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- For **up-to-the-minute** club news, check our [Facebook page](#) and the news section on our [homepage](#).
- Thanks to those who contributed to this issue: Peter Brych, Susan Cox, Bill Eadie



[Thursday August 15 - Intro dance: tomorrow](#), 7 p.m. at the [519](#).

Hopefully, lots of ▲■ members will be there; a crowd helps to make intros more fun for our potential new dancers. Bring your friends!

Our fall intro dances will be on Thursdays: **Sept 12** and **Sept 19**, at the 519, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Encourage your friends to attend**; the best way for them to discover whether they'd enjoy square dancing is to try a free intro dance. Recruiting by all club members helps to ensure that we have eager new faces for our Basic class, which starts **Sept 26**. Members who dance Plus and above: help our recruiting efforts - **participate in our "flash mob" public demo dance on Sept 7** ([see details](#)).

This year, Basic is on **Thursdays**, at the 519 - in the heart of the village. Hopefully the new day, new location and [new format](#) will help attract new dancers, and also satisfy returning dancers.

What's New

- We found 6 brand-new (freshly laundered) maple leaf dress shirts in storage: 5 are XL; 1 is XXXL. For sale: \$50 each. Contact [Bill](#) to buy one.
- Byron has finished editing and uploading all of his photos from the IAGSDC Convention; they are in four sets, one set for each day of the convention: see [July 4](#) | [July 5](#) | [July 6](#) | [July 7](#).

Upcoming

- Summer dancing with ▲■ continues **every Thursday**, until Sept 5 (see [details below](#))
- **Aug 23-25**: [Summer Magic](#), Cornwall.
- **Oct 5**: [Celebrate Fall Dance](#), Peterborough - for full Basic/Mainstream and Plus dancers
- **Nov 8-9**: [Fall Magic](#), Peterborough. Callers: Don Moger, Tim Crawford, Joe Uebelacker, Dave Hutchinson. Plus & A2, with extra A1 & C1 sessions.
- **Nov 14**: [▲■ AGM](#)
- **May 22-25, 2014**: [▲■ Fly-in](#) Scoot Back to the 60's
- **July 1-4, 2016**: [Maple Leafs Regroup](#) (IAGSDC convention, in Toronto!), in the historic Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

Want more dance events?

- Check out Toronto & District [event list](#) as well as IAGSDC [event list](#).
- Click here for events in [2014 and beyond](#)
- The Aug 2013 mailing from IAGSDC contains these [flyers](#):
Oct 3-6 (Denver), Oct 5 (Santa Ana, CA), Oct 18-20 (Palm Springs),
Oct 25-27 (Portland), Nov 8-10 (York, PA); 2014: Jan 31-Feb 2 (Palm Springs),
Feb 14-16 (Washington), Feb 14-16 (Phoenix), Feb 14-17 (St. Petersburg),
Feb 28-Mar 2 (Austin), July 3-6 (Salt Lake City)

Another good source of info is our club's [event calendar](#).

Summer Season

▲■ has planned weekly dancing again this summer; all events are 7-9 pm. Please indicate on this [sign up sheet](#), at least 3 days prior, which night(s) you plan to attend. We need a minimum of 8 confirmed dancers; otherwise that night will be cancelled. NB. If your plans change and you **cannot** make it, please remember to **remove** your name from the [sign up sheet](#).

519 Community Centre (Thursdays)

- **Aug 15:** Free, Intro to square dancing, caller Barry Clasper
- **Aug 22:** Free, A2 / C1 FunShop, with Susan Cox
- **Aug 29:** Free, Mainstream Funshop, with Susan Cox
- **Sept 5:** \$10 pp, all-level club dance, caller Don St. Jean, includes pizza
- **Sept 12:** Free, Intro to square dancing, caller Joe Uebelacker
- **Sept 19:** Free, Intro to square dancing, caller Joe Uebelacker



The Advocate has published a huge [photo section about the IAGSDC conference in San Francisco](#); all of the pictures were taken by our wonderfully talented Byron.

Basic/Mainstream - new format (written by Susan Cox)

We're trying out an exciting new format for Basic/Mainstream that has been created by a group of the good folks at Callerlab - including our very own Barry Clasper. For those who don't know, [Callerlab](#) is an organization of square dance callers, and part of its mission is to provide education and guidance to callers. Callerlab also maintains information (lists, definitions, and other information) on a variety of dance program from Basic through C3A.

