

Welcome Back!



Whether you spent the first half of July dancing up a storm at the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs' (IAGSDC) Annual Convention in Vancouver, or merely took some time to garden, play by the pool, and visit old friends, I hope you had a great break.

The summer marks our Club's transition season, when our named leadership changes over, and new leaders step up to steer the Club for the next twelve months. I am thrilled to have such competent, committed, and fun people on the 2012-2013 board of directors, ecstatic that our Club Caller Johnny Jones and his lovely assistant Penny Jones will be teaching us for another year, and very excited about the emerging leadership I have seen within the Club beyond board involvement.

Sherry has already lined up some excellent callers for us over the next six months, so there will be no shortage of fun dances each month, and best of all, new graduates – you will be able to dance all night long now! Thanks to those new graduates who have formally joined the Club by paying their pro-rated \$15 membership fee; if you did not, please do so ASAP, or we will shake you down for the non-member price when you come to the dances, and worst of all – I will not announce your birthday at Monday or Tuesday night classes. This tragedy can be averted – give Doug your money and your membership form. We take checks, too.

Our next Open House three-week cycle begins Monday, August 6. STOP HOARDING YOUR FRIENDS! I know, I know... you love us, you don't want your other friends to know about us because you feel so popular and loved right now, so you keep "forgetting" to badger your BFF to come to square dancing. Unacceptable. You must share your fun friends with the Club.

Please invite your colleagues and friends to the next Open House. Admission is FREE for everyone on August 6, and free for new dancers (not you) for the next two consecutive weeks too. The board has held the price of weekly lessons to the same \$5/week that it has been for several years, so the cost is nominal, and if someone is really struggling financially, we do not turn people away.

Aside from a guaranteed sugar fix and some really friendly people, why should your buddies give square dancing a shot? (1) We produce excellent dancers, and (2) you don't need to bring a partner.

Most of the credit for the good-dancer training goes to Johnny, who teaches us 'all-position' dancing. This might not seem like a big deal, but when you learn to do certain moves regardless of whether you are a boy or a girl, then you can go to any Club throughout the country and keep up just fine.

The other thing that makes a "gay" square dancing Club like ours great is that no one has to bring a partner with them. If you are a new member, you may be surprised to discover how many people in our Club are couples! By changing partners after every tip, we cultivate a spirit of inclusiveness. Please keep it up – and, if you find yourself stuck in a rut (dancing with the same people each week), please steer yourself toward another square or seek out someone you do not know well. It will make you a better dancer.

So, please employ every lawful method you can think of to entice, induce, coax, and persuade your friends to give square dancing a shot when our Open House begins August 6. And, if you are willing to be a dance buddy for someone, please let our New Dancer Liaisons, Joel Smith and Michele Monti, know.

See you on the dance floor!

Christie

President

DANCE UP A STORM



“Official” IAGSDC photo of the incredibly cute members of Hotlanta Squares at Dance Up a Storm, in Vancouver, B.C.

Vancouver Diary

We arrived at the host hotel (Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver, B.C.) at approximately 1:00 pm and checked in shortly after that. We had a lovely room with a balcony overlooking the downtown area. As always, we immediately checked out our hotel and its amenities. Besides having trouble with the way the elevators ran on certain floors, it was quite nice. We registered and started to dress for the grand march. As it was the fourth of July, we made our entrance wearing flashing red white and blue L.E.D. rings (which made for a festive march). We danced a progressive square for about an hour and shortly after went to dinner in the hotel restaurant. We were very tired from traveling and called it a short evening. The next day we got busy dancing as much as possible.

My favorite part of the convention was the fun badge tour. We were taken to many interesting locations around the metropolitan Vancouver area. From the museum of art to dead mans island (a part of the city that most are not allowed to enter, due to it being a sort of military installation), we were graciously welcomed by our Canadian neighbors. Even though it rained during most of the tour, we kept on dancing and did not allow the rain to dampen our spirits. By the end of the tour the sun had started to shine. My favorite callers were **Anne Uebelacker** and **Gary Monday**. Anne made the fun badge tour really fun and kept it moving right along. Gary always delivers and I am used to his style of calling. Even though it rained quite a bit (Vancouver receives about 6 to 7 feet of rain a year), much fun was had by most. The Canadians have a very laid back style of organization and I am glad we have the leadership we have in our club that makes things seem seamless. I love our club! I am so looking forward to San Francisco in 2013. We are already booked.

