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"SEESUNS GREETUNS"

Well, as the days get shorter we seem to need to pack more and more into them, don't we? This holiday season is no exception, with a round of dances, parties and potlucks on the calendar. (By the way, there were enough square dancers at "Fruit Cocktail" the other night that if someone had said "Square'm up!" we could have put on our own show.)

Dec. 7 is the night of the Western Party at the 519 that, for once, has NOT been organized by Triangle Squares. "Steers, Beers, and Queers" advertises four hours of C & W music for dancing and carousing, with the entrance fee of \$8.00 going towards the permanent AIDS Memorial which is to be built just behind the 519 in Cawthra Park.

Dec. 13 will be the night of the Clogging Party at the "Groaning Board" Restaurant on Jarvis St. For \$16.00 you will be fed all you can eat and entertained by various clogging groups and classes from around town. Afterwards you can two-step and such till the wee hours.

Thursday, Dec. 19 will be the night for our very own Potluck Party. Anyone that feels able to bring something easy to eat, sweet or savoury, bought or made, can coordinate with our own Events Coordinator, Stephen Holmes. This evening will be free if you paid the term fee in October.

Dancing will be from 7:00 - 9:45 (please lend a hand to clear up afterwards) and Joe is scheduled to call for us. No doubt he'll put the various classes through their paces, Basic, Plus and Advanced; Line dances and two-stepping, too. Sure to be a fun evening.

DANCING IN JANUARY

By Dec. 19 the Basic and Plus classes should be about through all the listed moves for their levels. The Thursdays from January through May will be taken up with perfecting those moves, doing them from out-of-the-ordinary positions and, for the Basic Class, going on to the next level, which is "Mainstream".

This newsletter is going to press before ratification by the Steering Committee which is due to meet on Dec. 11, but the first night of dancing in the New Year is likely to be Thursday, Jan. 9. First night for the Advanced class at Church St. Public School is Monday, Jan. 6.

The fee structure for the continuation of classes will be worked out by the Steering Committee and we'll tell you about it very soon.

"TRIPLE SCOOT TO TORONTO"

From time to time we receive visits from out of town friends from other gay square dance clubs. Triangle Squares is a member of this group of clubs and is organizing a "Fly-In" on the last weekend in May, 1992 called "Triple Scoot to Toronto". (Triple Scoot is a Plus move!)

Apart from our usual dancing on Thursday, May 28, Triangle Squares is offering three nights of dancing in a row (If you count in the Advanced Level class on Monday, June 1, it's five!).

If previous Fly-Ins are anything to go by, those for whom this will be their first Fly-In will have their nerves calmed about dancing at full pace with strangers, while those for whom this is not a new experience will enjoy the dancing and the strangers just as much as ever.

Guests can be expected to start arriving on the Thursday, but most come on the Friday.

Saturday allows time for two dancing events (afternoon and evening) and Sunday usually means a special Brunch, followed by dancing in the afternoon. There's also likely to be a Western Party at the 519 after the Saturday evening's square dancing is done.

Brian Wilding has volunteered to be Fly-In Committee Chairman, while Steve Sterritt has volunteered to head up Registration and Housing. So Steve may be asking you if you're able to accommodate any of our guests, if you have a spare room or a fold-out bed

you can offer. We're not suggesting that you give up your own bed or share it as we don't feel it's appropriate that out of towners should find themselves placed in such a situation with strangers (if that's not what they want). More later.

NEXT WESTERN PARTY

Your Steering Committee was approached about setting up a New Year's Eve Western Party at the 519 and we did look into it. But the 519 was adamant that they will not open their doors to anyone at that time. However, it turns out that the GDC has, this year, cancelled their own New Year's Eve party and so there's no major dance party to go to on the 31st. It's too late to do anything about it this year, but we might raise this possibility again next year if we can think of the right place to hold it.

In the meantime, your committee decided that Saturday, Feb. 22 would be a good night to hold the next Western Party and we are going ahead with that event. This means that you have two more reasons to perfect your Texas Two-Step, that night in February and our Fly-In in May.

Maybe we'll try and find some time soon to do a little tuition for the Two-Step but you can always go to "Badlands" (Sundays at 4:00) when James gives a short introduction to the Basic Step. "Badlands", of course, has Two-Step evenings five nights of the week, Wednesday through Sunday.

****HOLIDAY GREETINGS****