



Single Spinners

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PRESIDENT'S TWO CENTS

2012 CLASS GRADUATION

We had a very nice graduation on February 26 for the 2012 class. We had 9 new dancers apply for membership (**YEA TEAM**). Please make an extra effort to dance with our new dancers and help them become more comfortable with our favorite fun activity. We had several guest including the President of San Diego Square Dance Association.

See Lynn McCrary's follow-up article.

2013 BEGINERS CLASS

Our new class will start tonight, March 5, 2013. We need help from everyone to promote this class. We also need help to use the social media like Facebook. Many dance groups are attempting new promotional methods using electronic media.

Old methods of promoting new dance classes do not work in modern times. We are far too busy these days. Getting people to let loose for their computers, TV, internet, Facebook and such is really

Difficult. Convincing people on the benefits of square dancing is a real test of salesmanship.

Invite any of your friends, neighbors, church members, co-workers to come and try it, 'they might like it!'

ANNIVERSARY DANCE SUPPORT

I would like to thank all of the dancers that were able to attend Lighthouse Squares and Sundown Squares Anniversary dances held recently. Our participation at other club dances will help encourage other club dancers to come visit our club on special dance events such as party nights and anniversary dances.

MAJOR DANCE EVENTS COMING UP

March and April will host two of the largest dance festivals held in the state. Bakersfield Festival held on March 15 - 17, 2013. These events hire the very best callers and cuers who put on a great show. The Bakersfield Festival is at the Kern County Fairgrounds here RV parking is plentiful and great.

The California State Square Dance Convention will be held April 12-14, 2013 at the Victorville California Fairgrounds. Here again, top callers and cuers will be on stage. The RV parking is very good with lots of hookups.

Both dances are about a three to five hour drive. Both cities' have plenty of hotel/motel's to stay in. Festivals and conventions offer more activities than what you would expect in your home town.

Single Spinners 39th Anniversary

Single Spinners will be celebrating its 39th anniversary with a large dance in Balboa Park on June 1, 2013. Over the many years our club has danced, we have collected one of the largest collections of decorations of any club in town.

For the last 20 plus years, we have used a wild west (circa 1870). Our club has fabricated posters (thanks to Jane Marus) of an old time town, completed with things like a jail, a school, boarding house, 'House of ill repute', silver mine. Some

decorations are named after prominent club members. Our posters range in sizes of 8-12 feet tall and 5-12 ft wide. It takes quite a bit of manpower to set every thing up then take it apart and load back on the truck. (Yes we rent a U-Haul).

The jail is a working establishment where you can arrest someone for tip unless you can find someone to post bail. Last year, we had a club from Orange County come down on a bus trip and attend our dance. At one point, they had a whole square in jail. Soon, it was noted, they made a jail break by picking the jail up and marching it around the hall. It was hilarious.

I would like club members to think about not only attending our June 1 anniversary but also help decorate and then take down at the end of the dance. We have rigid time constraints in Balboa Park. We cannot get into the building until 3 PM and we have to be out by 10 PM. NO BUTS! And THEN, take it back to the church, unload the truck and put them back into the attic for storage!

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2013 California State Convention

State convention will be held in Victorville, California on April 12, 13, & 14. There will be a superb lineup of callers, cuers and line dance instructors. We do have fliers

available. Fliers are on the table at Spinners, and in the various publications.

FLASH – new information – they have some flooring being donated, you will NOT be dancing on concrete. They will have cushioned flooring in the Plus, Advanced and Round dance halls. If you have questions, some of us have danced on this surface at other activities, and it is a lot better than dancing on hard concrete.

There is plenty of RV parking (with hook-ups) at the Victorville fairgrounds if you have access to an RV and there are plenty of motels in the area. There are tons of restaurants in the area also.

A BIG WELCOME to our class graduates ~ and new members:

Sam & Marilyn Ames
Stephanie Doerr
Kirk & Susan Ferris
Rosanne Frantz-Gaines
Ken and Barb House
Kathy Polk

Also John graduated Peggy Parker and Darrel Basta. We hope you all will welcome these new dancers when you see them and encourage them to participate in traveling to other activities in and out of the area as it pertains to square dancing ~ i.e. the Del Mar Fair, State Convention(s), anniversary dances, and special promotions to encourage others to share our enjoyment of square dancing.

One such special activity coming up is on July 13, before a Padres game. You

do need to purchase a ticket – but only for \$20.00, you will have very good field level seats – on the first base side of the field. We haven't seen this remodeled area yet, as they just changed the fences, and moved the visiting team from having their pitchers warm up in that area.

