

# HOT TIPS



APRIL 2013

## CHRIS PHILLIPS

Chris Phillips started Square Dancing at year's end in 1976 and began calling in 1983, with his 1st club "The South Fla Mustangs" By 1985, Chris was asked to call on the local circuit by Jack Lasry, National Caller, for several clubs in the area. In 1990, he opened the "Round Up Circle-C" Dance Hall (previously the Crossfire) in Hollywood Florida. Chris continues to Call in South Florida, and has called nation-wide in the United States along with Canada, Sweden, Denmark, and Germany.

Chris has called for Hotlanta Squares several times before.

If you've danced with him, you already know how much fun he is.

If you've never danced with him, make sure that you don't miss this Saturday's dance.

## April Acey Deucey Dance



**Saturday, April 13th**  
**Caller - Chris Phillips**  
**from South Florida**  
**3:30 - 5:30pm: A & C**  
**7:00 - 10:00pm:**  
**MS/ Plus / Hot Hash/**  
**DBD**

**Tickets: \$6 Members**  
**\$8 Non-members**

**First Metropolitan Community**  
**Church of Atlanta**  
**1379 Tullie Road**  
**Atlanta, GA 30329**

The logo for Hotlanta Squares, featuring the word "HOTLANTA" in a rainbow gradient and "SQUARES" in a purple-to-blue gradient, both in a bold, blocky font.

## TAKING A VESTED INTEREST...

Are you ready for the **Weave Your Heart in San Francisco IAGSDC Convention** starting July 4, 2013? Do you have your Hotlanta Square logo vest for the Grand March? If not, we are now taking orders for club members that plan to attend the convention. As in previous years, the club will share the expense of the vest plus embroidering for first time purchases. The cost to club members is \$50. Also, thanks to the generosity of previous club members, **Jim Blythe** and **Ken Esteep**, we do have two vests (Medium and Large) that are available for loan for those members attending the convention that do not want to incur this expense.

If you wish to purchase or borrow a vest, please contact Doug Miller at either of the Monday or Tuesday class nights or via e-mail [miller3607@bellsouth.net](mailto:miller3607@bellsouth.net) . Orders must be placed by May 13 to ensure that your vest is ready prior to convention.



## FIELD TRIP—SUNDAY, APRIL 14th

Currahee Squares invites Hot Atlanta squares to our 2nd annual country dinner and gospel jubilee with special caller Jim Bush on April 14, 2013. Events start at 1:30pm with a country dinner and dance starts at 2:30 till 5, admission is 7 dollars a person. That covers your dinner and dance. Dance location is the Mable Scott Senior Center. Hope you all would consider joining us for an awesome Sunday afternoon of dancing. For more info you can contact me by email [miniatalas2002@yahoo.com](mailto:miniatalas2002@yahoo.com) or 706 491 0113.



Thanks  
Chad Stowe

NOTE: A group of people from Hotlanta Squares are planning on attending the Currahee Squares dance. If you're interested in joining them, please contact Sherry Mask.



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### REMINDER:

We have an amazing number of new dancers in our current Mainstream class.

Please remember to guide them, gently.

Pushing and pulling should be avoided at all cost.

Thanks!



## INTRODUCING THE HOTLANTA SQUARES SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Hey everybody, there's a new committee on the block! We really appreciate our members and we'd like to show our concern when unhappy events occur in their lives. As a 'flip side of the coin' of announcing birthdays during class nights we'd like to start sending things like get well cards to members in need of some cheering up. While I will greatly and gladly

accept information as it happens to facilitate getting cards out I'm looking for one or two people to manage the task with me so that if one of us has our own life event we're called away for we won't be in a lurch to extend some support to others.

Please let me know if you're interested. I anticipate this being a very low amount of effort needed, we just need to keep our ears to the ground for information on what's going on in our community.

Thanks,  
Eric



## JULY IAGSDC CONVENTION

After much discussion, Endsley and I decided we can't go to San Francisco in July. Therefore, we are selling the following:

2 registrations - \$200/each

2 fun badge tours - \$50/each

2 Beach Blanket Babylon tickets (Wed 07/03) - \$85/each



Please see me if you're interested.

Thanks,

Joan C.

# Club Legal Affairs and other Boring Matters

By Christie Ayotte, Club President

I think most of you know that I am an attorney, so I apologize in advance for taking up valuable newsletter space for “discussion of unlikely risks and other issues no one cares about.”



