

Triangle Squares Newsletter

March 1999

Presidents Message by Nancy Deadman

Everyone can now breathe a huge sigh of relief! No longer will the halls ring with pleas for an equipment manager! I am pleased to announce that Costa Roussakis has volunteered to fill the position. I'm sure everyone will join in supporting him to help make his job a snap. Thanks Costa!

We also now have class representatives and they are as follows:

Basic- Lorne Lundquist
Plus- Lois Boyd
A1/A2- Janet Naylor
Challenge- David White

Please feel free to speak with your class rep to raise any issues, concerns, or compliments.

Until the next Square up.....Nancy

PS-If anyone has any club equipment please let Costa know at 921-6196.

The Call goes out..... by Nancy Deadman

Quite often it's good to look ahead and see what's coming down the track...In this case it's the 2000 Fly-In. What already? But we haven't had the 1999 one yet! Yes, however time stands still for no (wo)man and in this case its looking for callers.

If you'd heard any great callers at recent events and you would like to see them at the Fly-In, let a member of the steering committee know.

For anyone looking to sharpen their skills for the 2002 Convention, the Fly-In chair would be a great place to start. So once again. Anyone interested in chairing the 2000 Fly-In, let a steering committee member know. This could be the experience of a millennium.

1999 Fly In Theme by David Whitney

Last year's Scoot Across the Border saluting the Gay Games in Amsterdam was a great success. This year we are going Over the Rainbow! To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of its release, we have chosen "The Wizard of OZ" as the theme for this year's fly-in. So gather up Toto, say goodbye to Auntie Em, escape from Miss Gulch and Scoot Across the Border. You won't be in Kansas anymore (if you ever were) but if you follow the yellow brick road you'll arrive at the St. Lawrence Community Centre in time to spend the weekend dancing to the calls of Dave Hutchinson and Chris Phillips. There will be prizes, perhaps a few surprises and lots of opportunity to renew friendships.

Be part of the fun, get your favorite "Oz wear" ready and plan to join the 75 scarecrows, lions, tin men and munchkins who have already packed their bags and are heading for Toronto and Scoot Across the Border '99 May 28th-31st.

Register before April 1st and take advantage of the discounted rate of \$60.00

Registration breakdown is as follows;

42 from Triangle Squares (is that all!?!?)
6 from Times Squares, New York
6 from Cleveland
5 from Grand Rapids
2 from Chi-Town, Chicago
one each from Chesapeake Squares, London, South Florida Mustangs, Minnesota Wild Roses, Ottawa Date Squares, and Foggy City, San Francisco

Convention 2002/2003 Bid Update by Brian Wilding

As you are aware, the Steering Committee of the Toronto Triangle Squares has named the co-chairs for the Convention 2002 (and 2003) Bid Committee. The co-chairs are:

Brian Wilding	Co-chair Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations Hm; 413-9283 e-mail; b_wilding@hotmail.com
John Bailey	Co-chair Legal and Accounting Hm; 966-9645 e-mail; jbailey@aracnet.net
Michiel Bagchus	Co-chair Operations Hm; 482-0269 e-mail; bagchus@ibm.net

These individuals are responsible for preparing and presenting Toronto's convention bid proposal(s) at the IAGSDC General Meeting in July at the Los Angeles convention.

The IAGSDC Executive Board will select the site of the 2002 and 2003 conventions at that meeting. This extraordinary selection is because the association bylaws were changed last year to move the final site selection from three to four years in advance. If Toronto's bid for 2002 is unsuccessful, we will be bidding for the 2003 convention.

In Portland, the bids were closed for the 2002 convention with two bidders: San Diego and Toronto. The 1999 Executive Board will select from these two bidders.

For the 2003 convention, the bids will be closed during the Executive Board meeting, presentations will be taken from the bidders, and the final site will be selected.

Since this is the first time in some years there has been a competition for the privilege of hosting a convention, and since the IAGSDC Chair, Darrell Ertzberger, is well aware of the acrimonious results of the last contested convention year (1992), he has consulted with the Convention Advisory Committee (CAC) to create a process that will lead to an informed, fair, and impartial selection process.