Moe P.



AUGUST



ALLEMANDE



DANCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH

**CALLER: JOHNNY PRESTON From Fultondale, AL /
Temecula, CA**

6:00 pm- 8:00 pm: C-1 and Advanced Levels

8:00 pm- 10:00 pm: Mainstream & Plus

Tickets \$6 Members / \$8 Non-members / \$4 Non-dancers



JOHNNY PRESTON

**First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta
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SEPTEMBER SLITHER DANCE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

CALLER: J.R. ST. JEAN From Orlando, FL

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm: C-1 and Advanced Levels

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Line Dancing

8:00 - 10:00 pm: Mainstream & Plus

**Tickets \$6 Members / \$8 Non-members
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Founding caller of
Hotlanta Squares**



HOTLANTA SQUARES CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATES

Johnny Jones - Mid-season Madness Halfway Dance	November 10th	8 - 10 PM		MCC
			M / P	
Chris Phillips - Winter Dance	December 8th	3:30 - 5:30 PM	A/C	TBD
Chris Phillips	December 8th	7 - 10 PM	M / P and Advanced Levels	TBD
Sandie Bryant & Anne Aobelacker (PDP11)	January 18-20, 2013	TBD		TBD
Jimmy Roberson	February 16, 2013	TBD		TBD
Roger Loney	March 23, 2013	TBD		TBD
Rick Gittelman	June 1, 2013	TBD		TBD

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UPCOMING IAGSDC EVENTS

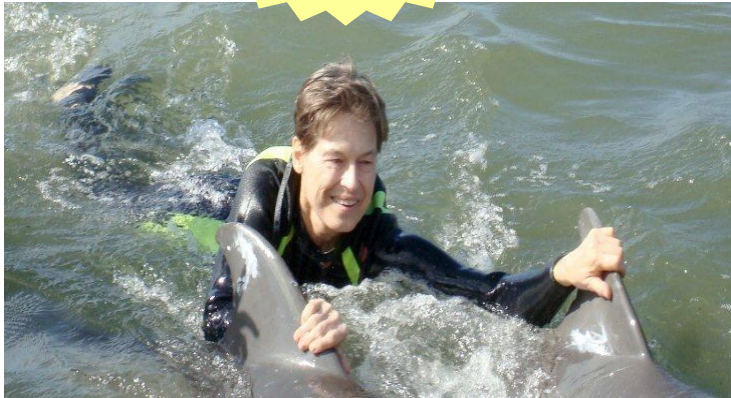
Start/End	Name/Type	Host/Locale
2012		
31-Aug	The Great Chicago Crossfire 2012 - A Silver Jubilee!	Chi-Town Squares
03-Sep	Flyin. Callers: Sandra Bryant, Anne Uebelacker, Kris Jensen, John Oldfield, Michael Maltenfort, and others	Chicago, IL
07-Sep	Pass the Sea 2012	Finest City Squares
09-Sep	Flyin. Callers: Michael Kellogg, Darren Gallina, Buddy Weaver	San Diego, CA
14-Sep	Sock It To Me Denver!	Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus
16-Sep	A/C Weekend - West Coast. Callers: Anne Uebelacker, Barry Clasper, Geo Jedlicka, Sandra Bryant, Vic Ceder	Denver, Colorado
21-Sep	Square Dance Women Weekend 2012	Square Dance Women
23-Sep	Flyin. Callers: Kris Jensen & Anne Uebelacker	Silver Falls Conference Center Sublimity, Oregon



HOTLANTA SQUARES SPOTLIGHT

In an effort to keep you informed and entertained, our spotlight column will feature information about some of the more 'seasoned' dancers in our group. We have put together a series of questions that we hope will give you a little peak into who we are - when we're not dancing.

Jo Hamby



Are you named after anyone?

My Mother named me Joy. As I got older I felt that name carried too many expectations. I left it when I left my home town.

Favorite square dance call?

Allemande left to an allemande thar.

Where do You live?

Just inside 285 off Ponce in Clarkston.

