



Single Spinners

HOMESPUN NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S TWO CENTS

CLUB SUPPORT- I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our club members who have participated in club activities throughout this past year. Many of our members have held positions for a long time. I have been in the (office of President) since 1994. The lack of someone to step up to the plate and help guide the club into the future is the main problem.

Elections will be held on February 18, 2014 and the nomination slate has one person per elected office. Of these nominees, most are shuffling the deck from one job to another if there no one willing to take on the responsibility of fulfilling the duties off that position. We will take nominations from the floor for any of the positions - (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.) We have doubled-up on jobs through the years when volunteers were not available.

There are several non elected positions open. These are board appointed positions. We try to get new people to take on some of the easier jobs as a means to educate future square dance leaders. Leadership training and experience learned via a square dance club or association can go a long ways in other endeavors. Please consider accepting a position on Single Spinners board for the next year and learn more about square dancing than just how to do the movements.

TRAVELS – because of the Election Day for San Diego being on one of our dance nights, February 11, 2014, we will be traveling to Valley Twirlers. They dance on the same nights we do, with a class prior to their main dance. Dick Neumann is their caller. Dance location is Bostonia Rec. Center, 1049 Bostonia St., El Cajon

We have only two dances in February, the 4th and the 18th. The 18th will be party night, election night, and birthday night. The church is not available

on the 25th of February or March 4, as the church is being used for the

Interfaith Shelter. We will resume on March 11, with our new class at 6:30 pm.

SINGLE SPINNERS CLASS

We will be starting a NEW class on March 11, please pick up some cards with the information and pass them out. We need to keep this activity growing, and the only way we can do that is recruit or encourage people to try it. If they say they did it in school, let them be aware what they did then is not what we do today.

THIRD SATURDAY ROUNDUP February 15,2014

We have decorations for the February Round-up. We will meet at 3:00 pm for decorating. Phil Farmer is calling the evening dance, and Bev Oren is doing the rounds.

ALPINE SQUARES 29th SOCK HOP BENEFIT DANCE

Alpine Squares thanks everyone for coming to the Sock Hop at Santee Toyota.

They took in a little more than \$4,500.00 this year.

HAPPY DANCING

DANA

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CLUB TRAVELS AND VISITATIONS

Travel Plans for the Month of Feb. include: February 8th Back Country's first Quarterly dance of the year at the College Center Covenant Church. Feb. 11th at Valley Twirlers for their Installation, Round-Up on the 15th at the Recital Hall {we have DECORATING DUTY}, Lighthouse Squares Anniversary on the 22nd, and Finally Sundown Squares is celebrating their anniversary with a Live Band. (this dance costs \$15.00 per dancer)

Upcoming Official Travels:

Round-Up February 15th
Sweetheart Ball
Calling: Phil Farmer
Cueing: Bev Oren
Afternoon: Advanced 3:15 – 5:15 pm
Pre Rounds: 7 – 7:30pm
Squares & Rounds 7:30– 9:45 PM

Dennis Lynn & Freya Peterson
Travel Chair

Websites

INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:

Most of the websites have links to dancing in other locations, 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.NSDCNEC.org
www.wheresthedance.com/
www.facebook.com/singlespinners

NEW WEB SITES /EMAIL INFO

San Diego County Square Dance Callers Assoc. Chart of monthly San Diego dances.

dickneumann@gmail.com. If you would like to receive this list directly from Dick, just send him an e-mail and he will add you to his list. +

Future National Conventions

63nsdc.com Little Rock, Arkansas
~ June 25 – 28, 2014

64nsdc.com Springfield,
Massachusetts ~ June 24 – 27, 2015

65nsdc.com Des Moines, IA ~
June 22 – 25, 2016

VICE-PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

I'll start with this... one month down, eleven more to go until we are in 2015. Can anyone name the movie released in 1989 that is partially set in 2015? Answer at the end of the newsletter.

