



# Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club



Editors: Pat &amp; Jerry Akers

## President's Message

In January Buckles and Bows had over 30 new dancers graduate from our SSD class. We expect that many of these new dancers will continue in the SSD workshop and the next class which will be starting on Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>. We also expect that some of them, along with many of our "experienced dancers" will elect to move up to our Mainstream/Plus class on Thursday nights starting Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>. We can only hope that the next class will match the enthusiasm displayed by this group. To encourage our new dancers, we plan to schedule monthly dances at the SSD level so that they can experience a square dance where the only purpose is to have 'Fun' with no new calls to learn.

Our first SSD dance will be a Valentines theme on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> where we will also introduce this year's Club Sweethearts. This is an honor given every year to folks who have been truly helpful to the club over the previous year or longer.

Since we will now be having class/workshops two nights per week it is more important than ever that we have people willing to help in any number of positions. We will be speaking more about this in class soon and if any of you have special talents that might be helpful to the club, please don't hesitate to raise your hand. As always, we will block all exits during this discussion.

See you in a square.

*Bill & Nancy Armstrong - Presidents*



## Important Dates for Dancers

- Tuesday Feb. 6th SSD Workshop at the Goebel Center
- Tuesday Feb. 13h SSD Valentines Dance at the Goebel Center
- Tuesdays, Feb. 20th thru June 18th, New Dancers Class at the Goebel Center
- Thursdays Feb. 8th thru Feb. 22nd Mainstream/Plus Workshop at Dos Vientos Community Center
- Thursdays Feb. 29th thru Aug 22nd, Main Stream/Plus Class at Conejo Community Center, 1175 Hendrix Ave., Thousand Oaks, CA
- Saturday Feb. 24th Club "Anniversary" Dance at the Goebel Center
- Saturay Mar. 23rd "Swing into Spring" Club Dance at the Goebel Center

California State Square Dance Convention is April 11-14, 2024 in Santa Maria  
see flyer on page 13

**Bring your friends to the 'New Dancers' class starting on  
February 20th.**



**Blue Box**  
project | IN MEMORY OF  
REBECCA READ



Rebecca Read 2/17/1998-6/19/2016

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

The **Blue Box Project** was started in 2015 by our granddaughter, Rebecca Read, as a service project for her Girl Scout Gold Award. Through her research she learned that there is an enormous lack of feminine hygiene products available for low-income women. In an effort to change this situation, Rebecca developed the Blue Box Project to collect donations of sanitary and personal hygiene products for women's shelters in Forth Worth/Arlington, TX area. It was her hope that the project would continue for years to come. Today the project has expanded to other areas and states.

Sadly, Rebecca lost her life in an auto accident in the summer of 2016. In Thousand Oaks we continue Rebecca's dream with our 10th annual Blue Box Project to honor what would have been Rebecca's 26th birthday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. All donations will be delivered to the Lighthouse for Women and Children in Oxnard, CA.

Thanks for your care and support.

Jerry and Pat Akers

805-657-6655



Blue Box Project Dates – now through Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.

Bring items to Class on Tuesdays, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> plus  
Thursdays, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
also the club dance on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> or  
Our home at 1583 Wakefield, Thousand Oaks

\*Or directly through our Amazon Wishlist link below or  
QR Code link on the right.



[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AVH1CKWGK9JZ?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AVH1CKWGK9JZ?ref=wl_share)

### *Catching up on Things*

#### **Results of November food drive for Conejo Valley Manna Food Bank**

*Our club donated 404 pounds of food and \$687. Mana was excited to receive our donation. Manna looks forward to our club's donation every May and November.*



#### **November and January Board Meeting Notes**

*Planning Clothing Sale, Class Graduation and starting dates for new classes. Advertising for new class was discussed.*

*Possible Dates for SSD Dances were discussed. The first being a Valentines Dance Tuesday Feb 13th at the Goebel Center. The caller is Mike Seastrom. Other dates are being considered for March, May and June. April was not considered because everyone is encouraged to attend the State Square Dance Convention in Santa Maria. The first task is reserving a dance hall, then the Caller Coordinators will arrange for callers.*

*Approved participation in the 'Blue Box Project' a campaign to help homeless women and children.*

**Pat and Jerry Akers**



### ***Social Chair***

#### **Holiday Party:**

The food and the dancing were great. A wonderful time at El Campeon Farms/Ranch. Thanks for all the help setting up and cleaning up.

