

Swinging Mates Square Dance Club



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014

THOUGHTS FROM PHYLLIS



Dear Dancers,

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and celebrated with family and friends. It has been a wonderful year for the Swinging Mates Square Dance Club. Looking back, there was some work but it was fun. No matter how many tables we put up prior to our Club Dances, most always, we had to add one or two more. This did not hurt our feelings.

We had good dances, retrieved many banners, went new places and met many new friends. We danced at the Vigo County 4H Fair and the Downtown Terre Haute Street Fair to make the public aware of the fun we

have when square dancing.

Dancin 'n Branson in July was one of the highlights for our Club members. Thanks to Bob Jones and Fred Trujillo, a good time was had by all who attended.

I want to personally thank everyone for their help, no matter how minor. It takes all of us working together to make our Club successful. We have wonderful meals and I want to especially thank the Hosts for the decorations. This is not a must they just go a little beyond. It shows interest and that they are proud of the Club. We are small but mighty. Again, folks, I say thanks for coming to the Club Dances and helping with the New Dancer Workshops.

Earlier in the year when I was asked to help, I said, "sure, I would do anything to help the Club". Low and behold, I did not think it would put me in the position of Club President. I must say I do enjoy meeting people and encouraging our people. I want our Club to grow. I am not a journalist by any means but what news comes from me comes straight from the heart. Dancing is something anyone in decent health can do. It is good healthy exercise that is good for the body and mind.

Some of the Club members go over to the Indianapolis 500 Track and work three or four times a year. This makes for a long day but it is fun working with other Club members.

The Christmas Dance this year was scary. The weather forecast was not the best--cold and storm coming. About 4:00 P.M. people began calling to see if there was a cancellation. My answer to them was "If Bob Jones can make it from Ohio I think I can drive across town". The normal amount of tables was set up and the dancers began coming, and coming and coming. We couldn't believe the turnout in the weather. Our little dancer, Esther who is 101, even came. Of course we had to set up more tables. It was great. We did not let the weather stop us from having a good time. That is dedication.

For the months of November and December I want to thank Tom Davis and Bob Jones for calling and Bonnie Lawrence and Linda Brown for cueing. Winter was a fun time.

Swinging Mates members are known for their traveling. We do not necessarily go all in one direction. On a given night the Club members might go to as many as three or four clubs. About eight to 12 members are faithful but on a Club of the Month Dance we have had as many as 23 members out at one time.

We miss all of our dancers who are out of town. We hope they have a wonderful winter vacation where it is warm. (continued on page 3)

COME, SHOP AND BUY

Our annual Recycle Dance is scheduled for February 14th. It will be a good place to:

BRING
SELL
CHOOSE AND BUY

TONY OXENDINE STOPS FOR TRAIL-IN DANCE



A real treat is in store for everyone who attends the Thursday, February 27th, 7:30-10:00 PM Club Dance called

by Tony Oxendine. Tony is a highly regarded national caller from North Carolina who will make the evening fun for everyone who attends the dance. Try to attend the dance and we guarantee a great evening of dancing. Linda Brown will cue the round dancers.

MYSTERY DANCE REVIEWED

The Mystery Dance Trip on November 10th saw 16 people carpool to join the Yellow Rocking Squares in Scottsburg with the Call Girls, Sheila Terhune and Kristy Williams. On the trip back home the group stopped in Seymour at Ryan's for dinner. Everyone who went had a good time.



SWINGING MATES SQUARE DANCE CLUB SCHEDULE

Dances 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at the Girl Scout Building
1100 Girl Scout Lane, Terre Haute, In

