



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for August 11, 2019
Casual Summer Attire June thru August

Message from Presidents

David and Peggy Edwards

Swinging Stars,

Lessons are quickly approaching, and September 3rd will be here before you know it. Thank you to the lessons committee, chaired by Ralph and Lucy Hamm, and the liaisons between the committee and the Carpenter Recreation Center, 1st Vice Presidents Nick and Diane Stewart, for working so hard putting lessons together. We know Bobby will be a great instructor and we are hoping to sign up a lot of new dancers.

Meanwhile, we still need to work on increasing our visitor numbers. If any of our club members have any ideas or suggestions on how to accomplish this, please let us know. We are always looking for good ideas. We also realize the more our club visits in large numbers, the better our chances other clubs will reciprocate. As other clubs realize we have the best caller and teacher in North Texas, more people will start coming to our dances and workshops. This is a process and takes time. This board will always enlist your help and input.

Regards,
David and Peggy Edwards
Presidents, Swinging Stars

Swinging Stars 3rd Quarter Dues are Due!

Just a friendly reminder, your 2019, 3rd Quarter dues are **Due!**

You can pay:

Quarters	Couple	Single
1 Qtr	45.00	22.50
2 Qtrs.	90.00	45.00
3 Qtrs.	135.00	67.50
4 Qtrs.	180.00	90.00

Bring to the next dance or,

Send To: Nevin Mulvin 3409 Eisenhower Ln. Plano TX 75023-3933

Please make check **PAYABLE TO: Swinging Stars.**

Mainstream Lessons Start September 3

Ralph and Lucy Hamm, Lessons Chairman

Many of you got lessons advertising materials at Friday's dance to help you talk about square dancing and our upcoming lessons to your contacts. We know from talking with you that many of you have been working hard to recruit students, and we are excited at the prospect of having a good sized class and getting lots of new members for the Swinging Stars!

We need to keep getting the word out wherever we can. Here's your to do list for this week:

- Talk with your friends and neighbors about our lessons and give them a trifold or flyer so they have all the information they need. If you need more flyers, you can print some from here: http://swingingstars.org/Mainstream_square_dance_lessons_2019.pdf.
- Post a message about our lessons on nextdoor.com (Instructions for doing this were sent to you in an email from the President on August 1.) Please do this each week during August -- you never know who will see it this time that didn't see it last time.

Let's Talk Turkey Double Deal Dance

Karen and Mark Hawkins, Double Deal Dance Chair

It's difficult to think about Thanksgiving when temperatures are near one hundred but the next few months will be a busy time for the Swinging Stars. We have the Pre-Round-Up Dance on September 13 and Round-Up on October 25/26. Mark and I will be out of town for the October 11 dance. So I want to begin planning the Double Deal Dance now. The dance will be very similar to an Anniversary Dance so we will need the help of all of our club members, both on committees and to bring food. I will bring signup sheets to the August 9 dance. I hope to line up committee chairmen at that time. In addition to the regular committees (decorations, greeters, registration, signatures, honey pot, food and beverage service) we will be having a Tin Can Auction. Anne and Russ NejdI are in charge and will need helpers throughout the evening.

The theme is **"Let's Talk Turkey"** so decorating should be very easy. I welcome any and all ideas and decorations. Also, Anne is still collecting items for the auction. Let her know if you would like to donate. It should be great fun! If you know now how you would like to be involved please call or text me at 214-537-0446 or email me at markt.karenI@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for all of your support,
Karen and Mark Hawkins

Happening This Week

Friday August 16 – Kissin Kuzzins – Ice Cream Social – Of Interest Visitation

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: JL Pelton

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

Location: Garland Senior Activity Center, 600 Avenue A Garland

Note: Dress is casual.

Saturday 17 – Trailblazers – Theme, Dancing on the Beach – Pre Round up

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

Cuer: Jack Kenny

**Time: Advanced rounds 6:30, S/D rounds 7:00, Refreshments Served at 7:30,
S/D Workshop 7:30, Grand March: 8:00**

Location: Swingtime Center, 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin Dr. Fort Worth. TX.

Note: 2-Signature dance, Official Visitation

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
Cotton Pickin' Squares	5/25/2019
Dixie Chainers	6/08/2019
Kissin Kuzzins	7/05/2019
Circle I	7/06/2019
Rebel Rousers	7/20/2019
Lone Star Solos	7/25/2019
Texas Reelers	8/02/2019

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Wednesday August 7 – Plus 4's Dance

The 1st Wednesday night dance was short on dancers. The dance was a lot of fun even though there were only 4 squares. I believe due to summer vacations and other happenings going on for this weekend. There were only 4 Swinging Stars attending. Thank you to the Sees and Bursons.

Thursday August 8 – Double Plus – Pre Round up dance.

