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Potluck Pond Picnic

Peter & Tom's House
15 Coe Hill Drive

Sunday July 26, 2015 **2:00 PM–5:00pm**

Sign up here for your contribution

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

RSVP to publicity@trianglesquares.com



COLOURFUL TARTS REIGN ON WET PRIDE PARADE see page 2



Club News

Tart Maypole Came Out and Played @ the Pride Parade

If you can say one good thing about the Tarts it is that we are troopers. But then again, so are the other Triangle Squares club members who showed up to march in the 2015 Pride Parade "Come Out and Play!"

The forecast for the weekend was dismal, yet five Tarts and five marchers braved the conditions for another eventful march down Yonge Street. As usual, the Tarts gathered in the Village to get dressed and made their annual trek up Church Street to the starting point at Church and Bloor, pausing for photo ops with a throng of admirers.

The weather somewhat cooperated by mostly providing us with a misting so everyone was not totally drenched, although Crystal's enormous wig was soaking in the rain and becoming heavier as we made our way down the parade route.

The marchers carried our banner proudly in front of us, as the Tarts, dressed in their woodland fairy costumes, danced around the maypole, valiantly held by Crystal Chandelier.

Another great pride parade showing by Toronto Triangle Squares. Thanks to the marchers and the Tarts for braving the conditions and showing their pride in our club.

It was amazing to see everyone "COME OUT AND PLAY!"

Tiara Del Fuego



Demo Team Excels During the Pan Am Games

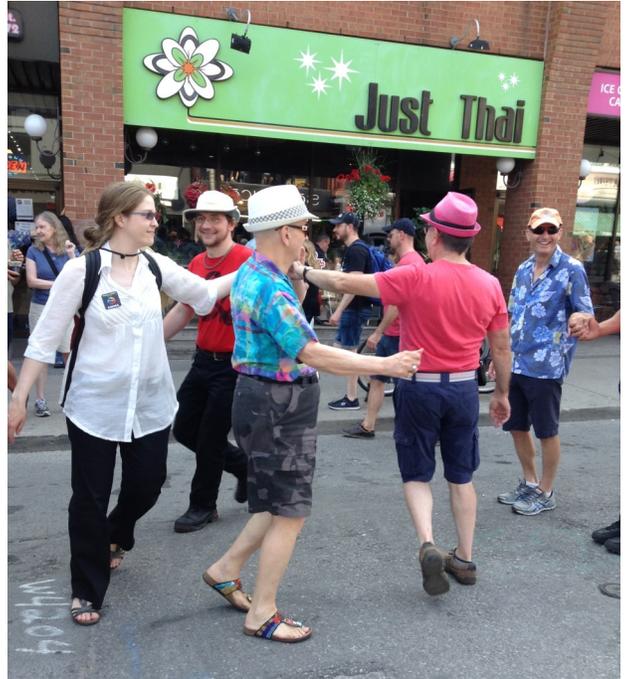
As part of the **PrideHouseTO** activities during the Pan Am Games, Triangle Squares coached two Intro to Square Dance events.

July 11: About 20 Triangle Squares team members assembled on Church Street to encourage spectators to try our favourite sport, square dancing. Don St. Jean, our caller, had amateurs dancing in no time. We even attracted the Village Queen and a drone video camera! Despite the grueling heat, we persevered, determined to present a memorable experience.

July 16: Amateurs and Triangle Squares athletes gathered in Room 106 to participate in square dancing teams of eight. Training sessions increased their stamina and endurance for over two hours. Other qualifying events included line dancing, two-step, and fozzball. Everyone gave 110%.

The crowd cheered as the demonstration team performed their choreographed routine to *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* called by Joe Uebelacker. Despite the snack distractions close by, they were able to maintain their focus and achieve a Gold medal performance!

Thanks to Colleen for coordinating this collaboration with PrideHouseTO and to all the volunteers for their continued support of our team.





64th US Convention Report: Friendship Set to Music

The great thing about square dancing is that wherever you go, you can dance the same calls with any caller and any other square dancers, while seeing familiar faces and making new friends. This was our first attendance at a US National Square Dance Convention. The 64th convention, in Springfield, MA, attracted 4003 dancers, 144 of whom were from Canada. We saw dancers we knew from across Ontario, the US, and even Australia, plus we made new friends from France, Germany, and Japan.

