

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for June 17, 2012

Baldwin's Fish Fry

There are two documents below this newsletter link with the following information from Jodie:

1. Fish Fry final list and reminder as to what you signed up to bring.
2. Map to Baldwin's house.



Hmmm, can't you just smell that fish frying.

Sunday, June 24th 5:30. Baldwin's Annual Fish Fry. At Jodie and Wayne Baldwins, 981 Timber Lane, Fairview. This is one of the highlights of the year for the Swinging Stars. Wayne and Jodie invite the whole club to come to their home to eat all the fish you can. Wayne, Charlie Harris, Chuck Morse and sometimes Joe Lewis, spend Wednesdays fishing, so that we can have this great party. So please plan to attend.

We are so pleased that our new members are planning to join us at the fish fry. These details are to help everyone who has signed up remember what they decided to bring. Also we are looking forward to more of our Stars signing up. Don't think that the number of blanks left indicates all we can handle because there is room for everyone.

For Questions call Jodie - 972-562-2174 or email jodie.baldwin@flash.net

Jodie will have a sign up sheet at our dances. Be sure to sign up to bring one of the suggested dishes.

Don't forget the Duck Badge Dance. Bring a swimsuit (there is a place to change) and you can earn a dangle for square dancing in the pool.

Only Visitation This Week

This Saturday we have a Visitation to the Cotton Pickin' Squares. We are planning to go and I hope you will also. Mike Bramlett will be the Caller and Christine Hixson the Cuer. There isn't much else going on Saturday, so come on and join the fun with the Swinging Stars dancing at the Cotton Pickin' Squares. Their dance location is L-3 Rec. Hall 50001, Jack Finney Blvd. Greenville, Texas. Early Rounds 7:30 Grand March 8:00.

ROUND-UP 2012

LET'S DO IT.....HAVE A BALL

To all of you that are new to square dancing and perhaps to those that have been involved but never quite understood about Round-up, I would like to explain Round-up and what it involves. I know that most of the club member know what the Round-up is, so bear with me as I explain it to our newer members.

Once a year all the clubs in the NORTEX Square and Round Dance Association get together for an all day event. This year the theme is "Let's do it ... Have a Ball" It will be on October 27th at the Sterling Hotel, 1055 Regal Row, Dallas. Mike Bramlett is the Staff Caller and Christine and Theron Hixson the Staff Cues for the event. A young REALLY good national caller, Hunter Keller, will be the Featured Caller for the Round-up. There will be some exciting events throughout the day. The schedule is not out yet, but there will be a New Dancer Dance for the new dancers in the area. You will not want to miss this opportunity to help new dancers to experience attending an event such as this. Another event, Musical Squares is the most fun. Although, square dancing is not competitive activity there is just a bit of competition for this event. In the past the way they have run it was that there are three chances to win. The first two chance you end up dancing with dancers in an unplanned square. The third and final chance you get to pick and choose whom you would like in your square. The last square standing wins the first place. Since the schedule is not out yet I am not sure of all the activities. There is usually a Plus Dance, Square Dance Workshop, Round Dance Workshop, Clogging, Door Prizes, and for the shopping enthusiast, Vendors. In the evening there will be Early Rounds and the Grand March will kickoff a night of extremely fun dancing.

There is also a dance on Friday night before Round Up, sponsored by the North Texas Caller's Association. It is called the Caller's Cavalcade. The NTCA puts on this dance. Several callers from the area take turns calling a tip for a fun evening of dancing.

This year the Round Up committee is offering a new method of purchasing tickets to the Round up and Cavalcade.

Early Registration (Pay by mail) postmarked no later than 10/1/2012

Pay by mail Price: Caller's Cavalcade \$5 per Person, Round-Up \$10 per Person Round-Up

Tickets sold by Round-Up Committee: \$12 per Person Round-Up Tickets sold at the door: \$15 per Person.

