



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 29, 2012

MAINSTREAM SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

Do you have someone
in mind that you would
like to invite to learn
to square dance?

**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 at our club dances. 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

The third quarter dues of 2012 are **past 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 you 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
972-789-1167

VISITING YOUTHS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

As president of the club we have received several messages from other clubs concerning their youth policy. They are allowing youths when accompanied with adults to attend their dances to be admitted free. Also, the Round-up Committee has adopted this policy for the Round-up this year. With this in mind I brought this to the attention of the Executive Committee on Sunday at our meeting. It was with a unanimous consent that the Swinging Stars admit youths under the age of 18 that are accompanied with adults to be admitted free. We have reached this conclusion without a club vote as the By-Laws states " A donation will be expected from each visitor as determined by the Executive Committee." This meaning that the Executive Committee sets the amount of the donation to be collected from visitors.

VISITATIONS FOR THIS WEEK

2 OFFICIAL VISITATION FOR THIS WEEK



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. Solitaires. 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. I do not know this caller. I Googled him and he is from Oklahoma City and has been calling since 1998. So come on and give him a try!

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK



Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, July 27. BEACH PARTY. Wayne calling and John cueing. This was a really fun dance. There were 37 visitors and 78 Swinging Stars for a total of 115. The Texas Reelers had 23 members attending. We gave back their banner and gave them ours. Now we have to go and retrieve our banner from them. The Dixie Chainers had 9 and got their banner. Thank you to the refreshments committee for providing so much delicious food. Thank you to the Anthaumes, Hamms, Wheatons, and McClures. I also have a big thank you to the Feldmans and Starretts for decorating for the Beach Party theme dance. Thank you Ralph Hamm for filling in for Dave until he got there. We are really proud of our club members. You are all always there to help. We really do appreciate all of you.



Official Let's Do It Dance

Saturday, July 28. Tri-City Promenaders. LET'S DO IT...HAVE A BALL AT THE BEACH DANCE.

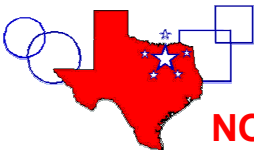
Bob Pitts, thank you for this report from the Tri-City Promenaders.

Everyone had a great time at the Tri-City Promenaders Nortex Pre-Roundup "Let's Have a Ball at the Beach" dance in Hurst. As usual they had delicious food to go with the fellowship. Rounds were cued by Chris Farabaugh and squares were called by Paul Kinsey. Paul was joined in the last tip by Mike Bramlett giving us a preview of the gospel calls planned for the Nortex Roundup dance. There were 14 Swinging Stars in attendance: Peggy Amy, John and Eula Brewer, Tom Evanto, Barry and Helen Feldman, Larry Gaudrone and Rosemary Benedetto, Charlie and Linda Harris, George and Mary Luxsom, and Bob and Terri Pitts. Thanks to all the Swinging Stars who attended.

COMING EVENTS IN AUGUST

Dance of Interest

Wednesday, August 1. Plus 4's Regular dance night. Wayne Baldwin will be Guest Caller for Quiz. Plus only no Rounds. Dance starts at 7:30. Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. 12411 Templeton Tr. Farmers Branch. Hope to see to you there.



NORTEX Meeting.

Sunday, August 5. 3rd Quarter Business Meeting. 2 P.M. at the Swingtime Center. 5100 SE Loop 820 at the Anglin Drive exit, Ft. Worth. Everyone interested in the workings of the NORTEX Square and Dancer Association are invited to attend. You don't have to be on a committee or a delegate to attend. Read the Agenda on Page 4 of the August Promenade.

Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, August, 10. Regular dance night. Wayne calling and John cueing rounds. Our casual attire is in effect for the summer. We will be having a Work Shop 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

Saturday, August 11. Dixie Chainers. Let's do it....have a Ball!!

Caller Vernon Jones. Cuer Jack von der Heide.

Early Rounds 7:00. Grand March **7:30**. Farmers Branch Senior Center 14055 Dennis at Valwood. Wear your Black and White round-up attire.

See ad on page 11 of the August Promenade.

Caller and Cuer Dangle Dance

Saturday, August 12. Arlington Casuals. Pantego Lion's Club, 3535 Marathon, Pantego, TX. Dancing from 6:00 to 8:00pm. There is a group planning to go the Arlington Casuals to get a dangle from the caller Jimmy Ellis. If you would like to go along, it will be more fun if there are several Swinging Stars attending. There is an ad on Page 30 of the July Promenade.

Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, August 14, @ 11:30. Peggy Pharr will be hosting the Ladies Luncheon at the ****Into My Garden Tearoom****. Into My Garden Tearoom is located in beautiful Historic Downtown Plano nestled amongst all the wonderful shopping and less than one block from the Plano DART station. They are located in the back of Nooks 'n Krannies Gift Shop. The address is 1017 E 15th St., Plano. Please RSVP to Peggy Pharr at pjp0901@juno.com by August 12. You can check out Into My Garden by going to www.intomygarden.com. We always love going there for lunch.

Fun Night

Friday, August 17. Southern Junction. The band for the night is Rob Dixon and the Lost Cowboy. Join Dave and me at the Southern Junction for dinner, dancing, fun and fellowship. It is ok if you don't want to 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 7 PM--EARLY BIRD 2-4-1 STEAK SPECIAL \$19.95

(Does NOT Include the Prime Rib Dinner Special)

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

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

5574 HWY 276 ROYSE CITY, TX 75189 NOTE: THIS IS THE ADDRESS YOU SHOULD USE FOR YOUR GPS SYSTEM!

Go to www.southernjunctionlive.com check out all about Southern Junction. There is also a coupon for free membership for you to print.

I need to have a firm count by August 10 for the reservation.



