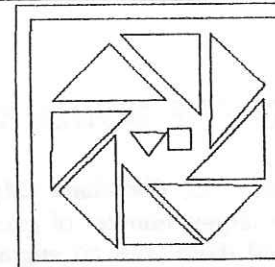


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SCOOT ACROSS THE BORDER A FLYING SUCCESS!!

Rave reviews are already starting to be heard from many people on a well-done job!! Congratulations to all the volunteers who gave their time to plan the fly-in, worked during the fly-in, and will be helping with the winding-down activities!! Not only the Fly-In Committee members (**Brian Wilding, Andy Chong, Alan Dearnley, Betty Gibb, Ray Hoekstra, John Mills, Chris Morden, Les Holloway, Dave Bennett, Ray Corbett** and **Larry White**), but all the people who helped set-up and clean-up, working tickets sales, or just answering questions from our out-of-town guests. It all adds-up to a great big "plus" for Toronto!

We had 123 people register from the following clubs:

- 8 from **Cadillac Squares, Detroit**
- 4 **Chi-Town Squares, Chicago**
- 30 **Cleveland City Country Dancers, Cleveland**
- 1 **Cream City Squares, Milwaukee**
- 1 **Foggy City Dancers, San Francisco**
- 4 **Grand River Squares, Grand Rapids (Michigan)**
- 3 **Independence Squares, Philadelphia**
- 4 **Mountain Laurel Squares, Connecticut**
- 2 **Squares Across The Border, Vancouver**
- 9 **Times Squares, New York**
- 57 **Triangle Squares, Toronto**

Many of our out-of-town guests had to be billeted with our club members and a few non-members. Old friendships were renewed and, hopefully, new friendships were created. That's half the fun of billeting people!

We danced until our feet were sore, to the wonderful calling of **Paul Waters** and **Joe Uebelacker** as they worked people through moves from Friday to Sunday and Basic to Advanced. For those of you who are not familiar with Paul, he hails from California and has made numerous appearances on the east coast for Cleveland and other clubs. Paul called the final tip of the Sunday afternoon with incredible enthusiasm and energy, with hardly anyone sitting-out.

The Western Dance Party on Saturday was a fun alternative to square dancing! (Isn't it funny how your feet can suddenly come alive, again?!) The **Bux-um Beauties** graced us with their hilarious version of "Swine Lake", bringing their festive American humour north of the border.

Following, in their performance debut, were the **Triangle Tarts** with a dazzling performance that only served to heighten the fiesta fever in the air! **Carmina Putanna**, our very own **Honky Tonk Queen '92**, entertained the troops with her version of a Carmen Miranda tune before the **Bux-ums** made their tribute to **Carmina** -- complete with tuiti-fruiti hats. (With so much plastic fruit leaving the U.S., I'm surprised that the American economy didn't take a nose-dive!)

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TRIANGLE SQUARES REACHES-OUT: HAMILTON CONVENTION

Nine of our dancers recently appeared at the 32nd Annual Convention held at McMaster University in Hamilton. One spent most of his time in the Challenge room, but when six men and two women marched into the Advanced room and started dancing as a square, there were quite a few amazed faces. As the afternoon and evening progressed, many other dancers came over to ask us where we were from and why there were so many men in our square! ("Don't you have enough women in your club?" was heard more than once.)

We especially caused a stir among the over two thousand dancers in the evening, when we moved down to the gymnasium to dance Plus to the calling of Johnny Preston, a wonderful caller who often calls at the annual IAGSDC conventions. Once in the afternoon, perhaps inspired by our presence, Johnny deliberately half-sasshayed all the dancers and proceeded to call a "normal" tip. We had no problem following in the opposite role but many of the men in other squares gave-up and their squares broke-down!

One younger group of dancers from Brantford, Ontario, came over to compliment us at the end of the evening on our styling. But they said they had some styling that was different as well and they asked when and where we danced. We've also made a contact with a local group in Toronto called Solo Squares and have invited them to our next Club Nights.

At one point, our square received a round of applause from three squares of black dancers when we appeared and squared-up. They understood the significance of standing-out in the huge crowd and appreciated our joining the ranks of the visible minorities! And we were definitely visible! And visible having a wonderful time dancing!

