

VALLEY TRAILERS



TIDBITS

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



*Don and Renee Krall,
Presidents*

Lots of happenings are coming up over the next few months, starting in September with our new Mainstream class. Please don't forget to pick up some flyers and give them to anyone you think might want to come and find out what square dancing is all about.

Moving on to October, we have our fall picnic at Valencia Travel Village on Saturday the 28th of October. This is a time to meet other club members without worrying about running to get into a square at a dance. Make sure you sign up for this at

class or at a club dance for an enjoyable day, or if you have an RV, trailer, or a 5th wheel, come and join us on the 27th, 28th, and 29th for a great weekend.

November will bring our club its 63rd Anniversary Dance; it is always one of the highlights of the year. We always have two callers and it is the only full dance of the year.

We can help out our vice presidents; if in your daily travels to your hairdresser, barber shop, mechanic, or anyone else you may know, see if you can get them to donate a gift certificate and give it to our vice presidents for the dance.

Rounding out the year in December is our Holiday Party on the 10th of December, which is a Sunday. Again it is time to come together and meet your fellow club members. Please mark your calendars now so you don't miss any of these good times.

Yellow rocks to all and see

you in a square real soon.

**Don and Renee,
Presidents**

CLOTHING RACK AUGUST 29TH

Come get some real bargains on square dance clothes. Sale goes from 6:30 to 9:00 pm, before and during class. We have a lot of nice clothes to sell. So come on down to the Wilkinson Senior Center and have a good time. For more info, call 818-360-8750.

Renee Krall

BOARD MEETING

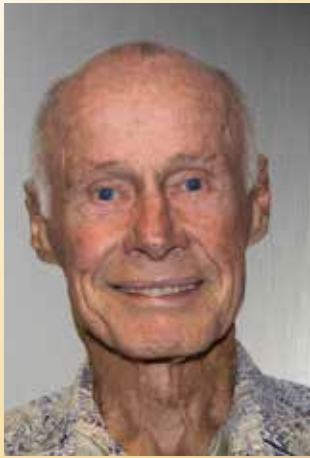
September 11
7:30

Don and Renee
Krall's home.
All Valley Trailers
members welcome.

SEPTEMBER 2017

BOB MITCHELL, EDITOR

CALLER COORDINATOR



*Bob Davis,
Caller Coordinator*

Double your pleasure, double your fun, we've got something for everyone. Yes we do, we have a Mainstream and Plus dance on the 16th of September and we have an Advanced dance coming at us on the 30th.

On the 16th, one of our all-time favorites will be on our stage - Mike Sikorsky. Mike got bit by the square danc-



*Mike Sikorsky,
Caller*

ing bug way back in the '70s, started calling in 1972, and never quit. His schedule is jam packed with dates all over the globe, but he got

his start right here in the San Fernando Valley, and collected his Bachelor's degree at Cal State Northridge. Mike is a great guy to watch as well as he is to dance to, and has his own patented choreography and animation. This fella with local heritage, now living in Arizona, is planning to be here to spread the fun for your pleasure, so let him know you're out there.

And to close out the month, on the 30th we have Dan Nordbye calling our Advanced dance. It's been two years



Dan Nordbye, Caller

now since Dan has been on our stage, that is how crowded his schedule is. Coming from Gilbert, Arizona, a busy, busy guy traveling all over the state from Mesa to Flagstaff, and back to Yuma. One day Dan is calling Advanced, then back to DBD, then Mainstream to Plus.

So here we are, the Valley Trailers, doing what we do best, and looking for the pleasure of your company for a whole lot of fun. Come on by and say hi.

**Bob Davis,
Caller Coordinator**

VT MEMBERS CONTINUE TO TRAVEL THE WORLD



All the way from dresses and suits to heavy outdoor rain gear on the same trip. And what are Charlie and Kristi doing there? Where do you suppose they went?



VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES



*Rob and Joy Starks,
Vice Presidents*

Mark your calendar for the third Saturday in September. That will be the first of our theme dances for this club year. Mike Sikorsky is one of the Valley Trailers' favorite callers. He is famous for his hot hash calling toward the end of the dance. All those who are not totally exhausted as the final minutes of the dance draw near, eagerly get into a square to await Mike's challenge! No matter if mistakes are made, each square congratulates its own for having gotten through Mike's hot hash. Nobody does it like Mike does; in fact, that's reason enough to come on down September 16th. As if that is not enough, consider our theme, "Hot Fudge Sundae, Saturday Night". Not only will we dance to Mike all evening, but the decorations and sundaes will truly be outstanding. We look forward to seeing you on the 16th of

September to celebrate our hot, hot summer days with a night of cool, cool sundaes!