What do you do for a living?

Activity director at an adult day program

Strangest/Most Interesting Job You Ever Had?

Social worker for a program that provided training for welfare mothers was the most rewarding. Driving for a courier co. was the strangest.

What do you do for fun when you're not square dancing?

East and West Coast Swing, Rumba, Salsa and/or Cha-cha. Gardening, hiking and bike riding. Soon to be traveling often to Las Vegas to visit Elvie.

Your Astrological Sign? Pisces

Have a significant other? The beautiful and exotic Elvie.

Have any pets?

Sophie, a lovely black and white kitty and Sunny, a handsome orange and white cat, who recently adopted us

Your favorite movies?

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, Frieda, To Kill a Mockingbird.

TV shows you love?

Will and Grace, Dancing with the Stars, Castle, America's Got Talent.

The TV show that never should have been canceled?

"Missing" with Ashley Judd.

Any books you read and loved lately?

These aren't new but I loved "My Old True Love" by Sheila Kay Adams and "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver.

Where is "Home" for you?

Here in Atlanta with my friends.

Best vacation you ever took?

France and Spain in 1996, Alaska in 1999, Sapelo Island with 10 friends for my 60th birthday and Key West with Elvie for our first get away in 2010.

Scariest thing you ever did?

Walking across hanging bridges connected with zip line tour.

"My Mother named me Joy. As I got older I felt that name carried too many expectations. I left it when I left my home town."

Favorite square dance call? Tally Ho

Where do You live? Atlanta

Occupation

Financial Analyst at Emory University

Strangest/Most Interesting Job You Ever Had?

Selling T-shirts and using an industrial iron to place decals on those shirts. BORING.

What do you do for fun when you're not square dancing?

like bowling, going to movies, and traveling.

Your Astrological Sign? Libra

Have a significant other? Doug Miller.

Your favorite movies?

Steel Magnolias, West Side Story, Ghost, Torch Song Trilogy

TV shows you love?

Law & Order SVU, Grey's Anatomy, The Firm, Damages, White Collar, Covert Affairs, Falling Skies, The Closer

The TV show that never should have been canceled?

The Closer

If you were going to write a book, what would it be about?

Homophobia

Where is "Home" for you?

Originally from Bourg, La. Atlanta now.

Best vacation you ever took?

Southern Utah with 3 friends. Discovered many National Parks

Scariest thing you ever did?

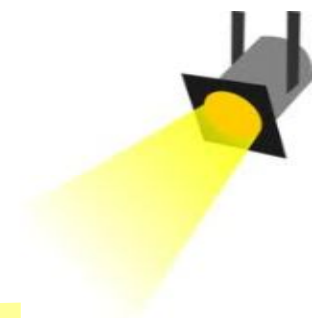
Bought a Condo

Top 5 websites you visit most often

Cnnsi.com, lagsdc.org, Facebook, Woot.com, and Amazon.com

Ever held a Hotlanta Squares leadership position?

Vice-President, President, and President Emeritus. Also held Chair and Co-Chair position(s) for our annual Fly-In. I believe I held office from 2005-2007

