



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for June 24th, 2018

Message from the President

Dave and Lorraine Burson

This has been a busy week for us. We are trying to wind down many tasks to be finished before I have my Surgery on Monday. We have completed the design for the Tri-Fold advertisement for the lessons coming up in Sept. Now I can rest feeling confident that this part of our obligation to the lessons committee is done. Some time in late July or early August the club will be receiving the Tri-folds to be distributed to business, libraries, Rec. Centers, friends and family. We hope you will take advantage of these Tri-folds to promote Square Dancing. Try referring to Square Dancing as Modern Western Square Dancing which is what the Caller Lab is currently recommending by offering a new image to our favorite pastime. We are hopeful that this will stimulate more interest in Square Dancing.

Report on the Square Dance Lessons

Lucy and Ralph Hamm

Square Dance Lessons will start on September 4th. What WE ALL need to be doing now is making sure all our friends know how great square dancing is and letting them know that we have lessons coming up. Your personal contact with your friends is the best way to get people into this wonderful activity!

Thanks to all who have signed up to angel at the lessons. We would like to have one or two more couples lined up to angel. Let Jodie Baldwin or the Hamms know if you can help.

LESSONS ADVERTINGS!!!

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Feel free to develop your own ads, flyers, etc., or use what we've already developed. If you prefer me to do it, send me your ideas. LindaHarristx@hotmail.com

Below is what's been done so far. Get your name on this list.

- 1) Frisco Style - done 6/9/18 - should be in next issue - Harris
- 2) Plano Profile Magazine - done 6/9/18 <https://planomagazine.com/plano-events/events/beginner-square-dance-lessons/> - Harris
- 3) Nextdoor - each of you should submit something on your neighborhoods' "nextdoor" website>> <https://nextdoor.com/>
- 4) Bubble Life - Plano, Allen, Richardson, Dallas - coming soon - Harris

5) Dallas Morning News Senior Calendar - Nevin Mulvin to input
 6) Plano Parks and Rec Center Facebook page - Jodie is pursuing
 Everyone should do something to support online advertising and lessons.
 Support our favorite activity!!

Linda and Charlie Harris

Happening This Week

Sunday, June 24th – **NORTEX Round-Up Kick-Off**

Mike Bramlett & Christine Hixson
 4:30 PM Early Rounds – 5:00 PM Squares

Thursday, June 28th – **Lone Star Solos – Pre-Roundup Dance** – Double signature dance

Dave Vieira & Chris Farabaugh
 7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:30 PM Grand March

Friday, June 29th – **Triangle Squares – Schmidt Beach** – Double Deal Dance

Toby Thomason, Yim Tyl & Chris Farabaugh
 7:30 PM Workshop – 8:00 PM Grand March

2nd VP Report

From Ron and Donita See

There will be a couple of very good dances this week. The Lone Star Solos will be having the first of many Pre-Round-Up dances in anticipation of the annual NORTEX Round-Up. And on Friday the Schmidt family will be having a Beach Party. These are both double signature dances and should be a lot of fun.

Our current Swinging Star banner inventory is shown below. If you visit a club whose banner we have, please don't bring home another one.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	25. Mar. 2017
Log Cabin Swingers	6. May. 2017
Triangle Squares	30. Sep. 2017
Tri-City Promenaders	31. Mar. 2018
T-Square Gadabouts	20. Apr. 2018
Lone Star Solos	31. May. 2018
Texas Reelers	15. Jun. 2018
Dixie Chainers	23. Jun. 2018

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Plus 4s, Wednesday, June 20th

7 Swinging Stars visited Plus 4s Wednesday evening. Squares were called by the club caller Charles Quisenberry ("Quiz"). Quiz called another great dance by workshopping the A2 call Scoot and Weave, and Carousel Promenade. Swinging Stars in attendance were M. Hardin, Kilejians, Sees, and the Stewarts.

Dixie Chainers, Saturday, June 23rd

10 Swinging Stars visited the Dixie Chainers "Old Time" Dance on Friday evening, allowing us to capture their banner. The dance was well attended by about 112, many probably coming to experience Vernon's last calling for this club. (He's NOT retiring ... and will continue calling at other area clubs.) The club president presented a nice plaque to Vernon honoring his 13 years as their caller. Vernon was in high spirits throughout the evening as he taught square dancers several interesting old-time routines/dances such as "Sally Good'n'," "Little Red Wagon," and "Rattlesnake Twist." During early rounds and later between square tips, club cuer Jack von der Heide countered with a well balanced variety of cueings to engage round dancers. All attendees had a great time. Swinging Stars present were Bondis, Evantos, Kilejians, Pitts, and Stewarts.

