

# CHIRPER



February 2022

Katydid Square Dance Club Newsletter

Volume 59, No 2

START YOUR WEEKEND RIGHT ... DANCE WITH THE KATYDIDS ON FRIDAY NIGHT!



## *Remembering Roger*

14 January 1937 – 14 January 2022

CLUB CALENDAR



[www.katydid.org](http://www.katydid.org)

**Fri., Feb.11: 7:00pm Meeting on ZOOM**

**Fri., Feb. 18: 7:00pm Meeting on ZOOM**

**Fri., Feb. 25: 7:00pm Meeting on ZOOM**

**Fri., Mar. 4: 7:00pm DANCING!! at Salvation Army (Tentative)**

**Fri., Mar. 11: 7:00pm DANCING!! at Salvation Army (Tentative)**

**Fri., Mar. 18: 7:00pm DANCING!! at Salvation Army (Tentative)**

**Fri., Mar. 25: 7:00pm DANCING!! at Salvation Army (Tentative)**

*Be sure to check your email inboxes for further details.*

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS  
and DUTIES

(assuming we have re-opened)

Mar 04.Brunns  
Mar 11 .....Dixon / Village  
Mar 18.....Franger / Moore / Willey  
Mar 258.....Schwartz / Oros

Apr 01 .....Lehnhoff / Grubb  
Apr 08 .....McManus / Standridge

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COVID-19 rules can change on a moment's notice. Be sure to check with the sponsoring club for latest update on the rules they are currently following.

DANCE EVENTS

PLUS LEVEL unless otherwise noted

**Sat., Feb. 26: February Hoedown;** Lucky Steppers  
Calvary United Methodist Church  
729 Morse St., San Jose  
There are 2 sessions; see flyer for details  
Cuer: Sue Harris; Caller: Michael Kellogg

**Sat., Feb. 26: Celebration of Scot Byars' Contribution to Square Dancing;** Calaveras Twirlers  
San Andreas Town Hall, 24 Church Hill Rd.,  
1:00 – 1:30PM Pre-rounds  
1:30 – 4:00PM:Square Dancing  
Cuer Erin Byars  
Caller: Lawrence Johnstone

**Mar. 18-19: March Hoedown;** Lucky Steppers  
Caller: Johnny Preston

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Mjondays:

Bows & Beaus; Beginners class  
Instructor: Tork Clark  
Date: Begins March 7:  
Time: 7:00– 9:00 pm  
Location:Loyola Elementary School,  
770 Berry Ave., Los Altos  
Cost: \$7 per person; 1st two nights are free.  
Info: Sharon 650-429-8368

Tuesdays:

Ongoing Refresher Square Dance class  
Callers; Tork Clark & James Thompson  
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
Location: Resurrection Lutheran Church  
1495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
Cost: \$8 per person  
Info: Pat 408-338-8386

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



To Katydids and Friends:

As you have perhaps noticed, we are hoping (that's the keyword!) to start dancing in person again on Friday, March 4th. We will send out an email closer to that date with further details and the COVID rules that will be in place at that time. In any case, we rejoice with the declining COVID case numbers and hope that nothing new is on the horizon. I'm certain we all have itchy feet to get moving again!!

Our ZOOM meetings have been interesting. One night **Jim** told us about all the traveling he's been doing. He's been all over the world traveling via Google Map's street view. **Armand** told us about an interesting website by Nick Zentner who knows a lot about geology in the Pacific Northwest (<https://m.youtube.com/user/geologyNick/videos>). Last Friday **Lloyd** told us about the Roaring Camp Beach Train tussle. **Parker** tells us that his wife, Sue, is now recuperating at home from having broken both ankles. We have learned that Caller, **Mike Luna**, continues to recuperate from health issues. **Bea** was to have surgery last Monday. We wish her a speedy recovery. We miss her on the dance floor! **Mary Williams** recommended two books: *A Street Cat Named Bob* by James Bowen and *Wonder* by P.J. Palacio which is about a boy born with a facial difference and could be said to be a meditation on kindness.