2013

Nov 8 Tom Davis
Bonnie Lawrence cuer

Dec 13 Bob Jones
Linda Brown cuer

2014

Jan 01 **NEWS YEARS'S
DAY DANCE
FRED WALKER
LINDA BROWN cuer**

10 Brad Smith
Linda Brown cuer

24 Sheila Terhune
Don Brown cuer

Feb 14 **Richard Fear
Bonnie Lawrence cuer
Recycle Dance**

27 **TONY OXENDINE
LINDA BROWN cuer**

Mar 14 Bob Jones
Linda Brown cuer

2014

Mar 28 Samuel Mestel
Bonnie Lawrence cuer

Apr 06 **OZZIE PEARL/
MOUNTAINEERS
Jan Smith cuer
2:00-4:30 pm**

11 Zelmer Daugherty
Sherree Fewkes cuer

25 Curt Braffet
Bonnie Lawrence cuer

May 09 Richard Fears
Pam Stultz cuer

Jun 13 Tom Davis
Bonnie Lawrence cuer

Jul 25 Mike Corns
Bonnie Lawrence cuer

Aug 08 Ozzie Pearl
Linda Brown cuer

2014

Sep 12 Chuck Witt
Carol Anderson cuer

26 **Fred Walker
Gospel Singing Calls
Linda Brown cuer**

Oct 10 Brad Smith
Bonnie Lawrence cuer

24 Darrin Henry
Sherree Fewkes cuer

Nov 14 Dennis Clark
Don Brown cuer

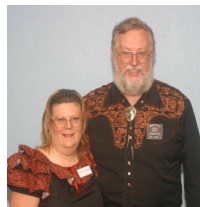
Dec 12 Brad Smith
Linda Brown cuer

FROM THE JOHNSON'S ON OKALOOSA ISLAND FT. WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday, January 9th, 3:15 P.M. local time—sitting on the patio outside our condo overlooking the Gulf of Mexico in the sunshine watching the waves roll in—no coats, just long sleeved shirts, writing this article for the newsletter. I just asked Gene why we are here and he emphatically yelled—SUN, SURF, SUN, SURF, SUN, and SURF---wish we could share some of our good fortune with all of you.



LOOKING FORWARD



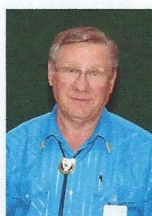
Brad Smith

Brad Smith will call our second Club Dance of the New Year on January 10th. Brad is our own member who stepped up to the mic and took over the New Dancer Workshop Classes. Brad sends a special invitation to the New Dancers to come to the dance and Brad will announce the tips when they will be able to dance. Linda Brown will cue the round dancers.



Sheila Terhune

We are looking forward to Sheila Terhune entertaining us and calling on January 24th. She is a Club Caller for the Yellow Rockin' Squares in Scottsburg. Cueing the round dancers will be Don Brown.



Richard Fears

For our Annual Recycle Dance on February 14th we will welcome back to the mic our Illinois friend Richard Fear. Richard is a favorite caller and we know we will have a fun evening with him. Our round dancers will be cued by Bonnie Lawrence from Indianapolis.



Tony Oxendine

Thursday, February 27th, we will welcome Tony Oxendine to the mic. Linda Brown will cue our round dancers.

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For our Club 2014 is going to be a very busy year. We have new and returning callers, new activities and a lot of fun planned. January 10, Caller: Brad Smith, Cuer: Linda Brown, and January 24, will be Caller: Sheila Terhune and Cuer: Don Brown.

February 14th, this year will be the Recycle Dance with Richard Fear calling and Bonnie Lawrence cuing. February 27, (a Thursday), Tony Oxendine will be calling the "Trail-In Dance" before going to the Spring Extravaganza, Cuer: Linda Brown.

February 14th is when Club members or anyone can bring slightly used clothing or any square dance attire that you do not use and share it with other dancers for a slight fee. The money goes to the Club treasury or you can sell it yourself. Just put a tag on it with size, price and name. Everyone loves the bargains. We always have a good selection and it is good to shop and save.

On March 8th at the Girl Scout Building from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. the Club will sponsor a "Plus Blast" featuring Darrin Henry. This is all day learning of square dance plus moves with a free lunch. We will have approximately one and a half hours off for dinner. When we return we will practice what we have learned earlier in the day. It is very organized and fun. You and your partner will hardly ever dance with the same people twice, it is very well done. The price for all day is \$15.00. I need to know who will be attending so they will know how much food to prepare. I would like to encourage as many as possible because this is a wonderful way to learn and we don't have to go out of town.

We are glad to announce Carol Anderson will be starting Round Dance classes every Monday, beginning January 13th, at the Fairground's Horticulture Building. The more advanced classes, phase 3 & 4 will be 2:00 - 4:30 P.M. The beginner's class and phase 2 will be from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. If you want to learn to Round Dance, this is the time and again we don't have to go out of town.

April 6th we will be having Ozzie Pearl and the Mountaineers. Folks, this is a live band. If you have never danced to a live band you might want to come. They can really get the toes tapping.

Again this year there will be probably be another Mystery Trip and later, probably another Square Dance Cruise sponsored by Wes Dyer. Other activities are also in the planning, so as I said, we have a full schedule for 2014.

Again, I say, many thanks to all who are involved. "HAPPY NEW YEAR & HAPPY DANCING."

Phyllis DeBord

THREE SANTAS? REALLY?



Most groups have to go looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Santa Claus. How lucky are we to have three professional Santas as members of the Swinging Mates Club. Brad Smith helped Mayor Duke Bennett turn on the lights at Deming Park and was the Santa who welcomed the children to Santa's Building at Deming Park on weekends where he posed for pictures with the children.

Gene Johnson was again front and center for Honey Creek Mall in Terre Haute. He came in on Friday Nov. 8th and held down the Santa seat from 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. every day except Sunday when he worked 12:00 to 6:00 P.M.

