



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 17, 2022

Message from Presidents

Russ and Anne Nejd

The Round Dance Advisory Committee met this week to discuss securing subs for the upcoming dances and to evaluate each cuer as a potential replacement. There will be an email going out this week with cuer selection criteria much like the criteria we used to evaluate potential club callers. Please remain after the July 22nd dance so we may vote on these criteria as a club.

Plans are underway for the double deal dance. Jan and Doug Bergesen have agreed to be the lead on this, with some help from the Nejdls. This dance will be on August 12th at the Richardson Senior Center. Although this will be a big dance, we are hoping to scale things down so there won't be a lot of decorations and we hope minimal set up and take down. We are not sure exactly what the senior center will allow us to do and how much set up and take down they will do. John Cave is the contact for the senior center and won't be back from Peru until July 20th. Hopefully we will be able to have more information and sign-up sheets at our next dance. Some members have already called Jan and asked her how they can help. In addition to the honey pot, Russ and I will be in charge of the tin can auction. We hope club members will donate gift cards, which we will raffle off. Please no merchandise. The Russ and I will be collecting the gift cards.

Our next dance on Friday, July 22nd will feature Ray Savell as our caller and Christine Hixson on rounds with an Elk Moon theme.

Hope you all are staying cool.
Russ and Anne

3rd Quarter Dues are due starting July 1, 2022

If you normally pay for the half-year you need to pay is \$55.00 per single member and \$110.00 per couple. One quarter is \$27.50 per single member and \$55.00 per couple. So please pay your dues at the first dance in July or mail a check made out to the Swinging Stars to the treasurer:

Nevin R Mulvin
Treasurer Swinging Stars
3409 Eisenhower Ln
Plano, TX 75023-3933
972-618-0750

Student Lessons on Monday nights!

From Linda Harris

What a great group! They are moving quickly thru the old and new calls.

David Toms taught "square thru four" for the first time on Monday. The dancers were broken into groups for 4 (only) and put a chair in the center of the group to learn and practice their 'square thru four". They are asking to attend a dance, even if it's only to watch. David Toms will be calling at Pegasus Squares on Sunday July 24th from 2-4pm. He invited them to attend. Let's attend this dance and **support our students!**

Pegasus Square Dance Club – Sunday July 24th Time: 2-4pm

Grace United Methodist Church

4105 Junius Street

Dallas, TX 75246

The angels are very helpful in moving the class along. Thank you to: Peggy Amy, Bergesen, Burson, Harris, Nevin Mulvin, Rodgers, See, and Chris Trujillo. We enjoyed having two visiting angels from other clubs Jody Karin (Rebel Rousers) and Al Stewart (Pegasus). Great night.

From Charlie and Linda Harris

Round Dance Advisory Committee

From Linda Harris

The Round Dance Advisory Committee consisting of Ralph and Lucy Hamm, Charlie and Linda Harris, Alex and Vanessa Nestor, met by zoom Tuesday 7/12 and selected the following cuer evaluation criteria. When the following criteria is approved by the board, the next step is to have a club vote on the criteria. If you have questions or comments please contact a committee member.

Evaluation Criteria:

- 1) Would the cuer consider being our club cuer?
- 2) What will be his/her fee per dance?
- 3) Is he/she willing to set up the equipment or work with caller to establish who will setup equipment?
- 4) Is he/she willing to cue an occasional line dance?
- 5) Is he/she licensed through BMI/ASCAP?
- 6) How many other conflicting commitments does he/she have that would impact our dance?

The RDAC agreed to book the following candidates through mid-October. This provides club members and round dancers exposure to the candidates. The RDAC will meet again after October 14 (not limited to) to select a candidate for recommendation to the board. If you have suggestions for the RDAC please contact a committee member.

Date	Guest Cuers Booked
August 12	Chris Farabaugh
August 26	Jan Toms
September 9	Chris Farabaugh
September 23	Jan Toms
October 14	David Berling

From Charlie and Linda Harris

2nd VP Report

From Dave and Lorraine Burson

The current Swinging Star Banner inventory is shown below. If you visit a club whose banner we have, please don't bring home one more.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
T Square Gadabouts	4/19/2019
Log Cabin Swingers	5/04/2019
Circle I	5/14/2022
Texas Reelers	6/17/2022
Kissin Kuzzins	7/01/2022
Rebel Rousers	7/16/2022

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Trailblazers	4/30/2022
Triangle Squares	4/30/2022

Most NORTEX clubs have resumed dancing. Most clubs that have resumed dancing have ads in the *Promenade*. To reach the *July Promenade*, click here:

http://www.swingingstars.org/2022_07_Promenade.pdf

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Of Interest Club visitation

Friday, July 15 -- Texas Reelers -- Parrot Heads Dance

Deborah Carroll Jones can take a theme for a dance and make it into a fun time for all.

The Swinging Stars had 8 members attending. Texas Reelers had 21 members and there were a total of 22 visiting dancers. We were surprised to have retrieved a Banner, we were unaware that they had one of our banners. Swinging Stars picked up one more signature toward the 2060 Club Visitation Award patch. Thank you to these Swinging Stars that attend this dance: Bursons, Edwards, Kilejians and Sees.

