



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 14, 2013

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

Very good dance Friday, we had a blast. Wayne and Walter continue to impress the dancers with their talent. Good show guys. Wayne shared his Mic with Dorinda and another certain caller trainee. Good job Dorinda. It is an inspiration to hear you call.

The refreshment committee did a great job, everyone loved the ice cream. Lots of Red, White & Blue was worn as we showed off our patriotic spirit. God has granted us a Blessing with such a great country. We pray that he bless and guide our leaders.

We had ten Texas Reeler and they recaptured their flag. It won't be gone long as we have a banner raid plan for the Texas Reelers for this coming Friday. In addition to the Texas Reelers we had two independents and two visitors from Square Toppers from Lawton, OK. We had 89 Swinging Stars for a total of 103 total dancers.

Hope that you will continue to celebrate Freedom for the remainder of the year.

DANCE LESSONS

Week five – Plus students have been taught twenty-two of the thirty Plus Calls. This past week they learned Explode the Wave, Explode & anything, Diamond Circulate and Flip the Diamond.

We appreciate the help that we have received from the Angles. We generally have one extra square. Wayne is doing a great job. He let me teach Explode the Wave and Explode and *anything*.

I know a couple of squares of Students have gotten together with a certain caller trainee to practice... very good. A little review mid-week is good, it helps recall the rules.

Mainstream lessons are scheduled to start on August 27th also at Carpenter Recreation Center in Plano. Wayne Baldwin will be teaching and he is definitely the instructor that you want your friends to learn from. Registration starts August 11th. We have had packets on the table by the entry door and will have them for the next dance.

If you need details, you can print the lessons flyer from the web-site. If you want a three-fold flyer on the heavier paper, we will bring a supply for you to pick up at our next club dance. In the mean time, if you need flyers, please contact Dave Burson and he will print some for you. Or, you can follow this link (or type it into your internet browser) http://www.swingingstars.org/Mainstream_square_dance_lessons_2013.pdf and print your own.

WHY SQUARE DANCE??? Consider the following:

1. It's easy.
2. Movement is great for your body.
3. It's addicting, which means you'll be back again and again to reap its benefits.
4. People who are embarrassed by free-style dancing often find the steps much more comfortable.
5. Square Dancing is social and it crosses all age groups.
6. The steps require you to use both sides of your brain.
7. It reduces stress.
8. There is no age limits or ability requirements
9. Square dancing is the same all over the world.
10. And if you decide—cowboy boots are now considered cool!!

Are you poetic? I would entertain any Square Dance/Round Dance Poetry you have written or have from other sources for the news letter. Send it to me by email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cruise Raffle Tickets – NORTEX started us off with 250 raffle tickets. Dave Burson picked them up on Sunday and set up a sheet to keep track of the tickets in lots of ten. He delivered them to me at Plus Lessons Tuesday and that evening we had sold/dispersed to be sold about 120 of the tickets and by the end of the dance Friday all 250 were gone. If you did not get your share, never fear we have asked for another 250 tickets.

For those of you are thinking – Cruise, what cruise??? Raffle, what???

NORTEX has decided to help clubs raise capital with a fund raiser by sponsoring the raffling of a Cruise for Two. Each club will get back 50% of the sales that they make. The cruise is for March 30th – April 6th 2014 leaving from Galveston, TX and going to Cozumel, Grand Caymans and Jamaica. The cruise, for us square dancers, is a Square Dance cruise with Jerry Story and Joe Saltel. For your non-square family and friends, it is just a Cruise.

The cruise is a great one! Royal Carribbean's Navigator of the Seas. We have been on this cruise and it is really a fun one even without the square dancing but with dancing available each day—What a bargain! Several Swinging Stars have already booked the trip. We have had the flyers on the table at our dances but you can also see the flyer on Jerry Story's website.

Aug. 2nd Texas Reelers and Kissin' Kuzzin's are going to have a Friendship Dance. The Callers will be our very own Wayne Baldwin and Deborah Carol Jones and the Cuers will be JL Pelton and Jack von der Heide.

Aug. 10th Log Cabin Swingers – Greeny Night - Starts at 7pm till all are tired or have no more callers. Dress will be casual. Cost per dancer will be \$4.

*** * * From Your 2nd VPs * * ***

Ladies – don't forget to let Mary Hardin know by Tuesday if you plan to attend the ladies luncheon on Thursday.

There are several dance opportunities this week and weekend. First, and not on the club visitation calendar, some of our Swinging Stars who are on the Round Up board are visiting the Plus 4's Wednesday, July 17th. The plus dancing starts at 7:30PM and is called by Charles Quisenberry. Come out and support your fellow Round Up board members and have fun dancing to "Quiz".

