



# TRIANGLE SQUARES

## February 2009



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to welcome everyone back for the second half of the dancing season. With the monthly Club Dances that we have planned, and the Fly-In in May, we should have a fun and exciting spring with ample opportunities for dancing.

I would invite anyone who is interested in volunteering to help out with the Club Dances or the Fly-in to make themselves known to me. The more people we have working the easier and more fun it is for everyone.

So, grab a partner, throw yourself into the ring, and just have fun. That, ultimately, is why we are all here.

*Patrick Aubert*

### DIAMONDS AND YOU!

Hello dancers. You may have heard your fellow dancers talking about Washington DC and convention. Each year, square dancers come from around the globe to take part in a wonderful weekend of dance and fun! This year's convention is named *DC Diamond Circulate* and will be held over the Easter weekend, from April 9 to 12. The convention is jam-packed with hours of dancing, and you can dance 'til your feet are truly sore. It can really be a memorable occasion! For more details, please visit: <http://www.dcdc2009.org/>

An important part of each annual convention is the annual meeting of our governing body, the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC). I am honoured to be our club's representative to the IAGSDC. They coordinate club activities across the world, and, in fact, part of your club dues go to the IAGSDC, to cover marketing and to ensure the continued enjoyment of this dynamic and friendly form of dance. The IAGSDC web site has links to all of the member clubs and the special events they host. If you are visiting another city, check out the IAGSDC web site, and find out how to connect with that city's square dance club. The IAGSDC's web site is: <http://www.iagsdc.org>.

Hope to see ALL of you in Washington DC!

*Peter Brych, IAGSDC Representative*

### IMPORTANT DATES

Mark your calendar for the next Club Dances. Costs are \$10 in advance, or \$12 at the door for Club members; guests are most welcome and encouraged to attend. Tickets will be sold in class during the 2 weeks leading up to the dances.



#### Valentine's Club Dance

Sunday, February 15  
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Caller: Barry Clasper - Levels: All  
Winchester Public School, 15 Prospect Street  
One block south of Wellesley, west of Parliament St.  
Access from either Prospect or Rose Avenue  
(how appropriate for Valentine's!)

On-street parking only!

#### St. Patrick's Club Dance

Sunday, March 15  
Winchester Public School  
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.  
Details to follow.



#### Spring Club Dance

Sunday, April 26  
Winchester Public School  
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.  
Details to follow.



### CLUB FEES

The membership fees for the second term of square dancing have come due and the cost is \$90 per member. This term runs from the beginning of February until the end of May.

While we will take cash, however, ideally we would prefer a cheque, made out to *Triangle Squares*. Someone will be at each class during the first couple of weeks of February to collect the fees. Please have your cheque or cash ready for them at that time. If you prefer, you could send your cheques to the Club, at PO Box 57, 552 Church Street, M4Y 2E3. Thank you for getting your last term's fees paid as promptly as possible.

## Upcoming Fly-In's and Events

**Flip The Flamingo II**, February 13-16, St. Petersburg, Florida, hosted by Suncoast Squares. Callers: Sandra Bryant, Michael Cox, and Chris Philips. Info: [www.suncoastsquares.com/](http://www.suncoastsquares.com/)

**Philadelphia Freedom - Spin, Chain & Exchange the Woods**, February 27 to March 1, The Woodlands, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, hosted by Independence Squares. Callers: Betsy Gotta, Tom Miller, and Howard Richman. Info: [www.independencesquares.org/](http://www.independencesquares.org/)

**DC Diamond Circulate - 26th Annual IAGSDC Convention**, April 9 to 12, 2009, Washington DC. Callers: Anne Uebelacker, Sandie Bryant, Dayle Hodge, Ett McAtee, Betsy Gotta, John Marshall, Lynette Bellini, Mike Jacobs, Tim Crawford, Tom Miller, Deborah Carroll-Jones, and Barry Clasper. Info: <http://www.dcdc2009.org/>.

The annual **GCA Caller School** is now accepting registrations, as well as scholarship applications. Info: [www.gaycallers.org/callerschool/](http://www.gaycallers.org/callerschool/)

**Pass The Ocean, Hon! 2009**, May 1 to 3, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, hosted by Chesapeake Squares. Callers: Bill Eyler, Todd Fellego, Dayle Hodge, Kris Jensen. Info: <http://www.iagsdc.org/chesapeake/>.

**Scout Across The Border - Surviving The Recession**, May 22 to 24, Triangle Squares. Callers: Barry Clasper and Ett McAtee. Info: [www.iagsdc.org/trianglesquares/#flyin](http://www.iagsdc.org/trianglesquares/#flyin)

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

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

**NOTE:** If you'd like to submit an article or a digital photograph for inclusion in the newsletter, please e-mail it to Don at [doncheff@hotmail.com](mailto:doncheff@hotmail.com).

## TRIANGLE SQUARES ON FACEBOOK

Feel free to add a posting or a notice: <http://www.facebook.com/index.php?>, then find 'Groups', then find 'Triangle Squares'.

## Fly-In 2009 – Surviving The Recession

This year's Fly-In will be a pared-down, economy-style version of Scoot! It will cost substantially less than previous fly-ins because a Brunch will not be included. And thus, participants can make a more economical choice for a restaurant for brunch on their own than the organizers could for a large group.

The location for the Trail-End Dance on Thursday is yet to be confirmed, but may be at the '519'.

The Friday evening dance & potluck will be held at the downtown YMCA on Grosvenor Street. Start looking through those recipes for your pot-luck contribution! Dancing will be from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Dancing on Saturday and Sunday will be held at King Edward School, 112 Lippincott Street, one block east of Bathurst Street and north of College Street. The school is handy for TTC access, and there are many restaurant possibilities in the area for Brunch. There is free parking available at the school. Dancing will be from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

We're not selling T-Shirts this year, but we encourage everyone to wear T-Shirts from past Fly-Ins they've attended.

Cost to register is \$65 until the end of March, or \$75 afterwards.

The web address for the registration form is <http://www.iagsdc.org/trianglesquares/#flyin>, or you can ask Holly or Joanne for a copy.

Watch for postings on the club's e-mail list-serve for further updates and additional information, such as hotel suggestions.

Hope to see you all there!



*Christmas 2008*



*Photos: Byron Godfrey*

*Basic/Mainstream Class – November 2008*



*Photo: Silke Heunisch*