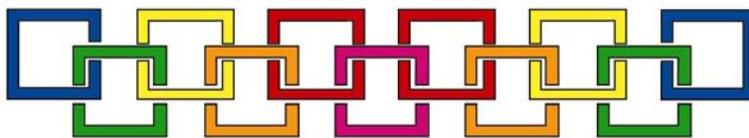


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We have been challenged:

In case you missed it – We have been challenged! That's right, for every \$1 you donate between July 1, 2005 and December 31, 2005, it will be matched up to \$5,000.

From the Chair

Well now that we have brushed off the Galactic dust from our respective wings and

returned to our earthly duties I hope that you all had as good a time as I did at the Santa Clara Marriott .

Firstly I would like to thank all the organizers and volunteers who did such an amazing job. It is for me a family reunion of the best kind. People I only see once a year and some I have never seen before. There were many new faces at this convention and hopefully we will continue to attract more and more new dancers. It is to them that we will pass our respective torches. There is a move afoot to make it easier and more affordable for newly graduated dancers to attend conventions. This responsibility rests with future convention committees and I know that they will be looking into this possibility.

There have been several changes during the past year, some of which you may not be aware of.

We have updated our web site www.iagsdc.org to better reflect the changing times we live in. There are many great features on the site and there is an article in this newsletter about getting your club information onto the site. Please read the article and pass it along to who ever in your club is responsible for this. I would like to thank Darrell Ertzberger for his work on this site over the past years. Without his knowledge and perseverance we would not be in the position today of being able to move another step forward. Danny Lee has also done yeoman's work on providing us with a newer and more accessible Web Site and again Thank you Danny.

After much consideration the officers, in conjunction with our archivist Karl Jaekel, decided to do away with the 1-800 number. For the monthly cost to the IAGSDC®, this number was no longer being used for what it was intended. Originally there was no web site and no newsletter and no email for that

matter. The 1-800 number was a very useful way for us to obtain information about the IAGSDC®. There is a toll number now that you can call if you need to talk to someone:

1 303 722 5276. However on the web site there is a "contacts" page with a direct email to anyone of the officers. This is a much quicker and more efficient way to pass along requests for information.

There was a new bylaw amendment passed at the delegates meeting. This bylaw now states that **NEW** clubs must submit a copy of their bylaws to the IAGSDC®.

Speaking of the delegates meeting, in Anaheim next year, the convention committee has advised me that the delegates meeting will take place on Friday June 30th 2006 at 2.00 p.m. There will be a reception for the delegates. This meeting is scheduled for four (4) hours but I will try, as I did in Santa Clara, to make it much shorter. I will also try to make the business portion of the General Meeting as short as possible. We are there to dance and party are we not?

John McKinstry
Chair IAGSDC®

The IAGSDC® Web Site

Many people have not yet have explored the site. There are many features I hope clubs and individuals will find useful. There are currently about 400 people on the site, which



can be found at: <http://www.iagsdc.org>

Profiles

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Set up a personal profile so that you can register online for fly-ins and other events, and access all areas of the site. Your profile also lets you publish your contact information and other details. When setting up your IAGSDC® profile, check the Bradley Bell option if you'd like to be listed on both the IAGSDC® site, and the Bradley Bell online directory. (Note Bradley Bell online listings are free - if you want an entry in the printed version, there is a tiny charge to cover Gordon's admin costs).

Search for members

Once logged in, you can search the membership database for the contact info of those people you met at convention. (but only if they agreed to display it!)

Find a caller

Any registered member can also list themselves in the caller section - so you can find that perfect caller for your next dance!

Club Info

Update your club's info online. If your club doesn't currently have someone appointed to do that, PLEASE email me at webmaster@iagsdc.org. The person authorized to edit your club details is shown in the FAST FACTS link for your club.

Events

There are two events sections now - the first is the traditional multi-day event schedule, listing fly-ins, conventions etc. The second is a one-day event schedule that you can use to publicize your local events (Saturday dances etc).

If you are responsible for an event, log in to your profile to add your event to the system - you'll have options to edit the information displayed, and use the online registration system to track registrations and payments. You can also use the housing administration to match people to housing, track meal choices, and even take tour bookings. You can of course simply list the event and not use the other features.