SCOOT ACROSS THE BORDER

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In honour of our sister club, **Cleveland City Country Dancers**, making-up the largest number of guests from a single club, we honoured them with an engraved silver tray. This same tray was bestowed upon our club in Cleveland last October for highest attendance from a single club at their **Load The Boat II** fly-in. The Fly-In Committee felt that it would be the beginning of a new tradition that would, hopefully, last for many, many years to come. With our mutual support of each other, we should be able to pass this tray back and forth until there is no room left on the tray for any further engraving. (Wouldn't it be nice if we were forced to add "levels" like the Stanley Cup in order to accommodate the multitude of fly-ins we'll share?!)

Despite some people having already tuckered themselves out by Sunday evening, there were still plenty of die-hards who came out for Sunday night square dancing to an open mike.

Monday started with rain but (thankfully!) cleared-up in time for the first-ever **Scavenger Hunt** to get under way. There were 4 teams of 3-4 people competing against each other to locate 4 mystery locations and a list of unusual items. Everyone agreed that they'd had a fun time and would join again next year! (We had some interesting winning results. Check-out the Scavenger Hunt article in this Issue.)

We don't know the financial results of the weekend, yet, but we do know that the attitude has hit an all-time high! People were excited about the fun they'd had at the fly-in and were looking forward to returning next year with more friends! (We've even had two people already pre-register for next year!)

LEGACY CONVENTION: ONE VIEW

Andy and Chris were delegates to the LEGACY Convention at the Bristol Place Hotel the weekend of May 13-16. This three day convention explored the Leadership and Organization of volunteers in square dance clubs. It seems that straight clubs have all the same problems and successes that gay and lesbian clubs have. A highlight of the weekend was on the final night when Andy and I danced in a square that included two dancers from Times Squares in New York. We got to whoop and holler a bit and also do our own styling for Weave The Ring.

Since Skip Rognlien and Bob Young from Times Squares are the President and Vice-President-elect of IAGSDC, Bob spoke at a session about how no barriers should exist between gay and straight clubs. At the end of the convention, one of the organizers and her husband said how pleased they were that there had been a gay presence at the convention and what a difference it had made.

With all this exposure, it's exciting to be able to take our place among any square dancers anywhere!

TRIANGLE TRASH

(A Tasteful Gossip Column by Strawberry Dickquiri)

Here it is, again! Another instalment of our tastefully trashy information-exchanging! I must say, though, it's been a tough month trying to pare down all the gossip to anything less than 5,000 words! Goodness, I never realized how truly depraved life can be (and fun!) when you go looking for dirt! But, where should I start?

Because it's so near and dear to my heart, I must confess that we have a **plant killer** among our happy family. While attending a cocktail soiree in honour of a couple of Yankee-Doodle dandies, I was shocked to learn that our host, a certain graphic artist, had neglected a lovely plant bestowed upon him at the Easter dinner party (trashed in my last column). To my absolute horror, this brown-thumbed cherub received two more plants to add to his list of victims. Please! Future guests be forewarned: buy only plastic plants for him!

A festive dinner outing to **Mickey's Hideaway** was undertaken by moi-meme and a cast of crazies. Did our conversation really degrade to Baycrest briefs and "augmentation"? And, did I really hear a death-wish of a certain prominent drag queen, paper-mache'ing herself to death in piniata fever? And has she really started wearing underwear for fear of being reported in this column? And what was the talk about headlines flashing before your eyes: "Tissue Paper Rosettes Ruin Love Fest"?

And was that a certain Brunch Co-Ordinator (bravo to you, my dear, for a fabulous selection!) seen mooning over Ms. Manager at **Pat & Mario's**? Was that why we dressed-up in our festive San Antonio hat -- to impress the woman? Smashing idea, my dear! Kudos, to you!

Did our prominent drag queen (trashed above) truly think she could throw plastic fruit at moi and not expect to be held publicly accountable? But, of course, it must have been meant for a certain Tart escort who wanted to do **what** to a paper-mache pig?!

