

President's Message

Can you feel the energy in our Club? As we have been growing, more and more of you are stepping into leadership roles, bringing your ideas, your enthusiasm, and your talents to Hotlanta Squares.

We have always been blessed with a hard-working board of directors who keep the Club going, but over the last few months, a number of other Club members have stepped up too:

- ◇ New Dancer Coordinators Michele Monti and Joel Smith have diligently matched our new students with angel buddies – even taking care to match up boys & girls! – and have then gone above and beyond by planning a Half-Way Dance so that our new dancers can join in our monthly fun. (See flyer inside for details.)
- ◇ In his first formal leadership role in the Club, Todd Price has ably stepped into the role of Pride Captain, and planned a fun parade presence that returns us to our roots as dancers. We may be doing the same three-step sequence for two miles, but we *will* be dancing in the Pride parade! Todd has been assisted by a fantastic Pride Committee that includes Lloyd Werner, Moe Prado, Larry Minogue, Eric Glauner, Joan Campitelli, Endsley Real, and Sandy Porter.
- ◇ Former board member and current IAGSDC secretary Kent Tolleson organized a field trip to Toccoa, Georgia for a dance sponsored by GSSDA President Willis Crump's Club, taking 13 Club Members with him so that we had almost as many members present as the host club did!
- ◇ Event Coordinator Sherry Mask and her delightful spouse, member Lamar Mask, are turning a long-time Club goal of adding additional non-dancing activities to the Club calendar into a reality, by planning our first BBQ out in Monroe, Georgia on November 3.
- ◇ Our beloved Master of Marketing, Eileen Stone, has not only breathed new vibrancy into our Club newsletter (can you remember what it was like before her?), but has expanded the newsletter to meet Club needs by adding a FREE Classifieds section for members. (See inside for the form to use to submit a Roommate Wanted / For Sale / Job Wanted ad).

We continue to innovate and improve and I hope you will feel empowered to be part of that process. If you have an awesome idea that you would like the Club to try, please talk to one of your friendly board members about it (or bring your idea to one of our board meetings; held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the First MCC chapel). We can't promise to run with every proposal made, but we will definitely consider every feasible notion!

Onward!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christie L. Ayotte".

Christie L. Ayotte

**OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS**

Greg C.	Oct. 2
Doug M.	Oct. 4
Sam S.	Oct. 12
Yasuko M.	Oct. 15
Sherry M.	Oct. 26



Over twenty members of **Hotlanta Squares** marched **and** danced in Sunday's Atlanta Pride Festival. Thanks to Todd Price and his energetic committee, we had balloons galore, a great truck and gave new meaning to 'pole dance'. You all did a fantastic job and ought to be proud of your accomplishment.

Larry Minogue (with portable megaphone in hand) monitored the flow of the parade and whenever it was possible, called out "**Dosido, Swing Your Partner and Promenade Down Peachtree**". We even attempted to **Circle** and **Weave the Ring** on a few occasions. Somewhere there's a picture of Sherry Mask with a unusually shaped balloon worth hunting for.

Check our Facebook page and website for additional photos.



REMEMBER

Be careful not to push (or pull) people. All of our dancers are trying as hard as they can. Strong arming won't do anything but push people away.

**HOTLANTA
SQUARES**

Featuring tips highlighting
the steps covered in
Mainstream class from
August 6th to date



**1/2
WAY
SASHAY**

Saturday - November 10th

Caller: Johnny Jones

7-8pm: Advanced

8-10pm: Mainstream & Plus

Tickets: Free for New Mainstream students

\$6 Members / \$8 Non-members

\$4 Non-dancers

Please bring canned goods to be donated to the First MCC Food Bank

Dance Location:

