CHIRPER

JANUARY 2008 | Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter | Volume 45, No.1

IMPORTANT Message:

Please don't keep the secret of how much FUN it is to square dance all to yourself ... get out and about with your flyers – and proclaim the message about our NEW short and sweet Mainstream class.

from Caroline Fifield, Class Recruitment Coordinator

CLUB CALENDAR

Fri., Jan. 04: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
Sign-ups begin for Sweetheart Special

Tue., Jan. 08: **"Angel" at CSPD Class**
6:30 – 8:45 PM, Camden Comm. Ctr

Fri., Jan. 11: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
9:30 PM Executive Board Meeting at the home of Char Pitts, 3881 Gleason Ave.

Tue., Jan. 15: **"Angel" at CSPD Class**
6:30 – 8:45 PM, Camden Comm. Ctr

Fri., Jan. 18: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
PARTY NIGHT -- Wear **Green**
Bring food to share.

Fri., Jan. 25: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, **Beginner Class starts**
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing

www.katydids.info

Fri., Feb. 01: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM Club Dancing

Fri., Feb. 08: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM Club Dancing

Sat., Feb. 09: **SWEETHEART SPECIAL**
Save the date! All Club members expected to participate.

Fri., Feb. 15: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM Club Dancing

Fri., Feb. 22: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM Club Dancing

Fri., Feb. 29: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM Club Dancing

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Super Square Head
Caroline Fifield (408) 377-3740

Jan. 04 ..... Hebson
Jan. 11 ..... Helfrich, A., M.
Jan. 18 ..... Helfrich, R & J
Jan. 25 ..... Mensing

Feb. 01 ..... Hosoda
Feb. 08 ..... Shaney
Feb. 15 ..... Shaver
Feb. 22 ..... Pitts/Powell
Feb. 29 ..... Wies/Hea

Mar. 07 ..... Darknell
Mar. 14 ..... Andersen
Mar. 21 ..... Gaubatz/Angotti
Mar. 28 ..... Stevens

On Dance Night PRIOR to your duty night:

- Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into Club Cupboard. Notify the Super Square Head, Caroline Fifield, at 408-377-3740, of any needed supplies or change of duty assignment dates.

Before the dance:

- Contact Square Head for following week to be sure they will be there.
- On scheduled night, the designated Square Heads should arrive **by 6:30 PM.**
- Set up tables and chairs as needed.
- Bring 6-8 lbs ice for cooler and make ice water.
- Start hot water for tea and coffee.

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone at the door.
- Offer raffle tickets, 5 tickets for $1.00.
- Have guests sign guest book and collect $4.00 donation per guest.
- Give guest names to President or Membership Chair for introduction during announcements.
- Divide the raffle proceeds – 50% to the Club, 50% to the "cups".
- Check that water and cups do not run out.
- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.

After the dance: ***Clean up!!*** Take the trash bags out to the dumpster (locked) located in the side parking lot. The key is hanging on the wall by the door to the kitchen. NOTE: tables must go into closet FIRST, then the chair "rack".

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

Jan. 05: Running Bear Hoedown – Krazy Dazy's
Branham High School, San José
7:30 – 8:00 PM; Cuer: Sue & Phil Harris
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Eric Henerlau
10:30 – 10:45 PM Star Tip

Jan. 18-20: Winter Festival
Salinas Valley Fairgrounds, King City
Callers: Jerry Story, Bob Baier, Tony Oxendine

Feb. 8-10: Yuma Festival
Mike Sikorsky, Roger Putzler, Jerry Justin, Romney Tannehill, Randy & Marie Preskitt

Mar. 14-16: Bakersfield Fiesta
Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield

May 2-4: Silver State Square & Round Dance Festival
Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV

Jun 25-28: 57th National Square Dance Convention
Wichita, Kansas

2008 BEGINNING CLASSES

Monday
Bows and Beaus: Instructor: Keith Ferguson
Start: Jan. 14; 7:30-9:30 PM; 1st three classes FREE
Loyola School, 770 Berry Ave., Los Altos
Contact: Keith 408-867-7715
Adult singles / Couples (partners not required)

Tuesday
Single Squares of Sunnyvale: Instructor: Eric Henerlau
Start: Jan. 8; 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Murphy Park Comm Ctr., Sunnyvale
Contact: Joe 408-996-0174

Friday
Katydids: Instructor: **Jim Osborne**
Start: Jan. 25; 7:00 - 8:30 PM; 1st two nights FREE
Campbell United Church of Christ
Contact: Lloyd 408-482-9329
Singles / Couples

Note to Square Heads:

If you have been relying on **Pat Angotti** to be at Club early each Friday night to set up, please know that she is no longer available for this task. When you are square heads, you need to be there by 6:30 to start the hot water and set up.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER – –

Hi Katydids

Another year has passed and as we start a new year, we all need to get out and help fill our upcoming class with new dancers. Please see **Caroline Fifield** to see how you can help her with the passing out of the flyers.

