



# Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club



Editors: Pat & Jerry Akers

## President's Message

Monday evening July 17<sup>th</sup> was a momentous occasion for the Buckles and Bows Board of Directors. On that evening we held our first 'in person' Board Meeting in over three years. It was followed by an Ice Cream Social. While we were fortunately able to continue to meet via ZOOM during and after the COVID Pandemic, it was great to be able to continue our always productive meetings in person. With 25 members attending the first meeting of the '23-'24 year we were able to discuss many of the challenges facing Square Dancing in general and Buckles and Bows in particular.

Chief among the topics was a discussion about how to continue our SSD Program while providing an opportunity for our experienced dancers to regain their Main Stream and Plus skills and give those SSD graduates who are interested a chance to learn them. To that end, we have added a Thursday class/workshop solely for teaching and renewing Main Stream and Plus calls. Currently we are holding this activity on the sport court at the Nollers home. We are very grateful to Ted and Joanne for once again making their home available to us. In the meantime, Jerry and Pat Akers are working diligently to find a year-round venue where we can continue when the weather changes. Also, after discussions with Mike Seastrom, we have decided to devote the remaining summer workshop on Tuesday evenings to advancing our skills in everything from SSD through Plus until our new class begins on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

It's our opinion that our classes have been somewhat disappointing both in the number of new dancers that we have brought in and, more importantly, the number who have stayed with us long enough to become proficient at least at the SSD Level.

As I stated earlier, we have a new class beginning September 12<sup>th</sup> and it's our hope that we can work together, not only bring in more new dancers but also maintain the great atmosphere that we are known for to help them complete the class and hopefully become outstanding club members.

As always, Buckles and Bows dancers have been making our presence known at all of the club dances in the area having attended dances in Simi Valley, Boots and Slippers, Northridge, Valley Trailers, Santa Clarita, Sierra Hillbillies, and Frazier Park, Mountain Squares, and of course our own very successful dances on the fourth Saturday of every month. We also have advanced dancers going to various venues and in particular to Buddy Weavers Wednesday night advanced workshop. Not to be forgotten are our Round Dancers who attend classes and dances from Somis to the San Fernando Valley and beyond.

It's very clear that, at least for Buckles and Bows members, our favorite pastime is going strong. Now, we just need to find more ways to share the fun.

*Bill & Nancy Armstrong - Presidents*



## Important Dates for Dancers

- Tuesdays, thru August, SSD Workshop at the Goebel Center
- Thursdays thru August, Main Stream/Plus Class at the Noller's
- Saturday August 26th, Buckles and Bows 'Summer's Sunset' Club Dance at the Goebel Center
- Tuesday Sept. 12, First night of New Dancers Class at the Goebel Center

# Modern Square Dancing

HEY LOOK!!!  
NEW CLASS

Class Every Tuesday  
9/12 through 12/12  
7:00 - 8:30 pm  
First 2 Classes FREE

High  
Energy



## Buckles and Bows Square Dance Club

**Donation: \$7 per person**

**Goebel Adult Community Center  
1385 E. Janss Rd.  
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**Come dance with us...**

# **Plus Class/Workshop**

**starting: Thursday, June 15**

**7-9 PM**

**Ted and Joanne Noller's home**

**Instructor: Mike Seastrom**

**Donation: \$ ?**

**Ted & Joanne's address:**

**105 Erten St.**

**Thousand Oaks 91360**

**Questions:**

**Bill Armstrong 805.368-5371**

**Ted & Joanne Noller 805.217-3909**

**The Club is holding a Plus Class/Workshop** for dancers wanting to learn and/or review the Plus Level square dance calls. This is for graduates of the SSD (first level) of square dancing and dancers who want a little refresher time. During the summer it will be held at the Noller's backyard sport court. Some of you danced on this court back when COVID restrictions were starting to lift. See the flyer on page 3 for the address. Instructor/Caller Mike Seastrom will do a wonderful job of teaching and/or reviewing this level of calls. If you want to dance this next level, come to the class to show your interest and support.

**The New Dancers Class is starting Sept. 12th.**  
**Get your YELLOW YARD SIGN.**  
**Recruit your friends.**

June "Fabulous 50's" Dance.

Caller Darren Gallina arranged a wonderful series of singing calls using the most popular song from each year of the decade.



50's Dance

Neal and Bobbi Albert were recognized for their 20 years of service for the Club.



Behind the scene at the 50's dance.  
 Cake and more cake.



