



Sierra Hillbilly Holler

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President's Message

Howdy Hillbillies,

A Quick Look Back at May

And the Hillbilly Spirit Award once again goes to ... **Jody Milligan-King** for both the black cat costume (complete with tail) she wore to the May 13th Black Cat Dance and the cute kitty centerpiece she provided to guard the candy bowl for the entire dance.

What You Can Look Forward to This Month

You asked for more patriotic themed dances - you got it. Our **Flag Day Dance** will be held on **Friday, June 10**, at the SCV Senior Center, 22900 Market Street in Newhall. **Joe Scarlatella** will be our guest cuer this month and will cue rounds starting at 7:30 PM and in between **Paul Waters'** squares from 8:00 to 10:30 PM. So it's time to channel Betsy Ross, break out the red, white and blue outfits and come on out to the dance! As always, casual attire and square dance attire are equally welcome.

Twenty students will complete their coverage of Basic and Mainstream calls on June 7, the last night of our **Beginning II Square Dance Class**. This time there will be no break between sessions, as we begin a 10-week **Beginning III/Mainstream Workshop** the next week, on **June 14**. **Rod Shuping** will also be teaching this workshop, which will be held a little later (due to children's summer camp) from **7:40 to 9:40 PM on Tuesday nights at Valencia Meadows Park, 25671 Fedala Road in Valencia**. This workshop, also offered through the Santa Clarita Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, will give recent graduates some extra practice to polish their skills with Mainstream calls, provide an intensive Mainstream refresher course for former square dancers who'd like to brush up after several years away from dancing, and offer an opportunity for experienced dancers to master dancing their partner's position. So spread the word and join us for some summer fun!

The next **Board meeting** will be 7:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, June 15**, at **Evelyn Novak's** house in Canyon Country. Please join us as we continue our discussion of the club's financial situation, the transition to Sunday dances in 2012 and other matters of interest to all members.

This month's **fundraiser** will be on Monday, **June 27th from 5 to 9 PM** at **Don Cuco Mexican Restaurant** located at 27247 Camp Plenty in Canyon Country. Look for one of **Pat Barker's** flyers for additional details and be sure to invite your family & friends to join us.

Thank you for your support,
Alan E. Willis, President

Visitation Report

On Saturday, May 7 we visited Lads 'N' Lassies with Nasser Shukayr calling and Jim Elder on rounds. There was a terrific turnout of fifteen Hillbillies! Thanks to David and Dolly Brown, Esther DeGregorio, John and Jody King, David Kupfer, Linda and Ron Marrin, Angie and Bob Messina, Evelyn Novak, Bruce and Heather Posten, and Alan and Eileen Willis for representing our club at this dance. We enjoyed Nasser's progressive squares, and his rendition of the future of square dancing.

Sunday, May 22 was the A Square D 63rd Anniversary Presidential Ball with callers Pat Carnathan and Charlie Robertson. Our club president and first lady Alan and Eileen Willis were there, as well as A Square D past Presidents Peggy and Phil Alfeld. There was more room on the dance floor than they would have liked, but despite the light attendance they had a good time. Alan had a chance to introduce himself to Milo Molitoris, who cued the rounds and will be our guest cuer in July.

UPCOMING VISITATIONS

Sunday, June 5, 2011 is the A Square D Spring Fling sponsored by the South Bay/Westside District. Callers are Dave Donaldson, Charlie Fagan and Bill "Tex" Gipson. The location is Hawthorne Memorial Center, 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd. in Hawthorne, from 1:30 to 4:30. Tickets are \$7.00 pre-sale and \$8.00 at the door.

Friday, June 24, 2011 we will visit Western Weavers for their Shorts and Tees dance. The caller is John Reitmajer, and Jim Spence is cueing. Rounds start at 7:30, and squares are from 8:00 to 10:30. The location is Joslyn Adult Center, 1301 W. Olive Ave. in Burbank.

Thanks so much to those who support our visitations. We look forward to having more fun next time.