This was one of the most fun dances we had been to in a while. All Plus is so much Fun! We had a surprise when we arrived at the door at the dance. We were met with the usual greeters saying, "You are not late, Joey Duhamel is sick and we are waiting for Vernon Jones to arrive." Everyone was patiently waiting for him. Vernon got there about 7:30 and the dance got started. Vernon did an exceptional good job calling. He was very up beat and called a fun dance. Thank you to the Sees and Bursons for attending.

Saturday August 10 – Dixie Chainers – Pre Round up Dance Deep in the heart of Texas – Official Visitation.

The Swinging Stars had 10 dancers attending. If we could count the caller Bobby and Dalaina it would be 12. The Dixie Chainers tried to give us a banner except we all ready have one of theirs, They said they would come and get it. Everyone enjoyed dancing to Bobby as he did a wonderful job keeping us all going at a fast pace. Thank you to these Swinging Stars that attended: Bursons, Edwards, M. Hardin, Nejdls, Sees, C. Wolfe. Although we couldn't get another banner we were able to collect two signatures for the Visitation Signature card.

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

Friday August 16 – Kissin Kuzzins – Ice Cream Social – Of Interest Visitation

Here we go with a great duo of for an evening of fun dancing. You always know that there is going to be a lot of good dancing when Mike is doing the calling and JL is cueing the rounds. Please don't miss the evening of good dancing. And the Ice cream will be good too!

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: JL Pelton

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

Location: Garland Senior Activity Center, 600 Avenue A Garland

Note: Dress is casual.

Saturday 17 – Trailblazers – Theme, Dancing on the Beach – Pre Round up

Sounds like fun! I would say from information in the ad on Page 13 of the August Promenade that casual attire would be the attire for this dance.

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

Cuer: Jack Kenny

**Time: Advanced rounds 6:30, S/D rounds 7:00, Refreshments Served at 7:30,
S/D Workshop 7:30, Grand March: 8:00**

Location: Swingtime Center, 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin Dr. Fort Worth. TX.

Note: 2-Signature dance, Official Visitation

Wednesday August 21 – Plus 4's Dance

This is Quiz's regular plus dance night.

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

Time: A dancing at 6:15, Plus at 7:30 to 9:30

Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

Friday August 23 – Swinging Stars Theme Dance – Flash back to School Days

Support the Shepard Elementary School with Donations of School Supplies. This is a small way of showing our appreciation for the use of their school. We will be accepting Kleenex, Glue Sticks, Markers, Sandwich Bags, Blunt Scissors, and Post-it notes. The fourth Friday of the month is Early Rounds at the Swinging Stars. You will have floor time to work on perfecting the various rhythms that you have learned.

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Plus Tip 7:45, Grand March: 8:00

Note: We will still be selling tickets for the Picture Raffle at this dance and the September 13th dance. Tickets are 1 for \$1.00, 3 for \$2.00 and 10 for \$5.00. What a deal!

Where else would you be able purchase a Beautiful Picture by an acclaimed artist for so little.

August 24 – Cotton Pickin' Squares – Deep in the heart of Greenville – Pre Round up Dance – An of Interest Visitation

All of these pre Round up dances are important to attend. If we want to have dancers visit our club we must visit the other clubs in NORTEX. Square dancers all support each others Clubs.

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

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

Location: Rec.Center 10001 Jack Finney, Greenville, Texas

Note: 2-Signature dance, Pre Round up Attire is Texas or Western style and of Course Square dance attire is welcome.

August 31 – Roadrunners 48th Anniversary Barn Dance.

We all like to attend Anniversary dances, but this is going to be a special one and you won't want to miss. There is always so much going on and the dinners are yummy. Aside from that there is going to be a terrific and funny caller to keep the excitement going. Anniversary dances are usually mainstream with announced plus. So much fun, don't miss it.

Caller: Tim Tyl

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

Time: Early rounds 7:00, All Plus 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Location: Swingtime Center, 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin Dr. Fort Worth. TX

* * OTHER EVENTS * * *

Tuesday August 20 – August Ladies Luncheon

Ladies, please join us at Saltgrass Steakhouse, an award-winning Restaurant. The date is Tuesday, August 20, at 11:30. The Saltgrass legend dates back to the 1800's when millions of longhorns roamed freely throughout Texas. Their first restaurant was built on the historic Salt Grass Trail leading to the Texas Coast. We are meeting at one of their newest locations: 3320 Central Expressway (formerly Joe's Crab Shack), Plano 75074. Menu at Saltgrass.com Our hostess is Mary Hardin. She needs an RSVP before August 19th. She can be reached by phone at: 214 632-4230 cell, 972 517-8691 home, or email: mrhardin39@gmail.com

Refreshment Duty Information

From Mark and Karen Hawkins (Refreshment scheduler)

We want to thank these team members for your contribution to Swinging Stars. Your efforts make *Swinging Stars* the best club to visit in the metropollex.