### Interested in Buckles and Bows Club Clothing?

For Shirts and Jackets contact: Ann Duran email [annduran@gmail.com](mailto:annduran@gmail.com)  
 For Club Outfits contact: Kathy DeForge email [kathyshortell@gmail.com](mailto:kathyshortell@gmail.com)

### Caller Coordinators

#### *Start your Square Dance Evening with 'SQUARE' for credit cards*

Some club members have been requesting a way to pay by credit card for their Admission/Donation for Classes and Dances. SQUARE is an application and a small terminal linked to a cell phone for collecting payments. We have tied SQUARE to the club bank account and testing it for convenience. So far it works well and is quick enough not to hold anybody up. It's as fast as cash and making change. If you plan to pay with a credit card, when you sign-in please put CC next to your name. That way Kevin knows where to look for the total money paid.

So far Ann Duran and Nancy Armstrong can accept payments. But we're adding Kevin and Juli Hamilton and hopefully others.

At the July 26<sup>th</sup> dance, 14 payments were collected via SQUARE. A good start. Collections stopped at 7:29 because people were squaring up, and the terminal operator was going dance.

Any questions contact; Ann Duran 805-795-0550 [annduran@gmail.com](mailto:annduran@gmail.com)

*Ann Duran*



### *Social Chair*

Our summer outing is fast approaching. August 18, Friday at 10:00am . We will be going to the SeaBee Museum in Point Hueneme for a tour of the newly renovated facility. After the tour, we will be heading to Ventura Harbor for lunch at Andria's Seafood Restaurant. After lunch you're free to wander around the Harbor enjoying the numerous shops, activities, and points of interest.

The museum is free of charge and the lunch will be Dutch treat. At this time there are 40 club members signed-up. It's not too late to join this outing, please let me know if you would like to attend. I need a head count to insure the museum has enough tour guides for our group .

For questions contact ***Paulette Clemens 805-791-9557***

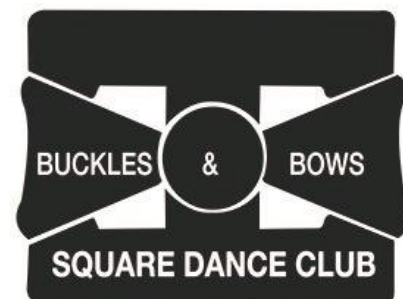


### Spreading Sunshine

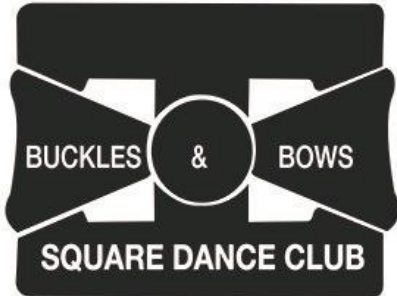
#### Stay Well and Keep Dancing

Annette Carnahan recovering

Kathy & Jon DeForge



Our club member, Carol Tapking, was a star at the National Square Dance Convention Key-note address, "Dance Like No One Is Watching". Carol's smile always brings joy to our squares. We were glad to see you honored.



**August Birthdays**

- Bryan Tapking
- Barbara Brown
- Shiaw Chang
- Howard Rockstad
- Sandy Oberman
- Jane Snider
- Russ Babbitt
- Mark Conn
- Ken Bower
- Janice Wolfe
- Ted Noller
- Marilyn Kirshenbaum
- Marie Mickelson
- Bob Chappell
- Patti Bundy

**August Anniversaries**

- Roy & Sandy Okada
- Alan & Jeanne Grant
- Frank & Joyce Schaible
- Brad & Donna Baker
- Jon & Kathy DeForge
- Jerry & Pat Akers
- Dean & Evelyn Thompson
- Steve & Mary Genstil
- Herb & Sandy Oberman
- Lou & Maria Jambor
- John & Clare Sluke
- Bryan & Carol Tapking



**September Birthdays**

- Lisa Seastrom
- Susan Langberg
- Allen Bridges
- Marlene Lovett
- Danielle Fisher
- Jon DeForge
- Linda Moore
- Gloria Farley
- Joseph Whittaker
- Red O'Connell
- Paulette Clemens
- Steve Buczynski

**September Anniversaries**

- George & Suzanne Clock
- Allen & Theresa Bridges
- Steve & Melody Buczynski
- Ken & Dee Bower

## Square "Angel" Appreciation

By: Mike Seastrom

*Note: This is an article I wrote for American Square Dance Magazine. It's our national magazine and I used our club as an example of what other clubs can do to grow and have more fun. You can probably tell I'm proud of our club! Many thanks to all our "angels".*



I am truly blessed and thankful for the amazing support that my "angels" give me each week when I teach our class. They put such excitement in the room and so many of them bring food and snacks for everyone to enjoy too. As I watch our club members interact with our new dancers, it as if they were entertaining guests in their own homes.