First MCC Church - 1379 Tullie Road, Atlanta, GA 30329

DIXIE STYLE TO A SOCIAL

Hotlanta Squares is more than a square dance club. Yes, we all enjoy square dancing but it is the friends we make that keep us coming back. In the "let's do something different category" Sherry and Lamar Mask have graciously offered their home to host a Hotlanta Square BBQ Social on Saturday, November 3, 2012.. We are extending this invitation to partners and friends of Hotlanta Squares and hope to have several clubs join us. Marcy and Damon from Alabama (some of you may remember them from previous Hotlanta Square dances and the recent GSSDA convention) are coming with Damon doing the cooking. We will have a lot of fun activities and since we expect to have several callers in attendance, we hope to have the opportunity to dance. And of course, a TV will be available for those football fans that want to keep an eye on the game. (See flyer on the next page). The cost is only \$5.00 to cover the cost of meat and vegetarian options. A sign up sheet will be available during class nights as we need to get an accurate count before purchasing food. You can also notify Doug Miller at miller3607@bellsouth.net. So bring your lawn chairs, a side dish, BYOB and dress very casual. As this is OTP, we encourage car pooling or a caravan up to Monroe. Maps will be available for those that wish to venture out on their own. Festivities start at 3:00PM / Dinner at 6 PM. This promises to be the biggest southern social since the one held at **Twelve Oaks!**



DECEMBER DOSIDO DANCE

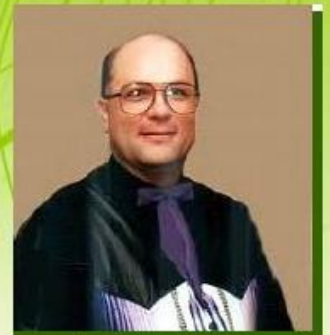
Saturday, December 8th
Caller: Evan Pauley from Hixson, TN

4 -6 pm *A/C

7 - 8 pm - Waltz - Mark Wade

8-10 pm MS/Plus and Hot Hash

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



Please bring an unwrapped toy for needy children.
Location: Christopher Hall at Rehoboth Presbyterian Church 2729
Lawrenceville Hwy., Decatur, GA 30033



Let's do
something different!

Dixie Style to a Social

Atlanta Squares BBQ & Social



Saturday, November 3rd
2080 Shoal Creek Road
Monroe, GA

Hosted by: Lamar & Sherry Mask

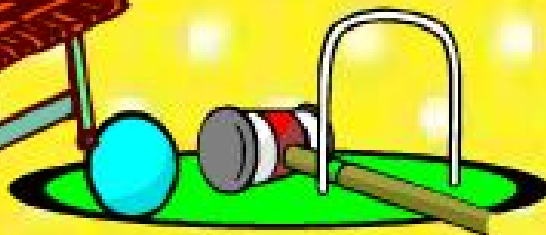
*Cost is \$5.00 to cover cost of meat
and vegetarian options.*

Arrive at 3 pm Dinner at 6 pm

BYOB

We expect
several callers so
there's sure to be an
opportunity to
Square Up!

Bring a side dish,
your lawn chair, and
any games or fun
things to do.



T.V. available for
football fans!

Beat the Holiday Rush and Save Some Bucks!

Yes it is early, but we wanted to let everyone know that the club's annual dues will be \$30 in 2013, the same as this year. And as with last year, a discount will be available for those that "shop" early. Pay your dues by November 28th and the rate is \$20. Pay by December 28th and the rate is \$25. Outlined below are just some of the benefits of club membership:



- ◇ Accidental medical insurance provided through United Square Dancers of America and liability insurance to protect the club and its members (\$4.45/club member)
- ◇ Membership in the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (\$1.00/club member)
- ◇ Reduced ticket prices for Open House Nights and Membership Dances
- ◇ Subsidizes the cost of club logo embroidered vests
- ◇ Provide free snacks, food, and supplies for class nights and dances
- ◇ Provides funds for the purchase of club equipment such as fans, speakers, banners, etc.
- ◇ Enables us to participate in the annual Pride Parade

One of the reasons we encourage all members to pay their dues prior to the end of the year is that a complete list of all club members is required by the United Square Dancers of America for club insurance purposes. If you're interested, a folder containing a summary of month-end financial statements is made available at the sign-in table on each class night. Please contact me if you have any questions about club expenditures.

