

Swinging Mates Square Dance Club

November/December 2013



THOUGHTS FROM PHYLLIS



Dear Dancers,

First of all, a big THANK YOU goes to Brad Smith for teaching the New Dancer Workshop Class for 2013 - 14. It is time consuming especially when one still works. We appreciate you, Brad.

We had two successful Club Dances in September. Our year started with Brad Smith taking the mic on September 13th and Carol Anderson cuing the Round Dancers. We hosted the Club of the Month Dance on September 27th with Mike Corns and Linda Brown. We started our fall season with good dances and good fellowship.

October begins the yearly sessions of lessons throughout the state. Although some classes for some clubs are decreasing, the Swinging Mates Club started with 24 participants of all ages. This year we have a large number of young people and they are a joy.

The members of the Swinging Mates Club did something a little different October 5th. We rented a bus from the Centerpoint United Methodist Church to take members to the Club of the Month Dance at Noblesville, IN. Our Club had a total of 27 people there (that is 3 ½ squares). Needless to say, the host club had to set up extra chairs for our group. I want to thank the dancers for their time and participation and a special thanks to Gene Johnson for driving the bus. The dance in Noblesville was great. The dancers were able to dance to a new caller, Jimmy Robinson. There is a possibility we may host a camping dance next September with Jimmy Robinson as the caller.

At our October 11th Dance we hosted Fred Walker doing gospel singing calls with Pam Stultz cuing. That was a good night of dancing and was enjoyed by everyone attending.

The last Club Dance of October was on the 25th with Sam Mestel calling and Sherree Fewkes cuing. It was a great success. We even had to put up an extra table. Thanks to all the dancers for your participation and support of our Club Dances.

Thanks to all the members who acted as hosts and hostesses for our Club Dances this fall. The food and the decorations have been wonderful.

October also is the time for the Indiana State Square Dance Convention. No one wants to forget about the Trail-In Dance at the Lawrence Community Center and also the Trail-Out Dance at Anderson. What a weekend!!!!!!!!!! At the Trail-In Dance the Callers were Tom Davis, Nick Hartley, Darrin Henry and Jimmy Robinson. Was that ever a fun night! The Callers were having more fun than some of the dancers. The Trail-Out Dance no doubt was fun in Anderson with Wes Dyer calling and Gary Hutton cuing.

The State Convention was great. There were many good Callers and Cuers. One could dance every minute if he/she wished. Sadly some of our people had to come home early because of colds and sore throats. I believe 26 - 28 of our members attended the convention at one time or another.

We are proud of our Club and I think it shows. In between our Club Dances we try to go to other clubs as much as possible hoping they will, in turn, come see us. The Club has an excitement of its own. If there are four dances on one given night, the Club members try to attend at least three.

The Club has many things planned in the future. Because of the holidays we only sponsor one dance in November on the 8th with Tom Davis calling and Bonnie Lawrence cuing. In December we will have our Christmas Dance on December 13 with Bob Jones calling and Linda Brown cuing. We will welcome our New Dancer Workshop participants to join us on the floor. Bob will announce special tips for them during the night.

Our New Year's Day Dance, January 1, 2014, will have at the mic Caller Fred Walker and Linda Brown as cuer. This will be 2:00P.M. - 5:00 P.M. at the Girl Scout Building. We are looking forward to our Recycle Dance on February 14th when we will find many bargains.

We hope our members who leave us and become "Snowbirds" traveling to the South and West all have safe travels and a good winter. We are looking forward to seeing you next spring - BE CAREFUL AND GOD BLESS!

I send many thanks to all Swinging Mates members and fellow dancers for your support and participation. I hope to join you in a square somewhere!!!!!!!!!!!!

Phyllis DeBord

QUARTERLY MEETING NOVEMBER 11

A strong Club has strong members. We are a strong Club and we want the input from every member. Please join the members of the Swinging Mates Club on November 11th at the MCL Cafeteria in Meadows Center for the November Quarterly Meeting as required by our By-laws.

The Social Hour (dinner with friends) is at 5:30 P.M. and the meeting starts at 6:30 P.M.

