



**Triangle Squares**  
Toronto's LGBTQ Square Dance Club

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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: Mike Moores, Bill Eadie



Thursdays - **Sept 12** and **Sept 19** - Intro dance, 7 p.m. at the [519](#).

**Encourage your friends to attend**; the best way for persons to discover whether they'd enjoy square dancing is for them to try a free intro dance. Print off this [flyer](#) and post it at work? in your apartment laundry room? at church? on your fridge? to let everyone know about our intro dances. **Recruiting by all club members** helps to ensure that we have lots of eager new faces for our [Basic class](#), which starts **Sept 26**.

## What's New

1. **Fees** are now due ([details](#)). **Classes** start soon ([details](#)).
2. 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.
3. Hopefully, our **"silent" demo** will still happen later this month, to help promote the club;

our planned Sept 7 performance was rained out. We're still **looking for more demo team members** for a public dance to this Plus level [recorded call](#) - if interested please contact [demo team](#) ASAP. (See [article](#) from last month's newsletter for more explanation of the "silent" demo concept.)

4. The [Gay Play Day Festival](#) is September 27-28, 8pm, at the Alumnae Theatre Studio (70 Berkeley Street, upstairs). Come see a Triangle Squares' member collaboration of **Niall O'Reilly's** play, [Men in Kilts](#), directed by **Nicholas Banks**, as part of the festival. Tickets are only \$10.00 at the door, or you can reserve tickets in advance by emailing [gayplayday@gmail.com](mailto:gayplayday@gmail.com). Tickets are not pre-paid, so unclaimed reserved seats will be released 30 minutes prior to each performance.

## Upcoming

- **Sep 12:** Intro to square dancing, caller Joe Uebelacker (free), 7-9 pm, 519 Church
- **Sep 14-15:** [A1 Blast](#) in Cornwall, offered by Don Moger
- **Sep 14:** [contra dancing](#), St. Barnabas Church Hall, also on **Sep 28** and **Oct 12**
- **Sep 19:** Intro to square dancing, caller Joe Uebelacker (free), 7-9 pm, 519 Church
- **Sep 20:** [Hogtown Hoedown](#) - old fashioned square dancing, live music, Trinity St. Paul's Centre, 427 Bloor W (new location)
- **Sep 26:** classes start for Basic, C1; on **Oct 2:** classes start for Plus, A2. See [details](#) below.
- **Oct 5:** [Celebrate Fall Dance](#), Peterborough - for full Basic/Mainstream and Plus dancers
- **Oct 5-6:** [A2 Blast](#) in Cornwall, offered by Don Moger
- **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](#)
- **Dec 8:** [▲■ Xmas dance/potluck](#)
- **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](#).

Since ▲■ only has intro nights a few times each year, and only offers intake of new dancers once per year (in Sept), there are limited opportunities to market the club to potential new members. For many years, **Don St. Jean** has called an "introduction to square dancing" at [Jamboree](#) every August. Looks like dancers had a great time at Jamboree this year; hopefully we'll see some of these folks at our Sept 12 and Sept 19 intro dances. A big thanks to Don; his annual Jamboree "intros" have led to many new ▲■ members.



## Class and Membership Fees (written by Mike Moores)

That time of the year is coming up: excited new dancers will be starting with our club, joining our returning dancers, and we will be collecting the class and membership fees. As a reminder, your **class fee** per semester covers the following:

- 16 weeks of fun weekly classes at your dance level
- High quality square dance instruction from experienced callers
- A weekly dance space located downtown

Your yearly **membership fee** covers the following:

- Triangle Squares administrative costs (mailbox, website, member badges, etc)
- Your membership to related organizations (IAGSDC, Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation, etc)
- Third Party insurance for you while dancing

This year Triangle Squares is facing increased operation costs, specifically, our cost to rent one of our dance spaces has increased more than 40%. We have looked to trim our budget in many ways to avoid passing on all of these increases to our club members, but we will need to increase our per semester class fees slightly. The new class fee will be \$115 per semester, an increase of **only 4.5%** from last year's fee. Our annual membership fee will **remain unchanged** at \$20 per year. We are excited to introduce standardized discounts for the class fees:

