



## Newsletter for August 16, 2020

### Message from Presidents

**Doug and Jan Bergesen**

Mark your calendars! Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm there will be a BIG virtual square dance with Tony Oxendine, Wade Driver, Darryl Lipscomb, Mike Seastrom, and more! It is going to be a mainstream and plus dance with rounds. This gives you 4 weeks to brush up on your dancing skills and to find three other couples to dance with you (if you find phantoms too difficult). Good Luck and Happy Dancing and Stay Safe and Healthy!

Jan and Doug Bergesen

### 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report

**From Ralph and Lucy Hamm**

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	12/14/2019
Texas Reelers	1/17/2020
Rebel Rousers	1/18/2020
Kissin Kuzzins	2/29/2020

#### Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Lone Star Solos	1/24/2020

We suggest that before you decide to attend a dance advertised in the Promenade you reach out to the club advertising the dance and make sure that they will be having the dance.

**Check the following link on the NORTEX web page for the latest information:**  
[http://nortex.info/?page\\_id=3043](http://nortex.info/?page_id=3043)

Most NORTEX clubs have closed because of loss of venue and/or the virus. We have contacted several NORTEX club presidents to update the status of their clubs. The following list is current. We will correct it when any club's status changes.

**Swingtime Center closed to all dances until January 2021. The clubs normally dancing there are:**

Circle 8  
 Fort Worth Squares  
 Rainbow Rounds

Diamond Jubileers  
 Harvest Holiday  
 T Square Gadabouts

Double Plus  
 Pioneer Squares  
 Trail Blazers

**Other clubs who have cancelled until January 2021:**

Circle I  
Pegasus Squares

Cliff Dwellers  
Tri-City Promenaders

Dixie Chainers

**The following clubs have closed until further notice:**

Cotton Pickin' Squares  
Model A's  
Rebel Rousers  
Texas Reelers

Dance Arounds  
Plus 4s  
Road Runners  
Triangle Squares

Kissin' Kuzzins  
Ramblin' Rounds (Wed)  
Stone Steppers

**For Round Dancers - ICBDA** (International Choreographed Ballroom Dance Association) has sponsored an online collection of quality dance videos which are free to watch and do not require a password. Square dance level phase 2 – 3 round dance demos are included, as well as many phase 4 and some phase 5 and 6 demos. You can get to these dance demos on YouTube using this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYamlVWBpdhliSOBelomNQ/videos>

**Harvest Holiday** has cancelled their annual round dance festival scheduled for November 27 – 29 in Dallas. The scheduled guest clinicians were Curt and Tammy Worlock.

**Lone Star Solos** cancelled their August 13 dance because their host church limited them to 10 people. All dances at the church are cancelled through the end of September. Their square dance lessons are finishing soon at Gale Fields Rec Center, 1701 Dairy Road, Garland. They are planning to have square dances there on Tuesdays from 7:00PM to 9:00PM on September 1, 8, 15, and 22. We will provide more details as they are available.

**Log Cabin Swingers** of Tool, TX sent their dance schedule for September and October as listed below – subject to change if necessary. The same safety protocol applies to all dances: masks, hand sanitizer, no food. Soft drinks and water will be available for sale.

**September 13** – Sunday round dance class 3:30 – 5:30 – David Berling cueing

**September 18 – 20** – Scott Bennett and Brad Caldwell have cancelled OOMPA Dance Weekend

**September 26** – Plus dance 3:30 – 5:30 – KO Jeanes calling

Early rounds 7:00 – 7:30 – David Berling cueing

Square Dance 7:30 – KO Jeanes calling, David Berling cueing

**October 3 – 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance**

Early rounds 7:00 – David Berling cueing

Square Dance 7:30 – Tim Tyl and KO Jeanes calling, David Berling cueing

**These are not scheduled Swinging Stars visitations at this time.**

**\*\*\* EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK \*\*\***

**Stay Home - Stay Safe**

## **\* \* \* COMING EVENTS \* \* \***

### **Friday, October 9 – Swinging Stars – SAFE Dance**

Shepard Elementary (Our normal dance location.) is closed; however, **Grace Church** in Lucas has given us permission to hold a dance there.

**Caller: Bobby Willis**

**Cuer: Walter Brewer**

**Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Squares Refresher 7:30, Grand March 8:00**

**Location: Grace Church, 2005 Estates Parkway, Lucas, TX 75002 (Enter around back.)**

**Note:** How will it be safe? You will have your temperature taken before you enter, you will wear a mask, you will use hand sanitizer between tips, there will be no refreshments, and you will be encouraged to bring your own water bottle.

