



# Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club



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## News Flash



### President's Message

2020 is starting out to be another very busy year for the Buckles & Bows. Our new dancer class is back in full swing with a full house every Tuesday night. There doesn't seem to be any drop in enthusiasm after the holiday break. Dean, Joanne and Scott plus all the Angels along with our great instructor, Mike Seastrom, continue to make every class feel like a party.

The year started with 22 of us joining Mike & Lisa in Laughlin, Nevada, for the annual Holiday Hop. This has been a favorite of ours for several years. On January 11th, 36 Buckles & Bows members helped the newly formed Ribbons and Souls Square Dance Club celebrate their 1st Anniversary and had a great time dancing to the always fun, Mike Sikorsky.

On January 25th, we will host our first Buckles & Bows sponsored dance of the year. Our caller will be Dee Dee Dougherty. The theme for this dance will be Mardi Gras so put on a wild costume and make sure you're there for the party. The next day everyone and especially our new danc-

ers are invited to join us for the Student Stomp at Wilkinson Center in Northridge. This is the "halfway" dance for classes in our area and will feature callers from all of the clubs including, of course, our own Mike Seastrom.

On February 9, we will be honoring the year's Buckles & Bows Sweethearts at the annual Sweethearts Ball sponsored by A Square D. This year's Sweethearts are Brad & Donna Baker who were chosen by the Board of Directors for their many contributions to the club this year and in the past.



We hope you will join them and all past Sweethearts to thank them for everything they do to make Buckles & Bows such a special club. February is also the month when we mark the 45th Anniversary of our great club. Make sure that you plan to join us at our Anniversary dance which will be held on February 22nd with David Mee calling. Later in this newsletter, Jerry & Pat Akers will have information for you regarding our

"Blue Box" collections supporting the Lighthouse for Women and Children which takes place during February.

Our busy schedule will continue in March. First with the Solvang Festival where we once again expect to claim the coveted 3 pound can of coffee given each year to the club with the largest number of dancers. Also in March is the very popular Bakersfield Fiesta where we will be encouraging as many new dancers as possible to attend. At this festival there will be a "Mainstream" hall which will give new dancers a chance to show their skills in a completely different environment. In Bakersfield we always go as a group to the Buck Owens Crystal Palace for a great dinner and a chance to see their collection of Country Music Memorabilia. We hope as many new dancers as possible will join us Friday, March 20th through Sunday, March 22nd.

Our club dance on March 28th will feature none other than Mike Seastrom returning to our roots with vintage Country music. You won't want to miss this one.

As always, we thank everyone who pitches in whenever needed to maintain

our reputation as not only the best but also the friendliest square dance club!!

See you in a square,

***Bill & Nancy***

**Class Coordinators Report**



**Joanne & Dean Cunningham**



**Scott Boucher**

The class of 2020 is doing very well. There are 24 students at this time. Some students are attending the class-level dances at other clubs. We always encourage them to attend as many dances as possible, even at this early stage. It's an opportunity to practice what they know and to practice what they don't know!

Dick Hodnefield is continuing to hold his first Saturday class-level dances in Simi. Angels are encouraged to attend to assist the new dancers. This is very helpful to new dancers. The more angels that are in their square, the more likely they will be moving to the correct position. And angels, be patient; some people need more practice than others. Gentle guidance is the

key. Angels, continue to encourage the students to attend these dances.

At the classes on Tuesday night, sometimes we see squares with all angels. If you are in a strong, all-angel square, let Dean or Scott know so that some students can join your square and benefit from your knowledge and experience. And students, if your square has more than four new dancers, let Dean or Scott know so they can rearrange the squares. Just raise your hand.

On January 11th, the Cunninghams hosted a luncheon and clothing sale. Ten students attended, along with Bill & Nancy Armstrong, Frank & Joyce Schaible-manning the cash box and providing the clothing, Judy Powell, Janet Sewell, and, of course, the Cunninghams. Everyone enjoyed socializing and getting better acquainted, asking questions about square dancing and our club and picking up bargains at the clothing sale. Approximately \$75 worth of clothing was sold.



The Board voted to pay the admission to the Student Stomp for any students who attend. If you notice that more of our students are there, that may be why.

The next big dance open to students will be the Bakersfield Fiesta. This dance is a fun festival with halls designated for student-level dancers, plus level, advanced, as well as round dancers. We hope some of our new dancers will be able to attend. Many club members go to this dance every year. There's dancing for everyone!

Graduation this year will be in June instead of May. This has allowed us to have some class-level dances on Tuesday nights where everyone could just dance and hone their skills without learning new moves. Graduation is slated to be Tuesday, June 9th.

See y'all soon!!



Items collected in 2019

See page 7 for information on Buckles & Bows 4th annual [Blue Box Project](#).