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

NORTEX – Round-Up Kick Off Dance

Date: Sunday, 24Jun18
Theme: Kaleidoscope of Color
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER – 4:30PM, Squares – 5:00PM
Location: Swingtime
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth
Note: Free if preregistered or register at door for Round-Up

Lone Star Solos – Pre-Roundup Dance

Date: Thursday, 28Jun18
Caller: Dave Vieira
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: ER – 7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM
Location: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
3217 Guthrie Rd, Garland
Note: Double signature dance

Triangle Squares – Schmitz Beach

Date: Friday, 29Jun18
Caller: Toby Thomason, Tim Tyl
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: WS - 7:30PM / GM – 8:00PM
Location: Denton Civic Center
321 East McKinney St, Denton
Note: Double Deal

Other Events:

The Swinging Stars ladies luncheon will be held at the **Crossroads Diner** on Wednesday, July 18 at 11:30. Nina Lassiter is our hostess. Please RSVP as she says, "attendees may call, text, email, send carrier pigeon, or singing telegram" by Thursday, July 12th. Her phone/text number: 214-769-6032. Email: ninalassiter@gmail.com The 'Crossroads Diner' can be found at 17194 Preston Road, Suite 101, Dallas, TX 75248. It is located on the Northeast Corner of Preston and Campbell in the Kroger shopping center. Their web site says, "Homestyle Goodness meets Traditional Diner' with

Great Recipes, Fresh Ingredients, Comfortable Environment & Genuine Hospitality.” Their website address: Crossroads-diner.com. They are known for their Sticky Buns...be sure to join their Sticky-Bun Club while dining there on the 18th!

Refreshment Duty Information

From Mark and Karen Hawkins (Refreshment scheduler)

We want to thank these team members for your contribution to Swinging Stars. Your efforts make Swinging Stars the best club to visit in the metropollex.

Team leader should contact their team members the week before the dance prior to their scheduled dance so that each member can pick up a Refreshment Bag after that dance. Teams are responsible for food of their choice, ice and 5 tablecloths, which can be purchased at any Wal-Mart or Dollar Tree. If you need supplies contact First Vice Presidents Walt and Diana Whipple. Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Whipples (469.737.3632). For answers to your questions about the Refreshments Committee Duties please call or text Mark (214.536.5863 or Karen Hawkins (214.537.0446) or email markt.karenl@gmail.com.

Team members are responsible for finding a replacement if they are unable to fulfill their scheduled obligation (refer to the schedule below for possible subs – see current roster for email address or phone number). Please email Mark and Karen at markt.karenl@gmail.com of the change.

July 13 – **Mulvin**, Boyd, McClasky, Rose

July 27 – **Nejdl**, Goebel, Nestor, Reid (Theme – Ice Cream Social)

August 10 – **Evanto**, Elliott, Harden, Zhang

August 24 – **Gifford**, Bergesen, Dennison, Marshall (Theme – Luau)

September 14 – **See**, Colter, Lassiter, Rickert

September 28 – **Kern**, Amy, Covington, Hamm, Hawkins, Pelton, Pharr, Pitts
(Theme – Pre Round-Up Kaleidoscope of Colors)

Lessons, Workshops, Easy Practice and Exhibition Dances

We thought you may be interested in some of these secessions. These were sent to us to pass along to our members in case anyone is interested in attending.

Practice Mainstream Dances

From the Dixie Chainers

Club Presidents, please forward this email to your club members and encourage everyone to participate. **We invite all new square dancers, students (10 or more lessons) and Angels to participate.**

Tuesdays, June 26st, is the last of this set of Practice dances. The dancing will begin at 6:30 PM and conclude about 8:30 PM. The caller is Lee Meador.

The cost is only \$3.00 per person (all pay).