#### **“Return to Bakersfield”**

Mark your calendar for April 5-7, 2024. This event was so enjoyed by 54 members of our club last year that a repeat weekend has been planned. I have secured the prices for lodging at the Residence Inn, Veterans Hall for Friday nights dance with Mike Seastrom & Gary Mc Laughlin, dinner reservations & entertainment at the Crystal Palace for Saturday night. We will end the night by going to Rosemary's ice cream parlor for dessert.

There is a wonderful RV campground for those with RV's, 'Bakersfield River Run'.

Will be a fun weekend.

For details, read the flyers on the next two pages.

***Paulette Clemens 805-791-9557***



Bakersfield Clubs and Caller Buddy Weaver has announced a two day festival for next year. 'Bakersfield Square Dance Roundup' is November 8th and 9th of 2024. Spring and fall are great times to visit Bakersfield. Save the date.





Bakersfield Outing, April 5 thru 7, 2024

Friday Night Dinner on your Own

Friday SSD & Plus Squares, Round, Line and Contra Dancing  
East Bakersfield Veterans Hall, 2101 Ridge Rd, Bakersfield, Ca

Caller: Mike Seastrom

Cuer: Gary McLaughlin

Time: 7:00 to 9:30 pm

See dance flyer for details

Saturday Morning and Afternoon Suggested Activities:

Kern County Oil Museum

Visit to the collection of Antique Boutiques

Bakersfield Museum of Art

Golf-The Links at Riverlakes Ranch

More ideas on line

Saturday Night Dinner and Dancing

Meet at 4:45

Buck Owens Crystal Palace, 2800 Buck Owens Blvd.

Entertainment: Cover Band and House Band [www.buckowens.com](http://www.buckowens.com)

Followed by a visit to.

Rosemary's Family Creamery, 2733 F St - Bakersfield

Menu: [www.rosemarysfamilycreamery.com](http://www.rosemarysfamilycreamery.com)

Suggested Accommodations

Hotel: The Residence Inn by Marriott, 4241 Chester Lane Bakersfield

Hotel 661-321-9800.

Reservation Sales Manager: Milessa Bailey, 661-889-9038,

Email: [melissa.bailey2@marriott.com](mailto:melissa.bailey2@marriott.com)

Be sure to ask for Buckles and Bows room rates.

King Beds only

2 Bedroom Suite \$204

1 Bedroom \$159

Studio \$124

RV's: Bakersfield River Run RV Park, 3715 Burr St. Bakersfield. 661-377-3600

Information Contact: Paulette Clemens 805-791-9557

# Buckles & Bows Club and Class Members Spring Outing

April 5-7, 2024

RSVP Paulette by March 28, 2024 **NO EXCEPTIONS**



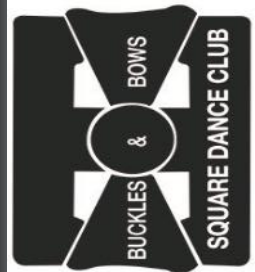
Friday Evening Square Dance  
Saturday, Buck Owens Crystal Palace,  
Dinner and Dancing  
Rosemary's, Ice Cream Social



Outing Details See Back Side of Flyer

Information:

Paulette (805) 791-9557



# ***Buckles & Bows***

**Invites You to Join Us**

**Square Dance**

**East Bakersfield Veterans Hall  
2101 Ridge Rd. Bakersfield, Ca**

**Caller: Mike Seastrom**

**Cuer: Gary McLaughlin**

**Friday, April 5, 2024**



**7:00 to 9:30**

**FREE**

**Snacks Welcome**

**Additional Information**

**Paulette (805) 791-9557**

**Bill & Nancy (805) 368-5371**



**Visit Us @**

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

**Facebook: Buckles and Bows Square Dance Club**

***Class Coordinators***

We just had graduation, and for those of you not there, it was really great! There was a clothing sale to start out the night, and the gals were trying on outfits and twirling around and having a great time while the guys smiled their appreciation.