**Rob and Joy Starks,
Vice Presidents**

GETTING TO KNOW CLUB MEMBERS BETTER



*Judie Goldstein
Co-Treasurer*

I'm a true Valley Girl, born and raised right here. Apart from a brief three-year stint in Oregon, I've lived in the Valley my entire life. Most of my working career was for Rocketdyne/Boeing doing proposals until 2010. I started square dancing in 1997 with the Valley Trailers, who were one of the few clubs who encouraged singles to join. A year later I met my partner John in class, became his angel, and we've been together since 1998. We started Advanced dancing around 2005 with John Reitmajer and have

continued with Buddy Weaver. Every year we spend an August weekend in Cayucos at an A2 weekend dance and workshop. What better way to get away from the heat for three days! While it's 100+ here, it's about 70 degrees or so there. For those not familiar with Cayucos, it's on Hwy 1 about 12 miles or so north of Morro Bay, population 5000.

I'm currently co-treasurer for the Valley Trailers with Jaye Sedillo. I've found that by serving on the Board, you get to know members you might not get to know otherwise. I was also class coordinator early in my square dancing life. When I'm not dancing, I'm sewing, quilting, tole painting, or have my nose in a book (I'm a voracious reader). I pretty much enjoy crafts of all types. It keeps me busy and out of trouble...for the most part.

Hope to see you on the dance floor!

[I didn't know what tole painting was, so had to look it up. If you also don't know, but would like to, go here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tole_painting It will be worth your time. Editor]

**Judie Goldstein
Co-Treasurer**

ROY'S REVIEWS



Roy Okada

VT JULY DANCE

A beautiful baritone voice spotlighted the return of caller Steve Moore to the Valley Trailers' Saturday night Club dance. After a 15-year hiatus, Steve displayed his virtuoso singing and trademark yodeling to the 14 squares that were in attendance. Forty VT members were there to enjoy the up-tempo program. Steve was the last-minute replacement for Charlie Robertson, who found himself the victim of a scheduling mix-up.

Coming from the San Diego area, Steve was somewhat of a stranger to many of the attendees, but they learned to appreciate his style and singing on the very first tip. His yodeling was impressive in the singing call "Singing the Blues." Once again, the

Buckles & Bows members, led by their president Bill Armstrong, were the largest visiting club to the VT dance. It is this mutual support between the two clubs that has made their Saturday club dances successful. There was a noticeable absence of Advanced dancers from the Weaver Believers group, but the star tip still had five squares on the floor. At the end of the evening, there were still seven squares dancing to the calls of Steve Moore. It was solid evidence that he made the Valley Trailers' dance a success!

Roy Okada



**Valley Trailers'
July 15, 2017
Dance, Caller:
Steve Moore**



COHEN'S CORNER



*Sue Cohen,
Visitation Chair*

WATERMELON DANCE WITH THE BUCKLES AND BOWS

The Buckles and Bows' "Watermelon Dance" was our July visitation. Despite the heat, twenty-eight of us drove to Thousand Oaks, and most sported our Club outfits.

There were about 150 in attendance dancing to Bob Jones's calling and Milo's cueing. The floor was very crowded at the start, but around 9:00, one club left en masse, and the floor opened up.

There were some problems with the speakers, and he was calling at a brisk pace,

which resulted in a number of breakdowns. The speakers were switched out for different ones and that helped. During the last part of the dance, we could hear fine and weren't as crowded as earlier, so we could enjoy the dancing. There were about 11 squares by this time. Bob yodeled a little and did a lively Pink Cadillac.

Refreshing watermelon was brought in about midway through the dance (the dance theme). As always, there was plenty to choose from. Nuts, olives, chips, cheeses, cookies, and more were out all evening on the snack tables. The Buckles & Bows let us nibble all night as we do at our dances.

**Sue Cohen,
Visitation Chair**



SOME HISTORY OF SQUARE DANCING IN THE SAN FER- NANDO VALLEY



Wendell Langman

In some conversations I have had with Wendell Langman over the past two or three years, it became apparent that he had a wealth of local square dancing history in his head, along with a good memory, so I asked him if he would

write it down for the benefit of the Valley Trailers members whose experience doesn't extend back to the heyday of the activity in our area. He graciously agreed to do so, and here is his report. - Editor

Square dancing began in the San Fernando Valley in 1890 by farm families from the Midwest (hence the much later Farmers & Charmers). The first modern club, the "Saddleites", began in Canoga Park in 1958 and had 120 members at their peak. There was modern square dancing in the SFV as early as 1948, but the late '50s and '60s was the most popular era.

In 1988, Elaine's (now Granada Pavilion) was operating seven nights a week and until just recently was home for Ron Yanke, Cindy Mower, and John Michaelson doing rounds. Boot Hill (in Van Nuys), owned by the Lavins, was the mecca for apparel.

