



Triangle Squares

September 2010

President's Message

Another dance season is upon us and we anticipate another great influx of new dancers. Many members of the club have been hard at work over the past couple of months publicizing our Intro Nights and drumming up interest. On behalf of the Club I would like to thank all who volunteered their time and effort to ensure the vitality of Triangle Squares for another season.

Welcome back to another season.

Patrick Aubert

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2010, and is an important opportunity for the Club to review the past year and to look plan for the coming year's events.

Two positions on the Board of Directors will become available for election, including Club President and Club Treasurer. Members are encouraged to consider assisting the Club by serving on the Board. Anyone wishing more information about either position can speak with any member of the Steering Committee.

The AGM will be held at Jesse Ketchum School Auditorium at 7 p.m., followed by a Club Dance. All Dancers are welcome, including the new class of Basic/Mainstream dancers.

CHI-TOWN SHAKEDOWN 2010

The club had one of its largest contingents at this year's IAGSDC convention in Chicago!

Congratulations, Triangle Squares, for your outstanding support of square dance and the Club!

We had several newbies, or Club members for whom Chi-Town was their first convention, and we're glad to see those new dancers attending convention!



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursdays, September 16 & 23: Introductory Dances, 7:00 p.m., at the '519' Auditorium.

Wednesday, October 13: Annual General Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jesse Ketchum School.

Sunday, October 31: Hallowe'en Fantasy Ball, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the '519' Auditorium.

Sunday, Nov. 28: Christmas/Holiday Dance, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Caller: Tim Crawford; Pot-Luck Dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Location: TBA.

Sunday, January 30, 2011 - Club Dance, at the '519'.

Sunday, February 27 - Club Dance, at the '519'.

Sunday, March 27 - Club Dance, at the '519'.

Sunday, April 24 - Club Dance, at the '519'.

May 26 to 29: Scoot Across The Border Fly-In, *Follow Your Neighbour Through The Looking Glass*.

Guests are most welcome to join us at all events.

The Club makes available a subsidy to those who would like to attend club classes or a club function and who may be struggling financially. We encourage those who are facing financial challenges and hardships to approach a member of the Board for assistance.

TUXEDO T'S & CLUB SHIRTS

The club has a few Tuxedo T-Shirts available, as well as the White Club Shirts with the Maple Leaves.

Supplies are limited at the moment, but we can order more! You're welcome to approach Don Cheff to order the T-Shirt and/or the White Club Shirt.

DONATION SUPPORT

The club received a Letter-of-Thanks from Weston Area Emergency Support, in recognition of our donation to help fund their services. In this case, the monies were directed to fresh produce and other food staples.

Thank you to Colleen Dodds, for coordinating this donation.

UPDATE: SCOOT ACROSS THE BORDER - *FAN THE BIG TOP* 2010

Thank you to the organizing committee (Colleen Dodds, Lee Godfrey, Bob Hails, and Bob Hynes), to the callers and to all the volunteers who helped in making this spring's circus-themed Fly-In such an enjoyable and fun event!

Our callers for the fly-in were the talented Bill Harrison and the irrepressible Tim Crawford.

The Trail-In/Club Dance was held in the Party Room at 40 Homewood Avenue, and attracted all our members. Highlights from the Fly-In included, the awesome Pot-Luck dinner held in the Cafeteria at Jesse Ketchum School, Brunch at Zelda's Living Well Restaurant, and the terrific wide array of items for the Auction. The school was successfully decorated in the circus theme, as evidenced at the registration desk which was fashioned to resemble a circus cart (created and painted by Tom Earle and Matt Beach), and all the wall decorations which were painted and hung by many club member volunteers and their spouses! Kudos to such a creative and talented team!

SCOOT ACROSS THE BORDER - *THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS* 2011

The Fly-In Committee is hard at work organizing next spring's Fly-In. The theme is Follow Your Neighbour - Through the Looking Glass and it promises to be an intriguing concept to decorate for and dress up to!



Callers will be Sandie Bryant from Chicago and Don Moger from Montreal.

The Thursday night Trail-In dance will be at the 519 and all other events will be at Jesse Ketchum.

You can register now by visiting the Club web site at www.trianglesquares.com, printing the Registration Form and mailing it in. If you register by December 1, you'll avoid the price increase!

