



# Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club



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## News Flash



### President's Message

When we were class members way back in 2009 it never occurred to us that Buckles and Bows and the entire square dance community would become such a focal point of our lives. The weekly dances, the festivals, the new dancer classes and the many social events became the things that we could always look forward to and enjoy with our many square dance friends no matter what else was going on in our daily lives. The year 2020 and the coronavirus have sure made us realize how fortunate we have been and how quickly our lives can change. We were recently informed that The Goebel Center is closed at least through the remainder of this year. Obviously this means that all Buckles and Bows activities requiring The Center are cancelled for the rest of the year. It will be more important than ever to stay in touch with each other so if you have the opportunity, like your so busy right now, pick up the phone and give one of the other club members a call. John will still be sending his weekly messages and Jerry and Pat will continue publishing

the monthly Newsletter. Most importantly, you should all consider joining us every Tuesday night for Mike & Lisa's virtual dances on ZOOM. These four person squares are at the Mainstream/Class Level so even if you are dancing with a "Phantom" couple you can pick it up quickly. Hopefully more of you will join us and encourage others as well. It's not only a fun evening but the best way for us to maintain contact under the current circumstances. John's emails will keep you informed about these as well as many other "virtual dances" that are taking place.

See You On ZOOM.

*Bill & Nancy*

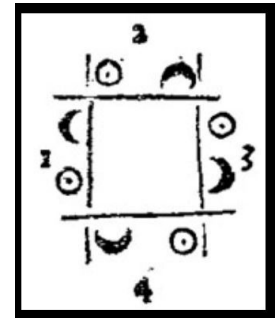


Diagram of a Square from the Dancing Master circa 1720

### Checking my temperature lately...



Thanks to Doreen Karsai



Stage Coach Inn - July 4th 2019

### Getting Ready for Square Dancing

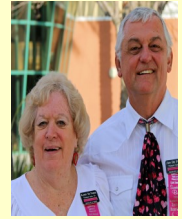
It is heartening to learn people are actively planning for the restart of Square Dancing in a hall. We may not know the start date; but, people are coordinating the how. Pages 4 and 5 are Mike Seastrom's article for CALLERLAB's Magazine.

### July 4th



### Spreading Sunshine

Kathy & Jon DeForge



#### Concerns:

Kathy has nothing to report. Lets keep it that way!!

Everyone stay well!!!

### Handbook Editors

Bryan & Carol Tapking

You should have received your June 1, 2020 Handbook Supplement by now.

This supplement gives you a list of the CHANGES ONLY to your Green Handbook; the new Board Members, the New and Returning Members, the 2019/2020 Students and a list of the Non-Returning Members.

The following is a list of corrections or errors found since this supplement was printed:

Conn's, new address is 809 S. Curson Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90036.

Cunningham's, Joanne's email is J1cunningham@hotmail.com

Cusworth, Harvey's email is Harvey@harveycusworth.com.

Hansen, Ed's email is eddhansen@yahoo.com.

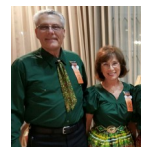
Hoods, Sandy's Cell should be 747-222-5554 and John's email is jahood39@gmail.com

Merk, Jack's address is P.O. Box 6156 Thousand Oaks CA 91359 and his Cell is 805-208-7662.

Pedersen, Pete's email is cep.pedersen@att.net

Rifkin, Marv's email is mrifkin397@aol.com, Judy's email is judyrifkin1@charter.net.

If you have any changes in the future, please email us (btapking@gmail.com) and we will get it into the next newsletter for our club members to see.



#### July Birthdays

- Mike Newlon
- Ted Dwork
- Pat Akers
- Barbara Artinian
- Dean Thompson
- Percy Calkins
- Sharon Waters
- Judy Powell
- Bob Biehl
- Peggy Magnusen
- Terry Martindale
- Suzanne Clock
- Vicki Panaro
- Louise Schoenneman
- Jeanette King
- Steve Wieser
- Ava Schleder
- Tom Bolton
- Martha Reyes
- David Morelli
- Cathy Smith
- Graham Campbell

#### July Anniversaries

- Dean & Cindy Gullekson
- Ray & Kit Hime
- Steve & Jane Snider
- Red & Diane O'Connell



Dirk & Maryann Gestaldo



Karen & David Oliver

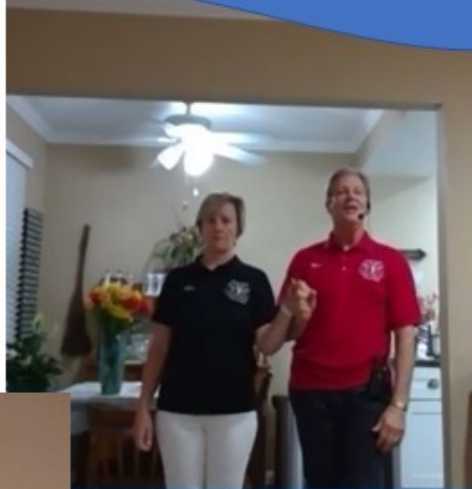


Elena & Pete Suarez

2019-20 Student Zoom Dancers



Mike Nelson



Marie & Dean Sanderson



Prentiss & Marcia Knowlton



Kathleen Canfield & Mario Cifuentes

## Reviving Square Dancing in the Wake of COVID-19 Guidelines for CALLERLAB Members (June 2020)

Dancers and callers love square dancing and miss the fellowship, social engagement, and shared community that the COVID-19 pandemic took away from us. We now need to regroup and start planning on how to positively move forward following this extended period of isolation. To this end, CALLERLAB wishes to provide its Members with the following guidelines to use as we approach reopening square dancing.