Doug M.

Treasurer



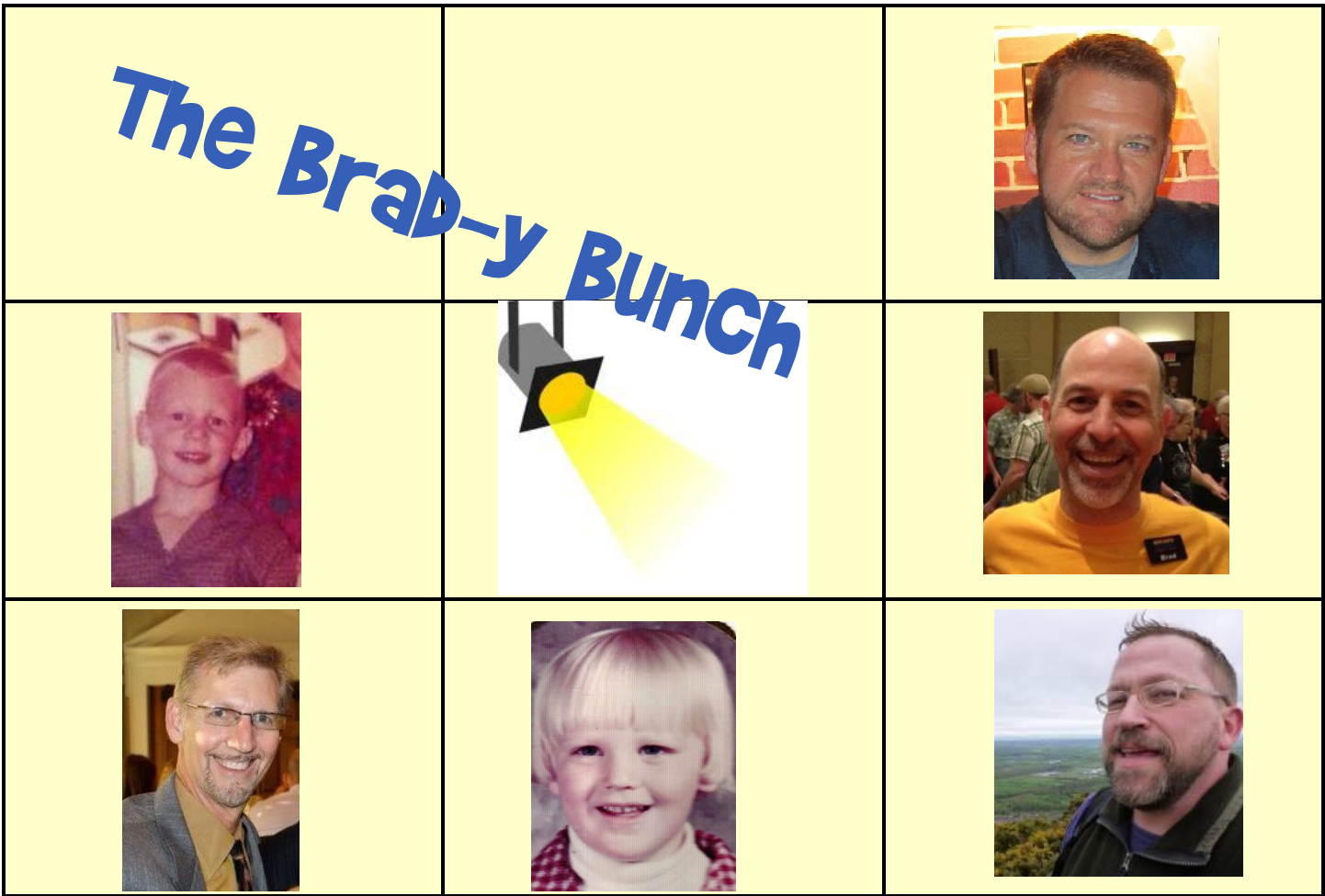
ARE YOU PLANNING ON VISITING ANOTHER CLUB? SETTING UP A CARPOOL?