PRE ROUND-UP DANCES

Now, to explain about the Pre Round-up dances. Starting on June 29th clubs in the NORTEX will be sponsoring special dances to advertise the Round-up. The first Pre Round-Up dance will be the Rebel Rousers Kick-Off Dance. They are having the Kick-Off dance because the Chairmen for the Round-Up is Sam and Mary Stephens, members of the Rebel Rousers. Each club can choose a theme of something pertaining to "Let's Do It.. HAVE A BALL". The Swinging Stars will be scheduling as many of these dances for OFFICIAL Visitations as possible. You can find a list of these dances listed in the Promenade.

The Swinging Stars theme is going to be "International World Ball". Our Pre Round-up dance is on September 28. We will be having our own Wayne Baldwin calling and John Brewer cueing. We will be renting the gym and cafeteria to have enough room. We are asking that all members be involved in this as it is a fund raiser for the club. We will be setting up a committee much the same as for the Anniversary Dance. This will allow everyone to help and not have just a few people loaded with all the responsibilities of the dance.

These are the Chairmen that have volunteered so far for the dance. If you are interested in volunteering to be Chairmen for one of the remaining committees, please let me know.

Lorraine@Bursons.us

Dance Chairman -- Bursons
Set-up -- ?
Food service -- Anthaumes
Beverage service -- Covingtons
Decorations -- ?
Honey Pot -- Hawkins
Money Raffle -- Humphreys
Registration/Sign-in -- Reids
Clean up -- ?

Please say yes when asked you to serve. Better yet, contact me (Lorraine) and volunteer. Also if you have any questions or suggestions that will be helpful, I would love to hear from you.

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EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Fri. & Sat., June 15 and 16: Weekend Dance Of Interest: Log Cabin Swingers Double Header Weekend. Thank you to our Stars that went to the Log Cabin Weekend.

Friday-- Jon Jones and Deborah Carrol-Jones calling. We had 9 attending: P. Amy, Bursons, Pitts, Loxsoms, and Brewers.

Saturday -- The caller on Sat. was Wade Driver. For the afternoon Plus we just had the Loxsoms and Bursons enjoying the smooth calling of Wade Driver. For the evening dance we had the Pharrs and Bursons attending.

Friday, June 15. Impromptu Visitation. Peggy Pharr reported to me that there were 10 people visiting the Texas Reelers. Thank you to the Swinging Stars attending the Reelers. Ramirez, Pharrs, Roses, Smith/Hardin, and Maiers.

Saturday, June 16 Dance Of Interest: Rebel Rousers 23rd Anniversary Dance "Kaleidoscope of Color". Caller Mike Bramlett and Guest Caller K.O. Jeans. Christine Hixson cueing the Rounds. The report from Richard Covington was very much appreciated. He reported that we had 31 Swinging Stars attending. We retrieved our banner and also got their banner. Way to go Stars! Thank you to all that attended: Feldmans, Whitakers, Fousts, Covingtons, Hawkins, Loxsoms, Smith/Hardin, Maiers, Ramirez, Underwoods, Starretts, Pitts, Brewers, Moshers, Jimsons, and P. Amy.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 20 Ladies Luncheon at 11:30. Lorraine Burson is hosting the luncheon this month. I have chosen the Chocolate Angel. This is a new Chocolate Angle inside the High Street Antique Mall. The address is 800 Central Expressway. High Street Antique Mall is in the shopping center on the northeast corner of and Plano Parkway and Central Expressway. Please email Lorraine at Lorraine@Bursons.us by June 17th. I need to firm up the reservation by the 18th.

Friday, June 22 Swinging Stars Club Dance: Regular Dance night. Wayne calling and John cueing rounds . Our casual attire is in effect for the summer. We will be having a Early Rounds at 7:30 and Square Dancing at 8:00. Don't forget everyone is invited to Mama's Pizza after the dance.