Other clubs in the Valley around that time were Fun Level Squares (Reseda), Valley Steppers, New Haulers (Newhall), Valley Whirlers (Don Carter), Square Crows (Floyd Davis), San Fernando Bucks & Does, Knotheads, Sage Brush Swingers, Dudes & Dolls, Las Caudrills, Gadabouts, Valley Hoedowners, Bar None Club, Jack's Kings & Queens, Jack's Jokers, and the Y-Knot Twirlers. A bit later than the above, these other clubs came on the scene: Star Lighters, Stem Winders, Moonlight-

ers, Northridge B&Bs, Twist-ers & Blisters (Van Nuys), Rocky Tops, Silver Dollars, Woodstackers in Granada Hills, and Ray and Donna Rose's Double R Squares at the Barn in North Hollywood, a hall built especially for dancing by Roy & Jane McDonald in 1959. It burned down about 10 (?) years ago. The Glendale B&Bs recently shut down after 48 years.

Some other callers of the time located in the valley, but not noted above: Benny M Hall, Chuck Hill, Lillian Gottshalk, George Burton, Jack & Pat Thomas, Richard (Doc) Tullar, George Elliot, Bill Saunders, Woody Woodpecker(!), Dick Wilson, and Jack Pepper.

Later and current callers in the valley include Mike Seastrom, Michael Kellogg, Clyde Driver, Dale Hoppers, Paul Waters, Arlen Miller, Lloyd Lewis, and Dick Hodnefield and Don Schadt from Simi Valley. Most active in the Valley after the boom times of the '50s and '60s were primarily Mike Seastrom, Marty Firstenberg, Larry Ward (B Sharps), and John Reitmajer (Hay Shakers), and many visiting callers. The big dances of the time included the annual Catalina dance, and the largest indoor dance was held at the LA Sports arena in 1959 with 24 callers.

Deanne and I began danc-

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*Wendell and Deanne
Langman*

ing with the Ramblin' Rogues (Mission Viejo) in 1969; three years later she and I, with a few other couples, formed the Shipmates in San Juan Capistrano. We were Admiral and wife, aka presidents, in 1972, and I think we may have held the largest outdoor dance ever with two bands and over 1200 dancers at Doheny Beach, preceded by a parade and floats in San Juan Capistrano. After that we moved to Oregon and gave up dancing.

Most instrumental in our return to dancing in the SFV were Larry Ward and John Reitmajer, both of whom passed away within days of each other in January of 2014. "Gentleman John" and "Liberace" (Larry), with his white fur coat, white boots, and necklaces, were always a hit. Larry had more stories (of questionable validity) than Mark Twain. He formed the B-Sharps in 1962 and claimed 5000 members. The last time we saw Larry (he



had relocated to Reno), he claimed to have 150 dancers in his class there and had a deal with the "Ohio Symphony" and some movie company to make a movie of his life. Larry was a big promoter of the weekend events he originated, including Cayucos (still going strong every August with Jet and Joe), as well as Big Bear, Mammoth, and others, and they were always great fun. But we really learned how to square dance from Gentleman John, whom we miss very much, but are happy to have young and vibrant Buddy Weaver every Wednesday.

Wendell Langman

**CLUB MEMBER
DRAWING**

Larry Atmore's name was drawn in the Club member drawing at the July 15th dance, but unfortunately for Larry, he wasn't there, so the pot now goes to \$30 for our August dance. Be sure you don't miss the opportunity to take that \$30 home with you at the August dance with Rick Gittelman.

Above and below are photos of the Saddleites of Canoga Park in 1959. Photographs were a gift to The Museum of the San Fernando Valley from Tammy Bain, Littleton, Colorado, in 2013.

Visit the Museum of the San Fernando Valley, 18860 Nordoff St., Suite 204, Northridge, CA 91324

Museum Hours

Tuesday: 1:00 to 5:00 pm
Thursday: 1:00 to 5:00 pm
Last Saturday of the Month:
1:00 to 5:00 pm
818-347-9665
Admission is free



Kitchen Patrol

Please be there by 7:00 pm.
It is your responsibility to find
a replacement or switch with
someone if you are unable to
help. Also advise Mary Beat-
ty and Anita Sheidenberger.

9/16

**Lynn Bernheim
Ron Bernheim
Paul Kayne
Mylta Woodruff**

**9/30 (Advanced)
None Assigned**

10/21

**Helene Hirsch
Pat Krokaugger
Lori Stanton
Linda Thau**

11/18

**Larry Matz
Tina Matz
Marc Moore
Vicki Moore**

Refreshment Committee Schedule

**September 16
Anita Sheidenberger**

**September 30
Anita Sheidenberger**



9/08 Bob and Carole Davis
9/10 Ralph and Viva Johnson



9/04	Larry	Pettyjohn
9/07	Helene	Hirsch
9/07	Lourdes	Koch
9/08	Judie	Goldstein
9/08	Bob	Licht
9/09	Phyllis	Goldstein
9/09	Chuck	McMurray
9/10	Mary	Beatty
9/10	Margo	Burnett
9/10	John	Tucker
9/13	Marlene	Lovett
9/15	Sheila	Woodard
9/18	Tova	Sobel
9/23	Kathryn	McKee
9/24	Ed	Palmer
9/26	Minnie	McMurray
9/27	Susan	Cohen

Host/Hostess

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818-363-0009.