Come and share your ideas for the Club and get your questions answered or suggest changes you see need to be made.

Everyone who participates in the meeting makes our Club stronger. See you on the 11th.

SCOTT BROWN WILL BE MISSED

We send special love and condolences to Cuer Linda Brown on the death of her husband, Scott Russell Brown, 85, who passed away on Sunday, October 27, 2013. They were married on April 17, 1994 in Attica, IN their home town.

Scott was the father of three sons, Scott Richard, Clifford and Terry and a stepdaughter Lori Miller. He is also survived by a sister, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Scott enjoyed square dancing and round dancing. When he did not feel like dancing he accompanied Linda to our Club Dances and always enjoyed the food and the fellowship. He will be missed by the Swinging Mates members and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation, American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

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**

<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>
Nov 8 Tom Davis Bonnie Lawrence cuer	Mar 28 Samuel Mestel Bonnie Lawrence cuer	Sep 12 Chuck Witt Carol Anderson cuer
Dec 13 Bob Jones Linda Brown cuer <u>2014</u>	Apr 06 OZZIE PEARL/ MOUNTAINEERS Jan Smith cuer 2:00-4:30 pm	26 Fred Walker Gospel Singing Calls Linda Brown cuer
Jan 01 NEWS YEARS'S DAY DANCE FRED WALKER LINDA BROWN cuer	11 Zelmer Daugherty Sherree Fewkes cuer	Oct 10 Brad Smith Bonnie Lawrence cuer
10 Brad Smith Linda Brown cuer	25 Curt Braffet Bonnie Lawrence cuer	24 Darrin Henry Sherree Fewkes cuer
24 Sheila Terhune Don Brown cuer	May 09 Richard Fears Pam Stultz cuer	Nov 14 Dennis Clark Don Brown cuer
Feb 14 Richard Fear Bonnie Lawrence cuer Recycle Dance	Jun 13 Tom Davis Bonnie Lawrence cuer	Dec 12 Brad Smith Linda Brown cuer
27 TONY OXENDINE LINDA BROWN cuer	Jul 25 Mike Corns Bonnie Lawrence cuer	
Mar 14 Bob Jones Linda Brown cuer	Aug 08 Ozzie Pearl Linda Brown cuer	

LOOKING FORWARD

As we count down the days till the end of 2013 is there a better way to enjoy the holiday spirit than dancing with friends?

Two dances remain on our Club Calendar before the end of the year. Our members and guests will welcome Tom Davis to the mic for our November 8th Dance. Bonnie Lawrence will cue the Round Dancers.

Please plan to join us for our Christmas Dance and Christmas fellowship on December 13th when Bob Jones will call and Linda Brown will cue. The Club is inviting the members of the New Dancer Workshops to attend, have dinner with us and dance on specially announced tips. Come and meet our new dancers.

**GREAT FUN! GREAT MUSIC!
GREAT CALLING! GREAT CUING!
GREAT FELLOWSHIP!**



NEW YEAR'S DAY DANCE COME ONE AND ALL!

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

We guarantee a good time with friends around the square or during a round on the first day of 2014. This will be the 14th Annual New Year's Day Dance sponsored by the Swinging Mates Club. We will gather on January 1, 2014, at the Girl Scout Building at 1100 Girl Scout Lane. Swinging Mates Club members and visitors (if they want) are asked to bring finger foods, sandwiches or desserts we can eat with our fingers. We will not serve a sit-down meal.

NEW YEAR'S DAY DANCE
2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
January 1, 2014

Come and Join the Fun
Swinging Mate Square Dance Club
Girl Scout Building
Terre Haute, IN
Caller Fred Walker
Cuer Linda Brown
For more information
call 812-466-6271

**CLUB MEMBERS
CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**

Nov. 6 Jan Stephens
Nov. 14 Judy Mullican
Nov. 20 Carolyn Diss
Nov. 22 Harriet Vermont
Nov. 27 David (P.J.) Pettyjohn
Nov. 30 Beverly Curley (Waymire)
Dec. 3 Janet Kleptz
Dec. 11 Laurie Winter Haack
Dec. 16 Carolyn Fischer
Dec. 17 Roger Dulin
Dec. 22 Les Winters
Dec. 24 Bill Haack
Dec. 26 Susy Phillips

