



TRIANGLE SQUARES

Newsletter

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RECENT HAPPENINGS

Here's what we were up to in March:

- A good-sized group of 12 Triangle Squares dancers went to the recent **T&D Dance in Guelph**. Alan had previously done Round dancing in Newmarket, so he took a turn on the floor with Marge, who's a natural.



It's not done in IAGSDC clubs, but is a feature of many of the T&D regional clubs. Round dancing is often referred to as choreographed (or cued) ballroom.

After an afternoon of dancing and dinner at Lorna's stunning condo (within earshot of the Cathedral bells), most of us changed into our club shirts for the evening session, making quite an impression. A special big Thank You to Lorna who hosted us in her new home.



- Shades of green were in abundance at our annual ***Wearing of the Green Dance***. Despite a cold day (but better weather than our February dance), the event attracted club members and guests from other T&D



clubs. Unfortunately we were bumped from Room 200. We numbered more than four squares, but Room 106 doesn't let that many dance comfortably. Two squares were up and dancing throughout, but at the very end, Sue R. worked up a third square for the finale. Tim Crawford had the room hummin' and jumpin' with new tunes, and our Basic dancers were treated to novel variations on calls they thought they knew well (ha, ha, that was our little surprise).



Lots more photos of these and other happenings in our [Flickr group](#). Feel free to add your own photos, or send them to me and I'll add them. Social media publicity lives on photos.

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New Caller Development

reprinted from the Toronto and District Square and Round Dance Association

[Note: Marge & Don will be calling at the May 6 Caller Showcase]

I'd like to draw your attention to various opportunities for new and developing callers to hone their craft. We encourage all clubs to give some thought to caller development and encourage callers to look for potential new callers whom they can help mentor.

- **Susan C.** did something quite simple and novel at the Triangle Squares Plus class. She invited each class member to take a turn with the mic, supplying the music and choreography. The dancers simply had to read through the list of calls. Only one in the class declined, and two became interested enough to go on to a caller school.
- The T&D will host a **New Caller Showcase in Etobicoke May 6** (details in our [calendar](#)). Dave Williamson tells me he has five "new" callers lined up. Please do come out and encourage these callers. Also,

there's still room at the open mic. Contact [Dave](#) if you're interested in calling a tip.

- There are other new caller showcases at various dances, including [Spring Spree April 22](#), and the [Joint T&D Dance](#) to be held in **Peterborough Sep 30**. Drop in the room and cheer the new callers on. And if you're interested, contact the organizers of that event.
- **Joe Uebelacker** is running a caller school in Peterborough **Jun 2-4 and 9-11** for new and returning callers. Loads of mic time. Choreography, sight calling, singing calls will be included. For more details, consult the [brochure](#).
- **Jeff Priest** and **Barry Clasper** will be running a caller school as part of the **2018 Canadian National Convention in London**, Ontario. Details are still being firmed up, but watch Jeff's site for [details](#).
- Both the Toronto & District Association and the Ontario Federation have [bursaries](#) to help offset the cost of caller school.

Seriously, the long-term continuation of square dance clubs depends on encouraging new callers. Dancers should have opportunities to try it out, without pressure to attend a full-blown caller school. Here's a [photo](#) of Barry Clasper running a new caller clinic in his basement. There was no shortage of willing dancers. Take note of the numbered, colour-coded bibs.



Rainbow is the New Black, our club's Fly-In, is on the horizon, **May 26-28**. If you haven't yet registered, don't be surprised when you are approached by a committee member to sign up. Callers are Barry Clasper and Todd Felleggy. It's will be a dance weekend you won't want to miss!

If you're going to another Fly-In between now and May, let **me** know, and I'll give you some printed flyers to help promote our event.

Meanwhile, if you have out-of-town friends thinking of coming to Toronto, here are a few tidbits we've added to the **webpage** recently.

- Reasonably-priced accommodation is available close by at Victoria College, University of Toronto. Meal packages also available. Info **here**.
- And once the dancing has finished, you may want to extend your stay in Toronto to check out the **Inside Out Film Festival**, featuring LGBT-themed films from around the world. It runs May 25-Jun 4 at the **TIFF Bell Lightbox** cinema.

Everything you need to know is on the **Fly-In** page.

WHAT'S NEXT

We're also off to regional Toronto-area dances to show our colours, distribute flyers, and chat things up on the dance floor. Contact **me** if you are interested in carpooling.

- **Spring Spree, Peterborough** - one of Ontario's premiere events. Saturday **April 22**, 2:00-10:00 pm. You'll see lots of familiar faces, including Howard and Jean, as well as a team of great callers: Joe Uebelacker, Don Moger, Barry Clasper, and Dave Williamson. **flyer**
- **Caller Showcase, Etobicoke**: come out and cheer on Marge and Don Saturday **May 6**. They'll join a host of new and established callers from across the T&D area. **flyer**
- **Square Dance for Square Meals, Toronto, May 6**. Don St. Jean will call a community dance in support of the charity Love Canada. More info **here**.
- **Rainbow is the New Black, Toronto**, our club's Fly-In, **May 26-28, 2017**, callers Barry Clasper and Todd Felleggy. More details **here**.

Keep an eye on our [What's New](#) page to stay informed about all future club happenings. We also post regional Fly-ins and T&D dances in our [Calendar](#).

Angel Sign-Up

Our Basic/Mainstream class is a happenin' place, and that's in large part due to the angels who show up and encourage the new dancers. Please, please choose one or two dates when you can come downtown, meet the new dancers, and brush up on those forgotten calls like Do Paso. Here's our [sign up sheet](#). Invite a friend and make a night of it in The Village. The Glad Day Bookshop features light fare and a bar. it's where the literati and glitterati meet.

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