Watch for further details.

GAIL & JOE'S BBQ - AUGUST 15

Thank-You's go out to Gail & Joe for hosting a delightful Bar-B-Que & Pot-Luck at their home near Buckhorn in early August! And a note of appreciation to all those who brought delectable meals to share! It was a wonderful range of items, with as many mouth-watering choices of savory as there were sweets, meat-based as well as vegetarian! Gail & Joe's touch of blue cheese on the burgers was inspired!

It was also a terrific opportunity to discover that region of the province, though many of us did so by getting lost on country roads along the way!

We even danced a bit on the front lawn, though in the 40° degree heat, it was the abridged version!



COLOGNE & PERFUME USE

This is a gentle reminder to kindly refrain from using perfume or cologne, for the sake of those with scent sensitivities. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

DEMONSTRATION DANCES

Thank you to Cameron Moosewah for organizing the performance dances for CARD-a-thon, and at the Church Street Fetish Fair this year!

If you would like to take part in the club's performance dances, please let us know with an e-mail to the club at info@trianglesquares.com.

NOTE: You can submit an article or a digital photograph for inclusion in the newsletter by e-mailing them to Don at doncheff@hotmail.com

**Every Adventure
Requires a First Step**



Follow your Neighbour
Through the Looking Glass!
with Sandra Bryant & Don Moger
May 26-29th, 2011

www.trianglesquares.com



NAUGHTY, KNOTTY NAUTICAL - AUGUST 19

BY SUSAN COX

On a sultry August evening, it was "Anchors Aweigh!" as we hosted our last club dance of the summer. By 7:00 o'clock, the posted time of departure, an excellent crew of enthusiastic guests had gathered. And, to everyone's delight and surprise, some long-ago members of the club gamely signed on for duty and climbed aboard for what was clearly going to be an evening of excellent dancing (and nonsense).

The theme of "Naughty Nautical" inspired the guests, who dove into the spirit of things in just about every way you can think of! Suited up and deemed seaworthy, we hit the deck and with Cap'n Joe Uebelacker at the helm, and the good ship Triangle Squares sailed away. Fearlessly, and shamelessly, Cap'n Joe provided a great array of nautically-themed songs, accompanied by rousing cries and atrocious puns. *Row, Row, Row the Grand Square* was the dance highlight, and despite a few collisions, we always made it back home in one piece!

Creative interpretations of T-shirts provided giggles (good stuff, Cam and Leel). "Hello, Sailor!" greeted Bob Hynes, Don Cheff and Jacquie Adain, who went full-nautical, showing up in head-to-toe sailor gear. Jaunty sailor caps were everywhere!

The hands-down, prize-winning costume of the evening, as acclaimed by all, was Joanne's and Holly's Knotty Yacht, which navigated the treacherous waters of the 519 auditorium in grand style and with exceeding skill, finally docking at the podium to thunderous applause. No amount of descriptive prose can do it justice. Congratulations to the winners of our Game of Chance! John Bailey nabbed a nifty flashlight, and Meghal Pandya and Mike Moores are now each enjoying a lovely set of pens.

Thanks go to all the generous providers of the yummy snacks, which kept our able crew well fed and in dancing trim. Finally, of course, the evening had to end, as do all good things, and Cap'n Joe steered us safely back into port, officially bringing to a close our summer program.

But we never stop dancing, So... see you at our Intro Nights on September 16 and 23! Be there... and Dare to be Square!



UPCOMING FLY-IN'S & EVENTS

Make Waves for Ducklings, September 10-12, Boston MA. Callers: Vic Ceder, Dayle Hodge, and a contra session with Lisa Greenleaf. www.lcfd.org/bu/Flyin2010.html



Peel The Pumpkin 2010, October 22-24, Asbury Park, New Jersey, hosted by Times Squares. Callers: Anne Uebelacker, Betsy Gotta, Michael Maltenfort, Dayle Hodge. www.timessquares.org/



Harvest Festival Hoedown, November 12-14, York, Pennsylvania, hosted by DC Lambda Squares. Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones, Barry Clasper, Dayle Hodge, and Brian Jarvis. www.dclambdasquares.org/sts/index.php



Scoot Across The Border - Follow Your Neighbour Through The Looking Glass, May 26-29, 2011; Toronto. Callers: Sandra Bryant & Don Moger. <http://trianglesquares.com/SATB2011.aspx>.