Saturday, June 23 Dance Of Interest: Cotton Pickin' Squares. Their regular dance night. They will have the ever popular Mike Bramlett calling and Christine Hixson cueing. Their dance location is L-3 Rec. Hall 50001, Jack Finney Blvd. Greenville, Texas. Early Rounds 7:30 Grand March 8:00.

Friday, June 29 Official Visitation: Rebel Rousers Presents Music of The Night, Round Up Kick Off Dance. Caller, Mike Bramlett and Cued Christine Hixson. Early Rounds 7:00 and Grand March 7:30. The location will be at All Saints Catholic Church 5231 Meadowcreek. Wear something black and white with a splash of color. Read their ad on page 18 of the June Promenade.

Saturday, June 30 Official Visitation: Texas Reelers 37th Anniversary and Happy Birthday USA. Guest Caller Joey Duhamel and their Club Caller Mike Bramlett, with Jack and Ann von der Heide cueing the rounds. Early rounds 7:00 Grand March 8:00. The dance location will be at the Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church 3901 North Star, Richardson. Read their ad on page 23 of the June Promenade.

Schedule of advertised Theme Dances for the remainder of the year.

July 27	Beach Party
August 24	Back to school Ice Cream Social
September 28	Let's Do It: An International World Ball
October 12	Tailgate Party
November 9	Chili Cook Off
December 14	Toys and Books
January 25, 2013	Anniversary Dance

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

Refreshment Schedule – thru December 2012

Lead couple is first name on the list.

June 22	Trujillo, Piziali, Jimison, Evanto
July 13	Harris, Gifford, Putnam/Heintz, Pharr
July 27	Anthause, Hamm, Wheaton, McClure
August 10	Stuart, Hursey, Hawkins, Pitts*
August 24	Loven, Meyer, Rose, Carter*
September 14	Deluke, Capps, Mosher, Barber*
September 28	Pre-Roundup Dance – All Members Help
October 12	Lewis, Ross, Jung, Whitaker*
October 26	Dance Cancelled due to Callers Cavalcade Dance
November 9	Amy, Feldman, Henneberger, Sherman*
November 23	Dance Cancelled due to Thanksgiving Holiday
December 14	Dennison, Giandrone/Benedetto, Loxsom, Bullock
December 28	Dance Cancelled due to the school not being available to us.

Those with a * next to their name should not be in the Leader position until further notice.

The lead couple should contact all members on the team to be sure they know the following:

- What they are going to bring for refreshments.
- Arrive at dance by 7:00 pm. As per our contract with the PISD we are not to be in the gym before 7:00; refreshments shut down at 9:30 pm (no earlier).
- Repack bags in a Tidy Manner. If you take home a refreshment bag check that it has all the items listed on the Fluorescent Hang Tag in the bag. And be sure all items are clean.
- Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team.

Refreshment Duty Reminders:

- If you have a conflict with the Refreshment Schedule, please contact someone on the refreshment list to trade with you.
- Notify the refreshment schedulers: Jeff & Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email: jwstuart@flash.net with the names of your schedule changes.
- Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments to pick up the three bags. Or be sure that someone picks them up for you.
- Check refreshment Bags for the info regarding "Refreshment Duty Tips" and "List of Items Supplied by the Club".
- Contact Ralph and Lucy Hamm at 214-872-7219 or rehamm45@gmail.com for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. We may already have what you need.
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Save These Dates:

Sunday, August 19th. GRAM Free Dance. This is a Fun Dance for people interested in learning to square dance. Bring all your friends, relatives and or acquaintances that inquire about our favorite pastime. 2:00 to 4:00 at the Senter Park Rec. Center in Irving.

