

TRIANGLE SQUARES

Newsletter January 2014

Dates to Remember:

- Free Intro Night on Thursday February 6th, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the 519 Community Centre ***Invite your friends, neighbours, coworkers, etc...the more the merrier!!!!! New Basic class starts Feb 13th. *Bring SNACKS. *Share the FACEBOOK Event!
- Chocolate Overload Club Dance on Sunday February 16, 2014 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM at the 519 Community Centre
- Shamrock Overload Club Dance on Sunday March 23, 2014 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM at the 519 Community Centre
- Scoot back to the 60's Toronto Fly-In May 22-25,
 2014 Sign up today!

Calling All Angels

Angels are needed for the Basic class on Thursdays at the 519. Come on out, meet new people, and have FUN!

Remember to sign in prior to the class!



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Sign up TODAY!! Don't miss out on the FUN!

Scoot Back to the 60's

Are you new to Triangle Squares this year? Let me introduce you to the FLY-IN.

Our club is hosting a weekend-long square dance event (May 22 - 25, 2014). There is a theme: Scoot Back to the 60's (think Beatles, bouffant hair, tie-dye, and hippie culture).

We will have more than 100 dancers from our club, nearby clubs, and dancers from the US!

New Mainstream dancers can register at any time for the low price of \$75! If you are a "regular" dancer, you can register for \$85 before March 1, 2014 (\$100 after March 1). If you aren't able to make it for the full event, there is session pricing available (please refer to the fly-in website). Saturday evening dancing is traditionally when theme costumes are encouraged (but not mandatory)!

We will have two callers: Tim Marriner (Rock Hill, South Carolina) and Barry Clasper (Toronto, ON).

Most of the dancing takes place at Jesse Ketchum School (Bay and Davenport). If you have not danced there yet, there is a full size gym that we divide into two dance spaces. And the school has FREE parking!! On the Sunday morning the club hosts a fabulous brunch at the school for all the dancers. It's a great chance to show off your culinary skills.

We will need some volunteers to help set up registration tables, snack tables, chairs, and decorations. In advance of the event Paul will ask for help to prepare some of the decorations and signage for use that weekend. We will schedule a "crafty" afternoon in April to paint, cut, glue, and assemble decorations. We will send out a call for volunteers in March.

Someone from the organizing committee will visit each class over the next couple of months to promote the fly-in. In the meantime if you have any questions please email satb@trianglesquares.com.

Community Dances

- LGBT Dance presents a monthly <u>Salsa Social</u> Friday January 24th at 8:00 pm at Glad Day Bookshop \$5
- Hogtown Hoedown on Friday January 24th at 7:30 at Artscape YoungPlace 180 Shaw Street \$15
- Country Western T-Dance presented by Friends for Life Bike Rally on Sunday January 26th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Zippers
- Toronto Queer Valentine's SlowDance on Saturday February 8th at 10:00 pm at the Dovercourt House, 805 Dovercourt Road. \$10



A Blast From the Past

SNACKS, SNACKS, and more SNACKS!!!

Ever wonder where the yummy snacks come from at classes/events? They come from folks like you. Please bring snacks to share with your fellow dancers!

Computer Squares

In the Fall of 2013, Don Cheff, Steve Steritt and I drove out to Peterborough to join other Triangle Squares members at the Fall Magic with callers Don Moger and Dave Hutchinson. Tim Crawford and **Joe Uebelacker**. We had never danced with computer squares and were a bit hesitant to attend the event.

For those that don't know, the callers or organizers can use software like the Square Rotation Program (SQROT) to assign each couple a number and in turn generate random squares.

The 'Dynamic' Rotation option of SQROT will generate a rotation prior to each tip. This allows for the organizer to mix up the squares. If there is not enough to complete a square, then selected couples will sit out that tip and be put back into the rotation the next tip.

If one is worried about not wanting to dance each tip, your number can be removed from the next rotation. Luckily there were enough of us that we could mix and match couples to accommodate those wishing to sit out.

All in all, a great experience.

Steve McKeown

"Badges? We don't need no stinking badges! "

Yes, we do!!! The club is looking for a new supplier for our badges. If you have any leads or ideas, please let the steering committee know.

CLASS FEES ARE DUE!!!

It's that time again, time to pay your Triangle Squares Class Fees for the Spring semester. Does that mean spring is on the way??

The class fee is \$115 per semester, due the week of Feb 3. We also have standardized discounts for the class fees that may apply to you:

- Student Rate: For all students in full-time studies the class fee per semes ter will be \$70
- SnowBird Rate: For our members that will be away for at least 6 consecutive weekly classes per semester the class fee per semester will be \$70
- Referral Discount: For each new member that is recruited and who attends for at least one full semester, the recruiting member receives a \$25 discount to be applied when they pay for their second term.

How to pay:

We offer 3 convenient options for you to pay for you class fees of \$115. Michael Moores will be in your class collecting cheques.

- Cheque: Bring a cheque payable to Triangle Squares to your class the week of Feb 3 or Feb 10.
- Credit Card: We can now accept credit card payments directly from you. Just bring your card to your class the week of Feb 3 or Feb 10.
- Interac Email money transfer: On your online banking screen look for the link titled 'Interac e-Transfer'. Your bank will have detailed instruct tions to guide you through the process.
 - The email we use for fees is: <u>treasurer@trianglesquares.com</u>
 - You will need to enter a password to complete the transfer; please use "squaredance" (all lowercase) as the password.
 - In the message line of your transfer, please type in the name(s) of the dancer(s) your payment should be credited towards

Upcoming Fly-Ins and Dances

- Washington ACDC IAGSDC Advanced and Challenge Dance Convention <u>Feb.14-16</u>, 2014 in Washington DC
- Philadelphia Fly-In, Hey World, Allemande What I Am!
 March 28-30, 2014 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Ropin' the River 2014, Cast a Shadow On The River, <u>April 11-13, 2014</u> in Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Spring Magic May 9-10, 2014 in Burlington, Ontario
- Scoot Back to the 60's, May 22-25, 2014, in Toronto, Ontario
- Squeeze the Hive, 31st Annual IAGSDC convention July 3
 -6, 2014 in Salt Lake City, Utah

Dare to be Square!

Upcoming Club Dance: Chocolate Overload Dance!

Come out and support the club by attending the upcoming dance!



WHEN: Sunday February 16, 2014 WHERE: The 519. 2nd floor.

TIME: 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Join us for our Chocolate Overload Dance! Please wear **RED**, to help overcome the mid-winter blues. Anything but blue!!! NOTE: We are dancing for **2.5 hours**. More dancing = more fun!

First-year dancers are encouraged to attend, as we will have plenty of dances just for you.

All-level dancing, and maybe some surprises, depending on who's in the room. Don't miss it! **COST**: \$5 members, \$7 non-members. no charge for non-dancing partners.

Contact Us

Have anything you wish to share with the club.

If you want to write an article for the newsletter, advertise your community event, or share ideas on how to get the word out about square dancing and our club, please feel free to contact us at

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