

TRIANGLE SQUARES NEWSLETTER

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Well, Spring has arrived (finally) and time is upon us to register for the Fly-In. Have you?

And talking about registrations, have you sent yours in for T& D and/or Los Angeles? Toronto and District (T&D) is the straight Convention May 6, 7 & 8 at Brock University while Los Angeles is the Gay Convention in July.

Presidential message from Nancy Deadman

March 21st has come and gone.... Spring must be here! Of course with the warm weather comes renewed energy. Wondering what to do with that energy? How about a spring dance with Tim Crawford. See details later in the newsletter.

Follow that up.....

With the Scoot across the Border Fly-In May 28-31. The Fly-in is guaranteed to be lots of fun!

Still energy left?....

There is always volunteering for the Fly-In. Lots of things and activities to help out on. See David's article.

Proposed Class Fees for September 1999 By David White

Triangle Squares is concerned about the annual drop in attendance of the Basic/Mainstream class over the Christmas and New Years holidays. We believe the drop is caused by three factors. The first is the three-week break in dancing from the middle of December to the beginning of January, which disrupts the still new weekly routine of beginner dancers. The second factor is that the class fees for the next twelve-week session of dancing are due in January, which puts a strain on many pocketbooks so soon after the annual winter spending spree. The third factor is the cold, damp, winter weather so common to Toronto.

We hope that changing the fee schedule will address one of these factors and help to retain and encourage dancers to continue dancing.

Current Fee Schedule: \$50.00 for 12 weeks of lessons, 3 times per year, payable September, January and April (\$4.17/week)

Proposed Fee Schedule: \$75.00 for 18 weeks of lessons twice a year payable September and February (\$4.17/week)

Although we can do nothing about when Christmas and New Years are celebrated, we do hope that dancers will return to dancing after the holidays by making a commitment for 18 weeks instead of 12 weeks. The proposed changes move the current stopping point to the middle of February instead of directly after the holidays and give us a chance to move to more firmly establish weekly routines that are so necessary to successful dancing. These changes will also help to relieve some of the financial stress that so often occurs in January again by pushing the fees out to the middle of February. As to the weather, we hope that by encouraging dancers to keep coming out to dance and having a wonderful social time full of laughter and conversation with new friends, we will generate many warm feelings and more than compensate for any inclement weather experienced. The more the merrier is our philosophy. (*Eileen's note: and who could miss the Tarts!*) If you have any comments, please let either your class representative or a member of the Steering Committee know what you think and how you feel.

Sunday "T" Dance by Chris Homer

On Sunday April 11, Tim Crawford will be calling Mainstream, Plus and A1 in the Party Room at 15 Maitland Place, Level B from 1:30-4. Tim called for our Christmas dance and is well liked. This will give you a chance to actually dance the moves learned over the last couple of months and freshen up for the Fly-In. Come on out and enjoy the dance!

Grand Rapids Report by John Mills and Loris Pittioni

Once again, Grand River Squares of Grand Rapids showed us that they know how to throw a party. Eight dancers from Toronto ventured through the wilds of Michigan to spend a fun filled weekend to join almost one hundred dancers to dance to the fabulous calling of Mike DeSisto. For the first time in as many as we can remember, there was no snowstorm, this greatly reduced the stress of a long drive.

As usual the dancers from Grand Rapids opened their hearts and homes for dancers from all over the mid-west and Toronto. Mike DeSisto as usual, called up a storm (this kind we can handle). This dancer (John), who relies on the mainstream tips to catch his breath, found he was up dancing to all his fun filled and challenging mainstream tips.

Saturday night, the club went all out with their fabulous potluck supper. Although it is a lot of work for the members, the wonderful food is always one of the highlights of the weekend. I have no idea why they are always worried that there will not be enough food – the loaves and fishes we brought were not even touched.

During the Saturday night dinner, we were all in awe by the appearance of a very statuesque Cher-in her 7-inch heels (and normal 6 foot plus height)- she made RuPaul look like one of Snow White's dwarfs. After dinner she removed her long tresses and heels and performed (not lip-synched) an original ditty about square dancing and dressing up in your sister's underwear.

Following another fabulous brunch on Sunday, it was time for our sad good-byes as we realized that the weekend was over and we had to return to our regular lives.

Scout Across the Border'99 by David Whitney

VIRUS STRIKES TRIANGLE SQUARE MEMBERS

Dr. David reports that many Triangle Square members have come down with the dreaded virus "*I can't make up my mind*" also known as "*I won't commit until the last minute in case something (or someone) better comes along*". Consequently many Triangle Square members haven't registered for **Scout Across the Border** yet. We know you're all planning to come to **Scout Across the Border 99** May 28-31st so to give you a chance to fight off this malady, Dr. David's cure is simple: the deadline to register for the current price of \$60.00 has been **extended to April 15th** for Triangle Squares members only. Registrations must be received by the end of dancing April 15th. After that the price rises to \$70.00. There is a registration form attached to the newsletter.

Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers!

To be successful an event as big as *Scout Across the Border 99* depends on help from many people. For the past 6 months a few club members have been actively planning the event. Now the time has come for **you** to get involved! Have some spare time on Monday nights for the next 2 months?? Help out and **join the Fly-In Committee**. Perhaps you're able to **help arrange guest housing**, or **assist in organizing the volunteers** during the fly-in. Maybe your strength is **canvassing** for prizes and coupons or helping to prepare the registration packages. Let your interior design talents shine and join our **decorating sub-committee**. **Whatever your talent or interest, there's a place for you**. Don't sit back waiting to be asked, and **don't be shy**. Instead **volunteer to help**. I assure you, you'll have lots of fun and you will have contributed to making your club's event a success.

Can't volunteer for the committee? You can still help. **We need members to host our out of town guests**. Requests are being received and we need to start matching guests with hosts immediately. If you have a spare bed, or pullout couch and are able to provide accommodation please contact **David Whitney at 905-457-7147 immediately**.

Can't sit on the committee or act as host? You can still help. As May 28th approaches watch for your opportunity to volunteer for an hour or two during the fly-in. We'll need you to help at the registration table or the refreshment room or to assist in set-up and clean up. Friday night the club members provide a potluck dinner for our guest when they arrive, so you'll have the opportunity to make your favorite recipe and bring it along. **Lois Boyd** from the Plus class is coordinating our volunteers, so give her a call at 424-4283.

This is our last fly-in before our convention bid goes in so we want to show that we can host a great weekend and we know we can with your help.

April Birthday Greetings

Denise Bruno	9 th	April Kassirer	14 th
Alan McLean*	14 th	Joanne LaPlante	25 th
Richard Stoveld	25 th	David Locker	27 th
Andrew Kajioka	??		

* denotes members of Basic/Mainstream class

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Please feel free to contact any of the above for any questions or problems that you may have. **If you move or change your telephone number, please call and advise Mike Ball.** In order for us to keep you informed, you need to keep us informed.

Don't forget to check the Xtra hotline number for changes to dance schedules, cancellations due to weather, and upcoming events. That number is 925-9872 ex 2014.

Scoot Across the Border 99 Update

At present your Fly-in Committee consists of: Lois Boyd - Plus class, Jay Bascom, Robert Bouchard, Nancy Deadman, Steve McKeown, and David Whitney - Advanced class, and Bruce Harrigan - C1 class. We can always use more help however!

Details of the fly-in continue to be worked out.

- We've chosen a great logo, designed by Les Holloway, incorporating the theme "*The Wizard of Oz*".
- Our event T-shirt has been designed and you can now order it (see elsewhere in the newsletter).
- Since the movie starts in black and white, Friday evening's theme will be Black and White and you're encouraged to dress accordingly.
- Saturday afternoon some of the GCA callers will be guest calling.
- Saturday night we'll burst into colour with the "*Over the Rainbow*" Costume Ball. It's never too early to start planning your wardrobe and we encourage you to come in costume. I know the Triangle Tarts are already planning some fabulous outfits.
- Sunday brunch will be at 10:30 at The Hot House Café again this year.
- Monday morning's event will be a tour of Casa Loma for our U.S. guests and anyone else who can attend.

It's sure to be a great weekend that you won't want to miss. If you haven't already registered, do it right away and save \$10.00.

Hosts During Fly-in Needed Urgently

Club members are needed who can provide housing for our out of town guests during *Scoot Across the Border 99*, May 28th to 31st. If you have a spare bed or couch and are willing to host a guest please contact David Whitney at (905) 457-7147, pick up a form on dance nights, or contact any committee member. Don't delay as we have to start matching our guests and hosts very soon.

FOR SALE: *Scoot Across the Border 99* T-Shirts

Our Wizard of Oz logo T-shirt is available for sale and it's sensational! It has a 3 colour logo instead of the usual 2 colour one. It features Toronto's skyline as the Emerald City in green (so you were expecting it to be purple ?), the Yellow Brick Road (yes, it's yellow) and of course the Ruby Slippers (no, they are **not** blue!)

If you want to get a rough idea of how it will look visit our web sight:
www.iagsdc.org/trianglesquares.

Despite the increased number of colours, Jay has negotiated a deal with our supplier and we're able to sell them for the **same price as last year!**

It's sure to be a big seller so to ensure that you have yours in time for the fly-in fill in the boxes on the registration form.

Already registered? - No problem, just complete the information below and **mail** it to:
Box 57, 552 Church St. Toronto M4Y 2E3 or give it to **Jay Bascom** (Advanced class) or **any committee member**.

Yes, I want to order (#)_____ *Scoot Across the Border 99* T-shirts @ \$14.00 each = _____

Size: L XL XXL XXXL

Name: _____

Telephone: Evening _____

Total _____

Make cheque payable to *Scoot Across the Border 99*.