GRAM Free Dance

Sunday, August 19th. The NTCA and NORTEX invite you to an Afternoon Party for Prospective Dancers. 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. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Line Dancing and Mixers: Jack von der Heide. 2:00 to 4:00 at the Senter Park Rec. Center 228 Chamberlain in Irving. Read ad on Page 34 of the August Promenade.



Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, August 24. ICE CREAM SOCIAL. Wayne calling and John cueing rounds. Our casual attire is in effect for the summer. We will be having Early Rounds at 7:30 and Square Dancing at 8:00. Don't forget everyone is invited to Mama's Pizza after the dance.

Square Dance Lessons

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. The lessons are at 7:00 to 9:00 every Tuesday and go thru Dec. 18th. 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 all about the lessons.



Official Let's Do It Dance

Saturday, August 25. Cotton Pickin' Squares. Take me out to the Ball Game Round-up Dance. Caller Mike Bramlett. Cuer J L Pelton. Wear your favorite team shirt. Early Rounds 7:30. Grand March 8:00. Location is: L-3 Rec. Hall 10001 Jack Finney Blvd. Greenville, Tx. Read ad on Page 20 of the August Promenade.

Dance of Interest

Thursday, August 30. Lone Star Solos. You will flip over Flippo.. Marshall Flippo will be a Guest Caller. Christine Hixson will cue the rounds. 7:30 Rounds. 8:00 Grand March. The Knights of Columbus Hall 10110 Shoreview Rd., Dallas.



Dance of Interest

Friday, August 31. Rainbow Rounds 20th Anniversary and Fairytale Ball. Boy this one sounds like fun! Caller Joey Duhamel and Cuer Karen Gloodt. Request Rounds 7:00. Grand March 8:00. Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 at the Anglin Drive exit, Ft. Worth.

Out Of Town Weekend

August 31 and September 1 Chaparral Evening in Paris Dance. **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.** It is less than a month until all the early reservations need to be made for this trip. If you are planning to go and have not sent your registration, you need to send in your reservation to Tom and Judy Welker before August 20. If you do not have a flyer with the registration on it you can go to www.swingingstars.org and click on weekends, see the information for the Chaparral weekend, click on flyer and there will be a flyer there. It is also in the July Promenade on page 28. Be sure to write Swinging Stars Lorraine's group on your registration form, so that we get the credit for the \$100.00 for the club's treasury.

We have a good number of members going. And as I always say, "The more Swinging Stars at a dance the more fun it is". Please be sure to tell me (Lorraine) that you have sent your registration so I can make sure you are on the list.

Swinging Stars will be having an After Party on Friday night. Place to be announced later.

Bring a snack or treat to share and your favorite beverage.

If for some reason you have not read about this wonderful weekend go back to last week's newsletter and read about it.

Questions: Contact Lorraine at Lorraine@Bursons.us



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 whether 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 August 10th 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.

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.

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, Giandrone/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.

Save These Dates:

Sunday, September 23rd. Appreciation Dance for Jay and Marty Miller.
Friday, December 7th. Swinging Stars Christmas Party

A 1 & A 2 LESSONS

Advanced lessons sponsored by Model's A's Square Dance Club
Model A's dance every Thursday night 7-9 pm, at Churchill Way
Instructor-- Wayne Baldwin

Lessons Begin: Thursday, August 23rd 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Churchill Recreation Center.
Churchill and Hillcrest in Dallas. 20 Lessons @ \$5.00/person per lesson **** (1st Lesson Free)****
. Call Wayne or Jodie for information at: 972-562-2178

****Prerequisites**** Must have a partner. Must have completed plus lessons

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

Houston Hoedown

Here is a message from Bob and Terri Pitts. Please read it and let **them** know what you think and if you would like to go to the Houston Hoedown. This is the equivalent of the Round-up that we have here. It sure sounds like fun to me.

Hey Swinging Stars,

We discovered a square dance opportunity in Galveston, Texas 16-17 November. It is called the Houston Hoedown to be held at Moody Gardens and features the headline caller Dee Dee Dougherty and cuer Mark Prow. See the details in the link below which is also available on the Swinging Stars website. Terri and I have already booked the event hotel (Moody Garden) and plan to participate in all the Friday and Saturday activities. We wanted to let you know about this opportunity to enable you to secure a hotel if you want to go and to collect interest from our club so we can plan travel, meals, etc. if there are enough interested. Let us know via email (bobp8211@gmail.com) if you plan to go.

<http://www.squarethru.com/Hoedown%20Flyer%202012-L.pdf>

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Thanks,

Bob and Terri Pitts

bobp8211@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Update from Jack Duncan

Well the tests have been run, two doctors seen and the verdict is in...I will be having back fusion surgery next Wednesday, 8/1. Both Drs agree that the offending nerve is at the right side L4-L5 juncture in my lower back. The surgery will be about 4 hours long and they will cut away the facet joints (those wing like protrusions on the sides of each vertebra), remove the disk and replace it with a plastic "cage" that will hold bone marrow stem cells from my hip. Along with the cage, which will provide height support, they will put two screws into each vertebra that will stick out about 1/2" and then put a rod across those screws to form a mechanical joint until the two vertebrae can grow together, around 6-8 weeks. I will be in the hospital for two days after the surgery and then limited activity for 3-6 weeks. Success rate is in high 90 percent range. If everything goes according to plan, I could be back to 95-99 percent normal activity within 3 months. There may still be "some" residual pain but not the excruciating pain I'm having now that makes even walking a painful undertaking. I will get Louise to post an update after the surgery so you will at least know I survived that. Thank you all for your kind words, thoughts and prayers in the past.

P. Jack Duncan

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
Email: Dave@Bursons.us