**CLUB MEMBERS
CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARIES**

Nov. 24 Doug and Rhonda Hayes
Nov. 27 Brad and Karen Smith

**REMEMBER
OUR MEMBERS**

Please keep the following members and their loved ones in your thoughts and prayers as they progress through the healing process or deal with personal issues:

Jeanne Bolling
Cuer Linda Brown
Floyd Carpenter
Phyllis DeBord
Carolyn Diss
Erin Dulin
Jim Huffman
Brad Smith
Bob and Rita Steed

Yuka Ullstrom is a past member of our Club. She is from Japan. She lost her mom in March and her father passed away in September. Please keep her in your prayers. You can contact her at mywhiskie@gmail.com



TREASURER'S REPORT

Club Treasurer Debbie Deckard has been collecting dues for the 2013-2014 Club Year. The Swinging Mates Square Dance Club needs and wants your continued support.

Our Club dues are \$7.50 per person. IDA (Indiana Dancers Association) dues are \$3.00 per person. You can pay at the next dance or send a check to:

Debbie Deckard
1914 Idaho St.
Terre Haute, IN 47802

She reports 65 members of the Club have paid.

Connie Bowman
Jean Brashier
James and Linda Brown
Phyllis DeBord
Oral and Debbie Deckard
Keith and Carolyn Diss
Roger and Erin Dulin
Richard Effner
Tim and Debbie Fischer
Carolyn Fischer
Roger Fletcher
Sharon Fuller
Sally Gard
Bill and Pat Green
Judy Haskell
Wanda Heleine
Patricia Hufford
Jim Huffman
Kevin and Cyd Hunter
Gene and Shanda Johnson
Dan and Janet Kleptz
Marolyn Lux
Sarah McCammon
Brian and Amy Meister
Judy Mullican
David (PJ) & Deanna Pettyjohn
Susy Phillips

Richard Phillips
Larry and Karen Martin
John and Leah Ramer
Cheryl Robinson
Jay Scamihorn
Hal and Priscilla Shaw
Bart Smith
Autumn Staples
Bob and Rita Steed
Mike and Jan Stephens
Ben Steppe
John Steppe
Vern and Linda Tincher
Harriet Vermont
Eileen Wallace
Bill Waymire and Beverly Curley
Les and Peggy Winters

Honorary Members
C.R. and Carolyn Boyd
Jeanne Bolling
Floyd Carpenter
Esther Rost
Brad and Karen Smith

GOOD-BYE SNOWBIRDS

We do not want them to leave, but some of our retired members and friends take an extended trip to find comfort in a warmer section of America. They leave the cold weather, snow and ice behind for the sand, surf and sun found in Florida and Texas. We hope they have travel mercies and good health while they are gone. We are sure they will find local clubs to dance with in their new locations. We will see them again in March or April.

FALL DANCES WERE SUCCESSFUL

The Swinging Mates Club September and October Dances were well attended. On September 13th we were pleased to have our own Brad Smith take the mic and start the dance year for us. Carol Anderson was the Cuer. Attending were 51 members and 12 visitors. We had visitors from Star Prowlers, Stone City, Sugar Creek and Tumbleweed plus Cuer Pam Stultz.

Mike Corn took the mic on September 27th with Linda Brown cuing. In attendance were 41 members, six members of the New Dancer Workshops and 23 visitors from Bucks and Does, Laughing Squares, Star Prowlers and Swingin' Singles. Caller Brad Smith attended.

Fred Walker and Pam Stultz were with us on October 11. Dancing were 41 members, one member of the New Dancer Workshops, and 13 visitors from Laughing Squares, Quakertown Shakers and Star Prowlers. In attendance were callers Richard Fear and Brad Smith.

It is always a good time when we host youngster Samuel Mestel. He called our October 25th dance and Sherree Fewkes cued the round dancers. The crowd included 41 members, six New Dancer Workshop participants and 17 visitors from Star Prowlers, Stone City, Laughing Squares, Warrick Promenaders, Rhythm Rounds and Mt. Carmel Promenaders. Guest caller Amanda Skidmore was also present.

