



TRIANGLE SQUARES

January 2008



CLUB DANCES

Sunday, February 10 - St. Valentine's Day Dance

Sunday, March 16 - St. Patrick's Day Dance

Sunday, April 20 - Spring Dance & Pot-Luck Dinner

These dances are from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 40 Homewood Avenue, and the Callers have yet to be announced. Tickets will be available at classes prior to each dance for \$10, or \$12 at the door.

Sign up sheets for listing your contributions to the Spring Dance Pot-Luck dinner will be available in the classes leading up to the dance. The dinner will take place after dancing.

Thank you's to Mary Oakley & Michiel Bagchus for coordinating and organizing these dances.

LIFT LOCK SQUARES – "ANNUAL SPRING SPREE"

This Peterborough square dancing club has invited us to participate in their 46th annual "Spring Spree" to be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008. There will be two sessions for us to participate in; the afternoon session from 2:00 to 5:00 and the evening session from 8:00 to 10:30 and the cost is \$12.50 for the day if paid by March 31. We make our own arrangements for the dinner break. The dance levels they will be calling are **Basic, Mainstream, Plus and A1**. They have been contacted and we have been assured that the Lift Lock Squares will be pleased to have us participate in this event. Registration sheets are available in the classes for those who are interested in attending this event. We are requesting that attendees wear our maple leaf club shirts and black trousers to this event. If you don't have a club shirt, a long-sleeved white shirt will be acceptable to wear with black trousers.

Bob Hails would like to add a social aspect to this outing by inviting those interested attendees to come for breakfast/early brunch at his place at 9:30 a.m. before we car pool to Peterborough. Closer to the event, Bob will be circulating, in the classes, a sign up sheet on which you can indicate if you are attending the Spring Spree, if you are attending the brunch at his place, if you need a ride to Peterborough and/or if you can offer a ride to others, and how many you can accommodate.

SQUARE DANCING DO'S AND DON'TS

- DO jump on in!

Just get yourself into the nearest square and get to know someone you are not familiar with; 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.

- DO listen to the caller

Please keep your chatting to the breaks between tips it will make your dance more enjoyable when everyone can hear the caller clearly to get you all home again

- DO be gentle

Using a gentle handhold when in your square will be much appreciated. There are those for whom a strong grip can be painful. Also forcing a follow into twirls or spins is not appropriate. Keep in mind square dancing is a cooperative, group effort.

- DO be an angel

Dancers that come to classes they have already completed are called angels. The world needs angels...so do our squares! Please come out and help others learn the calls and the fun of square dancing with your help. Angels get to sharpen their own dancing skills, while helping other dancers learn new calls and even filling that last post for a square.

- DO keep it fresh!

Having fresh breath, short fingernails, and a clean wardrobe is sure to make you the belle of the ball!

- DON'T be perfect

You and your fellow dancers are bound to make mistakes and sometimes squares will breakdown. Take it all in stride. Everyone is there are a good time and fun! When correcting a fellow dancer, be courteous and polite. Whenever possible ask the caller demonstrate the problem calls.

- DON'T imbibe and dance

Square dancing is a participant activity where others rely on you to do your part. We are all responsible to be aware and safe on the dance floor. Leave the partying to after the dancing is done.

Last, but certainly not least!

- DO 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!

Registration Fees

This is a reminder that the \$90 registration fees for the last term of dancing are coming due. This money is used to cover the cost of running the classes. The fees will be collected during the first and second weeks of February. Please have your cheques, payable to Triangle Squares, ready to be collected during that time period. Thank you for your co-operation in paying your registration fees on time.

Upcoming Fly-In's and Events

ACDC 2008, A/C Weekend - East Coast, February 9 to 10, hosted by the DC Lambda Squares, Washington, DC. Callers: CJ Smith, Ett McAtee, Dave Wilson, and Mike Jacobs.
Info: www.dclambdasquares.org/acdc/index.php.

Arch and Dive Thru St Louis 2008, March 28 to 30, hosted by Gateway Squares, St. Louis, MO. Callers: Mike Kellogg and Ett McAtee.
Info: <http://gatewaysquares.50megs.com/custom.html>

Philadelphia Freedom: Follow Your Neighbor Thru' the Woods, March 28-30, held at the Ramada Inn at Lake Harmony in the Pocono mountains of Pennsylvania, hosted by Independence Squares. Callers: Anne Uebelacker, Dayle Hodge, Andy Shore.
Info: <http://www.independencesquares.org/>

Ropin' the River 20th Anniversary - "If We Could Turn Back TIME", April 18-20, Grand Rapid, Michigan, hosted by Grand River Squares. Callers: Vic Ceder & Howard Richman.
Info: <http://www.grsquares.org/>

Pass the Ocean, Hon! 2008, May 2-4, at the Waxter Convention Center in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Hosted by Chesapeake Squares, Baltimore. Callers: Betsy Gotta, Dayle Hodge, ChiChi Hoffner and Ben Rubright. Info: www.chesapeakesquares.org/

Scout Across The Border, May 23-25, Triangle Squares, Toronto. Callers: Betsy Gotta and Norm Wilcox.

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

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.

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

Insurance Cards

Insurance cards from the Toronto Square Dance Association have recently been distributed to members at classes.

If you have not received your card, please contact Jim Rolfe to receive a card. He can be reached at 416-363-8157, or james_rolfe@yahoo.com.

The 519 Mosaic Project

The 519 Community Centre is raising funds for the creation and installation of a large-scale mosaic which will be mounted in their newly renovated facility. Because Triangle Squares has been involved with the 519 Community Centre and has benefited from their support by allowing us to march with them in the Pride Parade, at no cost to our club, we thought it fitting that Triangle Squares support the 519 in this venture.

Therefore, at our club dance on February 10, we will be accepting donations by cash or cheque to help support this project. A list will be kept of all supporters, their addresses and their donations so that the 519 can issue tax receipts to those who contribute \$10 or more. Once the cash and cheques have been given to us at the dance, one cheque, amounting to the total raised, will be forwarded from Triangle Squares to the 519, along with the list of our donors and their contributions. We hope that our members will support Triangle Squares in its efforts to raise funds to help the 519 Community Centre with this project. If you will be unable to attend the February club dance, a Steering Committee member will be collecting donations to the 519 Mosaic Project in the classes during the week of February 4 and will bring the donations to the club dance on February 10.

Thank you,
The Steering Committee



Rosedale, New Year's Day, 2008