

BBS&RDA 2023 REPORT FOR THE CSRDS AGM

SEAWAY SWINGERS have been dancing Mainstream with a little bit of

Plus, regularly in the Fall 2022 and Winter 2023 sessions until May 16 with callers Don Moger, Lynn Trepanier and Corry Lowden.

They have around 20-25 active members who were present on most dance afternoons, allowing two full squares all the time, and even three on a few occasions. They had six new dancers who graduated to Mainstream level.

They held special dances for Halloween, St Valentine, St Patrick's, Melting Snow and Country afternoon.

They had two demos at the Greenfield Park Mormon church for the teen club and the adult club.

For the three weeks before the start of dancing, they will add a newspaper advertisement.

They plan to start again in September 2023 and will try to recruit new members.

Swinging Stars began their dancing schedule in September 2022.

They danced 3 nights per week.

Tuesdays was SSD class night with caller David Hammock. They had 2 sessions over the season. The 1st session began in September 2022 and the 2nd one began in February 2023. In total they had 14 students.

Wednesdays was Plus night with caller Don Moger (and Lynn Trepanier in his absence). They danced from September 2022 until June 2023, and Thursdays was Mainstream night with callers David Hammock and Don Moger. Also 10 of their SSD dancers went on to complete Mainstream.

Graduation was held on June 4th for both SSD and Mainstream Students. Also, they held 6 dances over the season.

In August 2023, they participated in Dollard-des-Ormeaux Family Affair with a Square-Dancing Demonstration with caller Lynn Trepanier and invited the audience to the dance floor in hopes of attracting new dancers and triggering interest in Square Dancing in general.

They will begin their 2023-2024 season this September.

Circles & Squares has not had any activity since the pandemic. They have no plans for the coming year.

Swinging B's had 2 open houses in September 2022. There were not enough people for class, they had no new dancers. They had regular club nights every Friday, with caller Don Moger, and as substitute caller Bob Summers. They had 2 specials: Tartans and Kilts in November 2022 and St. Patrick in March 2023. They did 2 joint ventures this summer with Glengarry Tartans. They will have an open house September 23, 2023

Montreal Acey Deuceys with Don Moger has been calling Advanced on Mondays for the 2022-2023 season, to be resumed in the fall, this time on Wednesday nights.

The Glengarry Tartans held a total of seven Open Houses/workshops during the 2022-2023 dance season. One each in June, July, August. Two in September and two in January. They also presented a dance demo at a craft show and gathered a list of potential dancers.

Total open houses resulted in seventeen attendees. Five couples and seven singles.

As of February 2023, nine dancers remained (one is a returning dancer) plus one experienced couple who will dance with them occasionally.

They advertised using all the available means: Postings in numerous Facebook groups, paid ads, flyers, word of mouth, etc.

Their membership is dwindling due to dancer age & illness. Continuous advertising & promotion will be required to keep their club viable. They are however happy to be dancing 3 Sundays a month once again.

Lynn Trepanier & Wendy VanderMeulen are their new Callers, after the passing of Francois Desmarais.

Summer 2023 they showcased square dancing at two events:

Sir John Johnson Manor House -Summer Social in Williamstown ON. Due to the proximity of Williamstown to Cornwall as well as Alexandria, they enlisted dancers from 2 clubs - Glengarry Tartans & Swinging B's. They showcased Basic square dancing. As well numerous September 2023 open house flyers were distributed to guests at the event. They gained lots of interest in their activities.

Field & Feast 3rd annual event in Apple Hill. They were approached by the event committee to invite square dancers as part of the main entertainment for this event. The coordinating was done by the EOSARDA Publicity Committee who recruited Plus dancers, since Glengarry Tartans only dance SSD level. They had an advertising table with flyers for both clubs. A local newspaper covered the event and advertised their participation.

The Glengarry Tartans Open Houses will be September 10 & 17, 2023. They have advertised in over 20 local Facebook groups and are starting to receive some interest in square dancing. They will also advertise in local newspapers plus have free ads in community newsprints.

They may also hold January 2024 open houses.

Northern Lights Dances Mainstream and Plus. Currently they have 48 members.

The dances and classes will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the Mooers Wesleyan Church, 149 Maple Street, Mooers, NY 12958.

The next dances are 9/23/2023 with Bucky and Joyce Tenny 7:00 to 9:00 PM, 10/14/2023 with Steve Desrosiers and Mo Wall 7:00 to 9:00 PM, and 12/23/2023 with Carl Trudo 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

Classes will be held every Tuesday, starting September 12, 2023, the first 2 nights are free fun nights. The classes are from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. We average 2 squares, but they have room for more.