The gals wore their new outfits to the ceremony and many frolicked to and from the stage. We had 30 graduates - with smiles by everyone! If you haven't done so, go to the Buckles and Bows Facebook page and see the wonderful pictures taken by Mike Newlon.

We had lots of yummy refreshments, including a decorated cake donated by Chuck and Joan. There was dancing for the rest of the night - with The Electric Slide thrown in too.

Next up, there will be two weeks of SSD workshop followed by a Valentine's SSD dance on February 13th (Tuesday night) and a new class starting on February 20th.

The following week, on Thursday, February 29, there will be a Mainstream/Plus class starting for those ready to proceed, and it will also be a perfect opportunity for our Plus dancers get a review of all the Mainstream/Plus calls. We are looking forward to both classes being very successful.

This is the time to tell your friends about the upcoming classes and to join us for one or both classes. The workshops and February 29th class will be a good chance for all dancers to review and have a social evening. This will be a fun year for our club.

***Dean and Joanne Cunningham***

***Scot and Jessica Boucher***



**Interested in Buckles and Bows Club Clothing?**

For Shirts, Polo 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)

**Spreading Sunshine**

**Stay Well and Keep Dancing**

Ann Duran, Chuck Stone, and Janet Brooks all lost family members.  
We are sorry for their loss.

Club Member Bob Davis passed away.

He was dancing into his 90's.



Kathy & Jon DeForge

**February Birthdays**

- Bob Peterson
- Bill Kitchens
- Jay LaRue
- Pete Pederson
- Dee Bower
- Dean Cunningham
- Polly Braiwick
- Betsy Fries
- Ann Duran
- Jessica Lee
- Scott Boucher
- Mike Waters
- Adrienne Clark
- Alan Grant

**February Anniversaries**

- Ted & Joanne Noller
- Kevin & Juli Hamilton

**March Birthdays**

- Jon Newbill
- Pat Weeks
- John Hood
- Carl McLaren
- Tom Sunderland
- Hall Place
- Mark Spector
- Doreen Karsai
- Sybil Duhig
- Suzy Moore

**March Anniversaries**

- Bill & Nancy Armstrong
- Bob & Roxana Chappell
- Dan & Adrienne Nathan



# Modern Square Dancing

**HEY LOOK!!!  
NEW CLASS**

**Class Every Tuesday  
2/20 through 6/18  
7:00 - 9:00 pm  
First 2 Classes FREE**

**High  
Energy**

**Fun**



## Buckles and Bows Square Dance Club

**Donation: \$7 per person**

**Goebel Adult Community Center  
1385 E. Janss Rd.  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362**



Information: Scott (530) 249-9407

Bill (805) 368-5371

Visit Us @

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

Facebook: Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club Thousand Oaks CA

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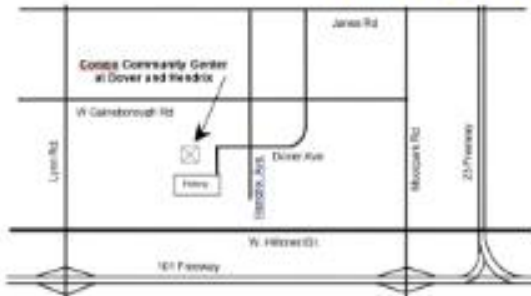
## ***Mainstream/Plus Class***

### **Mike & Lisa Seastrom**



**\$7.00 per person**

**Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00 PM  
beginning February 29, 2024  
through August 22, 2024**



**Conejo Community Center  
1175 Hendrix Ave.  
Thousand Oaks**



**Information: Pat & Jerry Akers (805) 657-6655  
akers.pat.L@gmail.com**

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# 49th Anniversary Sweetheart Dance

