



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 17, 2016

From Doug and Jan Bergesen, Swinging Stars President:

We would like everyone to mark your calendar so you can attend the President's Day dance on January 23rd with the Dixie Chainers, so we can get in FREE!

It was exciting to see the lesson room for square dancing almost full last week. Thank you to everyone who put in the effort to continue our favorite pastime. A special thanks to Linda Harris for her efforts in getting the local media to get the word out. She even chased couples around the walking track at the Rec. Center to bring them into the lessons.

Remember!! Our next dance is January 30th not January 22nd. If you show up at Shepard Elementary School you will be alone, or with the other forgetters.

Doug and Jan

Happening This Week

Tuesday, January 19 – Ladies Luncheon – at 11:30AM at the Abuelos Mexican Restaurant in Plano.

Tuesday, January 19 – Round Dance Lessons begin at 7:15PM to 9:15PM at the Carpenter Rec. Center in Plano.

Tuesday, January 19 – Square Dance Lessons begin at 7:15PM to 9:15PM at the Carpenter Rec. Center in Plano.

Friday, January 22 – Regular Club Dance – CANCELLED

Saturday, January 23 – Of Interest Visit to Dixie Chainers – President's Day Dance – Early Rounds: 7:00PM. Grand March: 7:30PM at the Farmers Branch Senior Center.

Sunday, January 24 – Singing Call / Round Dance of the Year – 7:30PM – 9:30PM at Swingtime Center

Announcements

Square Dance Lessons

Lessons Start – Tuesday January 12th

“The Lesson Committee” is working every day to ensure our leads are contacted and nurtured along. If you have someone in mind (and haven’t submitted their names), bring them on January 12th for the first two free

lessons. We want/need a successful set of lessons in January to perpetuate our favorite club activity. Each of you needs to help with the effort. It can't be done without your support. See you there!

It's not too late! Wear your t-shirt, strike up conversations with people who serve you (bank teller, grocery store worker, doctor, and dentist are some I've talked to the last couple of weeks) and invite them to our last free lesson on Tuesday, January 19, from 7:00 – 9:15. After that, they will naturally want to take lessons!

Angels are needed to assist our students. If you would like to help out, just show up at the Carpenter Rec. Center at 7:00 on Tuesday. It's fun, you'll have a blast.

Anniversary Dance Update

You will be receiving an e-mail from Nina soon about everyone's chosen duties along with directions to the venue. Be looking for it.

SEP 2016 Germany/Austria Square Dance Tour

If you like to travel and to square dance, you don't want to miss this tour. The featured callers are Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine! Yes, it costs \$5570 per person but you get a whole lot for that money, including:

- round trip air (with hotel transfers)
 - 2 weeks (13-27 September 2016) of hotel
 - virtually all meals
 - exciting daily tours in Germany & Austria
- (see long itinerary <http://crisptours.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Intinerary-SD-Long-2016-NEW2.pdf>)
- evening square dancing (almost all featuring Jerry & Tony).

Although there is still room on the second tour bus, the organizers are confident it will sell out (as it's done with previous tours). You have until 01 FEB 2016 to make a \$250 deposit per person (all but \$50 of which is refundable by that date). As your main portal to a wealth of info on this tour, visit <http://crisptours.com/2016-square-dance-tour/>.

We (Jim & Knarik Bondi) have reserved our spot and are beginning to get excited about what awaits us next September. We really hope several of you will join us on this adventure. If you have questions, I'll be glad to answer them as best I can (j.bondi@ieee.org, cell: 214-226-5922). But, also feel free to email tour organizer Tom Crisp at tom@crisptours.com for expert answers to any of your questions. I did. He responded quickly and was very helpful.

Jim & Knarik Bondi

Demonstration Opportunity

February 21 is the official Sunday birthday party for the City of Frisco. We are hoping to have square dancing demos in the depot from 2 - 4 p.m., chamber music in the chapel from 2:30 -3:30, and animals on display in the muse house from 1:30 -3:30. I also have a senior from Legacy Christian who is going to play the fiddle from 1-2 p.m. in the Depot. Please contact me if you are interested. It's going to be at the Frisco Heritage Museum located at 6455 Page Street, Frisco, TX. The best part is the dance is FREE. Yours Truly will be calling.