### **Friday, October 23 – Swinging Stars –**

**Caller: Bobby Willis**

**Cuer: Walter Brewer**

**Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Squares Refresher 7:30, Grand March 8:00**

**Location: ???**

## **\* \* \* OTHER EVENTS \* \* \***

### **Labor Day Weekend**

**Walter Brewer**

Dear Swinging Stars,

Eula and I have missed you greatly and wanted to tell you about an exciting square dance weekend coming up. We realize that many (maybe even most) aren't considering dancing again for a while. But, some of you are ready; and if so, a fabulous event is coming soon, and too far away.

This event has four excellent callers and I will be the cuer. Let me share a bit of information about the callers.

- Darryl is a nationally renowned caller whose choreography, timing and smoothness are legendary; and he should be well known to metroplex dancers.
- Tim should be well known to most of us since he's frequently in D/FW for specials. He brings a high level of entertainment value to all his dances.
- Jeff is an OKC area caller who is widening the area where he calls and calls a lot throughout the Heartland. Great voice, music selection, timing. etc.
- Calvin may be known to a few of you since he guest called with Wayne at one of our dances. He has a great voice, terrific timing, and brings instant enthusiasm to a dance.

The venue is in Elk City, OK West of OKC. Host hotel has a \$45 room rate. For those who camp there is RV camping on site with water and electric for \$20 a night. A campground is also near the host hotel.

The primary dance level will be mainstream with plus tips. Also there will be two sessions featuring A2 level. I will even have an intro to round dance session after lunch.

We would love to have you attend. Precautions will be taken to help avoid any spread of any contagion. A flyer and tentative schedule is attached. (See on next page.)

Cheers, Walter Brewer

# Pass Thru on RT. 66



Calvin Hollis      Tim Tyl      Jeff Holley      Darryl Lipscomb

## Rounds



Walter & Eula Brewer

### Sept. 4th 5th & 6th

Location: Elk City Convention Center    Elk City, OK

\$30 pp weekend pkg    \$10 per session    \$45 Clarion Inn  
(580) 225-6637

Must Request Rate for Square Dancers

\$20 night for RV at convention center

Contact: Calvin Hollis 918-871-8920

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

Advance: 5-7

MS & Plus w/ Rounds: 7-10

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

Gospel Dance: 9:30-12

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

Morning Squares

Tim & Jeff

10-12

LUNCH

Intro to Rounds

Walter & Eula

1-2:30

Squares

Darryl & Calvin

2:30-4

EVENING

Rounds: 6-6:30

Advance: 7-7:30

Dance: 7:30-10

## Virtual Square Dance Tom Evanto

There is a new page that was added to the Callerlab knowledge website:  
<http://callerlabknowledge.org/>

Look for the link that says "CALLERLAB COVID-19 Information Page" at the top.

It is new and they are adding more info all the time. Several of the resources we have been using to find information on VSD's can be found there.

There is information for all the square dance levels even some for anyone that may be new to virtual dances using Google Zoom.

It is beginning to look like the social distancing is going to continue for quite a while longer. Hope to see y'all in a VSD soon.

Regards,  
Tom Evanto

## Round Dance Lessons Schedule JL and Linda Pelton

Dance Arounds received notice from the City of Plano that all classes are canceled until further notice. This includes the dance night and Saturday lessons

## Refreshment Duty Information

**From Rick Pehrson (Rookie 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 metropolex.

**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 Alex & Vanessa Nestor. Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Nestors (469.235.2971) or [1stvp@swingingstars.org](mailto:1stvp@swingingstars.org). If you have additional questions, call or text Rick Pehrson (972-837-6999) or email Rick at [patrick33081@verizon.net](mailto:patrick33081@verizon.net).

**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 Rick at [patrick33081@verizon.net](mailto:patrick33081@verizon.net) of the change.

Until further notice the Refreshment Duty Schedule will not be published in the Newsletter. The schedule will resume when refreshments are added back to the agenda.

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## Sunshine information

**From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Deborah Carroll-Jones whose mother passed away in California last Friday morning. Deborah is the very talented caller for the Texas Reelers Square and Round Dance Club. If our members would like to send Deborah a card or note individually, please email Debbie Cave or Lucy Hamm to obtain her mailing address. A card from the club has been sent to her already.

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## Special dates to put on your calendar

Sunday November 8, 2020, 4:00 PM – Swinging Stars General Meeting – Location TBD

Friday December 4, 2020 – Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party – Haggard Party Barn

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## 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](mailto: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.

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## Web Master Dave Burson

Be sure to check out our web page: [www.swingingstars.org](http://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.

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## 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](mailto: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).

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