



**Triangle Squares**

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CLUB NIGHT/WESTERN DANCE

There will be a FREE Club Night for all dancers on Saturday, November 28 at the 519. Calling will include Basic calls that have been taught, as well as Plus and A1 calls. Joe will be our Caller.

Square dancing will be from 7:30 - 9:30. Following almost immediately will be a Western Party till 1:00 a.m.; cost \$5.00. Wayne Kralik will DJ for the usual mix of two-stepping, line-dances, waltzes, etc.

This event will be a joint fundraiser for Triangle Squares and the 519 Church St. Community Centre which has been hit by extensive budget cutbacks. Services to the community may be cut if the funds cannot be made up, so please tell all your friends. There'll be a Beer Permit, which limits the number of tickets that can be sold. Get yours in advance from the Steering Committee or the 519. Tickets will go on sale on or around November 15.

These dances are set up and run by our Events Coordinator, Stephen Holmes, who has done a wonderful job of organization with the help of volunteers. This time, since the 519 is also pitching in, our duties will be slightly different. Stephen would like to set up a regular Dance Committee

that will handle arrangements for these events in the future. If you'd like to be on that committee, or can volunteer for any of the duties on November 28 (these won't interfere with your dancing pleasure), please talk to Stephen.

TWO-STEP LESSONS

Quite a lot of interest was expressed in the possibility of lessons for two-stepping. We have a permit for the Church St. School (83 Alexander St.) on Wednesday nights, which we haven't been using much, so these FREE lessons will begin on Wednesday, November 11, 7:30 - 9:30. They should be regarded as an experiment to see if they work and people come out for them. If the Demo Team needs to practice, that would have to be integrated into the evening. The basic steps will be taught before any turns are attempted. If you have friends outside of the group who have expressed an interest in learning the two-step, or some line-dances, bring them along! The upcoming dance on November 28 still leaves you time to get some learning in before testing your legs on the floor.

BADLANDS FULLY WESTERN

Badlands on Isabella St. is making its upstairs bar, Power, into another Western dance bar. A new enlarged wooden dance floor is planned for the middle of November.

Downstairs will feature live entertainment. The name of the DJ has not been announced and some nights may not be fully Western for a while; but this is definitely a step in the right direction!

## THURSDAY DANCING

Here are some suggestions for improving your learning and dancing fun on Thursdays. a) Under no circumstances should any of the Basic dancers be pushed into changing roles from Lead to Follow or vice versa. Stick to what you started to learn. b) If you dance regularly with the same partner, try changing partners occasionally. This can give you a new angle on the learning process and could increase your understanding of how a move's done. c) While "Angels" may be re-learning moves in a different role and so are very eager to dance and learn, please try and make sure ALL the Basic dancers are partnered up for each tip.

## UPCOMING MOVES

Please read up on the following moves for November - BASIC: Roll Away 1/2 Sashay; Couples Circulate; Star Thru; Cross Trail Thru; Do Paso; Allemande Thru; Shoot the Star.

PLUS: Coordinate, Crossfire, Relay The Deucey; Follow Your Neighbour; Anything & Spread; Dixie Grand; Anything & Roll.

A1: Mix; Lockit; Cast A Shadow; Clover & Anything; Turn & Deal; Quarter In; Cross Over Circulate; Horseshoe Turn; Step & Slide; Transfer the Column.

## MCC EVENTS

1. Don St. Jean will call a Beginners' Square Dance night, Saturday, November 14 for MCC Rochester. Billeting can be arranged in homes of MCC members. Speak to Don St. Jean. The more people who can help their beginners have fun on that night and grasp the moves, the better.

2. MCC Christos in Toronto is also having a square dance and

western evening that Don is calling on Friday, November 27. More details will be announced later.

## DANCING AROUND

Here are two accounts, the first from Don Cheff, the second from Andy Chong, of weekends in Cleveland and Vancouver:

### "LOAD THE BOAT" - CLEVELAND

Over Thanksgiving weekend several members of the Triangle Squares attended the Cleveland City Country Dancers' second annual fly-in. It was a very successful event, with 118 registrants and representatives from as far away as San Francisco and South Florida, the larger groups coming from Chicago and Toronto. Dancing was from Basic up to full Advanced.

My favorite event was the brunch cruise on Saturday aboard the "Nautica Queen", meandering along the winding Cayuhoga River. That same evening, most dressed for the "Captain's Masked Ball", with a prize awarded to ...something resembling a "Tall Ship"... and various commendations for other outfits. My favorite was Rhoda Manhard's ensemble; sporting a lovely, and weighty, chapeau in the form of a toy aircraft carrier!!

After the evening's square dancing, most of us headed over to "Numbers" bar, for two-stepping and line dancing, and later in the evening, the audience was regaled by a floor show, with Carmina Putana, (our own Toronto) Honky Tonk Queen '92 extraordinaire, lip synching a delightful rendition of Mozart's "Opus of the Cat"!! Several of Cleveland's Buxom Beauties treated us to their outrageous version of "Swine Lake", à la Ballet Trocadero!!! I nearly burst my bustière.

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On Sunday, after brunch and square dancing, two squares participated in a Moonlight Square. The weekend was rounded off on Monday with a walking tour of Cleveland, concurrent with a western-wear shopping spree.