We also have our Sweetheart Special Dance coming up on February 9. We will need everyone's help with that, too. Please see **Bob Bennett** to find out how you can help.

~ Lloyd

• • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

Skip Stevens ..... Jan. 04

Kathy Shaney ..... Jan. 22

Pat Angotti ..... Jan. 28

• • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

STOP IN AND SAY "HI!"

Adira

NEW Dance & Costume Shop

823 W. El Camino Real, Mt. View

(near Castro St.)

650-964-1845

www.adiradance.com

Open M-Sat

Closed Sunday

THE CALLER'S CORNER

I believe Bill Davis was one of the top Square Dance Choreographers and activity innovators EVER. Kip Garvey, also a local caller, was one of the top 5 or 10 most popular traveling caller's world wide. Both made significant contributions to our activity and were recognized by CALLERLAB (International Association of Square Dance Callers). Both are friends and I was privileged to call a number of very big dances (>50 Squares) with each of them as the #2 on the dance billing. With all their recognition they both unsuccessfully made an attempt to change Square Dancing from here in the bay area.

I got to know Kip best when we both lived in Union City. During that period Kip told me he felt basic club Square Dancing was having a problem because it took too long to learn to dance. Kip had his own modified class teaching order. It was rooted in his national and international traveling experience. The bottom line was Kip was a business man. He wanted lots of non-dancers to become a Paying PLUS hoedown customer with 35 - 40 weeks of instruction. He did not expect MOST of them to become Strong PLUS Dancers in only 40 weeks. He wanted happy regularly returning hoedown customers. Kip had other dance programs for those that wanted more advanced stuff. So as the callers for two large clubs in Fremont we both used his teaching sequence and from my point of view IT WORKED.

In about the same time frame Bill & Bobbie Davis were THE primary movers and shakers in the Santa Clara Valley Callers Association (SCVCA). Whether callers loved or hated Bill, I believe Bill & Bobbie were a significant part of the glue that held the SCVCA together. Bill and Kip worked together frequently and a few years after I learned about Kips teaching order Bill made a proposal to SCVCA. It was known as the LISST (Logical Integrated Single Season Teaching order). This was an engineers dream (Collect Data, Analyzed Data, Develop Solution). Volunteers would tape well attended local dances. SCVCA would then get together and tally the number of times a call was used over a year period. From that the LISST was built using frequency of usage, SEASONED with teaching experience. The resulting LISST was weighted so students learned most used early, and least used near the end of class (no exclusions just different weighting). To me it was near identical to Kip's teaching order.

(continued on page 4)

(continued from page 3)

SCVCA voted to accept LISST, but the reception elsewhere was a total bust. No matter what was said, others believed some movements would be excluded. Some New Dancer Hoedown Callers even used the LISST to make sure LISST students failed at hoedowns. Damn I liked the LISST. I even had September LISST students go to the huge MAY dance at Silver State (RENO). They did well and were told by a caller in their square "We are sure glad you did not learn with that crazy LISST". They did not know what to say.

During that time frame I was President of the SCVCA and the only member that was also an active member of the Northern California Square Dancer Callers Association (NCSDCA). When I presented the LISST and reasoning at NCSDCA, two callers walked out and two stood with their back towards me in the back of the room. LISST and my use of it, was viewed as evil and denying the sacred CALLERLAB teaching order.

More from the EVIL Square Dance Calling Cave next time. OH Fry' did not have any of those neat vaporizer devices like 007's evil adversaries use to have. Thanks for the Christmas gift I had to get something that won't hurt anyone.

C Ya

Jim

---

web site: **http://www.3osb.com**

• • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

It's THAT time of year ...

Remember to use the hand sanitizer located on the snack table in the back of the hall to help keep germs from spreading particularly during the winter months. Of course, if you are ill, it is best to stay home and we will all be most thankful and will wish you a speedy recovery.

FROM MARY & ROD ---

Hello, friends and family.

In October we drifted south through Missouri and Arkansas, an area that we hadn't spent much time in before. The weather continued to be unseasonably warm, so we weren't motivated to move very quickly. We enjoyed staying in more rural areas and getting in some short hikes and long road trips.