Gone With The Windmill, July 1-4, 28th Annual IAGSDC Convention, Atlanta, Georgia. <http://atlanta2011.com/>



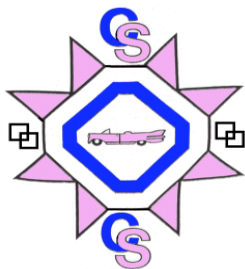
For all other events and details associated with the IAGSDC, please go to www.iagsdc.org.

The IAGSDC web site includes social networking areas such as *Twitter* and *Dish*. You can also sign-up as a member and have access to lots of other areas, like finding other square dance members, view all the events of other clubs, and lots more!

Check it out, and discover what the IAGSDC is all about!

MY IMPRESSIONS: CADILLAC SQUARES' FOLLOW YOUR NEIGHBOR *DANCING TO* *THE 70's*, JULY 30 TO AUGUST 1

BY MEGHAL PANDYA



My first 8 months of square dancing culminated into the 3-days of dancing at the Toronto Fly-In, and then I suddenly found myself doing nothing for the summer of 2010. Although Mother Nature has been kind to Toronto this summer, I hadn't had a chance to get out of the city. So when I heard about the Detroit Fly-In, I just grabbed at the opportunity to get out of Toronto for few days. After all, doing something is always better than doing nothing. The added bonus for me was that I didn't have to drive, and I was getting the company of 3 other club members.

So off we went to Detroit, 2 Bob H.'s, Matt and I. Except for that miniscule two hour wait that we endured at the US border, the journey was without any other hassle. After grabbing a bite to eat, we drove directly to the square dance venue, Ferndale's community centre. After I arrived, people at the Fly-In made me realize that I was a "fly-in-virgin" and that Detroit was the place I was going to lose my "fly-in virginity".



The minimum dance level at the fly-in was Plus, so I was bit sceptical about dancing "Take No Prisoners", and possibly ruining the square. Also, my square dancing skills were a bit rusty as I hadn't danced for a few weeks. And yes, I did face that dancing inertia for a couple of calls until I was finally up to speed to dance the Basic and Mainstream calls.

The callers at the fly-in called some interesting challenges, and even after 8 months of rigorous training provided by Joe, I ended up goofing up on some of the Plus level calls. To be specific, it involved doing calls starting from a left-hand wave rather than a right-hand wave, such as Relay the Ducey or Follow Your Neighbour, or doing Fan The Top directly rather than first forming a wave.

In spite of these hiccups, special credit goes to Bob Hynes, who continuously encouraged me to dance, by being a partner and by helping on some of the moves. Not to mention all of the other people in group who tolerated my mistakes and gave me a tip or two.

We danced Friday evening and Saturday morning. We spent Saturday afternoon visiting the Detroit zoo, which was a wonderful experience by itself. I wish I could have spared almost a whole day to see the entire zoo. On Saturday evening, Cadillac Squares treated us with a delicious pot-luck dinner. This was followed by more dancing and a lucky draw. Sunday morning started with a brunch, followed by more dancing until it was time to say goodbye to hosts and other guests and head back home.

Overall, my first fly-in turned out to be an interesting experience, not only from a dance point of view, but from a social perspective too, as I was able to meet different people from all across the US. The drive back to Toronto was smooth, no border hassles and no traffic jams! But the best part was the company I had in the car. The book that I took with me to read remained untouched and my mp3 player stayed in my bag!

Now, as I get ready to dance again in September, I look forward to attending my next fly-in. Will it be Boston, New York or Philadelphia?



CardAthon, June 2010



CSFF 2010 - Crystal



July 15 Club Dance



Bar-B-Que at Gail & Joe's - August 14



Grand Rapids MI April 2010
Yellowrock In Bedrock



Scot Across The Border 2010 - *Fan The Big Top*



Toronto & District Convention - May
(Brunch at Colleen's)



27TH IAGSDC CONVENTION, CHI-TOWN SHAKEDOWN, JULY 2010