**Dance Coordinators**

**Ted & Joanne Noller**

**(805) 373-8317**



We have wonderful callers scheduled for the next three months. This month, January 25 is Dee Dee Dougherty, with a Mardi Gras theme. February is our annual Anniversary Dance with David Mee and March is our own Mike Seastrom. We will be looking to some of our Buckles & Bows members to bring food for these three dances. If you haven't already signed up, please contact us.

**Club Dance**

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

**Dee Dee Dougherty calling**

**Gus — cueing**

**Goebel Adult Community Center**

**See you there!!**

**Mardi Gras Theme!!**

**Visitation**

**When:** Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020  
**2-4:30 p.m.**

**Where:** Wilkinson Center, 8956 Vanalden, Northridge

**Caller:** Dale Hoppers, Arlen Miller, Don Schadt, Mike Seastrom, Rod Shuping, Paul Waters

**Student Stomp**

**February Visitation**

**When:** 57th Annual Sweetheart Ball  
February 9, 2020

Pre-Rounds: 1:30-2 p.m.

Squares/rounds 2-4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Hawthorne Memorial Center, 3901 W El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, California

**Callers:** Johnny Preston and Romney Tannehill

**Cuer:** Joe Scarlatella

*Come and honor our Sweethearts:*

*Donna & Brad Baker*

**March Visitation**

**When:** March 20-22, 2020

**Where:** Bakersfield Fiesta, 1142 South P Street, Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield

**Callers:** Vic Ceder, California  
Hunter Keller, Montana  
Michael Kellogg, California  
Jet Roberts, Alabama  
Justin Russell, Tennessee

**Cuers:** Zena & Ernie Beaulieu  
John & Fran Downing  
Dawn & David Mee

This is a great weekend!!

**BE THERE!!**



Our next regular board meeting will be on Thursday, February 13 2020. The meeting will be held at the Club House at Lynn Meadows. You need the magic numbers of #9738 to get in the gate. The meeting starts promptly at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome!!



**February Birthdays**

Bob Peterson

Ed Hansen

Bill Kitchens

Jay LaRue

Kit Hime

Dee Bower

Pete Pedersen

Dean Cunningham

Betsy Fries

Ann Duran

Jessica Lee

Scott Boucher

Mike Waters

Alan Grant

**February Anniversaries**

Ted & Joanne Noller

Kevin & Juli Hamilton

**A Square D Report**  
**By Joan Kelly-Stone**



**November 17, 2019 General Meeting in Hawthorne**

Notes: The Student Stomp will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020, at the Wilkinson Center, 8956 Vandalen Avenue, Northridge. The time is 2-4:30 p.m. Buckles & Bows is asked to bring fruit/cheese and crackers for six squares. The callers will be Arlen Miller, Dale Hoppers, Rod Shuping, Don Schadt, Mike Seastrom & Paul Waters. This is a class level dance for all the new students. We hope all will attend.

There will be a Sweetheart Ball on February 9, 2020, at Hawthorne Memorial Center to honor our new sweethearts, Donna & Brad Baker.



Joan Kelly-Stone will be selling ribbons for this dance for only \$10. Please attend!! After the dance,

we are headed to El Cholo's Restaurant for a great get-together. Please let me know if you will be joining us at El Cholo's. The address is 1025 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica.

Clubs are requested to donate a basket to raffle at the Sweetheart Ball.

Delegates were reminded to attend the next scheduled meeting on Sunday, February 23, 2020, from 2-4 p.m. at Hawthorne Memorial Center.