9/16

**Barbara Brown
Marlene Lovett
Bill Tapp
Flo Tapp**

**9/30 (Advanced)
Kathryn McKee
John Tucker**

10/21

**Bob Davis
Carole Davis
David Ptashne
Sherril Ptashne**

11/18

**Bob Mitchell
Cinda Molitoris
Marlene Kane
Larry Atmore**



A DAY OF ADVANCED DANCING

Saturday, June 29th, was the fifth Saturday in the month, and as usual for this day the Valley Trailers sponsored an Advanced dance. However, this time there was more, an Advanced workshop in the afternoon which seemed to be appreciated and enjoyed by those who attended. The caller for both the afternoon event and the dance that night was Ken Ritucci, who although being from the east coast, gets out this way fairly regularly. There were four squares for the afternoon session and six for most of the evening dance, not too bad considering that we were competing with a C2 dance in Newhall in the afternoon and the Foothill Frolic in West Covina all day. These Advanced dances don't normally have a star tip for lack of enough dancers to get a square at that level, but this time there were enough for a C1 tip, and Ken included many of the calls and some of the concepts on the C1 list. Ken provided a very nice day of Advanced dancing.

For the afternoon workshop, Ken opened it up to requests for any calls that people wanted to review, and he had several takers for his offer. However, the call that he worked the most was one

apparently initiated by him, and that was Chain Reaction starting from a left-handed setup. Chain Reaction is a relatively simple call, and is one of the first ones to be taught in any A1 class, but dancers seem to have a lot of trouble with it when starting from a left-handed formation, and there are at least three reasons for this. One is that it is not often called from this formation, and it does feel quite different from when starting from a right-handed setup, although the definition is unchanged. Another is that most dancers don't know the definition of the call. And third is that it involves one of the most difficult things in all of square dancing, one that Don Schadt often emphasizes in the Tuesday night beginners' class, and that is "wait." If the two dancers on the points who are looking at someone's back at the start don't wait for their partner to complete a pass thru, the square is guaranteed to crash and burn. The same requirement is there when doing the call from a right-handed setup, but the dancers have done it that way so often that they just go by habit and muscle memory and complete the call successfully (usually) with no one ever knowing that they did it wrong. Ken expressed some disappointment when, even after all of his workshopping, people still weren't doing the call successfully when he called it in the evening dance.

The workshop was a beneficial and enjoyable addition to

the usual fifth Saturday night dance, and Ken was an excellent choice of caller for it. The Valley Trailers would do well to make this their standard practice whenever the caller and the hall are available to support it. Ken expressed an interest in supporting this whenever it could be worked out, and the VT would do well to take him up on it. Currently Buddy Weaver's Wednesday night class and workshop and fourth Friday dance, and the Phantom Squares' second Friday dance, are about the only Advanced dancing opportunities available in the Valley, and this would be an excellent way to expand on that.





A Day of Advanced
Dancing
July 29, 2017
Caller: Ken Ritucci





Bob Mitchell

Editor Sez

A few weeks ago, we drove out to the Cowtown Square Dance Center in Riverside for an afternoon workshop and evening dance. It was 85 miles from Northridge, which is farther than we usually go to go square dancing, but we had never been to this hall before, so were curious about it, plus the caller was one of our favorites who doesn't get to southern California very often, so off we went. The thermometer inside the car that shows the outside temperature read 113 degrees as we approached Riverside, but the A/C was working fine so it wasn't a problem until we needed to get out of the car. The A/C in the hall also worked fine, but it wasn't turned on until less than an hour before the workshop started, so it was rather warm for a while.

The building was a large, nice

hall that was quite a way from downtown Riverside, pretty much out in the country. We were told that originally it was a barn that had been refurbished to be a dance hall. The excellent hardwood floor was said to have come from the lanes of a bowling alley that had been taken down. The hall was large; we were dancing three squares across, and could have easily gone to four if needed, and the floor was at least twice as long as it was wide, so could have accommodated well over 30 squares. The hall is very nicely done, so if you ever have the opportunity to go dancing there, don't miss it.



We enjoyed the event, and the caller easily lived up to our expectations, but our enthusiasm was dampened a bit by the fact that we never had more than four squares, and only three for part of the time, so we spent the time dancing with a lot of the same people,

even though cards were used to mix us up. Unfortunately, this seems to be a common and continuing thing with square dancing these days, and it isn't getting any better. More participation by current dancers would help the financial aspect of things, but even that would only be temporary. For square dancing to survive for the long term, and even thrive, more new dancers is the only way it will happen, and I'm not sure that that is very likely. It just doesn't seem to appeal to the younger generations who have all of the modern technology to entertain them, and don't seem to care about, or even be aware of, the effects of the lack of physical activity and even minimal mental stimulation.

