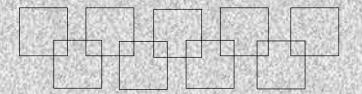
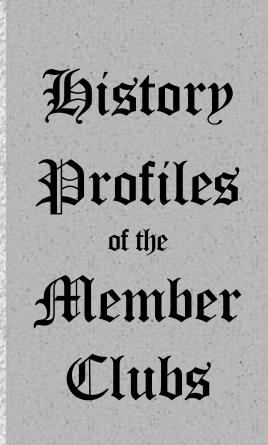
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## Chronology

CLUB	FOUNDING YEAR
South Florida Mustangs	February 1980
Capital Squares	April 1981
Mile High Squares	Fall 1981
Western Star Dancers	March 1982
Midnight Squares	Fall 1982
Rosetown Ramblers	February 1983
Fistful of Crinoline	March 1983
The Wilde Bunch	March 1983
Desert Valley Squares	August 1983
Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus	February 1984
BOQ	September 1984
Prime 8's	October 1985
Golden State Squares	January 1986
Chesapeake Squares	September 1986
Tinseltown Squares	February 1987
Cleveland City Country Dancers	June 1987
Triangle Squares	September 1987
Chi Town Squares	October 1987
Finest City Squares	February 1989
High Desert Stars	January 1991
Mountain Laurel Squares	September 1991

Name of Club	BOQ
City, State	Seattle, Washington
Anniversary Date	September 1984
Founder Name(s)	Agnes Smith, Doug McPherson, Gerry Crofford
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Founders of Emerald City Squares and Doppler Dancers
Original Club Program Level	C-1
Number graduated in first class	8
Who Taught first class	Group Effort
How many hours of instruction for first class	2 hrs/week
Primary teaching method of first class	Tapes
First Dance Location	Pilgrim Congregational Church
Origin of Club Name	From slogan among first class members to each other to Behave Or Quit
Badge Designer(s)	Jana Hollingworth
Banner Designer(s)	Jana Hollingworth
Banner Creator(s)	Jana Hollingworth

Name of Club	Capital City Squares
City, State	Sacramento, California
Anniversary Date	April 1981
Founder Name(s)	Karl Murray, Tom Corbin, Ed Chaney
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Traditional
Original Club Program Level	Basic and Mainstream
Number graduated in first class	36
Who Taught first class	Karl Murray
How many hours of instruction for first class	32 Lessons x 3 hrs/lesson = 96 hours
Primary teaching method of first class	In-house Instruction/Caller
First Dance Location	
Origin of Club Name	Capital of state
Badge Designer(s)	Art Katz, Larry Kellogg, Joel Dawes
Banner Designer(s)	Larry Kellogg, Judi Memea
Banner Creator(s)	Larry Kellogg, Judi Memea

Brief narrative of salient facts during the Club's first year

Extremely well received by gay community.

Name of Club	Chesapeake Squares
City, State	Maryland
Anniversary Date	September 1, 1986
Founder Name(s)	Terry Bruiekewa, Jeff Hess
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	None
Original Club Program Level	Basic
Number graduated in first class	36
Who Taught first class	Doug Barnett
How many hours of instruction for first class	36 Lessons x 2 hrs/lesson = 72 hours
Primary teaching method of first class	Professional Caller
First Dance Location	Gay Lesbian Community Center, Baltimore
Origin of Club Name	Maryland history, ie: crabs, famous in Maryland Chesapeake Bay
Badge Designer(s)	Russ Cashdollar
Banner Designer(s)	Russ Cashdollar
Banner Creator(s)	Russ Cashdollar

- 1. Interact with D.C. Lambda Squares
- 2. Became incorporated with by-laws
- $3.\ Member\ WASCA-local\ regional\ organization$
- 4. Sister club with Puddletown Squares, Seattle, Wa.

