

MEMORIAL DAY



Valley Trailers

Tidbits

Bob Mitchell, Editor

May 2019

Presidents' Message



**Don & Renee Krall,
Presidents**

I hope that by now you have turned your name in to Tom Beatty if you wish to take a position on the board starting in August, 2019. As I have said before, clubs fold because no one wants to be on a board, not because of money problems. All of us want our club to be one of the best, so we all have to pitch in and do what is good for our Club.

Our new class started on March 12th with sev-

eral new people to see what square dancing is all about. Over the last couple of weeks, some have not returned; this is always what happens not only to our club but to most of the other clubs in the area well. If one of you Club members has any suggestions, please bring it up with one of the board members. I spoke about the business cards we handed out this last time and asked if we should do it again, but no one has given me an answer to that so far.

Hope this finds all well, yellow rocks to all, and hope to see you in a square real soon.

**Don and Renee,
Presidents**

Board Meeting

**May 13, 7:30, at
Don & Renee's home.
All VT members are
welcome.**

Club Member Drawing

For the Club Member Drawing at our April dance, Mel Sukow's name was drawn, but unfortunately for Mel, the timing wasn't good for him. He rarely misses one of our dances, but in this case, he was recovering from surgery for a knee replacement, so couldn't be there and had to forfeit his \$30 winnings. So next month the pot goes to \$40 when Jay Henderson will be our caller. You don't want to miss this one – good calling is guaranteed and it is also guaranteed that your odds of winning \$40 are orders of magnitude greater than those of winning the lottery, but only if you are there.

Caller Coordinator

What are you doing on May 18? Need a little exercise? Want some action? Want to feel good all over? There is going to be a cowboy on our stage calling, and when you hear him you might well think it's *Sam Elloitt* up there. Yes,



Jay Henderson,
Caller

Jay Henderson from San Luis Obispo is coming to the Valley Trailers, which promises to be an exciting night for all of us, so come on down, join in on the action, and enjoy the evening with us.

I'll be looking for you!

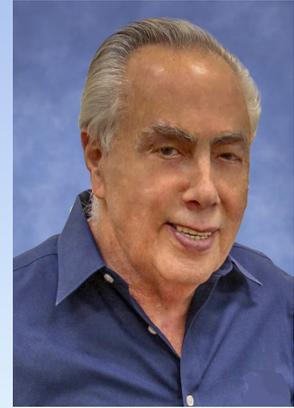
Bob Davis,
Caller Coordinator

Bakersfield After-Party With Cindy Bell



Membership Report

I'm very happy to have a previous Valley Trailers' member rejoin the Club.



Barry Lipton

He's been square dancing for many many years. Let's welcome Barry Lipton to the Club and into your squares.

Have a happy and safe spring and summer, and keep dancing.

Mary Beatty,
Membership

Our April Dance

Our April dance saw Andy Allemao on our stage calling for hexagons at 6:00 and squares at 8:00. Andy introduced himself as being from the south, which he then explained meant El Cajon, not what we normally think of when a reference is made to “the south”, but it is indeed south, and a bit east, of Wilkinson, so we’ll credit him with a correct statement.

We only had four hexagons, equivalent to six squares in head count, a bit of a disappointing turnout, but those who were there enjoyed it. Andy described their performance as “hexceptional”. This is a specialty thing for Andy, and he does a nice job both at teaching how it is done as well as putting the dancers through some calls using this formation. The formation is a real hexagon with couples spaced 60 degrees apart, not a six-couple rectangle as we see sometimes. Apparently just about any call that can be done from squares can also be done from hexagons.

There were 11 squares for

the regular dance, and Andy called a fun and somewhat fast paced dance. At one point, he did Hallelujah for the singing call, which he said was to get us slowed down a bit. He had us doing Grand Squares in a butterfly formation, which follows the same definition as doing it from a squared up set, but it feels quite different! Andy used some different fun variations throughout the evening.

Cindy Mower did her usual popular cueing for a floor full of round dancers. Your reporter didn’t get to check out the refreshments table during the evening, but since Steve and Joyce were in charge, you know they were very good! This was our first dance with the star tip at the end, and there were only two squares up for it, about half of what we normally see. If you didn’t make it to this one, you missed a good dance and a fun evening on all counts.



April 20 - Hex Squares Andy Allemao - Caller



Photos by Sue Cohen
and Don Krall







The March Advanced Dance

Our Advanced dance on March 30 drew about the usual number of advanced dancers. It ended up being mainly an A2 dance with a C1 star tip at the end.

Michael Kellogg had us on our toes. He put us through the paces!! I asked two dancers for a word to describe the dance. The male response was “enjoyable”, the female’s was “frustrating”. I agree with both.

