



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for August 21, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

It is with deepest regret that we must inform you that our friend Ron Schweers passed away this past week. As many of you knew, Ron has been having health issues for the past several months. I received an e-mail from Ron on Wednesday, August 17, 2015 at 6:53 PM telling me that his recent surgery had gone well and he was expecting to be back dancing in time for the Swinging Stars Holiday Party (12/2/16). So you can imagine how surprised I was to receive the news that he had passed away Thursday night.

Marcela's address is 4107 Manorview Ln., Mesquite, TX 75150 if you wish to send her a card.

Services for Ron will be on Sunday, August 28, 2016 at 1:00 PM at St Prius X, 3030 Gus Thomasson Road, Dallas, TX.

Start thinking about Sept. Lessons: Our next set of beginner lessons will start September 6th. We need every member to start working on new student candidates NOW! Time to start wearing your T-Shirts again. If you did not pick up some business card size handouts at the last dance, you can pick them up at the next dance. Send your potential dancer contact information to Dan Mosher (dmosher5@verizon.net) or to me at president@swingingstars.org and we will ensure they get a formal invitation from the Club.

I understand there is misunderstanding around our next dance as it relates to potential new dancers. We had originally planned to have an open invite at the last dance for potential new dancers but the flyers and handouts did not get finalized prior to that dance. When the handouts were finalized they have this coming dance (August 26th) as an open invite. We will honor that for any potential new dancers that show up. I spoke to both Wayne and Walter at the last dance so both are aware of the change. If we do not have any new dancers we will revert to our original format but I am hopeful that each of you will bring a new dancer on Friday night to experience this wonderful event we call Square Dancing.

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, August 26 – Swinging Stars Club Dance – Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer

Saturday, August 27 – Cotton Pickin Squares – Double Deal Dance – Mike Bramlett & Christine Hixson

Sunday, August 28 -1:00 PM – Services for Ron Schweers – St. Pius X, 3030 Gus Thomasson Road, Dallas, TX

Sunday, August 28 – 3:00 PM – General Club Meeting – Austin Grill, Plano, TX

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.

General Club Meeting: August 28, 2016, 3:00 PM. Austin Grill, 935 W. Parker Rd #410, Plano TX 75023.

2nd VP Report – 21 August 2016 Jim & Knarik Bondi

FINAL CALL

Chaparral's 21st "Evening in Paris" Texas – Fri 02 Sep – Sat 03 Sep

We need just 2 more couples to earn a \$50 club rebate (or 6 more for \$100). Official deadline, Mon 15 AUG, has now passed. Nevertheless, if you do register going forward, please let co-organizer Melba Jeffus (214-802-3225) know immediately. Your registration, though "technically late," may still be allowed to count in our pool of registered Swinging Stars so that we can earn a club rebate. See these links for form, hotels, & schedule.

http://www.acsquaredance.com/Paris_Flyer_Color_2016.pdf

<http://sjeffus.wixsite.com/eveninginparistexas>

Jim & Knarik Bondi

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RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

"A" Dance followed by Plus Dance

Wednesday 17 August – Plus 4s

During the early "A" dance presented by caller & teacher, "Quiz," recent A graduates were joined by several seasoned A dancers although, this night, overall participation was a bit light, with just one square on the floor most of the time. Once again, two significantly stressed calls were Chain Reaction and Motivate, as their intricacy involving multiple interacting stars frequently challenges new(er) dancers. Later, during the main Plus dance, a total of 16 Swinging Stars participated. Quiz's Plus "brain teasers" tonight included, among others, a few attempts at "Spin Chain Double Exchange the Gears." A big Thank You to these Swinging Stars who attended: P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, Evantos, Hamms, Kerns, Kilejians, Shermans, and M. Hardin.

Square + Round Dance

Friday 19 August – Texas Reelers – "Hawaiian Maui Wowie"

23 Swinging Stars made the short jaunt to Richardson, TX, Friday to dance and party at our Texas Reeler friends' "Hawaiian Maui Wowie" event. Club cuer, Chris Farabaugh, provided round dancers with a broad array of rhythms and phases during both early rounds and square-intermittent rounds also. For her part, club caller, Deborah Carroll-Jones, called an engaging evening of tips, including one nice Plus tip and one great tip co-called/sung with her husband, Jon Jones. She sometimes paid special attention to their club's new dancers on the floor, reminding them, for example, to often check their "positional symmetry with their diagonal opposite" in the square as a way to verify the continued correctness of their position as the tip progresses. A huge thank you to these Swinging Stars who participated: Bergesens, Bondis, Esteps, Feldmans, Hamms, Harris, Heintz/Putnam, Kerns, Kilejians, Reids, Williams, and C. Wolfe. Because of this great participation, we were able to recapture our banner and capture our host's as well. Yea, Stars! The club that knows how to visit.

