



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for April 24, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Our New Dancer Dance was outstanding; every one of our students attended. The entire floor of dancers looked excellent as I did not see anyone struggling. There were no major breakdowns. A wonderful evening for our students. Thank you to everyone that brought clothing for our new dancers. They all went home with items – some lots of items! That was great because that was our intent – help the new dancers get off to a good start. Thank you to everyone that assisted in any way.

Anne & Russ NejdI hosted an excellent After Party on Friday night. I especially enjoyed setting out by the fire; it threw off just enough heat to take the slight chill out of the air. The snacks were great and the fellowship even better. Thank you Anne & Russ. Thank you to everyone that attended.

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 had about 200 tickets picked up Friday - only 500 to go. 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 take another bundle of tickets.

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 26 – Square Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano. Graduation night. Please come and help the student celebrate. We need more dancers for Tuesday.

Tuesday, April 26 – Round Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Thursday, April 28 – Lone Star Solos New Dancer Dance. Mentors please consider taking your students. Also, please let us know who is going so we can make sure Swinging Stars are there.

Friday, April 29 – Circle I 64th Anniversary Dance – Wear Red

Saturday, April 30 – Roadrunners 45th Anniversary Dance.

Announcements

Square Dance Lessons Update: -- Mark and Karen Hawkins

Our students graduate Tuesday. Please join us in welcoming them to our favorite activity. Most of them have joined our club and most were at the New Dancer dance on Friday. As Bob said at the dance, no one would have known it was a new dancer dance by looking at the quality of our dancers!

We couldn't have had such successful lessons without the help of our Angels. We thank the Stuarts, Williams, Hamms, Bursons, Covingtons, Feldmans, Esteps, Hawkins, J. Sobatka and M. Trujillo for your help last Tuesday.

Round Dance Lessons Update: -- Lucy Hamm

Three more lessons remain in the Swinging Stars rumba and cha cha dance session. The Bergesens, Bondis, Delukes, and Schweers are making excellent progress. They can soon be dancing rumba and cha cha at square dances on a regular basis. The class learned Alemana From A Fan. Fan and Hockeystick were reviewed. They also worked on the popular Black Horse and the Cherry Tree cha cha. Everyone was dancing it well by the end of the night. Jan Bergesen invited the students to the Swinging Stars new dancer dance last Friday night.. Thanks to Walter Brewer who cued some dances for the new student round dancers.

Texas Reelers:

Texas Reelers will NOT have a plus dance on April 29 as stated in the April Promenade.

2nd VP Report – 24 April 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

“A” Lessons & All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 20 April, 6:15-7:30, 7:30 - 9:30 – Plus 4s –

This week, Charles Quisenberry (“Quiz”) introduced “A” students to A2 calls “Checkmate (the Column)” & “Hour Glass Circulate.” He also continued drilling on previously introduced calls. In the following all-Plus dance, 20 Swinging Stars participated in a dance celebrating Quiz’s 30th year calling for the Plus 4s club. Home-made ice cream was offered in several flavors to help fuel the celebration. Away from ice cream, on the dance floor, all dancers enjoyed Quiz’s uniquely clever patter choreography and occasional singing calls. And, “A” dancers were allowed to demonstrated their advanced skills in one special tip. All present were able to hone their square dancing skills while having great fun. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars who attended: P. Amy, Bondis, Bursons, Bergesens, Colters, T. Evanto, Hamms, Kilejians, Perrotts, Sees, and Shermans.

Our New Square Dancer Dance –

Friday 22 April – Swinging Stars

94 Swinging Stars plus 10 visitors were present at our first new dancer dance this year. For our student dancers who attended (almost all of our current soon-to-graduate class), it was a great learning experience ... and, judging from the smiles on their faces most of the time, great fun. Since this was our 2nd dance of the month, Walter Brewer kicked off the evening with 45 minutes of early rounds, even including a Rhumba with a specially taught “Sexy Lariat” figure. Following the special Plus tip for the next 15 minutes, Wayne Baldwin then adhered to new-square-dance-appropriate tips for the remainder of the evening (except for the now traditional closing Hot Hash tip). Even so, Wayne managed to give new dancers a glimpse of “things more sophisticated” that they might learn, over time, such as a brief intro to Diamonds. After the dance, many Swinging Stars continued festivities at the home of Russ and Anne Nejd, our gracious after-party hosts for the evening.

