



TRIANGLE SQUARES



April 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is definitely in the air, and we have a couple of exciting months coming up. The International IAGSDC Convention is right around the corner, and our own Fly-In is not far behind. Both are great opportunities for new dancers to hone their skills and seasoned dancers to reconnect with old friends. In addition two club dances are planned. The May 31st event is a very special one, at which we will be hosting a club from Germany! Keep dancing!

Patrick Aubert

DC DIAMOND CIRCULATE!

This year's gay square dance convention will be held over the Easter weekend, from April 9 to 12. For more details, please visit <http://www.dcdc2009.org/>

The web site now lists locations to attend religious observances over Passover and Holy Week.

Special ticket prices have been negotiated for dancers to see *Chicago* at the National Theatre.

The web site has the Convention Schedule, as of February 6.

Note: the Opening Ceremonies and Grand March are scheduled for Friday morning at 10:30 a.m.!

It looks like club photos for 'International' clubs are scheduled for Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Remember to wear your club shirt (with the maple leaves) and dark trousers for the March and Club Photo op, or a white shirt if you don't have a club shirt.

Remember to bring your cowboy boots for the County & Western Dance on Saturday evening at 10:00 p.m. – Music by *DC Cowboys*.

Hope to see you in Washington DC!



IMPORTANT DATES

Mark your calendar for the next Club Dances. Costs are \$10 in advance, or \$12 at the door for Club members; guests are most welcome and encouraged to attend. Tickets will be sold in class during the 2 weeks leading up to the dances.

Spring Club Dance

Sunday, April 26

Winchester Public School

1:00 P.M. to 3:00 PM.

Details to follow.



Fly-In 2009 – *Surviving The Recession*

The price of Registration goes up at the end of March to \$75! So, send in your form before March 31 to take advantage of the \$65 fee.

The location for the Trail-End Dance on Thursday has yet to be confirmed. The Friday evening dance & potluck will be held at the downtown YMCA on Grosvenor Street. Dancing will be from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Dancing on Saturday and Sunday will be held at King Edward School, 112 Lippincott Street, one block east of Bathurst Street and north of College Street. The school is accessible by TTC, and near lots of restaurants, and there is free parking available at the school. Dancing will be from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. We encourage everyone to wear a T-Shirt from a past Fly-In.

The web address for the registration form is <http://www.iagsdc.org/trianglesquares/#flyin>, or ask Holly or Joanne for a copy.



Upcoming Fly-In's and Events

Toronto & District Square and Round Dance Convention, May 7 to 9, 2009, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario. Callers: Betsy Gotta, Mike Jacobs, Jerry Jestin, Peter & Chris Lawrence, Charlie McClure, and Randy & Marie Preskitt. Info: <http://www3.sympatico.ca/jerry.callen/td/Brock.htm>.

DC Diamond Circulate - 26th Annual IAGSDC Convention, April 9 to 12, 2009, Washington DC. Callers: Anne Uebelacker, Sandie Bryant, Dayle Hodge, Ett McAtee, Betsy Gotta, John Marshall, Lynette Bellini, Mike Jacobs, Tim Crawford, Tom Miller, Deborah Carroll-Jones, and Barry Clasper. Info: <http://www.dcdc2009.org/>.

Spring Spree, April 18, 2009, Peterborough, Ontario. Callers: Don Moger, Charlie McClure, & Norm Wilcox. Info: contact Colleen Dodds.

Pass The Ocean, Hon! 2009, May 1 to 3, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, hosted by Chesapeake Squares. Callers: Bill Eyler, Todd Fellegly, Dayle Hodge, Kris Jensen. Info: <http://www.iagsdc.org/chesapeake/>.

Scout Across The Border - Surviving The Recession, May 22 to 24, Triangle Squares. Callers: Barry Clasper and Ett McAtee. Info: www.iagsdc.org/trianglesquares/#flyin

Ripple the Wave IV Cruise, September 26-October 3, 2009. Hosted by Desert Valley Squares. Dance your way to Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan and Cabo san Lucas, with calling by Darren Gallina! Prices per person begin at \$744. For more information call or e-mail: John Faulds John@traveldestinationsinc.com, or call 1-800-443-4644, or 480-941-5311.

For all other events associated with the **IAGSDC**, please go to <http://www.iagsdc.org>.

REMINDER: Please check our telephone line for Club updates: (416) 925-XTRA, ext 2014.

TORONTO & DISTRICT SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

The club is invited and encouraged to attend T&D's annual square and round dance convention. The convention is being held at Brock University in St. Catharines from May 7 to 9, with dancing from Mainstream to C-1 Levels.

The cost for the dance is \$21.00 in advance, and the Registration Form can be accessed on T&D's website at <http://www3.sympatico.ca/>

[Callen/td/Brock.htm](http://www3.sympatico.ca/Callen/td/Brock.htm), or can be obtained by contacting Colleen Dodds at 416-247-6854 or c.dodds@sympatico.ca. (You'll also see on their website, a picture of our club members at one of their past conventions!)