You'll Come and have FUN. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Robert O'Nale & Wayne Weirich

Presidents, Dixie Chainers Square and Round Dance Club

(469) 268-0229 cell/Txt, info@dixiechainers.org, www.dixiechainers.org

Exhibition Dance by Richard Covington

Richard has another exhibition planned for Sunday, August 19th 2PM at the Frisco Heritage Museum in the train depot. The address of the train depot is 6499 Page St, Frisco, TX. It will be a dance format and last about two hours. Come for all or part. We would love to fill the room. This could be a good time to recruit students for the upcoming lessons in September. Let's have a good showing of Swinging Stars to help Richard while helping Swinging Stars to maybe recruit some students for our square dance lessons that will start on September 4th.

Plus Dance--Monday Plus in Lavon

I received this message about the Monday Plus dances and wanted to pass it along to anyone interested in doing some plus dancing on Monday evenings. These Monday night plus dances are a great way to obtain floor time and to workshop moves of which you are having trouble.

Here is the schedule that will start again on June 25, 2018 at 7pm-9pm.

June 25, July 9, July 16, July 23 and July 30

Remember, if you would like a call to be worked on, just ask and it will appear!!!!

All Plus Dances are on Mondays at the Lavon City Hall, 120 School Road, Lavon, TX.

The cost is \$5 per person.

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm

Our thoughts are with Nora Creed-McClaskey. In May Nora lost her 26 year old granddaughter who died in an auto accident. Two days later Nora's house flooded--she hopes to move back to her house later this summer. Cards can be sent to 2113 Woodglen Drive Garland Texas 75040.

Thoughts and prayers go out to Jackie and Jeff Boyd. They are going through the loss of a dear one but hope to be back dancing in July. Cards can be sent to 2817 Leslie Lane Anna, Texas 75409.

Colby Whitaker had knee replacement surgery recently. She is home and doing well. Cards for Colby can be sent to 1104 Highedge Drive Plano 75075.

From Bob Estep on June 22nd: The biopsy results were better than hoped; they did not find any cancer cells. Now we switch to recovery mode. Doctor said that he can give shots to help with the recovery. If recovery happens per the doctors projected schedule, I should be out of here in another 7-8 days. Thanks everyone for all the prayers--but don't stop. I still have a way to go. Text messages can be sent to Bob at 972-679-8572.

On June 23rd U.S. Navy lieutenants Jamie Lassiter and Andrew Wondolowski were married in Richardson in a church ceremony with military style. Swinging Stars members Dan and Nina Lassiter are proud parents of the lovely bride. Jamie and Andrew met in Norfolk, Virginia. He proposed and she accepted in Annapolis, Maryland. We thank them for their service.

Listening device Information

From Gene and Phyllis Deluke

At our dances, the Swinging Stars are pleased to loan, free of charge, a "listening device" to any requesting dancer. Current inventory is two device, offered on a first-come first-served basis as each dance starts. To answer questions about the listening device email gene_deluke@hotmail.com or phone 972-234-2401.

Notice to anyone interested in purchasing a listening device receiver for square or round dancing, Charles Harris has two new William Sound PPA R-37 receivers and one like new used. The new units are priced at \$90.00 and the used one at \$50.00. All units include the earphone. These are 17 channel units versus the 3 channel Listen Brand units and have a five year warranty. If you are interested in purchasing a unit, email Charlie Harris at harris0907@sbcglobal.net or phone 214-348-5361.

Web Master Dave Burson

Be sure to check out our web page: www.swingingstars.org

There is a lot of information about what is going on with the Swinging Stars.

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

Special dates to put on your calendar

Sunday June 24th Round-Up Kick Off Dance
Tuesday September 4, 2018 Mainstream Lessons Begin
Friday September 28th Swinging Stars Pre Round up Dance
Friday October 19th NTCA Caller's Cavalcade
Saturday October 20th NORTEX Round-Up
Friday November 30, 2018 Swinging Stars Double Deal Dance
Saturday December 8th Swinging Stars Holiday Party
Saturday March 30, 2019 Swinging Stars 44th Anniversary Dance

Dave and Lorraine Burson

Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-396-0941

See Flyer below



Swinging Stars
Square and Round Dance Club



**Ice Cream
Social**



I scream, you scream, we all scream for Ice Cream

Friday July 27, 2018

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Casual Attire

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adult.

For info: 972-396-0941 or president@swingingstars.org

Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org



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