Name of Club	Chi Town Squares
City, State	Chicago, Illinois
Anniversary Date	October 20, 1987
Founder Name(s)	Jerry Cohen, Ron Goodman
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Jerry Cohen – S. Florida Mustangs, Ron Goodman – Seattle Clubs
Original Club Program Level	Basic/Mainstream
Number graduated in first class	36 (5/10/88)
Who Taught first class	Lowell Lathrop
How many hours of instruction for first class	29 Lessons x 2.5 hrs/lesson = 72.5 hours
Primary teaching method of first class	Professional Caller
First Dance Location	Wellington Avenue Church
Origin of Club Name	Chi Town is a common "nickname" for Chicago. Windy City Squares, another choice, is already being used by a local straight club.
Badge Designer(s)	Nick Kelly, Jerry Cohen
Banner Designer(s)	Larry Vincent & Tony Ruocco
Banner Creator(s)	Larry Vincent & Tony Ruocco

#### Brief narrative of salient facts during the Club's first year

The first year was spent exclusively on learning Basic/Mainstream. Our instructor/caller has taught about a dozen Plus calls also, but club members are being conservative and have had him concentrate on their fully absorbing BS/MS. We did a short exhibition dance (1 square) for a local AIDS benefit.

Name of Club	Cleveland City Country Dancers
City, State	Cleveland, Ohio
Anniversary Date	June 10, 1987
Founder Name(s)	Ed Schellhous
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Co Founder Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus
Original Club Program Level	Basic
Number graduated in first class	15
Who Taught first class	Ed Schellhous
How many hours of instruction for first class	3 hours – Graduation 1 year later
Primary teaching method of first class	Tapes w/A.P.D. Hash by Ed Schellhous
First Dance Location	A Man's World (bar location)
Origin of Club Name	Only western gay dance club in Cleveland
Badge Designer(s)	Ed Schellhous & Ric Boltz
Banner Designer(s)	Herb Reszka
Banner Creator(s)	Herb Reszka & Ed Schellhous & Ric Boltz

#### Brief narrative of salient facts during the Club's first year

Within our first year of dancing we performed at our Gay Pride picnic, and Columbus Gay Pride march, and various bars. Although the first years, we rarely got 8 together to dance, we now dance 50 at our class nights.

Name of Club	Desert Valley Squares
City, State	Phoenix, Arizona
Anniversary Date	August 1983
Founder Name(s)	Ted Oakes
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Callerlab
Original Club Program Level	Basic
Number graduated in first class	?
Who Taught first class	Ted Oakes
How many hours of instruction for first class	Lessons x hrs/lesson = hours
Primary teaching method of first class	Records/Tapes
First Dance Location	BRONCO'S BAR - Phoenix
Origin of Club Name	Other social clubs in Phoenix used Desert in name (Desert Sky Singers, Desert Adventures, Desert Overtures, etc) so we decided to be consistent
Badge Designer(s)	
Banner Designer(s)	Larry Gunter
Banner Creator(s)	Ron Erickson

Name of Club	Finest City Squares
City, State	San Diego, California
Anniversary Date	February 1989
Founder Name(s)	Dan Ramsey (Assistant Mgr. of Sundance Bar), Ralph Smith, Dean Hoffman, Ann Walker (Caller)
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Dan – no prior experience; Ralph – Golden State Squares & straight clubs; Dean – South Florida Mustangs; Ann – caller employed by club
Original Club Program Level	Mainstream thru Plus
Number graduated in first class	Approx 12 Feb 1990, Approx 16 due in June 1990
Who Taught first class	Ann Walker – Caller
How many hours of instruction for first class	Approx 18 thru the Basic 50
Primary teaching method of first class	Regular Employed caller Ann Walker
First Dance Location	SUNDANCER BAR, 2012 E. University, San Diego
Origin of Club Name	Began dancing on San Diego's "Finest City Week"
Badge Designer(s)	Doug More
Banner Designer(s)	
Banner Creator(s)	Boyd Bodily

#### Brief narrative of salient facts during the Club's first year

The club was started at the instigation of Dan Ramsey who contacted caller Ann Walker to start a class at the Sundancer Bar. After 8 weeks the bar closed so to avoid the group breaking up, Ann Walker invited the group to dance in her garage. After 6 weeks there we arranged to dance at W.C.P.C. where we still are. A class was begun in the fall of 1989 and another began in March 1990.

