

Valley Trailers

Bob Mitchell, Editor

January 2019

Presidents' Message



Renee & Don Krall,
Presidents

We hope all have a good Holiday Season. It's time to start the New Year off with a bang.

As most have heard, the Wilkinson Senior Center will be closed from January 7 until February 4, 2019, so the floor can be refinished where we dance, a much needed repair! We have made arrangements to get other halls so we will not have to miss a beat while they are working on the floor.

We will be holding the

class at Reseda Park at 18411 Victory Blvd. It is not as big as Wilkinson but should work well for our class. Things will be done a little differently at this facility. Each person attending must fill out a form for the City, but with no more information than what we have on our rosters. This must all be done before we have our first class on January 8, 2019. So please see me at class or our Club dance to fill out the paper work. This applies to the angels also. (It will take only two minutes.)

The other change is our third Saturday dance on January 19, 2019. It will be held at the Sherman Oaks Senior Center at 5056 Van Nuys Blvd. This is usually our Black Light dance, but we will be foregoing that because the lights will not be able to be put up. The hall is the same size as Wilkinson with a stage. Please make sure you tell your friends and fellow square dancers of this change so we can have a

good turn-out.

Yellow rocks to all and see you in a square real soon.

**Don and Renee,
Presidents**

Club Member Drawing

Don Krall's name was pulled from the hat for the Club member drawing this month, and of course since Don is always there, he was present to collect his prize. Unfortunately for Don, last month's winner was present then too, so Don only got to collect \$10. Still, he left with \$10 more in his pocket than he otherwise would have had, and that is what the prize will be next month when we dance to Lanny Weakland, so plan to be there. That \$10 might leave in your pocket!

Board Meeting

January 14, 2019, 7:30 pm,

at Bob Davis's home

(All Club members are

welcome.)

Caller Coordinator



**Bob Davis,
Caller Coordinator**

Remember that song "There's A Whole Lot Of Shakin' Going On"? Well, there certainly is with the Valley Trailers as our January dance will be not at Wilkinson but at the Sherman Oaks facility while the city does a redo on the floors at Wilkinson, a much needed process for sure.



Lanny Weakland, Caller

Lanny Weakland will be coming in from Omaha to

thaw out, and will be on our stage, which promises to be a great dance to start the 2019 year. A really big-time crowd pleaser from the Rocky Mountains to the prairies, to Branson, MO, to Topeka, KS, and back to Los Angeles, since 1975 he has traveled our great country and helped make and keep square dancing alive and well.

You won't be wasting your time on Saturday night, January 19, at this one-time temporary location for our dance. The address is 5056 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks, just a little north of the 101 freeway. I'll be there and happily looking to shake your hand or give a hug, your choice.

Have a great holiday season and a super New Year.

**Bob Davis,
Caller Coordinator**



Patricia Kiggins

To be fair, there are Club members who may not be sure who was Pat Kiggins. Well, she was the 6ft tall, skinny lady with a great big smile and a close friend of my wife Carole. The two worked together for years and started square dancing with the Valley Trailers almost at the same time back in the 80's. Through the years, the contributions this Mrs. Kiggins made, along with husband Brian, constitute history not to be forgotten with their wagon-master leadership, her constant support in the kitchen or on the dance floor, and the long forgotten Valley Trailers Choir, with just a touch of Irish limericks thrown in.

Not to be too long on the tongue, I can still pleasantly recall the many times driving home after a dance when Brian would start singing some old Irish song and we in the car would try to keep up with him. Well, Pat and Brian have both left us, but their three sons, Sean, Kevin, and Kyle, are here and well, to carry on with the Kiggins name.

Bob Davis



Vice Presidents' Message

Well, our two big events for the year are over, one being the anniversary dance in November, and the other our holiday party on December 9th. This was well attended with almost 90 attendees and we received many compliments.

Photos by Sue Cohen



It all started with a wide variety of appetizers – shrimp, latkes, cheeses, crackers, meatballs, and more delicious treats. The meal, from Big Ant's BBQ Catering in Los Angeles, was well received. Delicious chicken and ribs were the entree. Sides included salad, rice, baked beans, and



cornbread. We all ate plenty and many had seconds. We danced to a variety of music played by the DJ, both before and after the meal, including two step, swing, and some line dancing. Thanks to Jeff Cohen we did a hora; he found the music on his phone.



Scrumptious desserts followed. Our club members provided very tasty before and after the meal treats.

A highlight of this event is the presentation of the Bruce Iveson award. This year Marci Brewer was honored for her over 30 active years with the club. You can read more about her activities on page 11.

