



Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club



Editors: Pat & Jerry Akers

President's Message

We have been a very busy club so far this year, I suppose the highlights being the start of our new SSD class and our first Plus Level class since the COVID Era. The Plus Level Class is being held on Thursday nights at the Conejo Community Center and as of last week had nearly 50 dancers attending. About 10 of our recent SSD graduates are attending with the rest being Plus dancers wanting to refresh their skills. Most of us have not had any instruction and very little opportunity to dance at the Plus level in several years so it has been a very welcome addition to our activities. Mike Seastrom is doing his usual terrific and I should add patient job teaching the new dancers and bringing the experienced dancers back up to speed. If you're a Plus dancer and haven't visited us on Thursday night, you might want to give it a try.

We will be holding our first of many SSD Dances at The Conejo Community Center on Sunday Afternoon March 17th (St. Patrick's Day). This promises to be a great opportunity for everyone, especially our SSD dancers to enjoy the comradery and friendship with a special group of people.

If you missed our 49th Anniversary dance in February, you really missed a good one. With David Mee calling and his wife Dawn Cueing, the Goebel Center was rocking with over 120 dancers enjoying the music. Of course there was also the usual Buckles and Bows spread of great refreshments to keep their energy level up.

April is also going to continue our very busy schedule with a trip to Bakersfield to dance at the Veterans Hall on Friday night and dining and dancing at Buck Owens Crystal Palace on Saturday Night. April 5th thru 7th. If you haven't already signed up, See Paulette right away. As if that wasn't enough, many of us will be travelling to Santa Maria April 12th thru 14th for the California State Convention. For more information see the flyer in this newsletter.

See you in a square.

Bill & Nancy Armstrong - Presidents



Important Dates for Dancers

- Tuesdays, Feb. 20th thru June 18th, New Dancers Class at the Goebel Center
- Thursdays Feb. 29th thru Aug 22nd, Main Stream/Plus Class at Conejo Community Center, 1175 Hendrix Ave., Thousand Oaks, CA
- Sunday Mar. 17th Club SSD Dance "St. Patrick's Day" at the Conejo Community Center, 1175 Hendrix Ave., Thousand Oaks, CA
- Saturday Mar. 23rd "Swing into Spring" Club Dance at the Goebel Center
- Apr 5th-7th Bakersfield Spring Outing
- Apr 27th "Sunshine and Showers" Club Dance at the Goebel Center

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

Catching up on Things

Results of Blue Box Project (Collection of feminine supplies for Homeless Women)

Our club donated loads of supplies and \$1100 including a \$200 donation from the club treasury. The "Lighthouse for Women and Children" was very pleased to receive the help. They house about 40 women a night. Thanks to Bob Farley, Bill and Nancy Armstrong and Judy Powell for their help loading and delivering the items to Oxnard.

The collected items ready for loading in the vehicles.



A truck, an SUV and a sedan all needed to carry the collected items.



February Board Meeting Notes (about 25 people attending via ZOOM)

Dates for 3 SSD level dances for March, May and June were decided. Now Caller Coordinators, and Publicity can start their work.

The applications of 25 new members were approved.

Refreshments were discussed for the coming Feb. 24th 'Anniversary' Club Dance



Pat and Jerry Akers

Social Chair

"Return to Bakersfield" Spring Outing

We currently have 50 Club Members joining us in Bakersfield for our Spring Outing April 5th –7th. This is a very fun and active weekend with many things to enjoy. Please let me know if you are planning to join us. For the details, check out the flyer on the next page. If you have any questions, please call me. Note the cutoff date is March 28th, with no exceptions.

.Paulette Clemens 805-791-9557



Bakersfield Clubs and Caller Buddy Weaver have announced a two day festival for next fall. **'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

Followed by a visit to.

