



Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club



Editors: Pat & Jerry Akers

President's Message Well, another year has gone by and our great club continues to flourish. With Mike and Lisa Seastrom providing their talent and leadership and the dedicated group of couples and individuals who make up our Board of Directors leading the way, there is no doubt that Buckles and Bows will continue to thrive.

We had a great turnout of 80 picknickers for our annual General Meeting on June 4th where the slate for our Board of Directors for next year, July 1st 2023 through June 30th 2024, was presented and unanimously elected by the membership. While much of the Board remained the same, we did add new members:

Secretary - Lorraine Newlon, Caller Coordinators - Ann Duran and Betsy Fries,
Publicity - Dan Nathan and Adrienne Clark, Class Coordinators - Scott and Jessica Boucher.

We want to thank retiring Board Members Steve & Melody Buczynski, Steve and Susan Langberg, Dorothy Sinclair and Dean & Joanne Cunningham for their many years of service. Of course, "retiring" only means they can skip the meetings. We know that all of them will continue as active members of Buckles and Bows.

We had a very special dance on May 27th featuring Andy Allameo and his instructions for HEX Squares. Over 30 dancers showed up at 5:30 for the hex squares and many stayed until 10:00 for the entire dance. By the time everyone arrived at 7:30 there were enough folks to fill 12 squares.

Our June 24th dance should be a fun one, featuring another of our favorite callers, Darren Galina and Cuer, Judy Keller. The theme for this dance is Fabulous 50's so break out those poodle skirts and leather jackets.

Please keep in mind that we will start a new dancers SSD class in September. So it's never too soon to start thinking about inviting family and friends to join us.

See you in a square.

Bill & Nancy Armstrong - Presidents



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 2 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 sup-

Important Dates for Dancers

- Saturday June 24th, Buckles and Bows 'Fabulous 50's Club Dance at the Goebel Center
- Tuesdays, thru July, New Dancers SSD Class at the Goebel Center
- Thursdays June 15th, thru August, Main Stream/Plus Class at the Noller's
- Saturday July 22nd, Buckles and Bows 'Hot Summer Nights' Club dance at the Goebel Center

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

Class Coordinators Message

This year's class is a little unusual in that we have several couples and only a few singles. It's especially nice to see couples getting out together and enjoying a new event, although we are happy to see all new dancers enjoying square dancing.

Class is coming to an end, and we are hoping that everyone will attend workshop and hone their skills. Being confident and a strong dancer (at any level) helps everyone and makes the dances even more enjoyable. We're noticing that SSD dances can be challenging even for Plus dancers. The callers sure know how to get us into new and interesting combinations of steps.

At our last class, we had a new couple join us. They have had a lot of dance experience, and they think they can learn the calls even this late in the class. We are waiting to see how that works out - it's quite unusual for us to let someone in at this point. They had a caller go to their home for a party activity, and everyone had so much fun, they wanted to get started right away.

Our "experienced" clothing sale will be on June 20th. We've collected more items since our last "sale." Prices are Mondiki Skirts \$20, all other skirts \$5, blouses \$2, matching skirt and blouse outfits \$7, men's shirts \$5, petticoats and miscellaneous items make a donation in the jar.

See you all soon.

Dean and Joanne Cunningham - Class



Membership Report

Our 2023 membership drive is complete. We had 152 of our existing members renew. This correlates to 88% of our club. At the end of the current class, we will most likely have some new dancers joining our club.

We are sorry to lose 16 members who have decided not to renew for different reasons, hopefully they will be back to square dancing in the near future. Those not renewing are Debbie Arter, Carol Boyce, George & Susanne Clock, Bob Davis, Bill & Marsha Hatton, Larry Hapner, Bill Kitchens, Jay LaRue, Roy & Sandy Okada, Roberta Plost, Marv & Judy Rifkin and Mel Wilson.

On a lighter note, we nominated and accepted 5 individuals into our Lifetime Membership Program. All 5 of these new Lifetime Members are well deserving of this recognition. They are;

Bob Sheets

a member since 1989,



Sandi Babbitt
a member since 1999,



Neal & Bobbie Albert
members since 2003,



Dorothy Sinclair
a member since 2003.



Bryan & Carol Taphing

Interested in Buckles and Bows Club Clothing?

For Shirts and Jackets contact: Ann Duran email annduran@gmail.com
 For Club Outfits contact: Kathy DeForge email kathyshortell@gmail.com

Dance Coordinators

We are grateful to the many club members who sign up to bring food to our monthly club dances. Everyone looks forward to enjoying the abundant variety of snacks on the table. We would like to address those members who come to our dances and do not sign up to bring food. Part of being a member is supporting our club activities. Those who attend our Tuesday classes know that almost every month we (mostly Joanne) carry around a clipboard seeking people to bring a snack for the next dance. Some club members don't attend the Tuesday classes but do attend the dances. We are appealing to all members to sign up to bring food for at least two dances. It's as easy as stopping by a grocery store and picking up a veggie tray or a cake. Your participation is a vital part of making Buckles and Bows dances the best. You may contact the Nollers at 805373-8317 or email us at runningt1@verizon.net.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Joanne and Ted Noller



Social Chair

Here are 2 'Save the Dates'.
 Friday, August 18th

- a tour of the US Navy Seabee Museum is located at: 3201 S. Ventura Road, Naval Base Ventura County, Bldg. 100, Port Hueneme, CA 93043.
 Details to follow.