The club, as usual, collect-

ed toys for needy children. We collected a lot and these were delivered to two different fire stations. The “elves” who delivered them were Sherrill and Dave Ptashne and Tina and Larry Matz.

Big thanks to all the others who stepped in and helped us, especially Mary and Tom Beatty, Bill Drowatzky, and Cindy Mower. Also thank you to others who contributed to the success of the event.

Looking ahead, our January dance will be at the Sherman Oaks Center on Van Nuys Blvd. It is our Winter Wonderland dance, but will not be black light in this hall. Lanny Weakland is calling. Come and try out this venue; we're hoping to see lots of members there.

We will be holding a fundraiser on February 10th. This will take place from noon onwards at Marie Calendars on Tampa. Plan to come in with a group and grab a table. If you're attending the Sweethearts' Ball, come afterwards and help us salute our sweethearts - Sue and José Simental.

**Sue, Tina, and
Marlene,
Vice Presidents**

VJ December Dance

Our December Club dance held on the 15th with Dan Preedy calling and Cindy Mower cueing came off very well. There were a little over ten squares in attendance, a nice turnout considering the season, and the usual program of alternating Mainstream and Plus tips was used. Dan called a very nice dance using lots of holiday music, and at a level that was interesting and fun with a high success rate for the dancers. The star tip, with four squares on the floor, started out at a level that was little more than Plus, and then gradually increased in difficulty until he found where the limit was for most of the dancers, and then held it there for the remainder of what was a nice tip. At 10:30 he called a short hot hash tip for those who still had some energy left, and it very much kept us on our toes!

An ample supply of refreshments put on by Steve and Joyce, including colorful egg salad sandwiches and cute veggie tray items, was available throughout the evening, and by all appearances were enjoyed by all. Thank you Steve and Joyce!

Dan Preedy, who comes from Spokane, has called for us be-

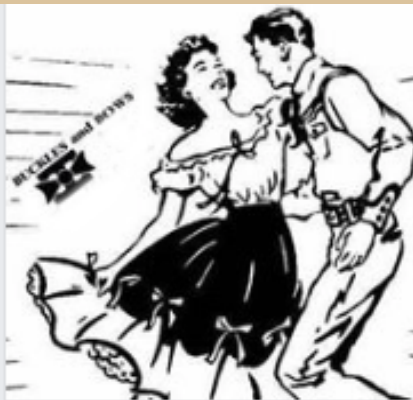
fore, and he always puts on a nice dance. If you missed this one, you missed a good one. With any luck, he will be on our stage again, so be sure you don't miss him next time.





VJ Ladies Model Their Poinsettia Skirts.





November 24, 2018 Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club

Our recommended dance for November was on the 24th with the Buckles & Bows with Mike Sikorsky calling and Gus DeFore cueing. There was a very nice turnout with about 18 squares, which nicely filled the hall, but not to the point of making it too crowded to dance comfortably. About two and a half of those squares were Valley Trailers members, giving us the most members present of any of the clubs represented.

The Buckles & Bows have been doing some fundraising to benefit the families of the victims of the recent Borderline mass shooting, and with the approximately \$1000 raised on Saturday night, their fund is now up to around \$4000. In addition to being all-around nice people, square dancers are also generous people.

Mike put on quite the show, as usual, with his gyrations and commentary, including one song that most hadn't heard before done to the tune of Ghost Riders in the Sky. It was about a cow-girl named Patty, known as Cow Patty, which was the basis for some humorous puns. Mike likes to use clever get-outs that return the dancers to their home positions without using promenades and RLGs, and we saw plenty of those. There were also a lot of "whoa" and "howdja do?". He did his signature hot hash, which was as fun and challenging as always. It seemed that most got up to do it, but several squares were seen broken down at times.

The last tip of the night was the star tip, and there were four squares for it. It had been advertised as A1, but just before he started, Mike queried the dancers about how many were A2 dancers, and how many A1. Two couples indicated that they danced just A1, so Mike said he would do A1 for a while, and then transition to A2, but very early in to it he went to easy A2. Fortunately, the two A1 couples ended up in the same square with two very experienced A2 couples to complete the square, and

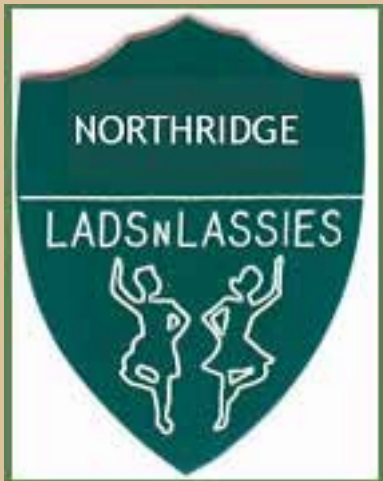
they seemed to do remarkably well.