First stop – the Indian Creek CoE Park near Monroe City, MO. The parks are nearly empty by now and we had the beautiful lake to ourselves. Lots of deer around and roads good enough for rollerblading. We took several day trips from here. Hannibal was an hour away, so we visited Mark Twain's hometown, toured the Tom Sawyer sites and took a Mississippi River paddle boat ride. Another trip took us to the wineries on the Missouri River around Jefferson City – pleasant. On Sunday we drove to Hermann for their Octoberfest (should have gone Saturday). Danced with the Dixie Squares in Moberly. Our most unusual find was Locust Creek Covered Bridge (pictured) – beautiful and well-preserved, but the creek has moved 1⁄2 mile away!

South to mid-state and Osage Lake – a beautiful resort area that was still pretty busy with the weather remaining very warm and sunny. Heading to Ozarks, so we went to the Missouri Opry for an evening of music and fun. Found a wonderful state park by the name of Ha Ha Tonka – how can you not enjoy that? At the top of the lake-overlooking hill were these ruins! Like being back in Europe – just 1200 years younger. Built by a KC entrepreneur who died in one of the first Kansas

(Mary & Rod continued on page 6)

Saturday February 9, 2008 7:30 p. m.

Sweetheart Special

Katydids

Caller

Scot Byars

Rounds by

Erin Byars

MC

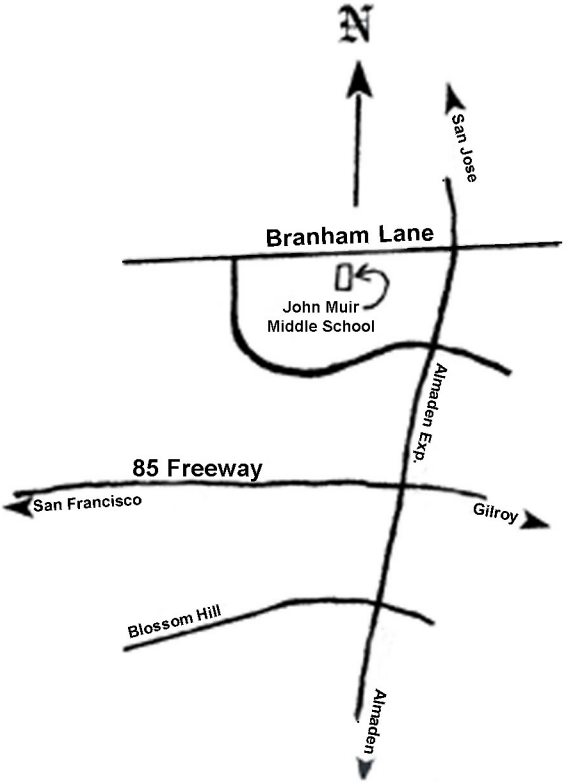
Jim Osborne

45th Annual Plus Level
Badge Dance with Rounds

Rounds 7:30 - 8 and Between Tips

Donations per person:
$9 Pre-sale, $10 at the door
$5 Teens

John Muir Middle School
1260 Branham Lane, San Jose



For Information Call
408 - 482-9320 or 408 - 778-2689
http://katydids.info

Co-Sponsored by: Cupertino Parks & Recreation

(Mary & Rod continued from page 4)

traffic accidents just before his – summer house – was completed. We found some great hiking in Lake of the Ozarks SP, also. The back road into this park featured Brumley Suspension bridge— an auto bridge with wooden planks up to 9 inches apart and the load limit sign only on the park side of the–bridge!

Next stop – Branson. We were here years ago but still found new shows to see and found that some of the venues had changed. We met our road friends Dutch & Di Irrgang here and went with them to see Jim Stafford's show and the Tillis Family Reunion show. And we never miss the Shoji Tabuchi show – what a talented musician! We got to see the Oak Ridge Boys in for a 1-day special show. The Haygoods we hadn't seen before and this is their last year. We managed to squeeze in some hiking in Table Rock SP and found some good country dancing across the river in Hollister at Jester's Pub. Branson was packed – unusual for mid-October, but the great weather continues. Lots of great people at the RV park with new information and ideas for our trailer comfort, and future travels.

We headed across the border into Arkansas and into the Ozarkian town of Mountain View. Some cool, damp weather but they were getting ready for the BeanFest, which meant lots of impromptu jam sessions along the streets of town, in the parks and on porches. Great mountain music and lots of fun. We also enjoyed some more structured sessions at the Taylor's Sons of the Ozarks Musical Theater and Cash's White River Hoedown. The Ozark Folk Center State Park was a most interesting day of seeing mountain crafters in action – they made some wonderful Dutch oven cobblers! And they have a very full evening calendar of performing musicians that we got to attend. Pictured here is the one-room schoolhouse that was part of the 20-exhibit Folk Center craft demonstrations – teacher on-site!

