



TRIANGLE SQUARES

Newsletter

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RECENT HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to **Pam and Barry Clasper** on their Trillium Merit Award from the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation. It's well deserved. This award recognizes the pivotal role they play in Ontario and the wider square dance scene. Congratulations also to **Richard Sharman** of the Ottawa Date Squares for his Trillium Award. Read the latest news in the most recent Ontario Federation [Newsletter](#), including information about bursaries for dancers wishing to attend caller schools.

It's been a quiet summer after the craziness of the Convention last year. Still, here's what we were up to:

- A good-sized contingent went to the IAGSDC Convention in Palm Springs, California. Everyone reported that the convention was lots of fun. To get relief from the scorching daytime temperatures, the pool tip was a must. A few people made a vacation of sight-seeing in the desert southwest, which is stunning.



- It was a great summer just to be chillin' on a patio. But we didn't want our newest dancers to forget everything, so **Marge and Susan** held two Funshops at The 519 in July and August. At one point, in order to help keep the couples straight, Marge had couples 1 and 2 wear funny hats. Sadly, no photo was taken. A big Thanks goes to them for organizing the Funshops.
- Another big Thanks goes to **Peter and Tom** for hosting the annual pond picnic. Their place is idyllically situated in Swansea near High Park, with an amazing deck extending out to Catfish Pond. Peter's latest thing is craft apple ciders, so we were treated to new tastes, as well as lots of potluck goodies supplied by attendees, such as a gourmet cheese tray. Take a cue from Bev and Maxine: you can't look super cool without shades.



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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Reactivate Your IAGSDC Profile

The IAGSDC has updated its website with a new host. If you had a profile on the previous site, they were able to port most of the information across. However, they could not bring the passwords from the old system. So, if you haven't already, I suggest you activate your account using the following steps:

- Go to <https://iagsdc.org/>
- Go to menu option *Members/Member Login*
- At the bottom, enter your account name (it will be the same as the old ID)
- Then click on *Request a new password*
- This will trigger an email, which will allow you to enter a new password
- From then on, it should remember your name and password

Once you're active again, verify these items were ported correctly, and are up-to-date

- Check the contact details in your profile
- Update your current dance level and club affiliation (this helps organizers of the conventions and fly-ins for planning purposes)
- Check that your expected registrations are still there and in paid status

This is also an excellent opportunity to register for the Triangle Squares Fly-in, **Pearl Promenade, May 2018**, at the early-bird price.

Here are the future conventions for those who like to plan and book ahead:

- 2018 Jul 4-8: **Circle Back to Seattle**
- 2019 Jul 4-7: **Belles Run Philadelphia**

Also, under convention planning, I highly recommend the **Canadian National Convention**, next summer. It will be held in London, Ontario, **July 19-21, 2018**. The 2014 convention in Ottawa was lots of fun. Registration is available through the convention website.

AGM & Executive Volunteers

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held Thu, **Nov 23** at The 519. All members are encouraged to attend. New dancers are welcome, too. After the business meeting, there will be general dancing at various levels.

This year two Steering Committee positions will become vacant, and we are seeking volunteers for both. Peter is retiring as **President** after two terms. We will also need a new **Secretary**, as Gaylene steps down. A big Thanks goes to both Peter and Gaylene for their hard work. Our club is a volunteer-run organization, and constantly needs new support, with new ideas to carry us forward.

If you wish to discuss either one of these positions, or to have an issue added to the Agenda at the AGM, please contact Peter by **email**, or chat with him at class.

"Many hands make the work light," my Mom used to say (usually Saturday morning, with the mop and pail close by).

What's Ahead

Although time for chillin' on the patio is not quite over, it is time to start thinking ahead. Here's what's on the calendar in September:

- **A1 Blast**, Saturday **Sep 9 & 16** hosted by **Don St. Jean**, 10:30 am-3:00 pm. \$25 per day. 45 Carlton St. Bring your own lunch; snacks provided. Please **contact** Don in advance so he can put you on the security list.
- **Open House and New Dancer Intro**, Thur **Sep 14 & 21**, 7-9 pm, The 519. Invite your friends, and come out and welcome potential new dancers. **flyer**
- **Classes** begin:
 - Wed **Sep 20**, Plus, A1/A2 at Jesse Ketchum
 - Thu **Sep 28**, Basic/Mainstream at The 519.
- No class at JK Wed **Sep 27**. Stay tuned for alternate venue.
- First Toronto & District Square Dance Association dance of the season, will be Sat **Sep 30** in Peterborough. Last year's dance was a lot of fun. **flyer**

Just a quick note to our C1 dancers: We are still working on a plan for this year. We haven't forgotten you, but we may not have something in place in September.

Stay tuned to our [Events](#) page as updates come in. Our [Calendar](#) cross-lists select IAGSDC Fly-ins and regional Toronto & District dances.

FLY-IN NEWS

We have one exchange voucher for [Peel the Pumpkin](#) fly-in in NYC, Oct 27-29. I will award this to the highest bidder. Please [email](#) me with your bid. The silent auction will close **Sep 26**.

Don't forget to save the dates **May 25-27, 2018** for our next Fly-in: [Pearl Promenade](#), in honour of our club's 30th anniversary. We've got two great callers lined up: **Vic Ceder and Don St. Jean**. Early-bird pricing is available until **Dec 31**. As an anniversary celebration, we are planning a special Sunday brunch at the [Heliconian Club](#) in Yorkville. Register via the IAGSDC [Events](#) page.

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