Official Club Visitation -- 33rd Anniversary Dance

Saturday, July 16 -- Rebel Rousers -- Kaleidoscope Of Colors

What a lovely sight with all the colorful colors of the Kaleidoscope, and what a wonderful time with the duo of Mike Bramlett and Brad Caldwell calling. Two very fine fast and furious callers having a fun time calling together. Christine Hixson did a fantastic job cueing to all the round dancers. She really brings out the best in the round dancers abilities. There was a full floor of dancers during the early rounds and between tips she had between 10 and 12 couples enjoying the dancing. In first tip of the night there were 8 squares. There were a total of 87 attending the dance with 66 visitors and 21 Rebel Rousers. Swinging Stars had 16 members, we were able to capture the Rebel Rousers Banner and being an Anniversary dance we were able to acquire 2 signatures toward the 1060 Club Visitation Award patch. Thank you to these Swinging Stars for attending our Official Club Visitation: Bursons, Hamms, Harris, Kilejians, Nestors, Rodgers, Sees, and Trujillos.

*** COMING EVENTS ***

NORTEX Round Up Kickoff Dance -- Official Club Visitation

Sunday, July 17-- NORTEX Round Up Kickoff Dance

This dance will feature the NORTEX 2022 Round up Staff.

Where: Swingtime Dance Center 5100 S.E. Loop 820 Fort Worth, TX.

Caller: Ray Savell

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: Early Rounds 4:00 to 5:00, Squares 5:00 to 7:00

Donation: \$8.00 per person, FREE for registered quest for Roundup.

For more information see page 1 of the July Promenade.

Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, July 22 -- Swinging Stars -- Elk Moon Theme Dance

Where: Elks Lodge-Plano -- 1111 Jupiter Road #105B, Allen

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Sq Workshop 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Guest Caller: Ray Savell

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Note: Bring you own snacks and water and stay for our after party in the Elks Lodge Hospitality room. For more info see page 29 in the July Promenade.

Of Interest Club Visitation -- Banner Raid

Saturday, July 23 -- Tri City Promenaders -- Christmas in July Dance

Where: Brookside Center -- 1244 Brookside Dr, Hurst TX.

Caller: Ray Savell

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Plus Dancing 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Note: For more info see page 40 in the July Promenade

Official Club Visitation -- Banner Retrieval -- Double Deal

Friday, July 29 -- Triangle Squares -- Schmidtz Family Reunion

Every year the Triangle Squares have their Schmidtz Family Reunion, It is always lots of fun. This year they will also be remembering the square dance family members that have passed on this year to the big square dance in the sky.

Where: Open Range Cowboy Church, 7290 Hawkeye Rd. Krum, TX 76249

Guest Caller: Wade Driver

Club Caller: Toby Thomason

Cuer: Jan Toms

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Plus/Food line opens 7:30, SSD/Rounds 8:00

Note: Dress Hillbilly, Summer Casual or Traditional Dance Attire

For more info see page 41 of the July Promenade. If you would like to go but think it is to far to go, see if you can find someone to carpool with.

*** OTHER EVENTS ***

See July Promenade, click here: http://www.swingingstars.org/2022_07_Promenade.pdf

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Gene and Phyllis Deluke have enjoyed two trips and spending time with their grandchildren during their summer break. They hope to be back dancing next month.

Bill and Wendy Perrott had a good visit with their grandson, Thad, and daughter, Dianna, who came in last week from Colorado. There were many activities to enjoy together and Wendy's sister Beth and Bill's sister Mary were included in some plans as well. Dianna and Thad flew home early yesterday. Wendy also still teaches her water classes on Saturday mornings.

A sincere thank you to Swinging Stars members who have extended their caring notes and encouragement while Ralph has been fighting a bacterial (not viral) infection since June 1st. He has gotten most of his energy back and is on his 4th (and last, we hope) antibiotic which is due to stop next weekend. A special thank you to Charlie and Linda Harris who took over square dance lessons management for two lessons and to Linda who wrote the reports. Thanks to the square dance lessons angels as well.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Sunday, July 17, 2022, **NORTEX 2022 Round-Up Kickoff Dance**

Friday, August 12, 2022 **Swinging Stars Double Deal Dance**.

Friday, October 14, 2022 **Swinging Stars Round Up Theme Dance**.

Friday, October 28, 2022, **NTCA Caller's Cavalcade**

Saturday, October 29, 2022, **NORTEX 2022 Round-Up**

Friday, December 2, 2022, 5:30 PM **Swinging Stars Holiday Party** at Elks Lodge.

Web Master Dave Burson

Be sure to check out our web page: www.swingingstars.org

There is a lot of information about what is going on with the Swinging Stars.

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page and click on Weekends.

Message from Newsletter Editor

Thank you for making it this far down the newsletter.

As we streamlining the newsletter, if we remove something or change something that you liked the way it was, or have any suggestions, please send your comments and suggestions to:

newsletter_editor@swingingstars.org Anything sent to that email address will go to the **President of the Swinging Stars** and to the **Newsletter Editor** (Dave Burson).

Dave Burson

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Swinging Stars

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See Flyer below



SWINGING STARS

Hospitality
Room
After Dance

Casual
Dress

Banners
Honey Pot

July 22nd
Elk Moon



Guest Caller
Ray Savell

Guest Cuer
Christine Hixon

ELKS LODGE - PLANO
1111 Jupiter Rd #105B
Plano, TX 75074

Early Rounds 7:00
Sq. Workshop 7:30
Square Up 8:00



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