Name of Club	Fistful of Crinoline
City, State	Seattle, Washington
Anniversary Date	March 9, 1983
Founder Name(s)	Geoff Hamada, Gary Way, P.J. DeVino, Steven-James Meader, Agnes Smith
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Callerlab
Original Club Program Level	Basic/Mainstream
Number graduated in first class	N/A
Who Taught first class	N/A
How many hours of instruction for first class	N/A
Primary teaching method of first class	N/A
First Dance Location	
Origin of Club Name	Self generated by group
Badge Designer(s)	Robert Jones
Banner Designer(s)	Robert Jones
Banner Creator(s)	Joe Clovse & Geoff Hamada

Name of Club	Foggy City Dancers
City, State	San Francisco, California
Anniversary Date	November 1983
Founder Name(s)	Bill Whitefield, Ren Brown, Lori Faezell, Andrea Barton
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Callerlab, singing call oriented
Original Club Program Level	Mainstream
Number graduated in first class	25
Who Taught first class	Andrea Barton
How many hours of instruction for first class	20 Lessons x 2 hrs/lesson = 40 hours
Primary teaching method of first class	In-house Instruction/Caller
First Dance Location	BAYBRICK INN, Folsom & 6th
Origin of Club Name	Founders' idea adapted from name of previous club which they had purchased
Badge Designer(s)	Ren Brown
Banner Designer(s)	Paul Gfroerer
Banner Creator(s)	Paul Gfoerer and Dan Westergard

#### Brief narrative of salient facts during the Club's first year

The main focus was on advancing the club and its members from an all singing format to Callerlab teaching and use hash/patter calling. A great deal of time and effort went into the process of incorporating as a nonprofit organization. The club was involved with the formation and beginnings of the IAGSDC as well as learning how to's of running all the activities of a social/service organization.

Name of Club	Golden State Squares
City, State	Orange County, California
Anniversary Date	January 1986
Founder Name(s)	Bill Hartley, J.J. Gregory, Dale Jagodzinski, Jeff Wisniewski
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Callerlab
Original Club Program Level	Mainstream
Number graduated in first class	8
Who Taught first class	Dale and Bill
How many hours of instruction for first class	36 Lessons x 2 hrs/lesson = 72 hours
Primary teaching method of first class	In-house Instruction/Caller
First Dance Location	Orange County Gay Community Services Center
Origin of Club Name	Orange County didn't fit. From the Golden state. Not from specific city.
Badge Designer(s)	J.J.
Banner Designer(s)	J.J.
Banner Creator(s)	Aurelli Flag & Banner, Torrance

Name of Club	Grand River Squares
City, State	Grand Rapids, Michigan
Anniversary Date	
Founder Name(s)	Chuck Novak
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Traditional
Original Club Program Level	
Number graduated in first class	
Who Taught first class	
How many hours of instruction for first class	
Primary teaching method of first class	Records/Tapes
First Dance Location	Fountain Street Church
Origin of Club Name	
Badge Designer(s)	
Banner Designer(s)	
Banner Creator(s)	

#### Brief narrative of salient facts during the Club's first year

Not organized except for 10 weeks of beginning classes at this point. Hope to organize club next fall.

Name of Club	High Desert Stars
City, State	Santa Fe, New Mexico
Anniversary Date	January 29, 1991
Founder Name(s)	Peli Lee & Rebecca Henderson
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Peli – Wilde Bunch & El Camino Reelers Rebecca – Wilde Bunch
Original Club Program Level	Begin with Basic
Number graduated in first class	17 Members
Who Taught first class	Bill Eyler & Kris Jensen assisting
How many hours of instruction for first class	We met from 7 – 9 pm every Tuesday evening and crossed over in April
Primary teaching method of first class	Caller: Bill Eyler
First Dance Location	St. Bede's Church
Origin of Club Name	High Desert Stars voted upon by vote of founding (17) group
Badge Designer(s)	Founding group consensus (17)
Banner Designer(s)	Sue Armstrong, Kathy Thorpe
Banner Creator(s)	Lyn Payne, Andy Jiminez, T. Michael Vance