Several years ago, we did a half-time exhibition at an Aztec football game, with the Aztec band performing live music for us to dance to. A few of us Spinners cooked hotdogs (with trimmings) for the Aztec band and all of the dancers, as we had a practice in the afternoon, prior to the game. We fed about 600 people in less than an hour. There were a few singed arms from cooking the hot dogs that evening.

Activities within the club, have included picnics, Christmas (Holiday) parties, hand and foot games.

All of our board meetings are open meetings, anyone is welcome to attend. Lately they have been at Jane's home, and are usually on the last Wednesday of the month, schedule's permitting.

Welcome to everyone, glad you have joined us!

Lynn McCrary

CLUB TRAVELS AND VISITATIONS

Upcoming Official Travels:

Spinners' Party night March 12
Theme- St. Patricks Day
Hot Potato Night

RoundUp Afternoon Advanced
Vic Kaaria. 3:15 – 5:15
Pre Rounds 7 – 7:30 Richard
Cartwright
Squares 7:30 – 9:45 Park
Club

Recommended Travel

3/24 Ruffles 'n Beaus John is calling, lets go visit and talk about our upcoming Anniversary!! They dance in Balboa Park at the Casa del Prado. More info later.

Dennis Lynn & Freya Peterson
Travel Chair

Websites

INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:

Most of the websites have links to dancing in other local tins, including overseas, and is available via our website's "links" feature.

singlespinners.sdsda.org/
www.sdsda.org
www.PalomarSDA.org
www.backcountrysda.com
www.squaredance.org
www.61nsdc.com - Spokane
www.NSDCNEC.org
www.wheresthedance.com/
www.facebook.com/singlespinners

2013 additional forms & Information
www.squaredance.org/2013

2013 California State Convention.

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

March is here and that means only one thing...BASEBALL is almost back!

As far as Spinners is concerned, it means our new class has started. We still have two weeks that the class is "open" so please bring some folks out. The class is still open on March 12 and 19. Last year (with nine class members joining our club) was the most successful class we have had in many years. Let's make the 2013 class even more successful! While I'm talking about the class, I'd like to welcome Roseann, Steph, Kathy, Ken & Barb, Kirk & Susan and Sam & Marilyn.

Some other things that pop into my mind, don't forget to sign-up to participate in the Square Dance at the Park. It is going to be on July 13 and there are fliers at the treasury table that has a bunch of information. In general what is going on is there will be a square dance demo prior to the Padres Vs. Giants game on the above mentioned date. The cost covers your ticket to the game.

Coming up a little sooner is Daylight Savings. That is this coming Sunday, so please "spring" your clocks ahead 1 hour!

Finally, could we get some positive thoughts (and prayers if you have a prayer list) for square dance caller Rick Hampton. Rick is a caller in the Bakersfield area, and he is having some issues with his kidneys. He recently had liver transplant surgery and as of last report he is out of ICU and is recovering nicely. While we are at it, let us send some good thoughts to his wife Lynn.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns things you wouldn't dare tell your psychiatrist but would gladly share with me... I'm at 99% of the dances!
Chris Davis

CALLER'S CORNER

Greetings to you all! Welcome to spring! I love this time of year when everything is green and fresh, and the days get longer. Also, baseball season is right around the corner!

A lot of things are going on in our club this month. We just finished one new dancer group and we are starting another one. I will address both in this article. I encourage club members to read also.

For our new dancers just starting with us – Welcome! We are glad you are here and we hope you are enjoying yourselves. Your comfort and enjoyment are very important to us. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me, Lynn (new dancer group coordinator), or Chris (club vice president). Feel free to

browse through this newsletter to find out all of the activities the club is involved with. This is a great activity with many events. Experienced dancers have various levels of interest in our activity. On the extremes, some dancers just dance with their weekly club. Others are the "die-hards" which dance almost every night of the week and attend all of the "large" dances on the weekends. Most dancers are somewhere in between. Again, welcome.

For our new dancers that just joined the club – Welcome as well! Well, not really a welcome, as I have gotten to know you over the past year. However, welcome to a new stage of your experience. You are entering the transition period from new dancer to club dancer. It is somewhat of a treacherous time for you, as you just came out of a more sheltered class experience and just learned all of the vocabulary, to an environment where you may be dancing with people who have been dancing for decades. It is going to take you a while to get comfortable dancing all of the calls and decreasing your reaction time to them. That is what we will be working on in the club time for the next few months. We will work on increasing your familiarity and ability with the calls, and we will work on building your confidence and timing. We hope to reduce the franticness with which some people dance. Where people can have a straight, but relaxed,

posture and dance the calls smoothly to the beat of the music. That may take time, but it can be done.

