

January 16, 2023

Thank you for paying your membership dues to Hotlanta Squares. We have increased our membership from the last two years as we now have 62 club members. Hotlanta Squares is one of the few clubs that offers dancing from SSD to the C1 levels and your support is greatly appreciated. Our next Open House is scheduled for February 27, 2023, as we strive to increase our membership.

Our 2023 Fly-in, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, was a huge success with 118 full registrations and dozens of additional dancers joining us over the weekend. We are already taking registrations for PDP 2024, Winter Luau, and have signed contracts with Justin Russell, Mike Kellogg and Steve Kopman.

Over the past several years, like most clubs we have experienced challenges with Covid. Hotlanta Squares has made the health and safety of our dancers a priority by requiring vaccinations and mask wearing. Unfortunately, most health experts predict that Covid will remain with us for the foreseeable future as it continues to mutate. Although hospitalizations and deaths or down, we continue to see periodic spikes in the number of infections. But the infection rates are hard to determine as some people only have mild symptoms and do not get tested or test at home and do not report.

I have been asked the very difficult question as to when we will no longer require mask wearing. Others have told me that they do not feel comfortable not wearing a mask while dancing or when others are not wearing a mask.

I need your input on how to proceed with our Covid precautions. I am therefore calling a "Special Meeting" of our members on Monday, February 6, 2023, starting at 7:00 PM at which time you will be able to give your recommendation on mask wearing. The vaccination requirement is not under consideration at this time.

If you are unable to attend Monday's special meeting I still want your input. Email your comments, questions or recommendations to [Hotlanta.Squares@gmail.com](mailto:Hotlanta.Squares@gmail.com). Please indicate if you want your correspondence shared at the meeting.

Yellow Rocks,

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