Clubs are always trying to find a way to handle the needs of new and returning Mainstream

dancers. The list of calls for Basic/Mainstream is long, and some of it is technical and takes up a fair amount of class time, and it is sometimes difficult to get to the fun part as quickly as we'd like to.

With this in mind, a Callerlab team created a [trimmed-down Basic/Mainstream list](#) and created a 12-week schedule in which to teach it. The idea is that folks who already know Mainstream will dance with new students and not notice that there's any real difference in the list of calls. The benefits are twofold: New dancers are integrated into the Mainstream group quickly, and, most importantly, returning Mainstream dancers will be dancing at close to the full level in no time.

This fall, ▲■ will be testing the concept of this accelerated program. The first 12 weeks of the 16-week fall term will be devoted to teaching, and several calls will be presented each week. There will be at least one full Mainstream tip each week (possibly two, depending on how things go) for the returning dancers, to make sure they get the floor time they need. And the returning Mainstream dancers will have the opportunity to act as Angels for the first time, helping the new folks to figure out their lefts from their rights.

We're delighted to announce that Joe Uebelacker, our founding caller, will be taking the Mainstream dancers through this new program, which we hope will be stimulating and enriching for our Mainstream dancers and for our club.

As always, we welcome your comments or questions - [email](#) us.

Public Demonstration - Sept 7

To promote our club, ▲■ has planned some square dancing in public locations throughout downtown Toronto. **If you dance Plus or higher, please join our demo team!** Two (or more) squares would look mesmerizing! (If you want to be part of the demo, but don't own a smart phone or MP3 player, [let us know](#) - we have a few spares.)

We'll all synchronize our personal audio devices to play this [recorded call](#), and start dancing. By wearing personal MP3 players:

- we avoid the need for permits for amplified sound in public locations,
- don't have to lug sound equipment, or find a nearby AC power outlet,
- won't offend anyone with our choice of music,
- and may look sufficiently bizarre to get some attention.

It will be a world premiere! An improv [MP3-equipped "flash mob"](#) have been done already in Toronto, but never performing IAGSDC-quality square dancing! We've had 2 successful "proof of concept" rehearsals already (Aug 1, 8). Remaining rehearsals will be Aug 15 and



Sept 5 (519 Church, at 9:05pm). Please come to at least one rehearsal (with your headphones and MP3 player containing this [recording](#). Our roving demo dance will be **Sat Sept 7; meet at Dundas Square @ 1:30pm prompt (rain or shine)**.

▲■ AGM - Nov 14

Please consider getting involved in helping to run our club. This is an odd-numbered year, so these steering committee positions are open:

- President (2-year term)
- Secretary (2-year term)
- Publicity Coordinator (2-year term)

Any position (including President) can be held by two people, but any position can vote only once. The proposed date for the AGM is **Thursday, November 14, at 7 pm, at the 519**.

IAGSDC report (written by Peter Brych)

San Francisco, was our home for the IAGSDC 2013 convention. Almost 1200 people joined in for the fun. Fantastic weather only made all better! Sunny skies and gentle breezes were the norm for our days of touring, sightseeing, and dancing. Weave your heart in San Francisco made a lasting impression on everyone. See above for links to [Byron's great pics](#).

As Triangle Squares IAGSDC representative, I had the pleasure to take part in the annual meeting. The agenda included presentations for All Join Hands Foundation, USA, and Canada; as well as our next conventions, [Squeeze the Hive 2014](#), in Salt Lake City and [Swing me in St Louis](#), in 2015. Our own Lee Godfrey, and Chris Homer, made a presentation about the 2016 convention in Toronto.

Please take a look at all the great photos and stories that can be found on the web: [IAGSDC's website](#) as well as the [IAGSDC Facebook page](#). It's also a wonderful way to connect with dancers from all over the globe. If there are any questions about the IAGSDC please feel free to [get in touch](#).

Next issue

Deadline for contributions to this newsletter is the 10th of each month. This newsletter is emailed monthly to all current ▲■ members, and is posted on our [website](#). Hope you enjoy reading it. All links are current at the time of newsletter publication.

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