- **Student Rate:** For all students in full-time studies the class fee per semester will be \$70
- **SnowBird Rate:** For our members that will be away for at least 6 consecutive weekly classes per semester the class fee per semester will be \$70

- **Referral Discount:** For each new member that is recruited and who attends for at least one full semester, the recruiting member receives a \$25 discount to be applied when they pay for their second term.
- **Refunds:** Persons who notify us (email or in person) that they are quitting before class #3, get a full refund of their class fee for that semester. Persons quitting before class #11 receive a \$40 refund. Persons quitting after this date receive no refund.

## How to pay:

We offer 3 convenient options for you to pay for the membership and class fees of \$135 (\$115 Class fee for the fall semester + \$20 annual membership):

1. **Cheque:** Bring a cheque payable to Triangle Squares to one of the Intro nights on Sept 12 or Sept 19, or to one of the first two weeks of your class.
2. **Credit Card:** We can now accept credit card payments directly from you. Just bring your card to one of the Intro nights on Sept 12 or Sept 19, or to one of the first two weeks of your class.
3. **Interac Email money transfer:** On your online banking screen look for the link titled 'Interac e-Transfer'. Your bank will have detailed instructions to guide you through the process.
  - The email we use for fees is: [treasurer@trianglesquares.com](mailto:treasurer@trianglesquares.com)
  - You will need to enter a password to complete the transfer; please use "squaredance" (all lowercase) as the password.
  - In the message line of your transfer, please type in the name(s) of the dancer(s) your payment should be credited towards

## Class details

1. 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.  
Starting **Sept 26**, Basic/Mainstream will be taught by Joe Uebelacker as an 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. (For more details, read the [complete article](#) from last month's newsletter.)
2. **Plus** has moved to Wednesdays at Jesse Ketchum School; classes will be taught by Barry Clasper and start **Oct 2**.
3. **A2** (starting Oct 2) and **C1** (starting Sept 26) are both workshop format, and will have a variety of callers.
4. **Tentative** schedule for 2013/2014: no dancing on Nov 14 (due to AGM), classes end

Dec 18/19 and resume Jan 8/9, no dancing on March 12 (March break) or May 22 (Trail-In dance), classes end Wed May 21 and Thurs May 29.

## Square Dancing is a Team activity!?

 (written by Mike Moores)

It's true! Square dancing is a team activity as the other members of your square are counting on you to dance correctly so that the square as a whole can be successful. It's a great feeling of accomplishment and fun to be part of a square that doesn't break down and is able to complete a dance. Here are some tips to ensure you are doing your part towards square dance success:

- Attend every class. It can be quite difficult to catch up if you miss the teaching of 2 or more calls.
- If you do miss a class, ask the caller or an angel to help you with the calls you missed. They are there to help!
- Everyone gets confused by a call at some point. Ask your caller for clarification and more practice. And during breaks, grab an angel or two and get them to help out as well.
- It's a good idea to review the calls taught by looking at the definitions online. Each class (eg. [Basic](#), [Plus](#), etc) has their own webpage, containing links to videos and animations which illustrate the calls taught each week. Reviewing these will help to solidify your learning.

## ▲■ Volunteer

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. Our current committee is Susan Cox, Colleen Dodds, Mike Moores, Peter Brych and Bill Eadie. Susan and Bill are not running for re-election. The proposed date for the AGM is Thursday, November 14, at 7 pm, at the 519.



The 2014 **Fly-In committee** members - Paul Kivisto, Steve McKeown, and Don Cheff - will be making "[Scoot Back to the 60s](#)" happen on May 22-25, 2014.

Planning is underway for [IAGSDC 2016](#); **convention committee** members are John Bailey, Lee Godfrey, Michiel Bagchus and Chris Homer.

## 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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