



DECEMBER, 1990

TO ALL TRIANGLE SQUARES DANCERS:

Christmas is approaching, followed by what can be the best year so far in the life of Triangle Squares. Opportunities exist for our dancers to participate at four different levels, from Basic through A1, on two nights of the week and we've never had such a large, fun-filled Basic Class as we have now!

The following information about upcoming events, fees, Fly-Ins and other aspects of this fun activity is a result of the discussions that your Steering Committee has been having over the last few weeks. If you have any suggestions or questions, please let us hear them.

BASIC INTO MAINSTREAM

1. BASIC instruction began in September, 1990 and that level is now almost completed. December 20 will be our POTLUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY, 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. Any small item that you feel able to cook, bake, prepare, or buy will help to make this a pleasant occasion as we dance together for the last time this year. Both Anne and Joe will be Calling for us that evening.

2. JANUARY 10, 1991 @ 7:30 p.m. will be our first THURSDAY evening of dancing in the New Year, and that evening will be a REVIEW EVENING, in which we'll remind ourselves of what we have learnt so far. ONE-TIME COST FOR THIS EVENING, \$5.00.

3. From JANUARY 17 TO APRIL 25, 1991 we'll complete the Basic Level and move on to the Mainstream Level. This will give us 15 WEEKS to familiarize ourselves with all the moves involved and try them from some different positions as well. (Yes, Virginia, there's a LEFT Swing Thru and a LEFT Square Thru as well. Details are in your manual!)

4. We expect that Joe will continue to call most of these evenings for us. Anne will be away from immediately after Christmas till the middle of April calling in various parts of North America, etc.

5. One special evening is that of THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28. We have asked TIM CRAWFORD to return and call for us that evening. Tim is a young, experienced caller who called for us before. We'll be pleased to have him with us again.

#### PLUS AND A1

1. PLUS and A1 instruction and calling will continue to take place on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 at Church St. Public School and this session will start on MONDAY, JANUARY 7. At the moment the two levels will continue on the same night, but we are open to suggestions as to how best to handle this situation so that all dancers get the most opportunities to learn and dance. This may mean alternating the levels, one a night. Tell us what you think would be best.

#### FEES

1. Fees for both the Thursday night BASIC/MAINSTREAM class and the PLUS/A1 dancing, will be \$60.00 for the January to April session, PAYABLE ON JANUARY 17, IN EITHER TWO OR FOUR PARTS, IF YOU WISH. (This is a saving of \$15.00 over paying by the evening.)

2. PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU AREN'T BEING ASKED TO PAY MORE THAN ONE FEE IF YOU DANCE ON BOTH NIGHTS. Paying for Plus/A1 guarantees you can dance or Angel on Thursday for free. If you pay to continue dancing at the Mainstream level, you would only pay to turn up on Thursdays.

#### MEMBERSHIP IN TRIANGLE SQUARES

1. Another way of helping to ensure the continuation of Triangle Squares is by payment of an annual membership fee. Membership fees are used for things like advertising and printing costs, space rental for special dances, paying professional callers for tuition, Club Nights and Fly-Ins and absorbing any losses if numbers don't cover these costs.

2. The annual Membership fee covers the period September to September, but since the Mainstream class won't be finished till the end of April, rather than suggesting you pay a Membership fee, those graduating then will be offered the chance to buy their own Triangle Squares badge. More details to follow.

"SCOOT BACK AGAIN": TORONTO, MAY 24 - 26, 1991

1. A special part of the fun of gay square dancing is to be able to dance with other gay dancers from clubs all over North America. Triangle Squares has, since 1986, held an annual Fly-In, which this year will be on MAY 24 - 26. Invitations will go out to almost forty clubs to join us.

2. Called "SCOOT BACK AGAIN", events will include:

- a) Early Bird dance on Thursday, May 23;
- b) Trail-In dance on Friday, May 24;
- c) afternoon and evening dances on Saturday, May 25, followed by a Western Dance till 1:00 a.m.;
- d) Brunch and Dance, Sunday, May 26.

3. Tim Crawford and Joe Uebelacker will be the Featured Callers at our Fly-In. The cost for this event will be \$35.00, locations to be announced. We promise you a completely new experience, filled with high energy level dancing and the chance to make new friends from out of town.

ANNUAL I.A.G.S.D.C. CONVENTION IN BAR HARBOR, FLORIDA

1. Triangle Squares was the second Canadian club to be welcomed to the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs. This happened at the Annual Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona in 1988. At that event there were 2 dancers from Toronto. The following year in New York there were 11 of us. In 1990 in Vancouver 18 of us danced at various levels. Total registrations there were something over 800 dancers, among them over 100 women! This year the convention will be held in FLORIDA, JUNE 13 - 16 (in an air-conditioned hotel, so fear not!).

2. For four days you'll dance to some of the finest Callers on the continent. Events also include the FUN BADGE TOUR, the HONKY TONK QUEEN CONTEST, WORKSHOPS and a CALLER'S SCHOOL. These conventions are FABULOUS; ask anyone who's been. Because classes are due to end in April, and because our own Fly-In is in May, YOU'LL BE READY FOR FLORIDA in June. Please give consideration to going; registration and hotel accommodation forms are available now.

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(SEE OVER FOR DETAILS ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND A NOMINATION FORM.)

TRIANGLE SQUARES' STEERING COMMITTEE

1. Although the Triangle Squares has no bylaws or a constitution, a Steering Committee was first set up two years ago to act as a decision-making body on events and policy in connection with the group's activities. The committee usually consists of six Members of Triangle Squares, mostly at the Plus or A1 level. With such a large Basic/Mainstream group, it would be of great assistance to have at least one or two representatives from those dancers too.

2. Committee members usually serve for about one year. As of January 1, 1991, there will be three vacancies on the committee as David, Steve and Rick will have stepped down. Their efforts and help have been much appreciated. Andy, Chris, and John are remaining on the committee which will provide some overlap.

3. Committee members have no set duties. Informal meetings take place on the first Wednesday in each month to consider various agenda items. A roster of committee members ensures that everything is set up for Thursday nights. Having a committee provides a more balanced input when decisions need to be taken and helps share the load when events have to be organized.

4. So, give some thought to either volunteering yourself or nominating another, or others, who might be willing to serve. Nominations will be accepted any time up to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, December 20, when we'll ask for your vote if we have more than three candidates. Though it may not be very visible, a steering committee is important to the life of the Triangle Squares. Having a Steering Committee results in a better organization to serve your needs as a dancer and helps publicize our activities to others.

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STEERING COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM: DECEMBER, 1990  
(Please ensure that your candidate[s] will stand.)

I/We, (name[s]) \_\_\_\_\_, nominate  
the following for the Triangle Squares Steering Committee:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_