



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 20, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Dancing and socializing are the two top reasons most individuals join a Square Dance Club. Maybe it was the rain. Maybe it was Spring Break. I really do not know the “why” but I do know dancing and socializing was at a low point for Swinging Stars this past weekend. For our scheduled visitation Friday night there was a total of two (2) dancers. That does not contribute to the dancing or socializing. You cannot maintain or enhance your dancing skills if you do not get actual floor time with multiple callers. Please consider getting out to Club events (lessons [Square or Round], Plus Dances, Club Dances, and Visitations this week. All scheduled Club dances and visitations are on the Monthly Calendar we publish at the first of each month as well as in the Newsletter. All scheduled Club special events are detailed in the weekly Newsletter.

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, March 22 – Square Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Tuesday, March 22 – Round Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Friday, March 25 – Swinging Stars Dance

Saturday, March 26, Tri City Promenaders – New Dancer Dance

Announcements

Square Dance Lessons Update: -- Mark and Karen Hawkins

Our students continue to progress very nicely, and they have only six more lessons until graduation. We have one couple that has dropped out of the class because of health issues, but they are planning to attend the fall lessons program. It's not too early to start thinking about recruitment ideas for those lessons.

We would like to thank the following angels for helping out students with their lesson this past week: Peggy Amy; Tom Evanto; Bob & Kathy Estep; Barry & Helen Feldman; Charlie & Linda Harris; Mark & Karen Hawkins; Anne Nejdli; Bill Perrott; Ron & Donita See; Jean Sobotka; Jeff & Anne Stuart; Merry Trujillo; and Doug & Donna Williams. Without the help of these angels our students would not be as advanced as they are today. Please keep up the good work.

Normally, we need more Angels than we have attending so please try to help this Tuesday!

Round Dance Lessons Update: -- Lucy Hamm

The Hamms are back from a Northern California visit and ski trip. While we were gone, the Intermediate Rumba and Cha Cha lessons began. JL and Linda Pelton welcomed back 9 couples who are continuing their Swinging Stars sponsored round dance lessons. The class reviewed Serpiente (Lucy's challenge) and Chase With Underarm Pass. The Peltons then taught Wheel, Aida and then introduced Switch Rock and Switch Cross. The dancers are having a good time with the dances they are now able to do. New dances introduced were Beach Party Cha, Islands in the Stream and South of Santa Fe (Ralph's Old favorite). The students are getting good practice with some of the dances they can now do to cues. The Bergesens and the Bondis were out Friday night (and maybe Saturday?) practicing their rumba cha/cha cues.

2nd VP Report – 20 March 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING

“A” Lessons

Wednesday 16 March, 6:15 - 7:30 – Plus 4s –

6 Swinging Stars have been taking caller Charles Quisenberry's weekly A1/A2 square dance lessons since 06 January. Tonight, the class completed its initial pass through A1 calls (though MUCH practice of same will continue) and began to tackle A2. A2 calls introduced included “Single Wheel” (each person acts like a couple does in Wheel and Deal) and “In-Roll Circulate” (from parallel waves, the in-facing end in each wave circulates while all others roll/flip one position down their wave). Swinging Stars enrolled in these A lessons include Bondis, Putnam/Heintz, and Sees. Angels helping out often include current Swinging Stars, Evantos and Amys, plus Kapps and Morses.

All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 16 March, 7:30 - 9:30 – Plus 4s –

19 Swinging Stars enjoyed the Plus 4s all-plus dance at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch on Wednesday. 5+ squares enjoyed the calling expertise of veteran club caller, Charles Quisenberry (aka “Quiz”). Quiz's primary surprise for dancers this evening involved uncommon variations of Spin Chain (Exchange) the Gears, sometimes starting from left-handed waves and sometimes, when the call involved an Exchange, designating unusual leaders for the two Exchange “snakes” used to thread dancers to the other wave to finish. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars who attended: P. Amy, Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, Evantos, Hamms, Hawkins, Kerns, Sees, and Shermans.

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 19 March – Rebel Rousers – “Pi R Square” Dance

19 Swinging Stars visited the Rebel Rousers in Richardson, TX Saturday for their cleverly named “Pi R Square” dance. No, it wasn't a review of basic math equations but ... instead ... a dance featuring pies of all kinds as the offered nourishment/refreshment. Beloved club cuer, Christine Hixson, delivered 30 minutes of early rounds and then terrific, balanced intermittent rounds during the remainder of the evening. As always, her cueing prowess kept round dancers engaged and smiling throughout the evening. On squares, Hall of Fame club caller, Mike Bramlett, started with an early 30 minutes of strong all-Plus dancing. Then, during the main dance, he mixed 2 more Plus tips in with a host of other great, entertaining tips. True to form, Mike even delivered an entry-level tip or two tailored specifically for the Rebel Rousers' new graduates on the floor. The evening's square highlights included a ½ tip featuring “backward” calls (calls pronounced as if spelled backward) and a ½ tip drilled at hot-hash-like speed. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars who attended: P. Amy, Bondis, Esteps, Feldmans, Harrises, Heintz/Putnam, Lees, Pharrs, Sees, and Smith/Hardin.

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 5 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 1 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
Kissin Kuzzins	04-Mar-2016
Rebel Rousers	20-Feb-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
Texas Reelers	26-Feb-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Our Club Dance

Friday 25 March – Swinging Stars – “March Madness” Dance

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Early Rounds: 7:00, Early Plus Tip: 7:45, Grand March: 8:00

Shepard Elementary School

1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

Official Visit – New Dancer Square + Round Dance

Saturday 26 March – Tri-City Promenaders – “New Dancer” Dance

Caller: Paul Kinsey

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Carpools for new dancers: Bondis can take 2; other SS officers may also have room; ask at our 3/25 dance.

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

Brookside Center

1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst, TX 76053

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Lessons

Wednesday 23 March – Plus 4s --

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

7:00 – 9:00

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

Current Focus: Continue A2

Square + Round Dance

Thursday 24 March – Lone Star Solos – “Student Hoedown” Dance

Caller: Dave Vieira

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Square Workshop: 7:00, Grand March: 7:30

KayCee (Knights of Columbus) Hall

10110 Shoreview Rd, Dallas, TX

Refreshments Duty and Information

March 25: **Reid**, Stuart, Harris, Bivins

April 8: **Deluke**, Mosher, Covington, 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 [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 8, 2016 – Friendship dance with Rockwall Squares – our dance location. 2 Club Callers – 2 Club Cuers – good food – what more can you ask for.

June 5, 2016 – General Club Meeting – Spring Creek Barbeque – Frisco, 3623 Preston Road, Frisco, TX 75034 (old location not available)

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

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

June 21 – 24, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

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.

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

Swinging Stars

Celebrate

**MARCH
MADNESS**



Caller:



Friday, March 25, 2016

Cuer:



Wayne Baldwin

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



Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, Tx

For Info: 972-681-3640 or President@swingingstars.org

Visit our Web Site: www.swingingstars.org

Teens Dance Free When Accompanied By A Paying Adult



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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

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