

Welcome to Tech Squares

Now that you have graduated from our class, you are an official member of Tech Squares. Congratulations! We've prepared this information sheet for you to help your transition from the class to the club. If you have any questions, please ask a club member or refer to our website (www.mit.edu/tech-squares).

There are lots of useful resources on our website, including announcements, schedules, room and location information, call definitions, and our constitution and standing policies. There's also a link to our Google Calendar.

Every week, we send out an email to the club mailing list with announcements for the week. As graduates, you will be automatically added to this list.

We also maintain some subsidiary mailing lists to discuss club or dance-related business, make announcements about round dancing, and to keep the community aware of non-club or even non-dance social events.

To subscribe to any of these lists, visit the appropriate URL:

Discussion: <http://mailman.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/tech-squares-discuss>

Round dancing: <http://mailman.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/tech-squares-rounds>

Social: <http://mailman.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/tech-squares-social>

Since our class moves so fast, you may feel uncertain about your dance ability, especially the calls that were taught in the last few weeks. Attending regularly and dancing a lot are the best way to get better fast. Tech Squares will continue to meet every week at 8:00. When there is not a class in session, weekly dances alternate between club-level squares and rounds. Club-level squares are open to all club members. If you're feeling rusty, we're happy to support you.

Rounds are grouped by level. Rounds classes take place Tuesdays at 7, before the weekly dance. For more information about round dancing, see the information sheet in your graduation folder, or talk to one of the people you see dancing rounds.

Tuesdays will feel a bit different without the structure of the class, but we are all there to help you. The first thing you'll need to do is be proactive about finding your own partner. Your classmates are a good resource, as are all of

the angels you met over the course of the term. Just ask, “Would you like to dance the next tip?” If someone turns you down, don’t take it personally—he or she may already have a partner or be looking to sit out for a while. Do not feel obligated to dance with anyone who makes you uncomfortable. A simple “No, thank you” will suffice. If you have trouble finding partners, feel free to talk to your Class Coordinator or any other club member. Please find a partner before joining a square, unless you’re helping to fill out the last square in the back of the hall.

If you feel like you need additional help with specific calls, ask other club members for help. Our club members are all at different levels, and we enjoy learning, so take advantage of our mutual curiosity and ask for support. The best way to raise your level of dancing is to practice. It helps to dance with a variety of different partners.

Also be aware that the officers are available to you if you have any troubling concerns, delicate questions, or helpful recommendations. Officers wear badges with their title below their club badges so that you can always find the right person. Any club member can help you find who you’re looking for.

The elected officers (effective May 19, 2015):

President: Jason Gross
Vice President: Alex Dehnert
Treasurer: Hans Liu
Vice Treasurer: Kevin Chen
Publicity Coordinator: Beth Rosen-Filardo
Class Coordinator: Veronica Boyce
Member-at-Large: Brittany Huhmann

One last thing: Tech Squares’s weekly dances happen smoothly due to a commitment from club member volunteers. We need club members to help with weekly jobs such as rounds setup, squares setup, working the check-in desk, and cleanup. If you are attending weekly dances regularly, we ask that you sign up for a job about once a month. We’ll provide complete instructions and any help you need. It’s a great way to meet people and to contribute to the club, so we urge you to respond to the call for volunteers.

We hope that you have found our class fun, interesting and effective, and we encourage you to invite your friends to our next class.

Welcome to Tech Squares! We look forward to dancing with you!