Golden Boot Awards

Find out who received the award and why. Re-read Ett's speech about Seth - it's on the site now! The presentation speeches are being added to the site as they become available. If you received the boot, and haven't given me the speech you made when

presenting the award the following year, send a copy to webmaster@iagsdc.org

Resources

You don't need a login to use the resources section. This contains information on becoming an IAGSDC® member club, links to many other gay and straight dance resources, back copies of IAGSDC® newsletters, the minutes of IAGSDC® meetings and much more.

HTQ History

Don't miss the reviews of the Honky Tonk Queens - written by one of our very old - er, I mean 'own' queens. Do you know how the whole thing started? You can find out online!

There are many other features; but we're always interested in suggestions for more. What would you like to see the IAGSDC® add to the site to help you promote the activity? Feedback to webmaster@iagsdc.org

Hugs to all!
Danny Lee
IAGSDC® WebMaster

A Star Thru Memory

You know, sitting here thinking about Star Thru the Silicon Galaxy convention, one lasting "image" with me, among others, was the Memorial Tip right at the end of convention. Bronc Wise was honored to call the tip, and he did the singing call Beautiful Noise. It was spectacular, and as he sang, he lowered his voice to almost a whisper, and we all danced, completely silently but for the rhythm of our feet on the floor, for several measures, honoring the ones not with us anymore, until he let out a big hoop and holler, at which point we all matched his yell, celebrating the lives that have gone before, the lives that were there with us in spirit and body during convention.

Thank you, Bronc, for a memorable Memorial Tip. It is burned in my memory, at least.

Ett



Highlights of the General Membership Meeting

Santa Clara, CA
July 4, 2005

I. Call to Order at 1:10 PM by Chair John McKinstry Introduction of current IAGSDC® Officers

II. Treasurer's Report. The IAGSDC® is in good financial shape with \$26,000 + in the bank.

III. Membership Report.
57 Full member clubs; 1 Associate member club; 10 Affiliate member clubs.
We added two clubs this year:
Oakland 8's - Full;
Anywhere Squares - Affiliate
Clubs which have folded in the past year are:
Rainbow Wranglers and Minnesota Wild Roses. Interest for possible new clubs in the following areas: Richmond, VA; Houston, TX; Louisville, KY; Austin, TX; Fort Collins, CO

IV. The following projects were recognized for their service to the IAGSDC®:
The Bradley Bell, Gordon Macaw Club Development, Bob Hazen Travel Guide, Paul Asente Medallion Projects, Rick Hawes Travel Display, Bob Hazen Mailing Services, Scott Philips IAGSDC Web Site, Danny Lee All Join Hands, Gordon Macaw Archives, Karl Jaeckel Newsletter, Brian Smith Internet List Serve, Rich Reel Events Calendar, Karl Jaeckel and James Ozanich Convention Advisory Committee, Michiel Bagchus

V. Petersen Fund: awarded 20 grants this year in the amount of \$16,171.17. There is currently \$26,247.72 available for future grants.

VI. Banner Dances were very successful this past year, raising \$2,086. With Bob Young's challenge of up to \$500, this brings the total to \$2,586. Bob has once again issued the same challenge: up to \$50 per club matching

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funds. Clubs holding Banner Dances this past year were:

Chesapeake Squares, Squares Across The Border, Independence Squares, Puddletown Squares, Desert Valley Squares, Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus, Times Squares, Midnight Squares, Diablo Dancers, Sun Coast Squares, T Squares, Boots In Squares, Golden State Squares

VII. The Web site (www.iagsdc.org) has been updated and hopefully made more user friendly. The onus will now be on individuals and individual clubs to update and maintain their own information.

VIII. By-Laws change passed by the general membership: Article III, Section 3, A: to now read: A formal written application *and a set of by-laws* must be made to the Executive Board 60 days prior to the annual Executive Board meeting.

IX. Future Convention locations:

2006 Anaheim, CA
2007 Denver, CO
2008 Cleveland, OH
2009 Washington, DC

Bids were closed for 2010.

Those bidding for 2010 are: Chicago, New York, Atlanta and Tucson.

Interest in 2011 + conventions: Seattle, South Florida, San Antonio and Toronto.

