



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for August 17, 2014

One week from Tuesday, mainstream lessons start! Registration information is on the lessons flyer which you can read/print from here: http://swingingstars.org/Mainstream_square_dance_lessons_2014.pdf If you have friends who know they are going to take the lessons, they can sign up now. If you have iffy potential students, the first two lessons are free – they can come and see how it goes and register at the first or second lesson should they decide to go ahead.

Our dance this Friday is our informal Pre-Round-Up dance, although NORTEX visited our last dance to pick up our Round-Up door prize. Get into the spirit of this year's Round-Up theme by wearing your brightest colors – any color, as long as it's bright. We'd love to see your Round-Up outfit if you already have one. We are still in summer casual season, so bright colored casual attire would be great, too. Really, just wear whatever you want and come out and have fun! An hour of early rounds with Walter Brewer starts at 7:00PM.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Friday, August 22 – Club dance; wear your **BRIGHTEST COLORS**; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, August 23 – Visit Tri-City Promenaders; casual; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

We are saddened to learn of the death of Mel Foust's father earlier this week in Maine. Please keep Mel and Sondra in your thoughts and prayers.

Also quite sad is the news of the death of Jay Miller on Saturday. Jay was a very popular caller in NORTEX until just three years or so ago when he had to withdraw from calling to devote his energy to his battle with ALS. Please keep Jay's wife, Marti, and the rest of his family in your prayers.

* * * From Your 2nd VPs * * *

For those plus dancers looking for a great time and an extra challenge, Wednesday, August 20, Plus 4s will have Charles Quisenberry (“Quiz”) calling squares at the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch (7:30 pm dance).

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
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	15-Aug-14
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Decatur 8ers	23-May-14

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Double Plus, Thursday, August 14th

Three (3) Swinging Stars visited the Double Plus dance Thursday evening at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth. Squares were called by the guest caller Bobby Willis. At the Plus workshop Bobby worked the dancers through the many variations of CrossFire. The one that ended with a wave in the middle of the square (as opposed to the normal column) seemed to be the most challenging, though if following the definition, made perfect sense. Swinging Stars in attendance were J. Bondi and Sees.

Official, Texas Reelers, Friday, August 15th

Thirty-six (36) Swinging Stars visited the Texas Reelers Friday evening for their 39th Anniversary dance. Squares were called by the club caller Deborah Carroll-Jones (occasionally accompanied by her husband and Texas Hall of Fame caller Jon Jones) and guest caller Ray Savell, and rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide. The theme of the dance was “Hollywood Premier” so the attire of the evening was more formal – and everyone entered via a red carpet. Swinging Stars in attendance and helping to retrieve our banner and capture the Texas Reeler's banner were Amys, J. Bondi, Colters, Esteps, Evantos, Feldmans, Halvorsons, HARRISES, Jimisons, Kilejians, Lassiters, Lloyds, McGuires, Pharrs, Sees, Sherrills, Smith/Hardin, Trujillos, and C. Wolfe.

Of Interest, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, August 16th

Fourteen (14) Swinging Stars visited the Rebel Rousers Saturday evening. Squares were called by club caller and Texas Hall of Famer Mike Bramlett, while rounds were cued by Christine Hixson. The theme of the dance was Summer Sundaes with homemade ice cream being featured for the sundaes. Mike provided his signature fast paced, challenging calling to keep everyone on their toes. Swinging Stars in attendance were P. Amy, J. Bondi, Esteps, Evantos, Lassiters, Perrotts, Sees, and Smith/Hardin.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Swinging Stars, Friday, August 22nd

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
Theme: Wear Your Brightest Colors Dance
Notes: club dance, wear casual or Roundup attire

Of Interest, Tri-City Promenaders, Saturday, August 23rd

Location: Brookside Center (1244 Brookside Dr., Hurst, TX)
Website: <http://www.tricitypromenaders.com>
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / workshop – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Paul Kinsey
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Theme: Beat the Heat Dance
Notes: Wear casual attire

Of Interest, Lone Star Solos, Thursday, August 28th

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall (10110 Shoreview Road, Dallas, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM
Caller: Marshall Flippo
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Theme: Flip Over Flippo
Notes: Wear casual attire

Refreshments Duty and Information

August 22, 2014	Hawkins, Whipple, Gifford, Trujillo
September 12	Pitts, Rose, Duncan, Kilejian
September 26	Ross, Friesen, Archey, Rickert*
(*note: Gary Amy will head up this Chili/Dessert cookoff; others will assist)	
October 10	Feldman, Barber, Halvorson, Reid
October 31	See, Kern, Bondi, Jung, Mars, Underwood
(*note: Board added two extra couples for 5 th Friday dance – extra visitors anticipated.)	
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

June 4 – 7, 2015 – 53rd Annual Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival, Waco, TX

June 24 – 27, 2015 – 64th National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA

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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