Richard Covington (richard.covington@sbcglobal.net)

* * * From Your 2nd VP's, Dave and Lorraine Burson* * *
2nd VP Report for January 17, 2016

Official Visitation Dance

Friday, Jan 15 T Square Gadabouts

Rick Smith Retirement Dance.

Two hundred twenty-one square dancers from all over north Texas gathered to pay tribute to Rick Smith by attending this special dance to show appreciation for his fine calling and support for the NORTEX. What a wonderful crowd this was. Rick called an outstanding dance. Everyone enjoyed dancing as he called some of our favorite tunes. Rick was presented with the Texas Callers Prestige Award. An award to proudly recognize Texas Callers who have called for more than 20 Years in Texas and contributed to the overall success of Square Dancing in Texas. Congratulations, Rick you well deserved this award.

Thank you Swinging Stars for supporting our visitation and traveling to Ft. Worth to show our appreciation to Rick Smith's 51 years calling and giving us uncountable hours of fun and fellowship for our favorite pastime pleasure. Seventeen members were in attendance P. Amy, Bursons, Esteps, Evantos, Hamms, Harriss, Hawkinss, Putnam-Heintz, and Sees.

Unscheduled Visitation

Friday, Jan 15 Texas Reelers

National Hat Day Dance

8 Swinging Stars visited the Texas Reelers in Richardson on Friday for their "National Hat Day Dance." Veteran club caller Deborah Carroll Jones called squares while rounds were cued by Chris Farabaugh. With long-time club cuer Jack von der Heide just retired, the Reelers are "looking at" Chris for 3 dances, after which he may be made full-time cuer. Given the way round dancers this night packed the floor between tips, the Reelers will clearly want to "latch onto Chris" as their new club cuer. Way to go Chris! Not to be outdone, Deborah Carroll Jones offered square dancers a good mix of patter and singing calls. As the evening progressed, she changed hats at least 4 times, each hat donned especially for the associated song used in that particular singing call. It was terrific entertainment. Thank you to these Swinging Stars who attended Bondis, Jimisons, Pharrs, and Rows. Thank you to Jim Bondi for this report.

Dance of Interest

Saturday, Jan 16 Rebel Rousers

Rock Around the Clock

17 Swinging Stars visited the Rebel Rousers in Richardson on Saturday for their "Rock Around the Clock" (1950's attire) dance. Many poodle skirts adorned lovely lady dancers at this event. Beloved area cuer Christine Hixson managed rounds during the evening, offering dancers a well balanced range of difficulties and rhythms as only Christine can. Highly sought national caller, Scott Bennett of Oklahoma, managed the evening's squares. The many who came primarily to hear Scott's patented high-paced, often sophisticated, call sequences were NOT disappointed. My corner in one square was seemingly in a state of "pleased but mild shock," looking at me, smiling, a bit breathless, and saying something like "Man, he calls fast." (She'd never experienced Scott before but was thoroughly enjoying her first time.) As the evening progressed, Scott managed to give everyone something to enjoy, occasionally slowing things down and/or offering "verbal assistance" for those needing it ... but quite often pushing speed and sophistication to the floor's limit before then backing off just a bit. All in all, it was an exhilarating evening of dancing. Special thanks to these Swinging Stars who attended P. Amy, Bondis, Esteps, Evantos, Harrises, Putnam/Heintz, Lees, Sees, and Smith/Hardin (as Solitaires). Thank you to Jim Bondi for this report.