Official Visit – Square + Round Dance

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

23 Swinging Stars journeyed to Greenville, Texas to enjoy the Cotton Pickin’ Squares “Picnic in Cotton Patch” anniversary Dance. As round dancers expect, beloved area cuer, Christine Hixson, cued masterfully all evening, nicely mixing requests with her own selections of varied rhythms and phases. And, not to be outdone, on squares, Mike Bramlett offered all dancers, new and seasoned, a nice mix of patter choreography and singing calls including a great duet with talented wife, “D.” Many thanks to these Swinging Stars who attended: Brewer\Adams (students & new members), Amys, Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, HARRISES, Kilejians, Lassiters, Pitts, Sees, Trujillos, and C. Wolfe. With this great turnout, we captured our host’s banner ... AND ... completed our 580 club visitations award. Yea! Go Swinging Stars ... the club that knows how to visit!

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 8 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
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-Apr-2016
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

Official Visit – Square + Round Dance

Friday 29 April – Circle I – Anniversary Dance– “Starry Starry Night”

Callers: Bobby Willis (club), Ray Savell (guest)

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Dress: **Purple**

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

Senter Park Recreation Center

901 Senter Rd., Irving, TX 75060

Official Visit – Square + Round Dance

Saturday 30 April – Roadrunners – 45th Anniversary – “Barn Dance & Quilt Show”

Caller: Tim Tyl (guest)

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

Suggested Dress: **checked** (e.g., white + some non-white checks)

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

Swingtime Center

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Lessons

Wednesday 27 April – Plus 4s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

“A” Lessons: 7:00 – 9:00

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

New Dancer Square + Round Dance

Thursday 28 April – Lone Star Solos – New Dancer Dance

Caller: Dave Vieira

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March: 7:30

Knights of Columbus (“KayCee”) Hall

10110 Shoreview Rd., Dallas, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Monday 16 May, 11:30 AM – Fish City Grill

Nina Lassiter has volunteered to host the May Ladies Luncheon on Monday May 16th at 11:30. She has chosen Fish City Grill, a *brand new* restaurant for us to enjoy. Although it is a fish restaurant it also has a variety of other foods to choose from. You can Google fishcitygrill.com to see their menu and get directions at this site. The address is 1415 E. Renner Road, Suite 260 Richardson, Texas 75082. There are lots of new restaurants in this area. Fish City Grill is on the North East Corner Shopping Center at the Renner and Plano Road intersection. Turn in by Whole Foods off Plano Road or near Pei Wei if driving on Renner. Fish City Grill is on the back strip of the center about halfway down. It is next to Taco Diner. If you go to the Fish City Grill website and register, there is a \$5 Coupon you can print or show on your phone. Hope you all like it.

Please reply to Nina Lassiter by May 15th, so she will know how many will be attending.

To all the new members. The ladies of the Swinging Stars have a luncheon every month. We take turns hosting the luncheon by volunteering to be the hostess for a month. The hostess gets to choose the date, place and time (usually 11:30). If you are the hostess, you call the restaurant of your choice and make a reservation for the date and time. Then everyone that wants to attend the luncheon contacts the hostess to let her know they want to be included in the fun. Usually the hostess calls the restaurant back at a date close to the day of the luncheon to confirm the number of ladies coming. Yes, it is that easy. If you are interested in hosting the luncheon sometime in the future, please contact Lorraine Burson at lorraine@bursons.us and let her know.

Refreshments Duty and Information

May 13, 2016 **Jimison**, Colter, Kilejian, Amy
May 27, 2016 **McGuire**, Bergesen, Evanto, Starrett
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 Nejd] 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!):

June 12, 2016 – Wayne Baldwin’s Annual Fish Fry – If the weather allows the fish to bite!
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 Hixon
July 10, 2016 – Meeting Cancelled due to a NORTEX event. We will reschedule this following one of our dances in July. Main agenda item will be election of Officers for second half of year.
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)

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@swingingstars.org

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



Flowers Dance

May 13, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Square Workshop: 7:00

Plus Dancing: 7:45

Grand March: 8:00 w/2nd Tip Plus

Rounds Between Tips

Hot Hash After Last Tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Banners Honey Pot Fun Fellowship Refreshments

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by paying adults

For info: 972-618-3640 or president@swingingstars.org



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