



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 1st, 2018

Message from the President

Dave and Lorraine Burson

Thank you to all of you that sent your get well wishes and prayers. I sure do appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you! Just to let you know I am doing well and anxious to get back to square dancing. I am guessing that it will probably be around 6 weeks before I can do any dancing.

Dave and I wish you a happy 4th of July. As you get together with friends and family on the 4th celebrating the birth of our great country, remember that we are honoring this special date, July 4, 1776, as a day that the Declaration of Independence was signed and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation. That gave us our freedom that we enjoy today.

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

Friday, July 6th – **Kissin' Kuzzins – God Bless the USA**

Wayne Baldwin & JL Pelton

7:00 PM Early Rounds – 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, July 7th – **Circle I – Independence Day**

Ray Savell & Chris Farabaugh

6:40 PM Line – 7:00 PM Plus - 7:30 PM Grand March

2nd VP Report

From Ron and Donita See

We will be getting back from the National Square Dance Convention today after dancing 7 days straight. We are exhausted but back in time for some really good Independence Day dances this week. We missed seeing a lot of you and hope to see you in a square soon.

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
Lone Star Solos	28 Jun. 2018

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured

*** EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK ***

National Square & Round Dance Convention, Wed. June 27th – Sat. June 30th

The NSDC was held in Kansas City, Missouri this year. Over 3160 dancers from almost every state and from several countries attended. There were halls for Mainstream, Mainstream with Rounds, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Teens, Contra, and Rounds. In the Municipal Auditorium with the Ghost Rider Band there was a new caller every 5 minutes. In the other halls there was a new caller/cuer every 10-15 minutes. If you didn't go home exhausted, you weren't trying very hard. The Swinging Stars in attendance: Bergesens, Sees, and Stewarts.

NORTEX Round-Up Kick-Off Dance, Sunday, June 24th

9 Swinging Stars attended this year's Round-Up Kickoff Dance at Swingtime Center on Sunday. Judging from the plentiful whooping and hollering of the 20+ squares present, this event did a great job of showcasing the annual Round Up weekend dance event coming in October. Attendees were treated to the talented calling of Mike Bramlett (2018 Round Up Staff Caller) and the sophisticated cueing of Christine Hixson (2018 Round Up Staff Cuer). Swinging Stars present were P. Amy, Bondis, Evantos, M. Hardin, Pitts, and C. Wolfe. (Report by Jim Bondi)

Lone Star Solos, Thursday, June 28th

Lone Star Solos Kaleidoscope of Colors Pre Round-Up dance, 28Jun. Thank you to the 9 Swinging Stars who visited the Solos Thursday night. Early rounds and rounds between tips were cued by the club cuer, David Berling. And mainstream and plus tips were called by Dave Vieira. We had enough dancers to capture a Lone Star Solos banner. Thanks to Bob and Terri for sharing this dance report. The Swinging Stars who visited were: the Edwards, Goebels, Harrises, Pitts, and C. Wolfe.

Triangle Squares, Friday, June 29th

13 Swinging Stars visited the Triangle Squares "Schmidtz" Dance on Friday evening. (We already had their banner so we did not take another.) The dance was well attended with 17+ squares (194 total Schmidtz family cousins) present to enjoy both the tandem energetic calling of Toby Thomason (club) and Tim Tyl (guest) and the engaging round dance cueing of Chris Farabaugh (guest). During calls, Tim issued plenty of his patented "spicy" patter and, between calls, often cracked up the floor with one liners such as "Have you heard the singing call 'How Can I Miss You If You Won't Leave?'" All attendees had a great time. Swinging Stars present were P. Amy, Bondis, Colters, T. Evanto, Feldmans, Hamms, Pitts, and C. Wolfe. (Report by Jim Bondi.)

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

Plus 4s has been cancelled for 4 July

Kissin' Kuzzins – God Bless the USA

Date: Friday, 6Jul18
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: ER – 7:00PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Garland Senior Activity Center
600 Ave A, Garland

Circle I – Independence Day

Date: Saturday, 7Jul18
Caller: Ray Savell
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: Line – 6:40PM, Plus - 7:00PM , GM – 7:30PM
Location: Senter Park East
228 Chamberlain, Irving

Swinging Stars – Friday, July 13th

Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: WS – 7:00PM / PL – 7:45PM / GM – 8:00PM
Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr, Plano, TX)
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>
Notes: club dance

Dixie Chainers – NORTEX Visitation Dance

Date: Saturday, 14Jul18
Caller: Tim Tyl
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Time: ER/WS – 7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center
14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch
Note: Pre-Round-Up, 2-signature dance

Plus 4s

Date: Wednesday, 18Jul18
Caller: Charles Quisenberry
Time: PL - 7:30PM
Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

Triangle Squares – Life is a Beach

Date: Friday, 20Jul18
Caller: Nelda Eaton
Cuer:
Time: WS – 7:00PM, picnic – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Denton Senior Center
509 North Bell Avenue, Denton, TX
Note: Pre-Round-Up, 2-signature dance

Rebel Rousers – Anniversary Camping Party

Date: Saturday, 21Jul18
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER - 7:00PM / Plus – 7:30PM / GM – 8:00PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W Arapaho, Richardson
Note: 2-signature dance

Swinging Stars – Friday, July 27th

Theme: Ice Cream Social
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: ER – 7:00PM / PL – 7:45PM / GM – 8:00PM
Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>
Notes: club dance

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 metropolex.

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.karen@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.karen@gmail.com of the change.

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

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

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

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

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

September 28 – **Kern**, Amy, Covington, Hamm, Hawkins, Zhang, Pharr, Goebel
(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.

Exhibition Dance by Richard Covington

Richard has another exhibition planed 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 up coming lessons in September. Lets 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 at 7pm-9pm on:
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

Bob Estep, Unexpected Good News, Bob was released from MCD Friday, June 29.
He said, "Still a long way to go but hope to travel that road as an outpatient."

Lorraine Burson had hip surgery last Monday. She is at home now. We send our very best wishes to her as she continues to heal. We are looking forward to seeing Lorraine at dances again.

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

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

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Swinging Stars Presidents
Email: president@swingingstars.org
Phone: 972-396-0941

See Flyer below



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**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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