



# Triangle Squares

## September 2009

### President's Message

Welcome back to another year of Square Dancing. As our flyer states: *It's not so square after all!*

We had two very successful Intro nights, and I would like to personally thank all members who made a special effort to bring friends out on both nights.

From the intro nights, we had twelve new members join the club and begin dancing at the first Basic/Mainstream class.

To all the new club members, I want to welcome you to Triangle Squares. We are thrilled to have you join us, and we look forward to the opportunity of many years of dancing together. So grab a partner and jump in – let's all be not so square together!

Yellowrocks!  
*Patrick Aubert*

### Important Information for New Members

One of the most difficult aspects of life for any club is effective communication to club members. As new members of Triangle Squares, you have all provided e-mail addresses, and this will be the preferred method of communication regarding any changes to class schedules or upcoming events. In addition to e-mail, our club website [www.trianglesquares.com](http://www.trianglesquares.com), is an excellent source of up-to-date information about club events and class schedules. Please visit the site regularly to ensure that you stay current.

### Annual General Meeting

As you all may know, our Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place at the 519 Community Centre on Thursday, October 29, at 7:00 p.m. While meetings are never anyone's favourite thing, the AGM is an important opportunity for the club to review the past year and look forward to the new.

The AGM will be followed by a Club Dance, to be called by Joe Uebelacker. All dancers welcome, including our new class of Basic Mainstream dancers. FREE!

One of the most important aspects of this year's Annual General Meeting will be the election of three members to the Steering Committee. I would invite all of you to consider your availability for one of the positions below. The success of the club is dependent upon the involvement of as many people as possible. If you have questions about any of the positions, or you would like to submit your name for election, please approach any member of the Steering Committee prior to the AGM. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the time of the election.

### Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for all club records and correspondence. The Secretary will attend and take minutes at all Annual General Meetings, Steering Committee Meetings and any extraordinary meetings called by the Steering Committee. The Secretary will publish the minutes of any meeting and ensure that a copy is distributed to all committee members. The Secretary is also responsible for establishing and maintaining a current listing of all club members, IAGSDC clubs and other community contacts. Finally, it is the responsibility of the Secretary to maintain a current set of Club by-laws and associated documents.

### Events and Publicity Coordinator

The Events and Publicity Coordinator will direct a sub-committee necessary to achieve successful club events including but not limited to Club Nights, Potluck Parties and any other club events. In conjunction with the Steering Committee, the Events and Publicity Coordinator will oversee all event finances and report back to the Treasurer a full accounting of all expenses and revenues. The Events and Publicity Coordinator will oversee all Club communications including the newsletter, website, e-mails and phone messages. The Events and Publicity Coordinator will assume responsibility for actively soliciting ways and means for increasing and promoting the Club's image and



membership. The Events and Publicity Coordinator will be the primary point of contact with all other non-IAGSDC clubs.

### **IAGSDC Representative**

The IAGSDC Rep attends, represents and casts a vote in the name of Triangle Squares at all necessary IAGSDC meetings, where travel and budget restrictions allow. In the event that the IAGSDC Rep is unable to attend a meeting, they will ensure that an alternate representative of the Club will be present. The IAGSDC Rep will maintain all correspondence with the IAGSDC and be the liaison between the IAGSDC and Triangle Squares. The IAGSDC Rep is responsible for the Club Banner and for arranging its transportation to and from all annual IAGSDC Conventions.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **All Saints' Day Club Dance**

Join us on Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> for our "Halloween" dance, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 40 Homewood Ave in the party room. Cost is \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Tickets will be sold in the weeks leading up to the dance. Caller is Joe Uebelacker. All dancers welcome, including our new class of Basic Mainstream dancers. We would like to extend a special welcome to the Rochester square dance club, Lilac Squares, who have expressed an interest in joining us. What better way to celebrate Hallowe'en than by bringing your left over candy, pumpkins, and to show off your costumes!



#### **End of Year Club Dance / Dinner**

Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Dance & Dinner on Sunday, December 6. Time, cost, caller, and location are to be determined.

Guests are most welcome to join us at all of our events, and if able to dance, even better!



For dates and events relating to Triangle Squares, please refer to our website at <http://trianglesquares.com/default.aspx>.

### ***Scoot Across the Border 2010 Fly-In***

The name of the 2010 fly-in will be "Fan the Big Top" and it will have a circus theme. The Fly-In will take place from Friday, May 28 to Sunday, May 30, 2010, with a Trail-In dance to take place on Thursday, May 27.

