

VALLEY TRAILERS

BOB MITCHELL,
EDITOR

AUGUST
2019

Happy Trails



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



Don & Renee Krall,
Presidents

Well, here we are at the start of another new board year. Many thanks to the new members who stepped up to be on the board for the coming year. I would especially like to thank Linda Kaplan for being a co-president with me. This new board will have to make some big decisions over the next year, starting with how to handle the in-

crease in rent that the city has passed through to all the clubs that use the hall in the evening for classes and the dances we have on Saturday nights.

For Renee and me, we would like to thank all of the past board members for their hard work over the past year. If not for club members like you we would not have the great club that we have. Again many thanks to all of you.

Yellow rocks to all,

**Don and Renee,
Presidents**

AUGUST BOARD MEETING

August 12, 7:30pm, at
Don and Renee's home.
All Valley Trailers members
are welcome.

JULY CLUB MEMBER DRAWING

At our July dance, Rozanne Feldman's name was drawn in the Club member drawing, but unfortunately for Rozanne, she wasn't there and so had to forego the \$60 prize. We have now gone six months without a winner! The pot will be \$70 next month and that is getting to be serious money. Our caller will be Vic Ceder, which is ample reason all by itself to be there, so if you're not there and your name is drawn, you will be a two-time loser. In September, names are drawn until there is a winner present, so if you're not here in August and let the pot go to \$80, our September dance will be very exciting.

CALLER COORDINATOR REPORT



Vic Ceder, Caller

Our caller for August is going to be Vic Ceder, and we are in for a treat. Vic has been calling since 1981, and calls from Basic through levels that many Plus level dancers don't even know exist. Vic and his wife, Debbie, have written three books that cover the definitions and show diagrams for all calls from A1 through C3B, so you can be sure that Vic knows his trade very well. Vic has called in many of the US states as well as internationally, and is always in demand to call at all of the major conventions.

If you would like a preview of Vic in action, go to YouTube and search on his name. You will find lots of video clips of him calling at

any level that you would care to watch.

So be sure that you don't miss this dance on August 17. A good time for all is guaranteed, and the air conditioner should be working fine too.



Bonnie was using a walker for a while after her recent tumble, and here is a shot of how some of her family and friends decorated it for her.

UPDATE ON BONNIE BENCH



Bonnie Bench

I spoke with Bonnie in early July and she's doing fine. She's in an assisted living facility and she's enjoying it very much. She's made many friends and participates in the many activities they provide. She sounded happy, but says she misses everyone and dancing. She is no longer driving, but she will try to have someone bring her to one of our Tuesday night classes.

She would love to hear from people—write, phone calls, visits.

Bonnie Bench

c/o Atria Las Posas
24 Las Posas Rd., Apt.#216
Camarillo, CA 93010
818-447-7955

Mary Beatty 2

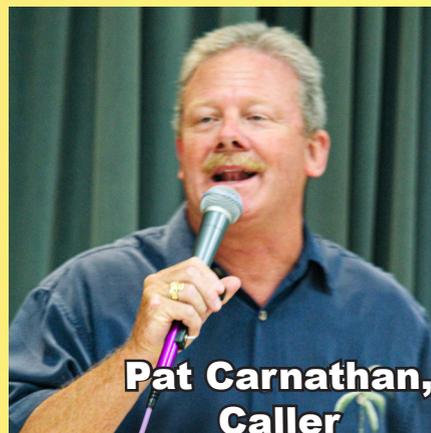
JULY CLUB DANCE

Our third Saturday dance in July came on a very pleasant evening with surprisingly moderate temperatures for the middle of July, and a moon just four days past full to light up the scene. Ten squares of dancers took advantage of this and came to enjoy the calling of Pat Carnathan and the cues of Cindy Mower. The theme for the evening was Tiki Luau and lots of Hawaiian apparel and accessories were on display. The refreshments also reflected the theme and were ample and delicious – thank you Steve and Joyce! A booth was set up for photo-taking of those in Hawaiian apparel who wanted it; check the photos on page 5 to see if your photo is there.

