



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 24, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

We still need to wrap up our Round Up ticket sales. You have sold/purchased over 500 tickets. That is outstanding. We still have 250 to go so please pick yours up at the next Club dance if you have not done so already. Half of the money raised from the sale of the tickets remains with our Club so this is a great fund raiser for the Club.

Start thinking about Sept. Lessons: Our next set of beginner lessons will start in September. We need every member to start working on new students NOW! Time to start wearing your T-Shirts again. At the next dance I will have some business cards that you can pick up to hand out when asked about lessons.

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

Friday, July 29 – Official Visit – Texas Reelers 41st Anniversary – Brad Caldwell, Deborah Carrol Jon, Jon Jones and Chris Farabaugh – **wear Turquoise**

Saturday, July 30 – Official Visit – Triangle Squares Schmidtzfest dance – Deborah Carroll Jones, Jon Jones, Toby Thompson – **wear Blue**

Announcements

Please note that Swinging Stars will be back in our normal home location starting in August. We are using the Summer Dress Code for June, July and August.

2nd VP Report – 24 July 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

SPECIAL “HEADS UP”

Reservations for Chaparral’s 21st “Evening in Paris” Texas – Fri 02 Sep – Sat 03 Sep

If you’ll be attending this great event, get your completed reservation form and accompanying \$80 check for a couple (payable to “Chaparral Paris Weekend”) submitted ASAP (as early registration ends 15 Aug). Preferably, give your form with check to Jim & Knarik Bondi who’ll group and mail it with other Swinging Stars reservations. If you mail it directly yourself, PLEASE MAKE JIM & KNARIK AWARE THAT YOU’VE REGISTERED. Why? By ensuring that all of our club’s registrations get counted as a group, we may qualify for a \$50 - \$100 rebate for our treasury – a valuable boost to our bank account! You can hand over or communicate your registration to Bondis (or any club officer) at any visitation dance listed on our July calendar, at our next SS dance on 8/12/2016, or you can contact:

Jim & Knarik Bondi
4317 Brady Drive
Plano, TX 75024
email: j.bondi@ieee.org
cell: 214-226-5922 .

Thank you for your cooperation!

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

“A” Dance followed by Plus Dance

Wednesday 20 July – Plus 4s –

During the early “A” dance, recent A graduates were joined by many seasoned A dancers including Amys, Evantos, Lewises, Morses, B. Sand, and N. Sawyer. Caller “Quiz” managed to find the right level of calls that challenged new dancers often enough to foster improvement in their skills while also entertaining seasoned dancers. Later, during the main Plus dance, a total of 10 Swinging Stars participated. This evening, Quiz’s “bonus call” was Spin Chain and Double Exchange the Gears (1st half executes roughly like the common Single Exchange version but then each “snake of 4 dancers” folds back on itself and re-passes the other to ultimately regroup along its original position but finish as a LEFT-handed wave). A big Thank You to these Swinging Stars who attended: Bondis, Evantos, Hamms, Kerns, and Sees.

Our Square + Round Dance

Friday 22 July – Swinging Stars – “Crazy Daze of Summer”

Almost 60 dancers, including 2 Texas Reelers and 2 Plus 4s, participated in our Plano dance on Friday evening. Given the hot weather that’s now settled on North Texas once again, almost all attendees enjoyed the evening’s special nourishment: ice cream with all the fixins. As always, club cuer, Walter Brewer, and club caller, Wayne Baldwin, teamed up to provide a great evening of varied dancing for attendees. Walter started with 45 minutes of very nice early rounds and continued with a well balanced mix of intermittent rounds during the squares, including some nice “slow two-step”s, a very popular rhythm this year. For his part, Wayne entertained and sometimes challenged square dancers with more than two hours of solid Mainstream, strong Plus, some great singing calls (of course), and even a bit of Hot Hash as dancing wrapped up. Afterward, roughly 28 Swinging Stars found the energy to continue mingling and partying at our newest after-dance-venue, Austin Avenue Grill in Plano.

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 23 July –Dixie Chainers – “Let’s Rock & Roll”

12 Swinging Stars visited our friends, the Dixie Chainers, in Farmers Branch on Saturday evening for their “Let’s Rock & Roll” dance. Beloved club cuer, Jack von der Heide directed the early and square-intermittent rounds and, overall, offered a balanced mix of rhythms and phases that successfully engaged round dancers of all levels. For his part, Hall of Fame club caller, Vernon Jones, countered with a very entertaining evening of squares. He was sometimes “sassy” in his witty and friendly way that area participants have come to love and, no surprise, kept dancers well entertained all evening. As an unexpected highlight midway through the dance, Vernon introduced long-time friend and colleague, Bob Asp, visiting from near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, who called a terrific tip that really energized the floor. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars for attending: Bondis, Esteps, Heintz/Putnam, Pitts, Sees, and Smith/Hardin.

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 12 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
Rebel Rousers	16-Jul-2016
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016
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

Official Visit – Square + Round Anniversary Dance

Friday 29 July – Texas Reelers–41st Anniversary Dance -- “High School Prom Night”

Callers: Brad Caldwell (guest), Deborah Carroll-Jones & Jon Jones (club)

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Early Rounds: 7:30

Grand March: 8:00

Dress: Swinging Stars Turquoise

Richardson Senior Center

830 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson, TX

Official Visit – Square + Round Double-Deal Dance

Saturday 30 July – Triangle Squares– “Schmidtzfest”

Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones & Jon Jones (guests), Toby Thomason (club)

Cuer: Toby Thomason

Early Rounds: 7:30

Grand March: 8:00

Dress: Swinging Stars Blue

Denton Civic Center

321 E. McKinney St., Denton, TX 76201

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Dance

Thursday 28 July – Model As

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

“A”: 7:00

Churchill Way Center

6906 Churchill Way (at Hillcrest), Dallas, TX

ACTIVITY -- OTHER

None

Refreshments Duty and Information

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

August 26, 2016 **Loxson**, Pitts, Jung, plus one

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!):

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

Email: president@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-618-

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

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

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

Visit our Web Site: swingingstars.org



Swinging Stars



Autumn Leaves



Friday September 23, 2016



Caller Wayne Baldwin

Early Rounds 7:00

Cuer Walter Brewer

Plus Squares 7:45

Grand March 8:00



Hot Hash after last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Banners Honey Pot Fun Fellowship Refreshments
Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by adults

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