

 MAY 2015

Congratulations to the Basic/Mainstream Class!

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The Toronto Triangle Squares Steering Committee and all members would like to congratulate the current Basic/Mainstream class on completing all the calls in that level.		
Celebration Dance	1	Under the tutelage of Joe Uebelacker, we had two groups this year, one starting in September and another joining us in February. Now the hard part is ahead of them! They have to practice to master the calls from different positions and formations before moving to the next level.
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During the Pan/Para Am Games, The 519 will become **PrideHouseTO**

to welcome and host publicly accessible programming that supports, highlights, and engages LGBTQ people in sport and Pan American culture during the three weeks of the games.

Triangle Squares applied for, and was accepted, to be a part of that programming. On Thursday **July 16, 2015**, from 7-9pm, Triangle Squares will host an Introduction to Gay Square Dancing. All club members and friends are invited to help us welcome the Pan

Mother's Day Tea Party Dance

On May 10th, Mother's Day, Toronto Triangle Squares hosted a Mother's Day Tea Party Dance at The 519 Community Centre. Our caller was Jimmy Lee from the Hamilton area.

Jimmy Lee brought his joyful style to this special event. The club members in attendance had high praise for the calling and the club would love to have Jimmy Lee come back again in the future. We heard through the grapevine that he enjoyed calling for the club and would definitely be open to repeating the experience.

In attendance were three of the members' mothers. The club was able to welcome Terri Rothman's, Ihor Tomkiw's, and Bill Eadie's mothers for the afternoon. Terri's mother enjoyed learning a few calls, but didn't quite get the hang of Grand Square.

Tea was served, both hot and iced,



as well as an amazing assortment of goodies including Scones (with jam and devon cream), Madeleines, pastries, cookies, and more!!!

Special thanks to all those who helped set up, provided food and drink, decorated and helped take down.

It was a very successful event with 38 dancers in attendance from all club levels.

Picnic by the Pond

Peter & Tom's House

15 Coe Hill Drive

Sunday July 26th

2:00 PM—5:00 PM

Please bring food to share

TTC: 77 Swansea from Runnymede Station Stop: 44 Coe Hill

More details will follow closer to the date

RSVP to publicity@trianglesquares.com

Workshops with Susan Cox

Colleen Dodds

May 17th FunShop Recap

On a lovely Sunday afternoon at 15 Maitland there was a great **FunShop/Workshop** where Susan Cox put everyone through some of the more difficult calls.

Dancers practised Mainstream/Plus from 1-3 pm, and A1/A2 from 3-5 pm. Unfortunately, there were not enough C dancers for a C1 square this time.

There were almost as many visitors from other clubs as there were dancers from Triangle Squares. We thank all those who came to dance with us and share our need to brush up on some of the trickier calls. We especially welcome those who were dancing with us for the first time.

I think we finally mastered Relay the Deucey after only 88 times! Yummy snacks were available for all to enjoy.

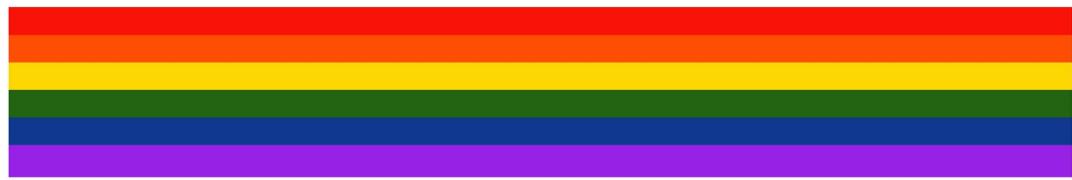
Susan has promised more workshops during the summer, so follow our website [Events page](#), or watch for our club e-blasts and sign up.



REMINDER

Please remember to bring snacks to all club events!

It shows our good hospitality and helps contribute towards memorable dances!



May I Have This (Square/Line) Dance? Pride Community Edition!

Thursday June 18th, 2015
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
The 519 Community Centre

Join Toronto Triangle Squares as we present an evening of Square Dancing and Line Dancing to celebrate PRIDE!

Encourage your friends, family, & co-workers to come out for a night of Beginner Square Dancing and Beginner Line Dancing!

FOR SALE

Receiver for use with the Hearing Assist System.

At the great price of \$47, the club has an extra receiver for sale.