Five squares were up for the A1 star tip – half of the total attendance! – so the future of advanced dancing in the Valley is looking up. Most of the squares were handling the material very nicely. It seems likely that many of these dancers are the product of Buddy Weaver's Wednesday

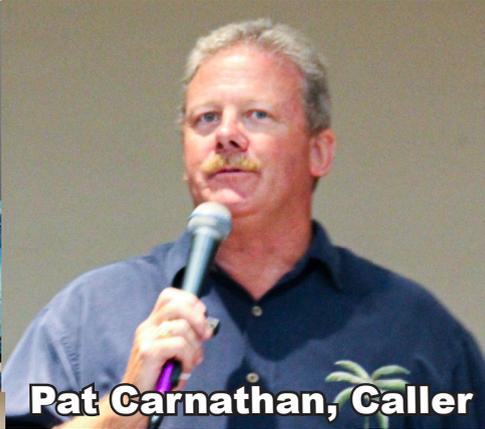
night Advanced class and workshop, so if you have an interest in advanced dancing, or just want to brush up on your existing ability, Buddy puts on a nice program.

Pat has called for us before, as well as calling frequently for the other local clubs, so we had a good idea of what to expect from him. His sense of humor and quick wit make for an entertaining evening, and that is just a bonus on top of his fun and smooth-flowing choreography. We should hope to see him on our stage again before too long.

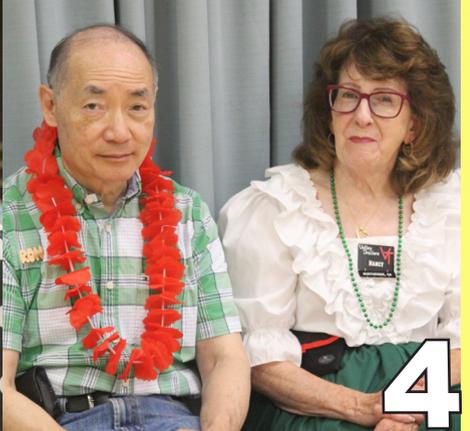


**Pat Carnathan,
Caller**





Pat Carnathan, Caller





Tiki Luau





JUNE FIFTH SATURDAY ADVANCED DANCE



Mike Haworth, Caller

Our fifth Saturday Advanced dance in June found a little more than five squares of Valley Trailers and other local area friends dancing to the calls of Mike Haworth and the cues of Cindy Mower. The format for the squares was alternating A1 and A2 tips, which works well for the dancers, but must be challenging for the caller, not only for having to remember which level he is supposed to be calling throughout the tip, but also in remembering which calls are on which list. But Mike seemed to handle it without any problems, and it went smoothly. Mike kept

the level high enough that some squares broke down at times, but most of the time were doing fine, which is what should be expected at the Advanced level.

The computer cards were used for all but the first and last tips to set up the squares, a process that is now used at just about all dances above the Plus level. This works very well for keeping the dancers mixed up, avoiding having all the stronger dancers getting in squares together and leaving the less experienced dancers together to fend for themselves. However, a problem occurs with this when alternating tip levels are used, such as we do. In this case, different cards must be used for each level, and this makes it very likely that one or more couples will get two sit-outs in a row. This doesn't affect the A1 dancers because they're only using one set of cards, which is a good thing because they're already sitting out every other tip.

There are at least a couple of remedies for this, the first being that either the caller or some designated Club member, preferably the latter, be responsible

for moving dancers around at the start of each tip, as necessary, to avoid this. My preferred solution (your editor's) is to make the dances be all A2. There is usually at most one couple at our dances that's only dancing A1, and in most cases they're well on their way to being A2 dancers in the near future, so it's not like they would be excluded indefinitely. We also might get a larger turnout if the dances were all A2 because some A2 dancers are going to be put off by the idea of having half of the dance be A1. Buddy Weaver regularly draws eight to ten squares to his Wednesday night A2 workshop, so it's not that there is a shortage of such dancers in our area.

Our next Advanced dance is on August 31 with Mike Sikorsky calling, so mark your calendars, talk it up with all your Advanced level dancing friends, and come for what is guaranteed to be a fun dance.







