



TRIANGLE SQUARES

Newsletter

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RECENT HAPPENINGS

I don't know about you, but I managed to become quite rusty over the summer. A few of the regional dances have helped clear the cobwebs. However, many of our members found ways to keep dancing:



- Here are a few of Marge's photos from **Summer Magic** in Cornwall. All reports were that the event was fun, as always. Lots of familiar faces were seen, including some from Guelph and the Ottawa Date Squares.
- Don St. Jean held an **A1 Blast**, which gave a head-start to some of the dancers who will be attending the A1 teach at JK this year. Everyone had a positive experience, including the dancers from local clubs who attended. Blasts seem to be an



increasingly popular way to help dancers who want to move from one level to the next.

- As usual, our September **Open Houses** were popular, attracting a range of people from the neighbourhood, People from Out and Out, friends and family of existing dancers, and a few past members returning. Early reports from the Basic class indicate we have some natural-born dancers, and the class should proceed well. Barry and Don will tag-team as callers for the class this semester. ***Remember, we need angels to keep this class humming.*** Please sign up [here](#).



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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Pam and Barry Clasper Receive Award

As mentioned previously, **Pam and Barry Clasper** were given the **Trillium Merit Award** from the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation. This is awarded for meritorious service to square dance in Ontario, above and beyond the local club level. And that describes both Pam and Barry to a tea. The following is a brief summery of their square dance history and accomplishments, which formed part of the nomination for the award. Congratulations again to both. The award is well deserved and puts them in good company. The presentation took place at the recent Joint Toronto & District dance in Peterborough.

Barry and Pam Clasper began dancing with the Camp Borden Squaretimers in 1973, where they were taught by their first caller, and long-time friend, Al Calhoun. When Barry left DND in 1977 to work with IBM, they moved to Toronto and took up dancing with Howard Philp and the Scarborough Squares. They learned Advanced from Norm Wilcox and C1 from Leo Ducharme.



Barry began calling in 1984 when he was asked by a local C2 club in Toronto who had exhausted their teaching tapes. His main mentor was

Anne Uebelacker. Following his retirement from IBM in 2007, Barry became a full-time caller. He is in demand worldwide at conventions, and is particularly popular at conventions. Barry is currently a home caller for the Triangle Squares and Oshawa Squares clubs, as well as a regular staff caller at AACE (Academy of Advanced & Challenge Enthusiasts) in the US. He is a member of CALLERLAB and the Gay Callers Association. Within CALLERLAB, he is a member of the Board of Governors, is on the Executive Committee, and is a past Chairman of the Board (2013-2015). He has written articles for *Zip Coder*, *The Call Sheet*, and *American Square Dance Magazine*. Of particular merit, Barry has mentored new callers and taught at a number of caller schools, including running a CALLERLAB Mini-Lab before the 2008 Canadian national convention in London and the caller school before our 2016 IAGSDC convention here in Toronto.

Pam is also active on various CALLERLAB committees, including as Chairman of the History Committee and past Chairman of the Research Committee. She is one of the main organizers of AACE and is currently President of the All Join Hands Foundation in Canada.

Both Pam and Barry have served previously as Directors of the Toronto and District Square & Round Dance Association Executive and as organizers of the

Joint T&D dances. Their contributions have been significant, both to our club, and to the wider square dance communities in Ontario,



Club Matters



- Let **Peter** know if you're interested in ordering a **club shirt** (short or long sleeve), or a replacement badge. The shirts were designed by Colleen, and we get compliments everywhere we wear them.
- Anyone with **historical photos of the club**, pre-2009 (prints or soft copy), please contact **me**. We are trying to work up a slideshow or video as part of our 30th Anniversary celebrations.

- 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.

What's Ahead

Fall leaves will be here soon, so it is time to start thinking ahead. Here's what's on the calendar in the coming months:

- Halloween dance, Thu, **Oct 26**, 7:00-9:00 pm. Free. Costumes optional, but there will be a prize for the best costume. Class basic to C1. Newest dancers are welcome.
- Joint Toronto & District dance, Sat **Nov 4** in Guelph. [flyer](#)
- Thur, **Nov 23**, our Annual General Meeting, 7:00 pm at The 519, followed by all-levels dancing. Please attend. No class at 15 Maitland Place.
- **Holiday Dinner & Dance**, Sunday, **Dec 3**, 2:00-8:00 pm. Barry Clasper calling. Class basic to C1, followed by a catered dinner by Fabarnack. [flyer](#)
- **New Year's Eve Dance** hosted by Aaron Goodman and the Etobicoke Arrowhead Squares, including full sit-down dinner. Order tickets in advance [flyer](#)

If you're into cruises, take note that Sandie Bryant and Tim Crawford will be hosting a square dance cruise to the Caribbean next May 2018, details [here](#).

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

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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