



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 24, 2016

From Doug and Jan Bergesen, Swinging Stars President:

We have been schooled... but not in a bad way. At the Dance Format Committee, we found out why we have early rounds and workshop. For early rounds, it's so that people who have just learned a type of dance can have a time and place to practice it. There are no phase 2 clubs they can go to. For workshop, it's so that new dancers have that extra help they need. Even some of us seasoned dancers can benefit from dancing the calls from different positions.

Doug and Jan

Happening This Week

Tuesday, January 26 – Round Dance Lessons begin at 7:15PM to 9:15PM at the Carpenter Rec. Center in Plano.

Tuesday, January 26 – Square Dance Lessons begin at 7:15PM to 9:15PM at the Carpenter Rec. Center in Plano.

Friday, January 29 – Official Visit to Triangle Squares – 41st Anniversary Cattle Barons Ball – Early Rounds: 7:30PM. Grand March: 8:00PM at the Denton Civic Center.

Saturday, January 30 – Club Dance – 41st Anniversary Dance – Early Rounds: 7:00PM. Grand March: 8:00PM at the All Saints Catholic Church in Dallas.

Sunday, January 31 – Of Interest Visit to Harvest Holiday – Winter Fun Rounds – 2:00PM to 5:00PM at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth.

Announcements

Square Dance Lessons

Angels are needed to assist our students. If you would like to help out, just show up at the Carpenter Rec. Center at 7:00 on Tuesday. It's fun, you'll have a blast.

Club Dance Format Changes

The executive committee accepted the recommendations from the Format Changes committee. Starting in February there will be no line dancing any longer. On the 2nd Friday we will start with 45 minutes of workshop to help reinforce our newer dancers' skills. At 7:45PM we will have Plus tip followed by the Grand March at 8:00PM. The next tip will also be Plus (while others are eating). The rest of the tips will be Mainstream. The schedule will be the same on the 4th Friday with Early Rounds for 45 minutes followed by a Plus tip.

Anniversary Dance update

Here are some suggestions for those of you bringing food (which is everyone)!

1. Be sure to bring **Large Serving Utensil's for your salads.**
2. Be sure to bring a **Knife** or other **Serving Utensil** for your cakes/pies and other type desserts.
3. **Mark all your serving bowls and other containers with your name**
4. **Mark all Serving Utensils/Salad Bowls/Dessert Platters with your name**

Road Trip Opportunity

There is a bus trip sponsored by Rebel Rousers. They have opened the invitation to Swinging Stars to join them on a trip to Fairfield, TX. The club is Barn Stompers and the caller is Mike Bramlett. It is mainstream and it will be a blast. Space is limited. The Barn Stompers are a fun group and they really lay out a spread of food. Hope you can make it. The cost is \$35/person. This includes the bus ride, dance and the tip for the driver. You can pay Jan, Gina, Sheila or Carol. Checks should be made out to Rebel Rousers. Please provide payment by 2/2/16.

Please be at the Arapaho Center Station by 4:00. The bus will leave promptly at 4:30 on February 13th. Don't be late! The bus charges us by the hour and we will be unable to wait. Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. Jan Toms cell: 214-532-0361

SEP 2016 Germany/Austria Square Dance Tour

If you like to travel and to square dance, you don't want to miss this tour. The featured callers are Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine! Yes, it costs \$5570 per person but you get a whole lot for that money, including:

- round trip air (with hotel transfers)
 - 2 weeks (13-27 September 2016) of hotel
 - virtually all meals
 - exciting daily tours in Germany & Austria
- (see long itinerary <http://crisptours.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Intinerary-SD-Long-2016-NEW2.pdf>)
- evening square dancing (almost all featuring Jerry & Tony).

Although there is still room on the second tour bus, the organizers are confident it will sell out (as it's done with previous tours). You have until 01 FEB 2016 to make a \$250 deposit per person (all but \$50 of which is refundable by that date). As your main portal to a wealth of info on this tour, visit <http://crisptours.com/2016-square-dance-tour/> .

We (Jim & Knarik Bondi) have reserved our spot and are beginning to get excited about what awaits us next September. We really hope several of you will join us on this adventure. If you have questions, I'll be glad to answer them as best I can (j.bondi@ieee.org, cell: 214-226-5922). But, also feel free to email tour organizer [Tom Crisp at tom@crisptours.com](mailto:tom@crisptours.com) for expert answers to any of your questions. I did. He responded quickly and was very helpful.