If you are interested, please contact publicity@trianglesquares.com

We are proud to have **Joe Uebelacker** (one of Triangle Squares' club callers) providing the beginner Square Dance Instruction, and **Alan LeBlanc** (Toronto Wranglers Country/Line Dance group) providing the Line Dance instruction. Both instructors are excellent and will have everyone up and dancing in no time!

Dancing!
Prizes!
50/50 Draw!
Snacks!
Laughter & Fun!

Caller: Joe Uebelacker
Line Dance Instructor: Alan LeBlanc

Cost: \$5

No experience needed!
No Partner required!
No special attire!

RSVP to publicity@trianglesquares.com



Convention Memorial Quilt and Memorial Tip

There are Convention traditions intended to comfort those who have lost square dancing friends and family. The first is a "Memorial Quilt," which is transported from Convention to Convention. The second is a "Memorial Tip" in which people are encouraged to use square dancing to remember loved ones.

Memorial Quilt Panels: The IAGSDC maintains a set of memorial quilt panels, which are displayed at every Convention. This provides both a sense of community history, and a means for our community to honor family and friends who are no longer with us.

Freeman Stamper first envisioned the Memorial Panels in 1994, and the first panel appeared that year at the "Stars & Squares Forever" IAGSDC convention, held in Washington, DC. Two more panels joined the first, along with special display frames, over the following couple of years. Gene Boemer painted the panels, and George Fox designed and constructed the frames.

As you pass by the quilt, you may see groups of people from different clubs holding memorial services. During these services, they pin onto the quilt the name badges of those members who have died over the past year. (If a dancer's name badge isn't available, sometimes a new badge will be crafted just to pin onto the quilt.)

If you hear someone referring to a "quilt" or "pinning" ceremony at Convention, this is probably what they're talking about.

In 2001, thanks to the efforts of Brian Smith and John McKinstry, a database was created of every name on all three panels. Since then, a notebook is provided near the quilt, which contains a list of all of the names on the panels.

If you pin a badge to the quilt, please write down that person's information in the Quilt Database Notebook. The database book is our community's "backup copy" in case anything happens to any of the IAGSDC quilt panels.

Sometimes, additional memorials or exhibits will be placed adjacent to the Memorial Panels to commemorate the recent passing of specific dancers.

Memorial Tips: Usually scheduled during the final dance session of each Convention. Some years these appear on the schedule as "Final Tip." (Occasionally the Memorial Tip is danced during Opening Ceremonies.) This is a special tip called to allow us to mourn those whom our community has lost in the past year.

The Memorial Tip is generally danced at Mainstream level, and is usually one or two singing calls with music appropriate to the occasion.

It is absolutely OK for dancers, callers, and/or onlookers to weep or cry during and/or after Memorial Tips, and when visiting the Memorial Quilt Panels.



IAGSDC History Website



This year Triangle Squares pinned two more badges to the quilt. Our President Peter Brych delivered the badges to the convention.

My bag is a little lighter, but my heart is so very heavy! Said farewell to two of our fellow dancers today. They are in good company!

Goodbye and rest in peace Matthew Beach and Paul Kivisto.

Come Out and Play!

Pride Parade Tips

Dress according to the weather, wear sensible footwear (okay...maybe not the Tarts!), and drink lots of water!

HAPPY PRIDE!

Join the **TARTS** and other Triangle Squares members on **June 28th** to march in the Pride Parade.

This years theme is “Come Out and Play.”

The parade starts at **1:00 pm**. Once we have our starting point and lineup time, a notification will be sent out to the club.

We hope you can join us and show your pride!



Dance News T&D Callers & Cuers Showcase

Hosted by the T&D Square and Round Dance Association, this event was held on Saturday May 9, 2015 in Etobicoke.

Triangle Squares was represented by Peter Brych, Niall O'Reilly, Terri Rothman. Howard and Jean Lander, Reg and Anne O'Brien, Susan Cox and Colleen Dodds.

Peter was invited to speak during their AGM, which was held at 3pm. He spoke about our upcoming Fly-In and 2016 Convention, and invited their members to join us at those events.

Mainstream and Plus was offered by five callers, and Round Dancing was called by three cuers.

Two sessions were held running from 2:00–5:00pm and 7:30–9:30pm, although only Jean and Howard stayed for the second session.



Peter Brych and Howard Lander discussing important club business.