Send me the following information by the 15th of the month and I'll list your road field here.

Eileen

elstone@bellsouth.net

CLUB:	CARPOOL LOCATION:
DATE:	TIME:



Spotlight on BRAD BRUNER



Your Name?

Brad Bruner

How do you pronounce that?

My mother in East Tennessee would pronounce my first name “Bah-raaaaae-yad.” Everyone else just calls me Brad. My last name is German-Moravian and pronounced “Brew-ner.”

Favorite square dance call?

Spin Chain and Exchange the Gears (“Gears! Gears! Gears!”) and pretty much any call where Wayne Johnson & I can call out “Creamy Centers!”

Where do You live?

Toco Hills area (just about 1 mile from where we dance)

Occupation?

Attorney; Now a Legal Recruiter

Strangest/Most Interesting Job You Ever Had?

I worked for 7 months for the East German TV & Film Corporation helping shoot German language films throughout former East Germany in my early 20’s.

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

I take a lot of photos and am finishing a novel. I love movies but do not see nearly as many each year as I once did.

Your Astrological Sign?

I am a cuspian – last day of Leo/pre-Virgo.

Have a significant other?

Yes, I have my spectacularly handsome and demure husband Marek White who some of you might know despite his quiet disposition.

Have any pets?

No, unless you count my husband.

Have any kids?

See answer to last question.

TV shows you love? Homeland; Dexter; Game of Thrones; The Walking Dead; Fringe; Supernatural; 2 Broke Girls.

Your favorite movies? Boogie Nights; The Conformist; Almost Famous; Nashville; Brokeback Mountain; 8 ½; Heathers; Raising Arizona.

The TV show that never should have been canceled? GCB last season.

Any books you read and loved lately? The Game of Thrones series; Freedom by Jonathan Franzen.

If you were going to write a book, what would it be about? I am finishing a novel that combines fantasy/supernatural elements with a realistic tone in a gritty urban setting that might be more than it initially appears.

Where is "Home" for you? I grew up in Madisonville, Tennessee (halfway between Chattanooga and Knoxville), but the other place where I have spent a total of 15 years is the San Francisco Bay Area, so both of them seem like home in different ways.

Best vacation you ever took? Amalfi Coast/Pompeii/Mt. Vesuvius/Rome in southern Italy.

Ever held a Hotlanta Squares leadership position? President Emeritus (2012-2013); President (2011-2012); Vice President (2010-2011); Pride Parade Coordinator (2010); Fly-In Assistant Chair (2010).

Spotlight on BRAD PITTS

Your Name? Brad Pitts

How do you pronounce that? Brad Pitts

Are you named after anyone? NOT the actor!

Favorite square dance call? Square your sets

Where do You live? Wolverhampton, UK

Occupation? Househusband at the moment (not yet allowed to work in UK)

Strangest/Most Interesting Job You Ever Had? Attendant at a gay bathhouse

What do you do for fun when you're not square dancing? Where do I begin...?

Your Astrological Sign? Virgo

Have a significant other? Yes. You all haven't met Andy except via Facebook

Your favorite movies? Wizard of Oz, Auntie Mame, Sound of Music

TV shows you love? I Love Lucy, Star Trek, Absolutely Fabulous, Bewitched



BRAD PITTS (Cont)

Any books you read and loved lately? The Sandman series by Neil Gaiman

If you were going to write a book, what would it be about? How To Be A Gay Pagan Self Employed
Square Dancing Smart-ass American Ex-pat

Where is "Home" for you? With my Andykins

Best vacation you ever took? England (so far)

Scariest thing you ever did? Leaving everyone and everything I ever knew to move to another country to be with the man I love.