The Cleveland City Country Dancers did a marvelous job of organizing their fly-in. As well as honoring some of their own, they presented Triangle Squares with an inscribed silver platter, in gratitude for our being their Sister Club, as well as for the encouragement, support and friendships we have offered each other! With such a wonderful display of affection and encouragement, it's certainly in mind to return next year, as well as looking forward to Cleveland's dancers attending our own fly-in next May!!

Thanks for the mammeries, er, memories, Cleveland City Country Dancers!

Exhaustedly Yours,  
Juana Donnis (aka Don C.)

"PERK UP IN VANCOUVER", OCT 2-4

(Ed.: Square dance levels are grouped into Basic, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced and Challenge. "Perk Up" is a Challenge term while "Load The Boat" is a Plus term).

This year's Advanced and Challenge Fly-In was hosted by the Vancouver club, Squares Across The Border. Over the weekend we had at least 14 hours of dancing opportunity, which compares favourably with the convention in Albuquerque. The dancing was split between 3 halls, one of which was exclusively for the Advanced level. Featured callers were Ray Brendzy of Vancouver, Sandra Bryant (Chicago) and Anne Uebelacker (now Vancouver, formerly Peterborough, Ontario).

Friday night dancing was

held in the West End, Vancouver's gay district. A school gymnasium was divided into 2 halls, and the community centre, next door, provided the third. After 2 hours, the divider was rolled back and everyone came together for an hour of Advanced and C1 (first Challenge level) dancing. Meanwhile, the community centre room was set up for a Country and Western dance that lasted till 1 a.m. I left about 1:30 Toronto time.

Saturday and Sunday dancing was held in the Arcadian Hall in midtown Vancouver. This building is normally used as both a community centre and a dance studio. Two of the three rooms had nice wooden floors, while the third was carpeted.

All three rooms went into action at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning. For the 1-hour lunch break, some 40 of us in groups of 4 to 8, found ourselves in the same restaurant, somewhat overtaxing their facilities. Another 3 hours later, we had a longer dinner break, followed by another 3 hours of dancing in the evening! A group with stamina then went to the bars for the after-party. The most memorable tip for me was called by Sandie on Saturday night. She called simple figures (for C1), but fast. It was an exhilarating experience. I wish I had a videotape of it to show straight dancers how we can dance at 30% greater speeds than they can.

The local group had access to the kitchen of the Arcadian Hall, and on Sunday morning self-catered the brunch. There was an hour between the end of brunch and the official start of the afternoon's dancing, but some started dancing to a non-staff caller, then Anne and Sandie called a bonus Advanced tip for everyone milling around who felt like moving. 2-1/2

(Cont'd from page 3.) hours later, we all reconvened in the Advanced hall for the final tip, called by all 3 featured callers; then it was time to say "goodbye"!

Next year, the Advanced and Challenge Fly-In will be held in Denver, October 1-3 with 4 featured callers and the 1994 Fly-In at this level is planned for Sacramento, CA! It's a great opportunity to either brush up or stretch your dancing ability - as well as have fun and meet new friends.

#### SUBMISSIONS TO NEWSLETTER

Relevant submissions to the newsletter are welcome. They should go to Chris Homer by the 21st. of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

#### WALK FOR AIDS 1992

Two dancers from Triangle Squares are to be congratulated on their fundraising efforts. Both Mahesh Patel and Jeff Schmidt raised around \$2000.00 each through contributions and pledges for the AIDS Walk, October 18. Jeff held a combined fundraising/birthday party at his place of work. The Demo Team performed, along with members of the Gay Men's Chorus. It was a great event, enhanced by the surroundings (a large house in Rosedale!) Hurrah for all your work, Mahesh and Jeff!

#### CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Thursday, December 17 will be Triangle Squares' Christmas party. If you're able, people usually bring something to eat.

We're considering the possibility of making this year's party a supper event, starting at 6:30. This should allow meeting and mingling, as well as digesting, before

dancing to get to know the dancers. Triangle Squares is your club and can only benefit from a richer community spirit. Dancing with friends rather than just strangers or acquaintances enhances your fun and sense of achievement.

#### UPCOMING FLY-INS, ETC.

Nov 13-15:

Harvest Moon Classic, Plus thru C3A, Cherry Hill, NJ.

Nov 28:

Club Night and Western Dance, Basic thru Advanced, 519, Triangle Squares.

Nov 27-29:

Fly-In, Squares Across the Border, Vancouver.

Dec 4-6:

Chase Right Through That Neon Rainbow, Neon Squares, Las Vegas, NV.

Jan 15-17, 1993:

January Jubilee, Plus thru C3A, Philadelphia, PA.

Mar 26-28:

Pass Through The Alamo II, Alamo City Wranglers, San Antonio, TX.

Apr 9-11:

Philadelphia Freedom Fly-In, Independence Squares, Philadelphia, PA.

May 28-31:

Annual Fly-In, Triangle Squares, Toronto.

Jul 2-4:

Remake The Circle, 10th. IAGSDC Convention, Seattle, WA.

Aug 16-30

Pink Triangles in Red Square - A Square Dance Journey to Russia!

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