



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for April 17, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

On April 22, 2016 we will have a New Dancer dance. We currently plan for a clothing give away for our Students. After they finish we will open the remaining item up to anyone else in attendance. 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.

Anne & Russ Nejdil are having an After Party following the ND Dance on Friday night (4/22/16). Directions will be available at the dance. Our students are invited. If you have not attended one of our after parties the requirements are simple: All are welcome. If you attend we ask that you bring something to share (chips & Dip, cheese ball, cake, pie, special dessert, fruit tray, veggie tray, etc., etc., etc.. If you forget your food items you can still come. We want your there period! Also, please bring you own drinks. We try to make after parties as easy on the hosts as possible.

This past weekend our students attended New Dancer events on Friday night and Saturday night, details below. I wanted to take just a moment to say this was a total success. All of our students, except two, attended one of the events. Feedback on both nights was very favorable. Students appeared to have a super time at their first “real dance”. Thank you to all of the Club members that joined us on those nights as well. We had a total of 31 on Friday and 21 on Saturday. Thank you everyone!

Since our Friendship dance with Rockwall Squares was so successful we plan another one for June 24th the Rebel Rousers – more details when it gets closer.

Round Up raffle tickets have arrived. We are asking each couple to take a minimum of ten (10) tickets to sell. Remember anyone can win. You do not need to be a Square Dancer. You do not need to be present. Anyone with the winning ticket wins the cruise. We will have the tickets at this Friday’s dance and ask that everyone stop by and pick up their tickets. We have an opportunity to raise significant money for the Club since half (50%) of each ticket sold stays with the Club. Last year we, and several other Couples, sold more than the minimum so if you are able to move more than 10 please take another bundle of tickets.

Special Announcement from Peggy: We are having a Surprise Birthday Party for Deckard’s 90th. He does not read the newsletter so he will not see this. If you do not tell him it will be a surprise. The party (as you may have seen on Facebook) is Sunday, April 24, 2016 At Bear Creek Ranch on FM6 Nevada, Tex. from 2-6. There will be some square dancing and a few other activities. More info can be found on Facebook and most have seen it, just didn’t want anyone to feel they were not invited.

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 19 – Square Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Tuesday, April 19 – Round Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Friday, April 22 – Swinging Stars New Dancer Dance

Announcements

Square Dance Lessons Update: -- Mark and Karen Hawkins

Our own New Dancer dance will be April 22. This will be the students first chance to see why we love being Swinging Stars! We will have a clothing give-away. Our students will have first chance to check out the clothes. We will then open it up to other clubs. If anyone has an item that you feel you need to recoup a little money on, put your name and price on it and we will place it in a separate section. This would be for new or barely worn, expensive items. Think of all the room you'll have in your closet if you get rid of a petticoat or two!

Round Dance Lessons Update: -- Lucy Hamm

No update this week.

Greg Brockmann: Greg and Mindy are new to the Club; joining right after the first of the year. This month Greg had open heart surgery with four bypasses. The surgery went well and he is now home from the hospital. The recovery process will be slow but the good news is that Greg is doing well and on the mend.

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 – 17 April 2016 Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

Square + Round Dance

Monday 11 April – ADD+ – Double Deal Nine (9) Swinging Stars attended the ADD Plus Double Deal dance in Richardson Monday evening. Guest caller Tom Roper from Mesa, Arizona called squares while club caller Mike Bramlett cued rounds. This was a basic plus level dance using all singing calls, though Tom did mix in some calls from unusual positions to keep us on our toes. It was a very enjoyable evening of dancing for all who attended. The Swinging Stars in attendance were P. Amy, Covingtons, V. Evanto, M. Hardin, Heintz/Putnam, and Sees. Thank you to Ron See for penning this report.

“A” Lessons

Wednesday 13 April – Plus 4s –

A lessons continued for Swinging Stars students Bondis, Heintz/Putnam, and Sees. This week, teacher Charles Quisenberry (“Quiz”) introduced A2 calls Spin the Windmill, Switch to a Diamond, and Facing Recycle. He also continued to drill students on previously introduced calls such as Scoot & Weave, Scoot Chain Thru, In Roll Circulate, and Out Roll Circulate. Angels present to assist include P. Amy, Capps, and N. Sawyer.

New Square Dancer + Round Dance

Friday 15 April – Texas Reelers – “Old Fashioned” Style New Dancer Dance

On Friday night 19 Swinging Stars club members accompanied 12 Swinging Stars students to their first “real dance” experience at Texas Reelers NDD and ‘Ole Time Dance’. The students all reported having a wonderful time! Debra Carol Jones and Jon Jones mixed in mainstream and ole time dances like the Virginia Reel, Take-A-Peek, and Birdie in a Cage. Students attending were Archeys, Brewer/Adams, Mulvins, Nestors, Rhinehart/Wittenmyer, C. Trujillo, and A. Sobatka. Special thanks to these attending members who supported them: P. Amy, Bursons, Esteps, Feldmans, Hamms, Harris’, Nejdls, J. Sobotka, Stuarts, M. Trujillo, D. Williams, and C. Wolfe. With this great attendance, we retrieved our banner and captured the Texas Reelers banner. Thank you to Bob Estep for authoring this story.