Top 5 websites you visit most often Facebook, Yahoo, Google, and that takes up enough of my time

Spotlight on BRAD HINDAHL



Your Name? Brad Hindahl

Favorite square dance call? Peel the Top

Where do You live? Duluth

Occupation? Where? Finance Manager at Humana

Strangest/Most Interesting Job You Ever Had? Inventory of frozen food (counting turkeys)

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

Your Astrological Sign? Gemini

Have a significant other? Ron Kozak

TV shows you love? Downton Abby

The TV show that never should have been canceled? PanAm

Where is "Home" for you? Petersburg, Indiana

Best vacation you ever took? Africa – to Tanzania and Zanzabar

Scariest thing you ever did? I was held up at gunpoint during a dance rehearsal: tied up, wallet and watches stolen

Spotlight on BRAD McCURDY

Name? Brad McCurdy

How do you pronounce that? Mick-curd-eeeeee

Are you named after anyone? No



Brad McCurdy (cont.)

Favorite square dance call? Spin change and exchange the gears

Where do You live? N.E. Atlanta

Occupation? Global ticketing support-Delta Air Lines, Inc.

Strangest/Most Interesting Job You Ever Had? Working in the City Ticket Offices when they were still a going concern here in the USA. I enjoyed the relationships that I built with many of my customers.

What do you do for fun when you're not square dancing? Riding my bicycle, gardening, traveling, going to the movies, various other things.

Your Astrological Sign? Aries

Have a significant other? No.

Have any pets? No.

Have any kids? Thankfully no.

Your favorite movies? Harold and Maude

TV shows you love? Various PBS specials, Friends, 1960s Batman, MASH

The TV show that never should have been canceled? None

Any books you read and loved lately? Boyfriend 101

If you were going to write a book, what would it be about? Not sure

Where is "Home" for you? Northern California. East Bay and Sacramento

Best vacation you ever took? First trip to Europe the summer after I graduated from high school

Scariest thing you ever did? First wooden roller coaster ride; getting ready for the Black Water rafting trip in New Zealand

Top 5 websites you visit most often Wikipedia, Weather.com, Yahoo News. I have to keep this a G rating



DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO ADVERTISE? GARAGE SALE? ROOM TO RENT? NEED A TRAVEL-MATE? LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Send me the following information by the 15th of the month and your ad will be in the next month's newsletter. Send to Eileen: elstone@bellsouth.net

NAME:	DATE:
TIME	EVENT TYPE:
LOCATION:	ANYTHING ELSE?



“Last Square Standing” at 41st GSSDA Convention

On September 22, 2012 the 41st Georgia State Square Dance Convention was held and nineteen Hotlanta Squares Club members went down to Macon to join in the weekend of square dancing.

Callers from all over the State of Georgia displayed their talents by calling all levels of dancing from Mainstream/Plus and Advanced with approximately 500+ dancers in attendance throughout the three day event.

The event of the weekend, Last Square Standing (LSS), is held each year as a “fun” competition between Clubs to attest their square dance prowess. Three Clubs willingly stepped forward at the 41st GSSDA Convention to take the challenge. Participants for LSS were the “Robins Ramblers” from Warner Robins, GA; “Just for Fun” Dancers from Southeast Alabama; and the “Hotlanta Squares” from Atlanta. The Callers for LSS were Dan Campbell and Johnny Jones with other Callers officiating on the dance floor to monitor all participants.

In less than three minutes the Hotlanta Squares had been established as the winners!

Special thanks to the following HS Club members LSS participants: Caroline Carstens, Bill Willis, Chuck Solerno, Lloyd Werner, Doug Miller, Kent Tolleson, Mark Snider, and Danny Miller.

Danny M.