When Gene was away from the mall for an engagement at a church, preschool, Air Guard or Clabber Girl Robert Steed filled in for him at the mall.

Thanks to all three of our members for bringing happiness to the children and families in our area during the Christmas season.

FALL DANCES WERE SUCCESSFUL

Our November 8th Club Dance³ was called by Tom Davis and cued by Bonnie Lawrence. Attending were 39 members, two New Dancer Workshop participants and 41 visitors. Guest cuers and callers attending were John and Pam Stultz, David and Carol Anderson and Ives and Carol Pruitt.

Dancers joined us from Tumbleweeds, Stone City, Sugar Creek, Quakertown Shakers, Mt. Carmel, Blue Bluff, Riley Wranglers and the Laughing Squares.

We thank Bob Jones for stepping up to the mic and calling our December 13th Dance. We were pleased so many of our New Dancer Workshop members (13) attended. Thirty-eight members and 11 visitors from Quakertown Shakers also attended. Linda Brown cued our round dancers.

Attending our New Year's Day Dance were 31 members, 10 New Dancer Workshop participants and 31 visitors. Everyone had a good time as they danced the first day of 2014. Visitors included cuers David and Carol Anderson and callers John and Kristy Williams. Guests attended from Yellow Rockin' Squares, Laughing Squares, Sun City, Swinging Singles and Star Promenaders.

Valentine Smile

**On Valentine's Day we
think of those**

**Who make our lives worth-
while,**

**Those gracious, friendly
people who**

We think of with a smile.

I am fortunate to know

you,

That's why I want to say,

**To a rare and special per-
son:**

Happy Valentine's Day!

By Joanna Fuchs



BRAD'S COLUMN



Karen and I hope everybody had a great Christmas and a great start to a happy New Year.

I am looking forward to getting back into lessons. I hope all my new students enjoyed their plus lesson at the Christmas Dance—called by Bob Jones. I thought the new dancers did a great job at the dance. In about a year, if you keep dancing, you will be ready for plus lessons.

If Mother Nature is willing, hopefully, January 14th we will be back at lessons again.

My next dance is January 10th here in Terre Haute weather permitting. My next dance (we have to wait awhile) is not until the 17th of January in Robinson, IL with the Star Prowlers. Hope to see you there.

On the need to know basis, Karen and I cannot take the cold weather any longer—so we are packing our bags and flying to Hawaii for a week to see our son, Joel. That does not mean the new dancers get a week off—the students are going to get a special treat—the old man (C.R.) is going to step in for me on January 28th. We will be back on February 1st tanned and beautiful. We will be thinking of you while we are on Waikiki Beach.

We'll see you around the square soon.

Brad and Karen Smith

NEW DANCER WORKSHOPS CONTINUE

The Swinging Mates' NEW DANCER CLASS participants are promenading, flutter wheeling and walk and dodging their way into the New Year like they have been dancing all of their lives! Most had the thrilling experience of their FIRST REAL DANCE on Friday, December 13, 2013. Decked out in their square dance attire and western duds, they danced as smart as they looked!

The class is encouraged to participate in more dances, as they learn more steps. Each member is looking forward to the Swinging Mates Annual RECYCLE DANCE on February 14th to build up their square dance wardrobes! We see nothing but GOOD things for the future of this special class and are thankful for their friendship and commitments every day!

Yours in dancing, Roger & Erin Dulin
New Dancer Coordinators



ROUND DANCE LESSONS RETURN TO TERRE HAUTE

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David and I started square dancing in 2002. We completed the full set of lessons before we went to a real square dance. It was at that square dance that we first saw 'round dancing'. Wow, I thought! I want to do that! Early in 2003 we were asked if we would like to take lessons. I said 'yes!' without even asking David, and I never do that! After one lesson we were hooked.

We found out the Lafayette club was giving round dance lessons, too, starting a week or 2 later, teaching waltz. We jumped at the chance to take that class, too, participating in two classes at the same time,... One for two-step and the other for waltz. We've not stopped since. Our first two classes were with Linda Brown and Shirley Heiny. When lessons weren't available near us, we started driving to Terre Haute for lessons with Katie & Gene Hawkins. Even now, we continue to take lessons with Jan & Cal Smith. We have also had a few lessons with Bonnie Lawrence and Don Brown, as well as numerous sessions at square dance weekends and conventions with national cuers.

It was Jan Smith that kept asking me when I was going to start cueing. For a long time I answered, 'Oh, I don't want to cue,... I want to dance.' After a while, I had the opportunity to try cueing.... And found it was fun! So, that began our new career. We taught our first class not long after that in the fall of 2008.