On Saturday, May 9th, Triangle Squares members who will be attending the convention are invited to start the day with a brunch at Colleen Dodds' home at 44 Denison Road West, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. After brunch, the group will car pool to St. Catharines, where we'll dance for the afternoon and evening sessions.

Show some club spirit and join us for a day of dancing!

SPRING SPREE - PETERBOROUGH

Come out and dance at the Annual Spring Spree at Adam Scott Collegiate, 175 Langton Street in Peterborough on April 18th!

Callers will be Don Moger, Charlie McClure, & Norm Wilcox. Dancing is from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Levels are from Basic to A1.

We'll meet and carpool from the Daybreak Diner, at the corner of Carlton & Church Streets, leaving there about 11:30 a.m.. Cost in advance is \$12.50 for the day. To register, or to arrange carpooling, please contact Patrick Aubert or Colleen Dodds.

NOTE: If you'd like to submit an article or a digital photograph for inclusion in the newsletter, please e-mail it to Don at doncheff@hotmail.com.

TRIANGLE SQUARES ON FACEBOOK

Feel free to add a posting or a notice. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/index.php?>, then find 'Groups', then find 'Triangle Squares'.

19TH OR 20TH FLY-IN?

There's been some discussion as to whether this is our 19th or 20th Fly-In. Triangle Squares was formed in 1987 and accepted as a member of the IAGSDC at the Scottsdale convention in 1988, which only two of our dancers attended.

Looking through some early diaries, the first entry about a Fly-In that I can find is in 1990. On 22 May, 1990, there was a special Steering Committee meeting to decide details about the Fly In, which began with a Club Dance on Thursday, 7 June, 1990 and then the Fly-In began on the Friday, 8 June with an Advance Workshop on the Saturday and Brunch on the Sunday. We danced on Friday at St. Luke's (at Sherbourne & Carlton Streets) and then on Saturday at the 519.

In 1991, the Fly-In Early Bird dance was on Thursday, April 4, with Joe Uebelacker calling. Then on Friday, Tim Crawford called at St. Luke's, followed by a Saturday afternoon dance with Joe and a Sunday afternoon dance with Tim.

In 1992, we held the Fly-In the second (!) weekend after the Victoria Day weekend, so it was the weekend after the Memorial Day weekend. The Trail-In dance was on Thursday, May 28.

Then in 1993, we settled on the Memorial Day weekend as the traditional time for our Fly-In, which was that year May 28 - 30. Holding it on the Memorial Day weekend makes it more possible for dancers from the U.S. to come to Toronto and with the Canadian dollar at quite a low rate this year, we'll hope to see a number of visitors from across the border at what is **our 20th Fly-In!**

Chris Homer



SILKE'S SQUARE DANCE EXPERIENCE IN CANADA

Hello everybody, my name is Silke, and I'm from the Square Dance club "Friendship Squares Wuerzburg" in Germany. I started square dancing in 2003, and I graduated in 2004. 2 years ago, I had my first Canadian dance experiences in Alberta and British Columbia.

My club has around 45 members and we dance 3 times a month, except during school holidays, which is 6 weeks long in the summer. Our club dances at Mainstream Level only, and this is different to the model of North American clubs, where one progresses through the various levels in one's own club. In Germany, a club has a particular level and stays there, or you dance a higher level on a different evening, with a different club. For a club to dance from Basic to Challenge is unusual.

There are around 550 Clubs in Germany, and if one has the time and enough money, one may dance every weekend at one or more *Specials*. A *Special* is a dance which is hosted by one or more clubs (like a jamboree). Most *Specials* have a special theme and occur yearly. For example, the "Burgen and Schloessertour" (castle and palace tour) will have it's 26th Tour this year. I invite you to check out the website for the European Association of American Square Dance Clubs, where you can find out everything you need to know about the square dance clubs in Europe. It's at <http://eaasdc.de/index.php>, and there is a link for the English version.

This year, I've been dancing in Toronto, and it's the first time I've danced with a gay-club, and I love it – it reminds me of my own club, and of all the laughs and fun!. My compliments go to Joe, that he is always mindful of "who is who" in the square – most of the time!!

I'm accustomed to dancing while wearing the traditional outfit, and I continue to do so. The first time I danced with the club, it was beautiful for everybody to see me in a costume, and we had a lot of fun that evening!

Your club is also different from other North American clubs, which normally include those of an age closer to a grandma or grandpa! Yours is a 'young' club – that's good and I don't get the feeling of being the grandchild or great-grandchild of its members!

I enjoy every Thursday that I dance, and I can't wait until the next.

Thanks for taking me in and of giving me the feeling of 'we enjoy the evenings with you'!

See you in a Square!

Silke Heunisch

