



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 31, 2016

From Doug and Jan Bergesen, Swinging Stars President:

This is our last newsletter as Presidents. We would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you this year. We have enjoyed most all of it ☺. You have been very helpful and supportive and we really appreciate y'all. We especially want to thank you for the GREAT job everyone did in the Anniversary Dance. We heard many comments complementing us on an amazing dance. It was a wonderful culminating activity to conclude our year of service. Just so you know.... The church representative commented that we left the church in better condition than we found it. This is one great club that we are proud to be a part of.

Doug and Jan

Happening This Week

Tuesday, February 2 – Round Dance Lessons begin at 7:15PM to 9:15PM at the Carpenter Rec. Center in Plano.

Tuesday, February 2 – Square Dance Lessons begin at 7:15PM to 9:15PM at the Carpenter Rec. Center in Plano.

Friday, February 5 – Official Visit to Texas Reelers – Double Deal – Valentine's Special – Early Rounds: 7:30PM. Grand March: 8:00PM at the Richardson Senior Center.

Saturday, February 6 – Official Visit to Buttons and Bows – 51st Anniversary Dance – Early Rounds: 7:00PM. Grand March: 8:00PM at the Georgia Farrow Rec. Center in Irving.

Announcements

As the new year brings new beginnings so it is with our dues too.

If you haven't paid your dues for the first quarter you're not alone. Neither has about half of our club. Please get your payment in to our new Treasurer, Dan Lassiter. Bring your checkbooks to the next dance and get up to date.

Square Dance Lessons

Are you confused about the time? Let me explain. There were problems with the little kids being picked up at 7:15 from their class with so many adults standing around waiting to get in. At first, they had decided to change our time to 7:30 because of that problem, but later changed it back to 7:15. However, we have been asked to stay downstairs until the children have been picked up at 7:15. That should clarify things.

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 31, 2016

Dance of Interest

Sunday, Jan 24 North Texas Callers Association Singing Call/Round Dance of the Year

21 Swinging Stars traveled to Swingtime Center in Fort Worth on Sunday for NORTEX'S annual "Singing Call and Round Dance of the Year" dance. 24 squares were counted in the grand march! If essentially non-stop dancing, square and round, for more than 2 hours is your idea of fun, then this was your dance. For more than 2 hours, master of ceremonies and veteran caller, Jon Jones, introduced area callers and cuers who were competing for the prizes in their respective field. Each caller (or caller pair for duets) then entertained square dancers with at least 2 tips of singing calls that they'd been treated to during the past year. Each cuer likewise treated round dancers to a couple rounds that they'd enjoyed at area dances during the past year. Intervening breaks were typically very short, only long enough for the next caller/cuer to get his/her microphone and music playing equipment plugged into the stage amp and ready for use. In short, attendees danced enough for a week in just this one night. For square dancers, a particular highlight was Vernon Jones belting out a great blues tune as only he can. Wow! Did that energize the floor! As the evening drew to an end, the following winners were revealed.

Square Dance Song (2-way tie):

- Winner: Rick Smith for "Golden Memory"
- Winner: Charles Crockett for "Homeward Bound"

Square Dance Duet of Year

- Winner: Deborah Carroll-Jones & Jon Jones for "Hallelujah"
- Honorable Mention: Wayne Baldwin & Rick Smith
- Honorable Mention: Mike & Drew Bramlett

Round Dance of Year

- Winner: Charles Crockett for "West Texas Waltz"

What a night. I remember leaving Swingtime wearing a big grin ... and babying my overworked feet. Many thanks to the following Swinging Stars in attendance: P. Amy, Baldwins, Bergesens, Bondis, Brewers, Covingtons, Esteps, Evantos, Hamms, Harrises, and Smith/Hardin. A special thanks to Jim Bondi for the outstanding report of the evening events.

Official Visitation Dance

Friday, Jan 29, Triangle Squares

Cattle Baron's Ball

11 Swinging Stars attended the Triangle Squares "Cattle Barons Ball" 41st anniversary dance in Denton on Friday evening. As is often the case, veteran club caller Toby Thomason both cued rounds and called squares. However, on this particular evening, now popular area caller, Bobby Willis, joined Toby as guest caller. On rounds, Toby cued a host of enjoyable 2-steps and a few waltzes to entertain round dancers between squares. On squares, Toby and Bobby teamed up to keep the sizable floor of dancers, more than 16 squares at grand march, enthused, energized, and hopping. Their occasional duet singing calls were especially nice. When not dancing, attendees found a host of great food entrees and desserts from which to choose. All in all, it was a great evening of dancing and socializing. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars who attended P. Amy, Bondis, Colters, Esteps, Hawkins, and Nejdls. Many thanks to Jim Bondi for this well written report for the Triangle Squares special dance

Banner Report

We currently have 3 banners that we have captured and 3 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
Diamond Jubileers	Mar-14-15
Dixie Chainers	Mar-28-15
T Square Gadabouts	Feb-20-15

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Buttons and Bows	Jan-30-16
Kissin Kuzzins	Dec-12-15
Rebel Rousers	Jan-30-16

FEBRUARY VISITATION SCHEDULE AND COMING EVENTS

LET'S STRIVE TO KEEP SQUARE DANCING ALIVE

Official Visit -- Double Deal Dance

Friday, Feb 5, Texas Reelers

"Valentine Special" Dance

Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones & Jon Jones

Cuer: Chris & Maria Farabaugh

Early Rounds: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Richardson Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson, TX

Official Visit – Anniversary Dance

Saturday, Feb 6, Buttons & Bows

"Valentines" Dance

Callers: Jerry Gilbreath (guest) & Barry Hendricks (club)

Cuer: Charles Crockett

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

Georgia Farrow Recreation Center

530 West Davis, Irving, TX

Refreshments Duty and Information

February 12 - **Pitts**, Lee, Jimison, See
February 26 - **Henneberger**, Row, Kern, Loxsom
March 11 - **Feldman**, Sobotka, Sherrell, Rose
March 25 - **DeLuke**, Duncan, Harris, Bivins
April 8 - **Reid**, Mosher, Starrett, Trujillo
April 22 - **Nejdl**, Pharr, Sherman, Schweers

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!

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

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.

Doug & Jan Bergesen

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



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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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Celebrate




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Caller:

Wayne Baldwin

Friday, March 25, 2016

Cuer:

Walter Brewer

Square Dance Attire
OR
Show Your Team
Spirit By Wearing
Your Favorite
Team Shirt



Early Rounds 7:00
Square Dance 8:00
Hot Hash after last tip

Honey Pot



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Teens Dance Free When Accompanied By A Paying Adult



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