



TRIANGLE SQUARES

Newsletter

May 2019

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RECENT HAPPENINGS

Terri just brought home some Ontario strawberries from the market, so spring seems to be unfolding as it should. Lots of summer dancing still to come, plus a pond picnic, so don't be a stranger.

Here are some familiar faces in Regency costume from a dance in King City in April.



We had another of our **Drop-in Fun Nights** in May, this time with Guelph-area caller Dave Williamson taking the turn at the mic. That was supposed to be our last, but then we got into the spirit of Pride Month and decided to hold one more on June 14. Details in the [What's Ahead](#) section below.



We also had two blasts (Plus and A2) so dancers could prep for the Fly-in weekend. Here are artful B&W shots sent in by Maxine, who hosted the Plus blast in her dining room.



Here are a few shots from our Fly-in, including a big group of the Ottawa Date Squares. Kudos to all our Mainstream dancers for putting in an appearance. Woohoo! More on the Fly-in from Colleen's report below.



Congrats also to Holly Price, Steve McKeown, and Marge Coahran, this year's recipients of the Silver Triangle Award badges. A complete list of past recipients is on our [History](#) page. And speaking of Steve, best wishes to him and Pat on their move to Ottawa. The Date Squares are already counting their good fortune (or gloating on our loss?).



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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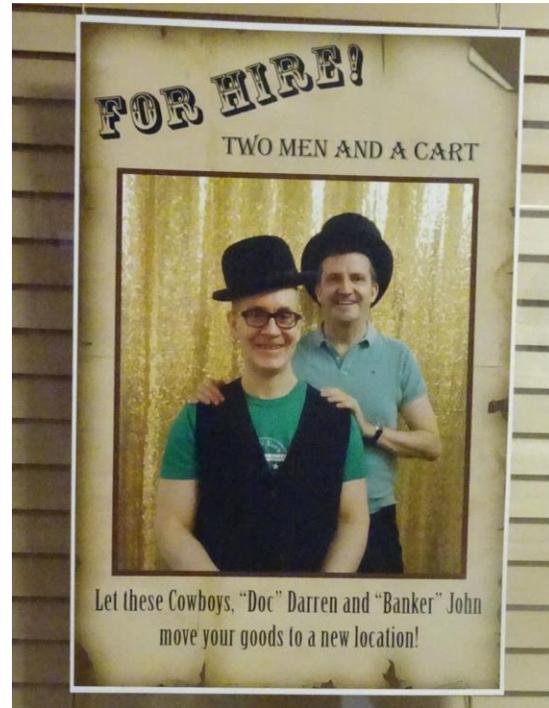
WHEEL & DEAL FLY-IN

by Colleen Dodds

Under the leadership of **Marge Coahran**, the May 24-26 weekend of Triangle Squares annual Fly-In was a huge success. This year a new venue was tried at the Toronto Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club on Spruce St. near Gerrard and Parliament. After many years at Jesse Ketchum School, attendees appreciated the newer building, fresher air, and nicer surroundings, and the new location was deemed a definite success.

The Las Vegas/Western decor was enhanced by casino images in the ballroom courtesy of Guy Le Ny. Hallways sprouted playing cards and “Wanted” posters of many members who paid \$5.00 to have their photo taken earlier this year. They had options to dress up in “old-time” clothing which the decorating committee turned into a series of posters giving the reasons they were “wanted”. The posters were skillfully produced by Debra Pugh and her computer talents, with wording and photos by Anda Avens and Colleen Dodds.

The unused portion of the photo costs resulted in a \$50.00 donation to All Join Hands Canada.



The lower, bare, echo-prone, gym was “problem solved” by the wooden blanket racks designed and made by Anda with blankets that soaked up the sound perfectly.

Dancing to **Kris Jensen** and **Joe Uebelacker** was most enjoyable with a well attended “gay styling” workshop on Saturday by Don St. Jean. Everyone knew what was happening thanks to the schedule signage, constantly updated, compliments of Susan Cox. Our own Triangle Tarts, very smart in red and black, made their appearance on Saturday evening.