#### Brief narrative of salient facts during the Club's first year

On Sept. 7 Emmet Testeronni (Emmy Fell) and Simonne Deveraux (Andy Jiminez) were wed at the home of T. Michael Vance. All High Desert Stars were in attendance. On Halloween, the inlaws, the Deveraux hosted a Halloween celebration at the homes (Kathy Thorpe and Lyn Payne), where class II of the High Desert Stars glimmered at their first scial function. The Testeronnis are scheduled for a cruise this summer to Mexico. What will happen on the cruise? Who will wed this next fiesta week in Sept?

Name of Club	Midnight Squares
City, State	San Francisco, California
Anniversary Date	Fall 1982
Founder Name(s)	Richard Tuck and Rob Daoud
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Singing calls only
Original Club Program Level	Plus
Number graduated in first class	20
Who Taught first class	Richard Tuck
How many hours of instruction for first class	? Lessons x 4 hrs/lesson = ? hours
Primary teaching method of first class	Records/Tapes
First Dance Location	Private residence
Origin of Club Name	Sometimes danced until midnight
Badge Designer(s)	
Banner Designer(s)	
Banner Creator(s)	

#### Brief narrative of salient facts during the Club's first year

Club formed by dancers unsatisfied with not being able to dance calls learned from all positions

Name of Club	Mile High Squares
City, State	Denver, Colorado
Anniversary Date	Fall '81 / 10-85
Founder Name(s)	For 2nd generation – Doug Wollard, Bud Rhyne, Wayne Jakino, Leo Miller, Mitch Badholt, many others
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Callerlab
Original Club Program Level	Thru Plus
Number graduated in first class	8
Who Taught first class	Bob Sutherland, Bud Rhyne
How many hours of instruction for first class	25 Lessons x 2 hrs/lesson = 50 hrs
Primary teaching method of first class	Records/Tapes
First Dance Location	CHARLIES, 7900 S. Colfax
Origin of Club Name	Denver is the "Mile High City" – Elev. 5280 ft.
Badge Designer(s)	Leo Miller
Banner Designer(s)	Home Banner at CHARLIES  John Deslaesslier: Doug Wollard – based on badge
Banner Creator(s)	John Deslaesslier: Doug Wollard – based on badge

#### Brief narrative of salient facts during the Club's first year

Travel banner created by Bud Rhyne, Paul, Judy. Club originally part of Colorado Gay Rodeo Association and became independent in 1985.

Name of Club	Mountain Laurel Squares
City, State	Hartford, Connecticut
Anniversary Date	September 12, 1991
Founder Name(s)	Jim Rosipko
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Plus Dancer since 1983, on Board of straight club, became member of Times Squares 1987. Attended caller school summer of 1991
Original Club Program Level	Mainstream
Number graduated in first class	12 April 4, 1992
Who Taught first class	Jim Rosipko
How many hours of instruction for first class	52 hours
Primary teaching method of first class	Standard Caller/Instructor method per Callerlab including all current Revisions
First Dance Location	Hartford Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 1841 Broad St., Hartford, Ct.
Origin of Club Name	State flower of Connecticut
Badge Designer(s)	Mike Graham
Banner Designer(s)	Mike Graham
Banner Creator(s)	Pending

#### Brief narrative of salient facts during the Club's first year

We are still in our first year. I can not see anything outstanding from any point of view. Also there are no By-laws formed. The club will ask to be accepted into the IAGSDC as an associate member.

