



TRIANGLE SQUARES

Newsletter

August 2019

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RECENT HAPPENINGS

The website said we were chillin' for the summer. But lookin' at the pics, it seems we were busy bees as usual.

Here are some pics from Downtown Toronto snapd from our **Toronto Pride drop-in night** in June. Our founding caller, Joe Uebelacker, took his turn at the mic.



In July, the IAGSDC Convention in Philadelphia, *Belles Run*, was full of fun dancing, entertaining callers, and touring opportunities. As usual, a good-sized group from Triangle Squares, including a few newbies, made the trek south. We were also happy to see a bunch of friends and dancers from the Ottawa Date Squares and the Swinging B's in Cornwall. You can read more about the convention in Pam's report below. It seems I was too busy dancing to take many photos, but here are a few...



Josh did a great job of organizing the Fun Badge Tour through the city. We danced at Penn's Landing and in the exercise yard of the Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site. (l) Here are Christiana and Susan with Josh at the base of the Rocky Steps (Philadelphia Museum of Art), where the tour ended with a rousing dance to the Rocky theme (Gonna Fly Now). (r) It was great catching up with old friends Silke from Germany and Patrick from Vancouver. Both danced with Triangle Squares when I started dancing in 2009.



(l) Marge showing off her aerial skills during an old-time square dance workshop. I believe the figure is called weave the basket. (r) Of course, a huge part of the fun comes from the hard work put in by the calling staff. Of course, they're hams. But they're our hams, and we love them.

The full club photo has been posted on the club's [History page](#) (courtesy of Pam).

Here are some of the dancers who made it to Jean and Howard's **driveway dance and picnic in Bewdley**, Ontario, hosted by Otonabee and Lift Lock Squares of Peterborough. Barry Clasper and Wayne Whatman were the callers this year. Emma, Joe and Gail U. were also in attendance. The weather was almost perfect, with lots of shade and a late-afternoon breeze to cool things off.



A big thanks to Peter and Tom for hosting the ever-popular pond picnic. Fine weather as usual. Paul brought his mom, who was visiting from Oregon. The bees survived the winter, and were busy, busy, busy. We had samples of the estate honey.



Following Moneesha's completion of the GCA caller school in Philadelphia, Barry and Pam hosted a **caller workshop** for her and Marge to get more mic time under their belts. They arranged for a square of "human checkers" to spend the afternoon in their basement, while Barry put them through their paces. The emphasis was largely on sight calling, including square resolution, and even calling with their backs turned to the wall. About a dozen dancers came out, some from Triangle Squares and some from Oshawa. Pam and Barry provided a buffet-style lunch for the

participants. Kudos and thanks to everyone involved. Triangle Squares is fortunate to have such a talented pool of callers to draw on.



Some of the Triangle Tarts popped up at the **Ottawa Pride Parade**, in support of the Ottawa Date Squares, and to catch up with Steve M., who moved to Ottawa in July. Ottawa Pride takes place in late August and provides a good opportunity for publicity activities, including an intro dance.





Thanks to **Susan and Marge** for coordinating three summer **Fun Nights** at The 519. They called Mainstream, Plus, and A1 tips. We even had a visitor from Japan dance with us in August.

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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BELLES RUN WRAP-UP

by Pam Clasper

Triangle Squares was well represented in Philadelphia at Belles Run Philadelphia 2019. We had 36 members in attendance, including four first-timers: Anda, Wayne, Moneesha, and Paul. Several Triangle members received medallions for attending many conventions. Colleen received her 10-year medallion; Barry, Pam, Peter, Tom, and Brian M. received their 20-year medallions; and Brian W. received his 30-year medallion.

There were also club members involved in various activities during the convention: Barry & Pam Clasper passed the Golden Boot Award to Allan Hurst; Moneesha attended the GCA Caller School; Marge participated in the GCA Welcome Dance on Wednesday, July 3; Barry Clasper was one of the coaches for the GCA Caller School and was a staff caller for the convention; Josh, who is a member of our club, as well as his home club, Independence Squares, planned and arranged the Fun Badge Tour which, by all accounts, was a huge success.

And now on to **Take A Peak** in Denver next year!



JOINT T&D DANCES, 2019-2020

reprinted from the Toronto and District Square Dance Association



Below, please find a link to the flyer for the entire 2019-20 Joint Dance season. I've also included individual flyers for the first two dances this Fall. The aim of the joint dances is to encourage dancers from their home clubs to become aware of the wider square dance community, make new friends, and experience different callers. Please encourage your members to come out.

The callers graciously volunteer their time, and net proceeds from the dances are shared between the host club and T&D, which is used to support our promotional

activities.

Full season [flyer](#)

2019

Oct 5 Peterborough [flyer](#)

Nov 2 Niagara Falls [flyer](#)

2020

Feb 1 Etobicoke

Mar 7 Guelph

Apr 4 Waterdown including our AGM

If your club might be interested in holding a Joint T&D dance in the 2020-21 season, the aims and responsibilities are listed [here](#). They are usually scheduled on the first Saturday of the month. Contact [Dave Williamson](#) to discuss the possibilities further.

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WHAT'S AHEAD

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

- Plan to attend our **Free Open Houses** on **Sep 5 & 12**, 7-9 pm at The 519. [Flyer](#) | [Handbill](#) (Bring your friends and family members)
- **Regular classes** begin the week of **Sep 18 & 19**. We're running Plus and A1 teaches on Wednesdays (see below for locations). Basic teach and Mainstream review will be held on Thursdays at The 519. *Ready to be an angel this year?*
- Jesse Ketchum unavailable in September:
 - Plus class will be held at 45 Carlton, **Sep 18 & 25**, 7-9 pm
 - A1/A2 classes will be at 15 Maitland Pl., **Sep 18 & 25**, 7-9 pm
- Plus, A1, A2 classes return to Jesse Ketchum **Oct 2**, 7-9 pm
- **Joint T&D Dance** in Peterborough, **Oct 5**, 2 halls: Plus & A2, [flyer](#)

Our [Calendar](#) cross-lists select IAGSDC Fly-Ins and regional Toronto & District dances.

Going to Chicago in October?

Lyle Boswall (from Saskatoon) is inquiring whether he could catch a ride with a square dancer who might be driving to Chicago in October. Lyle will be in Waterloo this autumn and would like to connect with anyone going to Chicago for Chi-Town Squares' fly-in *Crossfire*, the weekend of October 11-13. Lyle is on Messenger if you wish to connect with him there, or I'm willing to pass along your invitation to him. Thank you.

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