It was great seeing Michael Priser, originally from Washington, DC, but now working in Germany. There were dancers from Times Squares in New York and Independence Squares in Philadelphia. We recognized, and danced with, dancers from the Willow Weavers, Lift Lock Squares, Waterdown Village Squares, Kingston Limestone Dancers, and Montreal Acey Deuceys. Familiar Canadian callers included Barry Clasper, Don Moger, Wendy VanderMeulen, and Andy Himberg-Larsen.

The schedule was jam-packed with so many activities, it was hard to choose between all the dancing sessions, workshops, educational programs, Contra dancing, vendor room, and sewing room. If dancing from 10:00am to 10:00pm, wasn't enough, there were also After Parties for each level. However, we were staying at a hotel dependent on a shuttle bus, so, we weren't able to attend any.

We were trying to chase a certain list of callers from the over 200 present, but it was very challenging, because the dancing was spread over three venues: two hotels and the MassMutual Center. We managed to dance to 15 callers on our list, plus a few surprises, from Mainstream through A2, while Jean, Howard, and Terry stayed in the C2 hall most of the time.

We experienced a number of square dance "firsts" (for us): a **flash mob** in the middle of a food court; witnessing an **11 year-old caller** fill a Mainstream arena, backed by a live band; Henry Grissett, a blind caller from LA, singing a Square Dance Rap with "Green Eggs and Ham." Callers in the Plus DBD (Dance By Definition) hall tested our definition



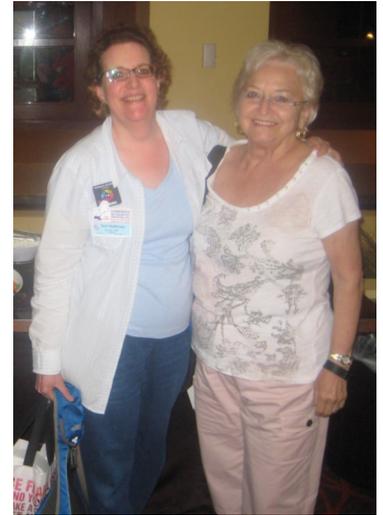
Terri Rothman & Niall O'Reilly

knowledge, and dancing with callers helped keep our squares from breaking down.

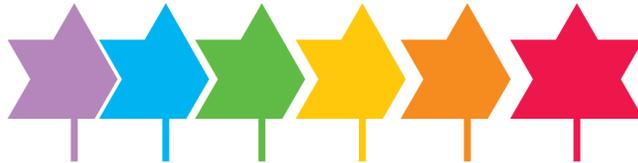
One highlight was the Last Square Standing Competition. Tony Oxendine and Jack Pladdys turned seemingly-simple Mainstream calls into a fast-paced DBD challenge. Four teams from the MIT Tech Squares in Cambridge, MA, which included dancers ranging in age from their 20s through 60s, competed against 15 other squares. Not only was it a test of stamina, but it was also a test of mental fitness. You could see the minds of the Tech Squares dancers working out the calls; they knew exactly where they were supposed to be. At the end, there were two **Tech Squares teams** standing, so of course, one of them won the competition.

Having friends across Ontario came in handy when car issues stranded us in Upper State New York without any idea of how we would get home. Since we were about one hour from the border, we called Roger and Jules in Cornwall, who rescued us and welcomed us into their home until we could figure out what to do.

On Canada Day, Roger took us to a square dancing demo with the Swinging B's and the Seaway Squares at the **Lost Villages Museum**, where we got to dance with new, friendly people. It's easy making friends on the dance floor and we look forward to meeting more dancers in the future.



MAPLE LEAFS REGROUP



T O R O N T O 2 0 1 6

As of July 20th, the total number of people registered is **630!**

Australia	1
Germany	4
Japan	18
Canada	79
United States	528

The hotel block is now open for registration. Two double beds or one queen will cost only \$189 CAD per night. Use this [link](#) to book The Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

If Maple Leafs Regroup is your first IAGSDC convention, your registration rate is only US\$180/ CAD\$225. You will need a letter from Peter, club president, verifying that this is your first convention.

Contact the [Convention Committee](#) to coordinate this great rate.

Please mark your calendars for a **Volunteer Co-ordinators Meeting** on Sunday, **September 13, 2015**, at 2:00pm in the party room at 15 Maitland Place. Interested volunteers are also welcome to discuss next steps leading up to the convention. More details will be available in August.

Community Dance ~ ALL welcome! May I Have This Dance?

Get your body **MOVING!** Learn how to...

Square Dance ~ Line Dance ~ Two-Step ~ And MORE!

