



Triangle Squares

August 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Fellow Dancers

I hope you've all had a wonderful summer, despite the sometimes excruciating heat. But square dancers are never deterred, are we? This summer, we ran an exciting and varied series of workshops and dances. Some were extremely well attended, while others had one square of enthusiasts willing to brave the high temperatures. Even on the absolutely hottest day, we managed to get two squares of die-hard dancers. Well done! In particular, the Taste of Advanced and the Pizza Party were big hits. For those who didn't attend, that pizza was fabulous! I don't think I've ever seen so much food disappear so quickly. Given the feeding frenzy, and the numbers who turned out, I think we'll be repeating this event pretty soon.

This year's IAGSDC convention in Atlanta was fabulous. Okay, when is convention not fabulous? It was hot, and it was humid, and there were more than 800 dancers in attendance, and it was super. Next year... Vancouver!

Fall Schedule: We're shaking things up this fall. Beginners' classes will be on Wednesdays at Jesse K. The Plus gang will have their own class once more, and it will be on Thursdays at the 519. Advanced and C1 classes remain in the same times and locations as last year. See our website for scheduling details.

There's a lot of teaching going on this season. The Advanced class will be welcoming a group of enthusiastic dancers who have graduated from Plus, and the C1 gang will see a few new faces too. The experienced dancers at these levels will be able to mentor the new folks and show them how exciting these higher levels of dancing can be.

Intro Nights: It's that time again! Our two free Intro Dances will be September 14 and 21 (Wednesdays) at Jesse Ketchum School. Invite your friends, colleagues, family and acquaintances, and come out to angel and help us show our guests how unbelievably fun square dancing is.

Speaking of Angels... Plus and higher-level dancers, please consider coming out to angel. This form of volunteering is critically important to the success of our club. New dancers are our future, and the more support they receive from experienced dancers, the better. If everyone volunteered to angel just one night per semester, we'd have some impressive turnouts, and our new dancers would benefit enormously. Finally, as always, I'd like to send out a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who has contributed to another great year of dancing.

Susan Cox

CLUB EVENTS & DANCES

Thursday, September 8: Plus & Advanced, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the '519'

Wednesday, September 14: Intro Dance, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Jesse Ketchum School

Wednesday, September 21: Intro Dance, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Jesse Ketchum School

Sunday, October 30: Hallowe'en Dance, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the '519'

Thursday, November 3: AGM & Club Dance, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the '519'

Holiday/Christmas Dance: December 4, 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the '519'

The Club continues to take great effort in making recycling available, with bins placed at most events and classes. Please take the time to help us recycle!

STEERING COMMITTEE

Three positions on the steering committee will become vacant this fall, Secretary, IAGSDC Rep, and Publicity Coordinator, and we're asking you to consider helping us fill these important jobs.

Some have already expressed their interest in serving on the committee, and we'll accept nominations before or at the AGM on November 3.



SATB 2011

The 2011 Scoot Across the Border Fly-In was a great success. Triangle Squares was very fortunate to have had two well-loved square dance callers, Sandie Bryant of Chicago, and Canada's own Don Moger of Montreal, entertain and challenge an enthusiastic crowd of dancers. Because of Sandie and Don's stellar reputations in square dance circles, we saw quite a few dancers travel to Toronto and dance with the Triangle Squares for the very first time.

The Fly-In began with a well-attended Trail-In dance on Thursday evening when our club caller, Joe Uebelacker, wove his calling magic and called all levels for the 70+ dancers in attendance. On Friday evening, our club hosted a pot luck dinner at Jesse Ketchum School and then Sandie and Don took to their microphones before an eager crowd of over 100 dancers.

Several club members and guests showed off their creative talents at the Saturday evening costume dance, dressed in the theme of the weekend *Follow Your Neighbour through the Looking Glass*. Sunday morning saw us all meet at Zelda's restaurant for a delicious brunch before the final dance session of the weekend.

The Fly-In committee would like to thank all club members for their help in making this event the success that it was. We could not have done it without you! We hope you will join us next year for our 25th anniversary Fly-In, featuring our founding callers, Anne Uebelacker and Joe Uebelacker.

Bob Hynes



FOOTWEAR POLICY AT JESSE KETCHUM

This is a gentle reminder to please wear clean, indoor shoes (non-marking) when dancing at the gym at Jesse Ketchum School! Neither street shoes nor cowboy boots should be worn, to avoid scuffing the wood floors.

COLOGNE & PERFUME USE

This is a gentle reminder to kindly refrain from using perfume or cologne, for the sake of those with scent sensitivities. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership dues and fees are payable when classes begin in September. The fees remain the same as last year, with a membership fee of \$10 payable each September, and class fees of \$100 each term, payable in September and February of each year.

No one will ever be prevented from dancing with us because of financial hardship. If you need to delay paying your fees, or if you need to pay on a deferred schedule, please let one of the steering committee members know, and we will be more than happy to accommodate you.

UPCOMING IAGSDC EVENTS

The Great Chicago Crossfire XXI – Finally Legal, September 2-5; www.iagsdc.org/chitownsquares/

Peel The Pumpkin 2011 – Scream Chain Thru, October 21-23; www.timessquares.org/

Harvest Festival Hoedown XVII, October 21-23; www.dclambdasquares.org/hfh/index.php

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AH, THE SPECTACLE!

The roar of the crowd, the smell of sweat, the cries of adulation! Has the gladiator Spartacus just entered the arena for the primus? NO... it was the Triangle Squares in the 2011 Toronto Pride Parade, and we looked fabulous! Everyone dressed in RED, WHITE AND CANADA, as requested – We were a vision.

Many of us met at the lovely Patti O'Furniture's place for a Tasting-Up. I, Crystal Chandelier (Steve S.), was joined by our host Patti O' (Peter D.), Eileen Dover (Brian C.), Deb Auchery (Nancy D.), Tiara Del Fuego (Steve McK.) and our debutante, Vesta Bule (Paul K). We cannot divulge Vesta's naming in proper, mixed company, but welcome to the ranks. Also joining us was Lyle S. from Minneapolis, who I affectionately call Mamie after the woman who took care of me after my parents were lost in a freak penguin watching incident off the coast of Monaco. But I digress. After two wardrobe malfunctions (no nipple piercings were bared) we got ourselves together and it was out on the street. Like this was the first time on the streets for Patti O'. Again I digress. Many photo ops, interviews and sweat beads later, we arrived at the parade marshalling site to wait...and wait...and wait. There, we were joined by our other dancer/marchers Eleanor & Fumiko, Alnoor & Doug, Emma, Don St. Jean and Joanne Laplante. Then we waited a bit more, but boy when it started, we moved! The crowds cheered and chanted Oh Canada as we passed, the Tarts shook all they had...and that's plenty. Once again, we were a hit. No injuries were incurred this year which makes it one of our good years. And no water cannon blasts to the eye (damn those water gunners). Though, I did see Patti O' stumble a couple of times, where she was the prior eve I do not know. But I digress. My umbrella somehow affixed itself to my thigh high fishnets (oh no that penguin incident comes back to me), and for many blocks I walked like the "One Tin Soldier" of Original Cast fame (a plug for Canadian music). Joanne and Emma got me out of a tight one there...no pun intended. The marchers carried the club banner and gave out cards with our dancing information (delivered by Cam and Mike), and the cards were readily received. I hope a fun time was had by all.

Another parade under our crins...er...belts, and let's see what 2012 brings. See you on the street...no, not you Patti O', I mean the others. We know you'll be on the street.

Steve Sterritt



SATB – THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



BBQ at Gail & Joe's



Card-a-thon



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