Jean and Roy were our kitchen people. Jean made a tasty lime whipped Jello which was enjoyed by many. Jean and Roy enjoyed some round dancing since they don’t do Advanced. It was good to see Marci Brewer on hostess duty. She doesn’t dance now, but still participates when called upon.

**Sue Cohen,
Vice President**

Photos by Sue Cohen



The Club Goes to Lunch and a Play

Over 30 people enjoyed a meal at Red's BBQ and Grillery and then watched the play "Newsies" in Simi Valley. The balcony seats were enjoyed by about half of the group. I have reserved more balcony seats for the next play. We picked May 5 to go back and see "A Closer Look at Patsy Cline". I had reserved 34 seats, but 28 are already taken, so I have picked up five more seats. However, I will have to pay for all of them or release them by April 24, so let me know before then if you want to join us.

We seem to have found a unique and fun way to gather Club members in a different environment. Please join us if you haven't yet. We will also be going to see "Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" on Sunday, June 30th.

**Sue Cohen,
Vice President**



Photos by Sue Cohen



Bakersfield Fiesta

The Bakersfield Fiesta took place again this year as scheduled, although this year it was one week later than usual, apparently due to some scheduling conflicts with the facility. Two traits seem to characterize this event every year – it is always well organized and a lot of fun, and the attendance generally seems to be less than the previous year, even more so this year than usual. A couple of reports that we heard this year put the attendance at around 700, down about 100 or so from last year.

The calling staff was excellent. We didn't get to dance to the new caller from Wisconsin, Noah Seigmann, just because the timing of the halls we went to, and the ones he was assigned to, just never matched, but the reports we heard of him were all positive. The Valley Trailers' participation was about what we usually see here each year, not as much as one might expect for a club the size of ours and an event this close to home, but still most of the regulars were there. We had 16 members present for the

grand march and opening ceremonies, which included at least five of our newer members. As is the case for most years, the club with the most members present was the Ramblin' Rogues from Mission Viejo.

At one point, Vic Ceder had the Mainstream floor doing kaleidoscope squares. This was likely a first time thing for the Mainstream dancers, but a good indication for them of the scope of the variety that square dancing offers. At another time, Vic had the Challenge floor doing progressive squares.

Tony Oxendine is always fun, but when he teamed up with Noah Seigmann on the Plus floor, they made a great singing duo. Noah of-



Noah Seigmann, Caller

ten calls with his brothers, but it's unlikely that we will see them here on the west coast any time soon.

Next year, the Fiesta is scheduled for the third weekend in March, back to its usual time, which falls on our normal dance weekend, so the Valley Trailers will be dark. So mark your calendars and make plans to go. It's always a fun time and we need to help insure that this event continues for many years to come.





Bakerfield FIESTA

March 22 -24, 2019





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.

5/18

David Ptashne
Sherril Ptashne
Dorothy Stabinsky
Bette Jo Weinstein

6/15

Bonnie Bench
Sue Cohen
Adrienne Kirman
Ed Palmer

6/29

Danny Ball
Ethel Ball

7/20

Alan Epstein
Alice Handel
Irene Narita
Richard Narita

Happy Anniversary!

5/24

Marvin Schlossman
and Francine Golden

5/27

Richard and Irene
Narita

5/29

John and May
Carpenter

Refreshment Committee Schedule

May 18

Steve and Joyce

June 15

Shawn and Jean

June 29

Shawn and Jean

Happy Birthday

5/08 Don Krall

5/08 Barry Lipton

5/10 Roy Woodard

5/11 Denise Kurtzer

5/13 Ray Cianci

5/15 Sandy Cohen

5/16 Otis Rogers

5/16 Teri Wynn

5/17 Bob Neel

5/18 Sandy Sabatino

5/20 Nick Koullax

5/26 Mike Seastrom

5/29 Birdie London

5/29 Pat Krokauger

5/31 Susan Burger

5/31 Cecilia Phillips

5/31 Nancy Zavisch

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.

5/18

Linda Currie
Bob Davis
Lourdes Koch
Steven Koch

6/15

John Hyde
Nancy Hyde
Denise Kurtzer
Cecilia Phillips

6/29

None Assigned

7/20

David Brown
Toba Burg
Tom Nelson
Nancy Zavisch

Our Next Fundraiser

Our next fundraiser will be on Monday, May 13, at Presto Pasta in Granada Hills. You can eat there at any time on this day and they will give the Club 20% of your bill. So mark your calendars and we will be sending more details and the flyer you will need to show for the Club to get the credit as the date gets closer.

Host/Hostess & Kitchen Duties

It appears that I need to periodically write an article for the Tidbits to remind members that our club, like all square dance clubs, is a volunteer organization.