This weekend brings three dance opportunities. Friday, July 19th the Texas Reelers are having an Apollo dance honoring our nation's first landing on the moon. Saturday, July 20th guest caller, Joey Duhamel, is the draw to the Trail Blazers at Swingtime Center in Ft. Worth (arrange your carpools). And the icing on the cake is the Roadrunners anniversary "barn dance" in the afternoon on Sunday, July 21st, also at Swingtime Center. These guys are sure to do it up big since they just got the coveted NORTEX club of the year award. The Roadrunners have also made a special efforts to come visit us. Karen Gloodt will be cuing and Darryl Lipscomb calling – both are very, very good. The Roadrunners' dance is an Official Dance – wear purple, if you have it, but come to this dance.

Are you going to CHAPARRAL EVENING IN PARIS August 30-31st? If so, email Bob & Terri (bobp8211@gmail.com) to let us know. There will be three dance halls to accommodate both mainstream and plus dancers with a fantastic group of callers and a cuer. New dancers: don't hesitate to make this your first weekend dance. Our club gets a \$100 rebate if three squares register early and \$50 if two squares register early. **To get the rebate for our club, all of the reservations must be sent in together. The Pitts will be collecting the registration forms and checks to send in as a group – please get them to us by July 31st.** Last year we had lots of Swinging Stars in attendance and had a GREAT time at the dance and had an organized dinner and Friday night after party. See the flyer at: http://swingingstars.org/19thEvening_In_Paris.pdf. We now have 14 Swinging Stars couples who are planning to attend and a few more are likely.

The current Swinging Star banner inventory is as 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
Cotton Pickin' Squares	23-Mar-13
Dixie Chainers	25-May-13
Dublin Cloverleafs	02-Jul-05
Kissin' Kuzzins	17-May-13
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Lone Star Solos	28-Mar-13
North Star 8	09-Feb-13
Rebel Rousers	15-Jun-13
Roadrunners	04-Jul-13
Solitaires	03-Nov-12
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13
Tri City Promenaders	26-Jan-13
T-Square Gadabouts	15-Feb-13
Yellow Rockers	18-Apr-13

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Lone Star Solos, Thursday, July 11th

Thursday night there were 6 Swinging Stars who attended the Lone Star Solos dance. Dave Viera called a very fun dance for everyone, and some of Maria Farabaugh's family from Columbia even danced a tip. Chris Farabaugh cued all kinds of fun round dances and line dances, and Jack Von der Heide cued a jive and cha, so that Maria and Chris could dance a couple of dances to show her family. There were 90+ guests in attendance from many Nortex clubs including many Log Cabin Swingers who made the trip from Tool, Tx. Christine and Theron Hixson were also present and enjoying getting out and dancing. The Swinging Stars at the dance were: the Amys, Bondis, and the Pitts.

Of Interest – Cotton Pickin' Squares, Saturday, July 13th

A baker's dozen of Swinging Stars visited the Cotton Pickin' squares in Greenville on Saturday night for their double deal double dip ice cream social and several of us took advantage of carpooling given its distance from home. The dance was well attended with lots of our friends from many of the clubs on our side of the Metroplex. Christine Hixson cued early rounds and the rounds between tips. She included a mix of easy and challenging numbers for the round dancers. Mike Bramlett did a fantastic job calling the squares in a mixed audience that included both seasoned and new dancers. Mike workshopped scootback as it was causing problems in several of the squares. Mike had a couple of really good new songs he debuted. Dave and Michelle Viera were at the dance and Dave called a tip. Caller trainee James Alexander also did a singing call for the dancers. There was a wonderful assortment of ice creams with toppings, sorbets, and cookies for the dancer's dining pleasure. The Swinging Stars who attended the dance include: P. Amy, the Bondis, Bursons, Colters, Pharrs, Pitts, and the Stuarts.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Ladies Luncheon, Thursday, July 18th

Location: Bonnie Ruth's (Watters Creek, 916 Garden Park Dr., Allen, TX)

Website: <http://www.bonnieruths.com/>

Time: 11:30AM

Hostess: Mary Hardin – RSVP if attending, by Tuesday, July 16th to myhn2@yahoo.com or (214) 632-4230

Notes: Have lunch and enjoy shopping at: Oil & Vinegar, Apricot Lane, Charming Charlies, etc.

