

Newsletter for June 1, 2014



Your newsletter is coming to you from beautiful Bodega Bay, California. Actually, it's coming to you from the San Francisco airport, but we *were* in Bodega Bay the last couple of days and earlier today. We didn't see Alfred Hitchcock, and the birds seemed calm. (You may or may not recall or care that the movie <u>The Birds</u> was filmed there.)

We have two great visits scheduled for this weekend. Friday, we'll visit the Texas Reelers, always great with Deborah Carroll Jones calling. Saturday night, the Rebel Rousers will welcome us to their 25th Anniversary Silver Explosion with the two Mikes, Seastrom and Bramlett, calling and Christine Hixson cueing. See all the details for these two dances in Coming Events below.

And then there's the fish fry at Wayne and Jodie's home at 5:30 Sunday. What a weekend!

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Friday, June 6 – Visit to Texas Reelers; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, June 7 – **Official visit** to Rebel Rousers 25th Anniversary Dance (Double Deal); see details in Coming Events below.

Sunday, June 8 – Fish fry at the Baldwin's.

Announcements

SIGN UP FOR PLUS LESSONS NOW! As of now, only 6 couples are signed up for the plus lessons which start June 10. We need 2 more couples to make the class. Knowing how to dance plus opens up many more dancing opportunities to you. **To register, call Carpenter Rec Center at 972-208-8087; the course number is 154589** and the course name is Modern Plus Square Dance.

We have been missing:

Frank and Maryann Starrett: Frank had been out a few weeks due to knee pain. He had surgery this past Wednesday to replace his ailing knee. The surgery went well, and Frank has been up and walking with his physical therapist. Maryann and Frank expressed appreciation for all the calls and visits and offers of help they have received. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Frank, and we look forward to the time when you will be back dancing with us.

Update received Sunday June 1: Frank was released yesterday morning from the hospital but had difficulty at home. They took him to the ER last night and they are monitoring him. They will do a MIR tomorrow and will know better what is going on. Maryann has asked for no visitors just prayers.

Nancy and Chuck Morse: Nancy has been having severe back pain for a good while. After several postponements and a bout with shingles, her back surgery is scheduled for June 3rd. This has been a real lesson in patience and pain tolerance for her. Please keep Nancy and Chuck in your prayers.

NORTEX Round-Up Registration: You can register for Round-Up now, and **you can pay using PayPal** if you wish. To register, go to nortex.org and click on the Round-Up link near the top of the page. Once you are on the Round-Up page, click on the Register button near the top of the page (just below the countdown display). This takes you to a page where you can select your ticket option from a drop down menu, enter your names, and click the "Add to Cart" button to continue and pay using PayPal. Alternatively, if you do not wish to pay through PayPal, there is a link at the bottom of this page which takes you to a printable flyer that has a form at the bottom to fill out and mail in with your check. Register early – entry at the door will cost more.

* * * From Your 2nd VPs * * *

Plus dancers – Plus 4s dance this Wednesday, June 4, at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 12411 Templeton Tr, Farmers Branch. Come out for great fun and learning with Quiz.

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	10-May-14	
Diamond Jubileers	8-Mar-14	
Dixie Chainers	22-Mar-14	
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13	
North Star 8	09-Feb-13	
Road Runners	31-May-14	
Solitaires	04-Jan-14	
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13	

Swinging Strs Banners Out

Date Captured
23-May-14
23-May-14
28-Feb-14
23-May-14

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

NORTEX Memorial Day Dance, Monday, May 26th

Eight Swinging Stars enjoyed the excellent calling and cuing of Rick Smith and JL Pelton at the NORTEX Memorial Day Dance on Monday. It was a very patriotic event with tribute to the fallen and a salute to our veterans. A Marine guard presented the colors. All attending enjoyed great dancing and even greater hot dogs. Swinging Stars there included Bursons, Hamms, Lassiters, and Pitts.

Circle I 62nd Anniversary Dance, Friday, May 30th

Circle I anniversary dance on Friday, May 30th was a lot of fun with callers Ray Savell and Mike Bramlett and cuer Chris Farabaugh. There were 18 Swinging Stars among 260 attendees announced total and 20 squares in the grand march. Visiting couples were: Amy, Bullock, Burson, Colter, Evanto, Hawkins, Kilejian, Pitts, and Sobotka. We received a large canister of decaf coffee as a visitation gift instead of a banner since both clubs normally dance on the same nights. Thanks to Tom Evanto for this report.

Roadrunners 43rd Anniversary Dance, Saturday, May 31st

The Roadrunners anniversary dance at Swingtime Center on Saturday, May 31st was very enjoyable with callers Wayne Baldwin and Rick Smith and cuer Karen Gloodt. There were 8 Swinging Stars among nearly 200 announced visitors and 21 squares in the grand march. Visitors were: P Amy, J Baldwin, D&L Burson, T&V Evanto, and B&T Pitts. We captured their banner. Thanks to Tom Evanto for this report.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Of Interest, Texas Reelers, Friday, June 6th, BANNER RETRIEVAL

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson, TX) Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / Grand March – 8:00PM Caller: Deborah Carroll Jones Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Official, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, June 7th

Location: All Saints Catholic Church (5231 Meadowcreek Dr, Dallas, TX)

- Time: Early Rounds 7:30PM / Grand March 8:00PM
- Callers: Mike Seastrom and Mike Bramlett
- Cuer: Christine Hixson
- Theme: Silver Explosion
- Notes: 25th Anniversary, Double Deal

Fish Fry, Sunday, June 8th

Location: Baldwin's Home Time: 5:30PM Theme: Food and Fun

Official, Lone Star Solos, Thursday, June 12th

Location:	Knights of Columbus Hall (10110 Shoreview Rd, Dallas, TX)
Time:	Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM
Caller:	Charles Quisenberry
Cuer:	Chris Farabaugh
Theme:	Father's Day Dance
Notes:	Banner retrieval

Refreshments Duty and Information

June 13, 2014	McGuire, Amy, Loven, Stuart
June 27, 2014	Row, Perrott, Smith/Hardin, Whitaker
July 11, 2014	Deluke, Harris, Hursey, Pharr
July 25, 2014	Meyer, Mosher, Bivins, McClure
August 8, 2014	Evanto, Henneberger, Estep, Burson
August 22, 2014	Feldman, Whipple, Gifford, Trujillo

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!





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

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: <u>www.squaredancetx.com/fest_reg_order.html</u>

June 25 - 28, 2014 – 63rd National Square Dance Convention, Little Rock, AR – see <u>www.63nsdc.com</u> 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: <u>http://www.roundup2014.com/</u>

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 <u>debbie@piziali.dv.org</u> 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.

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