We will be meeting via ZOOM for the next 3 weeks and then we *hope* to be meeting in person, the COVID gremlins willing ... can't wait!!

**Stephanie**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Doris Darknell.Feb..07....**

**Alice McManus.....Feb. 08**

**Lloyd Darknell Feb. 20...**

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Tue., Feb. 16: 7:00PM PST **Alumni Night;** Bows & Beaus  
Virtual meeting via ZOOM  
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89246726042?pwd=NG41YkhUMDZiWEVCbzNRRzZM2SIZ6dz09>  
Meeting ID: 892 4672 6042  
Passcode: 504187

## Remembering Roger Smith

14 January 1937 – 14 January 2022

Roger H. Smith was a native Californian. He was born in Watsonville in 1937 and raised on a farm in Aromas. He went to work in a grocery store when he was 15 years old and eventually worked in and managed grocery stores from 1952 – 1983, mostly in the Watsonville and Salinas area. When he hurt his back at the grocery store, he had to change jobs and became a Farmers insurance agent from 1983 - 2003. Roger helped raise 3 children and 3 stepchildren. He now has 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren, and probably more by now.

Roger started square dancing in 1961 and he started calling in 1963, with the support of many more experienced callers. He called for several clubs in the Watsonville & Salinas area until about 1980, when he retired for the first time. In 1995, he came back to calling and, with the support of his new partner, Josie, he called and taught for clubs, hoedowns, festivals, schools, churches, and pretty much any place that he could get eight people to stand in a square.

Roger was calling for the Jokers when they and the Rafter Rockers merged in 2005, making Roger the caller for the new club, the Rockin' Jokers where he called almost every week for 15 years!

Roger was also instrumental in starting The Committee To Promote Square Dancing (CPSD) classes, which have also run for almost 15 years.

Roger's dances and clubs were always very well attended with people loving his wonderful voice, his positive personality and his enthusiasm for square dancing. He helped and supported many new callers with his wisdom laden advice, records, stage time whenever they came to RJ, and, again, his enthusiasm for our sport.

When the pandemic hit, Roger was still planning his next square dance moves, but, instead, in June, he decided to hang up his mic and move to Southern California with his daughter and son-in-law and extended family. He still talked about calling again but, with the pretty much universal shutdown and his failing health, that didn't happen.

Roger enjoyed the end of his life with his family as he did pretty much every minute of the rest of his life!

He passed quietly after spending a couple of weeks in the hospital. We will all miss him.

*Originally written as a biography by Josie Baumgartner and Karl Belser; later updated as an obituary by Jackie Daemion and Karl Belser*

Roger cared about people

A friend to all ... a generous person

Remember Roger at the Chicken Hop held in the Santa Cruz mountains

His partner, Josie, was a master at promoting square dancing

Roger will not be forgotten ... he was a people person ... he was a cheerleader of newer dancers

Roger was a wonderful person; he would go to schools and father-daughter nights; he radiated job of square dancing

A very good storyteller!

Roger was honored for 50 years of calling. He was embarrassed to receive the honor saying that he had stopped calling for a period of 15 years.

Roger especially enjoyed calling for youth.



Feb. 2018 Sweetheart Special



Feb. 2019 Sweetheart Special



28 Sep 2019 at Tillie's 100th birthday party



Feb 2016 Sweetheart Special



5 March 2021 Zoom while in San Jose



Roger Smith  
6 August 2021 Zoom, while in, Eastvale

Many thanks to Jackie Daemion and the Rockin' Jokers for providing the article and some of the photos that were captured at the "Remembering Roger" online ZOOM meeting held 17 January.

