



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for April 3, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

This coming Friday, April 8, 2016 we will have our first Friendship dance in a long time. Friendship dances are successful or a failure based on what YOU put into them. If you are supportive and excited about the event it will be successful. Please plan to be there – you will have two callers and two cuers to dance to. Opportunity to dance with some dancers we do not dance with often as they normally dance on the same night we do. Please come and enjoy this opportunity.

On April 22, 2016 we will have a New Dancer dance. So, why am I telling you about it now? Because I want your help. It has been suggested that we have a mini-garage sale\give away of old square dance clothing for our new students to help them get started in the Square Dance life. The perfect excuse to clean out your closets! Please bring any items that you wish to donate to the dance on the 22nd and we will set them up on a table or two or three for our students.

Read all the way to the end of the Newsletter as the “Important Dates” are starting to get filled in for the year.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

Tuesday, April 5 – Square Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Tuesday, April 5 – Round Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Wednesday – Plus 4's

Friday, April 8 – Texas Reelers – Swinging Stars – Rockwall Squares Friendship Dance – our loction

Saturday, April 9 – Dixie Chainers – 55th Annual Luau – Vernon Jones & Ray Savell calling – Jack von der Heide cueing

Announcements

Square Dance Lessons Update: -- Mark and Karen Hawkins

Four lessons to go and our students are very enthusiastic! They are excited about being able to attend the New Dancer dances in the area—and a little nervous. That is why it is so important that we support them by attending the dances and inviting them to dance with us. They already know that we are a friendly and welcoming club and would love to meet more of our members!

We would like to thank the following angels for your help last Tuesday: Williams, Covintons (Jan was a "boy" all evening), T. Evanto, Bursons, Esteps, Sees. P. Amy, and Hamms. We couldn't do it without you!

Normally, we need more Angels than we have attending so please try to help this Tuesday!

Round Dance Lessons Update: -- Lucy Hamm

Students in the Swinging Stars intermediate round dance lessons continue to progress with rumba and chacha steps. The Peltons were creative this week in order to teach two important rumba /chacha steps. There is a good reason one cue is called a Hockeystick..the woman takes steps in that pattern. With blue painters tape in a hockeystick pattern on the floor, the students learned Fan to a Hockeystick. The visual helps with the ending angle of the hockeystick (as used by the Dallas Stars). They also learned One Hundred and Two which is a nice slow chacha. This dance contains the Fan, the Hockeystick, and Vine 2 Face to Face and Vine 2 Back to Back (which were taught last week). The students chose 2 dances, which are their confidence builders, to end the evening. These were Beach Party Cha and Just Another Woman In Love (a Hamm favorite rumba).

Texas Reelers:

Please help spread the word the Texas Reelers will NOT have a plus dance on April 29 as stated in the April Promenade.

2nd VP Report – 03 April 2016 Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

DBD Plus – A2 Weekend

Friday-Saturday 18-19 March, Texas DBD Academy

Swinging Stars members Tom and Vicki Evanto, along with 5 other couples from the DFW Metroplex area, attended this weekend dance in Georgetown, TX. The DBD Academy is targeted at experienced Plus and Higher Level square dancers looking for more challenge and variety. The nationally known caller was Bill Harrison from Maryland. This year's DBD Academy included four 2-hour Plus sessions over two days preceded by a separate 3-hour A2-level session. The dancing was fast paced with challenging choreography that was enjoyed as well as appreciated by all participants. All attendees are looking forward to next year.

Student "A" Dance, All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 30 April – Plus 4s –

From 6:15 – 7:30, veteran caller Charles Quizenberry (aka "Quiz") called a special introductory "A" dance for the students now taking his A1/A2 lessons. Joined by enough veteran "A and C" dancers to flesh out 3 squares total, students enjoyed about 75 minutes of real A-dancing floor time. Although the calls were intentionally kept simple and some mistakes were inevitably made, new dancers found the experience, though sometimes a bit scary, invaluable and enjoyable. Later, 16 Swinging Stars, along with numerous dancers from other clubs, enjoyed the main all-Plus dance always called so masterfully by Quiz. Quiz's primary surprise for the roughly

5 squares of dancers this evening was Spin Chain Double Exchange the Gears from a left-handed wave. To get this right, as some squares did, the “snakes” go passing left shoulders but then return passing right shoulders, to end in parallel right-handed waves. One square of experienced “A” dancers also enjoyed an A1/A2 tip that Quiz now usually adds in the later part of the main dance. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars who attended the main dance: P. Amy, Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, T. Evanto, Halvorsons, Hawkins, Heintz/Putnam, and Sees.

