



## Dates to Remember:

- **Shamrock Overload Club Dance** on Sunday March 23rd, 2014 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM at the 519 Community Centre
- **Spring Flourish Club Dance** on Sunday April 27, 2014 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM at the 519 Community Centre
- **Scoot back to the 60's Toronto Fly-In** May 22-25, 2014 [Sign up today!](#)

## Calling All Angels

Angels are needed for the **Basic and Mainstream** class on **Thursdays** at the 519. Come on out, meet new people, and have **FUN!**

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A look at our Basic and Mainstream Classes

## F. William Chickering's Guide to Excruciatingly Correct Square Dance Behaviour \*

What is square dancing all about? Square dancing is all about pleasure: the pleasure of calls well executed, the pleasure of a good laugh if your square does break down, the pleasure of a social activity in a friendly atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation. To keep square dancing pleasurable, we must all observe a few guideline. After all, square dancing is a group activity.

1. Avoid drinking and drugs that may affect your reaction time and cause you to break down a square (or even cause serious injuries). Most clubs discourage drinking both before and during dancing, as the smell of alcohol on the breath can be unpleasant to others.
2. Start out Fresh. Shower, use deodorant, and brush your teeth. Avoid eating strong smelling foods like garlic right before dancing. This may sound corny, but it can make a big difference to your fellow dancers.
3. In most clubs, for each new tip dancers form new sets by squaring up randomly. It is considered unfriendly and discourteous to pass by a forming square to look for another.
4. At the beginning of a new tip, introduce yourself to dancers you don't know. Friendliness is one of the best aspects of square dance activities.
5. Rule: once in a square, under no circumstances abandon it. Exception: in a medical emergency or if someone is injured, of course you should use common sense. There is an accepted "emergency call for medical assistance": members in a square should surround the ill or injured person with uplifted arms to notify the caller or other persons in charge.
6. Help your set dance its best. Be friendly about it. If you see a need to direct a fellow dancer be sure that you are correct, and be gentle in your assistance. Think of the best interest of the group and take care not to hurt other dancers' feelings. Do not be too critical of others. This can ruin everyone's fun if it results in bickering or a condescending attitude. Remember, we all make mistakes and the next one might be yours. Be especially supportive of new dancers; without them our pleasurable pastime would die out.
7. Listen to the caller. Do not talk when the caller is talking or calling. Not only is it rude, but all dancers may need the information offered.

\*F. William Chickering is a member of the Times Squares Square Dance Club; this is taken from an article in the Times Squares newsletter. It is not subject to copyright and may be freely copied and distributed. Square dancing can be found all over the world. This information can be taken with you wherever you go.

## World Pride

### Parade 2014

We will be participating this year in the parade and want to get the excitement started early.!

In line with the Parade theme of "**Rise Up**", we will recycle our Scoot-back to the 60s costumes for the Parade!

The 60s was a time of protests from the Vietnam War to The Stonewall Riots.

Will you join us and "**Rise Up**"?



Random Tarts

*The first person to email us at [publicity@trianglesquares.com](mailto:publicity@trianglesquares.com) with the number of tarts shown in the above photo will win a \$5 gift certificate to Starbucks!*

## **Stuck for a costume idea for ScootBack to the 60's**

**Well look no further. Crystal Chandelier has been combing the city to find stores that may have the perfect outfit for you!**

**Crystal suggests you try:**

- **Theatrics/plus. 658 Yonge Street**
- **Reflections. 676 Yonge Street**
- **Value Village (various locations)**
- **Cutie's Fashion I I Kensington**
- **Flashback Vintage. 35 Kensington**
- **Exile. 60 Kensington**
- **Black Market. 256A Queen West**

**Good luck and Good Shopping!**

## **Why Square up? Well, Let Me Tell Ya...**

**by Reg O'Brien**

I am guilty of discrimination against others.

It is behaviour of which I am not proud.

I discriminated against square dancing, and those who square danced.

Until recently, I thought that square dancing was for senior citizens. Don't get me wrong: I love and respect seniors. I just didn't want to be a senior quite yet and go dancing with them. When friends had urged me to get involved, I had dismissed it as a seniors' activity. As I discovered, I was very wrong.

Since we were both recently retired, Anne and I wanted to get involved in fun, challenging activities. We reconsidered square dancing, signed up for a Basic class in Newmarket on Monday nights, and discovered that we enjoyed it very much. I had heard of a group in Toronto that was just as much fun... Triangle Squares. I went on their web site and contacted them. The rest is history.

As Susan had predicted, we laugh a lot while we learn. The people are terrific, and they make it great fun. It's the challenge of square dancing and the people that keep us coming back each week.

The two classes work in tandem. The Basic calls on Monday night are reinforced and added to on Thursday night in our Basic/Mainstream class. The Thursday night calls are then reinforced on Monday night, or at weekend dances hosted by other groups. It all dovetails very nicely.

I am proud to say that styling has made its debut in Newmarket whenever I forget that they don't 'style.' Many a break has been spent busting a few styling moves with other interested dancers.

The word is out in Newmarket, never fear: it IS hip to pass the ocean, scoot back and recycle twice a week.

It keeps a person young.



## The 2015 Fly-in needs a name/theme?

Currently the 2015 Fly-In is without a name/theme. Put your thinking caps on and come up with a great idea. The top 10 ideas will be shown at **Scotback to the 60s** where the attendees will vote on their favorite entry.

The winner will receive a T-shirt that will be designed based on the winning entry. Submit your entries describing the name/theme to [satb@trianglesquares.com](mailto:satb@trianglesquares.com)



Welcome to our new Basic Class that started in February! Come out and meet them (plus the 3 missing from this photo!)

Pre-order form

### \$20 fly-in t-shirt

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Choose your payment method:

Bring cash/cheque (payable to Scoot Across the Border) to your class or the next club dance with your order form.

Pay by credit card at the next club dance.

Mail a cheque (payable to Scoot Across the Border) with your order form (see top right corner for address).

Send an email money transfer for \$20 to [satb@trianglesquares.com](mailto:satb@trianglesquares.com) (use the following password, all lower case, no spaces: scootback). Put your name and size in the message!

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## Upcoming Fly-Ins and Dances

- [Philadelphia Fly-In](#), Hey World, Allemande What I Am! March 28-30, 2014 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- [Ropin' the River 2014](#), Cast a Shadow On The River, April 11-13, 2014 in Grand Rapids, Michigan
- [Spring Magic](#) May 9-10, 2014 in Burlington, Ontario
- [Scoot Back to the 60's](#), May 22-25, 2014, in Toronto, Ontario
- [Squeeze the Hive](#), 31st Annual IAGSDC convention July 3-6, 2014 in Salt Lake City, Utah

Dare to be Square!



## Upcoming Club Dance:

### Shamrock Overload Dance!

Come out and support the club by attending the upcoming dance!

**CALLER:** Tim Crawford

**WHEN:** Sunday March 23, 2014

**WHERE:** The 519, 2nd floor.

**TIME:** 2:00 to 5 p.m.

Join us for our Shamrock Overload Dance! Wear **GREEN!!!!!!** NOTE: We are dancing for **3 hours**. More dancing = more fun!

First-year dancers are encouraged to attend, as we will have plenty of dances just for you.

All-level dancing, and maybe some surprises, depending on who's in the room. Don't miss it! **COST:** \$5 members, \$7 non-members. no charge for non-dancing partners.

## Contact Us

Do you have anything you wish to share with the club?

If you want to write an article for the newsletter, advertise your community event, or share ideas on how to get the word out about square dancing and our club, please feel free to contact us at:

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