PEACHTREE
ATLANTA ★ 2013

January 18 - 20

Featured Callers



Anne Uebelacker

Vancouver, BC

Sandie Bryant

Chicago, IL



Decatur, GA

Courtyard by Marriott Atlanta

Decatur Downtown/Emory

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Registration Fee

Please refer to either
www.IAGSDC.org or
www.HotlantaSquares.org

Name 1: _____

Male Female

MS Plus Advanced
 C1/2 Non-Dancer

Name 2: _____

Male Female

MS Plus Advanced
 C1/2 Non-Dancer

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Home
 Cell

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Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Club Affiliation: _____



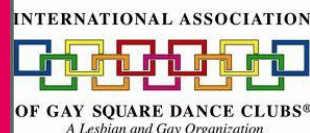
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HOTLANTA SQUARES CALENDAR

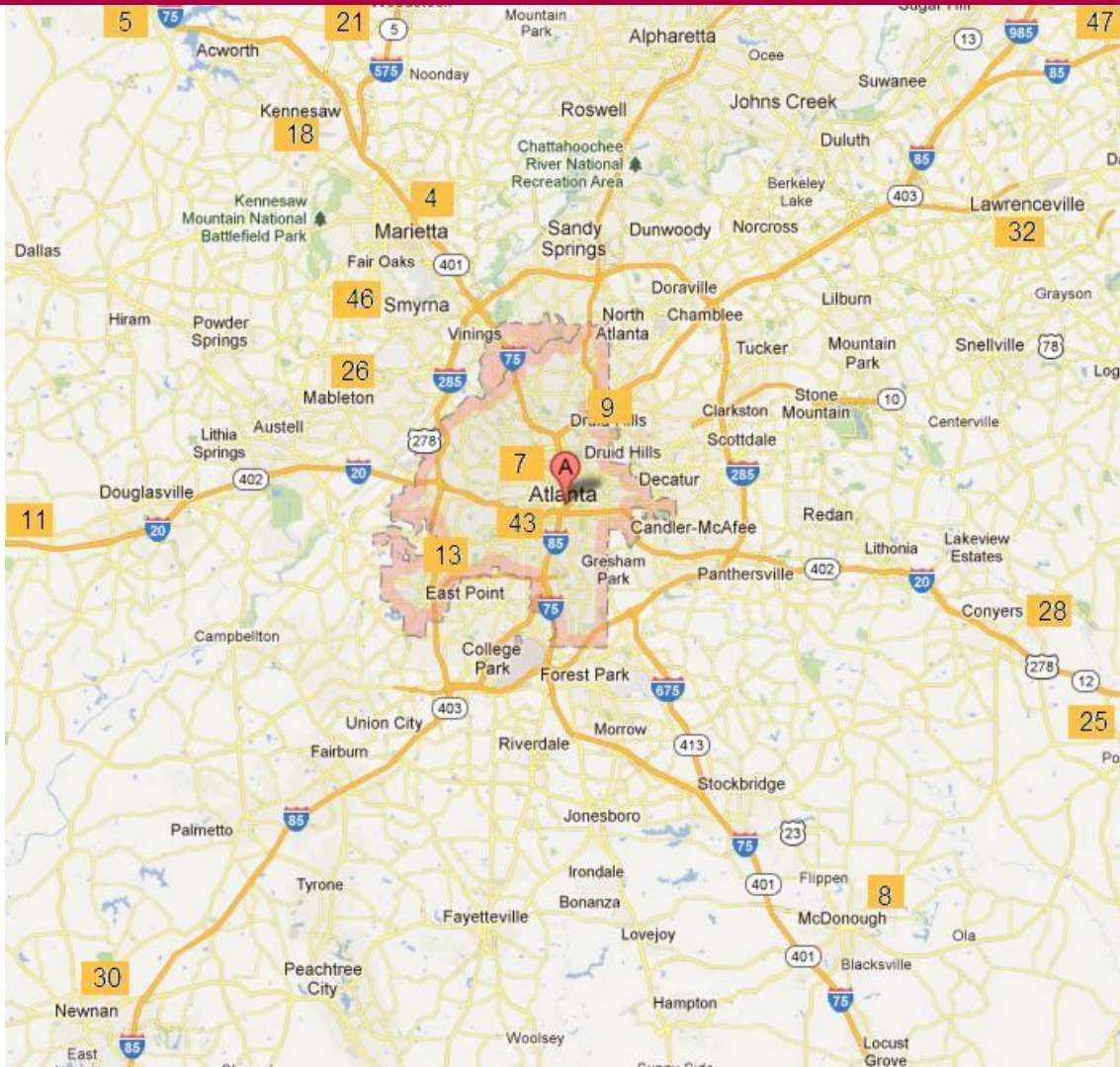
Tom Meehan - Fabulous 50's Club Dance (see p.2)	October 6th	7 - 8 PM 8 - 10 PM	Mark Wade Mainstream/Plus/Hot Hash	MCC
Johnny Jones - Halfway Sashay (see p.3)	November 10th	7 - 8 PM 8 - 10 PM	Advanced Mainstream/Plus	MCC
Evan Pauley - Winter Dance	December 8th	3:30 - 5:30 PM 7 - 10 PM	A/C M/P and Advanced Levels	Rehoboth
Sandie Bryant & Anne Uebelacker (PDP11)	January 18-20, 2013	TBD		MCC
Jimmy Roberson	February 16, 2013	MCC		MCC
Roger Loney	March 23, 2013	MCC		MCC
Rick Gittelman	June 1, 2013	MCC		MCC