**Club Reports:**

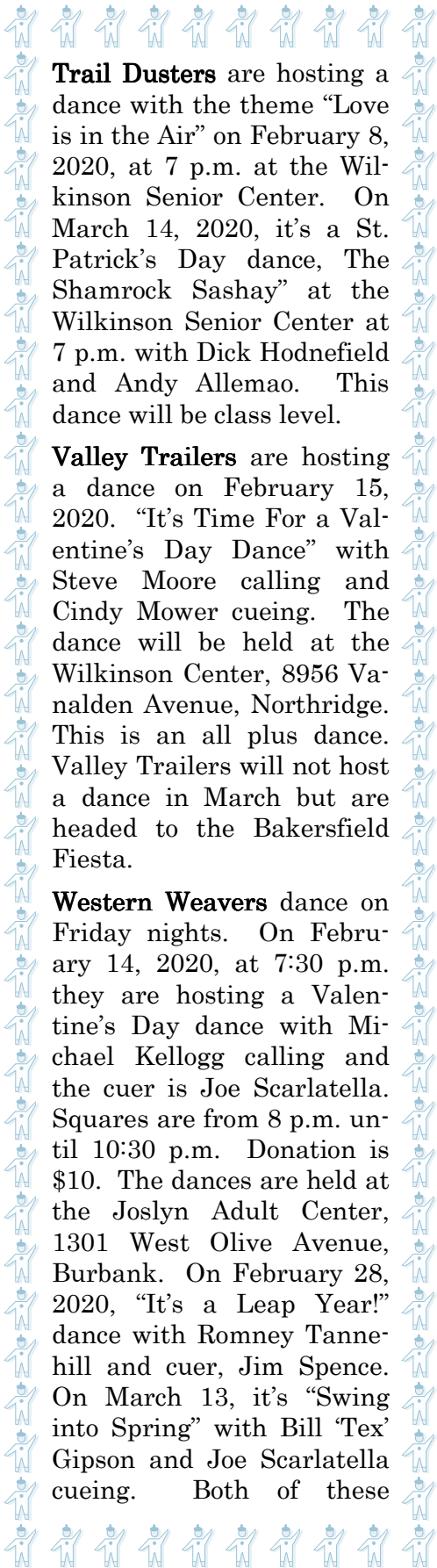
**Boots and Slippers** are hosting a dance on February 29, 2020. The callers will be Buddy Weaver and for rounds, Joe Scarlatella. The dance will be held at the Simi Valley Senior Center and starts at 7:30 p.m. Then on March 28, 2020, They are hosting "Dancing Green Eyes." The caller is Gary Shoemake and the dance will be held again at the Simi Valley Senior Center at 7:30 p.m.

**Buckles & Bows** is hosting a dance on January 25, 2020, from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. The theme is Mardi Gras and costumes are optional. Gus De Fore will be calling rounds and Dee Dee Dougherty will be the caller. On March 28, 2020, Mike Seastrom will call for us and the theme is "Good Ole Country Music." Gus De Fore is the cuer.

**Happy Squares** will host a dance on February 8, 2020 and "Loving Memories" is the theme. The caller will be Mike Seastrom. On March 14, 2020, they will host a dance and "Pie Day" is the theme. The caller is Deborah Carroll-Jones and the cuer is Gus De Fore. Both of these dances will be held at the Simi Valley Senior Center.

**Sierra Hillbillies** are hosting a Super Sunday Tailgate party on February 2, 2020, with Erin Byars cuing rounds at 2 to 2:30 and between tips. Scot Byars calling alternating Mainstream and Plus tips 2:30 to 5 p.m. Time to show off your fan gear for your favorite team and we'll make sure there are plenty of tailgating treats. Where: Valencia United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 25718 McBean Parkway, Santa Clarita 91355. For information call 661-262-9525.

The Sierra Hillbillies are hosting the "Mad Hatters" dance with Michael Kellogg on Sunday, March 1, 2020, from 2:30-5 p.m.



**Trail Dusters** are hosting a dance with the theme "Love is in the Air" on February 8, 2020, at 7 p.m. at the Wilkinson Senior Center. On March 14, 2020, it's a St. Patrick's Day dance, "The Shamrock Sashay" at the Wilkinson Senior Center at 7 p.m. with Dick Hodnefield and Andy Allemao. This dance will be class level.

**Valley Trailers** are hosting a dance on February 15, 2020. "It's Time For a Valentine's Day Dance" with Steve Moore calling and Cindy Mower cueing. The dance will be held at the Wilkinson Center, 8956 Vanalden Avenue, Northridge. This is an all plus dance. Valley Trailers will not host a dance in March but are headed to the Bakersfield Fiesta.

**Western Weavers** dance on Friday nights. On February 14, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. they are hosting a Valentine's Day dance with Michael Kellogg calling and the cuer is Joe Scarlatella. Squares are from 8 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Donation is \$10. The dances are held at the Joslyn Adult Center, 1301 West Olive Avenue, Burbank. On February 28, 2020, "It's a Leap Year!" dance with Romney Tannehill and cuer, Jim Spence. On March 13, it's "Swing into Spring" with Bill 'Tex' Gipson and Joe Scarlatella cueing. Both of these

dances are also to be held at the Joslyn Adult Center.

Thank you all and happy dancing this year!!



**The 2020 RV Wanderlust/Away We Go**

Your Wagon Masters have been hard at work to kick of the new year with events that will hopefully offer something for everyone.

First up is **Solvang**. It seems campers are going to camp at two different locations. Some are camping at **Lake Cachuma**. The rates are much better than **Flying Flags**, but a little further out from Solvang and a little more rustic. If you are interested in this alternative, I am sure Scott Boucher would be happy to talk to you. As Wagon Masters, we have taken the responsibility of making arrangements at Flying Flags just off the freeway in Buellton. The Magnusons and the Bakers will be at Flying Flags from March 4th through the 8th, leaving on Monday, the 9th. Most will only be staying Friday, the 6th and Saturday night, the 7th. Give me a call ASAP (805-328-8113) or



email me at [bradley-roybaker@gmail.com](mailto:bradley-roybaker@gmail.com) to let me know so I count you in for the group discount. The destination resort runs about \$81 a night. We would like to get a group discount.