# BUCKLES & BOWS



Caller: **David Mee**

Cuer: **Dawn Mee**

Saturday, February 24, 2024

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

Rounds 7:00 to 7:30 & between tips  
Bonus Advanced Tip at 10:00

Donation: \$12.00 per person  
*Credit cards accepted*

Goebel Adult Community Center

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



Coming Dances:  
March 23 – Mike Haworth  
April 27 – Eric Henerlau

Information:  
Bill & Nancy (805) 368-5371

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# Swing Into Spring

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Caller: **Mike Haworth**

Cuer: **Judy Keller**

SSD and Plus Level 7:30 – 10:00  
Advanced – 10:00

Rounds 7:00- 7:30 and between Tips

Donation: \$12.00 per person  
*Credit cards accepted*

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Coming Dances:  
April 27 Eric Henerlau  
May 25 Andy Allemao

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# Photo Album

## December 2023 Holiday Party (Photos by Mike Newlon)





**Photo Album (continued)**

**January Class Graduation and Clothing Sale**



**Pismo Beach Bash (a Saturday of Square Dancing Fun)**





## Photo Album (continued)

### January Club Dance "Mardi Graz"



### Student Stomp (a Sunday of Square Dancing Fun)





**Strawberries Galore in '24**  
**Join Us For A 'Berry Good Time**

California State Square Dance Convention April 11-14 2024  
 Santa Maria, California



Darren Gallina  
 California  
 Trails End Dance



Sue & Phil Harris  
 California



Vic Ceder  
 California



Eric Henerlau  
 California



Hunter Keller  
 Montana



Tom Hicks  
 California

**Santa Maria Fairpark**  
**April 11 -14 2024**  
 937 S. Thornburg Street,  
 Santa Maria, California 93458

Mainstream/SSD  
 Plus - Advanced  
 Rounds PH 2-5  
 Trails End Dance  
 After Party  
 Tri Tip Dinner  
 Silent Auction  
 Vendors  
 RV Parking  
 Singles Welcome

*Square Dance Attire is admired, but not required at any session*  
*This event qualifies for the CCSD, Inc Friendship Badge*

**CONTACTS:** General Chairmen at [chairman@castate2024.org](mailto:chairman@castate2024.org)  
 John Ryan 805-218-3057 & Mike Neihsel 760-855-6366  
 Follow us on Facebook @California State Square Dance Convention 2024  
 Website <https://castate2024.org>

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**BAKERSFIELD**  
**SQUARE DANCE ROUNDUP**  
**NOVEMBER 8 & 9, 2024**

Plus & Advanced with Rounds



Buddy Weaver



Ken Bower

Friday & Saturday  
 Daytime and Evening  
 (Saturday in two halls)  
 Workshops • Hot Hash



Sharon & Casey Parker



Tim Menino  
 (Saturday)

KERN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
 #425 P St., Bakersfield, CA



Mike Skarsky



Jet Roberts

Fairgrounds  
 RV Parking

\$49 per person  
 for the weekend



Register online or download flier at  
[bakersfieldsquaredance.com](http://bakersfieldsquaredance.com)

Info: Buddy 760.703.4880

# February 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Fri

Sat

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



# March 2024

Sun

Mon

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Sat

					1 <i>Solvang Fest.</i>	2 <i>Solvang Fest.</i>
3 <i>Solvang Fest.</i>	4	5 <i>New Dancers Class</i>	6	7 <i>Main- stream/Plus Class</i>	8	9
10	11	12 <i>New Dancers Class</i>	13	14 <i>Main- stream/Plus Class</i>	15	16
17	18	19 <i>New Dancers Class</i>	20	21 <i>Main- stream/Plus Class</i>	22	23 <i>Club Dance</i>
24	25	26 <i>New Dancers Class</i>	27	28 <i>Main- stream/Plus Class</i>	29	30 <i>Passo- ver</i>
31 <i>Easter</i>					<i>Bakers- field Trip</i>	<i>Bakers- field Trip</i>

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Square Dance!