The Buckles & Bows treated us very nicely with their refreshments, first with a nice display of sandwiches, and as the evening progressed quite a variety of desserts came out. All in all, it was a very nicely done dance and a fun evening.

**Sue Cohen,
Visitation Chair**







Our December visitation to the Lads 'n' Lassies' Reindeer Romp drew almost three squares of Valley Trailers. There were about nine squares altogether in attendance. It's great when we show up and support square dancing like this. Mike Seastrom called another smooth and fun dance. At one point, there was a trio of callers on the stage. He asked John Hyde and Rod Shuping to join him for "Jingle Bells". They were calling very enthusiastically. Some exciting dances were "Calcutta" and "Taxi Driving".

A new experience was "towel tag". Lisa handed out eight towels to one square. If handed a towel, you had to change places with that dancer, then hand it off again. Jean Woodard was given the towel four times. I stayed in the same square the whole tip. He

sent us back to our original squares for the singing call. We sure danced with a lot of different people for that song.

Lisa joined Mike for a duet to "All I Want for Christmas is You". Of course they were dancing all of the rounds. They, and many others, enjoyed Jim Elder's cueing.

Sue Cohen, Visitation Chair





**Lads N Lassies
Visitation Dance
December 1, 2018**

**Photos by
Sue Cohen**



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Bruce Iveson Award

When Bruce Iveson, a long-time member and active supporter of the Valley Trailers, passed away in 2013 while at his computer working on the Tidbits, his family gave an endowment to the Club to be used to recognize a Club member who has made significant contributions to the ongoing operations of the Club. The award consists of a \$100 stipend and the recipient's name is placed on a perpetual plaque that the recipient gets to keep for one year.

The award is presented each year at the Holiday Party and this year's recipient was Marci Brewer. Marci has been a member of the Valley Trailers since January, 1982. She, with Russ McMenamin, served as wagon-masters before becoming presidents for the 1989/1990 term. They were instrumental in moving our Club dances to the Wilkinson center in July of 1990. She hosted our annual picnic at her home for over 30 years, with the last one being held in 2016. In addition, Marci was totally responsible for the

refreshments for our Club dances. Up until two years ago, Marci was always at the Tuesday night classes and served as an angel for the new students. She has been an active member since she joined the Club and continues to be a great asset to the Club.



Marci Responds

I was very surprised and honored to receive the 2018 Bruce Iveson Memorial Achievement Award at our holiday party on December 9, 2018. It is always nice to be recognized for doing something I love. I am getting all the credit, but it was a team effort with Russ McMenamin. He was my significant other for 27 years until he passed away in 2006. He was so much fun and willing to do things that refurbished or restarted past traditions that had been lost along the way.

As Wagon Masters for our campouts, we instituted the weekend program from

theme night on Friday with costumes to relay races and dog races on Saturday (we used to have a white elephant auction that was actually called during the afternoon). It was exhausting to the auctioneer so we decided to go to silent auction instead and started the dog races which are still running today. We cooked breakfast (pancakes and eggs) on Sunday (including a personal delivery of juice + to every rig for a wake-up call). In those days we had from 25 to 30 rigs at our campouts. We had to change the rules of the bean bag tournament to allow more people to play and shorten the games, so we used the bowling score technique and added another tossing board.

We hosted the annual picnic for 30 years. It started out small with the board members, then changed so everyone could attend. One year we had 120 attend. We really did enjoy doing these things.

When we joined the club, we saw how much fun people were having and the friendships developing among the board mem-

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bers. We wanted to serve on the board; it was a party in itself.

I hope all of you enjoy square dancing as much as we did and will keep the Club moving ahead. Take positions on the board. It was the best activity we ever got into. Once again, thank you for this honor.

**Marci Brewer
(McMenamin)**

Photos by Sue Cohen



**There are
four stages
in life...**

1. You believe in Santa
2. You don't believe in Santa
3. You are Santa
4. You look like Santa

Visitation Awards Report

10 - White Trailer
Judith Toomey

15 - Red Trailer
Francine Golden
Marvin Schlossman

20 - Blue Trailer
Bill Drowatzky
Rozanne Feldman

45 - Blue Car
Chuck McMurray

50 - Silver Car
Virginia Heidt
Bonnie Bench

300 - Gold Bar
Sandra DeBear

500 - Gold Bar
Don Krall

If you have dangles from previous awards that you are no longer using, please return them to Sue Cohen for other recipients to use.

