



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 22, 2012

Mainstream Square Dance Lessons

Attention All Swinging Stars!!! It's recruiting time...

BEGINNER BASIC MAINSTREAM SQUARE DANCE LESSONS SPONSORED BY THE "SWINGING STARS" START ON TUESDAY AUGUST 28 THRU DECEMBER 18 (17 LESSONS IN ALL). We ask all club members to do their part to recruit students for our lessons. The Lesson Committee is doing advertising in local newspapers and magazines BUT WE NEED YOU to help us also by personally recruiting friends or acquaintances you feel would have fun doing our favorite pastime. We'll be handing out packets to all club members beginning at our next club dance on July 27. In each packet there will be Lesson Advertising Material: 5 pamphlets and 3 flyers. You may pick up as many packets as you like. There will also be several clear plastic pamphlet holders for those who know a place where these holders might be used.

Keep in mind the first two lessons on Tuesday, August 28 and Tuesday, September 4 are FREE. This is a good draw for those who have doubts about Square Dancing. Bring potential recruits with you these first two lessons.

Note also the Distribution Options listed in your packets. Always obtain permission from a store owner if you want to leave pamphlets in their store.

We thank all of you for your support in our recruiting efforts.
The Swinging Stars Lesson Committee 2012

Membership Dues

Dues for the third quarter of 2012 are due. Dues are due the first Swinging Stars dance of each quarter. The quarters start January, April, July and October.

If you are not sure if your dues have been paid for the 3rd quarter, please contact the Treasurer, Jim and Debbie Reid. jreid45@att.net

You may send your payment to the address listed below. Or bring your payment to our next dance, if you have not already done so.

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
Thank you for paying your dues in a timely manner.

Jim and Debbie Reid
7614 Queens Ferry
Dallas, Texas 75248-1647
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VISITATIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ONLY 1 OFFICIAL VISITATION FOR THIS WEEK



Official Let's Do It Dance

Saturday, July 28. Tri-City Promenaders. LET'S DO IT....HAVE A BALL AT THE BEACH DANCE. You won't want to miss this dance. Caller Paul Kinsey will be doing his usual job on the squares as well as teaching the workshop at 7:30. Cuer Chris Farabaugh will be doing his smooth cueing the early rounds at 7:00. Grand March 8:00. The Tri-City Promenaders dance at the Brookside Center 1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst. Read ad on page 25 of the July Promenade.

COMING EVENTS



Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, July 27, BEACH PARTY. 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.



Official Let's Do It Dance

Friday, August 3. Texas Reelers. Black and White Ball.

Caller Mike Bramlett and Cuer Jack von der Heide.

Early Rounds 7:30. Grand March 8:00. Richardson Senior Center, 820 W.Arapaho, Richardson.

Wear your black and White attire. See ad on page 8 of the August Promenade.



Official Let's Do It Dance

Saturday, August 4. Solitaries. Let's Play Ball.

Bobby Willis Caller, J L Pelton Cuer.

Early Rounds 7:00. Grand March 8:00. This will be at a different location than there regular dances. Web Chapel United Methodist Church. 2536 Valley View Lane, Farmers Branch. See map in their ad on page 9 of the August Promenade.

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK



Dance of Interest Let's Do It Dance

Friday, July 20. T-Square Gadabouts. CHRISTMAS IN JULY BALL. The T-Squares had a very fun dance. We had a surprise visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. They had delicious Christmas feast. with turkey ham and all the trimmings. The Swinging Stars were represented by Peggy Amy, Lorraine and Dave Burson, Rosemary Benedetto and Larry Giaudrone, Linda and Charlie Harris, Richard and Dorinda Maier, and Bob and Terri Pitts. We had enough attending that the presented us with their banner. Thank all of you for going.



Official Let's Do It Dance

Saturday, July 21. Buttons and Bows. HAVE A BALL YOUR WAY! We had 16 Swinging Stars go to the dance and "Had A Ball Our Way". There was a surprise visiting caller. Jerry Gilbreath was there and called a tip for our dancing pleasure. Thank you to everyone that attended: Gary and Peggy Amy, Dave and Lorraine Burson, Dave and Catherine Humphrey, Richard and Dorinda Maier, Bill and Wendy Perrott, Bob and Terri Pitts, Frank and Maryann Starrett, and Jeff and Anne Stuart. We captured their banner. Good job Swinging Stars!



SWINGING STARS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

"Let's Have a Ball" Pre Round-Up Dance



I will continue to have sign-up sheets at the dance on Fridays. Please take time to sign up for one of the duties and either salads or desserts.

Or you can contact me at lorraine@bursons.us and tell me what you would like to volunteer to do and weather you would like to bring salads or desserts.

Please click on the following link to read the information about signing up to help with the Let's Have a Ball, International World Ball Dance:

<http://www.swingingstars.org/International World Ball Info.pdf>

We are excited to have our "Let's Have a Ball" Pre-Roundup dance on Friday, September 28th. We have chosen the theme "International World Ball". Dress with an international flare if you like and come have a great time dancing as we build excitement for this year's annual NORTEX Roundup.

