

Triangle Squares

December 2001



Time to wish you Season's Greetings

"Time like an ever rolling stream..." Time, where does it go? Although it seems like only yesterday, it has already been a year since I was elected your club President. During that year we have had a new class of dancers complete their Mainstream course and move on, only to be succeeded by another class. We have had several club dances, seen the rebirth of a regular newsletter and staged another successful Fly-in. Throughout it all I have been supported by a great Steering committee and especially by all of you, the wonderful members of Triangle Squares who have so willingly volunteered your time and energy. My thanks to each of you.

Now it is time to say thank-you to Michael Ball, Bruce Harrigan and Jim Tait whose terms on the Steering Committee have ended. Each of them filled their position with skill and dedication and I will miss their advice and wisdom. I am delighted that Lorne Lundquist and Joanne Laplante and Holly Price will continue on the Steering committee this year. And it is time to welcome the newly elected members of the Steering Committee: Steve McKeown from the C1 class as Secretary, and Peter Newson from the A1 class as IAGSDC Rep.

Welcome also to John Brock who was elected by the Basic/Mainstream class to be their Class Rep. I look forward to their ideas as we work to make the club better for everyone.

It's time to look ahead. The club has planned monthly events right up to the summer. And it is only seven months until Cloverleaves and Maple Leafs is upon us! That is barely enough time to prepare for such a large event and certainly we will need everyone's help if we are to host the event the way we want to. This year we will not be having a Fly-in in the traditional sense but will instead have a pre-convention warm-up weekend of dancing during our usual May Fly-in weekend.

And now it is time for me to wish each of you a happy, safe Holiday season filled with love and peace.

Time flies; see you in the new year!

David

Who to call to volunteer for the convention? Don't tie yourself in cloverleaves!

Club members continue to ask how they can become involved in helping to host the convention. Once again we have published a list elsewhere in this newsletter of the chairs of the various convention committees that have been formed. Any club member who has an interest in helping with a particular part of the convention may contact the appropriate chair directly and volunteer. What if you aren't sure who to contact, or don't have a spe-

cific preference but know you want to help? You may contact either Michiel or David.
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You will be contacted and your name will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Monthly deadlines have been set for articles to the newsletter: the 21st.
Send your stuff in!

-Janet
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p.s. Please send your stuff in the body of your e-mail, and not in an attachment. Thanx!

NEWS

Member Mugged

Richard Pike has been a long-time and devoted Triangle Squares member. Currently he is a member of the Plus class. On Thursday, November 15th, he was mugged and robbed at knifepoint on the University of Toronto campus as he was preparing to come to class. Although he lost all his identification and money, fortunately Richard was not physically hurt. Naturally he has been emotionally traumatised by this terrifying ordeal. On behalf of the club I extend to Richard our sympathy and our best wishes and support for a quick return to normality. If you see Richard at class or a club dance I'm sure he'd appreciate knowing that he has your support.

-David Whitney

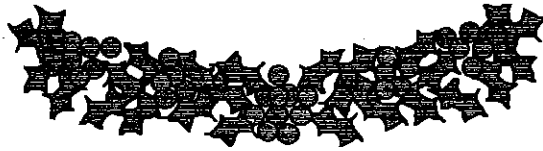
Club dress shirts coming your way!

At the present time, unlike most IAGSDC clubs, Triangle Squares does not have an official dress shirt to wear for formal occasions. Since we are hosting the IAGSDC convention in July, the Steering Committee felt that it would be an appropriate time to propose a new club outfit. Although it would be worn for the first time at the Convention, it will not be a convention shirt but a Triangle Squares CLUB shirt. It would be worn at future events where a shirt that identifies the dancer as a club member is desired or required.

Several club members worked on designs. The criteria were to have an outfit that was comfortable, reproducible and available in future years, and had an identifiably Canadian theme. Three designs were selected by the Steering Committee to present to the members at the

EVENTS

Christmas Party



at the **St. Lawrence Community Centre**, 230 The Esplanade
Sunday, **December 9**

Dance to the fabulous Tim Crawford from 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Dine on:

Tender Breast of Chicken with a Light Tarragon Glaze
Rice Pilaff
Fresh Garden Vegetables
Assorted Salads
Rolls
Ginger Spice Cake with Escaloped Apples
Assorted Juices, Coffee & Tea

Thank John Bailey for his culinary expertise

All available for a very reasonable \$20
Be sure to get your ticket at class or contact David White.

Where have all the A2s gone?

In recent weeks attendance at the A2 class has dwindled until there is frequently less than a full square. This is disappointing for those who faithfully attend. If you are currently an A2 dancer please try to return to dancing. If you can angel on Wednesday evenings, even occasionally, from 7-9 pm at Jesse Ketchum school, Joe and the A2 class will warmly welcome you!



Annual General Meeting in November. Two of the designs feature maple leaves in rainbow colours on a white background either around the yoke of the shirt, or trailing down one side. The third design was a red mountie-type shirt with high collar, epaulettes and brass buttons. The meeting strongly supported the concept of having a new outfit, and the Steering Committee was empowered to make the final selection after consultation with the club members. At your classes you will see drawings of the three designs and will have an opportunity to indicate your preferences. Based on your input, the Steering Committee will make the final selection and present it to the club.

The shirts are expected to cost \$30 - \$40 and every club member will be encouraged to buy one.

Triangle Squares Annual General Meeting

On November 8, 2001, Triangle Squares had a successful Annual General Meeting attended by approximately 45 club members and several associate members. At the meeting the financial reports showed the club in a very favourable position with a surplus of several thousand dollars.