**Sue Cohen,
Visitation**



Valley Federation Holiday Luncheon



Photos by Sue Cohen

This annual event was held at the Branford Recreation Center on December 7th. There were two tables of our club members who enjoyed a Mexican lunch.

There was dancing from a Balinese studio in Woodland Hills that entertained first with young girls to adults in the group. Then, our own Cindy Mower cued three of our couples for a round. After that, the floor filled up while Cindy taught a short round dance. Lots of line dancing filled the rest of the event.

There are two of these luncheons each year. The next is the first Friday in May, 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.

12/29

Paul Libis
John Tucker

1/19/2019

Eddy Galeano
Linda Thau
Jean Woodard
Roy Woodard

2/16

Paul Kayne
Lourdes Koch
Steven Koch
Sandy Sabatino

3/16

Don Pipes
Hiroko Pipes
Pat Krokaugger
Robert Sterndale

Refreshment Committee Schedule

December 29
Steve and Joyce

January 19
Shawn and Jean

February 16
Shawn and Jean

Happy Birthday!

1/03	Marc Moore
1/09	Brian Scanlon
1/13	Bob Cirillo
1/13	Linda Thau
1/14	Larry Matz
1/17	Marlene Kane
1/27	Michele Walt
1/28	Evan Ball
1/28	Cinda Molitoris
1/31	Tom Beatty
1/31	Maureen Fried
1/31	Jaye Sedillo

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.

12/29

Barbara Weintraub
Larry Weintraub

1/19/2019

Mary Beatty
Tom Beatty
Ray Cianci
Judith Toomey

2/16

Ricky Campos
Linda Kaplan
Barbara Brown
Irma Taylor

3/16

Rozanne Feldman
Birdie London
Al Masters
Bob Mitchell

Happy Anniversary

1/23 Bill and Flo Tapp



Lunch at Red's and a Play

Photos by Sue Cohen



Clothing Rack

The Valley Trailers' Clothing Rack is closed for now while we wash and tag some beautiful items for the spring. Next sale date is TBA. Thank you to everyone who donated in 2018 to this VT fundraiser. And a big thank you to Nancy Zavisch for helping to sort and tag our new treasures. Many hands make light work!



Don models an apron from the clothing rack. It looks good on him! I hope he bought it. His wife might like to see him in an apron more often too!

*It is with your feet
that
you
move...

but it is with
your heart
that you
dance*



Wash day for the Clothing Rack. I think I wore her out.

Sue Neal-Simental



Mainstream Coordinators' Report



Danny & Ethel Ball

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope that this new year brings you health, happiness, and peace.

We would like to encourage all of our Mainstream students to attend the Student Stomp. The Student Stomp is a dance designed especially for our students as a mid-way dance. That means that the callers will be calling only calls that you have already been taught. Plus, we have several callers calling that afternoon, so you will be able to experience different callers. The Student Stomp will be held on Sunday, January 27th, from 2pm to 4:30pm. Due to the fact that they are resurfacing the floors at the Wilkinson

Center, the Student Stomp has been moved to the Simi Valley Senior Center, 3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley, 92063. There will be students there from other square dance clubs as well. Last year our Mainstream students who participated had a lot of fun and got a lot out of it. It will help prepare you for the next phase of dancing, which is Plus level. (As you may already know, our Plus level class meets at 8:30pm on Tuesday nights right after your class ends.) Hope to see you there!

We will also be moving our Tuesday night classes during the month of January. They will be held at Reseda Park, 18411 Victory Blvd., Reseda. We will be continuing with our 6:20pm session with Tom Beatty every Tuesday at Reseda Park. If you have not yet tried it, please come early and get in an extra half hour of practice. Tom reviews the calls that were taught the week before, so at 7pm you are ready to learn the next calls. There is no additional charge for this session.

We also want to thank Tom Beatty and all of our Valley Trailers angels who come to help our Mainstream students learn to dance. Our

class is so much better and a lot more fun, thanks to your commitment to our Mainstream students.