The Valley Trailers asks its general members to help only about 2-3 hours every 12-14 months, which is not much considering the number of hours the Board puts in to run the Club. These assignments include acting as Host or Hostess and helping in the kitchen with refreshments at our Club dances. Many members have asked what the duties are so here are the details:

Host/Hostess – Be there at 7:00PM until around 8:15PM to greet dancers as they come in and make sure that they sign in. After that, you can dance the rest of the night. If you stay and dance, you will be asked to make the dance donation.

Kitchen Help – Be there at 7:00PM to help the Club Refreshment person(s) put out the food, water, coffee pots, etc. You will help throughout

the dance, as needed, and you will be able to dance. You do not need to purchase or bring anything. The Club refreshment persons are responsible to do the buying. Again, if you dance, you will be asked to make the dance donation.

Check your newsletter each month to see if/when you are scheduled to help. If you cannot make it, it is your responsibility to find someone - usually you can switch with someone who is assigned to help at a future dance. Schedules show up to three dances (90 days) ahead. If you do not help as scheduled, or have not switched with someone, you may see your name listed again within a few months or so. Reminders are sent out to scheduled members about 4-5 days before the dance.

The Board sincerely thanks those members who come to help at the dances as scheduled. Please support your club.

Mary Beatty

Vice President's Report

Our Hot Dog Hoedown is coming up on May 18th. Come hungry and plan to enjoy the dogs and other goodies provided by Joyce and Steve Kay.

Our fundraising has been on-going this year. We earn a little at our theater parties, the Red Robin day raised \$96 from the two restaurants, and donations given by Club members who couldn't attend upped the total some more. How wonderful to get this additional show of support!

Our next time for all to help support the club and enjoy each other's company is Monday, May 13th. We will earn 20% at Pres-to Pasta. It's at the corner of Chatsworth and Zelzah (Sprouts corner). We hope to exceed our prior efforts at fundraising.

Hoping to see you at a dance or fundraiser, or both.

**Sue Cohen,
Vice President**

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Clothing Rack

Our Clothing Rack sale during our Saturday, April 20th, dance was fun! People ran in and out between Andy Allemao's early Hex Squares, as well as between rounds and squares all evening. Some were surprised to see how many items we had, but were encouraged to look for a color they liked and start their hunt there! We even had some folks come in to visit items they had sewn and later donated and they helped sell them to others to enjoy. I think we did pretty well even with the Passover and Easter holidays that weekend.

Thank you again for all of the beautiful donations of gently used square dance attire. Our inventory is still filling our trailer, but we can begin to accept some donations to Sue and José Simental on Tuesdays and Judie Goldstein on Wednesdays. NOTE: We are receiving many requests for longer skirts and also for skirts suitable for rounds. We are also looking for some more men's western shirts, etc.

A huge thank you to Don Krall for storing our trailer and graciously towing it to and from the sales, and especially to everyone who came

early to help us unload the trailer and to load it back up after the sale. Special thanks to Nancy Zavisch for a quick tagging session the day before the sale! Whew!! Remember, this is a fundraiser for our Valley Trailers Square Dance Club and your participation is encouraged and deeply appreciated at all levels. "Many hands make light work."

Next sale TBA, but most likely at a Tuesday class night in June.

Hugs,

**Sue & José
Simental
and
Judie Goldstein**



Mystery Bus Trip

The mystery bus trip that had been scheduled for April 27 was canceled by the bus company, but we have been busily working to get another one scheduled, and now have one confirmed for Saturday, June 8. You can sign up for it at class or contact Sue Cohen.

**Sue Cohen,
Vice President**



Mainstream Coordinators' Report

Hello everyone! We hope you are all enjoying our nice weather this month. We are happy to announce that our new Mainstream class is progressing very well. Everyone seems to be having fun learning to square dance. In addition to our 7pm class, we want to encourage all of our new students to take advantage of our practice session. This session is available at no extra cost and begins half an hour before our regular class. If you would like to review the calls that were taught the previous week, or if you missed a Tuesday night and would like to catch up, are all invited to come at 6:20pm for an additional 30 minutes of practice conducted by Tom Beatty. Tom will be practicing the calls that our caller, Don Schadt, has already taught. If you are having trouble with any particular call, just ask Tom and he will review it for you.

Those of you who have completed the Mainstream class but are not yet members of our Plus class, please remember the best way to prepare for the Plus class is to attend Main-

stream classes put on by other clubs. Some of the clubs also put on dances for Mainstream level dancers. Check the flyers on the table on Tuesday nights, or go online to www.wheresthedance.com, and you will find all the information. Attendance at these dances will help you become better dancers and prepare you for the Plus class.

As always, we would like to acknowledge and thank all of the Club members who come as angels to help our Mainstream class members. Your participation is very important and is appreciated by the class members as well as the Mainstream Coordinators!

If you have any friends or family members that you think would enjoy learning to square dance, our new class will begin the second week in September, so please let everyone know what a great time you are having!

If you have any questions about our club or the class, please do not hesitate to ask us.

