



## The Happiest Squares on Earth

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual IAGSDC Convention is rapidly approaching and it promises to be the square dance event of the year. It is being held at the Anaheim Marriott, just one block away from Disneyland, from June 30 to July 3. If you haven't already made your reservations, information is available on the WWW at: <http://www.wishuponathar.org>.

If you have never been to an IAGSDC Convention, you are missing all the fun! There will be three days of nonstop dancing. Each dance level, from basic to challenge, has its own room and caller, so you never have to sit out a single dance. Ten world-class callers will be leading the dancing, so you'll get a chance to dance to many different callers and enjoy their unique styles. Be sure to keep your eyes open for the specialty tips too. If past conventions are any indication, you can look forward to a leather tip, a sweaty and shirtless bear

tip, a women's tip, a redwood tip or munchkin tip (depending on how tall you are), a kilt tip, and at midnight, behind locked doors, a moonshine tip (you can probably guess what is special about that tip).

The schedule includes something for everybody. In keeping with the theme of "When You Wish Upon a Thar," a Masked Fantasy Costume Ball will be held after the banquet, so get working on your costume now! Other events include a trail-in dance with Mike DeSisto (always a treat), a fun badge tour, country western dancing, a pre-convention day at Disneyland, and of course, the infamous Honky Tonk Queen contest. See you there...and save a dance for me!

## Callers Everywhere!

Don't look now, but you might be dancing with a caller next time you square up! Several members of the Finest City Squares completed the GCA Caller School last year or two, including or club president Rod Anderson, Hal Anker, Richard Bass, Mike Neiheisel and Peter Ostapenko. Richard used his calling skills to guide the new class through the now-traditional gay styling of weave the ring and circle to a line. Peter called a whirlwind tip at the April club dance, and can be heard at his Scrambling Squares dances, which often feature live music (for more information, see <http://www.pirkadat.org/scramble>).

## **Take Pride in the Finest City Squares**

Help us share the fun of square dancing with the GLBT community at the annual pride parade and festival, July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Each year, the Finest City Squares enters a float in the parade, with live calling and a dancing square on a flatbed truck. We also have a booth in the festival with information on the club. This is one of the major ways that we reach the GLBT community and let them know when new classes begin. If you are interested in volunteering time to help decorate the float, dance or march with us in the parade, or staff the booth for two hours, please contact Rod at [CR8IT@cox.net](mailto:CR8IT@cox.net), or talk to any of the club officers at the weekly dance.

### **A Message from the President**

Greetings all,

It's great to have our newsletter back! A big thanks to Bill and Dave for helping us out with it.

Also, we welcome on the FCS Board Dave Spence serving as Vice President.

The progress of our new students is truly outstanding. You are now into Plus and doing very well. The Club Members are looking forward to your June Graduation and you becoming a member of Finest City Squares. You are well on your way to making fine Square Dancers.

Other Club Members are doing well with A1 & A2 classes and still others are taking the time to learn C-1. Congratulations to them all.

A couple of things to keep in mind:  
Our Second Saturday Dance May 13th at the Kensington Community Church. Beginning Class Members -- Free. Come join us. It's a great opportunity for you to continue to develop your skills!!!

In May we have Greeter duty at the San Diego Square Dance Association Third Saturday Roundup, May 20th. Please come and help out and join in the fun of Square Dancing with them.

June is Graduation for our our beginning class members at our Club Dance, second Saturday, June 10. Pat Carnathan will be there handing out the diplomas and calling this year.

This year's International Association of Gay Square Dancers Convention should be lots of fun. For more information visit their WWW site as mentioned above.

And, last for now . . .

Plan on joining us for San Diego's Pride Festivities July 29-30. We will have the mobile dance float for the Pride Parade again. Come and dance with us or assist us at the booth on the Festival grounds. Share your joy of Square Dancing with other member of our greater LGBT community. Graduating class members are encouraged to join.

Thanks to you all for making our club so much fun!!!

If you happen to see some FCS members who are not currently attending our classes or monthly Club dance, encourage them to join us.

Rod Anderson, FCS President

## Calendar of Events

Ever been to a flyin? Why not plan your next vacation around one of these fun get-togethers? It's a great way to see a new city, make new friends, and do a lot of square dancing. Here's what's coming up.