Sunday, December 10th

-Club Holiday Party. A great afternoon with caller Dale Hoppers.

For questions contact Paulette Clemens 805-791-9557

Paulette Clemens - Social Chair



Dance for Manna Results

For the 'Manna Food Bank', the club collected 500#'s of food and \$755 in cash and checks including \$200 from the club treasury.

The food bank was very thankful for the club's contributions.



Spreading Sunshine

Stay well and Keep Dancing

Jon DeForge is recovering from surgery.

Kathy & Jon De-Forge



June 4th General Meeting and Picnic Photo's by Michael Newlon



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

July Birthdays

- Mike Newlon
- Ted Dwork
- Pat Akers
- Roy Okada
- Dean Thompson
- Percy Caulkins
- Sharon Waters
- Judy Powell
- Bob Biehl
- Peggy Magnusen
- Suzanne Clock
- Vicki Panaro
- Louise Schoenneman
- Steve Wieser
- Ava Schleder
- Tom Boulton
- Martha Reyes
- David Morelli

July Anniversaries

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

June Birthdays

- John Kitchens
- Fred DeMartino
- Roxana Chappell
- Gus De Fore
- Donald Foreman
- Neal Albert
- Soo Jin Place
- Maria Jambor
- Nickie Dwork
- John Wilson
- John Marthens

June Anniversaries

- John & Sybil Duhig
- David & Karen Morelli
- Mike & Sharon Waters
- Bob & Gloria Farley
- James & Loretta Baron
- Ted & Nickie Dwork



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 - Lorraine and Mike Newlon



Mike and Lorraine met on a blind date in 1970. Even though they had attended the same college and even enrolled in the same class, they never met until after graduation when a "quirky" mutual friend thought they might get along. Since neither Mike nor Lorraine trusted this mutual friend very much, they agreed to a quick date on a Thursday night so it would not "waste" the weekend. But, it turned out well as they just celebrated their 51st anniversary on May 20th.

Both had careers in education; Mike as a school teacher and science department chair at Colina Middle School in Thousand Oaks for 32 years and Lorraine as a University administrator at CSUN for 35 years, the last 21 as Director of Admissions and Registrar.

They began square dancing back in 1973 when they took a beginner's class with the Jubileers, a club in Canoga Park. One of Mike's teaching duties back then was to chaperone the honor society at his middle school. Ed Barkas, a square dance caller, was hired to entertain for a Father-Daughter Dance for the group. Mike had such a good time, he talked Lorraine into joining Ed's class. They loved square dancing from the start and served in several board positions with the Jubileers until 1988.

After waiting for ten years, they became the proud parents of twin daughters, Jamie and Michelle in 1983. Their daughters both became world travelers when they competed in Irish Dancing. Michelle served in the Peace Corps in Guyana teaching 3rd grade and then lived in India for 3 years. Jamie traveled through Asia after finishing Law School and met her Swiss husband while they both worked in Tokyo. Michelle now resides in Orlando, FL managing a restaurant at Universal Studios and Jamie lives in Siebnen, Switzerland with her husband Oliver and their first child Fritz. (#2 grandchild is due in October!)

Along the way, Mike and Lorraine have indulged their hobby of antique collecting for the Victorian-style home they built, Mike's rideable steam train, the "LuluBelle", with accompanying layout and village, restoring old cars, keeping chickens and travel. They happily retired from their jobs in 2004 and then in 2010, returned to square dancing, this time with the Buckles and Bows. They have held several board positions and met wonderful, lifelong friends in the Club. They plan to stay active members for the duration!

Fabulous 50's

Caller: **Darren Gallina**

Cuer: **Judy Keller**

Saturday June 24, 2023

Rounds 7:00 to 7:30 & between tips

SSD & Plus Level 7:30 to 10:00

Bonus Advanced Tip at 10:00

Donation : \$ 12.00 per person

Casual Dress, or 50's costumes

Goebel Adult Community Center

1385 E. Janss Rd.

Thousand Oaks

1/2 block East of 23 Freeway

@ Janss Road Exit



Coming Dances:

July 22 - Mike Seastrom

Aug 26 - Buddy Weaver

Information:

Bill & Nancy (805) 368-5371

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Hot Summer Nights

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Caller: Mike Seastrom

Cuer: Jim Elder



Rounds 7:00 to 7:30 & between tips

SSD & Plus Level 7:30 to 10:00

Bonus Advanced Tip at 10:00

Casual Dress

Favorite T-Shirt & Shorts

Donation

\$ 12.00 per person

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Here's Proof You Attended: the June 4th General Meeting and Picnic



June 10th Demonstration Dancing at Stagecoach Inn



June 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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4 General Mtg./ Picnic	5	6 SSD Class Night	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 SSD Class Night	14	15 Main- stream/ Plus Class Night	16	17
18	19	20 Cloth- ing Sale & SSD Class Night	21	22 Main- stream/ Plus Class Night	23	24 Club Dance
25	26	27 SSD Class Night	28	29 Main- stream/ Plus Class Night	30	

July 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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2	3	4 No Class	5	6 Main-stream/ Plus Class	7	8
9	10	11 SSD Work-shop	12	13 Main-stream/ Plus Class	14	15
16	17	18 SSD Work-shop	19	20 Main-stream/ Plus Class	21	22 Club Dance
23	24	25 SSD Work-shop	26	27 Main-stream/ Plus Class	28	29
30	31					

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Live Lively -



Square Dance!