**Ethel & Danny Ball
Mainstream
Coordinators**

Plus Class Coordinator's Report

It's now April and we see a lot of progress in our Plus level students and that "deer in the headlights" look seems to have faded from most of the faces of our students. Don Schadt repeats the harder calls to make sure the class is able to understand the calls, and it shows. Good dancing everyone! Attending the Mainstream class at 7pm would be a good idea for the Plus students to reinforce the calls that build up to Plus.

The class coordinator tries to set up squares that are balanced and beneficial to the newer dancers, so if the class coordinator asks someone to move to another square, the purpose is to strengthen the squares for a better learning experience. Sometimes we will ask a Club member to sit out a tip so that a student can have more floor time. Your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated.

Any questions or suggestions please feel free to talk to me. Dance on!

**Linda Kaplan,
Plus Class
Coordinator**

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Local Club Dances

Boots & Slippers

05/25 David Mee

Buckles & Bows

05/25 Andy Allemao
06/22 Charlie Robertson
07/27 Rick Gittelman

Farmers & Charmers, Lads 'n' Lassies

05/04 Dan Nordbye
06/01 Phil Farmer
07/06 Buddy Weaver

Happy Squares

05/11 Rick Hampton
06/08 Charlie Robertson
07/13 Charlie Robertson

Sierra Hillbillies

05/05 Darrin Gallina
06/02 Vic Ceder
07/07 Dennis Young

Trail Dusters

05/11 Vic Ceder
06/08 Paul Waters
07/13 Ken Bower

Official Visitation

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

Date: May 4
Club: Lads 'n' Lassies
Level: Plus
Caller: Dan Nordbye
Theme: Star Wars Day
Location: Wilkinson Center
Time: Rounds at 7:30, Squares at 8:00

Recommended Dances

Date: May 11, 2019
Club: Trail Dusters
Level: Plus
Caller: Vic Ceder
Theme: Strawberry Fair
Location: Wilkinson Center
Time: Rounds at 7:00, Squares at 8:00

Date: May 25
Club: Buckles & Bows
Level: Plus
Caller: Andy Allemao
Theme: Food for Mana
Location: Goebel Adult Center
Time: Hex Squares at 5:30, Rounds at 7:00,
Squares at 7:30

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

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

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

THURSDAYS

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



Weekend Events

Mainstream thru Challenge

**Anything Goes
A2 Weekend
With C1
Sessions
May 24, 25,
& 26
Caller:
Romney
Tannehill**

**Hemet, CA
Info: 949-448-9625**

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**

**Big Bear
Weekend,
Wolf Creek Resort
Oct. 11,12,13
Plus and Advanced
with Rounds**

**Swing Thru
The Palms,
Palm Springs
Pavilion
Jan 31 - Feb 3**

**Mainstream - C3B
Hardwood Floors**

Bakersfield Fiesta

**March 20 - 22,
2020
Mainstream
thru C1**



Advanced Dances

Valley Trailers
Advanced Dances

June 29
Michael Haworth
August 31
Mike Sikorsky
November 30
Jay Henderson

Wilkinson Center
Northridge

Weaver Believers
4th Friday - **A1/A2**
8:00 - 10:30 PM

May 24
June 28
July 26
**Caller - Buddy
Weaver**

Canoga Park
Women's Club

Phantom Squares
A2 7:45PM

May 10
Michael Haworth
June 7
Vic Ceder
July 12
TBA

C-1 12:15/C-2 3:30
Sunday after the
A2 Friday dance,
Canoga Park
Women's Club

**May 24
FunWuns
A-2**

**Caller:
Michael Bandoian
Mel's Dance
Center,
Westminster**

Info: 626-358-8893

Trailblazers
May 4
David Heffron
June 1
Michael Kellogg

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**



May 2019

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1	2 Round Dance Class	3	4 Farmers & Charmers, Lads n Lassies
5 Play - "A Closer Look at Patsy Cline" Sierra Hillbillies	6	7 Square Dance Class	8	9 Round Dance Class	10	11 Happy Squares Trail Dusters
12	13 Board Meeting Fundraiser	14 Square Dance Class	15	16 Round Dance Class	17	18 VT Valley Trailers Caller: Jay Henderson
19	20	21 Square Dance Class	22	23 Round Dancee Class	24	25 Buckles & Bows Boots & Slippers
26	27 Memorial Day	28 Square Dance Class	29	30 Round Dance Class	31	



Valley Trailers

Dance Schedule

Date	Caller	Theme
5/18	Jay Henderson	Hot Dog Hoedown
6/15	Don Schadt	School's Out, Relax
6/29	Michael Haworth	Advanced
7/20	Pat Carnathan	Tiki Luau
8/17	Vic Ceder	Hot Summer Nights
8/31	Mike Sikorsky	Advanced



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