### **Staying Connected:**

Before restrictions are lifted, CALLERLAB members can collaborate and share ideas for keeping the square dance community connected and interactive. Many CALLERLAB Members are using creative approaches for engaging dancers and staying in touch with them. This includes:

1. Zoom meetings so club members can check in with each other.
2. Virtual dances, one-couple and two-couple online dancing events.
3. Sharing videos of square dancing.
4. Sharing square dance word searches, crosswords, and other puzzles.
5. Checking in with dancers to let them know we will get through this and dance again.

Callers can brainstorm many other ideas in their individual areas.

### **Conditions for Resuming Square Dancing:**

CALLERLAB recognizes that local guidelines will dictate how reopening will actually take place in various locations. In some places reopening may occur relatively soon, while in others the easing of restrictions will take place much more slowly. As we plan to reopen square dancing we must respect local guidelines and requirements. Therefore:

1. First and foremost, be aware that your personal health and well-being, and that of your dancers, is of the utmost importance.
2. Carefully follow all federal, state/provincial, and local government regulations that are place in your immediate area.
3. Communicate and cooperate with local square dance groups and organizations regarding plans.
4. Above all, use good judgment and common sense.

### **Strategic Plan for Returning to Dancing:**

CALLERLAB is providing the following guidelines for Members to use in developing a local strategic plan to get dancing up and running quickly. Callers should work with regional associations and clubs in understanding how and when their area is opening up and use that information to plan and prepare for the resumption of square dancing.

This will include:

1. Startup Planning:
  - a. Communicate with dancers regarding the startup calendar including times and dates.
  - b. Ensure that halls are available and ready to accept dancers.
  - c. Coordinate all aspects of the required physical distancing requirements for your location.

## 2. Hygiene Considerations:

- a. CALLERLAB Members are encouraged to work with their local clubs to put recommended local hygienic practices into place. This includes honoring local government guidelines and those developed by regional and national square dance organizations, such as the USDA.
- b. Hygienic guidelines are readily available from many square dance organizations, and may include:
  - i. Sign in and payment procedures.
  - ii. Wearing protective gear such as masks or shields.
  - iii. Cleansing hands by appropriate washing or using certified antivirus sanitizers.
  - iv. Not sharing food.
  - v. Using personal beverage containers.
  - vi. Respecting local physical distancing guidelines to the greatest degree possible given the nature of the activity.
  - vii. Other protective options.
- c. Everyone involved needs to collaborate to make appropriate hygienic practices a priority.

## 3. Caller Considerations:

As we return to calling, callers may:

- a. Elect to wear protective hygiene gear based on local guidelines and regulations. If wearing a mask makes it difficult to be heard or understood, set up the hall to allow significantly extra physical distancing from any dancers while calling.
- b. Consider not sharing the stage and personally making all announcements unless a club officer has a separate microphone and can physically distance on stage.
- c. Elect to carry their own antivirus hand sanitizer while calling.
- d. Consider using a shorter program, or modified choreography to support dancers in being successful and having fun as they come up to speed following this long break from dancing.
- e. Consult with club leaders or dancers regarding limiting dancer mixing and contact by assigning squares for the evening or using variations such as two-couple choreography.
- f. Focus on high energy, successful, and fun dancing.
- g. When the time comes where new folks feel comfortable trying the activity, consider aiming for a shorter entry list. Some possible options are the Community Dance Program, part or all of the Basic Program, or Social Square Dancing (SSD).
- h. Remember that our primary goals include promoting social interaction, enjoying dancing together, and ensuring that dancers are successful and come away with smiles on their faces.

## 4. Fiscal Considerations:

- a. Dancers may be fiscally stressed from decreases in income due to COVID-19.
- b. Local restrictions on the number of people who may gather in a specified space might spread the cost-base over fewer participants.
- c. There may be significant changes in hall rental fees as locations try to make up for lost revenue and increased cleaning costs.

As we navigate these uncharted times it is more important than ever to share our ideas, stories, and experiences to help us successfully address the challenges we face. Callers and dancers are urged to share their stories via the CALLERLAB Square Dance KnowledgeBase. For information on how to contribute material, visit the site (<http://knowledge.callerlab.org>) or send an e-mail to [info@callerlab.org](mailto:info@callerlab.org).

These guidelines were written in June 2020. As the reopening process evolves, there may be a need for modifications or additions. They are a starting point for Members of CALLERLAB to use as they work with clubs and dancers in developing local plans allowing us to “Square Up” once more.

# Buckles and Bows (Non) Activity Calendar

## July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				<i>I Forgot Day</i>		
5	6	7 <i>National Strawberry Sundae Day</i>	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Pecan Pie Day</i>	13	14	15	16	17 <i>Peach Ice Cream Day</i>	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Tell an Old Joke Day</i>	25
26	27	28	29 <i>National Chicken Wing Day</i>	30 <i>National Cheese Cake Day</i>	31	

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Square Dance!