Name of Club	Prime 8's
City, State	Sacramento, California
Anniversary Date	October 1985
Founder Name(s)	Stan Boyden, Bill St. John, Greg Loe
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Callerlab
Original Club Program Level	Plus
Number graduated in first class	12
Who Taught first class	Greg Loe
How many hours of instruction for first class	Lessons x hrs/lesson = hrs
Primary teaching method of first class	In-house Instruction/Caller
First Dance Location	William Land Elementary School, 12 <sup>th</sup> & V St.
Origin of Club Name	Names suggested and voted on by members
Badge Designer(s)	Bill St. John
Banner Designer(s)	
Banner Creator(s)	

Name of Club	Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus
City, State	Denver, Colorado
Anniversary Date	February 14, 1984
Founder Name(s)	Karl Jaeckel, Dennis Cossey, Bud Rhyne, Mary Ann Hartnett, Larry Lowe
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Callerlab
Original Club Program Level	Completing Mainstream lessons
Number graduated in first class	Founders – 20 1st Class – 12
Who Taught first class	Karl Jaeckel
How many hours of instruction for first class	24 Lessons x 2 hrs/lesson = 48 hrs
Primary teaching method of first class	In-house Instruction/Caller
First Dance Location	OSCAR WILD'S / THE FOXHOLE (Bars)
Origin of Club Name	"Rocky Mountain Rainbows" decided on by majority of founding members. Shortly thereafter decided to accept "Rainbeaus" as club name to pick up square dance reference and the idea the couples would be same-sex couples
Badge Designer(s)	Dennis Cossey
Banner Designer(s)	Original Banner: Dennis Cossey, Linda MacGregor New Banner (PHX 88): Steve Anderson
Banner Creator(s)	Original Banner: Linda MacGregor New Banner (PHX 88): Steve Anderson

Name of Club	Rosetown Ramblers
City, State	Portland, Oregon
Anniversary Date	February 1983
Founder Name(s)	Neil Hutchins
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Callerlab
Original Club Program Level	Mainstream
Number graduated in first class	25-30
Who Taught first class	Jan Phipps
How many hours of instruction for first class	Lessons x hrs/lesson = hrs
Primary teaching method of first class	Professional Caller
First Dance Location	EMBERS (a bar)
Origin of Club Name	Version of the city's nickname, "Rose City"
Badge Designer(s)	Unknown
Banner Designer(s)	Bill Bender
Banner Creator(s)	Bill Bender

#### Brief narrative of salient facts during the Club's first year

During the 1st year (1983) the club graduated one M/S class and started two more. We held our first major event to include out of town guests, a Halloween dance and mainstream graduation ceremony in October 1983. We were a founding member of the IAGSDC.

Name of Club	South Florida Mustangs
City, State	South Florida
Anniversary Date	February 1
Founder Name(s)	Christopher Phillips
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Gay square danced before forming Mustangs
Original Club Program Level	Basic/Mainstream
Number graduated in first class	None
Who Taught first class	Chris Phillips
How many hours of instruction for first class	
Primary teaching method of first class	Records/Tapes
First Dance Location	DOUBLE-R BAR, Miami, Florida
Origin of Club Name	Dean Hoffman, (Dean suggested "Mustangs to go with Miami", was later changed to South Florida because of demographics)
Badge Designer(s)	Ken Diginova & committee, 1981
Banner Designer(s)	Jeff Frimet (1988 ver.), Dean Hoffman (1981 ver.)
Banner Creator(s)	Patrick Powloski

#### Brief narrative of salient facts during the Club's first year

First gay square dancing took place in 1976, at the Double-R bar in Miami, first exhibition in 1977. Due to poor organization, SF Mustangs were formed by then, teacher, Chris Phillips in 1979, Adopted in 1980 (February 1)

Name of Club	Tinseltown Squares
City, State	Los Angeles, California
Anniversary Date	February 1987
Founder Name(s)	Ben Teller, Jerry Stevens, Jack Newsbaum
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Callerlab
Original Club Program Level	Mainstream
Number graduated in first class	6
Who Taught first class	Ben Teller
How many hours of instruction for first class	38 Lessons x 2.5 hrs/lesson = 95 hrs
Primary teaching method of first class	In-house Instruction/Caller/Records/Tapes
First Dance Location	Trinity Episcopal Church
Origin of Club Name	Ben Teller; Hollywood = Tinseltown
Badge Designer(s)	
Banner Designer(s)	Dennis Akazawa
Banner Creator(s)	Dennis Akazawa, Ben Teller, Carl Walsea, Dan Bray

#### Brief narrative of salient facts during the Club's first year

Organized February 1987. First class BS/MS Sept. '87, A1 Sept. '87, First caller dance November '87. Aids food drive December '87. Advertising in Open Squares began February '88 with our Anniversary dance.