In order that the IAGSDC member clubs can make an informed decision on the selection, the CAC has created a questionnaire for submission by all bidders. This questionnaire covers the basic information for the proposed convention. The information from all bidders will be distributed to all IAGSDC member clubs prior to the 1999 convention. (It is their intent to distribute the final information to all clubs no later than May 1.) The clubs can review it, discuss the options, and give their delegates instructions. By having the same information from all bidders, it will give the clubs a better basis to evaluate the merits of each bid.

Your co-chairs are currently hard at work gathering information and compiling it into appropriate responses to address the questions asked in the Bid Questionnaire. Assisting the co-chairs in the preparation and completion of the questionnaire are the following club volunteers: Les Holloway, Richard Stoveld, David White, Richard Howard and Don Cheff. Dan Cooperstock will be helping the team later with web design. The questionnaire is to be finalized by April 6th for presentation to the Triangle Squares Steering Committee. It will then be sent to the IAGSDC prior to the April 15th deadline as requested by the IAGSDC Chair. NOTE; If Toronto is unsuccessful in its bid for 2002, we intend to bid for 2003. Consequently, we will be submitting two separate bid questionnaires, one for each year.

Simultaneously, we are preparing a promotional brochure to send to the IAGSDC member clubs to show why Toronto is the ideal location to host the IAGSDC convention in 2002 or 2003. We plan to have this separate mailing coincide with the mailing of the convention bid information questionnaire to all member clubs.

Once these deadlines are met, we will be focusing our attention on creating two highly professional bid presentations for the right to host the IAGSDC Convention in 2002 or 2003. On behalf of the co-chairs, I wish to thank the above mentioned members for volunteering their time to help us with the bid preparation and presentation.

Are you wondering how you can help? It would be great to have a large contingent of Triangle Squares members attend the convention in Los Angeles, July 1-4, 1999. Your presence would speak well of our club and each one of you could act as goodwill ambassadors to help promote the virtues of our convention bid proposals.

If Toronto's bid is successful, the co-chairs will form a Convention Committee, incorporate and operate as a legal entity, and take full charge of organizing and running all aspects of Convention 2002 or 2003 in accordance with published IAGSDC convention requirements.

Your co-chairs are confident that Toronto is primed to host the IAGSDC Convention 2002 or 2003. We plan to keep the membership abreast of the entire process by featuring regular articles in our club newsletter. But if you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the convention bid committee co-chairs.

"Name the Convention" Contest by Brian Wilding

The Triangle Squares Convention 2002/2003 Co-Chairs wish to name the club's proposed convention. We wish to involve our club members and have decided to have a contest to name the convention.

The winner will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to one of the restaurants on Church Street. In the case of a tie, a draw will determine the winner. All club members (or associate members) are eligible to enter and you can enter as often as you like. Note: The co-chairs are ineligible for the contest. Be sure to include your name and phone number along with your convention name suggestion. All entries become the property of the Convention Bid Committee. Entries must be submitted to one of the co-chairs in writing or via e-mail no later than 10 PM on Thursday March 11, 1999.

Keep an eye out for flyers advertising the contest at your dance nights. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the co-chairs. Their phone numbers and e-mail addresses are provided in another article in this newsletter.

Looking forward to receiving your entries.

Club Function by Don St. Jean

Mark Sunday March 7th on your calendar! Meet at College Park at 9:30 AM for the 2nd Annual (?) Ice Square Dance party. Bring your skates and square dance on the ice. Adjourn afterwards for some warm refreshments! Enjoy the fun! Call Don at 979-2776 for more details.

March Birthday Greetings to:

Andy Chong	2nd	Michiel Bagchus*	3rd
Don St. Jean	11 th	Wayne Kerr	24 th
Ron Allain	25 th	Daniel Steeves	20 th
Becky Bray	31 st		

* denotes basic/mainstream member

My apologies to Drew Post- how could anyone forget it was his birthday on the 17th of February. Please forgive me!! (Grovel, grovel)

My apologies to Michiel Bagchus for misspelling his name- I thought the error was on the membership list! Oops!

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*Not on the Committee but important numbers to have handy.

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 Pamela.** 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.