VISITATION CHAIR'S REPORT

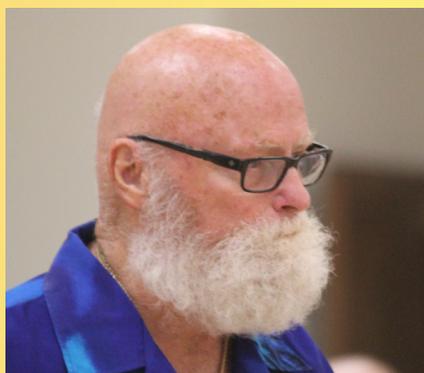
The Lads 'n' Lassies had a great turnout at their July dance with Buddy Weaver calling. There were 15 squares and Buddy again called a fun dance, even mixing up some set squares. It was our July visitation and 18 members were present. The largest club represented was the Buckles and Bows. I wonder if we will ever top their numbers. We need more of our dancers to attend dances. Our next opportunity will be on August 24th and Deborah Carroll-Jones will be calling again. Can the Valley Trailers' numbers come closer to the Buckles'?? This is our August visitation.

There are two recommended dances in August. Another chance to dance to Buddy Weaver presents itself on Sunday, August 11th. This is the Sea Breeze dance that the Buckles and Bows put on each August. It includes dinner - \$15 if the ribbon is purchased prior to the event. They also have a gift basket raffle, so bring money for tickets. On Au-

gust 3rd, the exuberant, nonstop caller Andy Allemao will be on stage with the Farmers and Charmers. He will really keep you moving. Hope to see more of our Club members dancing!!

The next issue of Tidbits should include new visitation awards. Did you know that every time we have 16 or more members who sign in as a Valley Trailer, that everyone there earns a visitation point? The first award is for 10. Then they add up quickly until the space is 50 more! Take the time to look at members' badges for dangles and visitation bars.

Sue Cohen, Visitation



JULY 13TH, WHO WENT WHERE?

On the 2nd Saturday in July there were two dances to pick from. We went to Trail Dusters and were part of a group of 13 Club members in attendance. The Buckles & Bows had 20 dancers there. This dance had ten squares and seven were still there for the last tip. Ken Bower called a lively dance. It's always fun to dance to Ken's calling. Jim Elder provided the smooth cueing for the rounds. Check out the photo of the men round dancers.

A smaller group of VTers made it out to Happy Squares that same night, so together we would have had a visitation if we were together. At least we were out there and dancing!!

Sue Cohen, Visitation



Steve Kay & Wendell Langman



Photos by Sue Cohen

COVER THEME

As usual, the graphics and theme for the first page of this Tidbits are the idea and art work of Dolva. It is also usually the case that the motivation for the theme is obvious: some holiday, the season, etc. However, the reason for this month's theme may not be so obvious, hence this explanation. After you have read the editor's column for this month, you will know that this is the last Tidbits issue that we will be doing, so here she is showing us riding off into the sunset, and anticipating enjoying the results of somebody else's efforts in next month's Tidbits.

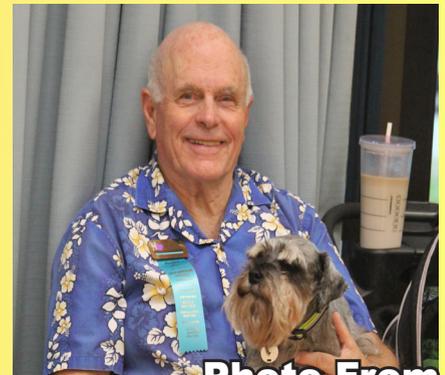


Photo From
7/20 Dance



Host and Hostess

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, and contact Mary Beatty at 818-363-0009.

8/17

Bob Cirillo
Madeline Johnson
Charles Greco
Pat Krokaugger

8/31

Bob Licht
Sandy Licht

9/21

Larry Atmore
Jeff Cohen
Sandy Cohen
Marlene Kane

10/19

Birdie London
Anita Sheidenberger
John Sheidenberger
Patricia Streeter

Refreshment Committee Schedule

August 17

Shawn and Bob

August 31

Jean and Jennifer

A married man's honest confession: I always read my wife's horoscope to see what kind of day I am going to have.