Name of Club	Triangle Squares
City, State	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Anniversary Date	September 17, 1987
Founder Name(s)	Len de Graaf, Andrew Chow, Chris Homer
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Almost None
Original Club Program Level	Basic
Number graduated in first class	N/A
Who Taught first class	Anne Uebelacker
How many hours of instruction for first class	
Primary teaching method of first class	Professional Caller
First Dance Location	Community Centre, 519 Church St.
Origin of Club Name	Something hokey about 3 of us, and pink triangle
Badge Designer(s)	Ray Mullin
Banner Designer(s)	N/A
Banner Creator(s)	N/A

#### Brief narrative of salient facts during the Club's first year

Two annual visits (1986 & 1987) by Times Squares group from New York engineered enough enthusiasm to get class going.

Name of Club	Western Star Dancers
City, State	San Francisco, California
Anniversary Date	Friday, March 5, 1982
Founder Name(s)	Scott Carey, Ron Douglass, Agnes Smith, Dennis Ficken, Roger Perry
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Traditional
Original Club Program Level	Mainstream
Number graduated in first class	12 + / -
Who Taught first class	Bill Klein
How many hours of instruction for first class	10 Lessons x12 hr/lesson = 10 hrs
Primary teaching method of first class	In-house Instruction/ Caller
First Dance Location	ACT Studio, 450 Geary St.
Origin of Club Name	From Anne McCaffrey science fiction novels about the Red Star changed to Western Star Dancers.
Badge Designer(s)	Mark Carey
Banner Designer(s)	Original – Roger Perry, Official – Dennis Ficken
Banner Creator(s)	Freeman Stamper/Dennis Ficken

#### Brief narrative of salient facts during the Club's first year

First callerlab style class started May 10, 1982 at Central YMCA. Second class started Sept. 13 at 2.5 hrs per session. Two big dances held Oct. 22-23 and Nov 26th both with live caller Dave "Happy New Year". Many members visited Denver Nov 12, 1982 & Miami Feb 12-20, 1983. Third Class began Feb. 9, 1983 with Phil Payton, Club caller.

Name of Club	The Wilde Bunch
City, State	Albuquerque, New Mexico
Anniversary Date	March 23, 1983
Founder Name(s)	Don Durham
Prior Square Dance experience of Founder(s)	Callerlab
Original Club Program Level	Basic
Number graduated in first class	10
Who Taught first class	Don Durham
How many hours of instruction for first class	20 Lessons x 2 hrs/lesson = 40 hrs
Primary teaching method of first class	Records/Tapes
First Dance Location	Adams den
Origin of Club Name	Don thought it was catchy with a dual meaning – although it actually refers to Oscar Wilde, it sounds as if it is a Wild group.
Badge Designer(s)	Jim Rospopo
Banner Designer(s)	Jim Rospopo
Banner Creator(s)	Jim Rospopo

#### Brief narrative of salient facts during the Club's first year

Don was learning from straight local groups while teaching and learning to (singing only) call. No club structure at that time, Don did most everything. Unable to interest females at that time. More emphasis on performance at that time.

#### **ADDENDUM**

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Minor alterations to formatting so all pages remain consistent:

Text placement in "Origin of Club Name" moved to lower line on pp. 2, 7, 8, 14, 16, 21

Empty line in "Banner Designer(s)" removed on p. 1

A note about Rosetown Ramblers, p.18 makes a claim that it is a founding member of IAGSDC. This is incorrect. Rosetown is a <u>charter</u> member of IAGSDC.