Jorge Velasquez was in charge of the spectacular Sunday Brunch. There was plenty of beautiful food and you could even go back for “seconds.” The lovely tables with poker theme settings were thanks to Guy again.

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped in many different ways, and especially to Marge for her initiative in finding a new location and pulling it all together. Watch for next year’s Fly-In, which will have a chess theme: **CHECKMATE.**



Sunglasses Thank You

In early May I asked the Jesse Ketchum dancers to give me any extra non prescription sunglasses for my upcoming humanitarian trip to Guatemala. I was pleasantly surprised at how many people responded. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated by the indigenous people of San Martine Chiquito.

As an agricultural population the constant unprotected exposure to the sun at 9,000 feet above sea level causes early onset cataracts along with several other serious eye conditions even among teenagers.

Muchas gracias.

Colleen Dodds

SUMMER DANCING

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Don't put away those dancing shoes! There's lots of dancing going on this summer. Here are groups and events across the region. If you're passing through, pop in, say Hi, and dance a few tips.

Marlbank Summer Dancing

Mondays, Plus and Advanced teach [flyer](#)

Tuesdays, Full A2 and C1 teach [flyer](#)

Thursdays, Full Mainstream in-depth [flyer](#)

Special fundraiser event June 8 [flyer](#)

Etobicoke Arrowhead Squares [info](#)

Wednesdays, Mainstream & Plus

Shadowlight Summer Plus DBD, Cambridge [flyer](#)

Wednesday afternoons, weekly from Jun 5-Aug 28

Peterborough Otonabee Squares [flyer](#)

Basic & Mainstream, Mondays, Jun 3 & 17

Peterborough Lift Lock Squares [info](#)

Plus & Advanced, Wednesday, Jun 5 & 19

Toronto Triangle Squares Funshops [info](#)

Mainstream, Plus, A1, Thursdays, Jun 27, Jul 25, Aug 29

Bewdley Driveway Dance [info](#)

Basic, Mainstream, Plus, A2, Jul 21 - bring a chair

Lakeshore Rolling Waves [info](#)

Camping weekends (or just drop in), Mainstream & Plus, Jun 15, Jul 20, Aug 10, Sept 21

Blyth Camporee [info](#)

Aug 2-5, Mainstream, Plus with Rounds, RV camping and local accommodation available

French River Camping Weekend, hosted by Rick and Pat Gerris, Aug 17-18 [info](#)

Cornwall Summer Magic [flyer](#)

Summer ends with a bang, black & white night Saturday evening is not to be missed

Aug 23-25, A2 & C1

Info on all these in our calendar. Stay tuned to our [Events](#) page as updates come in.

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WHAT'S AHEAD

Here's what's on the calendar in the coming weeks:

- **Pride** Drop-in Fun Night, **Jun 14**, 7-9:30 pm, The 519, Joe Uebelacker calling, \$10. [flyer](#)
- **Free Funshops** with Sue & Marge, MS & Plus, 7-9 pm, The 519: **Jun 27, Jul 25, Aug 29**

- The **IAGSDC Convention** with our good friends in Philadelphia, **Jul 4-7**. If you've never been to an IAGSDC Convention, you're in for a treat. details [here](#)
- Jean and Howard Lander are hosting a **driveway dance and picnic** in the middle of a cornfield on the outskirts of Bewdley. The weather's always been great, and there's enough shade to keep cool. **Jul 21**, 2-7. details
- Peter and Tom host the always-popular **Pond Picnic**, Sun, **Aug 18**, 2-6pm. Details in our [Calendar](#). Please RSVP to Peter at bankrbear@hotmail.com.

Classes will resume the week of **Sept 18 & 19**. Plans are still being finalized, so stay tuned to our [Events](#) page for updates. Our [Calendar](#) cross-lists select IAGSDC Fly-Ins and regional Toronto & District dances.

Fly-In News

Block your calendars for **May 22-24** in **2020** for **CHECKMATE**. Two great callers have been booked, so we know you're gonna wanna be there: **Anne Uebelacker** and **Dave Hutchinson**. Super-early-bird pricing is in effect until Aug 31. Early registration helps us meet up-front costs such as reserving the venue. Details and registration instructions on our [Fly-in page](#).

Contributors

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