The back table of food serves as a large area for our new dancers and club members to socialize and get to know each other. I believe that it's one of the main reasons our new dancers stay with the class, graduate, and join the club. If your club members get to know your new dancers and those relationships build, your new dancers will become a great part of your club.

Our new dancer program is open for 3 to 4 weeks before we close the class and move forward with more teaching. Once that happens, our club photographer takes photos of all our new dancers and publishes a page with names and photos to distribute to everyone. This helps us all get to know each other and is another great idea that brings club members together. Way to go Buckles & Bows!

Below are just some of the things your "angels" can do to really help your caller/teacher and your new dancer program go smoothly. Share these with your "angels" and make each night a great event that keeps your new dancers coming back and your club members coming out to help.

1. Arrive at the class dance at least ten minutes early if possible.
2. Help the caller/instructor carry his/her equipment before and after the dance.
3. Help set up chairs, tables, and refreshments as needed.
4. Greet the new dancers when they come in and make them feel welcome.
5. Fill in squares quickly. If possible, stronger dancers should ask the new dancers, who might need more help, to dance.
6. Attempt to have at least equal numbers of "angels" and new dancers in each square.
7. Visit with the new dancers during breaks. One of the main reasons for having square "angels" is to get to know our new dancers, enjoy new friendships, and be a good support group.
8. Let the caller/instructor do the teaching during the tip. If you notice that a new dancer needs reinforcement on a given call or concept, raise your hand and ask the instructor to go over the definition and applicable rules. If one person doesn't fully understand something, there may be others who also need the reinforcement.
9. Let the new dancer make the first movement on each call. Don't be afraid to let the new dancer make a mistake. If a mistake is repeated, then request reinforcement from the instructor. When obvious help is needed to keep the square from continuing to break down, be as gentle as possible with any needed assistance. It is always better point to where a new dancer is supposed to go rather than physically trying doing it.
10. Make sure to re-join hands with the adjacent dancers after completing each call. Do a normal Do Sa Do and don't kick or do extra twirls, even with other "angels".
11. When a square breaks down, make lines of four and follow the CALLERLAB *Lost Squares Procedure*. Don't encourage the immediate return to original partners.
12. Say goodbye and be encouraging to the new dancers at the end of the evening.
13. Help clean up when the evening is over.

Have Fun!

**YOUR NEW DANCER PROGRAM IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE CLUB!**

# Summer's Sunset



**Saturday, August 26, 2023**

**Caller: Buddy Weaver**

**Cuer: Cindy Mower**

**Rounds 7:00 to 7:30 & between tips**

**SSD & Plus Level 7:30 to 10:00**

**Bonus Advanced Tip at 10:00**

Casual Dress

**Donation  
\$ 12.00 per person**

Coming Dances:

Sept 23 Eric Henerlau

October 28 Ken Bower

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1/2 block East of 23 Freeway

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# *Screaming Into Fall*

**Caller: Eric Henerlau**

**Cuer: Gary McLaughlin**

**Saturday, September 23, 2023**

**Rounds 7:00 to 7:30 & between Tips**

**SSD & Plus Level 7:30 to 10:00**

**Bonus Advanced Tip at 10**

**Donation : \$ 12.00 per person**

**Coming Dances:**

Oct 28 Ken Bower

Nov 25 Mike Sikorsky



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# August 2023

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		<i>1</i> SSD Workshop	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> Main- stream/ Plus Class	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> SSD Workshop	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> Main- stream/ Plus Class	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> SSD Workshop	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Main- stream/ Plus Class	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> SSD Workshop	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Main- stream/ Plus Class	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> Club Dance
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> SSD Workshop	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>		

# September 2023

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3	4 <i>Labor Day Holiday</i>	5	6	7 Main-stream/ Plus Class	8	9
10	11	12 <i>New Dancers Class</i>	13	14 Main-stream/ Plus Class	15	16
17	18	19 <i>New Dancers Class</i>	20	21 Main-stream/ Plus Class	22	23 Club Dance
24	25	26 <i>New Dancers Class</i>	27	28 Main-stream/ Plus Class	29	30

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Square Dance!

