



# TRIANGLE SQUARES



Christmas 2006

## A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

As I take up my role as your newly-elected President, I would like to extend a thank you to Peter Brych and Becky Bray, our outgoing President and Treasurer, respectively, for their hard work and efforts on our behalf. Also, I would like to offer a welcome to the Steering Committee to Robert Wylie, our new Treasurer, and William Hodge, our new Secretary. They are both hard workers and have many positive skills. I'm sure they will be major assets on the Steering Committee. Philip Solanki continues in his role as Publicity and Promotions chair and I'm sure we can look forward to his creative approach to encouraging increased membership in our club and in the promotion of our events. Peter Brych will continue to be our IAGSDC rep, whose job it is to liaise with the square dancing family on an international level and to report any news that he gleans from attending their meetings at the annual convention, which in 2007 will be held in Denver.

One of the major goals of this current Steering Committee is to maintain and improve communications within the club. Our aim is to work with you, not just for you. The current and ongoing sources of communication are the Triangle Squares Newsletter (for which we give thanks to Don Cheff as the editor), the e-mail general notifications (ably and thankfully handled by Ken Lee, who maintains the club's data base) and our X-tra phone message service (416-925-9872, ext 2014).

As well, we have recently recruited contact people for each class level in order to improve communications between the Steering Committee and the general membership.

These contact people will handle in-class announcements of upcoming events and important dates. They will also bring to the Steering Committee any concerns that the members of their classes may have. The Basic/Mainstream class rep automatically becomes a member of the Steering Committee as it is felt that beginning dancers should be directly made aware of the workings of the club and be more immediately involved in its operation. The other class reps, who are not already on the Steering Committee, have been extended an "open invitation" to sit in on Steering Committee meetings as they wish, or feel the need.

The contact people (reps) for each class level are:

**Basic/Mainstream:** David Oliver

**Plus:** Wayne Baker

**A-1:** William Hodge or Robert Wylie

**A-2:** Bob Hails

**C-1:** Philip Solanki

**C-3A:** Bob Nesbitt.

I am looking forward to working with all the people I have mentioned above during the current dance year and I hope that anything we can do on behalf of the club will ensure a happy and successful square dancing experience for every member of Triangle Squares.

Yellowrocks,  
Bob Hails



## CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE, 2006

As you read this Newsletter, you are either attending this annual event, or are getting ready to celebrate your own holiday events. For their help with the Dinner and Dance we would like to thank Mary Oakley for arranging for the use of the Party Room, and John Bailey for taking charge of the printing of the tickets (at no cost to the club, I may add), and for purchasing the juices. We would also like to thank those people who contributed dishes to the Pot Luck Dinner in order to make this a festive and successful event. Also, for any volunteers who help with the set-up and clean-up at the Dinner and Dance, thanks for making this a festive, successful, and **clean** event.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, best wishes are extended to all for a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Delightful Diwali, Kool Kwanza, or whatever other festive occasion you may celebrate at this time of the year, and our sincere hope for a Happy and Healthy 2007.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Fly-In 2007 - *From 007, With Love*

We would like to extend our thanks to Peter Newson and Chester Wu, the co-chairs of our upcoming fly-in, for the fine ground work they have already done in preparation for this event, which is the highlight of our dance year.

So that Peter and Chester don't get the feeling that they are working entirely alone, and to ensure that they have our support, they have also been extended an "open invitation" to attend any of our monthly Steering Committee meetings when they need to share any information regarding the fly-in, or when they need our assistance with anything. This assistance may come in the form of helping to recruit volunteers, helping with organizational problems, and encouraging the participation by other members of the club. The need for the participation by others in the club was clearly voiced at the recent AGM, regarding the creative, donation, or the putting together of items, such as theme-based baskets, for inclusion in the Chinese or silent auction.

I know Peter and Chester will get the full support of the Steering Committee and I hope the same thing can be said of the general membership.

### Reminders

The last week of this term's dance classes will occur during the week of December 11. Classes will resume in the new year on Tuesday, January 9 and during that week.

### Heads Up

As of January 25, 2007, a valid passport is required if we are flying to the United States. To those planning to fly to Denver for convention this spring, or for other square dance events in the States, you should either acquire a passport, or update your current one, if needed!



## DANCE ETIQUETTE DO'S AND DON'TS

- Jump on in!

Get yourself into the nearest square and get to know someone you don't know; you might make a new friend and learn a new call. Introduce yourself to the others in your square and always thank your square once the tip is done. If your square needs more dancers, the convention is to hold up fingers indicating the number of couples needed.

- Listen to the caller!

Please keep your chatting limited to the breaks between tips. Extraneous speaking during the dancing distracts from the calling. Speaking softly will also make the dance more enjoyable when everyone can hear the caller clearly.

- Be Fresh and Sober!

Square dancing involves a lot of close contact, so please shower or bathe beforehand, use deodorant, have fresh breath, short fingernails, a clean wardrobe, and refrain from using perfume or cologne, for the sake of those with scent sensitivities! Please do not ingest alcohol or drugs that impair your coordination or memory before dancing.

- Be gentle!

Using a gentle handhold will be much appreciated. There are those for whom a strong grip can be painful. Keep in mind square dancing is a cooperative, group effort.

- Be an angel

Dancers that come to classes they have already completed are called angels. Please come out and help others learn the calls and the fun of square dancing with your help.

- Don't Be A Perfection or Level Snob!

If your square breaks down, don't waste time getting angry with yourself or anyone else. We all make mistakes! Be sure to square up quickly after you've broken down, and make lines - done by squaring your set and having the Head couple slide over next to the Side couple, nudging them over to the right until you have nice facing lines. Now you can resume dancing at the next point where the caller says you have normal lines. Never leave a square once it's been established.

- Have Fun!

We all square dance for the fun of it! Interacting and socializing with others can be a wonderful stress reliever and help relax the mind and the body. Come out whenever you can and ENJOY!



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