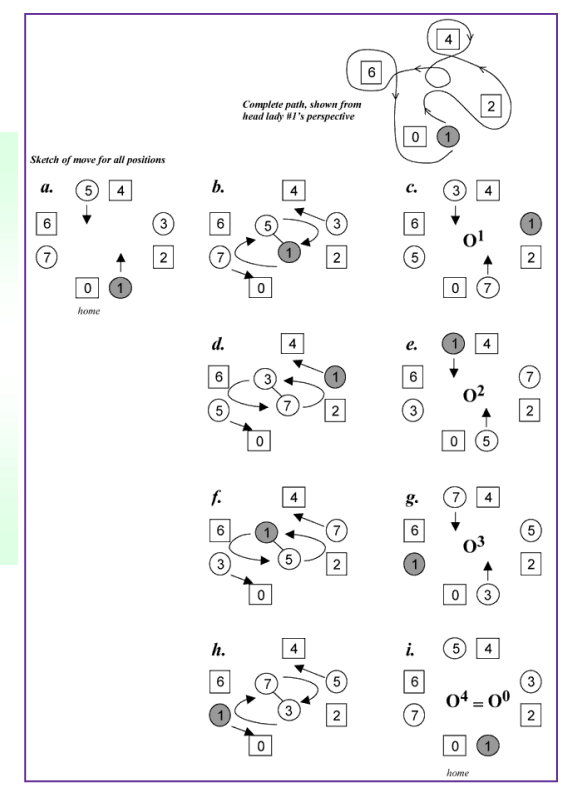


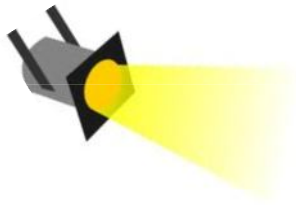
"The scariest thing I ever did was buy a condo"

THE "AH, THAT EXPLAINS IT ALL" COLUMN

This is what happens when an engineer creates a diagram explaining how a tea cup chain is done.

Got it, now?





Larry
Minogue



Favorite square dance call?

Relay the Deucy...coz it took so damned long to learn it!

Where do You live? Midtown

Occupation?

Koff, koff, koff... I thank you for you social security contributions. I may leave some for you youngsters.

Strangest/Most Interesting Job You Ever Had?

Tough choice between:

1. Working at a bakery... I cleaned the industrial sized baking apparatus... but I got unlimited doughnuts!
2. Okay... this is a blast from the past; but, at one time, cartons of cigarettes had incentive 'stamps' glued inside (Google 'S&H' ...NOT S&M). Well, the printed cartons (before the ciggies were packaged and stamps affixed) had to have a hole stamped out so customers could 'see' the stamps were there. I worked the machine that punched out the holes so people could 'see' the stamps. I managed to keep all of my appendages... care to see?

What do you do for fun when you're not square dancing?

GASP! How can anyone have fun not square dancing!!!

Heresy! ...I golf

Your Astrological Sign?

Somewhere in the sky with Lucy and diamonds.

Have a significant other?

Anyone we know? Are you offering? I'm not particularly picky. He just has to be breathing on his own.

Your favorite movies?

Casablanca; The Miracle Worker (with Anne Bancroft as Annie Sullivan...I always cry at the 'water' scene)

TV shows you love?

Jeopardy... I had a crush on Art Fleming (that says a lot about something, I think)

The TV show that never should have been canceled?

TV should be canceled!

If you were going to write a book, what would it be about? Me.

Where is "Home" for you?

Where the social security check shows up.

Top 5 websites you visit most often

Uhhhhh... you DON'T want an answer to this one!

Ever held a Hotlanta Squares leadership position?

I was 2011 Pride chairman. No one died that I know of and I think everyone is still speaking to one another.

"I had a crush on Art Fleming (that says a lot about something, I think)."



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Dear Allie

Helpful hints from
Allison Mandeville (aka
Allie Mande)
preeminent square
dancing Answer lady.

Miss Allie will take

your questions now.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Bill C.	Aug 10
Bob H.	Aug 11
Mike S.	Aug 11
Bill L.	Aug 12
Brad B.	Aug 23
Cameron S.	Aug 24
Carla H.	Aug 26
Debra H.	Aug 28
Lloyd W.	Aug 29
Cindy L.	Aug 30
Brad P.	Aug 31

Dear Miss Allie

Is it better to hold someone's hand lightly or tightly when standing in a square and throughout the tip? Thanks in advance, for your help.

Signed,

I.m .Strong

Dear Gripper

You need to be able to react to calls rapidly and without hesitation. A death grip on your partner's hand will prevent easy movement and may actually cause physical damage. Anytime you have a call that raises arms over heads, it might be best to use the "hand tap". Keep in mind that rotator cuff surgery has a very lengthy recuperation period.

Allie

Dear Miss Allie,

I'm really rushed on Monday nights; what with working full time, a 5 mile jog and then square dance lessons at 7. Sometimes, I barely have time to wash up and change my clothes. Do you think I can get away with substituting a double hit of cologne for a shower?

Signed,

Temp S. Fugit

Dear Temp

While I understand time flying by, the answer is an unequivocal **NO!** If you haven't read it, I urge you to read Chickering's *The Pleasure Principle*. There's a copy of it in the June edition of Hot Tips. In the meantime, this is what he suggests:

"Start out Fresh. Shower, Use deodorant, and Brush your teeth."

