



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for September 13, 2020

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Good news! Today is the day! The September Spectacular Virtual Square Dance is today at 1:00! Did you get a square together? If not, don't worry. Just turn it on and remember the calls. You might even see some of your friends in the squares! There are 5 big name callers with Mainstream and Plus. There's even Round Dancing. Just like a festival! Two hours of square dance heaven! They won't publish the link until one hour before the dance, so it will come as a separate email from Dave Burson. Click the following for the link: http://www.swingingstars.org/Zoom_Meeting_Link.pdf

See you in a square!

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	Diamond Jubileers	Double Plus
Fort Worth Squares	Harvest Holiday	Pioneer Squares
Rainbow Rounds	Road Runners	T Square Gadabouts
Trailblazers		

Other clubs who have cancelled until January 2021:

Circle I	Cliff Dwellers	Dixie Chainers
Pegasus Squares	Tri-City Promenaders	

The following clubs have closed until further notice:

Cotton Pickin' Squares	Dance Arounds	Kissin' Kuzzins
Model A's	Plus 4s	Ramblin' Rounds (Wed)
Rebel Rousers	Stone Steppers	Texas Reelers
Triangle Squares		

There are a few dance opportunities coming up. The following information is provided in case you wish to take advantage of these opportunities. These are NOT Swinging Stars visitations.

Lone Star Solos: Lone Star Solos will be having mainstream square dances at Gale Fields Rec Center, 1701 Dairy Road, Garland on Tuesdays from 7:00PM to 9:00PM on September 8, 15, and 22. Masks are required, and bring your own hand sanitizer. There will be no food; you may bring your own water. Cost is \$7 per person.

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 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

Log Cabin Swingers has also announced that Jerry Story has decided to postpone his Story Time 2020 dance scheduled for Nov 13 – 15. They have scheduled the following dance to replace it.

Friday, November 13 – Sunday, November 15: Fall Fest @ Tool, TX (Plus weekend)

Promenade Hall, 1210 Tool Dr, Tool, Tx

Caller: Darryl Lipscomb

Cuer: Lucy & Jerry Pate

Schedule: Various plus square and round (mostly advanced) workshops and dances are scheduled beginning at 3:00PM Friday and beginning at 10:00AM Saturday, and a farewell dance is scheduled for 9:00AM Sunday.

If you would like a flyer for this weekend, let us know (rehamm45@gmail.com) and we will send you one.

*** * * 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 * * ***

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 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 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

Please keep Deckard and Peggy Pharr and their family in your thoughts and prayers. For the last few weeks Deckard's health has been of concern. He is seriously ill now.

The weather is nice and cool; the landscape is very green for September. Some people are having more allergy reactions than usual this fall.

Travelling reports shared this week include : a trip to New Mexico, a trip to San Antonio and two couples attended the Elk City, Oklahoma dance weekend where Walter Brewer was cueing, as advertised previously.

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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