X. The Rainbow Trust's current value is \$58,470. Since its inception the Trust has given \$103,745 for use by the Petersen Committee for grants.

XI. ARTS Dance Foundation. ARTS goal is to develop programs to enhance the image of dancing and to increase numbers of dancers. Based on the survey we did at the Phoenix convention in 2004, our ARTS representative Scott Philips says that we are probably just 10 years behind the straight square dance world in experiencing declining numbers of dancers unless we work harder to build our numbers.

XII. All Join Hands. The foundation has funded many projects, including: paying for shipping of the IAGSDC® displays for use by clubs; the IAGSDC® Newsletter; GCA Caller School; the Trail In Dance and Contra Dance at 2005 convention. The ending 2004 cash balance was \$29,225. Projected 2005 balance is \$24,467.

XIII. Elections:

Petersen Committee: 2 year term – Gordon Macaw, Desert Valley Squares

All Join Hands advisors: Gary Dougan, Paul Asente, John Faulds and Justin Crawshaw.

IAGSDC® Officers: 2 year terms –

Keith Gehrig, Vice Chair
Scott Philips, Secretary
Bob Hazen, Club Development Officer

XIX. Dancers attending their first IAGSDC® convention were recognized. They are our future.

XX. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 by chair John McKinstry. (15 minutes EARLY!)

Quotable Quotes

By popular request (or maybe just Fester's, but he's popular, isn't he?), here's a collection of bon mots overheard at this year's Convention.

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"Who's your partner? Please point to someone in your own square." -- Bronc Wise

"Who'd've thought when we first took A2 lessons that we'd use Motivate as a breather?" -- also Bronc

"You go over there, and he turns around, and then if you did a Split Arky Sashay on the Diagonal you'd be just fine."
-- Mike Kellogg in the A hall.

"Peel to a Diamond, not that you're going to get one." -- Dave Wilson

One of the organizers of the World OutGames in Montreal addressed the banquet: "It included three cultural events until a year and a half ago when I got a phone call, 'Hi, I'm Larry from the Ottawa Date Squares and you should have square dancing as part of the OutGames because it's so important to our community.' And I said, 'What?' <laughter from crowd> Well, as a French Canadian I'm sorry for my igNORance but I'm so blown off today!"

I am John McKinstry and I am president of this AUGust institution--"

"It's July!"

"Shut up."

"Last year's convention had a surplus of \$15,425. It would have been \$15,485 but Missy bought a sixty-dollar pair of earrings."

TMI at the banquet table: "Real Tits™" They flow into your armpit when you lie down. That's how you can tell." Ross puts out mental eye with fork. Has sudden thought. "I have the same problem with my balls!" Debbie reaches desperately for fork.

"We have a hat and a pair of glasses that were found in the Challenge hall. We think that's all that's left of the individual, but in case you're still with us..." -- Mike Jacobs

We got up a game of 1000 Blank White Cards in the lobby the last night:

"This is like a drinking game without the drinking."

"Hey! Why am I a goddamn penalty card!" -- Rick Hawes

"Ben-Andy took Deb's tits, reversed Kate's vasectomy, and he stole my TOAST!"

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For the record, Deb got her tits back. Rules for 1000 BWC can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/nconner23/bwcards.html?200522>.

I don't make these things up, I don't have to.

--Kate Yule

IAGSDC® Event Calender

November

11 Nov - 13 Nov

Harpers Ferry Hoedown XI - Wet, Wild and Wonderful

Flyin. Callers: B. Gotta, D. Hodge, T.

Marriner [DC Lambda Squares](#)

Harpers Ferry, WV

25 Nov - 27 Nov

Weave the Rain

Flyin. Callers: B. Clasper, A. Uebelacker

[Squares Across The Border](#) Vancouver, BC

January

13 Jan –15 Jan **Swing Thru Arizona 2006**

Flyin. Callers: B. Gotta, J. Jestin [Desert Valley Squares](#) Phoenix, AZ

13 Jan – 15 Jan **Promenade Down**

Peachtree V Flyin. Callers: E. McAtee, JR

St. Jean [Hotlanta Squares](#) Tucker, GA

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For additional events in 2006 go to:
<http://www.iagsdc.org/main/event/page/eventindex.php>

