretary, Sue Stone, for coming onto the exec for the year and doing a great job. She will be missed.

The executive is currently seeking a willing individual for the secretary position. The meetings happen 3-4 times per year and are usually 2 hours in length. If anyone is interested in this job, please contact someone on the exec.

Again, we congratulate the current exec for their successful return and look forward to another great year of dancing.
Dave Lucas (Past President)

Memberships DUES

The membership year is Sept. 1st to Aug. 31st. Your renewal dues are only \$10.00 a year. Dues should be forwarded to the Treasurer.

Deborah Jefferson
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In an effort to keep your membership dues low we will be trying to send this newsletter by email from now on so we need your email address.

Callers Corner

Here are two dances from Ernie Shoebridge. Ernie writes that he has "4 books total - 293 dances total"

A Second Change

Dance #59

Introduction:

Figure:

Place the ladies back to back
 Men go round the outside track (C.C.W.)

Meet your partner, do-si-do
 Back to back and around you go

(4 men) Into the centre with a left hand star
 Back by the right but not too far

Meet your partner with a left hand twirl

Go to your corner, swing and whirl
 All swing out to your places all*

Break - figure - break - figure -
 break - figure - ending

* Change partners at the end of each figure. Each man finishes the figure with his last corner as his new partner.

A Second Change

Inside Arch and Outside Under

Book #1, page 113

Introduction:

Figure:

Head two couples lead out to the right

Join your hands and circle a half

Inside arch and the outside under
 Right and left thru with the couple you meet

Right and left back on the same old track

Make your feet go whickedy whack

Pass thru to the outside two
 Join your hands and circle a half

Inside arch and the outside under
 Right and left thru with the couple you meet

Right and left back on the same old track

Make your feet go whickedy whack

Join your hands and circle four
 Once around and a quarter more (1¼ turn)

Right and left thru to your places all

All swing out with your partners all

Break - Side two couples - break -
 Heads - break - Sides - ending

Dundalk Results

On September 7, The Dundalk Dance Association held their 62nd annual dance competition in conjunction with the Dundalk Fall

Fair. The competition continues to grow with over 65 entries across the categories of Fiddle, Step Dancing, Clogging, and of course, Square Dancing.

There were 3 sets competing at this year's competition.

Mature class: 1st - Jus' Friends, Guelph

Caller - Shirley-Anne Smyth

Amateur class:

1st - 2021 Buffalo's, University of Guelph

Caller - Josh Moran

2nd - 2022 Aggies, University of Guelph

Caller - Travis Shields

Open class:

1st - Jus' Friends, Guelph

2nd - 2021 Buffalo's, University of Guelph

3rd - 2022 Aggies, University of Guelph

Best Junior Caller (under 25) - Josh Moran

Best Caller - Shirley-Anne Smyth

Participants from our association:

Barb St. Pierre - judge

Murray Smith - compulsory caller

Shirley-Anne Smyth - caller

Brenda Watson and Dave Lucas - dancers

We would like to thank the Dundalk Dance Association for their efforts at keeping olde tyme square dancing alive and kicking. We wish them much success in **the future.**



Call for Constitution Amendments

In accordance with the constitution of the Association, the executive calls for any proposed amendments that the membership wishes to put forth.

All proposed amendments are to be submitted to the executive not later than May 31st for review and publication prior to the Annual General Meeting in October.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution

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In response to an ongoing struggle for quorum, the Executive proposes that ONE of the following amendments be adopted:

Proposal #1

“Article VII, Section 5: Replace “A quorum at an Executive Committee meeting shall consist of four officers.” with “three officers”.

Proposal #2

To add to Article VII, Section 5: “A member of the Executive may send a substitute, who will act and vote in that member’s stead.”

Proposal #3

To add to a section to Article V Election of Officers:

“Article V, Section 5: The Executive may appoint one or two Member(s)-at-Large.”

In Memoriam

George Arthur Betts 1927-2019



It is with sadness that we advise of the passing of George Betts. On August 31st after a short battle with cancer He was a long-time member of the Canadian Olde Tyme Square Dance Callers Association serving in a variety of positions. He called for 27 years at the Royal Winter Fair square dance competition in Toronto.

A visitation will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at Glendale Funeral Home & Cemetery, 1810 Albion Road, Etobicoke. The funeral service will commence at 1 p.m. in the Glendale Chapel. Refreshments to follow.

Full info at Glendale Funeral Home web site

<https://www.arbormemorial.ca/glen-dale/obituaries/george-betts/38909/>

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My wife was going through her wardrobe, she said "look at this, it still fits me after 25 years"

I said "it's a scarf."



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