



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 3, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Thank You to Russ and Anne for covering while we attended the 65th National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, IA. Several have asked for a short summary so here goes. It was an easy one day drive from Plano. There were approximately 4000 in attendance. There were 271 callers and cuers present; at least eleven of those were from Texas. We started each day at 9:30 AM and ended somewhere around 10:30 PM. During the day you could take DBD lessons for Mainstream, Plus, Advanced 1 or 2, Round Dancing or Clogging; or you could just dance to any one of the above options. In the evenings there was Mainstream Dancing with a live band (Ghost Riders Band), Mainstream with Rounds, Plus or Plus with Rounds; each with their own hall or large room. We really enjoy dancing to a live band so we spent most of our time in the Mainstream with Band hall. There were lots of vendors, sewing classes, a Style Show, tours of the local area, etc., etc., etc.. To say we had a wonderful time would be an understatement of facts – it was a blast!

Take note, NORTEX Round-Up is coming up and it is like a mini-National Convention. You need to plan now to attend Friday and Saturday events this year.

The first dance in July is time to pay dues, if you have not already done so. This one is important as we will have a Club Meeting the first dance in July and you must be a paid up member to vote. We need all members to be eligible to vote. If possible, please pay your dues in June. All current officers have agreed to serve the next six months if elected. If you have nominations that you would like to make for any of the offices please contact Linda Harris for qualification requirements. Don't leave early on 7/8/16 as we must vote for new officers to maintain club status --- we need YOUR vote.

Round-Up Tickets: Please plan to turn in your ticket money in early July. If you have not picked up your tickets for Round-Up you can still do so in early July. Remember, 50% of all ticket cost is retained by the Club so you are helping your Club cover operating costs when you sell a ticket. We are asking each couple to sell ten tickets at a minimum.

Our new after dance location is **Austin Avenue** (Grill & Sports Bar) in Plano. See below for more details.

I received an update from Greg Brockmann this week. He is still recovering from heart surgery but is doing well. He hopes to be back dancing in 4 -6 weeks.

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

Wednesday, July 6th – Plus 4's – Charles Quisenberry

Friday, July 8th – Swinging Stars Club Dance

Saturday, July 9th – Log Cabin Swingers – Lottie Ainsworth from West Monroe, LA (We danced to her at Nationals and she is excellent).

Announcements

Please note that Swinging Stars will be dancing at Wilson Middle School, 1001 Custer Road, Plano, TX for the months of June and July. This is the same location we used last summer and is located right beside the normal location on Custer Road. For the curious minds, our normal location is having a new roof put on during June and July this year. We are using the Summer Dress Code for June, July and August.

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Jim & Knarik Bondi

SPECIAL NOTE

After-Party Venue for Our Dance on Fri 7/8

Please join us at a new location: **Austin Avenue** (Grill & Sports Bar) in Plano. See <http://www.austinavenue.com> to check out the menu and other details. It's at the NE corner of Parker & Alma (faces Parker, green neon sign at night, next to a Burger Street). We arrange for an accordion partition to be closed, creating a semi-private area just for us. Hope to see you there.

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

"A" Dance followed by Plus Dance

Wednesday 29 June – Plus 4s –

16 Swinging Stars enjoyed dancing with the Plus 4s in Farmers Branch on Wednesday evening. With "Quiz" running late flying back from Houston, our very own Wayne Baldwin filled in for most of the evening's calling duties. Specifically, Wayne called the entire early "A" dance by himself. This was very good experience for recently graduated "A" dancers present because it allowed us to experience a different caller from our teacher/trainer, "Quiz." As we all know, the more you dance to different callers, the more quickly you improve your overall square dancing skills. Later, about half way through the main Plus dance, Quiz arrived and joined Wayne for the remainder of the evening. From that point forward, the floor enjoyed two great callers, who are two long-time friends, calling together. What a great treat! A big Thank You to these Swinging Stars who attended: Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Estes, T. Evanto, Hawkins, T. Heintz, Kerns, and Shermans

Square + Round Dance

Friday 01 July – Kissin Kuzzins –

A whopping 30 Swinging Stars visited our friends, the Kissin Kuzzins, in Garland Friday evening for their “July 4th Celebration” dance. Club cuer, J.L. Pelton, kicked off the evening’s dancing with a full hour of great early rounds. Here, and throughout the following intermittent rounds, J.L. cued a fine mix of rhythms and wide range of phases (difficulties), ultimately offering something for round dancers at all levels. On squares, Hall of Fame and club caller, Wayne Baldwin, delivered a memorable evening of mainstream tips, an interesting Plus tip, and, as expected on this pre-July-4th dance, some very nice and touchingly patriotic singing calls. Wayne’s “brain tickler” of the evening for square dancers was “Follow Your Neighbor” starting from so-called Quarter Tag (a central wave with the other 2 couples facing the wave, one from each side). From this formation, since all dancers can extend to another dancer and do the $\frac{3}{4}$ arm turn part, they all do, and the call is done. NO ONE does the “out-facer part,” essentially rolling $\frac{3}{4}$ in place to become a wave end. A very special Thank You to these Swinging Stars who participated: Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, T. Evanto, Hamms, Harris, Heintz/Putnam, Kerns, Lassiters, Mulvins, Nejdls, Perrotts, Pharrs, Sees, and C. Wolfe. This strong showing enabled us to recapture our banner and also capture our host’s banner.