Official Visit -- Square + Round Dance

Friday 01 April – Texas Reelers –“April in Paris” Dance:

21 Swinging Stars visited the Texas Reelers in Richardson, TX Saturday for their “April in Paris” dance. Popular new club cuer, Chris Farabaugh, cued all rounds while Texas Hall of Fame guest caller, Dave Vieira called the squares. On rounds, Chris cued a nice mix of rhythms and phases all night long, keeping all dancers, even beginners, engaged, enthusiastic, and smiling. For his part, Dave called a terrific evening of squares and, as area dancers have come to expect and eagerly anticipate, made common calls interesting through clever and sometimes surprising sequencing. His featured singing call of the night was Stevie Wonder’s “My Cherie Amour” which, given its couple words of French, fit the evening’s dance theme well, as did the few French berets atop some dancers heads. All attendees had a wonderful time. A huge thank you to these Swinging Stars who attended: Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, Harrises, Heintz/Putnam, Lees, Pharrs, Pitts, Sees, Smith/Hardin, and C. Wolfe. With this great turnout, we both retrieved our banner and captured theirs.

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 02 April – Solitaires:

10 Swinging Stars traveled to Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch, TX on Saturday evening to dance with our friends the Solitaires. Squares were choreographed by popular club caller, Bobby Willis, while rounds were delivered by popular club cuer, JL Pelton. Overall, J.L. delivered a great mix of rhythms and difficulties during the evening. However, knowing that students from his current class were present (having taken advantage the Solitaires’ generous “free entry for Pelton students” offer), J.L cued many easy Chas & Rhumbas especially for their enjoyment. On Squares, Bobby Willis delivered his usual entertaining and balanced evening of calling. A small surprise occurred when, from a left-handed wave with guys as centers, he told the guys to “chain across” (and then ultimately get courtesy-turned by the far girl, ending with sashayed, facing couples). Some got this, some didn’t … leading to a moment of frantic scrambling and repair in some squares. Overall, the evening was enjoyable and memorable. A big thank you to these Swinging Stars who attended: Bondis, Burson, Esteps, Heintz/Putnam, and Sees. With this turnout, we captured the Solitaires banner.

Round Dance Weekend

Friday-Sunday 01-03 April – ORDA Spring Festival –

This past weekend, Swinging Stars and Dance Arounds members Bill & Wendy Perrott and Ralph & Lucy Hamm traveled to Sequoyah State Park Lodge in Wagoner, OK for some exciting round dancing at the Oklahoma Round Dance Association (ORDA) Spring Festival. The coordinators for this event were Linda and Paul Robinson assisted by Karen and Ed Gloodt representing ORDA. There were 6 excellent cuers including Karen, Linda and Paul (who are both cuers) and Swinging Stars cuer, Walter Brewer. Dancers came from all over the state of Oklahoma. Five members of Walter's Coterie Cotillion (OKC) and five couples from Karen's Rainbow Rounds (FW) were among the attendees.

Of the 103 dances chosen by the attendees, 23 were waltzes, 16 were rumbas, 13 were jives and 9 were boleros. All other rhythms were represented by several dances except two-step, represented by only one dance. (Slow Two Step which is a different rhythm had 4.) On Saturday morning Karen Gloodt taught a lovely intricate phase 5 rumba called Si Manuna Tu No Estas. Linda and Paul Robinson taught a phase 4 Hesitation Canter waltz, Love Is On the Way. The Perrots and Hamms bravely decided to take the Hesitation Canter workshop/teach. HCW is a new rhythm with different timing, some different cues, but it is still a waltz style. The timing was challenging.

RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Miscellaneous Dancing Reports

If you're an active Swinging Star who visits frequently and wants to submit a SHORT report on a unique dancing visit that otherwise would not get covered here, you can submit it to 2ndvp@swingingstars.org by no later than mid Sunday afternoon for inclusion here in that night's newsletter. Please include the names of fellow Swinging Stars who attended with you plus a few salient details (such as club, location, caller, cuer).

BANNER REPORT

We currently hold 6 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 1 Swinging Stars banners captured from us. Overall banner status is detailed below. Remember, if you visit a club whose banner we already hold, please do not accept another of their banners.

Other Club Banners Held by Us

Club	Date Captured
Solitaires	02-Apr-2016
Texas Reelers	01-Apr-2016
Tri-City Promenaders	26-Mar-2016
Dixie Chainers	28-Mar-2015
Diamond Jubileers	14-Mar-2015
T Square Gadabouts	20-Feb-2015

Swinging Stars Banners Held at Other Clubs

Club	Date Captured
Kissin Kuzzins	25-Mar-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Our Dance

Friday 08 April – Swinging Stars – Friendship Dance w Rockwall Squares

Callers: Wayne Baldwin (SS), Wayne Shoemaker (RS)

Cuers: J.L. Pelton (SS), Barb Yeargan (RS)

Square Workshop: 7:00, Early Plus: 745, Grand March: 8:00

Shepard Elementary School

1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 09 April – Dixie Chainers – 55th “Annual Luau” Dance

Caller: Verson Jones (club), Ray Savell (guest)

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March 7:35

Farmers Branch Senior Center

14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX

All-Plus + Round Dance Weekend

Friday-Sunday 08-10 April – Log Cabin Swingers – 16th Annual “Swing Into Spring”

Caller: Jerry Story

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Fri: Early Rounds 7:30, Dance 8:00

Sat: Workshops 9:00-2:30, DBD Dance 2:30-3:00, Rounds 7:30, Dance 8:00, Party 10:00

Sun: Bkfst 8:00, Gospel Music 9:15, Dance 9:30-11:00

Promenade Hall

1210 N. Tool Dr.(Hwy 274), Tool, TX

Refreshments Duty and Information

April 8:	Deluke , Mosher, Covington, Trujillo
April 22:	Nejdl , Pharr, Sherman, Schweers
May 13, 2016	Jimison , Colter, Kilejian, Amy
May 27, 2016	McGuire , Bergesen, Evanto, Feldman
June 10, 2016	Row , Smith, Whipple, Rickert
June 24, 2016	Halvorson , Dennison, Hawkins, Kendrick
July 8, 2016	Bondi , Maier, Hamm, Whitaker
July 22, 2016	Burson , Perrott, Putnam-Heintz, Williams

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

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team.

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

April 8, 2016 – Friendship dance with Rockwall Squares – our dance location. 2 Club Callers – 2 Club Cuers – good food – what more can you ask for.

June 12, 2016 – Wayne Baldwin's Annual Fish Fry

June 16 – 19 – Texas State Square Dance Festival – Waco, TX

June 21 – 24, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

June 24 – Friendship Dance – Rebel Rousers – Our Location – Wayne Baldwin – J.L. Pelton & Christine Hixon

July 10, 2016 – General Club Meeting – Spring Creek Barbeque, Frisco, TX – 3 – 5 PM

October 14, 2016 – Swinging Stars DD Dance – Probably an Oktoberfest theme since the end of the month is Round-UP. Details still being worked out.

October 28 - 30, 2016 – Callers Cavalcade and NORTEX Oktoberfest (Round-UP)

December 2, 2016 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party at Haggard Party Barn. March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance

September 22, 2017 – Swinging Stars DD Dance (Something Special)

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 llhamm45@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.

Kathy & Bob Estep
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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:



Swinging Stars Square and Round Dance Club

NEW DANCER DANCE



**Club Officers and Members: Bring Your New Dancers and Students
Students: Please Wear Your Students Badges For Free Admission**

Friday April 22, 2016

Caller:

Wayne Baldwin

Cuer:

Walter Brewer

Early Rounds 7:00 Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00 (All Mainstream)

Rounds and Line Dancing between tips

Hot Hash after last tip

Banners Honey Pot Fun Food Fellowship

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, Tx

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied by adults

For Info: 972-618-3640 OR president@swingingstars.org

Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org