**Danny & Ethel Ball
Mainstream
Coordinators**



Local Club Dances

Boots & Slippers

12/31 Dick Hodnefield,
Michael Kellogg, Rod Shuping
01/26 Jerry Gilbreath
02/23 TBA

Buckles & Bows

12/22 Dark
01/26 Dee Dee Dougherty
02/23 David Mee

Farmers & Charmers, Lads 'n' Lassies

1/05 Johnny Preston
2/02 Dark
3/02 Paul Waters

Happy Squares

01/12 Gary Shoemake
02/09 Michael Kellogg
03/09 Bronc Wise

Sierra Hillbillies

01/06 TBA
02/04 TBA
03/04 TBA

Trail Dusters

01/12 Arlen Miller
02/09 Johnny Preston
03/09 Andy Allemao

Western Weavers

01/06 Dale Hoppers

Official Visitation

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

Date: January 12
Club: Red Ribbons
Level: Plus
Caller: Mike Seastrom
Theme: 68th Anniversary Dance
Location: Marine Park Auditorium, Santa Monica
Time: Rounds at 7:15. Squares at 7:45

Recommended Dances

Date: January 13
Club: Multiple
Level: Class Level
Caller: Mike Seastrom, Dick Hodnefield, Rod Shuping, Paul Waters
Theme: Salvation Army Benefit Dance for Fire Victims
Location: Goebel Adult Center in Thousand Oaks
Time: Clothing sale starts at 1:30, Dance at 2:00

Date: January 26
Club: Boots & Slippers
Level: Plus
Caller: Jerry Gilbreath
Theme: Winter's Fresh Start
Location: Simi Valley Senior Center
Time: Rounds at 7:00, Squares
at 7:30



**Don wins the Club
member drawing.**

Round Dance Events

SUNDAYS

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

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

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

Starting Tuesday, April 3, dance schedule
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

Phase II Two-Step Class 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Phase III - IV + Classics and ROMs 8:00 - 9:30 pm
Wilkinson Center, Northridge Cindy Mower



Weekend Events

Mainstream thru Challenge

Los Baños Delight

March 8, 9, 10

A-2

Callers:

Jerry Story &

Jet Roberts

Info: Harlan

707-489-6819

Winter Festival

Jan 18 - 20, 2019

Plus - A2

**Callers: Bob Baier,
Tony Oxendine,
Mike Seastrom, Jet
Roberts**

King City

Info: 281-933-0088

Wing Ding

March 1, 2, 3

**Mainstream-
Advanced**

Callers:

Charlie Robertson

Andy Allemao

Jet Roberts

Merced County

Fairgrounds

Info:

925-323-8330

**California
State Square Dance
Convention**

Imperial, CA

April 17 - 19

Mainstream -

Advanced

Callers -

Kip Garvey,

Dan Nordbye,

Bob Baier, Joe Saltel,

Mike Seastrom,

Jet Roberts

Info:

209-996-0844

Amador Adventure

April 26, 27, 28

A-2

Joe Saltel,

Jet Roberts

Info: Harlan

707-489-6819



Advanced Dances

Weaver Believers

4th Friday - **A1/A2**

8:00 - 10:30 PM

December 22

January 25

February 22

Canoga Park

Women's Club

**Caller - Buddy
Weaver**

Valley Trailers Advanced Dances

3/30

Michael Kellogg

6/29

David Mee

Wilkinson Center

Northridge

Phantom Squares

A2 7:45PM

January 11

Rob French

February 8

Sandie Bryant

March 8

Bronc Wise

April 12

TBA

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

Sunday after the

A2 Friday dance,

Canoga Park

Women's Club

A2

Workshop

7:30 to 9:30pm

Mondays

Caller:

Romney Tannehill

Mel's Dance Hall

Westminster, CA

Trailblazers

January 5

Todd Fellegly

February 2

Ben Rubright

March 2

Vic Cedar

April 6

Rob French

Romney's Stars

C1 & A2 Dance

7:30 PM

December 21

Mel's Hall

Westminster, CA

C1 - 11:00

A2 3:00 pm

C-2 11:00, C-3A 3:00

on Sunday

after Saturday Dance

Mel's Dance Hall

Romney's Stars

December 29

C1 at 4:30

Rounds at 6:30

A2 at 7:45

Mel's Hall

Westminster, CA

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Square Dance Class	2	3 Round Dance Class	4 Western Weavers	5 Farmers N Charmers - Lads N Lassies
6 Sierra Hillbillies	7	8 Square Dance Class	9	10 Round Dance Class	11	12 Happy Squares Trail Dusters
13	14 Board Meeting	15 Square Dancde Class	16	17 Round Dance Class	18	19 VT Valley Trailers
20	21	22 Square Dance Class	23	24 Round Dance Class	25	26 Buckles & Bows Boots & Slippers
27	28	29 Square Dance Class			31 Round Dance Class	

Valley Trailers Dance Schedule

Date	Caller	
1/19	Lanny Weakland	
2/16	Mike Hogan	
3/16	Justin Russell	
3/30	Michael Kellogg	Advanced
4/20	Andy Allemao	
5/18	Jay Henderson	
6/15	Don Schadt	



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