In November of this past year, I discovered that the Club had never been formally incorporated as a legal entity with the Georgia Secretary of State. We have been (mostly) operating as a validly-organized entity for years, by holding annual meetings, monthly board meetings, keeping financial records, and following corporate by-laws, but had missed this one detail of in-

corporation – probably because when the Club was formed with only enough people for one square, the risk was lower!

There are a hundred horrible things that could have happened as a result of the Club not actually existing as a legal organization (e.g., someone falls and hurts himself, our insurance company discovers that the Hotlanta Squares – the insured entity – does not exist, and then denies coverage, forcing the club to cash in its CDs and clean out its bank accounts to pay the injured member’s hospital bills). We were very lucky, and neither this, nor any other worst-case scenario happened. Phew! The Club has now been incorporated with the Georgia Secretary of State as Hotlanta Squares, Inc.

To ensure our other legal obligations were in order, I also conducted a brief investigation and consulted with two CPAs. I have confirmed that the Club is registered as a 501(c)(4) organization with the IRS, which is the default status for “social welfare” groups, and the easiest status to maintain. It means that our donations to the Club are not tax-deductible, but it also means that as long as our revenue receipts are normally at \$50,000 or less each year, the Club only has to send in an e-filed postcard each year (Form 990N), instead of filing separate corporate tax returns or doing a number of other things. This, in turn, saves the Club from needing to hire (and pay) an accountant.

Going forward, the Club will be required to pay the annual registration fee to the Georgia Secretary of State (currently \$50/year). To remain in compliance under IRS rules, the Club will file a 990 with the IRS each year, and issue 1099-MISC forms to any person or company whom the Club pays \$600 or more per year.

## What this means to the Club?

**Future treasurers/event coordinators/fly-in chairs:** Please note that the Club must collect W-9 forms for any callers or vendors to whom the Club will pay \$600 or more so that we can issue 1099s before January 31 of each year.

The board might want to buy a couple hours of a bookkeeper’s time to help out with 1099 reporting in the winter.

The Club may want to consider recruiting a CPA to the board to do an informal audit of the Club’s tax records.

Let me know if you have questions.

Thanks to **Cameron** and **Doug** for providing information so that we could get this sorted out.



# Summer Swap Around Dance

**Saturday, June 1st**

**Caller - Rick Gittelman from  
Tucson, AZ**

**3:30 - 5:30pm: A & C**

**7:00 - 10:00pm:**

**MS/ Plus / Hot Hash/ DBD**

**Tickets: \$6 Members  
\$8 Non-members**



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# Blue Moon Dance

**Saturday, June 29th**

**Caller - Dayle Hodge  
from Columbia, MD**

**7 - 8 pm: Advanced**

**8:00 - 10:00pm: MS/ Plus / Hot  
Hash/ DBD**

**Tickets: \$6 Members \$8 Non-members**

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Check out our Website and Facebook pages!

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## APRIL

### Birthdays

Brad M.	4/2
Toni D.	4/4
Endsley R.	4/7
Valverde V.	4/7
John W.	4/9
An Q.	4/12
Mark O.	4/20
Jesse O.	4/22
Glen R.	4/23
Jennings F.	4/30

**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](mailto:elstone@bellsouth.net)



<b>NAME:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT TYPE:</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>ANYTHING ELSE WE NEED TO KNOW?</b>



**30th Annual  
IAGSDC Convention  
San Francisco  
July 4-7, 2013  
sanfrancisco2013.org**

**Schedule of Events (Tentative)**



<b>Friday, June 28</b>	Transgender March	
<b>Saturday, June 29</b>	Dyke March	
<b>Sunday, June 30</b>	Gay Pride Celebration	
<b>Monday, July 1</b>	GCA Callers School Starts	
<b>Tuesday, July 2</b>	Sister Bingo - All Join Hands benefit	7:30 PM
<b>Wednesday, July 3</b>	Beach Blanket Babylon	7:00 PM
<b>Thursday, July 4</b>	Caller School Dance	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
	Delegate Meeting	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
	GCA Meeting	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
	Trail-in Dance	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
<b>Friday, July 5</b>	Fun Badge Tour	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
	Dancing Starts	9:00 AM
	Opening Ceremonies	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
	Grand March	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
<b>Saturday, July 6</b>	Banquet	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
<b>Sunday July 7</b>	Brunch	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
	Closing Ceremonies	8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**REGISTER NOW...**

**Registration Rates**

<b>New Dancer</b>	(see article in this issue)	<b>\$165</b>
<b>Standard</b>	thru 3/31/2013	<b>\$225</b>
<b>Procrastinator</b>	thru 7/1/2013	<b>\$265</b>
<b>Non-Dancer</b>	thru 7/1/2013	<b>\$120</b>
<b>Fun Badge Tour</b>	until sold out	<b>\$50</b>

You can register online or by mail. For a mail-in registration form or information on how to register online, go to Weave Your Heart's [registration page](#).