BRAD'S COLUMN



The Boss and I are doing fine.

I had a good dance on Nov. 1st with the Bucks and Does Club. That is my last scheduled dance for this year.

I am getting ready to start job #3 (SANTA). I will help Mayor Bennett turn the lights on at Deming Park on the first

Monday in December at 6:00 P.M. (Look Out--Here Come the Kids!)

Let's talk lessons. I am pleased to share with you we have the largest class of new dancers in the Central Indiana Area and what a class. The dancers are doing great with my great teaching skills and their great abilities.

OH! OH! What have I forgotten? OH, yes, all my helpers (angels). They are outstanding. We will all get better as we go forward.

Remember, you should always stay at a dance until the dance is over so you can personally thank the Caller and the Cuer. Without them we could not have a dance.

See you around a square.

Karen and Brad Smith

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION 2013



Swinging Mates members know from past experience that it is always fun to meet up with dancers from all over Indiana at the IDA sponsored Indiana State Square Dance Convention held each October. Club members enjoying the activities in Indianapolis and available for the picture were (back row) l to r Brad Smith, Jay Scamihorn, Richard Effner, Bart Smith, Larry Martin, Richard Phillips, Jim Brown. (middle row) Erin Dulin, Dan Kleptz, Cheryl Robinson, Susy Phillips, Sarah McCammon, John Ramer, Connie Bowman, Wanda Heleine (front row) Roger Dulin, Janet Kleptz, Phyllis DeBord, Karen Martin, Leah Ramer, Pat Green and Bill Green.

NEW DANCER RECRUITMENT



We were happy to welcome these new dancers to the New Dancer Workshops that started in September. In alphabetical order Ann Baugh, Alan Bates, Laura Bates, Mary Davis, Randy Dyer, Brenda Green, Ryan Funkhouser, Elaine Hotovec, Joe Hotovec, John Hubble, Gail Keyes, Shelby Marlow, Carol Martin, M.J. Nasser, Rachel Neice, Mary Ann Presnell, Penny Steppe and Sarah Wright.

There is a famous line in the 1989 movie "FIELD OF DREAMS" that applies to our 2013-14 New Dancer Workshop Class. That line is "if you build it, he will come."

The "building" actually started more than 50 years ago with the creation of THE SWINGING MATES SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Its founding officers strived to build a fun, healthy and family-oriented square dance club. Over the years, that group has remained a respectable name in the Terre Haute community and beyond. Furthermore, it is the oldest active square dance club in the state of Indiana! While other state clubs are closing, SWINGING MATES continue to flourish in participation, enthusiasm and in numbers!

On Tuesday night, September 17th, 2013, he DID come. . . and he brought his wife, his mother, his children, his mother-in-law, his Sunday School class and his neighbors. They came in all ages, colors, shapes and levels of experience. This group of "newbies" came from all walks of life. . . from six different Indiana counties, one from Illinois and one from GERMANY. Together, they are finding their way through the maze of mainstream square dance calls.

Our New Dancer Workshop Class has made us PROUD! They are attentive and punctual. They show enthusiasm and are quick learners. Each one has contributed to making the lessons FUN! They are so engaging!

Club members, if you have not been an "angel" to this group, please make an opportunity to meet these 21 new faces! Do encourage them in their dancing and develop new lasting friendships...Isn't that really what it is all about?

WELCOME, Class of 2013-2014! We LOVE your spirit!

Roger and Erin Dulin, New Dancer Workshop Class Coordinators

THINKING ABOUT AND REMEMBERING BOB BOLLING

We have sponsored several Club Dances since we lost our founder, Bob Bolling, in September. Our thoughts and prayers continue for Jeanne and his daughters Karen and Melissa. We miss seeing Bob and Jeanne at our dances. We continue to think about Bob and his influence on our Club.

