



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for April 20, 2014

Our Swinging Stars dance this Friday is a Formula 51 dance, which will emphasize the first 51 mainstream calls. While the Swinging Stars do not have mainstream lessons going on this spring, several neighboring clubs do, and we hope that they will bring their students to visit. NORTEX is emphasizing Formula 51 dances in April since many clubs have mainstream lessons going on now. Practice on the Formula 51 calls is not only helpful to students but to new dancers and seasoned veterans as well. The theme for the dance is Spring Fling, so wear your bright spring colors and come out and have a good time.

The scheduled visitation for Saturday night is to the Tri City Promenaders. Their always entertaining club caller Paul Kinsey will be joined by Toby Thomason for this "April Showers Gospel Singing Dance", and Chris Farabaugh will cue the rounds. Sounds like it's going to be a really fun dance!

We had good showings for our visitations to the Kissin' Kuzzins on Friday night and the Rebel Rousers on Saturday night, despite the conflicting opportunities and obligations of Easter weekend. We're constantly amazed at your enthusiasm. Read details of the visits in Events from the Past Week below.

Our announcement about NORTEX Round-Up in last week's newsletter omitted Bobby Willis from the list of callers. Bobby will join Jon Jones and Ray Savell in sharing the calling duties with featured national and international caller and recording artist Ken Bower. Chris Farabaugh will handle the rounds. It's going to be a great day of dancing. Full information about Round-Up is at www.roundup2014.com.

Ralph and
Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, April 22 – Two step lesson.

Friday, April 25 – Swinging Stars Formula 51 club dance; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, April 26– Visit to TriCity Promenaders; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

Plus Lessons: Wayne will be giving plus lessons from 7:15PM to 9:15PM on Tuesdays beginning June 10 and ending August 12. The lessons are a course of Plano Parks and Recreation and will be in "our" room at Carpenter Rec Center. Cost is \$45 per person. Registration begins May 3. Flyers with complete information will be available at our club dances.

Jodie will have a sign-up sheet at future club dances for a limited number of angels at each lesson. Since plus students are all experienced dancers, the primary need for angels is to fill squares. If you are possibly considering being an angel in the hope of improving your plus skills, we strongly recommend that you enroll in the course instead.

Swinging Stars Club Meeting: Save your Spring Creek Barbeque two for one coupons! A club meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18 at 3:00PM at Spring Creek Barbecue, 270 North Central Expressway, Richardson. All Swinging Stars are encouraged to attend. We have quite a bit of club business to conduct – we’ll send everyone an agenda after a May 4th executive board meeting. The club meeting shouldn’t last much more than an hour, and then you’ll have an opportunity to enjoy an early dinner with your friends. Please put this on your calendar and be there.

Dues for the second quarter are payable now. Most of you pay semiannually or annually, but if you haven’t paid your second quarter dues, please mail your check payable to the Swinging Stars (\$35 per couple per quarter) to our Treasurer:

Dan Lassiter
 1701 Gateway Blvd, Suite 403
 Richardson, TX 75081
 Email: Treasurer@swingingstars.org

*** * * From Your 2nd VPs * * ***

Our current Swinging Star banner inventory is shown below. If you visit a club whose banner we have, please don’t bring home another one.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
Buttons and Bows	1-Feb-14
Cotton Pickin' Squares	23-Mar-13
Decatur 8'ers	5-Oct-13
Diamond Jubileers	8-Mar-14
Dixie Chainers	22-Mar-14
Kissin' Kuzzins	21-Feb-14
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
North Star 8	09-Feb-13
Rebel Rousers	15-Feb-14
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Texas Reelers	04-Apr-14
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13
Tri-City Promenaders	26-Jan-13

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Lone Star Solos	28-Feb-14

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Of Interest, Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, April 18th

Eighteen Swinging Stars had a fun visit to the Kissin' Kuzzins Friday night. It was a colorful event with everyone dressed in bright spring colors, and there were some interesting Easter bonnets in the crowd. Wayne Baldwin gave a fun workshop featuring a reverse Dixie Style to an Ocean Wave. It took the men a while to catch on. JL Pelton cued an excellent selection of rounds, including several two steps which our students could enjoy. It was a great evening which, of course, included a stop at Dos Banderas after the dance. Swinging Stars visiting included the Bivins, Bursons, Esteps, Giffords, Hamms, Hardin/Smith, HARRISES, Pharrs, and Underwoods. Thanks to Ralph Hamm for the report.

