



WELCOME, NEW BASIC CLASS

If you've just started dancing with Triangle Squares, welcome! If you're here again to learn another role or another level, it's nice to see you again. This is the fifth season of Square-Dancing for Triangle Squares and we're also delighted to have Joe Uebelacker calling for us again. Joe, and his former wife Anne, whom you'll get to meet some day, helped us get started in 1987 by coming from Peterborough to call for the Triangle Squares.

If you've paid your class fee in full, we'll be supplying manuals that explain and show pictures of each move. They're really useful for home study between classes or if you have to miss a week. We'll be giving these out soon, but they come to us from the States so please be patient. They'll be here soon.

WHO SHOULD I DANCE WITH NOW?

Whether you've come here with or without a partner, try to vary who you ask to dance. You'll find that it helps you to understand the moves better if you don't lock yourself into always dancing with the same person. You'll avoid picking

up bad dancing habits.

As well as other new Basic dancers, some of our more experienced dancers are around as "angels" to help you get the hang of things. So don't be shy about asking a stranger to dance. Put one of the coloured dots (blue for a Lead, the Guy's role, or red for Follow, the Girl's role) on your name tag. That way people will know what role you're dancing, and which partner you need.

And Angels, please make sure all the new Basic dancers are up and dancing each tip. Please don't be surprised if we ask you to sit out a tip so that they all get the opportunity to dance and learn the steps as soon as possible.

CLUB NIGHT: October 31!

On Thursday, October 31, we'll be having a Club Night. This is an occasion when we review what we've learned so far, and unless the caller feels like doing so, no new moves are taught that night. Also, the Caller will alternate between calling Basic tips (a tip lasts about ten minutes and usually consists of "patter" followed by a "singing call") and tips of Mainstream, Plus and A1. So it's not quite a class night and you can stay till 10:00 p.m. if you want to. There's no extra cost.

Callers have different techniques and part of the fun of square-dancing is finding out you can dance to different callers. For October 31st., we've asked Tim Crawford from

Stoney Creek to call for us. He's a great young fellow with a nice voice and we always have fun with him. Of course, that night happens to be Halloween, so you may want to disguise yourself in some kind of costume in case there are any hobgoblins or fairies around.....

your suggestions and comments and in turn will try to find an answer for any questions you might have. So consider whether you'd like this position and talk to one of the Committee members. We meet only once a month, by the way (usually the first Wednesday).

WESTERN PARTY, November 2nd.

Every so often, on a Saturday night here at the 519, Triangle Squares puts on a Western Party. We get a Beer Permit, serve some refreshments and soft drinks and usually have a 50/50 draw as well. The DJ plays music for the Texas two-step mostly, with some tunes for line dances, clogging, waltzing and so on. There may also be a couple of square-dances but the evening's mainly for us to meet and make friends with others in the gay western community.

We play two-step and line-dance music between square dances on some Thursdays, and as long as it doesn't interfere with learning the Basic moves, we may try to squeeze some tuition in as well....

YOUR STEERING COMMITTEE

Triangle Squares has a Steering Committee that consists of Chris, President; Andy, Treasurer; Stephen, Events Coordinator; Richard, Secretary; and Herman, last year's Basic Class Representative. They'll be identified for you. We'll be asking the new Basic Class to choose a Representative who'll sit on the Steering Committee, relay

YOUR HELP'S WELCOME

But, you don't have to be on the Steering Committee to have some input into the Triangle Squares. We welcome volunteers and need them to make square dancing the major fun it can be. So if you have skills in organizing events, or are willing to lend a hand, or have some suggestions or ideas that would help to make our evenings move smoothly, or make the club better known through outreach into the community, both in and around Toronto (or even in Buffalo!), then feel free to come forward and give us your input.

I.A.G.S.D.C.

These letters stand for the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs, and Triangle Squares is a Full Member of this group. There are around forty clubs all over North America; Calgary and Vancouver are home to the other two in Canada. What this means is that you can find square dancing in many cities on this continent and you'll be welcome to dance with other gay men and women there. We have a schedule of dancing at these other clubs, so if you're travelling, ask to see it. More about this later.