Just two weeks after Solvang comes the **Bakersfield Fiesta**. Some will be arriving on March 19th and leaving on Sunday the 22nd. Most will only be there on the two key nights, the 20th and 21st. These arrangements must be made through the Fiesta organization. Please contact me if you will be attending so we can hold a spot for you and hang as a group. This three-day event is open to all Buckles & Bows members **and students**, so any student with an RV is greatly encouraged to contact me so we can put you on our list.

Finally, for the purpose of this newsletter, we need to discuss **Pismo Beach, October 6-12** (you pick your dates from these dates). We were only able to reserve ten spots; so the sooner I hear



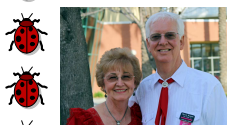


from you, the more likely you will get a site with the group. This event is also open to all Buckles & Bows members and **students**.

We have about 17 members in our little RV group and I look forward to hearing from all of you.

As the year progresses, we will give reminders and let you know of any new events that will be coming up.

Sincerely,  
Your Wagon Masters  
Brad & Donna Baker



Jim & Peggy Magnuson



**March Birthdays**  
 Jon Newbill  
 Pat Weeks  
 Mike Lemos  
 John Hood  
 Carl McLaren  
 Heidi Jungclaus  
 Hall Place  
 Tom Sunderland  
 Linda Eggli  
 Mark Spector  
 Sharon Hopkins

Doreen Karsai  
 Sybil Duhig  
 Suzy Moore

March Anniversaries  
 Bill & Nancy Armstrong  
 Bob & Roxana Chappell



Our group in Laughlin, Nevada, at the Holiday Hop

**LEARN TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNS OF A STROKE**

**Act F-A-S-T**

<b>F</b> ace	Does one side of the face droop? Ask them to smile.
<b>A</b> rms	Does one arm drift downward? Ask them to raise both arms.
<b>S</b> peech	Are words slurred? Ask them to repeat a phrase.
<b>T</b> ime	If they show any of these symptoms, time is important. <b>Call 911</b>



# BlueBox project

IN MEMORY OF REBECCA READ

The **Blue Box Project** was started in 2015 by our granddaughter, Rebecca Read, as a service project for her Girl Scout Gold Award. She established this project to collect donations of sanitary and personal hygiene products for women affected by domestic violence. She installed collection boxes in churches. It was her hope that the project would continue for years to come and it has. Visitors to those churches have taken the idea out to other states. Sadly, Rebecca lost her life in an auto accident in the summer of 2016.



What

A donation drive for feminine products (tampons, pads, deodorant, shampoo, soap, Body wash, etc.) for women in need in Ventura County

In Thousand Oaks we are holding the fifth annual Blue Box Project to honor what would have been Rebecca's 22nd birthday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.

All donations will be delivered to Lighthouse for Women and Children.

Thanks for your support.

Jerry and Pat Akers

When

Class on February 11th and 18<sup>th</sup>

Where

Goebel Center on the stage.

Bring items to Class on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>



*A good time was had by all who attended our Holiday Party in December. A big thank you goes to Paulette & Terry & Betsy and their committee for all their hard work!!*

# Buckles & Bows Activity Calendar

## February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> Class Level Fun Dance Simi Senior Center 7:30-10 p.m.
2	3	4 Class Goebel Senior Center 7-9 p.m.	5	6	7	8
9 Sweetheart Ball Hawthorne Memorial Center, Hawthorne Johnny Preston Romney Tannehill	10	11 Class Goebel Senior Center 7-9 p.m.	12	13 Board Meeting 7 p.m.	14 	15
16	17 	18 Class Goebel Senior Center 7-9 p.m.	19	20	21	22 Club's 45th Anniversary Dance Goebel Senior Center David Mee Gus De Fore
23	24	25 Class Goebel Senior Center 7-9 p.m.	26 	27	28	29



# Buckles & Bows Activity Calendar

## March 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Class Goebel Sr. Ctr. 7-9 p.m.	4	5	6 Spring Fling Solvang	7 Spring Fling Solvang  Class Level Fun Dance Simi Valley
8 Spring Fling Solvang  Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10 Class Goebel Sr. Ctr. 7-9 p.m.	11	12 Board Meeting 7 p.m.	13	14
15	16	17 Class Goebel Sr. Ctr. 7-9 p.m. 	18	19 	20 Bakersfield Fiesta	21 Bakersfield Fiesta
22 Bakersfield Fiesta	23	24 Class Goebel Sr. Ctr. 7-9 p.m.	25	26	27	28 Club Dance Goebel Center Mike Seastrom Gus De Fore
29	30	31 Class Goebel Sr. Ctr. 7-9 p.m.				