

The Chatter

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*We Grew Up To Be Square Dancers
Will Today's Kids?*

Central Coast Square Dance Association

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PISMOS 'N TAWS - Dance 1st & 3rd Saturdays

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 1010 Foothill, SLO

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SQUAWS & PAS

Rounds 7:30-8:00 PM

Plus Level Dancing 8:00 to 10:00 PM

2nd & 4th Saturdays

Thurs: Round Dance Classes - beginners & advanced.

From 7 to 9:30; Karen MacDonald

All events at the Santa Maria YMCA

3400 Skyway Dr. Santa Maria



Apr. 11	<i>DARK</i>
Apr. 25	Darren Gallina/The MacDonalds
May 9	Desirey Benavides/The MacDonalds
May 23	Wayne Simpson/The MacDonalds

Information: 937-5737 or 937-1016

PISMOS 'N TAWS **"THE FUN CLUB"**

EVENTS

Apr. 4 Rick Hampton/MacDonalds
Apr. 18 Lloyd Lewis/ Ferraros
May 2 Mike Luna/ MacDonalds
May 16 Bob Elling/ MacDonalds

Dance Nights - 1st & 3rd Saturdays
Grover Beach Recreation Center
12 & Trouville, Grover Beach
Pre-Rounds at 7:30, Squares at 8:00
DBD/A-1 Workshop -Dave Rensberger
Mon. 7-9, Grover Beach



For Information, call 937-3728





C.C.S.D.A. Reporter

by Bob

This is the last edition of the Central Coast Chatter that Clarice and I will be doing. It's about time for a change for both you readers and for us. A number of factors have led us to conclude that our square and round dancing days are done, and we will lose the close contact with area dancing that we have had while active dancers and cuers.

It's been an interesting ride for both of us. I have acted as editor-in-chief and Clarice has handled the proof reading duties and made valuable contributions to the content. It has been a good partnership. We took on the Chatter in 1991 and continued through 1996, then David Cleek gave us a break by editing the Chatter from 1997 through 2000, at which time we resumed "editorship" and continued to the present, for a total time in office of sixteen years and a little.

We had a lot of concern about our successor, since editing the Chatter requires some concentrated effort from time to time, and not very many people are willing to take on the job. We are extremely fortunate to have a willing and capable volunteer to take over. Her name is Anne Edgecombe and she is a member of the Hoedowners. Anne's husband is also computer competent and can help with the publishing of the Chatter.

This, of course, means that the contributors of Chatter ads and articles will need to send them to Anne, beginning with the next issue (May). Anne will need as much calendar information as you can give her in advance, and I will send her what I have in my files as well. I hope that my loyal contributors of the monthly club articles will continue to furnish Anne with this indispensable part of the publication. Without these articles, the Chatter loses half of its reason for existing.

Anne, like me, will have full control of the Chatter and can change it in any way she sees fit. This includes format and content, and you may be surprised at the way the next Chatter looks. The Chatter has looked pretty much the same since I began as editor, and some changes could be very welcome.

Anne's e-mail address is mba79@sbcglobal.net. Please see the front inside cover for her address and phone.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

The next Fifth Saturday Dance, which falls on May 30th, will not take place in the Grover Beach Recreation Center, but will move to the Wine Country RV Park in Paso Robles. There the Central Coast Dancers will join with a Northridge club, which will be camped there, to dance to the expert calling of Dick Hodnefeld. It should be a nice change: meet some other dancers and dance in a different place to a different caller. Watch for details.

The next CCSDA board meeting (April 5th) will be held in advance of the Hoedowners dance in classroom number 1 at the Zion Church at !:00

The Hoedowner Anniversary Dance and New Dancer Hoedown on May 17th will be held at the United Church in Los Osos. This is a one time thing. See their ad for details.



EVERY 2nd & 4th
SUNDAY
1:30 - 4:30
Pre-Rounds 1:30
Squares 2:00

THE HOEDOWNERS

"My T. Friendly Club"
Zion Lutheran Hall
1010 Foothill, SLO

Apr. 5 Jay Henderson/The Ferraros
Apr. 26 Nasser Shukayr/The Ferraros
May 17 59th ANNIVERSARY &
NEW DANCERS' HOEDOWN
Darren Gallina/The Ferraros
NOTE: UNITED CHURCH
11245 LOS OSOS VALLEY RD.



For Information: 541-2386



Do Paso Squares

Dancing two Thursdays a Month
At Centennial Hall

600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles
Mainstream/Plus Dancing 7:00 to 9:00

APRIL MAY

Apr. 2 Darren Gallina & The Ferraros	May 7 DARK
Apr. 9 DARK	May 14 Darren Gallina
Apr. 16 DARK	May 21 DARK
Apr. 23 Darren Gallina	May 28 Darren Gallina & The Ferraros

Information: 238-9638; 461-9026



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GERT THE SKERT

"Each time I look at you, dearie,
I'm more convinced of
Darwin's theory!"