Meanwhile in square dance land... February is going to be a crazy month for Spinners. You have a dance on the 4th, a week off for the San Diego mayoral election. We come back on the 18th for our final dance of the month. The club will be dark on the 25th and March 4 for the church to hold the annual homeless shelter.

On the 18th, we will be holding our annual elections along with birthday night. What the hay, let's throw in Singles Awareness Night as well. It will be a very busy night, but we hope you will come out and partake in the fun and let your voice be heard in our election.

We are getting closer to April and that means we are closer to State Convention. If you like to dance to some great callers and see some of the Golden State, pick up a registration sheet on the flier table... or if you are reading the electronic version of the newsletter, here is the link (<http://www.squaredance.org/2014/images/2014-Reg-Form.pdf>). Pre-registration expires on March 31. For those that like to go to the State Convention and don't like to travel, next year is your year. It will be on the shore of Mission Bay in 2015.

Also, speaking of traveling to dances, the Bakersfield Fiesta is coming up March 14-16 (shockingly enough in Bakersfield!). This is always a great festival to go to and they are saying that this year will have better floors.

Finally, this is the last newsletter prior to our new class starting. The new class starts on March 11 and will be open to new dancers for three weeks. Please spread the word and have some friends and family join us. We are going to be trying something new this year for Spinners. We are going to be running an ad on Facebook. Don't forget if you are on Facebook, you can always be a fan and "like" the page.

So, until next time...

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

The date has been set for our next new dancer group to start. It will be on March 11, 2014. It is NEVER too early to spread the word around.

Think about different ways to reach out to people. All ideas are welcome. Please share them. We all need to be involved in this. More to come!

Take care. Until next time...

John

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO ROUND DANCE?

San Diego Round Dance Instructors – brand new web-site: 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

* **We will be DARK Feb. 11, 25 and March 4!!**

Let us start celebrating February with a "bang" - February 1st was PSDA's 65th Anniversary dance! With BCSDA's Sweetheart Dance on the 8th. We will be decorating for SDSDA's RoundUp on February 15th. So, on Feb. 4th we will be signing hearts for decorations.

Spinners will be celebrating "single awareness" as a Val

entines party on February 18th.

We will be dark from the 18th to the 11th of March, so lets go visitin' some options are Valley Twirlers for their Installation dance on the 11th. or there are other clubs on other nights too, look at the flyer table to find some options that sound like fun, and invite the club you visit to come see us when we get back from our time off.

February 18th is a very busy night for us, it is party night, birthday night and election night, so be sure to come that night to let your voice be heard in the Election of Officers!!

March 11th is our first night back from our "vacation" and it too will be a busy time. We will be starting our new class that night, and also having our St. Patrick's party. I'll bet there will be lots of Green on the dance floor!!

In February John is calling BCSDA's dance on the 8th.

* In March John is calling the PSDA's student level dance on March 9th, and SDSDA's RoundUp on March 15th, and will call both the Callers Fun Level dances Feb. 22 and March 22.

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

So... Mark these dates on your calendars as you mark all the Round Ups and party nights for the other clubs. And enjoy the dancing

See You in a square
Jane Marus

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN

Those of you have been coming on Tuesdays are aware the church is making changes (unfavorable) for everyone who is using the facility. NO ONE has permission to use the kitchen, including the Preschool. They have put padlocks so we cannot get in from the Fellowship Hall side. We still make coffee and have water available, but will be setting up our refreshments on a table in the back of the room.

In addition they are asking an increase in our donations from all who use the facilities, in some cases it was doubled. This change is for all of the groups using the facility.

Parking on Tuesdays has been difficult – there are three things going on, an AA meeting (they meet six nights a week), and a Bible Study besides us dancers. If we double park in the parking lot it is not a problem, or if you do have a handicapped sticker, you can park in the alley against the garages. The space directly behind the chain link cage between our buildings is not marked handicapped.

Answer to trivia question . . .
Back to the Future II