Club members: I am counting on you to help in both circumstances. Help the new dancers in their time, and help our new club members make a successful transition. It may require patience, but I think the payoff is worth it over the long term. Remember that when you are helping dancers in a square, let ME do the talking, except for small phrases such as, "here," or "turn around." Have your hand out and available for the new dancer to take. Please try NOT to push or shove people. I have seen that more recently and I hope that does not continue. There may be a time for GENTLE physical guidance, but make sure that other approaches have been exhausted first. Thanks!

I hope everyone has a great month! Until next time...

John

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO ROUND DANCE?

San Diego Round Dance Instructors – brand new website: rounddance.org

AROUND SPIDEY'S WEB

If you have anything you want in this fine publication, just give it to Lynn Davis at a dance (deadline is the last dance of each month, and IF SPACE PERMITS, it will be included in the next issue) or you can e-mail it to: lynndavis542@cox.net

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Party Central

March 5th we will be starting a new class! Put your smiles on and join in the fun like square dancing is ment to be.

March 12th is our St. Patrick's Party with hot potatoes that you can stuff anyway you want! Our March Birthdays will be celebrated on March 26th.

April 9th we have a Zoo Lovers Party – we will be feeding the animals. I heard somewhere that some people plan on dressing up with ears and tails! April Birthdays will be celebrated April 30th.

John is scheduled on March 23rd for the Class Level Dance. I hope you will be able to come dance with us.

I hope to see you in a square at all of these dances. Just be sure to wear your Spinner Smile!!

So... mark them on your calendars and enjoy the dancing

See You in a square
Jane Marus

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San Diego County Caller's Association (in association w/ SDSDA)

"End of Winter Mainstream Dance"

This will be a fun dance that will feature various local callers. Come out and enjoy the variety!! Dance to some callers you may not have heard before.

Geared for the September class students, it is still a great dance for ALL club members.

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Heritage Dancers Anniversary

Saturday, April 6, 2013

Balboa Park Club
Pat Carnathan & Andy Allemao calling

Bill & Linda Maisch cueing
3:15 - 5:15 pm: Afternoon Rounds

6:45 - 7:15 pm: Pre-Rounds

7:15 - 7:30 pm: Performance by the Heritage Dancers

7:30 - 9:40 pm: Squares & Rounds

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Now, a little humor.

THE CURTAIN RODS ---

On the first day, he sadly packed his belongings into boxes, crates and suitcases.

On the second day, he had the movers come and collect his things.

On the third day, he sat down for the last time at their beautiful dining-room table, by candle-light; he put on some soft background music, and feasted on a pound of shrimp, a jar of caviar, and a bottle of spring-water.

When he'd finished, he went into each and every room and deposited a few half-eaten shrimps dipped in caviar into the hollow center of each curtain rod.

He then cleaned up the kitchen and left.

On the fourth day, the wife came back with her new boyfriend, and at first all was bliss.

Then, slowly, the house began to smell.

They tried everything; cleaning, mopping, and airing-out the place.

Vents were checked for dead rodents, and carpets were steam cleaned.

Air fresheners were hung everywhere.

Exterminators were brought in to set off gas canisters, during which time the two had to move out for a few days, and in the end they even paid to replace the expensive wool carpeting.

Nothing worked! People stopped coming over to visit.

Repairmen refused to work in the house. The maid quit.

Finally, they couldn't take the stench any longer, and decided they had to move, but a month later - even though they'd cut their price in half - they couldn't find a buyer for such a stinky house.

Word got out, and eventually even the local realtors refused to return their calls.

Finally, unable to wait any longer for a purchaser, they had to borrow a huge sum of money from the bank to purchase a new place.

Then the ex called the woman and asked how things were going.

She told him the saga of the rotting house.

He listened politely and said that he missed his old home terribly and would be willing to reduce his divorce settlement in exchange for having the house.

Knowing he could have no idea how bad the smell really was, she agreed on a price that was only 1/10 th of what the house had been worth, but only if he would sign the papers that very day.

He agreed, and within two hours her lawyers delivered the completed paperwork.

A week later the woman and her boyfriend stood smiling as they watched the moving company pack everything to take to their new home and to spite the ex-husband, they even took the curtain rods!

**I LOVE A HAPPY ENDING,
DON'T YOU?**