Saturday 02 July – Circle 8 –

6 Swinging Stars journeyed to Swingtime Center in Fort Worth on Saturday to dance at Circle 8’s “Patriotic Treat.” Club cuer, Jack von der Heide, delivered a very nice half hour of early rounds and intermittent rounds throughout the main dance. As always, his choice of rhythms and phases offered something to engage all round dancers. On squares, long-time club caller, Melton Luttrell, repeatedly elicited smiles from the floor through his mix of good mainstream with some interesting twists and turns. Sometimes, these twists and turns are actually Plus calls, though he always offers a generous dose of on-the-spot training where needed, to keep the entire floor dancing. Sometimes, these twists and turns include resurrecting an old time call, like this evening’s “Grand Prowl.” From a squared set, sides turn their backs on each other, walk out to the heads line, turn in, walk to each other and Star Thru. While this is happening, the heads simultaneously walk to the center, Star Thru, and back away to become the new sides. At this point, heads and sides have swapped places while also swapping partners. After these steps are repeated 4 times, all couples will have moved around to each position of the square and finally return to their original starting spot with their original partner. When not dancing, most attendees enjoyed the great all-beef hot dogs and fixin’s prepared by our hosts. Thank You to these Swinging Stars who attended: Bondis, Esteps, and Sees.

RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Miscellaneous Dancing Reports

If you’re a Swinging Star wanting to submit a SHORT report on a unique dancing visit that otherwise would not get covered here, please submit it to 2ndvp@swingingstars.org no later than mid Sunday afternoon for inclusion here in that night’s newsletter. Try to 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 10 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
Kissin Kuzzins	01-Jul-2016
Lone Star Solos	23-Jun-2016
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016
Roadrunners	30-Apr-2016
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-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
Texas Reelers	24-Jun-2016
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Our Dance

Friday 08 July – Swinging Stars –

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Square Workshop: 7:00, Early Plus: 7:45, Grand March: 8:00

Wilson Middle School

← *Note different location for*

1001 Custer Road, Plano, TX

← *both SS July dances!*

Square + Round Dance

Sunday 10 July – **ROUND UP KICKOFF** – “Oktoberfest”

Callers: Ray Savell, Bobby Willis

Cuers: Jack von der Heide, Chris Farabaugh

Early Rounds: 4:30

Main Dance: 5:00 – 7:00

Swingtime Center

5100 S.E. Loop 820 (take “Anglin” exit), Fort Worth, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Dance + All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 06 July – Plus 4s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

“A” Dance: 6:15 – 7:30

Plus Dance: 7:30

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

“A” Dance

Thursday 07 July – Model A’s

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: n/a

“A” 7:00

Churchill Way Center

6906 Churchill Way (at Hillcrest), Dallas, TX

Square + Round Dance with Early All-Plus Session

Saturday 09 July – Log Cabin Swingers

Caller: Lottie Ainsworth

Cuer: Lottie Ainsworth

Early Plus: 2:00 – 4:00

Square Workshop: 7:00

Main Dance: 7:30

Promenade Hall

1210 N. Tool Dr. (Hwy 274), Tool, TX 75143

ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday 19 July, 11:30 AM – Dos Charros

Attention Swinging Star Ladies. SAVE THIS DATE/TIME: JULY 19TH AT 11:30 AM. If you enjoy Tex-Mex, you are going to love this month’s dining experience. Mary Hardin has volunteered to host the luncheon for July. She has chosen **DOS CHARROS** Mexican Restaurant. This is a new location in Plano. It is fresh, light and friendly. They offer a Lunch menu from \$6.95 up. They are located at the intersection of Park and Chisholm Place, just before you go over central expressway going east. The address is listed as 1915 N. Central Expressway, Suite 100. Please reply to Mary Hardin, mrhardin39@gmail.com or 972-517-8691, by July 16th to let her know how many will be attending.

Refreshments Duty and Information

July 8, 2016 **Bondi**, Maier, Pharr, Whitaker

July 22, 2016 **Burson**, Perrott, Putnam-Heintz, Williams

August 12, 2016 **See**, Gifford, Rose, Ross

August 26, 2016 **Loxson**, Pitts, Jung, Kern

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!):

July 8, 2016 – There will be a short Club Meeting following the Dance on this night. Main agenda item will be election of Officers for second half of year. Please stay as we need your vote for this important business.

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

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:

SWINGING STARS



CRAZY DAZES OF SUMMER



Ice Cream Social

HERE'S THE
SCOOP

Friday July 22, 2016

Caller Wayne Baldwin

Cuer Walter Brewer

Early Rounds 7:00 Plus Squares 7:45

Grand March 8:00 Hot Hash after last tip

NOTICE: CHANGE OF VENUE FOR JULY DANCES

Wilson Middle School 1001 Custer Road at Grandview, Plano
Next Door To Shepard Elementary (where we usually dance)

July and August Casual Attire

Banners Honey Pot Fun Fellowship Refreshments

Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by adults

For info: 972-618-3640 or president@swingingstars.org

Visit our Web page: www.swingingstars.org



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SWINGING STARS



We will be accepting Donations of School Supplies for the Shepard Elementary School. Supplies Requested: Kleenex Boxes, Glue Sticks, Crayons, Markers, Sandwich Bags, Blunt Scissors and Post-it Notes

In Addition To Our Back To School Dance We Are Having An Introduction to Square Dancing Dance



Bring your Friends, Family and Neighbors.
Dance is free to everyone interested in learning to square dance

Friday, August 12, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Casual Attire

Intro to Sq. Dancing 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

FUN FOOD FELLOWSHIP BANNERS HONEY POT

Shepard Elementary 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, Tx.



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Dancers under the age of 18 dance for free with paying adults

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