Square + Round Dance

Friday 15 April – T Sqaure Gadabouts – “Let’s Do It in Style” 21st Anniversary Dance

4 Swinging Stars traveled to Swingtime Center in Fort Worth Friday for the T Square Gadabouts’ 21st anniversary dance. Rounds were managed by popular area cuer, Charles Crocket, while squares were directed by Hall of Fame club caller, Vernon Jones, and guest caller, Ray Savell. On rounds, Charles cued a broad array of generally easy 2-steps & waltzes, plus one jive. On squares, Vernon and Ray alternated tips most of the evening, each doing their part to keep dancers smiling and energized. Ray handled the night’s one Plus tip alone. The singing-call highlight of the evening occurred when Vernon belted out a crowd pleasing soulful blues tune as only he can. For nourishment, our hosts offered a near-banquet of nice food and desserts. Thanks to these Swinging Stars for visiting: Bondis, & Sees.

New Square Dancer + Round Dance

Saturday 16 April – Rebel Rousers – “Checker Board Squares” New Dancer Dance

18 Swinging Stars members and 3 Swinging Stars students journeyed to the Rebel Rousers “Checker Board Squares” new dancer / ‘Formula 51’ dance in Richardson on Saturday evening. Rounds were cued masterfully by premier area cuer, Christine Hixson, who offered a great mix of rhythms and phases to keep round dancers engaged and smiling. On squares, Hall of Fame club caller, Mike Bramlett, except during special early Plus, stuck entirely to the first 51 square dance calls. Even where a Plus tip would normally have been called in the main dance, Mike stuck to the Formula 51 subset ... but upped the sophistication of call sequences a notch to challenge students and encourage them to grow their dancing prowess. As part of the very last tip, he even gave new dancers a small taste of so-called “hot hash” in which the calling pace is notably faster. Overall, all dancers present, especially students, enjoyed a great evening of educational and fun dancing. With our sizable turnout, we added the Rebel Rousers banner to our treasure chest. Thanks go to attending Swinging Stars members P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, Burson, Esteps, Heintz/Putnam, Perrotts, Pharrs, Smith/Hardin, and D. Williams. Your attendance helped support Swinging Stars students M. Teske and Nestors.

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 7 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 2 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
Rebel Rousers	16-Apr-2016
Texas Reelers	15-Apr-2016
Solitaires	02-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
Lone Star Solos	08-Apr-2016
Kissin Kuzzins	25-Mar-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Our Dance

Friday 22 April – Swinging Stars – New Dancer Dance

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Early Rounds: 7:00, Early Plus: 7:45, Grand March: 8:00 – **no Plus after the GM since this is a NDD.**

Shepard Elementary School

1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

Official Visit – Square + Round Dance

Saturday 23 April – Cotton Pickin' Squares – 22nd Anniversary – “Picnic in Cotton Patch”

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Dress: Turquoise

Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March: 8:00

L-3 Recreation Center

10001 Jack Finney Blvd, Greenville, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

Anniversary All-(non-DBD) Plus Square & Round Dance

Wednesday 20 April – ADD+ -- Anniversary Dance

Caller: Gary Shoemake (guest)

Cuer: Mike Bramlett (easy rounds)

Dance: 7:00

Richardson Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson, TX

“A” Lessons, All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 20 April – Plus 4s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

“A” Lessons: 6:15 – 7:30

All-Plus Dance: 7:30 – 9:30

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

Teaches + Round Dance

Sunday 24 April – Harvest Holiday – Mini Fest

2 Afternoon Teaches: 2:00 - 5:00; Teachers: Karen & Ed Gloodt, Christine & Theron Hixson

Evening Dance: all area cuers

Early Rounds: 6:15 – 6:45

Programmed Dance: 6:45 – 8:45

Swingtime Center

5100 S.E. Loop 820 (take “Anglin” exit), Fort Worth, TX

Refreshments Duty and Information

April 22: **Nejdl**, Hamm, Sherman, Schweers
May 13, 2016 **Jimison**, Colter, Kilejian. Amy
May 27, 2016 **McGuire**, Bergesen, Evanto, Feldman
June 10, 2016 **Row**, Hardin/Smith, Whipple, Rickert
June 24, 2016 **Halvorson**, Dennison, Hawkins, Kendrick
July 8, 2016 **Bondi**, Maier, Pharr, 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 22 – New Dancer Dance. After Party at Anne and Russ Nejdl’s.

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

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

June 21 – 26, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

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

July 10, 2016 – Meeting Cancelled due to a NORTEX event. We will reschedule this following one of our dances.

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)

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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

Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingsstars.org

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:

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Swinging Stars
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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