Rosemary's Family Creamery, 2733 F St - Bakersfield

Menu: 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

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**



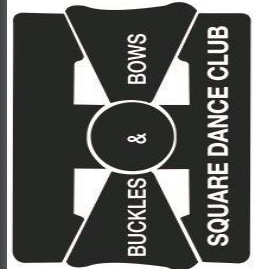
Friday Evening Square Dance
Saturday, Buck Owens Crystal Palace,
Dinner and Dancing
Rosemary's, Ice Cream Social



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



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

Facebook: Buckles and Bows Square Dance Club

Dance Refreshment Coordinators

Buckles and Bows has a club dance on the 4th Saturday of each month (except December). We look forward to these dances to improve our skills and to socialize with other dancers in our area. The **Refreshment tables** are a place where people can congregate and talk. **One of the responsibilities for all our club members is to help bring food to at least two of our monthly dances a year.** For our classes anyone can bring food whenever they want. For our dances where we typically have over 100 people, we need to have commitments for specific foods. Ted and I have the responsibility to get club members to sign-up in advance. While people can sign up at our annual picnic most of the sign-ups take place at our classes which are held each week. However: we know that there are some club members who don't regularly attend the weekly classes but do attend the monthly dances. Those members also have a responsibility to help. We will now have a sign-up sheet at each monthly dance for the next month's dance. Thank you to all who help keep our refreshment tables full of yummy treats.

Ted and Joanne Noller



Solvang Festival

Over 170 dancers enjoyed the magic of Buddy Weaver and Ken Bower this past weekend in Solvang in the usual on-and-off rain. Good news - nowhere near as cold as previous years.

Solvang Magic started with these two stars back in March of 2007 and became the famous Solvang Spring Fling, always selling out, so no flyer since 2013. We went a total of 14 years before Covid shut us down. We missed 2021 and 2022, returning last year for #15 and this past weekend for #16,

We took a slight hit during Covid, with some 160+ dancers last year and over 170 this year. It will fill up again, as we are all getting back to festivals.

Buddy cued the rounds on Friday evening, with about 2 1/2 hours of plus calls, followed by a you-should-not-miss 2 hour workshop Saturday morning. More dancing Saturday afternoon of various calls, including Hot Hash and an hour of A-2. More dancing Saturday evening as Judy Keller-Smith cued the pre-rounds and then in-between the evening of plus calls. Sunday morning we got a nice continental breakfast and 90 minutes of fun dancing for those remaining.

The wonderful weekend always ends at 10:30 Sunday morning, as Buddy and Ken have long distances to travel and we dancers have other commitments.

Next year Ken has another engagement so it will be Buddy and Mike Hogan from Omaha, Nebraska, another truly terrific caller.

This is an amazing weekend not to be missed. Contact Buddy at buddy@buddyweaver.com to register for next year. It will fill up (200.) Hope we see you here in 2025. February 28, March 1 and March 2. \$55 each.

Hope to see you there next year and this coming November in Bakersfield,
<https://buddyweaver.com/bakersfield/>

John and Sybil Duhig



Class Coordinators

Our February 2024 class is underway. We had about 20 students the first night. The second night, about ten came back, plus we had ten new students. So we had 20 the second night too. The third-class night we had 36 students. Its great to see the new faces and the hall filled with dancers.

The last class graduates (as well as a few other dancers) have now submitted applications for Club membership and been approved, and we have 26 new Club members. Bryan Tapking has started handing out the new Club badges, which makes all of our new members very happy.

As usual, it's a little hectic getting the squares set up. We're having the students go to the side positions, and we're asking the Angel couples to go only to the head positions. The single students (who need an Angel partner) will have a red dot on their name tag and single angels should pair up with them on the side positions.

This way we are hopeful that the students always have a spot. Once everyone is in a square, some adjustments need to be made, so thanks for your understanding as Angels are asked to move around.

This spring class is set for 18 nights allowing time to cover all the calls. So, everything is on schedule.

Dean and Joanne Cunningham

Scott and Jessica Boucher



Interested in Buckles and Bows Club Clothing?

For Shirts, Polo Shirts and Jackets contact: Ann Duran email anduran@gmail.com

For Club Outfits contact: Kathy DeForge email kathyshortell@gmail.com

Spreading Sunshine, Stay Well and Keep Dancing

Jan Mondale former president of Boots and Slipper passed away. Our condolences to his wife Mary.