I fear that the current trend isn't going to change, and there isn't a lot we can do about it. But we all can do a little bit, and that starts with convincing your friends, neighbors, relatives, your children, your grandchildren, to come to our new dancer class starting this month (September). If even one quarter of our current active members were to bring someone, or even better a couple, we would have a significant sized class this fall. Think about what you can do.





COWABUNGA VISITATION

How many people had heard the word "Cowabunga"? I hadn't before seeing the flyer put out by "Farmers" for their August dance. They said it had to do with "surfing" (ocean surfing, not web surfing). According to Google, it's an expression used to show delight or satisfaction. It was originally used in the 1950s by Chief Thunderthud on the "Howdy Doody Show".

So, about the dance on August 5, I believe 25 Valley Trailers signed in on our page for this visitation dance. Some wore club outfits – others went with the Hawaiian theme. I heard some smooth calling by Eric Henerlau. Our own Cindy Mower was the cuer. There were 15 squares on the floor when I left early in the evening (no dancing due to a broken toe).

I heard Eric say that he had just called a Mainstream tip. He would be doing some Plus and full Plus. He requested that dancers be sure about what they could handle. I thought we were the

only Saturday dance doing alternating tips.

I understand (thank you, Mary) that he called a lot of APD in both tips, which was difficult for many, therefore many squares broke down. Sounds like we need practice in APD.

Going with the COW theme, they served ice cream with a variety of toppings. Veggies, fruit and cookies added to the repast.

**Sue Cohen,
Visitation Chair**



Trailers and boy is it good.

After lunch wander around the room and see all the treasures that are waiting to be scooped up by you or someone else who outbid you. After that, sit down and get to know your fellow Club members.

Dog Races start about four, so get those dollar bills out and make a bet on one of the doggies.

The potluck dinner is always the highlight of the evening, and no one ever goes away hungry. If you do, it's your own fault, and this is another chance to get to know your fellow Club members.

So get your calendars marked and get signed up for the October fun.

**Don Krall,
Wagon Master**

PICNIC AND CAMPOUT OCTOBER 26,27,28

The time has come to sign up for the Fall Picnic on October 28th at Valencia Travel Village on HWY 126 just off of I-5 north bound. For those who have RVs, 5th wheels, or travel trailers, we will have three days out; 26, 27, and 28th. Signups will be at class and at our third Saturday dance, or you can call me at home at 818-360-8750.

Come early and join our Bean Bag Contest (this is also called corn hole); prizes are awarded to the winners. Lunch will be served between 12:00 and 1:00 by the Valley



The annual Cayucos square dance weekend took place over the weekend of August 4, 5, and 6, and as usual it was a highly enjoyable event. For the benefit of any readers who may not be familiar with Cayucos, it is a small town on the beach between Morro Bay and Hearst Castle, so has early morning overcast but sunny after about mid-morning, with daytime temperatures in the 70s, very pleasant compared to the triple-digit heat we are familiar with here in the SFV.



*Jet Roberts & Joe Saltel,
Callers*

The callers were Jet Roberts and Joe Saltel, and they make an excellent team working together. The event is put on by the Pear Steppers, which mostly means Jean and Harlan Bowen, and they do an

excellent job with all of the arrangements. There were four couples there from the Valley Trailers, and three couples who are friends of the Valley Trailers and are usually seen at the VT dances. About seven couples from the Ramblin' Rogues also made it up there. The combination of the folks from down here plus the dancers who came down from up north added up to about eight squares, not a large group, but big enough that you got to mix it up with plenty of different people.

The dance level of difficulty was easy to moderate A2, so if you dance at that level or above, you should note this on your calendar for August 3, 4, and 5 of next year. It is always a fun weekend, the weather is great, the people are very nice, and you will be glad that you made the effort. But now wouldn't be too soon to make your room reservations! This is a popular destination in the summer for the beach-going crowd.





Cayucos



**Dale and Mary Lea
Filbert**



**Barbara
McDaniels**



Stuart and Noni



**Jean and Harlan
Bowen**



Ramblin' Rogues



**Bill and Jan
Gipson**



*Don Krall: President, Charlie Robertson:
Caller, Soren Lindergaard: Caller*

DANCING EUROPEAN STYLE

The Valley Trailers have consistently been at the forefront of presenting different venues of square dancing in the LA area. On July 28th, the Valley Trailers hosted caller Soren Lindergaard from Denmark at the Wilkinson Center. His U.S. sponsor, Charlie Robertson, wanted Los Angeles area dancers to experience the European style of square dancing. The consensus of those fortunate enough to be there for Soren's tips was "Gosh, the Europeans must be really good." Europeans are taught the dance by definition method and dance to the most modern music.