Starting Tuesday, August 28th. Mainstream Square Dance Lessons

Wayne Baldwin and the Swinging Stars along with the Plano Parks and Rec., will be sponsoring Mainstream Square Dance Lessons. Carpenter Park Rec. Center. 6701 Coit Rd. Plano. Start thinking of all the friends that you would like to have dancing with us and invite them to try. If you meet someone new tell them about square dancing and invite them to come and try. Tell them to go to www.swingingstars.org and click on Lessons and they can read about the lessons.

Sunday, September 23rd. Appreciation Dance for Jay and Marty Miller. The NTCA is sponsoring an appreciation dance for Jay and Martie Miller. Jay has been a caller for many years and has done much for square dancing in our area. He has been diagnosed with ALS and the NTCA want to show them how much they love and appreciate them. They are doing this by sponsoring a dance at the Swingtime Center on September 23, 2012.

FOR THE PLUS DANCERS: (Be sure to read this)

August 31st and September 1st.

18th Annual Chaparral Evening in Paris Dance.

There is still time to decide.

If you want to go but have not told me, you can go ahead and get registered. When you send your registration, be sure to say you are with the Swinging Stars, Lorraine's group. If you don't tell them when you register they won't give us the credit toward our \$100. If we happen to get 12 couples we will get \$100 for club's treasury. If not we will "only" have a good time. Be sure to let me (Lorraine) know that you are going. I would like to keep track how many are going.

I know there are more wanting to go.. Please let me know if you are going.

I am organizing a weekend trip to the 18th Annual Chaparral Evening in Paris August 31st and September 1st. If you have attended this dance, you can remember all the fun we had dancing to these 5 great callers: Ken Bower, Marshal Flippo, Jon and Deborah Carrol Jones, and Gary Shoemake. All are international callers that go all over the world calling. Round dancing will be to Sonny Ezelle. There is a special bonus for attending this dance for the club. If we get 3 squares to attend we can earn \$100 for the club's treasury. Add to that when you spend money in Paris, you save all your receipts, sign your name on them and throw them into a big bucket. After the Saturday night dance there is an After Party where they have refreshments, some very funny skits, and lots and lots of prizes. They draw the receipts and call out the name on the receipt. If they call your name, you win a very nice gift donated by the merchants that are members of the Paris Chamber of Commerce. Be sure to pick up a flyer for this weekend at our next club dance. Or go to our Web site www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

Please let me know what you think.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

I received this about Ann Barber to day:

Swinging Stars please keep Ann Barber in your prayers this week. She was hospitalized last night because of acute shortness of breath, where they discovered larger blood clots in both of her lungs. She will be treated at the hospital for 3-5 days with blood thinners. Ann is in room 724 at Plano Medical Center, 15th & Coit. John said that she is resting comfortably.

This from Gary Amy:

Swinging Stars,

First let me thank everyone who called, sent cards, thought of me, prayed for me, and emailed your concerns. It was a welcome flood and really helped me through some scary times.

I'm doing very well ... was pardoned on Thursday and happy to get home.

Anne Nejdil said it so well in the card she sent, "You're very lucky it was caught in time". And it was. There is no sign that a clot reached the lungs, which is the major concern.

According to the doctors, as long as I stay on blood thinners, I can do anything I was doing before (within the limits of my injured ankle). And it looks like I'll be on thinners for at least six months.

That's how long they estimate is required for the clot to be absorbed by my body. So, it's still there,

but not dangerous in itself. The danger would be new clots, and that is being held off by the medication. So, as Anne implied, I'm out of the woods. The only danger is a severe cut, or for that matter any form of excessive bleeding that may be difficult to stop.

The ankle injury is coming along. I still see improvement almost every day, but I think I still have a ways to go. I can walk ok, with a little limp, but if I stay on it any length of time, it swells. I walked something over a mile on Friday without any real difficulty ... though somewhat slowly. The swelling went away relatively quickly after I got home and elevated my foot. I guess it just takes time.

Happy Fathers' day to all you fathers out there!

Love you all

-Gary-

Out of Town and Weekend Dances:

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

Dave and Lorraine Burson

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