



Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club



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President's Message

Greetings everyone.

Our Best Friends are all Square Dancers! That's certainly not something we could have said ten years ago, and it makes us realize just how important our favorite activity has become in our lives. It also makes us think about how important it is for all our friends to continue supporting Buckles and Bows, the best and strongest Square Dance club in the area.

We still have monthly ZOOM Board meetings attended by 25-30 highly motivated members who are dedicated to help Buckles and Bows as well as the entire Square Dance Community thrive. It is these folks along with others who volunteer their time for the small unnoticed tasks behind the scenes that keep us moving forward. We are also very fortunate to have someone like Mike Seastrom who is not only a great caller/instructor but also a valued contributor to the success of our club. For those of you haven't been attending Mikes Tuesday Workshops we hope that you will be able to join us soon. In the meantime, we are planning a Holiday Party on Sunday, December 5th which would be a great time to come get reacquainted with everyone. I'm sure Paulette will have more on the party in this Newsletter.

On January 25th we will start our first new class in over two years so be sure to let your friends know. This will also be our first class under the new plan where class members can graduate in about 14 weeks and be ready to attend dances. We are excited about the new format and believe it will help end the gradual decline in Square Dancing popularity.

While not every Square Dance club is doing very well right now, because of our great and active membership we expect Buckles and Bows to lead the revival as this seemingly never-ending virus finally begins to recede.

See You in a Square.

Bill & Nancy



Dec 5th Holiday Party

We're all looking forward to our Holiday Party on December 5th from 2:30-5:00pm.

Some of us have been busy making decorations to make our party very festive.

Come to dance with Dale Hoppers or just sit and visit with friends and enjoy the tasty deserts.

If you haven't already signed up, please contact Paulette Clemens 805-791-9557

For additional details see the flyer on the next page.



Turkey Trot Thanksgiving Dance

92 dancers came to our November 27th Club Dance. Eleven squares filled up the floor like it was 2019. Mike Sikorsky called mainstream, hot hash, and advanced. Cindy Mower quod for a full floor of round dancers. All this was happening on the closing days of Thanksgiving Weekend. If travel and other commitments kept you away, we are sorry to say you missed 'a good one'. See some pictures the 'Happenings Page'.

Buckles and Bows Club Members Only

‘Shining Star Dance and Dessert Social’

Sunday December 5th

2:30-5:00 pm

Masks and Proof of Covid Vaccine Required

Global Center

\$10 per person – pre paid

Holiday or Square Dance attire encouraged

**Dale Hoppers will be calling a variety of
different dances to entertain us.**

Come to dance or just visit

Information: Terry & Paulette (805) 791-9557



December 31st
8:00 P.M. ~ 12:30 A.M.

Happy New Year 2022
A Year of Harmony & Rebuilding



\$20.00 donation
Desserts & Hors D'oeuvres



Dick Hodnefield
& Rod Shuping
Joe Scarlatella



Upcoming 2022 Boots & Slippers Dances . . .

January 8, Saturday	Caller TBD	Winter Chills
February 12, Saturday	Caller TBD	Mardi Gras

Proof of Vaccinations required.
Masks required indoors per Ventura County mandate.

Couples & Singles Welcome

Simi Valley Senior Center
3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley

**Food &
 Toast to
 2022**

**Always a
 Fun Dance**

Info: Mary Gabel 805-657-1655
Visitations: Bob Biehl 805-492-0702

Look for us at: www.bootsandslippers.com &

f Follow us on Facebook Boots and Slippers Square Dance Club @simisquaredance



Mardi Gras Dance



Costumes Optional

Caller: Dee Dee Dougherty

Cuer: Cindy Mower

Proof of Covid Vaccination Required

Saturday, January 22, 2022

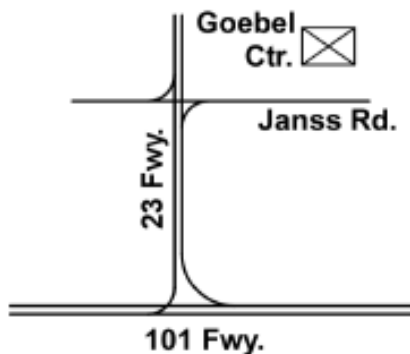
Plus Level 7:30 to 10:00 pm

Rounds 7:00 to 7:30 and between Tips

Bonus Advanced Tip at 10:00

Donation \$10.00

Goebel Adult Community Center



Coming Dances:
Feb 26 - David Mee
March 26 - Mike Seastrom

1/2 block East of 23 Freeway
1385 E. Janss Road
Thousand Oaks

Information:
Bill & Nancy (805) 497-8398

Visit Us @

Web Page: <http://www.bucklesandbows.org/>

Facebook: [Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club Thousand Oaks CA](#)