Start 4-May	End 7-May	Host: Chesapeake Squares Locale: Rehoboth Beach, Delaware Name: Pass The Ocean Hon - 20th Anniversary Description: Flyin. Callers: A. Uebelaker, D. Hodge, M. DeSisto Website: <a href="http://www.iagsdc.org/chesapeakesquares/">http://www.iagsdc.org/chesapeakesquares/</a>	
Start 19-May	End 21-May	Host: Capital City Squares Locale: Guerneville, CA Name: Stumptown Stomp 2006 Description: Flyin. Callers: Eric Henerlau and Mike DeSisto. Website: <a href="http://www.iagsdc.org/capitalcitysquares/">http://www.iagsdc.org/capitalcitysquares/</a>	
Start 26-May	End 28-May	Host: Triangle Squares Locale: Toronto, Ontario Name: Frankie Goes to Hollywood North Description: Flyin. Callers: Barry Clasper and Dayle Hodge Website: <a href="http://www.iagsdc.org/trianglesquares/">http://www.iagsdc.org/trianglesquares/</a>	
Start 30-Jun	End 03-Jul	Host: IAGSDC Convention Locale: Anaheim, CA Name: When You Wish Upon A Thar, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Annual IAGSDC Convention Description: Callers: J. Borgstrom, S. Bryant, D. Carroll-Jones, V. Ceder, T. Crawford, T. Fellegly, M. Jacobs, M. Kellogg, D. Mee, A. Uebelacker, Fantasy Ball – T. Pepper & D. Rensberger. Trail In - M. DeSisto Website: <a href="http://www.wishuponathar.org/">http://www.wishuponathar.org/</a>	
Start 28-Jul	End 30-Jul	Event: San Diego LGBT Pride Locale: San Diego, CA Name: 32 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Pride Celebration Description: Pride Parade, Festival, Parties, Fun Website: <a href="http://www.sdpride.org/">http://www.sdpride.org/</a>	
Start 2-Aug	End 4-Aug	Host: 1 <sup>st</sup> World OutGames Locale: Montreal, QC Canada Name: Rendez-Vous Montréal Description: Callers: T. Crawford, B. Eyler, T. Fellegly, N. Martellacci, D. Moger, D. St. Jean, A. Uebelacker Website: <a href="http://www.montreal2006.org/en_square_dance.html">http://www.montreal2006.org/en_square_dance.html</a>	

## Calendar of Events, continued . . .

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| Start  | End    | Host:        | Cadillac Squares   |    |
| 11-Aug | 13-Aug | Locale:      | Ferndale, MI   |   |
|        |        | Name:        | Follow Your Neighbor XI – Cinderfella’s Leather & Lace Ball  |   |
|        |        | Description: | Flyin. Callers: Bobby Poyner and Sparky Sparks   |   |
|        |        | Website:     | <a href="http://www.cadillacsquares.com/">http://www.cadillacsquares.com/</a>                                |   |
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| Start  | End    | Host:        | Chi-Town Squares   |    |
| 01-Sep | 04-Sep | Locale:      | Chicago, IL  |   |
|        |        | Name:        | The Great Chicago Crossfire XVII: Caught in the Crossfire  |   |
|        |        | Description: | Flyin. Callers: Sandra Bryant, Anne Uebelacker, John Oldfield, Kris Jensen, Michael Maltenfort, Larry Tradup |   |
|        |        | Website:     | <a href="http://www.iagsdc.org/chi-townsquares">http://www.iagsdc.org/chi-townsquares</a>                    |   |
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| Start  | End    | Host:        | Boston Uncommons   |    |
| 08-Sep | 10-Sep | Locale:      | Boston, MA   |   |
|        |        | Name:        | Make Waves for Ducklings   |   |
|        |        | Description: | Flyin. Callers: Bill Eyler & Ken Ritucci   |   |
|        |        | Website:     | <a href="http://www.lcf.org/bu/">http://www.lcf.org/bu/</a>  |   |
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| Start  | End    | Host:        | Wilde Bunch  |    |
| 13-Oct | 15-Oct | Locale:      | Albuquerque, NM  |   |
|        |        | Name:        | Chase The Chile  |   |
|        |        | Description: | Flyin. Callers: Vic Ceder, Bill Eyler, Kris Jensen   |   |
|        |        | Website:     | <a href="http://www.iagsdc.org/wildebunch/">http://www.iagsdc.org/wildebunch/</a>                            |   |
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| Start  | End    | Host:        | Cleveland City Country Dancers   |  |
| 13-Oct | 15-Oct | Locale:      | Cleveland, OH  |   |
|        |        | Name:        | Rub A Dub Dub Three Men In A Tub – Load the Boat 16  |   |
|        |        | Description: | Flyin. Callers: Anne Uebelacker, Don St.Jean   |   |
|        |        | Website:     | <a href="http://www.loadtheboat.org/index.htm">http://www.loadtheboat.org/index.htm</a>                      |   |
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| Start  | End    | Host:        | Times Squares  |  |
| 20-Oct | 22-Oct | Locale:      | New York City, NY  |   |
|        |        | Name:        | Peel the Pumpkin 2006  |   |
|        |        | Description: | Flyin. Callers: Betsy Gotta, Tom Miller, Andy shore  |   |
|        |        | Website:     | <a href="http://www.iagsdc.org/timesquares/tsflyin.html">http://www.iagsdc.org/timesquares/tsflyin.html</a>  |   |



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