We left before the formal (?) BeanFest weekend – 10,000 people on the country roads to this small town – and drove to DeGray Lake SP, southwest of Little Rock and only 30 miles from Hot Springs. We met up with Dutch & Di again and this time I got to play a little golf – there was a course at the park (under extensive maintenance) and another at Belvedere Country Club near Hot Springs. Nice campground, busy on the weekend (Civil War re-enactment) but pretty empty during the week

We decided to cut across the southern border of Oklahoma, along the Red River, to just north of Fort Worth. It was a pretty drive, away from the interstates. We elected to stay in Thackerville for a few days to get caught up on chores, leaving us free to party once we hit Fort Worth. The park was having a Halloween potluck dinner, so we attended and made several new friends – some of which were also heading to –"the valley"– for the winter, so we may see them again. We also took some time to hike in Lake Murray State Park – now tell the truth, would you have guessed this picture was taken in Oklahoma? We are often surprised in our travels, where what we see doesn't match what we expected!

We've enjoyed a month of slow travel and lots of relaxing – back into the country. Good music, fun entertainment, and wonderful state and CoE parks – with lots of space. We're also excited to be heading into Fort Worth and a chance to see many of our friends. We enjoy hearing your news and receiving holiday greetings via e-mail. We will have a direct mail winter address this year only – December & January:

Rod Garges / Mary Monticello
1401 South Cage, Unit #617
Pharr, TX 78577-6242

Enjoy all you holiday preparations!

Mary & Rod

817-308-5991
marymonti@aol.com

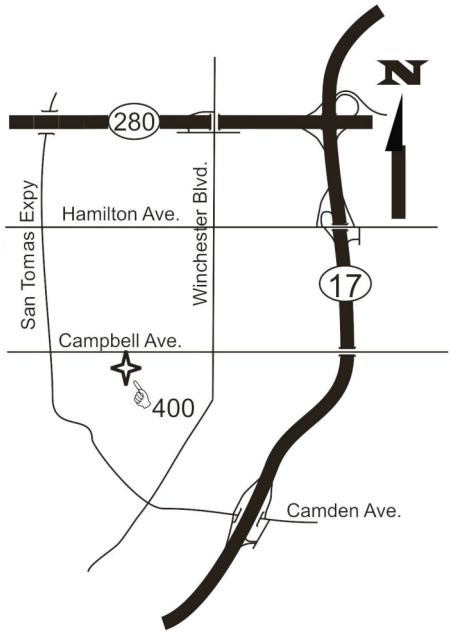
Don’t miss this unique opportunity to learn to Square Dance in just 16 weeks! It’s the best, clean fun 8 or more adults can have together - and hugs are free too!

COME AND HAVE FUN DANCING WITH US!

Admission is FREE on Friday, January 25th and Friday, February 1st and then it’s only $4 a week.
No partner, experience, or special clothing required!

The class starts at 7pm
in the main hall at the
United Church of Christ,
400 West Campbell Avenue
Campbell, CA 95008

For more information,
please call Caroline on
(408) 377-3740



Warning:
Square Dancing is so exhilarating that you may become addicted – but don’t worry there are places where you can square dance any or every night of the week!

Katydids Square Dance Club is co-sponsored by the Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department.
Our caller is Jim Osborne, one of Santa Clara Valley Square Dance Association’s Top Ten callers.

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Official Newsletter of
Chirper
Katydids Square Dance Club
4862 Morden Drive
San José, CA 95130-2131

Katydids Executive Board

President	Lloyd Darknell	408-482-9320
Vice President	Bob Bennett	408-778-2689
Treasurer	Don Powell	408-288-5563
Secretary	Maxine Darknell	408-241-7567
Membership	Char Pitts	408-984-5888
Publicity	Don Gaubatz	408-252-6875
Chaplain	June Helfrich	408-259-3315

Committee Chairpersons:

Class Head Angel	The Hosodas	408-252-4105
Chirper Editor	Stephanie Stevens	408-871-9525
Historian	Louise Stagnitto	408-244-0194
Photographer	Don Gaubatz	408-252-6875
Sheriff	Joyce Wies	408-253-0964
Social Chair	Pat Angotti	408-241-0888
Super Square Heads	Caroline Fifield	408-377-3740
Website Manager	Lloyd Darknell	408-482-9320
Sweetheart Special '08	Bob & Annie Bennett	408-778-2689
Picnic Chair '08		
Caller & Taw	Jim & Joann Osborne	650-571-1970

CHIRPER STAFF

The *Chirper* Newsletter is written by, and for, members of the Katydids Square Dance Club.

Copy **deadline** for the February issue is **January 25th** You can submit articles to the *Chirper* Editor, Stephanie Stevens at:

s.stevens@fastermac.net

The Katydids Square Dance Club is co-sponsored by the Cupertino Parks & Recreation Department.