Dance of Interest – Texas Reelers, Friday, July 19th

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 W. Arapaho, Richardson, TX)

Website: <http://www.texasreelers.org/>

Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / Grand march – 8:00PM

Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Theme: Apollo Dance

Dance of Interest – Trail Blazers, Saturday, July 20th

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)

Website: n/a

Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / Workshop – 7:30PM / Grand march – 8:00PM

Caller: Joey Duhamel

Cuer: Jack Kenny

Theme: Red, White, and Blue

Official – Roadrunners, Sunday, July 21st

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)
Website: <http://roadrunners-ftworth.tripod.com/>
Time: Early rounds – 4:00PM / Grand march – 5:00PM
Caller: Darryl Lipscomb
Cuer: Karen Gloodt
Theme: Barn dance and quilt show
Notes: 42nd anniversary dance, double deal, fried chicken dinner

Swinging Stars Club Dance, Friday, July 26th

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website: www.swingingstars.org
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / dance – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer

Dance of Interest – Dixie Chainers, Saturday, July 27th

Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX)
Website: <http://www.dixiechainers.com/>
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / Grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide

*** * * SPECIAL WEEKEND DANCE OPPORTUNITIES * * ***

25th Annual Stagecoach Roundup, July 26-28th

Location: Salado, TX
Website: <http://www.acsquaredance.com/StagecoachRoundup2013.pdf>
Callers: Brad Caldwell and Scott Bennett
Notes: All plus square dancing including dance by definition

19th Annual Evening in Paris, August 30-31st

Location: Love Civic Center, Paris, TX
Website: http://swingingstars.org/19thEvening_In_Paris.pdf
Callers: Gary Shoemake, Mike Bramlett, Ken Bower, Marshall Flippo
Cuer: Patti Wheelington
Notes: 3 dance halls: plus, advanced, and mainstream (singing calls)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not already done so, the dues for the Third quarter of 2013 are due. Swinging Stars dues are due the first dance of each quarter - January, April, July and October. If you are not sure whether your dues have been paid, please contact the John and Ann.

You may bring your payment to our next dance or send you payment to the following:

John and Anne Barber
4905 Hackberry Lane
Parker, Texas 75002-5627
Treasurer@swingingstars.org

Dues are: **\$35.00 per quarter per couple**
 \$70.00 per half year per couple (preferred)
 \$140.00 per year per couple

Please make your check payable to Swinging Stars

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

July 26	Anthause, Weckerly*, Henneberger, Ryder
August 9	Reid, Rickert*, Kendrick, Trujillo
August 23	Bullock, Hardin/Smith, Jimison, Foust
September 13	Sherman, Schumacher*, Pharr, Ramirez
September 27	Dennison, Rickett*, Underwood, Maier

*New Club Members – can be leaders after one year as club member

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 PISD, we cannot enter the gym before 7:00.
- Enter thru the Gym door.
- Refreshments shut down at 9:30 pm (no earlier).
- If you take home a refreshment bag check that it has all the items listed on the Fluorescent Hang Tag on the bag.
- Be sure all items are clean.
- Repack bags in a Tidy Manner.

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. If unable to do so 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 **Mark & Karen Hawkins at 972-436-4868 or 1stVP@swingingstars.org** for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. They may already have what you need.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team.

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances thru Aug 2013



August 23, 2013

Take Me Out to the Ballgame



Friday, August 9th – Open House Dance, Bring your prospective students

Sunday, August 25th – NORTEX Pre-Roundup Kickoff & Food Drive, 4:30 – 6:30, Plymouth Park United Methodist Church in Irving

Tuesday, August 27th – Mainstream Lessons at Carpenter Rec. Center in Plano, 7:00

Friday, November 1st – Cavalcade at Roundup will run from 6:00 – 10:00 on November 1st

Friday, December 6th – Stars Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 8th – NORTEX Toys for Tots dance will be at the Richardson Civic Center

Friday, January 31, 2014 – Swinging Stars 39th Anniversary Dance at All Saints Catholic Church

Themes:

August 23, 2013 - Take Me Out to the Ballgame

September 27, 2013 - Burnin' Big Tex Chili Cookoff

October 25, 2013 - Boot Scootin' Show Your Colors Ball – Double Deal Dance

November 22, 2013 – Shake Your Tail Feathers Dance (Thanksgiving falls on November 28, 2013)

December 13, 2013 - Toys & Books for Tots Fairytale Ball

February 14, 2014 - Valentine's Day Dance

Future Dates Reserved with NORTEX:

Friday, October 31, 2014 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Friday)*

Saturday, January 31, 2015 – 40th Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)

Saturday, October 31, 2015 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Saturday)*

Saturday, January 30, 2016 – 41st Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)

Saturday, October 29, 2016 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Saturday)*

*provided these dates do not conflict with the NORTEX Round Up Dance weekend

For information about weekend dances go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends. Go to our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club> - "like us," view picture, post pictures, comments about anything what you enjoy about square dancing or a specific dance.

Dave and Lorraine have agreed to head the Nominating Committee for this fall as a new slate of officers needs to be re-elected at our November Club meeting. If you are interested, please let the Bursons, Jan or me know.

RICHARD & JAN COVINGTON

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