John Duhig's sister passed away,

Freddy Levets of ASquareD is recovering from a broken hip.



Kathy & Jon DeForge

April Birthdays

- Joanne Cunningham
- Mel Wilson
- Melody Buczynski
- Lynn Foerster
- Sylvia Koppel
- Loretta Barron
- Janet Brooks
- Jeanne Grant
- Herb Oberman
- Bob Sheets
- Sandi Babbitt
- Larry Hapner
- Mike Anderson
- Cindy Levy
- Christine Houghton
- Steve Genstil
- Gary Katzman
- Sandy Hood
- Diane O'Connell
- Lorraine Newlon

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

April Anniversaries

- Dirk & Maryann Gastaldo
- David & Cheryl Hankins
- Richard & Pat Pool
- Steve & Susan Langberg
- Carl & Cindy McLaren
- Bill & Lynn Vlahos

Wagon Masters**Pismo Coast Village RV Resort-October Trip**

Our trip to Pismo this year will be arranged differently from previous years. The resort now only reserves spots as a group for 25 or more rigs. We've never had that many in our group. If you would like to reserve a spot for your RV or a spot for a rented trailer, you must let me know by March 30. On April 1 I will call to give your name and info to the resort. After I do that, I will email you that you must call the resort to pay for your spot ASAP. This procedure will allow us to be grouped together to the best of their ability. I will be asking for spots for October 1-6. If those dates are not available, I will be asking for Oct. 8-13.

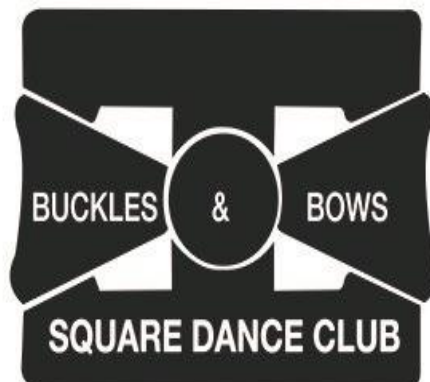
I will need your name, address, phone number, and email, also, your rig type, length, and number of slides. If you have been with our group before, I have all this information. All club members and students are welcome. Questions? Call me at 805-857-0185 or email at sotired7@sbcglobal.net or bradleyroybaker@gmail.com

Looking forward to a great time with everyone,
Donna and Brad Baker

Wagon Masters***Thursday Night Plus Class***

February 29th was the first night of the new Plus class. This Plus class is a follow-on to the "NEW" dancers class known as SSD. So SSD covers the first 50 calls commonly used in Southern California square dancing. The Plus program teaches the next 50 calls that are used. Our club is teaching the New Dancers SSD program on Tuesday nights. Twice a year the class opens for students to start at the entry level. Parallel with the SSD classes, we are holding SSD level dances in addition to our regular club dances that alternate SSD and Plus level tips. The idea is to get students to start attending dances, without them having to master the entire list of 100 calls. Nearly a hundred dancers attended our first SSD dance Feb. 13th. It was one day before Valentines Day so you can guess the theme. Everyone had a great time and a lot of our recent SSD class graduates attended. More SSD level dances are scheduled.

To provide a path for people to learn the Plus calls, the club is holding the Thursday night class. It is also a great review for people who layed off dancing during COVID times. The first night we had 4+ squares of dancers. The second night Mar. 7th we had 6 squares. This includes 9 recent graduates from the SSD class. The hall has room for 10 squares. So come out and bush up your skills. It's a fun time.



SSD DANCE



SUNDAY, March 17, 2024

Caller: Janienne Alexander
2:30 – 4:30

Donation: \$12.00 per person
Credit cards accepted

SNACKS WELCOMED!



