



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 20, 2014

This has been a very busy week of visiting for our club. Our club was represented at the Plus 4s, Roadrunners, Texas Reelers, Log Cabin Squares, Trail Blazers, Rebel Rousers, and Harvest Holiday, and our members amassed a total of 90 “person-visits”! Sometimes we just can’t believe what an enthusiastic club we have, and we feel greatly blessed to be a part of it. We wish we could have been there for all the fun this week, but we are having a great time visiting family in California. We had a great time attending the Lake Tahoe Celebrity Golf Tournament and dodging golf balls hit by entertainers such as Ray Romano (Everybody Loves Raymond) and Larry the Cable Guy and a host of current and past NFL, NBA, MLB, and NHL players who included Metroplex area favorites Emmitt Smith, Pudge Rodriguez, and Jason Kidd.

We neglected to mention in last week’s newsletter another hallmark of our club’s enthusiasm. At our last club dance, we were presented a NORTEX Friendship Program patch for 340 club visitations.

We’re looking forward to seeing all of you Friday at our club dance. Round dancers, be sure to be there at 7:00PM to enjoy an hour of Walter’s outstanding cueing. We’ll see you there!

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, July 22 – Ladies Luncheon, 11:30AM.
Plus lesson, -- 7:15PM.

Thursday, July 24 – Visit to Lone Star Solos; banner retrieval; casual; see details in Coming Events below.

Friday, July 25 – Swinging Stars club dance; early rounds 7:00PM.

Saturday, July 26 – Visit to Dixie Chainers; casual; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

We just finished talking with **George Loxsom**. His knee replacement surgery this past Tuesday went well, and he is feeling great. He and Mary are looking forward to getting back to dancing at the earliest possible date.

Are you planning on going to the Chaparral Evening in Paris weekend on August 29 and 30? If you are, **you can help the club get a \$50 or \$100 bonus.** If eight of our couples register, we can get \$50, and if twelve couples register, we can get \$100. To get one of these club bonuses, the registration forms and fees have to be sent in a single mailing/envelope. If you don’t have a flyer/registration form, print one from here: <http://garyshoemake.com/Flyers%202014/Paris-%208-29-2014.pdf> We (Ralph and Lucy) will be happy to consolidate registrations and make sure they get to the event coordinators by the August 20 advance registration

deadline. If you haven't already sent in your registration and would be willing to help the club qualify for a club bonus, **please email us at president@swingingstars.org by July 25**. After that date, we will contact you and let you know whether at least eight couples have responded and if so, make arrangements to get your registration form and check.

Dues for the third quarter are payable now. If you haven't paid your third quarter dues, please bring your check payable to the Swinging Stars (\$35 per couple per quarter) to the dance Friday night or mail it to our Treasurer:

Dan Lassiter
 1701 Gateway Blvd, Suite 403
 Richardson, TX 75081
 Email: Treasurer@swingingstars.org

NORTEX Round-Up Grand Prize Cruise Ticket Sales: Thirty-four Swinging Stars couples have bought and/or sold 400 tickets, making our club \$200. We set a goal of 500 ticket sales, a very modest goal for a club of our size. The fact that thirty-four couples have taken tickets means that about as many haven't. Lucy will have the tickets at our club dances until the remaining 100 tickets are gone (we can, of course, get more if needed). If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, please take ten or more soon.

*** * * From Your 2nd VPs * * ***

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	10-May-14
Diamond Jubileers	8-Mar-14
Dixie Chainers	22-Mar-14
Kissin' Kuzzins	20-Jun-14
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Rebel Rousers	07-Jun-14
Roadrunners	17-Jul-14
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Texas Reelers	18-Jul-14
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Decatur 8ers	23-May-14
Lone Star Solos	11-Jul-14

*** * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * ***

Plus 4s, Wednesday, July 16th

Nineteen (19) Swinging Stars visited Plus 4s Wednesday night and enjoyed the talented and challenging calling of club caller Charles Quisenberry ("Quiz") and guest caller Darryl Lipscomb. The Plus 4s is a popular dancing venue for many Swinging Stars and plus dancers in general. Many of the Swinging Stars in attendance have been attending Wayne's plus lessons and did Wayne proud, even with contortions of the DBD that Quiz and Darryl love to put into their calls. All who attended found this dance challenging, educational, and fun. Swinging Stars in attendance were Amys, J. Bondi, Bursons, Esteps, Halvorsons, Hawkins, Kerns, Lewises, Sees, and Shermans.

Roadrunners, Thursday, July 17th

Nine (9) Swinging Stars visited the Roadrunners at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth on Thursday and captured their banner. Rounds were cued by Karen Gloodt while squares were called by renowned Texas caller, Darryl Lipscomb. Karen cued a well balanced mix of rounds during the evening that put smiles on round dancers' faces. Darryl warmed up square dancers with a workshop that used calls within configurations like diagonal boxes to prepare dancers for the rest of the evening. Dancers were thankful for this preliminary training because the rest of the evening was challenging and exciting, including at least some plus in almost all tips, even those not announced as plus. All participants had a great time. Swinging Stars in attendance were Amys, Bergesens, J. Bondi, Kerns, and Shermans. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

Of Interest, Texas Reelers, Friday, July 18th

Thirty (30) Swinging Stars visited the Texas Reelers Friday evening to retrieve our banner and capture theirs (we really should have a traveling trophy between our two clubs). Squares were called by the club caller Deborah Carroll-Jones (occasionally accompanied by her husband and Texas State Hall of Fame caller Jon Jones) and rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide. The theme of the dance was "Mustache Mania" with many dancers (including the women) wearing mustaches – and Deborah incorporating the mustache theme into most of her singing calls. Swinging Stars in attendance were J. Bondi, Bursons, B. Estep, Feldmans, Halvorsons, Harrisens, Jimisons, Kilejians, Lassiters, Lloyds, Moshers, Pharrs, Sees, Sherrills, Smith/Hardin, and Trujillos.