IAGSDC CALENDAR



Start/End	Name/Type	Host/Locale
05-Oct 07-Oct	Chase the Chile 2012 - Flyin Callers: Darren Gallina, Bill Eyler, Kris Jensen, Scott Amspoker	Wilde Bunch Albuquerque, NM
12-Oct 14-Oct	Peel Off in Palm Springs 2012 - Flyin Callers: TBA	Peel Off Palm Springs, CA
19-Oct 21-Oct	Peel the Pumpkin 2012 - Flyin Callers: Vic Ceder, Betsy Gotta, Dayle Hodge Michael Kellogg, Howard Richman	Times Squares Asbury Park, NJ
26-Oct 28-Oct	Scares 'N Squares 2012 Mayan Style - Dance 'til the End of Time! - Flyin Callers: Deborah Carroll Jones and Charlie Robertson, joined by Gary Monday	Rosetown Ramblers Portland, OR
09-Nov 11-Nov	Harvest Festival Hoedown 2012 - Flyin Callers: Sandie Bryant, Eric Henerlau, Doren McBroom, & GCA Guest Callers	DC Lambda Squares York, PA

METRO ATLANTA SQUARE DANCER'S ASSOCIATION CLUBS & LOCATIONS



3	Apple Country Squares - Elijay	9	Hotlanta Squares
26	American Squares - Mableton	18	Kennesaw Square Dealers - Kennesaw
4	B#s Plus - Marietta	8	Lads 'n Lassies - McDonough
	Diamond Turns - Marietta	43	Mahogany Spin Tips - Atlanta
	Dudes 'n Darlins - Marietta	13	Matrix South - Hapeville
	Wheel Arounds- Marietta	30	Merry Go Rounds - Newnan
21	Cherokee Squares - Woodstock		Rebel Reelers - Newnan
28	Crossfire Squares - Conyers	25	Newton Hayriders - Covington
	Rock-a-Round Dance - Conyers		
26	Danc 'n Singles - Mableton	7	Peachtree Squares - Atlanta
47	Habersham Squares - Cornelia	32	Silver Stars - Lawrenceville
11	Haymakers - Temple	5	Western Promenaders - Rome
		46	Windy Hill Squares - Smyrna

The next **MASDA** dance will be held on Sunday, November 18th with Johnny Preston calling. The dance location is the:
Atlanta Yaarab Shrine Temple - 400 Ponce de Leon Avenue - Atlanta, GA 30308

For additional information, go to www.masda.net