Conejo Community Center
1175 Hendrix Ave.
Thousand Oaks

Information:
Pat & Jerry
(805) 657-6655



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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

Goebel Adult Community Center
1/2 block East of 23 Freeway
1385 E. Janss Road
Thousand Oaks

Information:
Bill & Nancy
(805) 368-5371



Coming Dances:
April 27 Eric Henerlau
May 25 Andy Allemao

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Sunshine or Showers

Caller: Eric Henerlau
Cuer: Gary McLaughlin
Saturday, April 27, 2024

SSD & Plus Level 7:30 to 10:00 pm
Bonus Advanced Tip at 10:00
Rounds 7:00 to 7:30 and between Tips

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June 22 - Mike Seastrom



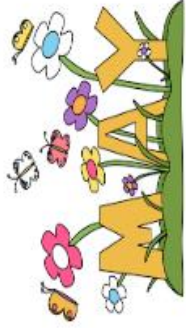
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SSD DANCE



SUNDAY, May 19, 2024

Caller: Don Schadt
2:30 - 4:30

Donation: \$12.00 per person
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1175 Hendrix Ave.
Thousand Oaks



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Buckles & Bows



Invites You to Our 2024 Square Dances

Dance Date	Caller	Cuer
January 27	Dee Dee Dougherty	Cindy Mower
February 13 *	Mike Seastrom	*SSD: 7:00-9:00
February 24	David Mee	Dawn Mee
March 17 *	Janienne Alexander	**SSD 2:30-4:30
March 23	Mike Haworth	Judy Keller
April 27	Eric Henerlau	Gary McLaughlin
May 19 *	Don Schadt	**SSD 2:30-4:30
May 25	Andy Allemao HEX 5:30 – 7:00, Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 Plus 7:30 – 10:00	Cindy Mower
June 22	Mike Seastrom	Judy Keller
June 29 *	Dale Hoppers	At Goebel ACC *SSD 7:00-9:00
July 27	Pat Carnathan	John Downing
August 24	Buddy Weaver	Cindy Mower
September 28	Darrin Gallina	Gary McLaughlin
October 26	Ken Bower	John Downing
November 23	Mike Sikorsky	Cindy Mower
December	Dark	<i>Happy Holidays</i>

4th Saturday of the month
Rounds 7:00 to 7:30 and between Tips
SSD & Plus Level 7:30 to 10:00 pm
 at
Goebel Adult Community Center
 1385 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oak

***SSD Dances**
 See dates and times
**** at**
Conejo Community Center
 1175 Hendrix Ave, T.O.

- **Donation \$12.00**
- *Credit cards accepted*

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Photo Album - Feb. 13th Valentines SSD Dance



2024 Club Sweetheats (Dean & Joanne Cunningham) Honored at Feb. 13th Valentines SSD Dance



Past Honorees



Photo Album (continued)

Club Anniversary Dace - Feb. 24th



Solvang Festival - Mar. 1st-3rd



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
 John Ryan 805-218-3057 & Mike Neihsel 760-855-6366
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 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



Mike Skarsky



Jet Roberts

Fairgrounds
 RV Parking
 \$49 per person
 for the weekend



Sharon & Casey Parker



Tim Menino

(Saturday)
 KERN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
 #425 P St., Bakersfield, CA



Register online or download flier at
bakersfieldsquaredance.com

Info: Buddy 760.703.4880

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	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 Main- stream/Plus Class	8	9
10	11	12 <i>New Dancers Class</i>	13	14 Main- stream/Plus Class	15	16
17 <i>SSD Club Dance</i>	18	19 <i>New Dancers Class</i>	20	21 Main- stream/Plus Class	22	23 <i>Club Dance</i>
24	25	26 <i>New Dancers Class</i>	27	28 Main- stream/Plus Class	29	30 <i>Passo- ver</i>
31 <i>Easter</i>						

April 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> <i>New Dancers Class</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Main-stream/ Plus Class	<i>5</i> <i>Bakersfield Trip</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Bakersfield Trip</i>
<i>7</i> <i>Bakersfield Trip</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> <i>New Dancers Class</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> Main-stream/ Plus Class	<i>12</i> <i>State Convention Stanta Maria</i>	<i>13</i> <i>State Convention Stanta Maria</i>
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