

Cream City Squares

Schedule at a Glance

Nov. 17 -Saturday

10th Anniversary Dinner

Nov. 18 - Sunday

Membership Meeting

Dec. 15 - Saturday

Dance Party with Madcap Squares, Madison

Dec. 30 - Sunday

Last New Dancer Class, Membership Meeting,
& Our Holiday Party

Jan 6 - Sunday

Mainstream Class begins

We Dance Every Sunday

(Except Holiday weekends)

Regular weekly square dances are held at:

Park Lake Lutheran Church, 2647 N Stowell St.

Our class will dance in the hall from 1 p.m. until 3

p.m. Angels from our club dance for free during class.

Each club dance will be 2 hours, and cost \$3 a person, and are held 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

No dance or class -

Nov. 25 Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec. 23 Have a Winter Holiday!

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for being on time, dressed, and ready to start dancing at 1 PM, for the class. It ensures we all have plenty of time to review and learn the new moves each week. Being prompt shows courtesy and respect towards the others.

The dance experience is more enjoyable when we have full participation. We all have busy lives, so there just are times we can't do it all. Making time to attend as often as possible will help the club run smoothly, increase your ability, and maximize one's enjoyment of the dance experience.



10th Anniversary Dinner

November 17, Saturday

Our club will be going out to eat, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of our club.

We will dine at 6 PM, at the Old Country Buffet 16750 W. Bluemound Rd. Brookfield, WI. (It is part of a chain of restaurants, so make sure you go to the correct one.) They have a large selection of food to choose from, so everybody should find something they enjoy. It is an all you can eat buffet, for \$8.39 + tax. We will gather near the entrance and enter as a group at 6 PM.

Meeting November 18 & December 30

Since Thanksgiving Weekend is last weekend of November, we are moving the November meeting up a week.

Our club, is your organization, and it will only be as good as you make it. Participate and share ideas on how to improve the dancing excitement. We want you to have fun!

Madison Holiday Dance

December 15, Saturday

Madcap Squares has asked Cream City Squares and other square dance clubs to join them for a Holiday Square Dance Party, in Madison WI. We will car pool there. More details will follow, at our dances.

Madcap Squares, Madison WI

(608) 347-7974

**Dance Class Mondays from 6:30 PM until 8 PM.
Emanuel Church, 1021 Spaight St., Madison WI**

Mainstream Class - Jan 6

The Next Class will be a our Mainstream Class. One must complete the New Dancer Class before taking this class. It will run for 12 weeks January through March.

Graduation Party will be held in May.

Mainstream dancers will have plenty of dance time to be ready for all the annual summer conventions.

Square Dancing Q.&A.'s

Q. What is square dance styling?

A. It is the extra flourishes dancers add to the dance calls. They make the dancing more fun, look more dramatic, and keep everybody moving during others longer calls.

Styling can be different in different places.

Our club has adopted a type of styling unique to the IAGSDC, our dance association.

These are people we will be dancing with most often, so we use the flourishes they use. It is not something you must use, but it is fun.

At conventions you will encounter people that use other types of styling. Styling is not universal like the square dance calls. It is interesting window dressing.

Q. When will we learn the styling?

A. First we learn the meaning of calls, because knowing the call is what keeps a square from breaking down in chaos. We want to be successful dancers first.

Our caller will determine when the styling will be added. Generally the styling will be taught, in the Mainstream class. The dancers are more comfortable with many calls by then.

One is not required to learn the styling, but most people like it.

Q. What are dance levels?

A. Modern Western Square Dance created levels to unify our recreation. The 8 levels of dance provide enough entertainment for most square dancers.

The levels are named Mainstream, Plus, Advance 1, Advance 2, Challenge 1, Challenge 2, Challenge 3, & Challenge 4.

One must dance the previous level, as they are uniformly taught order. Each level adds more calls to be used at a dance.

Mainstream has 68 calls. Plus adds 32 calls, so one needs to know 100 calls to dance at that level. Advance 1 adds another 48 calls, so you need to know 148. Advance 2 adds 44 more, so you use 192. And the four Challenge levels continue to add more calls.

There are more than 4,900 different calls, that have been documented, but they are not all in use anymore. Some traditional calls, from a time before square dance was standardized, have fallen out of favor and use.

Q. Does one have to keep moving up dance levels?

A. No, people can have a lot of fun with Mainstream, and may never care to move on to another level.

Most "straight" clubs dance at one level. There are separate clubs for those that move to the next levels.

The South East WI area has mostly Mainstream clubs. They may add one higher level tip at the end of the dance. In Wisconsin, the clubs often alternate tips of Square Dance and tips of Round Dance (a whole different form of dance).

The IAGSDC clubs are mostly multi-level clubs, dancing a combination of Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, & Challenge. This means they must alternate tip levels or have dancing on different nights or places to accommodate their dancers needs.

Our club dances both Mainstream & Plus level. Each tip we announce what level will be danced. This works for us, because nobody has to sit out very long. It gives everybody time to rest.

Q. When will the class be able to dance with other clubs?

A. Generally one needs to dance full Mainstream to go to most other square dance clubs, but other opportunities do come up.

Madcap Squares, in Madison WI, is planning a joint Holiday Dance, and Cream City Squares and others Madison area clubs have been invited to dance with them, December 15th. They will be dancing tips at their class level. Our class members will be able to dance these tips, as our class started a couple weeks before them.

Some areas have something called Community Dance programs, that use 24 basic square dance calls. They mix in other easy dance forms, such as Contras, Trios, and Circle Mixers (not true Round Dancing). People from our class would be able to participate in these dances, with only a minimum of instruction.