These are thoughts from Jim and Linda Brown. Most are aware that Bob started the Swinging Mates Square Dance Club. After fifty seven years, it is recognized as the oldest continually active square dance club in Indiana. Bob was Club caller for thirty years and remained active with the Club until the end. In a conversation with Bob some time ago he let it be known that he never expected to see the group endure the way it has. He may have been surprised at the success of Swinging Mates, but he was very proud of it. Bob and Jeanne were members of the Club and frequent visitors to the dances, even when health issues kept them off the dance floor. You could see the pride in Bob's face when the dancers took the floor and were having a good time.

Thank you, Bob, for this legacy of friendship and good times you have left us. We are sure you will be calling for the angels and sharing your exceptional talent with them. You are sorely missed.



WINTER-HAACK WEDDING



We are happy to share with our readers the announcement of the marriage of two of our Swinging Mates members Laurie Winter and Bill Haack.

They met in March of 2012 through Bill's brother-in-law when Laurie helped move some items belonging to Bill. She would not take pay from Bill so he bought her lunch. Later Bill fixed her dad's mower that she used to mow her grass. They had dinner with his sister and he asked her if she would go out for dinner sometime and she said "YES"!

On one of their dates Laurie and Bill attended our Komen Benefit Dance on October 12 in 2012 as spectators and immediately started taking lessons. (We are glad they did.)

They were married on September 28th at 10 a.m. in the Plainfield Church in IL. The reception fol-

lowed at the Island Grove Community Center.

Laurie wants us to know "they say all great marriages do not go off without a hitch, well, let me tell you ours. I discovered it while we were up front during the ceremony and could not do a thing about it. Bill had put on the best man's tie (yellow) and the best man had Bill's on (red). All the pictures in the church were that way. At the reception they switched and I felt much better. Now you know our story. We hope this helps all of you get to know us better."

We began our married life as new Grandparents to my two new grandsons born on April 29th and July 19th.

Submitted by Laurie and Bill Haack

Best Wishes to you, Laurie and Bill, from the members and friends of the Swinging Mates Square Dance Club.

WORTH A READ

Editor's note: I recently ran across a #1 New York Times Best Seller "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff...and It's All Small Stuff—Simple Ways To Keep The Little Things From Taking Over Your Life" by Richard Carlson, PH.D.

Some of the chapters spoke to me:

1. Make Peace with Imperfection
2. Develop Your Compassion
3. Do Something Nice for Someone Else-and Don't Tell Anyone About It
4. Learn to Live in the Present Moment
5. Become More Patient
6. Be the First One to Act Loving or Reach Out
7. Ask Yourself the Question, "Will This Matter a Year from Now?"
8. Once a Week, Write a Heartfelt Letter (or email)
9. Set Aside Quiet Time Every Day
10. Practice Random Acts of Kindness

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM SPONSORS HEALTHY HALLOWEEN HOEDOWN

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We were proud to be asked to demonstrate square dancing to and interact with the families who attended the Healthy Halloween Hoedown sponsored by the Terre Haute Children's Museum on Saturday, October 26th. We thank Brad Smith for providing the music and interactive guidance during the evening.

The Hoedown Dancers who represented the Swinging Mates Club were Connie Bowman and Richard Phillips, Sarah McCammon and Richard Effner, Carolyn and Keith Diss, Shanda and Gene Johnson and Karen and Brad Smith.

MYSTERY DANCE IS STILL ON

We hope you join the group of dancers planning to take the Mystery Destination Trip on Sunday, November 10th.

The original plan was to take a bus trip to the dance. However the new arrangement is to carpool since there were not enough reservations to charter a bus.

Anyone wanting to go should meet Jim Brown at the East Wal-Mart on Hwy 46 at 10:45 a.m. and plan to return at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Call Jim at 299-9343 or Bill and Pat Green at 765-653-5430 prior to Sunday to confirm your reservation and hear any change in the schedule.



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MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE BLESSED

As Christmas time approaches and before you get caught in the madness that often accompanies it, we encourage you to take the time to stop and reflect on the **TRUE MEANING OF AND THE TRUE REASON FOR THE SEASON.** Count your blessings every day and share them.

Merry Christmas from Gene and Shanda Johnson
(aka Santa and Mrs. Claus)

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