Triangle Squares presents

STAR TRACK: AN ALIEN ENCOUNTER

Toronto: October 16-18, 2015

Free Trail-In Dance October 15, 2015

Featuring Callers: Don Moger and Dave Hutchinson

Last Name	First Name
Last Name	First Name
City	Province/State
Phone number	
E-mail	
Club Affiliation	Dance Level
Pricing: Before Aug 1, 2015 \$90.00 After Aug 1, 2015 \$100.00	Total Amount:
Make cheque payable to: Scoot Across the Border	CASH CHEQUE CREDIT
Mail to: 2015 Fly-In c/o Steven McKeown 1-98 Follis Avenue, Toronto ON CANADA M6G 1S6	

NOTE: If paying by credit card, submit your registration and you will be emailed an electronic invoice with instructions to pay on a secure server.

EMAIL: SATB@TRIANGLESQUARES.COM

WEBSITE: <http://trianglesquares.com/pages/fly-in>

Upcoming Events

- **BASIC/MAINSTREAM CELEBRATION DANCE**
Thursday June 4th, 2015,
7:00 to 9:00 pm.
Caller Joe Uebelacker.
Location: The 519 Community Centre. All class levels welcome. **FREE**

- **MAY I HAVE THIS (SQUARE/LINE) DANCE? PRIDE COMMUNITY EDITION!**
Thursday June 18th, 2015,
7:00 to 10:00 pm
Caller: Joe Uebelacker,
Line Dance Instructor: Alan LeBlanc. Location: The 519 Community Centre
Fee: \$5.00

- **PRIDE PARADE—COME OUT AND PLAY!** Sunday, June 28th, 2015, 1:00 pm
Meeting Location: TDB

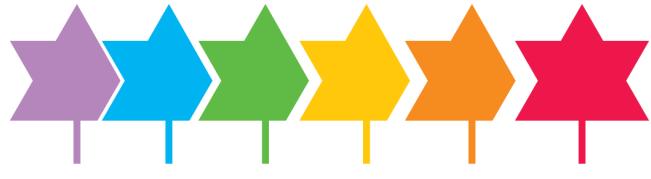
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7:00 to 9:00 pm.
Location: The 519.
See page 1 for details.

- **PICNIC BY THE POND**
Sunday July 26th, 2015
2:00 –5:00 pm.
Location: Peter & Tom's 15 Coe Hill Drive.
Bring food/drink to share!

- **Star Track: An Alien Encounter**, our club Fly-In:
October 16-18, 2015.

Click [here](#) for more upcoming IAGSDC Events.

MAPLE LEAFS REGROUP



T O R O N T O 2 0 1 6

Time is running out!

The Volunteer Rate of US\$160 is available only until June 1, 2015.

You must register using this special [Volunteer Registration Form](#).

Contact info@toronto2016.com for payment instructions in Canadian \$.

The current USD exchange rate is always available at <http://www.xe.com/currency/cad-canadian-dollar>

After June 1st, the volunteer rate will no longer be available, and the registration price will increase to US\$250 (unless this is your first IAGSDC Convention, then your rate will be US\$180).

Please encourage your friends to volunteer and register, too!

Watch our updated [video](#) to get in the mood for the next IAGSDC convention, here in Toronto.



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:

Newsletter

Editors

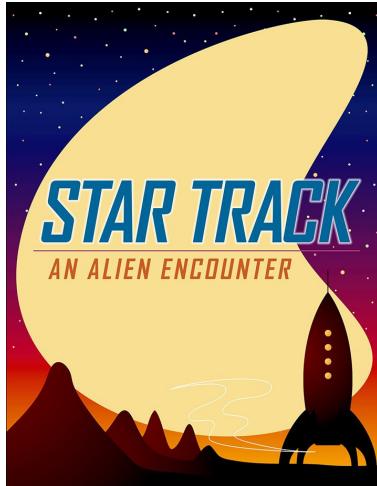
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TORONTO TRIANGLE SQUARES



Our Fly-In will be October 16-18, 2015.

Be An Intergalactic Ambassador!

Please download a registration form to help spread the word!

Full Weekend Registration

Sessional Registration

Registration Fees for Star Track:

Before August 1, 2015 — \$90.00; After August 1, 2015 — \$100.00

Special offer for Mainstream dancers:

You pay only \$80.00, no matter when you register.

See Registration Form on page 7

Billeting for STAR TRACK: An Alien Encounter

Would you be willing to open your home to an out-of-town visitor?

In order to encourage and enable out-of-towners to attend our Fly-In, please put your name forward for billeting.

If you are willing to host a visiting dancer or two, or volunteer as the billeting coordinator, please fill in the **Host form** and submit to Steve M. or send a note to satb@trianglesquares.com.

Thanks in advance!