Log Cabin Squares, Saturday, July 19th

Five (5) Swinging Stars visited the Log Cabin Swingers in Tool, TX on Saturday for their special 2-hour all-plus afternoon dance. The 3 squares on the floor came to dance to world-class caller Darryl Lipscomb, anticipating tips of both exciting and educational square dancing. Darryll thrilled dancers with sophisticated and rapid choreography that often tested dancers' mettle with challenging calls such as zooms within unusual arrangements, couple-interaction moves within diagonal boxes, and even Darryll-defined cross fires from "highly unique" starting configurations. By afternoon's end, virtually all dancers had committed occasional "stumbles," and absolutely all were glad they had come. Swinging Stars attending were Amys, J. Bondi, and Evantos. Thanks to Jim Bondi for the report.

Trailblazers, Saturday, July 19th

Eight (8) Swinging Stars visited the Trailblazers at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth on Saturday evening. Rounds were cued by Jack Kenny while squares were called by beloved Louisiana caller, Joey Duhamel. Jack cued a variety of rounds that all round dancers could enjoy, some easy, some sophisticated. Joey began squares with a workshop featuring an old-time call "Grand (Kernel) Spin Through." Through the remainder of the evening, Joey entertained dancers with his patent-worthy mix of fast-paced calling and smooth choreography. Many dancers came to hear Joey's famous yodeling calls. And Joey teased the crowd by simply saying the word "yodel" a few times. Finally, he burst into a series of high-energy yodeling calls, delivered rapid fire, somewhat like an auctioneer. Dancers responded with genuine enthusiasm that could be seen and heard across the floor. Swinging Stars participating were P. Amy, J. Bondi, Bursons, Evantos, and Perrotts. Thanks to Jim Bondi for the report.

Of Interest, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, July 19th

Thirteen (13) Swinging Stars visited the Rebel Rousers in Richardson Saturday evening for their "Summer Camp". Squares were called by club caller and Texas Hall of Fame caller Mike Bramlett and rounds were cued by Christine Hixson. Mike called a great dance, including providing guidance to the dancers when needed. Swinging Stars in attendance were Covingtons, B. Estep, Halvorsons, Kilejians, Sees, Sherrills, and Smith/Harden.

Harvest Holidays Fun Rounds, Sunday, July 20th

A half dozen Swinging Stars danced at the Harvest Holidays Fun Dance Sunday at Swingtime Center in Ft. Worth. It was a wonderful double deal afternoon of 3 hours of Phase II-IV round dancing MC'd by Christine Hixson. The dances were queued by Jack Kenny, Jack von der Heide, Chris Farabaugh, Karen Gloodt, JL Pelton, and Christine Hixson. The Swinging Stars that attended were the Jungs, Lewises, and the Pitts. Thanks to Bob Pitts for this report.

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

Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, July 22nd

Location: Bonnie Ruth's Bistro in Watter's Creek Shopping Center (916 Garden Park, Allen, TX)

Website: www.bonnie Ruths allen.com

Time: 11:30 am

Hostess: Kathy Estep (bob.estep@hp.com or [972-618-3640](tel:972-618-3640))

Of Interest, Lone Star Solos, Thursday, July 24th

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall (10110 Shoreview Road, Dallas, TX)

Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM

Caller: Dave Vieira

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Theme: Hot July Dance

Notes: Double Deal, **BANNER RETRIEVAL**; casual

Swinging Stars, Friday, July 25th

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)

Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>

Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / square up – 8:00PM

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Notes: club dance

Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, July 26th

Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX)

Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM

Caller: Vernon Jones

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Theme: Lazy, Crazy, Hazy Days of Summer

Notes: casual dress

Refreshments Duty and Information

July 25, 2014	Meyer, Mosher, Bivins, Estep
August 8, 2014	Evanto, Henneberger, Burson, McClure
August 22, 2014	Feldman, Whipple, Gifford, Trujillo
September 12	Pitts, Barber, Rose, Duncan/Cagle
September 26	Ross, Friesen, Archey, Rickert*
(*note: Gary Amy will head up this Chili/Dessert cookoff; others will assist)	
October 10	Hawkins, Kilejian, Halvorson, Reid
October 31	See, Kern, Bondi, Jung
November 14	Sherman, Lloyd, Covington, Bushell/Dvorak
November 28	Dance cancelled (day after Thanksgiving)
December 12	Stuart, Sherrell, Colter, Kendrick
December 26	Dance cancelled (day after Christmas)

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

Swinging Stars
Wear Your Brightest Colors Dance
Get In The Swing For This Years
NORTEX ROUNDUP



Friday, August 22, 2014

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Early Rounds: 7:00

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Square Up: 8:00

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Chili  and **Dessert**
COOK OFF
Double Deal Dance
Prizes for Best Chili and Best Dessert
Friday, September, 26 2014



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

Friday, September 26, 2014 – Chili Cook-Off/Double Deal Dance

October 17 – 19, 2014 – NORTEX Round Up – see complete information and get registration and lodging reservation forms here: <http://www.roundup2014.com/>

Friday, October 31, 2014 – Halloween Dance (Fifth Friday)

Friday, December 5, 2014 – Swinging Stars annual holiday party

Friday, January 23, 2015 – Swinging Stars 40th Anniversary Dance

Check out and Like our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/518717944880222>

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

Remember our Sunshine person is Debbie Piziali, and you can email her at debbie@piziali.dv.org or phone her at 214-552-9802. Please contact her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

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