I will write more about other forms of dance in future newsletters.



Q. What can one expect when going to other clubs dances?

A. IAGSDC clubs, have no dress code, and are much like our own club. Relaxed, usually casual, and friendly. Expect an anything goes attitude in the LGBT community. Anybody can enter a square without a partner, and somebody will fill in.

Outside of the IAGSDC clubs, most square dance clubs have a "dress code". Long sleeve shirts and good slacks, or neat jeans, for men. Square dance dresses with crinolines, or long prairie dresses, for women. T-shirts or shorts are not acceptable, and you may be asked to leave.

Most dancers attend square dances with a partner. You may not find a partner to dance with if you go alone. They don't enter a square without a partner.

They promenade with both arms in front of them, right hands joined over left hands. Their styling is different. The older women often do not want to twirl, or lift their arms over their heads. Many of them are not used to dancing with same sex couples, or with people dancing reversed roles. They get confused on some calls, because they rely on gender clues, and may not recognize the role your dancing. They learned ladies do this, and gentlemen do that; and not the true definitions of the calls, which state the person on the right does this and the person on the left does that.

One can have fun other clubs dances. Square dancers are usually friendly people, that like to socialize. It just takes a little time to get used to how everybody else does things.



51st National Square Dance Convention
Saint Paul, Minnesota
June 26, 27, 28, & 29, 2002

IAGSDC 19th Annual Convention
"Cloverleaves & Maple Leafs" Totonto, Canada
July 4 - 7, 2002

43rd WI Square & Round Dance Convention
"We want to dance with you in 2002" LaCrosse, WI
August 16, 17, & 18, 2002



Schedule of Fly-ins, etc.

November 1-4 Promenade Through the Palms

High Desert Squares, Palm Springs, CA.
Callers: L. Lewis.
Info: John (877) 429-6368.
E-mail: wehojohn@aol.com

November 9-11, Harpers Ferry Hoedown VII

D.C. Lambda Squares, Harpers Ferry, WV.
Callers: D. Hodge, J. Marshall, A. Uebelacker.
Info: Michael (703) 931-1849.
E-mail: michaelmartin@erols.com.

November 16-18, () Harvest Moon Classic**

Cherry Hill, NJ.
Callers: M. Jacobs, L. Kopman, S. Kopman,
R. Libby, T. Marriner, J. Marshall, T. Miller.
Info: Tardiff (703) 327-1106.
E-mail: moonclassic@juno.com.

November 23-25, Weave the Rain

18th Anniversary Fly-in, Squares Across the
Border, Vancouver BC Canada.
Callers: M. DeSisto, A. Uebelacker.
Info: Joel (604) 251-4093.
E-mail: jrl@intergate.bc.ca.

November 23-25 PACE Extravaganza

Residence Inn by Marriott, Ventura, CA.
Callers: L. Bellini, S. Bryant, B. Rubright, D.
Wilson.
Info: Shaw (310) 376-6797.
E-mail: shawhouse@aol.com.

December 7-9, Chase Right

Neon Squares, Las Vegas, NV.
Callers: P. Carnathan, A. Finch, J. Oldfield.
Info: Ken (702) 862-8387.
E-mail: kenmoore@lvcn.com.



Birthdays



Nov. 20	Tony R.	Member
Nov. 30	Pat T.	Member
Dec. 15	Joe F.	Member
Dec. 30	Patrick F.	Past Member



Some square dance web sites

I highly recommend this first Japanese site (it is in written in English), especially for the newer dancers, or those that have trouble with a call. You can watch the movement of each call, to better understand it. It does not show all set ups, but that is why you have a live teacher/caller to explain things, and show what else can be done with the calls.

Japanese site that will allow you to see dance movement of individual calls by levels:

<http://www.remus.dti.ne.jp/~jsda/sdtext/sdtextdata/basicpro-eng.html>

General Wisconsin square dance site:

<http://www.celticgraphics.com/boardinghouse/squaredance/>

A good national site:

<http://www.dosado.com/>

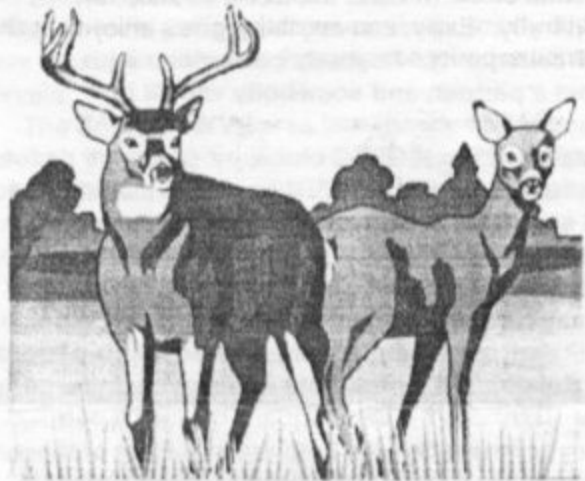


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Next newsletter will be out Dec. 30th, at the club dance.

Time to renew your membership, \$20 for the year.

(This does not apply to the class members.)



Other Groups Happenings

Men's Voices Milwaukee, a new community based chorus of gay and gay affirming men dedicated to the performance of men's choral repertoire will make it's public debut at it's "Holiday Premiere" performance, on **Saturday, December 1st**.

Don't miss what promises to be a great and memorable experience. **For tickets** and information contact chorus and square dance club member, **Richard Meerdink**.



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Holidays to
you all &**

