

Ontario Report for AGM

September 3, 2023

The big event this summer was the IAGSDC Convention held in Ottawa from 5-9 July.

Three days of caller school took place before the convention. Our congratulations to the graduates from our T&D clubs: New callers: Nathan Hyland (Otonabee Squares, Peterborough); Gloria Smart (Happy Hoppers, Newmarket) and Wesley Ford (Royal City Squares, Guelph). Also Laird Green who calls at Lift Lock in Peterborough but lives in Belleville.

T&D dancers were well represented at this convention - 80 registrants (which was over 10% of the 740 people registered)! 50 of these came from Triangle Squares!!

Callers from our T&D area included Barry Clasper (who also was one of the Caller trainers); Tim Crawford who called at the Trail-In dance and Bill Hands who called a session of Old Tyme dancing.

Members of the organizing committee included Pam Clasper and Marge Coahran (Triangle Squares). Everyone who attended had a really great time!! In addition to the many hours of dancing, from SSD to C4, a tasty banquet was held one evening and a fantastic brunch one morning. Many interesting tours of the area were offered.

Congratulations to all for making this a memorable event. Congratulations to Date Squares of Ottawa who were the hosting club.

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Meanwhile, in the rest of the province, most clubs have re-started. A few have decided to closed due to the age of dancers, and reduced numbers. Some dancers have taken to dancing with neighboring clubs to continue their activity.

In the SWOSDA area, regular monthly dances are back in the swing, and attendance is good. Dances are already scheduled for the up-coming dance season with clubs offering to host across southwestern Ontario.

In an effort to encourage more callers, Jeff Priest ran an information session to highlight what the task involved. Various individuals showed interest, and so this session was followed by an instruction and practice day. A caller school will be scheduled in the near future.

There has been some interest from Old-Time Square Dancers to join the Society. No action yet, but possibly in the near future. More updates at a later date.

Respectfully submitted

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