Simple calls such as "Load the Boat" proved to be puzzling when the formation at the start of the call was foreign to many. Suffice it to say, Soren offered the European way of cueing the call after seeing

every square breaking down. Sue Cohen thought the cue words "pass, ass, turn, pass" were hilarious. The Advanced tip proved to be just as challenging, but just know that Soren is the top C-1 caller in Europe.

It was pointed out that four students from the Valley Trailers' Tuesday night Plus class did extremely well considering the circumstances. Francine Golden, Marvin Schlossman, Nancy Zavisch, and Bill Drowatzky's gutsy accomplishment at every Plus tip demonstrated that the VT class format is working the way square dancing should be taught.

Roy Okada



Our four intrepid new dancers, from left to right, Marvin, Francine, Nancy, and Bill, as seen enjoying dancing European style.

VISITATION AWARDS

This quarter twice as many members earned awards as in the last report. Keep up the angeling and the dancing.

White Trailer - 10 Visitations
John Carpenter
Irene Narita
Richard Narita

Red Trailer - 15 Visitations
Tom Nelson

Blue Trailer - 20 Visitations
Pat Kiggins
Kathryn McKee

Silver Trailer – 25 Visitations
Bonnie Bench
Sandy Henriks
Minnie McMurray

Red Car – 35 Visitations
Danny Ball
Virginia Heidt
Gail Koulax
Nick Koulax
Anita Sheidenberger

Blue Car – 45 Visitations
Ethel Ball

Silver Car – 50 Visitations
Joyce Stillwell

Red Boat – 60 Visitations
Bob Cirillo

Silver Bar – 100 Visitations
Hiroko Pipes

Gold Trailer/Bar – 125
Visitations
John Hyde
Paul Kayne

Ed Palmer

Gold Car/Bar - 150
Visitations
Mark Friedman

Gold Bar - 200 Visitations
Sue Cohen

Gold Bar 450 - 450
Visitations
Don Krall
Roy Woodard

If any award recipients don't wish to keep their previous dangles, please return them to Sue Cohen to be reused.

**Sue Cohen,
Visitation**

SEA BREEZE DANCE

The Buckles & Bows' 28th annual Sea Breeze Dance featuring callers Buddy Weaver and Hunter Keller drew 31 squares for the Sunday afternoon dance. President Bill Armstrong and the 108 members of the Buckles & Bows collaborated on yet another successful dinner and dance.

The item of most paramount significance for this dance was the assembly of the top three square dance clubs in southern California. The largest active club is the Ramblin' Rogues of Mission Viejo, followed by the Buckles & Bows and the Valley Trailers.

Thirty-seven members of the Ramblin' Rogues took the long two-hour bus ride to Thousand Oaks for their official club visitation. Part of the group was 20 of the recent June graduates from their class taught by Charlie Robertson. It should be noted that the Buckles & Bows had 23 graduates this year. Much of the unprecedented achievement by these three clubs can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of the class coordinators of these respective square dance clubs.

Roy Okada



MAINSTREAM A SQUARE D COORDINATORS' REPORT MESSAGE



*Danny and Ethel Ball,
Mainstream Coordinators*

Our new class begins on Tuesday, September 12th, at 7 p.m. Our instructor will be Don Schadt. We welcome all newcomers, both couples and singles. The first night is free for all new students. Please be sure to tell all of your friends and family who may be interested in learning to square dance. We will have open enrollment for the first two weeks, so if someone cannot make it on September 12th, he or she can still begin on the 19th. Classes are only \$6.00 per night. Please be sure to come a little early the first night to register. If you have any questions, please call (818) 360-8750. You are welcome to come in casual clothing or square dance attire. We welcome all Angels to participate and help our new students. Hope to see you there!

**Danny and Ethel Ball,
Mainstream
Coordinators**



*Linda Kaplan,
ASquareD Rep*

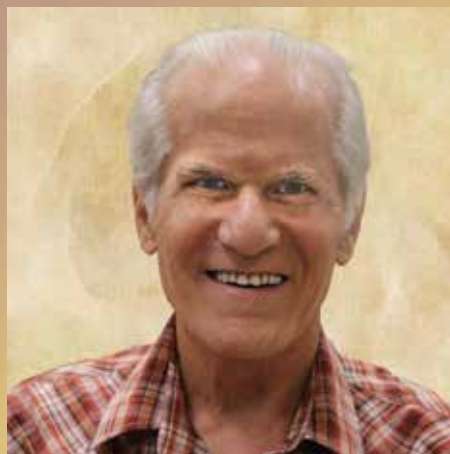
Recently it was my turn for kitchen duty. I saw my name on the list and thought to myself that this is something I really don't want to do and working in the kitchen would take time away from dancing and having fun with everyone at the dance. But a chore I had to do, so I arrived at Wilkinson early and started to fulfill my obligation to my club. I was with another club member in the kitchen who also had the task of setting up and we started to talk, getting to know one another on a more personal level. I was surprised that I was enjoying myself and I didn't feel that I was missing out on anything outside of the kitchen. We were laughing as we placed the refreshments on the platters and more people began to join us – even those who had not been assigned kitchen duty. We had a crowd now and we

were all so pleased with ourselves that we were having so much fun putting together our club's refreshments for our guests, getting to know each other, and seeing that we weren't missing out on a thing. In fact, we all appreciated each other and felt we had accomplished something great – helping the club and discovering new things about the people we see so often. So give a little back to the club and you'll be rewarded with delightful surprises.