**...RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM...**

Book your stay at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis at these very reasonable room rates:

<b>Single and Double</b>	<b>\$139 per night</b>
<b>Triple</b>	<b>\$159</b>
<b>Quad</b>	<b>\$179</b>

Our room block runs from **June 27 to July 8** (check-out). Visit the Weave Your Heart web site's [hotel page](#) for more details and to book on-line, or call 1-877-622-3056 and ask for the group Weave Your Heart.

**...AND BOOK YOUR FLIGHT!**

American Airlines is offering a **5% discount** on air travel to SFO for our convention. Go to <http://aa.com/group> and use promotion code **6563BY** when booking your flight.

**TOP TEN REASONS NEW DANCERS SHOULD WEAVE THEIR HEARTS IN SAN FRANCISCO**

10. The first time is always the best.
9. Special \$165 registration rate, and hotel rooms at an incredible \$139 per room night.
8. All day dancing - dance, take a break, dance, eat and dance some more, sleep and repeat next day.
7. They've been doing this every year for thirty years. They must have it figured out by now.
6. Glow-light dance, moonshine (naked) tip, picnic, costume ball, and the Honky Tonk Queen contest!
5. Vacation in a beautiful gay-friendly city, and dance all over the place on the Fun Badge Tour.
4. Top-notch callers from all over the world.
3. Next-level intros with fellow beginners (and repeaters) in the spacious Mainstream Hall.
2. All your coolest square dance friends will be there.
1. It's in San Francisco... duh??



**39th Tennessee Square and Round Dance Convention**  
**August 1-2-3, 2013**

**Gatlinburg, Tennessee**

**W.L. Mills  
Conference Center**

**234 Historic Nature Trail  
Gatlinburg, TN**

# Dancers Diner

**MENU**  
**Square Dancing**  
**Mainstream**  
*Served with a side of Mania*  
**Plus**  
*With Saucy Pizzazz*  
**Advanced**  
**C-1**

**MENU**  
**Round Dancing**  
**Phase II-VI**  
Waltz Rumba  
Cha Cha Tango  
Two Step  
and MORE!

**SIDES**  
Lines  
Fashion Show  
Sewing Clinic  
Competition  
Squares

**CRAZY  
FUN**

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## DINER HOURS

Thursday: Trail-In Dance 8-11 pm  
Friday: Dancing Noon to 11 pm  
Saturday: Dancing 10 am to 11 pm

*Serving Up Fun!*

**LIVE BAND**  
**Friday & Saturday Evenings**

**HARD SURFACE**  
**PORTABLE FLOORING**  
**NO Dancing on Carpet!**



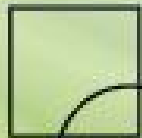
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GEORGIA

Welcomes You to ....



Square  
and  
Round Dance



# Dance and Swing in 2013

## GSSDA

### 42nd Annual Convention

September 19-21, 2013

Macon, GA

[www.gssda.org](http://www.gssda.org)

*Invite a friend this year!*

#### Square Dancing

Friday and Saturday

11:00 am - 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

#### Only Acceptable Casual Attire:

Friday & Saturday until 5:00 pm

#### Square Dance Attire Only:

Friday & Saturday ~ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

#### Grand March:

Line Up 6:45 pm ~ March 7:00 pm

*Friday - Red, White & Blue Night*

For Non-Members Advance Weekend

Ribbons @ \$25.00 each

Mail check payable to GSSDA

prior to Sept. 1, 2013 to:

*Nancy Feek*

111 Lake St., Rockmart, GA 30153

Phone 770-684-6661

[njfeek103@wmconnect.com](mailto:njfeek103@wmconnect.com)

#### Trail End Dance:\*\*

Thursday, September 19th

8:00 -11:00 pm

*Casual Attire (No shorts or Tee Tops)*

**\*\*GSSDA Members FREE**

**\*\*\$5.00 Non-Members**

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