



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for June 29, 2014

Ten guests and 55 Swinging Stars attended our club dance Friday night. This relatively small (by Swinging Stars standards) crowd enjoyed a great dance led by Wayne and guest cuer, Christine Hixson. Christine cued a most enjoyable program of rounds which included quite a few dances for our newer dancers. And Wayne was Wayne, so you know the squares were terrific. If you add in the 20 Swinging Stars who were in Little Rock for the National Square Dance Convention, we would have had 85 dancers, which is about how many we expect these days.

But those 20 weren't at our dance, they were at **Nationals**, where they met and danced with people from all over the country and around the world, danced to an amazing array of callers, and had a superbly, if exhausting, good time. Be sure to see Ron and Donita See's report in Events from the Past Week below.

Check out this week's visitations in Coming Events below. You can even dance on the 4th of July and have some all beef hot dogs at Swingtime. Let's give the Solitaires lots of support on our official visitation Saturday night (it's a Double Deal dance!). And plus dancers, remember Plus 4s on Wednesday night.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, July 1 – Plus lesson.

Friday, July 4 – Visit to T Square Gadabouts; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, July 5 – Official visit to Solitaires; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

The **July Ladies Luncheon** will be hosted by Kathy Estep. Tuesday, July 22 at 11:30. All Swinging Stars ladies are encouraged to attend. The luncheon will be at Bonnie Ruth's Bistro in the Watter's Creek Shopping Center, 916 Garden Park in Allen. **Please let Kathy know by Saturday July 19, if you are planning to attend.**

RSVP: Kathy Estep Phone: [972-618-3640](tel:972-618-3640)

Email: bob.estep@hp.com

You can view the menu and directions by going to www.bonnieruthsallen.com/

29 couples have gotten **tickets for the NORTEX Round-Up grand prize cruise**. If you haven't gotten yours yet, please pick them up at the sign in table at the July 11 club dance.

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For those plus dancers looking for a great time and an extra challenge, Wednesday, July 2, Plus 4s will have Charles Quisenberry calling squares at the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch (7:30 pm dance).

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
Kissin' Kuzzins	20-Jun-14
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Rebel Rousers	07-Jun-14
Roadrunners	31-May-14
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Texas Reelers	06-Jun-14
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Decatur 8ers	23-May-14

*** * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * ***

Of Interest, Cotton Pickin' Squares, Saturday, June 28th

No report – all our reporters were in Little Rock.

National Square Dance Convention, Wednesday - Saturday, June 25th – June 28th

Twenty Swinging Stars made the trip to the National Square Dance Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas. Festivities began Wednesday evening, continuing all day Thursday through Saturday night. We danced with couples from many other states and a few other countries (There were 34 dancers from Germany, and I know we danced with at least two of them). During the day, the activities comprised of clinics, competitions, and several levels (and types) of dancing. We found the Intro to Plus DBD especially enjoyable. Dancing to callers accompanied by the live band, the Ghost Riders, in the evenings, was absolutely amazing – adding a whole new dimension to the enjoyability of square dancing. There were so many great callers that it became difficult to sit out and rest. We therefore came home totally spent – but really glad we made the trip. The Swinging Stars at the convention were Amys, Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Covingtons, Esteps, Evantos, Hawkins, Pitts, and Sees. Due to the sheer size of this convention, I apologize if I left anyone out.

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

Of Interest, T Square Gadabouts, Friday, July 4th

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / workshop – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Rick Smith
Cuer: Charles Crockett
Theme: All Beef Hot Dog Dance

Official, Solitaires, Saturday, July 5th

Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church (Farmers Branch, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:45PM
Caller: Bobby Willis
Cuer: J L Pelton
Theme: America! Land That I Love
Notes: Double Deal

Refreshments Duty and Information

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!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



Swinging Stars

Wear Your Brightest Colors Dance

Get In The Swing For This Years
NORTEX ROUNDUP



Friday, August 22, 2014

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Early Rounds: 7:00

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Square Up: 8:00

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

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

Friday, September 26, 2014 – 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

Check out and Like our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/518717944880222>

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.

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