What the Future Holds

2006

When You Wish Upon A Thar

The 23rd Annual IAGSDC® Convention.
Friday, June 30 - Monday, July 3, 2006
The Anaheim Marriott Hotel
Anaheim, California



2007

Red Rocks & Purple Mountains

The 24th Annual IAGSDC® Convention.
Friday, May 25 – May 27, 2007
Denver, Colorado

2008

The 25th Annual IAGSDC® Convention.
Friday, July 3 – 6, 2008
Cleveland, OH

2009

The 26th Annual IAGSDC® Convention.
May 21 – 24, 2009
Washington, DC

IAGSDC MAILING SERVICE

The next mailing will be in early December. Please make note of these three very important details.

1. DO NOT send materials to the Association's PO Box in Denver. They will not end up in the mailing if you do so. Mail all materials you want included in the mailing to:

Scott Philips
IAGSDC Club Mailing
8229 SW 42nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97219

2. To be included in the December mailing, materials need to ARRIVE at my address by Friday, December 02, 2005. Anything arriving after that date will be held for the next mailing.

3. You need to send 70 copies of whatever you want mailed. If you want more than one copy included in each envelope, send enough copies (eg. - for 3 copies per envelope: 3 x 70 = 210).

IAGSDC® member clubs/organizations can take advantage of this mailing service to send out such things as club newsletters, fly-in brochures, convention information, etc.

Scott Philips
IAGSDC® Secretary

Golden Boot Award 2005

Presentation speech given by Ett McAtee:

Well, I must say, last year you found me speechless on the microphone! Many said it was worth it just for that moment, to hear me be silent for a few moments!! But, not now! I have a few words for you, and I'd like to start by thanking Rick Hawes for honoring me with the Golden Boot award in 2004. It was very special, and I thank everyone for the love and friendship bestowed upon me through all my square dancing days. The Golden Boot is given not by the IAGSDC® Organization, but by fellow dancers and callers who choose to recognize those who make great contributions to our beloved activity. Indeed, I've always known that there are three things needed to hold a square dance...

We need callers – we are blessed each year at this convention to have a staff of callers that parallel none. All give of themselves to the point of exhaustion. They are enthusiastic, and we happily dance to them each year at convention. Several are Golden Boot recipients

We need places to dance (we've been at universities, at glitzy hotels, church basements, and everything in between.) This year, we find ourselves at the wonderful Marriott hotel in Santa Clara California... where we dance in style and grace under the watchful eyes of our attentive hotel staff.

And, we need dancers to make up a square - you know who you are! We dance with one another, and it takes just 8 of us to make a square. Multiply that by several hundred and we have a large family of friends who convene each year to make this event the special thing it is. Celebrate yourselves! Dance and make new friends during the rest of the convention.

But there is something else...

We need teachers. We couldn't make any of this happen unless we are taught how to understand the language of square dancing, the common language we all share... whether we're from Denmark, Japan, Canada, or the United States, and even if we are deaf. Square dancing is a language.

There is an individual here tonight who teaches that language so it is understood by all. This person has been with us for many years now, and in my opinion, is an unsung hero and teacher of our community. As both a dancer and a caller, I have had the pleasure of knowing this person in many different venues. Some of you know this person well; some may not.

This year's recipient is a computer geek like some of the rest of us, and gardens like some of us wish we could! I think this person is a shy kind of person, but always at the ready with kind words and a dry wit, who started dancing in 1986 and calling and teaching in 1988.

This person is involved at the local, national and international level of gay and straight dancing and calling, has taught many square dance classes over the years, and has had a hand in hosting not one, but two of our beloved conventions. This person has also stood at the helm of the Gay Callers Association, shaping it into an organization respected by callers and dancers alike.

This person's name, in Old Hebrew, means "the appointed one" and it gives me great pleasure to appoint the 2005 Golden Boot recipient...

Seth Levine

... would you come forward, please?

I have one more comment... I will tell you that his own parents, Mommala and Poppala Levine, got their own 10-year medallions this year at convention, as Seth got his 20th! Talk about keeping it in the family!

Feedback

Comments, ideas, letters to the editor, articles for future issues? We welcome your input.

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