

# THE CALL SHEET

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This newsletter is an attempt to establish a line of communication among callers of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs. The information contained herein is as accurate as I know to make it. Any typos, errors or misinformation are the responsibility of Tanya Typesetter and should not be held against the editor.

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Dear IAGSDC Callers and future callers,

With "Peel the Apple" rapidly approaching, it is time for all current, future and potential callers to start thinking about the future. In recent conversations that I have had with IAGSDC callers around the country, I have discovered that there are many exciting ideas out there. There are also projects which individual callers are currently working on and would like input from others. I hope that this newsletter will become a forum for communication for anyone in the IAGSDC with an interest in calling.

If you are currently working on a project that would be made easier by obtaining help from other callers, have an idea to share with other callers, or maybe discovered a fabulous "set-up" or "get-out" which you would like to share, this will be the place to do so.

If you have any information which you would like to have included in future editions, please write or call me. I will be very glad to use any articles which you may wish to submit. My address and phone number are as follows:

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I will attempt publication of this newsletter on a monthly basis, if life doesn't get in the way.

This newsletter will be sent to individual callers as well as to all the IAGSDC clubs. If you would like to receive an individual copy, please send your name and address to me at the address contained in this article. This information will also serve to help build a database of IAGSDC callers. (See related article in this issue.)

I hope to hear from many of you in the coming months. Remember, callers, this is your newsletter.

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## Building a Base of Information

When was the last time you wanted to book a caller for a dance but were unable to find their phone number? Have you ever heard a great caller but had no way of sharing that information with anyone else? Karl Jaeckel of the Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus is in the process of building a database to help resolve these situations and many more.

Karl has gathered caller information from many club newsletters, local square dance magazines and other square dancers. He has put this information into a database which he has created. His hope is to share this information with anyone who feels that (Continued)

this information may be useful to them.

One of the uses which we have already discovered is to identify those callers who are members of the IAGSDC in order to help us communicate with each other more easily.

In addition to creating a database for callers, Karl has also created a music database which serves to catalog all the Rainbeaus music library by calls, label, and other criteria.

Contact Karl if you have any caller information which you would like to share. Also, if you want to know more about this project, or about how you may catalog your music library, please call him at (303)-778-1937 or write to him c/o Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus, P.O. Box 18814, Denver, Co. 80218.

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Question of the Month:

## Is Virginia Reel?

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### Coming Up in New York City:

"Peel the Apple", this year's convention in New York, will offer callers several opportunities to develop their skills, learn new ones, and meet other callers and future callers.

On Wednesday June 28th, Anne and Joe Uebelacker will host a wine and cheese reception for all IAGSDC callers. This will take place at Skip Rognlien's house from 8p.m. to 10 p.m.

On Thursday June 29th and Friday June 30th, Anne and Joe will be offering an intensive two-day callers' school. The cost for the two days will be \$75.00. This will offer an opportunity for callers of all levels to build on the skills which they already have or to develop new ones.

New or beginning callers will work with Anne to learn some of the calling fundamentals, as well as have plenty of chances to practice their newly learned skills. More experienced callers will work with Joe to build on the knowledge which they already have. They will also have ample opportunities to experiment with some of the techniques which they have learned.

This workshop will also offer all IAGSDC callers an opportunity to meet each other and develop plans for the future.

As of the time of this printing, it appears that John Kalenthaler, Executive Secretary on the Callerlab Executive Committee, will offer a workshop during the convention. The workshop will focus on Choreography and Style to help to make your calling a more memorable experience for your dancers.

If you would like to lead a workshop during the convention, you should contact Skip Rognlien. This includes such things as Square Dancing (level workshops or reviews), "Boot Scoot", two - step, and anything else which may be of interest to IAGSDC members.

There are still openings for callers during the "Club Callers Festival". This will take place after hours in several of the halls. This is an opportunity for club callers to show off a little. If you are interested in participating, please call Skip in order to arrange a time and to get your name listed in the program. (No later than April 30, please!)

To contact Skip, please call him at 212-580-8785 or write him c/o Times Squares, P.O. Box 1229 Ansonia Station, New York, New York, 10023.

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The "Peel the Apple" Convention Committee is having all callers in all halls professionally recorded. They will then have the tapes edited and put on cassette. These tapes will then be made available for all clubs to use in the future.

Please watch the soon-to-be released Convention Update Number 5 for additional details on any of the above mentioned events.

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Familiar quotation:  
**"No, the other right!"**  
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### What's News

(This section will include information which callers have shared about what they are doing. Please keep me honest by keeping me informed about what you are doing. Information that is received in writing will be much appreciated!)

- From New York:  
Recently the Times Squares of New York City attended the New Jersey State Convention. A group of 34 people attended and marched in the grand march.

Among those attending were callers Ron Masker and Howard Richman, they had the opportunity to call several tips during the course of the convention. They were very well received and hope do this again in the future.

In addition to calling in New Jersey, Ron and Howard have been busy calling dances for class-level dancers in the New York area on a regular (or fairly

regular) basis.

- From South Florida:

Chris Phillips of the South Florida Mustangs has begun calling for Jack Lasry's club in the South Florida area. Chris has studied calling under Jack for many years and has been a familiar face to many of us at the IAGSDC conventions.

In addition to the many hours a week that he spends calling for the Mustangs, Chris is calling at various levels for the Lasry club.

In the future, I hope to receive many more stories about IAGSDC callers from around the country. Hopefully, the sharing of many different experiences will prove to be valuable to others in the IAGSDC.

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Here's a look at life in other places:



**Breakfast on other planets**