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Saturday 20 August – Log Cabin Swingers –

4 Swinging Stars braved the trek to Tool, TX, Saturday to dance with the Log Cabin Swingers in Promenade Hall. Square dancing began with a special 2-hour afternoon all-Plus dance featuring guest caller, Ron Mineau. Ron is a really strong and skilled caller originally from California, more recently from Tyler, TX. Although the weather limited afternoon attendance to just one square, it was a good square, filled with good dancers thoroughly enjoying Ron's great calling, some for the first time. Square dancers quickly saw that not only is Ron a truly skilled caller but he also loves his craft and enjoys himself on stage, periodically "poking light fun" at some of his trickier calls as if he were a grumbling dancer on the floor, struggling with the move. It was great to experience. By night, the crowd grew to 4+ squares soon after 7 PM when cuer Chris Farabaugh kicked off the evening session with 30 minutes of early rounds. Here, and in the square-intermittent rounds that followed, Chris offered a nicely balanced mix of rhythms and phases that fully engaged round dancers. For his part, Ron Mineau, countered with a great set of tips comprising a host of strong Mainstream, 2 very solid Plus tips, and some nice singing calls, including one Kenny Rogers / Dolly Parton duet with his wife, Linda. A grand thank you to these Swinging Stars who came to participate: Bondis and Pitts.

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 20 August – Rebel Rousers – "Teacher's Pet"

13 Swinging Stars traveled to Richardson, TX, Saturday evening to party with our friends, the Rebel Rousers, at their "back to school" themed dance. During both early and square-intermittent rounds, club cuer, Christine Hixon, offered a great selection of phases and rhythms that included bolero, slow two step, two step, waltz, and cha cha. She even cued the new "Venus Cha" just released in March 2016. For his part, club caller, Mike Bramlett, kept the floor on their toes all evening long. In early plus, he tested dancers' mettle with a variety of calls including less common variations of Acey Deucey. And, in the main dance that followed, he continued to challenge dancers while periodically "tickling their funny bones" as only he can. At Mike's invitation, Swinging Star Richard Covington called one strong tip, clearly demonstrating his growing skill as a caller. Other memorabilia and/or comments heard during the evening: "The brown bags (imitating student lunch bags from our era) were cute;" "the brownies were special;" "Zari's costume was very creative;" and, Theron Hixon, whose birthday is (today) Sunday 21 August, was serenaded with a heartfelt chorus of "Happy Birthday." A big thank you to these attendees: P. Amy, Covingtons, Evantos, Hamms, Kilijians, Perrotts, and Smith/Hardin. Since we already have one of our host's banners, we declined taking another. A special thank you to Lucy Hamm for this report.

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 13 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 1 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
Texas Reelers	19-Aug-2016
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
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Our Dance

Friday 26 August – Swinging Stars –

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Square Workshop: 7:00, Early Plus: 7:45, Grand March: 8:00

Wilson Middle School

1001 Custer Road, Plano, TX

***Note:** We're purposely repeating our early Square Workshop here so that prospective new dancers can come to try out square dancing. Please invite any/all you know that may be interested.*

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

Double Deal Square + Round Dance

Saturday 27 August – Cotton Pickin' Squares – "Support our Troops"

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

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

L-3 Recreation Center

10001 Jack Finney Blvd, Greenville, TX

Refreshments Duty and Information

August 26, 2016 **Loxson**, Pitts, Jung, Stuart

September 9: **Colter**, Jimison, Sherman, Bivins

September 23: **Lee**, Covington, Kern, Peggy Amy

October 14: **Hamm**, Bergesen, Schweers, Feldman, Kilejian, Reid (Double Deal Dance)

October 28: Closed due to NORTEX Cavalcade

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!):

August 28, 2016 – Swinging Stars General Meeting – Austin Grill – Plano, TX – 3:00 PM

October 14, 2016 – Swinging Stars DD Dance –Oktoberfest theme since the end of the month is Round-UP.

October 28, 2016 – Swinging Stars Dance cancelled to support Callers Cavalcade

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

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

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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

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



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Double Deal Dance

Friday October 14, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



Early Rounds: 7:00

Plus Dancing: 7:45

Grand March: 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Banners Honey Pot Fun Fellowship Refreshments

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adult

For info: 972-834-3097 or president@swingingstars.org



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