Birthdays

8/02 Francine Kolek
8/03 Barbara Brown
8/03 May Carpenter
8/04 Kay Goeden
8/08 Janie Manning
8/11 Paul Libis
8/16 Tina Matz
8/17 Dolores Moutes
8/22 Shirley Nielsen
8/24 Susan Simental
8/25 David Brown
8/27 David McDonald

Anniversaries

8/10 Marty and Sandy Henriks
8/16 Doug and Tova Sobel
8/17 Larry and Barbara Weintraub
8/18 Shelly and Maureen Fried
8/26 Jeff and Sandy Cohen

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 Beatty and Shawn O'Driscoll.

8/17

Margo Burnett
Francine Golden
Marvin Schlossman
Mel Sukow

8/31

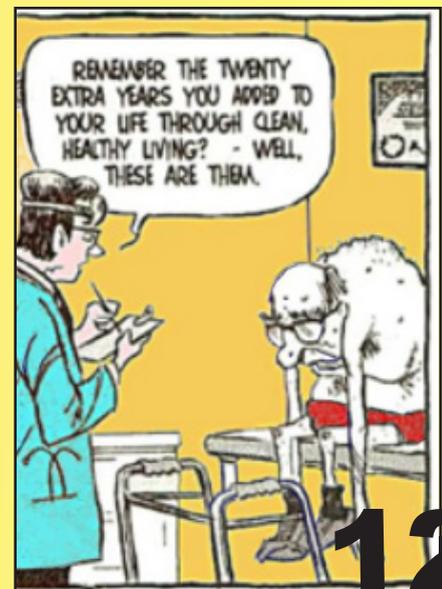
None Assigned

9/21

Virginia Heidt
Chuck McMurray
Minnie McMurray
Diana Smith

10/19

Lynn Bernheim
Ron Bernheim
José Simental
Susan Simental



Editor Sez



Bob & Dolva

Those of you who are regular and careful readers of our newsletter may have noticed in last month's issue in the list of new Club board members for next year that we listed Steve Koch as the newsletter editor, and that was not an error. This issue is going to be our swan song, and it is with mixed emotions that we hand it over to Steve. We have now done it for five years, which is at least three more than I expected when we agreed to take it on, but it has been an interesting and rewarding task. The most rewarding part of it has been the considerably increased interaction it led to for us with other members of the Club. We also appreciated the positive comments we got from both Club members and other friends

that we shared it with. Of course not everybody was happy with how we chose to do it, but with the number of recipients it went to every month, we fully expected and accepted that. Every month it went to about 100 Club member email addresses, plus about 40 by hardcopy, and another 20 to class members, and considering that quite a few of these went to couples, we estimate that there were close to 200 potential readers.

Every issue only had my name on it as editor, but I think most of you knew that Dolva was a key participant in putting it all together. I gave her several opportunities to put her name on it too, but she declined. I'm not sure why, because she probably put about as much time, if not more, into it as I did. Obviously the photos were hers, less obvious that the graphic arts, themes selection, and layout designs were her efforts. Any text without attribution was mine, and I take full responsibility for any errors of spelling, punctuation, grammar, and syntax in my text as well as in that of other contributors, although I pride myself in being somewhat of a grammar nerd, so I doubt

that you found many errors of that sort.

Most of the issues had an "Editor Sez" column where I rambled on about my thoughts regarding the activity in general, and I enjoyed doing that, but near the end, I simply ran out of ideas and thoughts that I thought would be of interest to our readers. Several of you mentioned that you missed those columns and how you enjoyed them. I appreciated that – it was always nice to know that people actually read those columns.

Obviously many Club members made significant contributions to the newsletter with the articles, announcements, photos, and other items that they supplied, and we thank them for their efforts. It clearly was much more than a two person effort. We will never know how many people read it thoroughly versus just giving it a perfunctory scan, but we do know from the responses and comments that it did get read by some, and that was our main reward for the effort it took. We wish Steve well in his new role, and hope he will enjoy the process as much as we did.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

This is just an early reminder to watch for your membership renewal notice some time in the middle of August. The annual dues are now \$25.00 per person and will be payable by September 30th. The increase was approved by the Board for several reasons, mainly due to the increase in the hall rental and the loss of revenue each month from our classes.

