



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for August 18, 2019
Casual Summer Attire June thru August

Message from Presidents

David and Peggy Edwards

Swinging Stars,

The sale of tickets for the drawing of Jodie's painting seems to be going well. We will be sending out messages to all club presidents inviting them to our Pre-Roundup dance, and sending a flyer with a picture of the painting. Thanks to Jan Bergesen and everyone who is helping to put this dance together.

The Lone Star Solos are having a special dance on August 29th to raise money for Patriot Paws, who's mission it is to train and provide service dogs at no cost to disabled American Veterans. This is a worthy cause. As many Swinging Stars as possible should attend.

David and Peggy Edwards
Presidents, Swinging Stars

Swinging Stars 3rd Quarter Dues are Due!

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

You can pay:

Bring to the next dance or,

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

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

It's only two weeks until lessons start, Please keep working to get the word out and to encourage your contacts to come try square dancing out. We'll have advertising materials at our dance this Friday. If you didn't get yours at the last dance or need more, be sure to get them Friday.

If you have contacts who may be interested, please remember to send their names and email addresses to secretary@swingingstars.org. We'll send them an email reminder in the last few days before lessons start.

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.karen@gmail.com.

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

Tin Can Auction

Anne and Russ NejdI

The Double Deal Dance is just around the corner (November 22nd). Russ and I are chairs of the tin can auction. For those of you who have never experienced a tin can auction before, you are in for a treat. We will be selling sheets of tickets for \$5 a sheet (25 tickets per sheet) the night of the double deal dance. Tables will be set up with "high quality" items, which our guests hope to win in the drawing.

Someone asked what I mean by "high quality". These are things that you would like to win in an auction. Sometimes you receive a gift, which is really nice, but something you cannot use. If you received a gift card to a restaurant or store, which you cannot use – we can put those gift cards in the auction. Hand-crafted items are a big hit too. Some of the things we have collected so far include an abstract painting by our own Jan Bergesen, jewelry, tool sets, a men's Fossil wristwatch, a clock, a decorative box and some gift cards. A \$100 bill was donated which we will break into two \$50 bills and frame. So look around your house and bring your treasures to our upcoming dances.

This auction has to potential to bring in some much-needed revenue to the club so we hope all will participate by buying tickets and donating items for the auction. We will accept your donations at our regular club dances.

Anne and Russ

Happening This Week

Wednesday August 21 – Plus 4's Dance

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

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 – Dance of Interest Visitation

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.

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 * * *

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

The Swinging Stars attended the Kissin' Kuzzins annual Ice Cream Social in numbers. The dancing featured early rounds, a mainstream square dance workshop, square dance tips (6 mainstream & one plus), and round dance tips (phase 2-4). JL Pelton cued the round dance tips. The square dancing was called / taught by guest caller Mike Bramlett.

There were 15 Swinging Stars Swinging Stars in attendance: P Amy, Evantos, Feldmans, Giffords, Mulvins, Nejdls, Nestors, and Sees. Thank you to Tom Evanto and Alex Nestor for the Report.

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

There wasn't a whole lot of beach and there was not a whole lot of Dancers. Everyone that was there had a fun time dancing to Quiz. I can say this with a whole lot of certainty, If there would have been more Swinging Stars attending there would have been a whole lot more of fun! I have always said when there is a lot of Swinging Stars at a dance the more fun it is. Sorry to say there was only 2 Swinging Stars attending, Dave and Lorraine.

SS Visitation - Rebel Rousers - Saturday, Aug 17th

Six total Swinging Stars attended the Rebel Rousers annual Homemade Ice Cream Social and competition. The voting was close with Strawberry Cheesecake taking the top prize over Peach and Peanut Butter Dark Chocolate (tied for second place), and Bourbon Walnut Vanilla (third place). There were many other ice cream flavors to choose from as well including my personal favorite...Cinnamon. The square dancing featured 1/2 hour of early plus square dance tips, mainstream tips 1,2,4,5,7; and plus tips 3,6. Texas State Hall of Fame Caller Mike Bramlett handled most of the calling duties except one tip split between Bill Hinckley and David Toms. 1/2 hour of early rounds and 2 flowing round dance choreographs between every squares tip were expertly cued by Christine Hixson. An announcement was made that their September dance next will include guest caller Dee Dee Dougherty from Minnesota. Swinging Stars in attendance: P Amy, Evantos, M Hardin, Sees. Thank you to Tom Evanto for the Report.

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

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

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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.

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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

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

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Nina Lassiter. Her mother, Wilma June Shackelford, from Athens, Texas recently passed away.

Exciting news has come from Peter and Jeanne Rickert. Their daughter is expecting their first grandchild in February.

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
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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
Crayons
Markers
Sandwich Bags
Blunt Scissors
Post-it Notes

Thank You!