Re-elected to the Publicity position on the Steering Committee was the team of Holly Price and Joanne Laplante. Steve McKeown was elected Secretary and Peter Newson was elected IAGSDC Rep.

The Convention committee reported that plans were well underway for *Cloverleafs and Maple Leafs* with many volunteers filling the organizing positions. Over 600 people had registered for the Convention at that time.

A proposal to produce a new and permanent club dress outfit was approved. Several designs were presented and the club members will indicate their preferred design. The Steering Committee was empowered to make the final selection. The shirt will cost from \$30 - \$40. We plan to wear the shirts for the first time for the Grand March at *Cloverleafs and Maple Leafs*.

Following the meeting, Don St. Jean called an all-level dance and we continued to sample the desserts provided by the members.

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PRE CONVENTION PEP RALLY

Scoot Across the Border 2002

Pre-Convention Pep Rally!!! Dancing, dancing and more dancing

There have been many questions as to what is happening with the Fly-In in 2002. Are we having a Fly-In? Have we advertised? Are we having a brunch?

Basically, we still want to give the club a May weekend in which to get as much dancing in as possible.

Initially, because of all the effort going into the 2002 convention, it was doubtful that we were going to have a Fly-In. Pat Vandesompele and I approached the Steering Committee and volunteered to put on some kind of event. We did not want to lose the weekend to another club. We also wanted to provide our club members with some dance time, because a lot of us will be extremely busy during the convention.

We have decided to call this event the "Pre-Convention Pep Rally" as opposed to a "Fly-In". Compared to a typical Fly-In, this will be a scaled-down event. The dancing will only be on the Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26, 2002. Due to time constraints and logistics, we will not be having a potluck or a brunch nor will we be selling T-shirts or having 50/50 draws. Instead, our focus will be to provide a lot of dance time at an affordable price.

At this time the callers and the venue are being worked on. Tentatively, there will be three sessions of dancing on Saturday and two on Sunday with breaks for lunch or dinner.

We will be distributing the registration form in early December. The event has been placed on the IAGSDC event calendar and will be posted shortly on the Triangle Squares web site. Although we are not expecting many people from out of town, please pass the word along to anyone you think may be interested. Note that we are planning to offer limited billeting for our guests. If you can offer your place, please contact me or Pat.

We look forward to seeing you at the "Pre-Convention Pep Rally".

Steve McKeown

2002 Convention News

Fun Badge Tour Update

We are pleased to announce that a seventh bus has been added to the Fun Badge Tour on Sunday, July 7th. If you don't know, the Fun Badge Tour is where you and nearly 400 other gay square dancers stagger onto buses at 7:30 a.m. sharp and venture out into the Toronto sunshine to dance in several interesting public places - which are kept a secret until you actually get there. It's a blast, and you'll be back in time for the lunch at 12:30 p.m.

If you'd like to join the fun, just check Fun Badge Tour on your registration form and include an extra \$25 U.S. per person. This includes transportation, badge dangles, snacks and a little surprise. There are limited seats available on the extra bus so don't be disappointed, sign up for the Fun Badge Tour now! It is guaranteed to sell out soon.

-Brian Wilding

Why Should You Volunteer for the Convention?

- Cloverleaves and Maple Leafs **needs** your help!
- Each sub-committee offers a great opportunity to **get involved**.
- It's a golden opportunity for Triangle Squares to **showcase** our great city and host a party that our fellow square dancers will never forget.
- You'll enjoy working with others and have fun as you **get better acquainted** with your fellow club members.
- You'll **feel a tremendous sense of accomplishment** when admiring the work your committee has done.
- You'll **have pride** in helping Toronto host the best IAGSDC® convention ever!
- You'll **qualify** for the special volunteers' reduced rate of \$100 U.S., provided you register for the convention prior to December 31, 2001.

NOTE: The Cloverleaves and Maple Leafs Board of Directors do not expect volunteers to work the entire convention to qualify for the special registration rate. You will definitely have ample opportunity to enjoy the convention. In fact, many volunteers will have fulfilled their time commitment prior to the event.

For more information, contact one of the sub-committee heads or convention co-chairs.

-Brian Wilding

Convention Board and Subcommittees

Convention Board:

Pres, Triangle Squares: David Whitney
Theme: Nancy Deadman
Operations: Michiel Bagchus
Finance & Legal: John Bailey
Women's Issues: Nancy Deadman
Ad, Mktg, PR: Brian Wilding

Subcommittees:

Auditor: Charlie Lyall
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Closing Ceremonies: Costa Roussakis
Club Photos: Brian Walsh
Flooring: Peter Brych
Fun Badge Tour: Chris Homer
Merchandise: Brian McKeen
Opening Ceremonies: Drew Post
Pre & Post Tours: John Nishikawa
Publications: Brian Wilding
Registration: Robert Bouchard & Lorne Lundquist
Saturday Banquet: Jacques Cartier
Scheduling & Caller Liaison: Don St. Jean
Signage: vacant
Souvenir Booklet: Les Holloway
Sponsorships: vacant
Sunday Lunch: Herb Gloutney & Bruce Harrigan
Treasurer: Kevin Seymour
Vendors: Yvette Lemire
Webmaster: Ken Lee
Western Dance: Donna Jeffery & Ralph Williams
Women's Hospitality: Keltie Creed

If you want to volunteer, and would like more information about any of these committees, send an e-mail to cm1_volunteer@mail.com.