Please be sure when responding to return the Member Information Sheet (whether or not there are any changes) along with your check, as this is the way the club keeps the database current.

You will notice that there are a few changes to the form. You will now be able to show your home and cell phone number(s) plus his and her emails.

This has been requested by many members; however, it is an optional feature. Also, be sure to check which email address you want the Tidbits

sent to. This information will be published on the next Club roster.

I noticed that last year, many members did not answer when asked 'what you (as a member) can do to support the club'—what talents or expertise do you have? Our members need to step up and participate with the running of the club. We're fortunate that we have some new people on the board this year. Clubs cannot exist without members volunteering in any way. Support the Club by volunteering in any capacity!

Mary Beatty, Membership



Pictures From July 20 Dance



FUNDRAISERS REPORT

We have been earning a few dollars for the Club with our recent fundraisers, and have one more planned in August and one in October so far. At the most recent one, at Presto Pasta in Granada Hills, we had a good turnout. The Kralls brought family and the Kays had family visiting from Florida that they brought. Remember, you can give flyers to friends, we just can't hand them out in front of the venue.

A small group of us enjoyed Red's BBQ and A Gentleman's Guide in Simi recently. The Drowsy Chaperone is the next play there. It is a hilarious musical that won five Tony awards. August 18th is the date picked to attend. Please email or phone Sue Cohen or sign up at class. Again we have 2nd row balcony and floor seats available.

I had to change the date of Mamma Mia from October 20th to October 6th, and seats are available.

**Sue Cohen,
Vice President**

CLOTHING RACK REPORT

Our Summer Clearance Fundraiser Sale on Tuesday, June 18th, was quite succe\$\$ful. There were some very happy NEW dancers, as well as some seasoned dancers, who went away happy with their new outfits and accessories.

A big Yellow Rock hug to all who distributed fliers, came by to help set up and tear down, as well as helping folks to choose a new outfit. Our "customers" really appreciate a second opinion on what looks good on them and some tips on petticoats and putting a whole outfit together. I soooo remember appreciating the tips I received, especially as a new dancer. And you know I could not do all of this Fundraiser on my own, so your help, be it a little or a lot, makes these Fundraiser sales a succe\$\$ for The Valley Trailers Square Dance Club, as well as a help to our Dance Community as a whole, so THANK YOU! Many hands make light work.

As long as I have help to

advertise, i.e., folks taking fliers to other classes and other clubs' dances, our Class Night Tuesdays seems to be more successful and easier than selling during a Saturday night dance, so we'll stick to that for a while. Next sale date TBA.

As for new donations, we do still have quite a few items stuffed in our storage trailer, so at this time I cannot receive large donations, but smaller donations are easy enough to process and store. I have especially been receiving requests for larger and Plus size ladies' outfits, longer skirts such as prairie or swing, Round Dance outfits, and always MEN's clothing, as well as all types of accessories. You can drop them by at the Wednesday Advanced Class to Judie Goldstein, Tuesday VT Class Night to Sue and José, or for you day-time only drivers, drop them off at Sue Simental's home in Reseda.

**Sue & José
Simental,
Judie Goldstein**

PLUS CLASS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Plus class is doing really well as Don Schadt, our instructor extraordinaire, nears completion of the Plus calls. He has been calling at a faster pace in order to prepare you to be able to keep up at club level dances.

We're pleased to welcome visiting dancers from neighboring clubs and to help them learn some calls they are not familiar with. Don or Tom Beatty or other Club members are always available if you have questions about calls you would like to have repeated or explained.

