



Triangle Squares

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in between, there was a little waltzing or something resembling a line dance.

The surprising element to all this was the number and youthfulness of the spectators, of which there were quite a few, either sitting in the bleachers or gathered around the edge of the ice rink where the dancing takes place. Even with the slowness of the dancing by the old-timers, the spectators, which included young singles and families, seemed to enjoy the event and in some cases tried to join in.

DANCING AT KEW GARDENS

Are you interested in trying your hand (or feet) at a little Traditional Square Dancing? In most of these patterns, the first couple moves to the second couple, circles up four or something, then moves on to the third and fourth couples, repeating the pattern, and so home. Then the second, third and fourth couple repeat these moves in turn, completing the sequence.

As reported in last month's newsletter, there is dancing each Thursday night, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Kew Gardens. The participants (as noted by a number of reporters from Triangle Squares) are mainly elderly couples and the calling and dancing are quite a lot less vigorous than our own, but there is a live group that provides the music.

The style of dancing is mostly Traditional Square Dancing and not all the dancers by any means were familiar with the calls and patterns. Sometimes the squares broke down (but this was also occasionally due to a lapse in memory on the part of the caller!). There was also an occasional Modern Square Dance tip as well, while

It was obvious while watching, that if Triangle Squares dancers were to join in, they'd either have to only dance Lead or to provide a complete square. It's been suggested that we do just that on the night of Thursday, August 13.

If you're game for some fun in trying out Traditional calling and are interested in giving our form of dancing and our club more exposure, then why don't you come along? You'd need to feel confident enough of both your dancing skills and personality that you could accept any consequences or remarks that might be passed. But we might demonstrate that square dancing is tremendous fun and need not only be for elderly, straight, retired folks.

If you intend to be there on Aug. 13th., please contact Don Cheff in advance (H: 324-8873, B: 586-3412) to see if we have enough for a square. Casual attire, soft shoes.

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DANCING AT THE C.N.E.

Another opportunity to display the talents of Triangle Squares is being provided on Sunday, August 23 at the C.N.E. On a stage in front of the Better Living Centre, from Noon onward, groups are gathering to dance to demonstrate the fun that is square-dancing and also to salute Canada's 125th. Birthday.

Triangle Squares applied to be part of this and we have been offered the time from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. From a short conversation with the organizers, it appears we are on our own for that hour and we will be expected to bring our own Caller.

In that time period we could do about three "patter" tips and three singing calls with a few minutes rest in between. As you can imagine, this same-sex dancing will be a first for everyone concerned, except for the dancers, and should be a very interesting experience. Don Cheff is also organizing the dancers involved for this event.

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SPECIAL ADVANCED DANCING

Because the Advanced dancers didn't want to let the month of August go by without an opportunity to dance, a special evening has been organized.

There will be Advanced dancing on Monday, Aug. 17th. at Andy Chong's apartment, 7:30 - 9:30, or so. The address is 62 Wellesley St. West, just west of Bay St., apt. 202.

For parking instructions, phone Andy at H: 925-2602, B: 325-2263. Andy and Don St. Jean will be calling. Again, please call Don Cheff in advance to say whether you will be there. Many thanks to Andy for lending his apartment.

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FALL ADVANCED DANCING

Unfortunately, we have not got permission this fall to use the Church St. Public School gym on Monday evenings. Another group got there first! Only Wednesday or Friday evening is available, which would mean, for some, two nights of dancing in a row. (At the moment, Wednesday is being held for us.) The Steering Committee will put its collective heads together to decide what to do about this problem. Solution to follow!

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FALL DANCING, NEW CLASS

Names are coming in for those wishing to join our new class in September. We have placed display ads in three issues of Xtra and may also be placing an ad in Now, which is widely read.

The Out & Out Jamboree (weekend of Aug. 21 - 23) will feature a couple of nights of square dancing called by Don St. Jean. This event has traditionally brought forward a number of new recruits to our ranks so we wish Don good luck in both the turnout and the weather. Please encourage your friends to join us in the Fall!

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