Of Interest, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, April 19th

Twenty Swinging Stars visited the Rebel Rousers New Dancer / Formula 51 Dance on Easter Eve Saturday. Rounds were cued by Christine Hixson while squares were called by Mike Bramlett. Both Christine and Mike paid appropriate special attention to new dancers in attendance. Christine, for example, cued several straightforward 2-steps that students in her ongoing 2-step class could execute and enjoy. In similar fashion, Mike not only limited the evening's calls to the Formula 51 subset but also offered several tips with special new-dancer-oriented instruction and related challenges. Examples include several variations of wrong-way promenade and a courtesy turn "test" where passing required remembering to rotate/turn until facing in toward center of square (not some fixed rotational amount). Mike's patent-worthy mix of polished choreography, high energy calling, and soulful singing (including a great duet with wife D') invigorated all dancers and elicited many whoops and hollers from the floor. As a special treat for those willing to stay a bit late, Mike added a great plus tip following the main Forumula 51 dance. All present enjoyed a terrific evening. Swinging Stars attending were P. Amy, Barbers, Bergesens, J. Bondi, Bursons, J. Duncan / M. Cagle (student dancer, Swinging Star to be), Esteps, Fousts, Halvorsons, Rows, and Smith/Hardin. Thanks to Jim Bondi for the report.

* * COMING EVENTS * * *

Swinging Stars, Friday, April 25th

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / square up – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Theme: Spring Fling
Notes: club dance, Formula 51

Of Interest, Tri-City Promenaders, Saturday, April 26th

Location: Brookside Center (1244 Brookside Dr., Hurst, TX)
Website: <http://www.tricitypromenaders.com>
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Paul Kinsey and Toby Thomason
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Theme: April Showers Gospel Singing Dance

Of Interest, Plus 4s, Wednesday, April 30th

Location: Chapel Hill Methodist Church (12411 Templeton Dr., Farmers Branch, TX)

Time: Dance – 7:30PM

Callers: Wayne Baldwin and Charles Quisenberry

Theme: 28th Anniversary Dance

Notes: All plus dancing, no rounds, Double Deal

Refreshments Duty and Information

April 25, 2014	Kendrick, Lewis, Piziali, Pitts
May 9, 2014	Foust, Branden, Bullock, Sherman
May 23, 2014	Meyer, Bergesen, Dennison, Loxsom
June 13, 2014	McGuire, Henneberger, Amy, Stuart
June 27, 2014	Row, Perrott, Smith/Harden, Whitaker

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



Swinging Stars

SPRING FLING

Formula 51

Honey Pot **April 25, 2014** *Banners*

Fun Dancing *Refreshments*

Caller: Wayne Baldwin **Early Rounds: 7:00**

Cuer: Walter Brewer **Square Up: 8:00**



SWINGING STARS



Salute The Troops

Friday, May 23, 2014

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

Sunday, May 18, 3:00PM – Swinging Stars general membership meeting

Sunday, June 8 – Annual Fish Fry at the Baldwins

Tuesday, June 10 – Plus lessons begin

June 12 – 15, 2014 – 52nd Texas State Square and Round Dance Festival, Tyler, TX – preregistration form:

www.squaredancetx.com/fest_reg_order.html

June 25 - 28, 2014 – 63rd National Square Dance Convention, Little Rock, AR – see www.63nsdc.com for info

Friday, September 26 – Chili Cook-Off/Double Deal Dance

October 17 – 19, 2014 – NORTEX Round Up – see complete information and get registration and lodging reservation forms here: <http://www.roundup2014.com/>

Friday, October 31, 2014 – Halloween Dance (Fifth Friday)

Friday, December 5, 2014 – Swinging Stars annual holiday party

Friday, January 23, 2015 – Swinging Stars 40th Anniversary Dance

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

Remember our Sunshine person is Debbie Piziali, and you can email her at debbie@piziali.dv.org or phone her at 214-552-9802. Please contact her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

Ralph and Lucy Hamm

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