Jim & Knarik Bondi

Demonstration Opportunity

February 21 is the official Sunday birthday party for the City of Frisco. We are hoping to have square dancing demos in the depot from 2 - 4 p.m., chamber music in the chapel from 2:30 -3:30, and animals on display in the muse house from 1:30 -3:30. I also have a senior from Legacy Christian who is going to play the fiddle from 1-

2 p.m. in the Depot. Please contact me if you are interested. It's going to be at the Frisco Heritage Museum located at 6455 Page Street, Frisco, TX. The best part is the dance is FREE. Yours Truly will be calling. Please let me know if you are going to be coming to the demo. Thanks, Richard Covington
(richard.covington@sbcglobal.net)

*** * * From Your 2nd VP's, Dave and Lorraine Burson * * ***
2nd VP Report for January 24, 2016

Dance of Interest

Saturday, Jan 23 Dixie Chainers

Presidents Day Dance (as in club presidents)

We would like to thank the 14 Swinging Stars, P. Amy, Bursons, Esteps, Hamms, Hawkins, Perrotts, Hardin/Smith and D. Williams for supporting our Dance of Interest by attending the Dixie Chainers Presidents Day Dance. Everyone enjoyed dancing to Vernon Jones and Jack von der Heide. Vernon started the dance off to a quick start with Fisherman's Luck. Once everyone got warmed up with Fisherman's Luck the rest of the dance was easy to keep up with. Jack cued some of his favorite tunes that had a little of all levels that every one had opportunity to enjoy.

Dance of Interest

Sunday, Jan 24 North Texas Callers Association

Singing Call/Round Dance of the Year

The report for the Singing Call/Round Dance of the Year will be in the January 31st newsletter.

Banner Report

We currently have 12 banners that we have captured and one that we need to retrieve. As usual if you are visiting one of the clubs listed in the captured banners below and they want to give you a banner, don't accept it.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin	Oct-10-15
Diamond Jubileers	Mar-14-15
Dixie Chainers	Mar-28-15
Lone Star Solos	Mar-12-15
Rebel Rousers	Nov-21-15
Roadrunners	May 30-15
Solitaires	Nov-7-15
Texas Reelers	Dec-18-15
Trail Blazers	Sept-9-15
T Square Gadabouts	Feb-20-15
Triangle Squares	Sept-18-15
Tri-City Promenaders	Jan-24-15

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Kissin Kuzzins	Dec-12-15

JANUARY VISITATION SCHEDULE AND COMING EVENTS

LET'S STRIVE TO KEEP SQUARE DANCING ALIVE

Official Visitation Dance

Friday, Jan 29, Triangle Squares

Cattle Baron's Ball

Join the Triangle Squares as they celebrate their 41st Anniversary. They will be celebrating Texas's cowboy heritage. Wear your dressiest western clothes. They always have a fun dance and they have great cooks out there in the Wild West of Denton, Texas. I am guessing there will be lots of good home cooking.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds 7:30, Grand March 8:00
Guest Caller: Bobby Willis
Club Caller/Cuer: Toby Thomason
Location: Denton Civic Center
321 East McKinney St
Denton, Texas

Round Dance of Interest

Sunday, Jan 31 Harvest Holiday

Afternoon of Round Dancing

Phases 2, 3, and 4.

Cued by Area instructors

Time: 2:00 to 5:00

\$8:00 per dancer

All Proceeds to be donated to the Swingtime Center.

Location: 5100 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth

Refreshments Duty and Information

January 30 - Anniversary Dance all members help
February 12 - **Pitts**, Lee, Jimison, See
February 26 - **Henneberger**, Row, Kern, Loxsom

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc. without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents to see if they are already in inventory.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

Square Dancin' With the Swinging Stars

41st Anniversary Dance



Caller

Wayne Baldwin



Guest Caller

Scott Bennett



Cues

Walter & Eula Brewer

Saturday, January 30, 2016

All Saints Catholic Church

5231 Meadowcreek Dr. Dallas

Early Rounds 7:00

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Dancing in the Fellowship Hall for better Acoustics

Salad Supper with Desserts in the Gym

Money Raffle

Honey Pot

Quilt Raffle

Dancers under 18 dance for free with a paying adult

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Swinging Stars

Mid Winter

Warm Your Heart Dance

February
26, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



Early Rounds: 7:00

Grand March: 8:00

Hot Flash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Drive., Plano

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by paying adults

Banners Honey Pot Great Dancing Good Food

For info: 972-467-4973 or president@swingingstars.org



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

January 30, 2016 – Swinging Stars 41st Anniversary Dance

June 22 – 25, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

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.

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