The Trail-In dance is in the form of a Club Dance and is open to all members, whether they are registered for the fly-in or not. The callers for the fly-in will be Bill Harrison and Tim Crawford.

The Saturday and Sunday events will be held at Jesse Ketchum School and we are currently sorting out venues for the Thursday Trail-In dance and the Friday night Pot-Luck dinner and dance. Based on the information gleaned from our recent club survey, and with input from frequent Fly-In attendees, we are planning to hold a Sunday morning brunch on May 30, and are currently negotiating a suitable venue for this event.

We hope to have most of the arrangements sorted out by November, so that we can make registrations available to our club and other IAGSDC members during that month.

We have also been sorting out the various areas of responsibility that have to be covered for the Fly-In, the "meat and potatoes" of the Fly-In, so to speak. We will need the support and help of our club members with many of these areas. If you are approached to volunteer for Fly-In responsibilities by one of our committee members, we hope you will gladly offer your time and efforts to make the 2010 Fly-In a successful one.

Further information will be forthcoming once our plans are firmed up.

Thanks for your patience and your help.

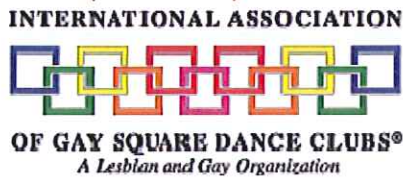
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The Scoot 2010 Committee: Bob Hails, Lee Godfrey,  
Colleen Dodds, & Bob Hynes

The 2010 Fly-In Committee has attached to this newsletter a copy of a letter of gratitude from the Weston Area Emergency Support Food Bank. The Bank received a donation from Triangle Squares, stemming from the proceeds of our 2009 Fly-In. It's good to know that charitable donations are truly reaching their intended target, and that even a small contribution can make a difference!



## International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC)



We're a bigger square dance family than you think! Welcome all dancers! It's a new season of classes, club dances and socializing. For those of you new to the fun, I'd like to make a special welcome! I'm the IAGSDC representative for the Triangle Squares. The IAGSDC is an international organization that unites gay and lesbian dancers across North America with the common interest of square dancing. Triangle Square is part of that much larger organization. Many clubs have weekend dances that span 2 or 3 days, and our "Fly-In" is typically held over the Memorial Day weekend so our American friends can visit. The IAGSDC coordinates information among the different clubs with flyers, mailings and of course, a great web site. The premiere event of every year is the convention! They are held in many places across the continent. In 2009, the convention was held in Washington D.C. In 2010, it will be in Chicago, over the 4th of July weekend. It's a fun-filled dance fest, that provides many fond memories, new friends and lots of dancing! If you want to know more about the organization and its activities, please visit the website: [www.iagsdc.org](http://www.iagsdc.org).

If you're curious about what awaits at the Chi-town Shakedown convention in 2010, check out [www.chicago2010.com](http://www.chicago2010.com).

Hope the year brings many hours of dancing and fun to you all! Happy dancing!

*Peter Brych*  
IAGSDC Representative

### Upcoming Fly-In's and Events

**Load the Boat XVIII - Ghost Ship - Legend of the Flying Dutchman**, October 9-11, Cleveland City Country Dancers, Ohio. Callers: Bobby Poyner, Jack Pladdys, Drew Loutzenhiser, Jody Serlick. <http://cccdohio.com/lfb/lfb09.html>.

**Peel the Pumpkin 2009**, October 23-25, hosted by Times Square, being held in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Callers: Saundra Bryant, Nick Martellacci & Tom Miller. Info: [www.timessquares.org/](http://www.timessquares.org/)

**Harvest Festival Hoedown: Swing Thru Shepherdstown**, November 13-15, hosted by DC Lambda Squares, being held in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Callers: Bill Eyler, Betsy Gotta, Dayle Hodge, & Ken Ritucci. Info: [www.dclambdasquares.org/sts/](http://www.dclambdasquares.org/sts/)

For all other events associated with the IAGSDC, please go to [www.iagsdc.org](http://www.iagsdc.org).

### Square Dance Do's & 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 that 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 a fresh body, 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 for a good time and for fun! When correcting a fellow dancer, be courteous and polite. Whenever possible, ask the caller to 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!

### Dim Sum, Sunday September 20



### Women's BBQ – August 17

Around 20 women from the club got together at Colleen & Karen's for a potluck Bar-B-Que.



### Women's BBQ (cont'd)