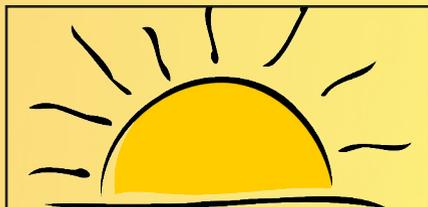
September 10, the Valley Trailers' new beginner's class start date, is quickly approaching, so remember to ask people you know to join us. Hand out flyers to places (libraries, restaurants) you frequent and ask local retailers to display our class flyer. Talking and advertising about square dancing is the best way to recruit new dancers.

As class coordinator, I am available to discuss ideas

and comments you may have.

Thank you all for your continued support.

**Linda Kaplan,
Plus Class
Coordinator**



MAINSTREAM CLASS COORDINATORS' REPORT

We are pleased to say that our beginning Mainstream square dance class is progressing nicely. Everyone is having a good time. This current session will end the first Tuesday in September with a party beginning at 7:00 pm. We want to invite all of our Valley Trailers to attend in Club Uniform to welcome and promote our dancers. Hope to see everyone at the party!

Our new class will begin on the second Tuesday in September with our wonderful instructor and caller, Don Schadt. So, please

be sure to invite all of your friends and relatives! As always, the class will be open for enrollment the first two weeks. The first night of attendance is free to all new students. New students should plan to arrive at 6:45 pm to sign up for our 7 pm start. Classes are only \$7.00 every Tuesday, which is still a bargain! Students are welcome in casual clothing or square dance attire. We welcome all Valley Trailers angels to participate and help our new students. We look forward to seeing all of you!

**Ethel & Danny Ball,
Mainstream Class
Coordinators**



ROUND DANCE EVENTS

SUNDAYS

1st Sunday Dance Parties, Phase II – VI 1:30-4:30 pm
Wilkinson Sr. Center, Northridge Cindy Mower

Selected 3rd Sunday Parties, Phase II – IV 1:30 – 4:30 pm
Wilkinson Sr. Center, Northridge Cindy Mower and/or Joe Scarlatella

4th Sunday Parties, Phase II thru V, 1:30 – 4:45pm
5380 Bell St., Somis 93065 Gus & Lynn DeFore

5th Sunday Parties, Phase IV – VI, 1:30 – 4:30 pm
Wilkinson Center, Northridge Milo & Cinda Molitoris

MONDAYS

Phase IV & IV+, Occasional V Class, 5380 Bell St., Somis 93065
Gus & Lynn DeFore

Intermediate Round Dance Class, 7:00 – 9:00pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 11315 White Oak Ave.,
Granada Hills, CA 91344 Joe Scarlatella & Monica Shanks

TUESDAYS

5:30 – 7:30pm, Phase 4 - 5 dance/teach
7:30 - 9:30pm, Phase 5 - 6 dance/teach
Valley Beth Israel, 13060 Roscoe Blvd, Sun Valley
Milo & Cinda Molitoris

WEDNESDAYS

Phase III & IV Class, 7:30 - 9:15pm
5380 Bell St., Somis 93065 Gus & Lynn DeFore

THURSDAYS

Phase II+ & III Class, 7:30 - 9:15pm
5380 Bell St., Somis 93065 Gus & Lynn DeFore

Intermediate Phase III Class + EZ ROMs 6:30 - 8:30pm
Wilkinson Center, Northridge Cindy Mower

LOCAL CLUB DANCES

Official Visitation

Boots & Slippers

8/24 Deborah Carroll-Jones
9/28 Vic Ceder
10/26 Ken Ritucci

Buckles & Bows

8/11 Buddy Weaver
9/28 Jay Henderson
10/26 Ken Bower

Farmers & Charmers, Lads 'n' Lassies

8/03 Andy Allemao
9/07 Michael Kellogg
10/05 Mike Seastrom

Happy Squares

8/10 David Mee
9/14 Dan Preedy
10/12 Eric Henerlau

Sierra Hillbillies

8/04 Ed Foote
9/08 Romney Tannehill
10/06 Michael Kellogg

Trail Dusters

8/10 Pat Carnathan
9/14 Buddy Weaver &
Michael Kellogg
10/12 Tim Pepper

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

Date: August 24
Club: Boots & Slippers
Level: Plus
Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones
Theme: 69th Anniversary
Location: Simi Valley Senior Citizens Center
Time: Rounds at 7:00, Squares at 7:30