Dear Friends,

For all the cards, gifts and good wishes, we thank you! It has been a privilege to teach and cue for you, and we appreciate your loyalty and affection. We'll not say goodbye, but rather "Till We Meet Again".

*We Love you all
Bob and Clarice*

Club Chatter . . .

THE HOEDOWNERS

by Shirley Hanrion

Many people have been asking me when I will start to accept square dance clothing donations. I would like to receive them at the beginning of May, so please call me if you have some good clothing to donate to the new dancers at 541-2386. Please, only good stylish clothing so there is not so much left over that is so out-dated that you wouldn't wear it yourself.

The Hoedowners have started having sign-up lists for Hoedowners and friends who would like to go on different outings together. There will be sign-up sheets at the next several dances for those who wish to join in with us on interesting places to go together as a group. We thought this would be a great way to get more acquainted on non-dancing outings. It had worked well with the Misty Seas, so we thought we would try it. Del and Hilde Hollinger have graciously volunteered to head the outing committee.

We are looking forward to having Jay Henderson calling for us on April 5, and Nasser Shukayr will return to call for us on April 26. The Ferraros will be cueing both dances. Nasser will not be able to return to California as frequently in the future as he has moved to another town in Texas and has started a different job where it will be harder for him to get away and travel as much as he had in the past.

The new dancers are settling their attendance down now and learning very well, moving right along with Dave's teaching. We hope to add more to the class after Dave's March "Blast" intense one-day square dance instruction class where a few more dancers will get a chance to catch up and join in on Tuesday evenings to the level that is currently being taught. Several prospective dancers missed the January start of the new dancer class, but saw it on our website and joined in the Blast class.

We are looking forward to our 59th Anniversary dance in May, which will be in combination with our first New Dancer Hoedown on May 17.

DO PASO SQUARES

by Edie Kildow

We want to thank the Jennings for all their dedicated years of cueing and teaching. We will miss you. Please come visit when you are traveling; keep in touch. What a great job you did, getting the Chatter out every month, and all the great articles you wrote - lots of work. That will be a hard act to follow. Thanks again.

Do Pasos are doing great. We always have lots of fun, and its so nice to have the dancers come over the grade to dance with us; we appreciate that. Darren always outdoes himself, making sure we have fun besides teaching and going over ones we are confused about. Thank you, Darren, and thanks to Tom for being there when we need him.

We are saddened by the loss of one of our dedicated dancers: Peggy Jenkins passed away February 27. You all will remember her as the lady at the door taking money and greeting for many years. She never forgot a birthday and brought the best cakes. Her homemade decorations were really creative. We will miss her.

April 2 - Darren will be calling, the Ferraros cueing, and the "Gadabouts" will be here, bringing two squares.

April 23 - Darren will call, Come visit.

More Club Chatter . . .

PISMOS 'N' TAWS

by RayAnn Crouse

Happy Easter everyone. Hope the Easter Bunny is very generous with his goodies for you. We have had a very good spring so far. A big thank you to all of you who were able to make it to our March 7th dance. What a great turnout we had for Johnny Preston. Of course, I believe many of you were there to wish your best to our wonderful round dance cuers, Bob and Clarice Jennings, as they cued their last official dance before retirement. They have been such an important and consistent part of our Saturday night dances and we will truly miss them. Their dedication to round dancing and their quiet grace make them a very special couple. We hope they enjoy every moment of extra free time that they have (not to mention the money saved on gasoline!!). We are fortunate that Karen MacDonald has agreed to take over as our cuer for future dances, and our rounds will continue!

We have some great dances coming up in April and May. On April 4th Rick Hampton will return to call for us, with Karen MacDonald cueing rounds. Rick is a favorite with all of us, and often brings several of his dancers with him which makes for a great evening. On April 18th Lloyd Lewis will be calling and the Ferraros will be cueing rounds for us on that evening. In May we are looking forward to Mike Luna on the 2nd and Bob Elling on the 16th. Karen MacDonald will cue on both of these dates, so mark your calendars.

As most of you have heard by now, recent changes in available advanced workshops have altered our plans and we have decided to continue our Advanced workshop on Monday nights. Dave Rensberger will be calling/instructing an A1/A2 Workshop/Dance every Monday night, 7-9 p.m. at the Grover Beach Rec Center. So far we have had a GREAT turnout for this workshop and everyone is very pleased with the level of instruction and dancing. Come by and join us!

