



# TRIANGLE SQUARES

April 2005

## SCOOT 2005

One other thing that has been finalized for this year's Scoot "Queen Victoria's Secret Garden" is the Friday evening Trail-In dance. It will be at the Central YMCA on Grosvenor Street, just west of Yonge, in the second floor auditorium. The room is about 50 feet square, so can comfortably accommodate 9-12 squares - it's modern and bright, and on each side there are doors than open to arc alcoves, where a potluck buffet will be set up, so that the whole venue is a large circle. It overlooks the pool below so you can check out the Speedos. Unfortunately, the attached kitchen is leased to an outside caterer so we do not have access to a stove or oven. So in planning what to bring, you might consider something that could be served cool or lukewarm, or if hot, bring it insulated directly from your oven. For "absolutely-must-be-hot" things, the pot-luck chair, Bob Hails, might be able to arrange for warming trays or chaffing dishes or a microwave. Bob will be contacting people closer to the 27th of May. There is ample public parking across the street for those coming by car; the College subway station is a short two blocks away; and the village is close by.

All level dancing will take place at Jessie Ketchum School, and the Sunday Brunch will be at W.C. Fields Restaurant in Yorkville, at 50 Cumberland Street.

See you at Scoot

*Peter Newson*

## VICTORIANA

We love the celebration of the May 2-4 weekend! It's the official start of the summer season in Canada, with vacations, parties and BBQs to look forward to. Many of us aren't aware of just why we honour Queen Victoria. So unlike our American friends, who have President's Day, here's a few reasons we Canadians celebrate our Queens! And Victoria Day!

Did you know that in 1867 Queen Victoria signed the British North America Act? Until the 1970's it was Canada's constitution. It created the Dominion of Canada a country many times the size of the United Kingdom.



Did you know that Queen Victoria was the longest reigning monarch in British history? She served 63 years over an Empire so big it was said the sun never set on the British Empire.

Did you know not only was Victoria a Queen but she was also an Empress! Victoria was crowned Empress of India in 1876. A famed hotel was named after the honour, The Empress, in Victoria B.C.

Did you know not only was Prince Albert Queen Victoria's husband but he was also her first cousin! A marriage that would be illegal in Canada.

Did you know Queen Victoria was born on May 24<sup>th</sup> 1819? She ascended the throne on the death of her uncle William IV, at the tender age of 18.



Did you know that when Prince Albert died in 1861 Queen Victoria went into mourning for 40 years? She absented herself from public life and took to wearing black for evermore. It is from this period that much of her public image is retained.

Did you know that Queen Victoria and Prince Albert had nine children? They were: Victoria, Albert, Alice, Alfred, Helena, Louise, Arthur, Leopold, and Beatrice. One result of some many children was that her grand-children included the Kaiser of Germany, Wilhelm II; and 5 grand-daughters ruled as Queens.

Did you know Queen Victoria smoked? She did it to keep the flies away!

Lastly.... but certainly not least!

Did you know that the piercing of the male organ was named after Queen Victoria's husband? The fashion craze of the time was for extremely tight pants and a "dressing ring" would prevent unsightly trouser bulge. Prince Albert, PA for short, reputedly took to the fashion in 1825.

*Peter Brych*





## Upcoming Fly-In's and Events

**Ropin' The River;** April 15-17, Grand River Squares, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Callers: Andy Shore, and Gary Monday. Info: John Legge (616) 890-7249. E-mail: [info@grsquares.org](mailto:info@grsquares.org).

**Pass The Ocean, Hon!** April 29 to May 1; hosted by Chesapeake Squares, and held in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones. Dayle Hodge, Mike Jacobs and Andy Shore; [www.iagsdc.org/chesapeake-squares](http://www.iagsdc.org/chesapeake-squares).

**Scout Across The Border!** May 27-29, Toronto Triangle Squares. Callers: Tim Crawford and Nick Martellacci; [www.iagsdc.org/trianglesquares](http://www.iagsdc.org/trianglesquares).

**Star Thru the Silicon Galaxy,** 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual IAGSDC Convention; July 1-4, 2005; Santa Clara, California; <http://SiliconGalaxy.org/>; Newsletters available at <http://SiliconGalaxy.org/info/newsletters.php>.

**Harvest Ball,** Carrés aux dattes d'Ottawa Date Squares; September 23-25; Callers: Sandie Bryant and Don Moger; [www.iagsdc.org/Ottawa](http://www.iagsdc.org/Ottawa). Due to LGCWSD problems, Date Squares are extending the deadline to June 1, to register at the early bird rate! So, \$90 CAN before June 1, or \$100 after.

For all other events associated with the **IAGSDC**, please go to <http://www.iagsdc.org/cgi-bin/calendar>.

## Star Thru The Silicon Valley!

There are still spaces available at this year's Caller School at the annual convention.

Through the generous support of All Join Hands Foundation, the tuition is very reasonable and the Hotel has offered a special "staff" rate for the rooms. This rate is even lower than the convention hotel rate. Check out the web site if you are interested. <http://www.gaycallers.org/> (<http://www.gaycallers.org/>)

The "Intermediate level" is almost full at this point, but there is room in both the "beginners" and "advanced" sections. Check it out! It is a great three-day event! If you have always wanted to try your hand at calling a square dance, this is your opportunity! If you are planning to attend, please let the Caller School organizers know ASAP, so that they can finalize their plans. If you have any questions please contact Tim McNamara for further assistance: Tim McNamara GCA Vice President 2005 Caller School Coordinator, [Rainbowcaller@aol.com](mailto:Rainbowcaller@aol.com).



## IMPORTANT DATES

### The Toronto & District Square & Round Dance Convention

May 5-7, 2005, Brock University, St Catharines  
Car Pooling can be arranged; Most of our dancers go just for the Saturday afternoon.

**Graduation Dance** for the Basic/Mainstream class  
Thursday, June 2 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
At the '519' Community Centre.

A summer evening **Dance & Social** in July  
Look for more details to follow!



If you'd like to submit an article or a digital photograph for inclusion in the newsletter, please e-mail it to Don Cheff, at [dcheff@oct.ca](mailto:dcheff@oct.ca).

**Reminder:** Please check our telephone line for Club updates: (416) 925-XTRA, ext 2014.

## A GUIDE TO IAGSDC CONVENTIONS

Wondering how to explain Convention to your soon-to-graduate dancers? - Tired of receiving blank looks from students when you mention the terms "Honky Tonk Queen", "The Fials", "Golden Boot", or "10-Year Medallion"? - At a loss to explain why a Fun Badge Tour's locations are kept secret? With a number of clubs planning for graduation of their latest classes, I've received several enquiries recently regarding the article, "A Guide To IAGSDC(r) Conventions".

Version 3.0 of the Guide is now available online at no charge. All clubs are welcome to distribute the URL, or to request an electronic copy (in Word or OpenOffice format) that they can excerpt or serialize in their newsletters. This year's Guide contains updated information on Convention locations and adds information on The Petersen Fund and All Join Hands Foundation:

<http://www.danceinfo.org/articles/guide.html> Also, if any new dancers would like a detailed explanation of what a typical Fun Badge Tour is like, you can point them to a review I wrote of the 1999 "Lights Camera Linear Action!" FBT in Los Angeles:

<http://www.danceinfo.org/articles/lclafun.html>

Finally, if you would rather give people a simpler URL, point them to: <http://www.danceinfo.org> and tell them to click on the "Articles" link. :) Hope this helps!

*Allan Hurst*