Recommended Dances

Date: August 3
Club: Farmers & Charmers
Level: Plus
Caller: Andy Allemao
Theme: Crazy Chicken Dance
Location: Wilkinson
Time: Rounds at 7:30, Squares at 8:00

Date: August 11
Club: Buckles & Bows
Level: Plus
Caller: Buddy Weaver
Theme: 30th Annual Sea Breeze Dance
Location: Goebel Adult Community Center
Time: Rounds at 2:00, Squares at 2:30

WEEKEND EVENTS

Mainstream thru Challenge

PACE

Extravaganza
November 29, 30
December 1, 2019

C1 thru C4

Callers:

Ben Rubright

Vic Ceder

Todd Fellegy

Linda Kendall

Info: Paul Libis
818-368-8025

McCloud
August 19 - 23

A2 Dancing

Caller:

Tim Ploch

August 25 - 29

C1 Dancing

Caller:

Tim Ploch

Info: Harlan Bowen

707-489-6819

Cayucos
Capers

A-2 Weekend
August 2, 3, 4

Callers:

Joe Saltel,

Jet Roberts

Info- Harlan Bowen
707-489-6819

23rd Annual
Riverside County
Square and
Round Dance

Festival

November 7,8,9,10

Callers: Tony Oxendine

Johnny Preston,

Mike Sikorsky

Gary Shoemake,

Ken Bower,

Jerry Junck

Wade Driver

Indio Fairgrounds

Bakersfield
Fiesta

March 20 - 22,
2020

Mainstream
thru C1

Vic Ceder

Michael Kellogg

Hunter Keller

Jet Roberts

Justin Russell

Second Annual
Big Bear
Weekend

Wolf Creek

Resort

Oct. 11,12,13

Plus and
Advanced
with Rounds

ADVANCED DANCES

Phantom Squares

A2 7:45PM

August 9

Dark

September 13

Bronc Wise

C-1 12:15/C-2 3:30

Sunday after the

A2 Friday dance,

Canoga Park

Women's Club

Valley Trailers
Advanced Dances

August 31

Mike Sikorsky

November 30

Jay Henderson

Wilkinson Center
Northridge

Weaver Believers

4th Friday - A1/A2

8:00 - 10:30 PM

July 26

August 23

September 27

**Caller - Buddy
Weaver**

Canoga Park
Women's Club

Trailblazers

August 3

Bill Harrison

September 7

Ross Howell

C1 - 11:00

A2 3:00 pm

C-2 11:00, C-3A 3:00
on Sunday
after Saturday Dance

**Mel's Dance Hall
Westminster, CA**

3rd Fridays

C1 - 7:00 - 8:00

A2 - 8:00 - 10:00

**Caller:
Romney**

**Mel's Hall
5946 Westminster
Blvd,
Westminster**

FunWuns

4th Fridays

A2

July 26

Ed Foote

August 23

Rick Hampton

**Mel's Dance Hall
Westminster**

AUGUST



S M TU W TH F S

				1 Round Dance Class	2	3 Visitation Farmers & Charmers, Lads & Lassies
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Square Dance Class		Round Dance Class		Happy Squares Trail Dusters
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sierra Hillbillies	Fundraiser Board Meeting	Square Dance Class		Round Dance Class		VT Valley Trailers Vic Ceder
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Play - Drowsy Chaperone		Square Dance Class		Round Dance Class		Buckles & Bows Boots & Slippers
15	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Square Dance Class		Round Dance Class		Valley Trailers Advanced Mike Sikorsky

VALLEY TRAILERS DANCE SCHEDULE

Date	Caller	Theme
8/17	Vic Ceder	Hot Summer Nights
8/31	Mike Sikorsky	Advanced
9/21	Mike Sikorsky	Watch the Leaves Fall
10/19	David Mee	Fright Night
11/16	Mike Seastrom Charlie Robertson	65th Anniversary
11/30	Jay Henderson	Advanced



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 Phone: (818)360-8750
 Email: VTsdClub@gmail.com