As far as our club members go, Joe Boyajian recently had foot surgery and we are hoping to see him back on the dance floor soon. It was great to see Mike and Marilyn Dwiggin back dancing, and great to see Mike looking so well. Jim and I continue to miss out on dancing due to health problems, and we truly appreciate those of you who help Vern and Ardie take down the decorations and clean up the hall. A big Thank You also to Cliff Courtney and Sue Whistler for their help in getting the decorations up and the hall ready to go. Someday I hope we will actually be able to stay and have a wonderful, safe and healthy Easter and Spring.

SQUAWS & PAS

by Catherine Homer

Hello all and Happy Easter.

Speaking of Easter we will be dark on the 11th. We have also have moved our Anniversary dance to the 25th with Darren Gallina calling and Karen McDonald cuing. Come celebrate our anniversary with us. A good time will be had by all.

I do not have a travel report for this month; however, I would like to ask that you continue to keep Duncan McDonald in your thoughts and prayers.

Again as always thanks to our wonderful callers and cuers.

MISTY SEA DANCERS

by Bob

We are done dancing, but the club will have an "Misty Sea Dancers Adios Party" for our last activity. We may continue with some non-dancing activities.

A Simple Solution!

To A Potential Serious Situation

One night last fall, a caller was calling a demo at a hall he had been to many times before. However, this night turned out different from all the previous times. He had a female dancer collapse to the floor during a tip. He quickly pulled out his cell phone and called 911. As the dispatcher asked the most important question – **WHERE** are you? He rattled off the name of the hall and the town, but when asked for the **full street address**, he didn't know it. Just like many of us, once you have been somewhere a couple of times, you don't particularly remember the specific street address. And, of course, by using a cell phone, the street address does not show up on a dispatcher's screen. Luckily, there were others there that did know the street address and emergency crews were able to respond quickly. The woman did receive the help she needed and has recovered. Based on this situation and a similar situation that occurred a few months later (the numbers of the street address were reversed when given to the dispatcher), the Denver Area Square and Round Council with urging from the Denver's Callers and Cuers organization developed a **SIMPLE SOLUTION**.

The Denver Area Square and Round Dance Council is strongly recommending, and many of their clubs have adopted, this simple solution. The recommendation is to have, at every club function, a sign on the treasurer's table and/or the caller and cuer's table that identifies the name of the hall, the **FULL** street address, town and state. In the heat of the moment, it is easier to read off an address rather than relying on memory. The reasoning behind these particular locations within the hall is that most dance attendees know where these tables are located and could reach them quickly. Also, by standardizing the sign's location, any area dancer attending will know where to find the information if needed. If you haven't thought about this serious safety issue, please consider adopting this "Simple Solution!"

Submitted by Joan and Bob Gaunt, Local Publicity

Denver Area Square & Round Dance Council

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SEZ*

*"Smooth dancin' is pleasin' t'
the eye and the women, but it is
stultifyin' t' the soul!"*

**OLD
DAD**



"Some folks think pushin' on the accelerator and the horn is drivin', and some think kickin' an' hollerin' is dancin', but I don't hold with either one."

SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

CLUB CLASSES, NEW DANCER LEVEL

Do Paso Squares
Thurs 7:00
Centennial Hall, Paso Robles

OTHER CLUB CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Pismos 'n' Taws DBD, Intro A-1 Mon. 7:00
Grover Beach Comm. Center

CLASSES BY CALLERS

New Dancer Class Tues 7:00
Rensberger Zion Lutheran Church, SLO:

Advanced Dance Starts March 1 First Sun.
Gallina 1417 Carmel, SLO

ROUND DANCE CLASSES

Phase II & III Thurs. 7:00
MacDonald Santa Maria YMCA

Phase V & VI Thurs. 8:15
MacDonald Santa Maria YMCA

Phase 2, 3, & 4 Wed. 7:00
Ferraros 1417 Carmel, SLO

Classics: Phases 4,5, & soft 6 Thurs 6:30
Phase 6 Thurs.8:30
Ferraros 1417 Carmel, SLO

New Dancer Class Fri. 6:30
Ferraros 1417 Carmel, SLO

	5th SATURDAY HOSTS	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller/Cuer</u>	<u>Host Clubs</u>
	<u>2009 Dances</u>	
Jan. 31		<i>BLACKED OUT</i>
May 30	Paso Robles RV Dick Hodnefield	None
Aug. 29	?	?
Oct. 31	Vic Kaaria/Cuer?	?

As you can see from the above, there are some decisions to be made concerning our 5th Saturday Dances. Send your suggestions to President Bert (bertberringer@sbcglobal.net).

**YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS IS
ATTACHED SEPARATELY**

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