If you're that rushed, might I suggest you run on another night before your fellow dancers run from you?

Allie



Yellow Rocks, Y'all!

Allie

... Miss Allie has left the building

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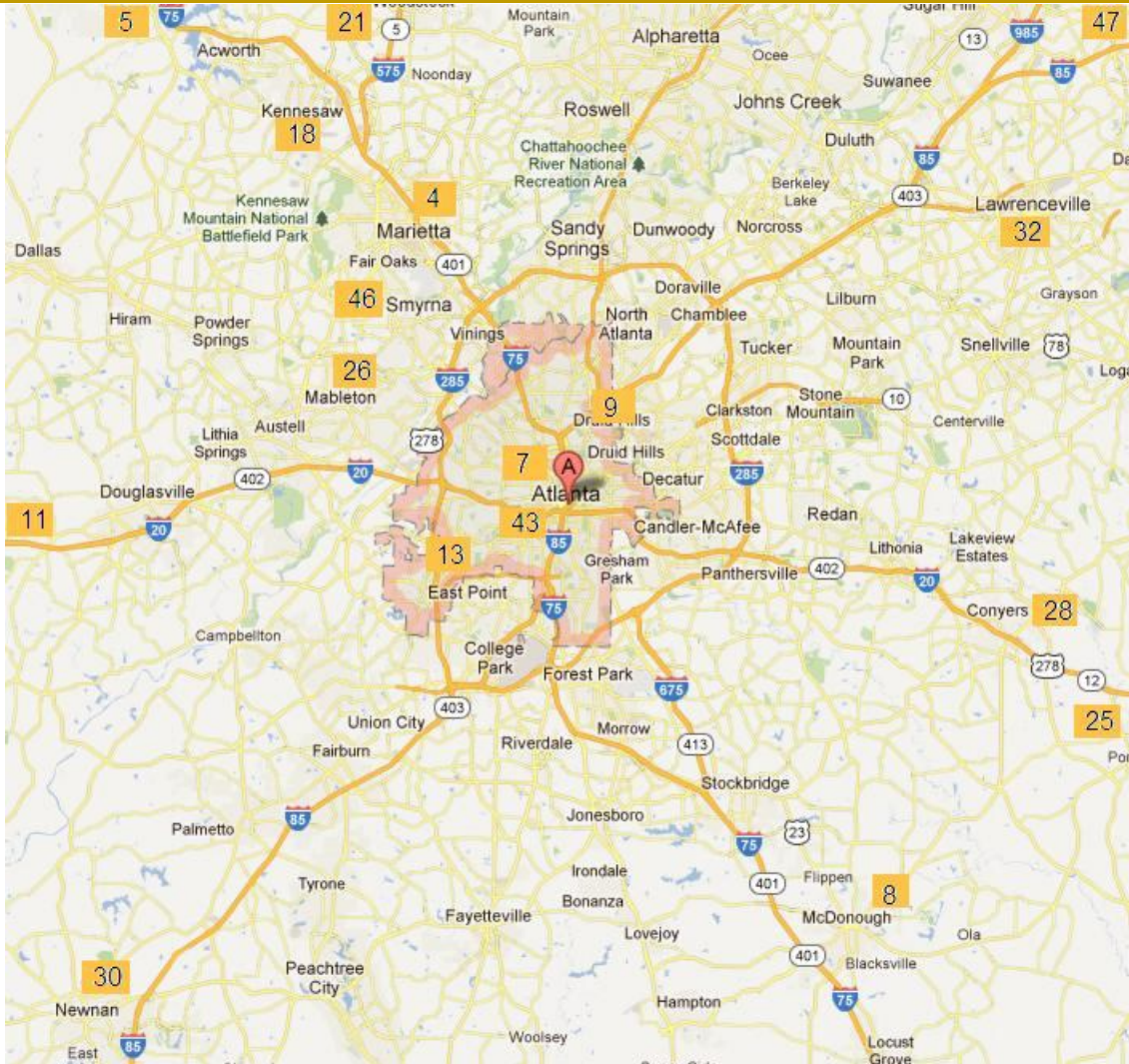
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