Banner Report

We currently have 12 banners that we have captured and one that we need to retrieve. As usual if you are visiting one of the clubs listed in the captured banners below and they want to give you a banner, don't accept it.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin	Oct-10-15
Diamond Jubileers	Mar-14-15
Dixie Chainers	Mar-28-15
Lone Star Solos	Mar-12-15
Rebel Rousers	Nov-21-15
Roadrunners	May 30-15
Solitaires	Nov-7-15
Texas Reelers	Dec-18-15
Trail Blazers	Sept-9-15
T Square Gadabouts	Feb-20-15
Triangle Squares	Sept-18-15
Tri-City Promenaders	Jan-24-15

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Kissin Kuzzins	Dec-12-15

JANUARY VISITATION SCHEDULE AND COMING EVENTS

LET'S STRIVE TO KEEP SQUARE DANCING ALIVE

Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, Jan 19 Abuelos Mexican Restaurant

This month we will be having lunch at Abuelos Mexican Restaurant on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 11:30. This Abuelos is located at 3420 N Central Plano. I (Lorraine) wanted to host this month and hope we will have a large turn out. I would like to have your reservation by the 18th so I can give them a head count the day before. Please reply to Lorraine@Bursons.us or 972-396-0941. You can check out Abuelos menu by going to www.abuelos.com

Dance of Interest

Saturday, Jan 23 Dixie Chainers

Presidents Day Dance

Pay attention to this article. I love this idea. The Dixie Chainers came up with a great idea. Since it is Presidents Day they are inviting all the club presidents to come and dance for free. The only catch is that the club has to come along and back them up. I know you all will enjoy dancing to the fine calling of Vernon Jones and cueing of Jack von der Heide. Don't be late!

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Grand March 7:30
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center
14055 Dennis Lane
Farmers Branch

Dance of Interest

Sunday, Jan 24 North Texas Callers Association

Singing Call/Round Dance of the Year

Vote for your favorite song performed by your favorite Caller, Cuer or Duet. The dance is free to all dancers attending.

Quick Look Time: 7:30 to 9:30,
 Caller and Cuers: Members of the NTCA
 Location: Swingtime Center 5100 E Loop 820, Ft. Worth

Official Visitation Dance

Friday, Jan 29, Triangle Squares

Cattle Baron's Ball

Join the Triangle Squares as they celebrate their 41st Anniversary. They will be celebrating Texas's cowboy heritage. Wear your dressiest western clothes. They always have a fun dance and they have great cooks out there in the Wild West of Denton, Texas. I am guessing there will be lots of good home cooking.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds 7:30, Grand March 8:00
Guest Caller: Bobby Willis
Club Caller/Cuer: Toby Thomason
Location: Denton Civic Center
321 East McKinney St
Denton, Texas

Round Dance of Interest

Sunday, Jan 31 Harvest Holiday

Afternoon of Round Dancing

Phases 2, 3, and 4.

Cued by Area instructors

Time: 2:00 to 5:00

\$8:00 per dancer

All Proceeds to be donated to the Swingtime

Refreshments Duty and Information

¹ See also the discussion of the relationship between the two in D. E. Gitterman, *Environmental Decision Making: A Political-Economic Analysis* (New York: Academic Press, 1978), pp. 11-12.

January 30 - February 12 Anniversary Dance all members invited
Pitts, Lee, Jimison, Hancher and

February 12 - Pitts, Lee, Jimison, Henn
February 26 See Bow, Kern, Lexsom

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc. without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents to see if they are already in inventory.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

Square Dancin' With the Swinging Stars

41st Anniversary Dance



Caller
Wayne Baldwin



Guest Caller
Scott Bennett



Cuer
Walter & Eula Brewer

Saturday, January 30, 2016

All Saints Catholic Church
5231 Meadowcreek Dr. Dallas

Early Rounds 7:00
Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Dancing in the Fellowship Hall for better Acoustics

Salad Supper with Desserts in the Gym

Money Raffle Honey Pot Quilt Raffle

Dancers under 18 dance for free with a paying adult

For info: 972-834-3097 or president@swingingstars.org
Visit our Web Site: www.swingingstars.org



Swinging Stars

Mid Winter

Warm Your Heart Dance

February

26, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin



Early Rounds: 7:00

Grand March: 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Drive., Plano

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by paying adults

Banners Honey Pot Great Dancing Good Food

For info: 972-467-4973 or president@swingingstars.org



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Important dates for the next year (you should have these on your calendar!):

January 30, 2016 – Swinging Stars 41st Anniversary Dance

June 22 – 25, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854>

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at lhhamm45@gmail.com or phone her at 214-872-7219. Please contact her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

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