The Farmers & Charmers hosted a demonstration dance at the Granada Pavilion a few weeks ago that was televised on KTLA Channel 5. Look on our website or Facebook page and see three squares of dancers at 4:30 in the morning from four clubs having a great time dancing to Dale Hoppers. Thanks to Laura and John for organizing the demo and inviting all the clubs to attend. There are anniversary dances for the Boots & Slippers on August 26 and the Sierra Hillbillies on September 10. Support other clubs by attending classes and dances. Welcome new dancers and be kind and generous to all dancers. ASD will hold the annual Presidents' Ball on Sunday, October 8, at the Hawthorne Memorial Center in Hawthorne. More details to follow.

**Linda Kaplan,
A Square D Rep**

PLUS COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE



*Alan Epstein,
Plus Coordinator*

I'm Alan Epstein, the next Plus class coordinator. I am not the best at writing articles because I just state the facts and do not use many adjectives. I guess this is due to my education being mostly in the scientific realm (I am a veterinarian). So, I would appreciate it if you will bear with me. I officially become your Plus class coordinator on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

I was completely new to square dancing when I started with the Valley Trailers in March of 2015, but found that I enjoyed it much more than I expected. When I was put on the ballot to become the next Plus Coordinator, there was only one vote against me. That person wrote on his ballot next to my name, "Anybody but him". Actually, I do feel intimidated. Joy (with help from Rob) has done a tremendous job of running the show. I've had the privilege of observing

what she does these past few weeks, and it is above and beyond the call of duty. Among other things, she has planned about one week in advance who will be dancing together in the Plus class. She must switch partners around each week to achieve a good balance for everyone. Of course, there are always last-minute changes that must be made because problems come up and some dancers cannot come to the class. And it's not just the Plus students who may have to miss from time to time, but also the "angels" she uses to help the dancers. And there is more, but I won't belabor what she has accomplished.

Important points in a previous Tidbits issue are to always be aware of your position ("home") in the square and who is your corner. I believe this was written by Bob Mitchell. I'm plagiarizing it now. If one makes a mistake, try to keep moving rather than stopping and looking around. I am looking forward to, albeit with some trepidation, my new position. By the way, I found out who wrote in, "Anybody but him". It was me.

My cell phone number is 818-621-5822. No problem calling me up until 10:00 pm. I do not answer phone numbers I don't recognize, so please leave a message and I will call you back. In your message, please say what the call is about and up until what time I can call back

(otherwise, I will not return a call after 9:00 pm). See you at the Wilkinson Center.

Alan Epstein

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Hi to everyone! By now, or within a few days, you should have received your membership renewal letters with the Member Information Sheet. Payments are due by September 1st. Please return the Member Info Sheet promptly with your check in the self-addressed stamped envelope. Remember the dues are still \$20.00 per person.

Many of you members no longer dance, but are loyal to the club and keep renewing your membership. We greatly appreciate your membership, but I would like to remind you that you are welcome to participate in any of the Club's activities; i.e., picnics, car rallies, game days, holiday party, etc. Don't be a stranger--come and visit with the old-timers and meet some of the new club members! Without these new members and their enthusiasm to get involved in the running of the club, the Valley Trailers could not continue to be the best club in the Valley. We need everyone's support.

**Mary Beatty,
Membership Chair**

LOCAL CLUB DANCES

Boots & Slippers

09/23 Darryl Lipscomb
10/28 Darren Gallina
11/19 Hunter Keller

Buckles & Bows

09/23 Jay Henderson
10/28 Mike Seastrom
11/25 Mike Sikorsky

Farmers & Charmers

Lads 'N' Lassies

09/02 Dick Hodnefield
10/07 Hunter Keller
11/04 Buddy Weaver

Happy Squares

09/09 Dan Preedy
10/14 Buddy Weaver
11/11 Dark

Sierra Hillbillies

09/10 Pat Carnathan
10/01 Andy Allemao
11/05 Hunter Keller

Trail Dusters

09/09 Buddy Weaver
10/14 Tim Pepper
11/11 Andy Allemao

Western Weavers

09/08 Dan Preedy
09/22 Dick Hodnefield
10/13 Mike Hogan
10/28 Vic Kaaria
11/10 Rick Hampton
11/24 Dark
12/28 Ken Bower

Official Visitation

VT Club members - Don't forget to
wear club **colors**.