No experience needed / No partner needed

No special clothes needed! All we need is **YOU!**

Aug. 20 @ The 519 Community Centre

519 Church Street ~ 7 PM to 10 PM ~ \$5 (or PWYC)

Hosted by TORONTO TRIANGLE SQUARES ~ www.trianglesquares.com

Upcoming Events

- **POTLUCK POND PICNIC**
Sunday **July 26**, 2015
2:00 –5:00 pm.
Location: Peter & Tom's
15 Coe Hill Drive.
Please bring food to share.
- **MAY I HAVE THIS
(SQUARE/LINE) DANCE?**
Thursday **August 20**, 2015,
7:00 to 10:00 pm
Caller: Joe Uebelacker
Line Dance Instructor:
Bobby Chong.
Location: The 519 Community
Centre. Fee: \$5.00
- **INTRO DANCES @ The 519**
September 10th and 17th
7:00 to 9:00 pm
Bring your friends, family, and
acquaintances! FREE
- **TORONTO 2016 VOLUNTEER
CO-ORDINATORS MEETING**
Sunday, **September 13**, 2015
2:00 to 4:00 pm
15 Maitland Place
- **Star Track: An Alien
Encounter**, our club Fly-In:
October 16-18, 2015
The 519 and Jesse Ketchum

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

Stealthy Square Dancing!

We have enough FM receivers and transmitters to enable us to go ahead with the semi-dormant idea of silent (stealth) square dancing in public venues in Toronto. You might remember that we attempted this last summer, but got rained out every time. This year, we have some rain-or-shine venues in mind, so unless there's a sudden Arctic chill, the dancing will go ahead even if we get lousy weather.

Note that public square dancing will probably involve dancing on concrete. We will be eliminating tricky moves, such as swinging, but some people might prefer not to dance on hard surfaces like this.

So we are looking for...

VOLUNTEER STEALTH DANCERS!

There are opportunities for stealth dancing coming up really soon... REALLY soon.... so the faster we get a group together, the better.

So don't delay! RSVP and get stealthy today!

If you're interested in joining Team Stealthy Squares (and feel free to suggest a better name!) and are willing and able to dance on concrete -- and in public! -- please send an email to susantriangle@gmail.com ASAP.

New workshops
have been
announced. See
this [message](#) for
dates and levels.

Registration Fees for Star Track, October 16-18, 2015

Before September 1, 2015: \$90.00; After: \$100.00

Special offer for Mainstream dancers:

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

Download a registration form from page 8



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Contact Us

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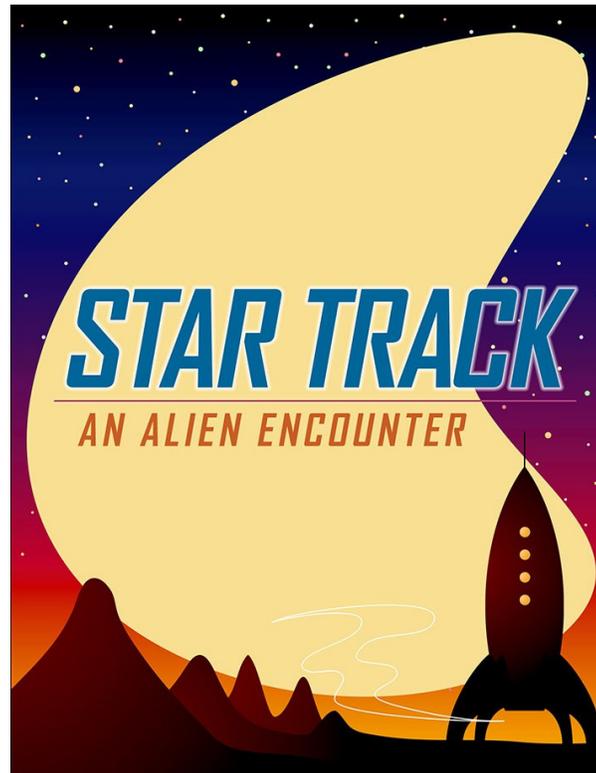
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*Our Fly-In will be
October 16-18, 2015*

@ Jesse Ketchum
Public School

*Full Weekend
Registration Form*

*Sessional
Registration Form*

**Deadline for the price increase has been extended to
September 1, 2015. Register for this great event:**

Callers: Don Moger & Dave Hutchinson

**Venues: The 519 (Thurs)
and Jesse Ketchum Public School (Fri-Sun)**

Friday dinner and Sunday potluck brunch included