Team leader should contact their team members the week before the dance prior to their scheduled dance so that each member can pick up a Refreshment Bag after that dance. Teams are responsible for food of their choice, ice and 5 tablecloths, which can be purchased at any Walmart or Dollar Tree. If you need supplies contact First Vice Presidents Nick and Diane Stewart. Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Stewarts (972.377.3910) or 1stvp@swingingstars.org . If you have additional questions, call or text Mark (214.536.5863) or Karen Hawkins (214.537.0446) or email markt.karenl@gmail.com.

Team members are responsible for finding a replacement if they are unable to fulfill their scheduled obligation (refer to the schedule below for possible subs – see current roster for email address or phone number). Please email Mark and Karen at markt.karenl@gmail.com of the change.

August 23 – **Feldman**, Kilejian, Pelton, Pharr (Theme – Flash Back to School Days
(donate supplies/money))

September 13 – **Bergesen**, Amy, Bondi, Burson, Deluke, Jung, Trujillo, Whipple
(Pre Round-Up Dance – *The Stars at Night*)

September 27 – **Hamm**, Goebel, Nestor, Stewart)

October 11 – **Gifford**, McClaskey, Rose, Zhang (Theme – *Ghost Busters Costume Dance*)

October 25/26 – *Callers Cavalcade / Round-Up*

November 8 – **Colter**, Bushell/Rock, Pitts, Sperry

November 22 – All club members participate - *Double Deal Dance* (Theme – *Let's Talk Turkey*)

December 13 – **Nejdl**, Cave, Perhson/Mae, Perrott

(Theme – *Santa's Workshop* – Donate Gifts/Money)

Round Dance Lessons update

From JL and Linda Pelton

Update on Slow Two Step Class

The Slow Two Step class is doing very well having learned all the Phase 3 and Phase 4 Slow Two Step figures along with the Triple Traveler, which is actually a Phase 5 figure. Dances they can now dance include Raining in My Heart, Rachel's Song, Too Many Rivers, Girl Crush, and The Other Side. With just another week of lessons, we have been concentrating on practice and exposure to dances often cued in the local area.

Coming Soon -- a Refresher Rounds Class

Starts Saturday, September 14, and will end just before Thanksgiving, Carpenter Rec Center from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

By popular demand for a chance to dance a lot and practice dances heard at square dances. This class will workshop figures class members might not know in a dance. There will be lots of different rhythms and lots of different dances that you often hear at square dances. It's a great way to polish up your dancing and have in depth practice and instruction on a problem figure. If you have taken two or three classes with the Pelton's or other instructions in the area, this class will help you become more comfortable in the various rhythms you already have experience in.

Sign up is now open. Just ask for Class 21070 - Refresher Rounds

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Plus 4's dancers are familiar with a lovely lady named Boots. Recently she was diagnosed with cancer. A most recent report from a Swinging Stars member is that she is responding well to chemo treatment. She is dancing again. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Boots as she continues to make progress.

Zari Kilejian is celebrating her birthday with a visit from her son who lives in Reno. She is impatient to get rid of her cane. Her body is slowly improving. She sends her regards to Swinging Stars members and hopes to be dancing again soon.

Listening Device Information

From Charlie and Linda Harris

At our dances, the Swinging Stars are pleased to loan, free of charge, a "listening device" to any requesting dancer. Current inventory is two devices, offered on a first-come first-served basis as each dance starts. Talk to Nevin Mulvin at the check in table. To answer questions about the listening device, email Charles Harris at harris0907@sbcglobal.net or phone 214-348-5361. Notice to anyone interested in purchasing a listening device receiver for square or round dancing, contact Charles Harris. He has one new William Sound PPA R-37. The new unit is priced at \$90.00 and includes the earphone. It is the 17 channel unit versus the 3 channel Listen Brand units and has a five-year warranty.

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.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday September 13, 2019 – Swinging Stars Pre Round-Up Dance
Friday October 25, 2019 – NTCA 2019 Caller's Cavalcade
Saturday October 26, 2019 – NORTEX 2019 Round-Up
Friday November 22, 2019 – Swinging Stars Double Deal Dance
Friday December 6, 2019 – Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party
Friday May 29, 2020 – Swinging Stars 45th Anniversary Dance

Dave Burson
Newsletter Editor
Swinging Stars

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See Flyer below



Flashback to School Days

August 23, 2019

Swinging Stars

Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, TX

Meet our **NEW**
Club Caller: **Bobby Willis**

Club Cuer: **Walter Brewer**



- ★ Honey Pot
- ★ Banners
- ★ Refreshments
- ★ Solo Board

Early Rounds: 7:00 pm
Plus Tip: 7:45 pm
Grand March: 8:00 pm

Dancers under 18 free with paying adults.
We dance every 2nd and 4th Friday.

For more info: president@swingingstars.org
www.swingingstars.org



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Please bring:

Kleenex
Glue Sticks
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Markers
Sandwich Bags
Blunt Scissors
Post-it Notes

Thank You!