We do enjoy dancing and want to share that joy with everyone! We noticed the need for classes in Terre Haute, so we arranged to bring them to the area.

Beginning January 13, 2014 and continuing weekly, round dance classes in Terre Haute to be held at:

Vigo County Fair Grounds (same location as Swinging Mates square dance lessons)

2:30-4:00 GROUP SESSION Phase 2-3

6:30-8:00 GROUP SESSION New dancer's class

Throughout the day, we will give private lessons for our current students.

If you are interested in classes, please contact us so we can reserve a spot for you. We can be contacted at davidcarolander-son@gmail.com or at 765-294-4322.

Cost of lessons is \$12 a couple per lesson, \$6 for singles to cover rent and travel expenses, etc.

We have reserved the Community Room at the Vigo Fair Grounds for each Monday, except a few, until the end of March. We plan to teach waltz in the New Dancers class with possibly adding some two-step before we finish up the series of lessons. We'll be looking at the phase 2-3 dancer's skills to determine how we can help most, maybe beginning with cha cha. We are excited about starting these classes and look forward to seeing everyone there

Submitted by Carol and David Anderson

Keith and Carolyn Diss

We stayed home this year and are having lots of fun playing in the snow. I made a snowman yesterday with Carolyn. Enjoy your winter in Florida while we enjoy the Indiana weather and ISU ball-games!

Pat and Robert Johnson

We are in Mesa, AZ for the month of January. We will return home in February so Pat can have double cataract surgery.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| January | 1 | Richard Effner |
| | 7 | Oral Deckard |
| | 12 | Amy Meister |
| | 12 | Sharen Miller |
| | 12 | Dan Kleptz |
| | 18 | Carolyn Boyd |
| | 20 | Jim Brown |
| | 20 | Floyd Carpenter |
| | 22 | Bill Waymire |
| | 24 | John Steppe |
| | 27 | Hal Shaw |
| | 27 | Ben Steppe |
| February | 12 | Sarah McCammon |
| | 13 | Mike Stephens |
| | 19 | Sally Gard |
| | 27 | Peggy Winters |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| January | 17 | Bev Curley and
Bill Waymire |
| January | 26 | John and Leah Ramer |

Les and Peggy Winters

Hello to all our square and round dance friends. We have never been "snowbirds" before and now here we are in New Smyrna Beach Florida for an entire month. The people we have met are jokingly blaming us "northerners" for this cold spell that has swept through Florida. It did get a little cold and strong wind gusts but it still beats our weather back in Terre Haute.

We have only been here not quite a week but we have already attended a dance in Ormond Beach with the Granada club. Such nice people who immediately set us up with about three other clubs with upcoming dances. At the Granada club dance we met a very nice lady by the name of Madeline. Turns out Madeline is Jan Smith (cuer out of Indy) sister. What a small world.

The weather is getting warmer everyday and should be about 80 by Friday!! I think we could get use to this "snowbird" thing.

REMEMBER MEMBERS



Some of us have been sick and we are on the mends. Jim Brown is having rotator cuff surgery the end of January. Keep him in your prayers.



Jim and Cathy Albright

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We are in Gulf Shores, Alabama. We got here the end of December. We are also glad we aren't at home. I called home today and Vicki said it was a -38 there. Roads not good either. Can't believe how crazy the weather has been all over the country.

We could have been in California again but turned it down. We were there three times last year. We were glad we told them no because when we were supposed to go was when bad weather hit the area where we would have to change airplanes. We did enough traveling in 2013, with three trips to San Francisco, two trips to North Carolina, a trip to IL, scooter meet and several other short trips. I think it was time to stay home until we came here to Gulf Shores. And as usual we are busy here.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

Paying dues in November and December were members Jim and Cathy Albright, Roy and Melissa Geib, Leah Ramer, Rick and Janet Rose and Herman Steppe.

RYAN FUNKHOUSER'S HOUSE BURNS

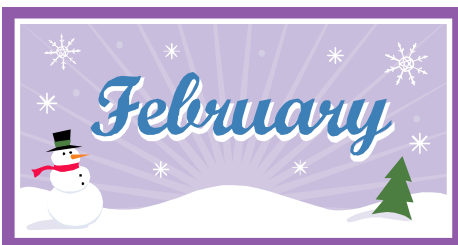


We are sorry to report the home of New Dancer Workshop participant Ryan Funkhouser's house was damaged by a fire. He reports a wiring problem in the ceiling of his kitchen was where the fire began. Please keep him in your prayers and ask if there is anything you can do for him now or at a later time.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

How often do you stop and show just how much someone you know means to you. May we suggest you take the time to send a card, send an e-mail or call them on the telephone and let them know how much you love, respect or miss them. The special day for expressing love will be here soon. It is time to get started.

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