BUCKLES & BOWS

Modern Square Dancing

Class Every Tuesday
January 25 through May 3rd
7:00 - 8:30 pm
First 2 Classes FREE



Buckles and Bows Square Dance Club

Donation: \$5 per person

**Proof of COVID Vaccination Required
Local mask requirements apply**

**Goebel Adult Community Center
1385 E. Janss Rd.**

Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Information: Joanne (805) 231-6222

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Important Dates:

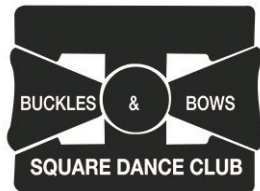
- Every Tuesday night, 'Fall Workshop'
- Sunday December 5th, Club Holiday Party (Caller: Dale Hoppers).
- Friday December 31st, Boots and Slippers Newyears Eve Dance (Callers: Rod Shuppig, Dick Hodnefield).
- Saturday January 22nd, Club Dance (Caller: Dee Dee Dougherty).
- Tuesday January 25th, First class night for New Dancers

Spreading Sunshine

Kathy & Jon DeForge



Wishing a speedy recovery to Terry Clemens



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 HAPPIER I AM, THE MORE
I SQUARE DANCE,
 OR THE MORE
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 THE HAPPIER I AM...
 EITHER WAY,
I'LL BE SQUARE DANCING

NEVER
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SQUARE DANCE

December Birthdays

- Janet Sewell
- Debby Arter
- Evelyn Thompson
- Elaine Ferguson
- Bob Farley
- Wendy Weiser
- Carol Boyce
- Jon McConnel

December Anniversaries

- John & Sandy Hood
- Harvey & Nellie Cusworth

Joanne Cunningham suggested the newsletter could be a path for us to learn about our fellow club member's backgrounds. She has provided the first article in the new 'Our Story' series. The idea is club members contribute a short biography to be shared. The hope is even with limited social contact, we can learn about each other. Please send your one page or less stories to Pat and Jerry Akers email: akers.jerry.e@gmail.com. A special thank you to John Duhig, This featured continues because he hunts down 'volunteers'.

Our Story - The Garage Girls

.Our story begins in 2020 during the COVID-19 social distancing. As dedicated (some may say addicted) square dancers, we were at a loss because we were not dancing. In the early days, we gathered in a driveway for a picnic dinner, six feet apart. We talked, played guitars, and sang songs. We met every few weeks **just** so we could be together, even though we were not dancing.



Then along came Zoom with virtual dancing and our phantom partners. For some of us, the phantoms weren't working out, at all. It was difficult to find ones place in the square as a solo dancer or as two people with two phantoms. No, we longed for more...

Two of our members had **begun** dancing in **an open** garage, **wearing our masks**. These two ladies asked the rest of us to join them, and our first full group dance was on June 23rd, 2020. We then had a group of five ladies dancing together (and one husband would occasionally join us). We were overjoyed!

One night, during a break in the Buckles Zoom dance, John Duhig said "Hey, it's the Garage Girls!" And so we became the Garage Girls. We had t-shirts made up with Garage Girls on the front and #SquareDance on the back and wore them for the first time for the August 30th, 2020, Zoom dance. And we continued to wear them for Zoom dances. When the Indio weekend came around, we wore our t-shirts and we were recognized! We were now the world famous Garage Girls...well, maybe nationally famous.

We wanted to do other things outside of dancing. We celebrated birthdays. There was a day trip to the Huntington Library. A couple of us went to The Wharf in Ventura to shop. One day, all five of us went to Ventura Harbor for lunch, and then to downtown Ventura to see Main Street with no cars. Just being together brought us joy. Square Dancing is a wonderful social activity, that is celebrated around the world. And we hope to see you in a square in the near future!

Members of the Garage Girls include Doreen Karsai, Ann Duran, Betsy Fries, Jackie McNally, and Laura Jean Hole. And occasionally, Dan McNally would join us. Such a great group of friends.

November Happenings



Buckles and Bows sport our club outfits at the Valley Trailers Dance



Thanksgiving Club Dance



Shining Star Holiday Party Decorations Production



Board Meeting on ZOOM
Topics: January start of class for new dancers, Holiday Party, Club Dances

December 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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5 <i>Holiday Party</i> 	6 <i>Hanukkah Ends</i>	7 <i>Workshop</i>	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Workshop</i>	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Boots & Slippers Dance</i>	

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Live Lively -



Square Dance!