You've already read the honourable version of the convention in Hamilton, let's take a peek at the behind the scenes incidents: was that a certain GALA member seen nearly clubbing a poor kindergarten teacher with her purse to buy a pants hanger with garters?? And did I hear mention of petty pants, too? Gosh, do all municipal employees get to dress so well for work?

Now, for some international flavour: was it a certain Bux-um Beautie who abandoned her children on the roof of the Party Centre? A number of witnesses were shocked when the plastic babes were discovered naked and alone on the cold, hard gravel. And isn't this same Bux-um showing a "lotta" weight gain? Rumour has it she's in the family way -- again! Moi did not personally witness a certain J.W. in leather but a sister confided that he surely must have outshone T.V. & D.M.! Any photos for sale?

BY-LAWS UPDATE

At the June 2, 1993, Steering Committee meeting, it was agreed that the title of the Events Co-Ordinator position be re-named the "Publicity Co-Ordinator". The exact job description has not been completed at this time. Over the next month or two, the Committee hopes to develop job descriptions for all Steering Committee positions and non-committee positions. This will assist new incumbents in orienting to the tasks, as well as help potential incumbents decide if they would be a good candidate to run for a position in an election.

SCAVENGER HUNT YIELDS LOTS OF UNUSUAL GOODIES!

As promised, the results of the first-ever SCOOT ACROSS THE BORDER Scavenger Hunt: a tie between two teams:

Team #1

Bill Wolfe, Times Squares
Paul Waters, Tinseltown Squares
John Thomason, Cadillac Squares
Herb Reszka, Cleveland City Country Dancers

Team #2

Herb Seamons, Grand River Squares
Carlos Gonzalez, Cleveland City Country Dancers
Stan More, Times Squares
Randy Elliott, Cream City Squares

Both teams were able to procure everything from a Casa Loma postcard to a single coffee bean. In determining the winner, we then looked at the team cheer that each team had come-up with. Team #1 did a fabulous sucking-up job with the name of TORONTO spelled-out a la cheerleader style. Team #2 had a good cheer but didn't try to suck-up as much. Too bad. However, Team #2 was able to locate one of the scavenger items that Team #1 had in a "smaller" quantity: a Star Trek logo. Team #1 had a key chain sound-effect gizmo with the logo. Team #2 triumphantly paraded a local Toronto stud wearing a Star Trek t-shirt. Hmm...nice chest!

How could we choose one over the other? A fabulous suck-up cheer or a walking S.T. logo?! The decision was too much for those present and a tie was declared. (Although, much discussion continued-on over lunch!)

POT-LUCK DINNER & CLUB NIGHT

Don't forget to mark your calendars for this fun-filled event! This will be our last regular dance night of this season. As a treat, we thought it would be nice to move it from a Thursday to a Friday night. Sign-up sheets for the pot-luck menu will be on the attendance table. This doesn't mean that there's not dancing in the summer because there is!! We're having a Club Night each month with a guest caller: Tim Crawford, Joe Uebelacker, Donna Saunders!

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Remember...if you have anything to buy, sell, trade, or share with our members, let Chris or Alan know by the 20th of each month and we'll include it. It's your newsletter and your input counts!

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FLY-IN '94 COMMITTEE

To be announced

PIC OF THE MONTH

Recognize these hunky fly-in dancers? Of course, it's our own Mainstream guys looking pretty for the guests!



JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 MAINSTREAM & PLUS CLASS	4	5
6	7 ADVANCED CLASS	8	9	10 MAINSTREAM & PLUS CLASS	11	12
13	14 ADVANCED CLASS	15	16	17 MAINSTREAM & PLUS CLASS	18	19
20	21 ADVANCED CLASS	22	23	24	25 POT-LUCK CLUB NIGHT DONNA SAUNDERS	26
27 LESBIAN & GAY PRIDE DAY	28	29	30			

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 HOLIDAY-CDN REMAKE THE CIRCLE, SEATTLE	2 REMAKE THE CIRCLE, SEATTLE	3 REMAKE THE CIRCLE, SEATTLE
4 HOLIDAY-U.S. REMAKE THE CIRCLE, SEATTLE	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 STEERING COMMITTEE	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 CLUB NIGHT WITH JOE LIEBELACKER	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 HOLIDAY	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 CLUB NIGHT WITH TIM CRAWFORD	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				