



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for August 30, 2020

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Last week we told you about a VSD (Virtual Square Dance) coming up in September. Here is one coming up this week on Wednesday at 8:00pm. It is a Mainstream dance with Mainstream level patter workshops and dances with the goal to help dancers become proficient dancing with phantom couples! Here is a link you can use to join in the fun. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6456194758> If you would also like to round dance too there is one on Saturday 9/5. It's a little later at 9:30pm for a Mainstream one couple dance with rounds. Here is that link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82314652280?pwd=RXg1VkZzR0VJSWRxNTlwNjFUTUM2UT09> .

Be adventurous and try one of these. Try it, you'll like it!! It is a good way to keep up your dancing skills. You can even see who is at the dance. We might see each other!

Tom Evanto, also has a bunch of information on Virtual Square Dances of different levels.

Jan and Doug Bergesen

2nd 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.

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
Trailblazers

Diamond Jubileers
Harvest Holiday
Road Runners

Double Plus
Pioneer Squares
T Square Gadabouts

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
Triangle Squares

Dance Arouds
Plus 4s
Stone Steppers

Kissin' Kuzzins
Ramblin' Rounds (Wed)
Texas Reelers

Lone Star Solos: All dances 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 – **45th 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: Grace Church, 2005 Estates Parkway, Lucas, TX 75002 (Enter around back.)

*** * * 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.

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

Friday 4th

Advance: 5-7

MS & Plus w/ Rounds: 7-10

Sunday 6th

Gospel Dance: 9:30-12

Saturday 5th

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

The VSD activity continues to grow with more opportunities being added in recent weeks. Many VSD's are two couples (with one phantom couple). Some full square VSD's are also available. Basic (social club level), Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, and Challenge level can be found. Many are scheduled to avoid conflicts with other VSD's at the same level. There are also some "special events" planned. One recent 3-hour special event featured 11 different callers and 2 cuers.

The resources available to find the VSD's also continues to grow. Here are some places where you can find information about virtual dancing. Please do not post ZOOM links out there in social media or other online forums. Thank you.

** always check ahead to be sure about the time zone for the dance you've selected, so you don't miss it in "your" time zone.

<https://www.asrda.org/announcements>

This will mostly carry Mainstream and Plus VSD events.

look under - 'Announcements/News'

under item - 'Latest Virtual Square Dancing Info'

select PDF - the 'ASRDA VSD List'

Email TrailBlazers Editor for the TrailBlazers listing of Advanced and Challenge VSD events. Email to get onto their distribution list for the Virtual Guide PDF listings.

IAGSDC online calendar of events, different levels.

Online event calendar where many VSD dances are now posted. Look at the left side of the home page on IAGSDC.org for the calendar link.

FACEBOOK group called "virtual square dances" for various levels and callers.

Join - the 'Virtual Square Dance' group. After you are added to the group list, look under:

Events - for a summarized list of some dances and

Discussion - for other dances and information.

<http://callerlabknowledge.org/>

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

Email other callers directly whom you wish to reach for their dance schedules and to be on their email list. Hope to see y'all in a VSD soon and everyone is staying healthy/safe.

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. If you have additional questions, call or text Rick Pehrson (972-837-6999) or email Rick at 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 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.

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

We send our thoughts and prayers out to Charles Wolfe. He had his annual scan for a problem with his aorta and a blood clot was found in his lung. He is on blood thinners and trying not to move much. He said he was not in the hospital. Permission to share this information with Swinging Stars members was given to Russ Nejd.

Now we have only the aftermath of Hurricane Laura to concern us. To those of you who have relatives in Louisiana, we are thinking and praying for you and them and hoping for better times ahead. Ralph and I have joined the "no home phone" people. So if anyone wants to contact us (good news is great also), please check the latest club roster for cell phone numbers. September is the month with the largest number of birthdays of our club members.

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

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.

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 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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