



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for May 1, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Round Up raffle tickets have arrived. We were able to pass out a couple of hundred tickets at the dance last week. 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.

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, May 3 – Round Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Wednesday, May 4 – Plus Dancing – Plus 4's -

Friday, May 6 – Texas Reelers – Take Me Out To The Ballgame – Jon Jones & Chris Farabaugh

Saturday, May 7 – Log Cabin Swingers 41st Anniversary – Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer – Mexican Theme

Announcements

Square Dance Lessons Update: -- Mark and Karen Hawkins

Our class of students have graduated. All students have joined a Club or indicated that they will join a Club. Tremendous success as we have twelve new members. Come to the next dance and meet them – help welcome them to the Stars!

Round Dance Lessons Update: -- Lucy Hamm

Swinging Stars sponsored cha cha and rumba lessons continued on Tuesday in spite of the threatening skies. Five enthusiastic couples braved the weather. New dance figures covered were Chase Full Turn, Cucaracha Cross, Switch Rock and Switch Cross. JL put on a fun piece of music and "hash" cued the Aida, Switch Rock and Aida, and Switch Cross with a few basic cues intervening and everyone seemed to have a good time doing it.

Some time was spent on specific help as JL and Linda each worked with individual couples needing assistance with a particular dance figure. They also reviewed the class on "Black Horse and the Cherry Tree" cha cha and "He Drinks Tequila" rumba. Only two lesson sessions remain--May 3rd and May 17th.

2nd VP Report – 01 May 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

Teaches + Round Dance

Sunday 24 April – Harvest Holiday – Mini Fest

On Sunday, area round dancers made the trek to Swingtime Center in Fort Worth for the 2016 Harvest Holiday Mini Fest. The afternoon began with 2 teaches over 3 hours. Karen Gloodt first taught a slow 2 step named “The Other Side” and Christine Hixson then taught a waltz named “A True, True Love.” The evening 2-hour dancing session featured all area cuers delivering 27 total songs that included the 2 afternoon teach dances. Participating area cuers donating their time to make this event possible included Chris Farabaugh, Karen Gloodt, Christine Hixson, J.L. Pelton, Jack von der Heide, and Barb Yeargan. Swinging Stars attending all/part of this event included Bondis, Hamms, Perrotts, Pitts, and Zhang/Chen.

“A” Lessons

Wednesday 27 April, 7:00 - 9:00 – Plus 4’s –

This week, Charles Quisenberry (“Quiz”) introduced “A” students to A2 calls “Mini Busy,” Zig Zag, & Trail Off. He also continued drilling them on previously introduced calls. Swinging Stars students taking these lessons include Bondis, Heintz/Putnam, and Sees. Swinging Stars angels attending to help them include P. Amy and Evantos.

“A” Dance

Thursday 28 April, 7:00 - 9:00 – Model A’s –

6 Swinging Stars A students (and 5 Swinging Stars seasoned A dancers) attended the “Model A’s” weekly club dance on Thursday night in Dallas. The students had been specially invited by club caller, Wayne Baldwin, to come “try out” their emerging A skills. Overall, the floor time was fun and encouraging, as students were able to get “a fair amount of things right,” with, of course, some occasional help from seasoned dancers. While Wayne was likely toning things down a bit to better accommodate us, we students still profited greatly from the experience. Thank you, Model As. Swinging Stars students present included Bondis & Sees and Swinging Stars angels present included P. Amy, Bergesens, and Evantos.

Official Visit – Square + Round Dance –

Friday 29 April – Circle I-- 64th Anniversary – “Starry, Starry Night”

15 Swinging Stars journeyed to Irving, TX Friday night for Circle I’s 64th anniversary dance “Starry, Starry Night.” On rounds, popular area cuer, Chris Farabaugh, pleased dancers with a well-balanced evening of rhythms and phases starting with an hour of early rounds and followed by rounds alternated with squares during the main dance. On squares, club caller, Ray Savell, was joined by guest caller, Bobby Willis. Together, the two kept square dancers engaged and smiling all night long with energetic patter calling complemented by nice singing calls, even a few duets. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars for turning out: Adams/Brewer (new members), P. Amy, Bondis, Esteps, Evantos, Pitts, Sees, and Trujillos. With this turn out, we captured a nice (green) container of Folgers Decaf Coffee. (When two clubs normally dance on the same nights, as do we and Circle I, the host club typically rewards the visiting club with a nominal gift rather than their banner.)

Official Visit – Square + Round Dance

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

22 Swinging Stars traveled to Swingtime Center Saturday evening for the Roadrunners 45th anniversary “Barn Dance / Quilt Show.” What a crowd greeted us! Over 260 total dancers including 200+ guests. Well, yes, Karen Gloodt did, as usual, cue a very nice array of round dance rhythms and difficulties both during early rounds and during the main dance. However, the real draw this evening (sorry, Karen – we do love you) was more likely famed guest caller, Tim Tyl, who really kept the joint jumping all night long. Square dancers expect “high entertainment” from Tim and he surely delivered this evening. His patter was fast paced, sometimes technically challenging, and the accompanying patter verbage (if you paid sufficient attention) was clever and entertaining, sometimes even a bit risqué and occasionally even a bit more politically incorrect (e.g., “... goose the girl and make her scream ...”). Bottom line: all attending had a terrific time ... and no one left early. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars for participating: Amys, Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, Evantos, Feldmans, Kilejians, Peltons, Pitts, Sees, and Smith/Hardin. With this sizable group, we captured our host’s banner.

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 9 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
Roadrunners	30-Apr-2016
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

Saturday 07 May – Log Cabin Swingers – 41st Anniversary – “Cinco de Mayo”

Caller: Wayne Baldwin (guest)

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Suggested Dress: festive with Mexican flare

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

Promenade Hall

1210 N. Tool Dr. (Hwy 274), Tool, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Lessons, All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 04 May – Plus 4s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

“A” Lessons: 6:15 – 7:30

All-Plus Dance: 7:30 – 9:30

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

Square + Round Dance

Friday 06 May – Texas Reelers – “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”

Caller: Jon Jones (guest)

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

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

Richardson Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 07 May – Solitaires

Caller: Joey Duhamel (guest)

Cuer: J.L. Pelton

Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March 7:45

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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 **Stuart**, 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 (Plus representatives from Rebel Rousers)
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

Phone: 972-618-3640

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

Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org



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