I would like to stress that ALL of the Swinging Stars members are hosting our Pre Round Up Dance. Everyone is expected to take part. This is a fundraiser for the club to help with the expenses of the club. Beyond that it is to be a fun filled night of friendship set to music. It is my expectation that everyone share in the tasks required to have a special dance of this kind. If everyone spends a little of his or her time helping out, everyone will be able to enjoy the dance. Please don't leave everything to the committee leaders to do all that is to be done. We will have sign-up sheets at the club dance on July 27th for you choose which job and time slot you prefer. Please make it a point to stop by the sign-in table as you enter the dance and check out what is available for you to do. With your corporation it will make a fun and pleasant time for everyone.

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.

July 27 Anthaume, 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, Giardrone/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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COLLECTING CALLER AND CUER DANGLES?

There is a group planning to go the Arlington Casuals on second Sunday in August to get a dangle from the caller Jimmy Ellis. If you would like to go than it will be more fun when there are several Swinging Stars attending. There is an ad on Page 30 of the July Promenade.

Caller: JIMMY ELLIS
Club: Arlington Casuals
When: August 12, Sunday
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Where: Pantego Lion's Club
3535 Maeathon
Pantego, TX

NEW INFORMATION ABOUT THE Annual Chaparral Evening in Paris Dance

August 31st and September 1st

Calling all dancers. You do not have to be a plus dancer to attend the Chaparral Evening in Paris Dance. They have added a third room for mainstream dancers. The plus dancers usually get to have all the fun going on weekend dances. Now if you are a mainstream dancer you can join us and enjoy the fun of going for a weekend and dance till you can't dance anymore and have fun with your club members that are there doing the same.

This is great news. Now everyone can attend this fun weekend. I hope you all will plan to attend this fun time with the Swinging Stars in Paris.

I will have flyers at the dance on Friday. Be sure to pick one up. If you forget or are not at the dance you can go to www.swingingstars.org and click on weekends and there will be a flyer there. It is also in the July Promenade on page 28. It is time to get signed up if you have not done so. The dead line for early registration is August 20th.

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 get 12 couples attending we will get \$100 for the club's treasury. If not we will "only" have a good time. Be sure to let me (Lorraine) know that you are going. I need to keep track of how many are going. I have to send a list in advance of the 20th so they will know who for sure is attending from our club. Please if you want to go get signed up!

I always say "The more Swinging Stars at a dance the more fun it is". We have 13 couple signed up as of today.

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

I have organized 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 Flipppo, Jon and Deborah Carrol Jones, and Gary Shoemake. All are international callers and have been 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. In addition 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 prize 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 Special Weekends.

Questions: Contact Lorraine at Lorraine@Bursons.us

Please let me know what you think.

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. 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.

ROUND DANCE BOOT CAMP

(A Take –No-Hostages Learning Approach)

Rumba/Cha-Cha 101 – Sat, Aug 11

Rumba/Cha-Cha 201 – Sat, Aug 25

Learn to round dance in a fast-paced learning experience for the highly-motivated student.

Schedule (both days)

1:30 – 6:00pm Workshop/Lesson

7:00 – 9:00 Square Dance w/ Class level rounds for practice

John Brewer on rounds – Ronnie Himes on squares

Promenade Hall (home of Log Cabin Swingers)

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

\$20.00/person/day or \$35.00/person for both days

Advanced registration (or call if registering late)

Send fees to instructors: John & Eula Brewer

813 W Crossland Blvd

Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Ph: 214.714.6601

E-Mail: R.Dancers@att.net

SOUTHERN JUNCTION

Something to think about! I have had several requests asking, "When are we going to go to Southern Junction again". In the past several of the Swinging Stars have gone to Southern Junction for an evening of fun and fellowship. It is a little different than our usual get together. We like going there to have fun with our friends, have dinner and dance a little. You can cook your own steak or pay a couple dollars more and have them cook it for you. There are other items on the menu. I suggest that you go to www.southernjunctionlive.com and read all they say.

I would like to invite the Swinging Stars to join Dave and me, August 17 at the Southern Junction for dinner and dancing. It is ok if you don't want dance come and have fun with the Stars. In the past we took a square dance CD and they played it for us during their intermissions. I don't promise that they will do that for us again, but I will try. The Southern Junction is a Steak House, Country and Western Nightclub

Friday

PRIME RIB SPECIAL \$19.95

BEFORE 7PM--EARLY BIRD 2-4-1 STEAK SPECIAL \$19.95

(Does NOT Include the Prime Rib Dinner Special)

YOU MUST ARRIVE BEFORE 7PM TO RECEIVE 2-4-1 SPECIAL

(All Dinners include a salad, baked potato, & Texas Toast)

If you are interested let me know. I have to make a firm reservation by August 10th.

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
Swinging Stars President
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