Date: September 10
Club: Sierra Hillbillies
Level: Alternating Mainstream and Plus
Caller: Pat Carnathan
Theme: 50th Anniversary Dance
Location: Santa Clarita Senior Center
Time: Rounds 2:00, Squares 2:30

Recommended Dance

Date: We do not have a recommendation for
Club: September, but there are several good
Level: ones, so go to wheresthedance.com, find
Caller: one, or two, and go have a good time.
Theme:
Location:
Time:



WEEKEND EVENTS

Labor Day Jamboree Mainstream, Plus, Advanced

September 1, 2, 3

Callers: Charlie Robertson,
David Mee, Mike Seastrom,
Don Wood
Arcadia

Info: 626 548-8365

Fiesta 2017

November 3, 4, 5
Mainstream thru
Challenge

Callers:

Don Moger,
Eric Henerlau,
Andy Allemao,
Pat Carnathan

Balboa Park,

San Diego

Info (619) 890-4058

November Magic

November 3, 4, 5

Full Power Plus Weekend

Callers: Jet Roberts & Kip Garvey
Plymouth

Info: 800-339-6981

61st Annual Jubilee

October 6 - 8

Callers:

Michael Kellogg,
Bill Harrison,
Andy Allemao
Plus, Advanced,
Challenge

San Jose, CA

Info:

scvsda.org/jubilee
408-774-1570

Harvest

Hoedown

Oct. 27, 28, 29

Mainstream, Plus,
Advanced

Callers:

Charlie Robertson,
Ray Brendzy,
Bobby Poyner,
Matt Worley

Yuba City, CA

Info: (530)520-0115

Great Las Vegas Getaway

September 4 thru 6

DBD, Plus, and

A2 sessions

Callers: Mike Sikorsky
& Buddy Weaver

Sam's Town, Las Vegas

Info: 480-204-0110



ADVANCED DANCES

Phantom Squares

A2 7:45 PM

September 8
Bronc Wise

October 13
Anne Uebelacker

Canoga Park
Women's Club

Valley Trailers

A1 & A2
Dan Nordbye
September 30

Wilkinson Senior
Center,
Northridge

Weaver Believers

4th Friday - **A1/A2**

August 26

September 24

October 28

8:00 - 10:30 PM

Canoga Park

Women's Club

Caller - Buddy Weaver

Labor Day Weekend

Los Baños
September 1, 2, 3
A2

Callers: Bob Baier
& Jet Roberts

21st Annual Riverside County Festival, aka RIVCO

Nov. 9, 10, 11 & 12
Plus thru Challenge

Callers: Tony Oxen-
dine, Johnny Preston,
Mike Sikorsky, Ken
Bower, Mike Seastrom
Info: 865-387-2217

Winter Festival King City

January 19 - 21, 2018
Plus thru Challenge

Callers: Bob Baier,
Tony Oxendine, Jerry
Story, Michael Kel-
logg, Eric Henerlau
Info. 281-933-0088

Fall Frolic

November 24, 25, 26
A-2 Weekend


Caller: Johnny Preston
Casa De Fruta, Hollister
Info: Harlan Bowen
707 489-6819

Laughlin Advanced Weekend

December 1 - 3
Caller: Buddy Weaver
Info. 760-703-4880



SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	Visitation Dance September 10 Sierra Hillbillies Caller: Pat Carnathan				1	2 Farmers & Charmers Lads N Lassies Caller: Dick Hodnefield
3	4	5 Square Dance Class	6	7 Round Dance Class	8 Western Weavers Caller: Dan Preedy	9 Happy Squares Caller: Dan Preedy Trail Dusters Caller: Buddy Weaver
10 Sierra Hillbillies Caller: Pat Carnathan	11 Board Meeting 7:30 Don & Renee's Home	12 Square Dance Class	13	14 Round Dance Class	15	16 UT VALLEY TRAILERS Caller: Mike Sikorsky
17	18	19 Square Dance Class	20	21 Round Dance Class	22 Western Weavers Caller: Dick Hodnefield	23 Buckles & Bows Caller: Jay Henderson Boots & Slippers Caller: Darryl Lipscomb
24 	25	26 Square Dance Class	27	28 Round Dance Class	29	30 UT VALLEY TRAILERS-Advanced Caller: Dan Nordbye
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VALLEY TRAILERS DANCE SCHEDULE

Date	Theme	Caller	
9/16	Hot Fudge Sundae	Mike Sikorsky	
9/30	Advanced	Dan Nordbye	
10/21		David Mee	
11/18	63rd Anniversary	Mike Seastrom Hunter Keller	 
12/16		Dee Dee Dougherty	
1/20 2018		Mike Hogan	
2/17		Charlie Robertson	
3/17		Dark - go to Bakersfield Fiesta	
4/21		Bob Knowles	



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