**Refresher Square Dance Class**  
 Tuesdays, starts August 10, 2021  
 7 - 9 pm  
 Resurrection Lutheran Church  
 2495 Cabrillo Ave, Santa Clara



**Callers: Tork Clark & James Thompson**  
**\$8 per person**  
*Covid vaccination & proof required*  
 Contact Information:  
 Pat Angotti 408.338.8786

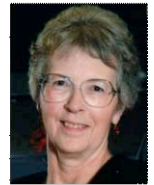
**February Hoedown 2022**  
**Two Sessions Saturday 26 February**



With **Michael Kellogg**

Rounds by **Sue Harris**

Sponsored by Lucky Steppers Square Dance Club



Calvary United Methodist Church  
 729 Morse St. San Jose, CA (corner of Morse and Naglee)

Session 1 Saturday Afternoon  
 1 PM Rounds cuer **Sue Harris**  
 1:30 – 4:30 PM - APD Plus square dancing with Single Rounds caller **Michael Kellogg**

Session 2 Saturday Evening  
 4:30-6:00 PM Rounds cuer **Sue Harris**  
 6:00 – 7:00 Advanced caller **Michael Kellogg**  
 7:00 – 9:00 PM - Plus square dancing with Single Rounds caller **Michael Kellogg**

Advanced purchase at \$12 a session.  
 At the door price is \$15 a session  
 Mail checks to Phil Harris  
 19130 El Cerrito Way, Aromas, CA 95004

More info: Sue & Phil Harris 408-393-8453 leave message  
 or e-mail [philipwharris@att.net](mailto:philipwharris@att.net)

COVID Vaccine + Booster required, and, per Santa Clara County, masks are required while dancing

Save the Dates: Johnny Preston March 18-19, July 8-9 Mike Sikorsky (Prunedale Grange),  
 September 9-10 Randy Dibble and October 15<sup>th</sup> Don and Marie Wood

**BOWS & BEAUS**  
**BEGINNING SQUARE DANCE CLASS**



Adult Singles/Solos/Couples  
 (partners not required)  
 Mondays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
*Great Exercise!  
 Socialize!*

**Masks per SCC Guidelines**  
**Class Starts March 7, 2022**

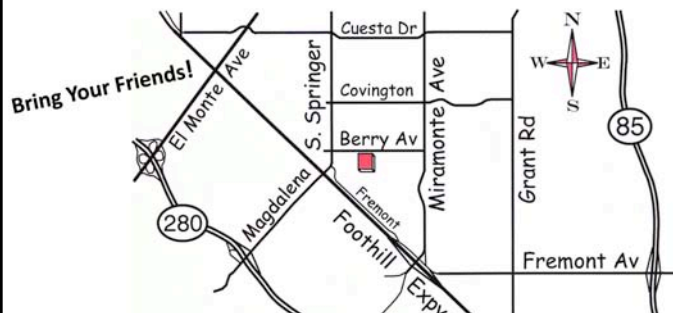
Please check the website below to  
 confirm this start date!



March 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Classes are **FREE!**  
 \$7 per person/class thereafter

**COVID-19 Proof of Full Vaccination Required**

Loyola Elementary School  
 770 Berry Avenue, Los Altos  
 (near Foothill Expy &  
 Rancho Shopping Center)  
 Caller/Instructor: Tork Clark  
 Info: Sharon 650-429-8368  
 Or <http://www.bowsandbeaus.org>



**celebration of**  
**scot byars**  
**contribution to**  
**square dancing!**



**Lawrence Johnstone**  
 caller  
**Erin Byars**, cuer

**Saturday**  
**February 26, 2022**

1:30 pm to 4:00 pm  
 Prerounds 1:00 pm

**San Andreas Town Hall**  
 24 Church Hill Road  
 San Andreas, California  
 Sponsored by the  
**Calaveras Twirlers**  
 Info 209.736.2480

*special  
 charity  
 raffle*



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Copy **deadline** for the March 2022 issue is **February 25<sup>th</sup>**. You can submit articles and photographs to the *Chirper* Editor, Stephanie Stevens, at:

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