Angie Messina



Here is our illustrious Sunshine Lady and Sheriff Bruce Poston, very appropriately dressed for last month's "Black Cat Dance."

Hope to see you at the June 10 "Flag Day" Dance, decked out in your best Red, White & Blue outfit!



Kitchen Report

by Allan Willis

Many thanks to **Bobbie Reilley** and her Kitchen Crew consisting of **Carol Sweeney, Greg Temple, Fay Vestey** and **Alan & Eileen Willis** for all their hard work setting up, providing the food, and cleaning the hall at our Black Cat Dance on May 13th.

Those scheduled for the Kitchen Crew at our Flag Day Dance on June 10th are **Phil & Peggy Alfeld, Will & Pat Barker** and **Rod & Candy Belcher**.

KITCHEN CREW INSTRUCTIONS

Please arrive between 7:00 and 7:15 PM – we rely on the Kitchen Crew members to set up the decorations for the dance and two members to act as Club Greeters. If everyone arrives on time, the work goes quickly and the Kitchen Crew will be able to enjoy the round dancing starting at 7:30 PM. Also, if you are assigned to the Kitchen Crew for this dance but cannot serve, it is YOUR responsibility to make arrangements to switch with someone assigned to a future dance (a copy of the 2011 Kitchen Crew assignment list is available on the Sierra Hillbillies website, www.sierrahillbillies.org) – and to follow through at that future date. Please contact Bobbie Reilley, our Kitchen Crew Coordinator, to coordinate food dishes and notify her of any Kitchen Crew substitutions.

June Highlights from Our Calendar



June 4, Dance Demo, Western Heritage Days, Granada Hills

June 5, Visitation, ASD Spring Fling, Hawthorne

June 7, 7:15 p.m. Beginning II dance class, Valencia Meadows Park, 25671 Fedala Road, Valencia

June 10, 7:30 p.m. “Flag Day” dance (Paul Waters calling and Joe Scarlatella cueing), SCV Senior Center, 22900 Market St., Newhall

June 14, 7:40 p.m. Mainstream workshop, Valencia Meadows Park, 25671

Fedala Road, Valencia

June 15, 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors meeting at Evelyn Novak’s

June 21, NO Mainstream workshop

June 24, Visitation, Western Weavers, Burbank

June 26, Deadline for the July issue of the *Sierra Hillbilly Holler*

June 27, Fund-raiser at Don Cuco’s in Canyon Country (bring the attached flier)

June 28, 7:40 p.m. Mainstream workshop, Valencia Meadows Park, 25671 Fedala Road, Valencia



Associated Square Dancers of Southern California

Howdy, Hillbillies! May was an A Sq. D General Meeting month and the first for new Presidents Merlyn and Bill Jones. Interesting items from the agenda included:

- A report from the Orange District Director Tom Hoban that several of their 16 clubs are participating in scrip programs. The only feedback so far has been from smaller clubs who feel it is beyond their scope and so as they evaluate its success, they will also be considering making it a district-wide program.
- South Bay/Westside District Director Diane Isaacs reported that one of their five clubs will be having a Mystery Road Rally with clues for carpools and ending is an evening of dancing.
- Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara District Director Ricky Compos found our recent Hillbilly banner report so interesting that he read our list of far-flung banners to the group. He also reported that the Valley Trailers have had three couples marry within the past year.
- ASD Historian Joe Demeules reported that back in the 1980's when gas prices were high for that period and in such short supply that drivers lined up for blocks, ASD decided to hold four separate Sweetheart Balls, one for each District on successive Sundays in February!
- Insurance Chairman Lou Schumacher reported that the Association now has 2,106 dancers—up 42 over this time last year. And finally...
- Yours truly was welcomed to the ASD team as the new *Grapevine* Editor.

The main “event” coming up very quickly is the third and final South Bay/Westside Student “**Spring Fling**” **Dance on Sunday, June 5**, at the Hawthorne Memorial Center, 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd. Ribbons were distributed and are \$7 presale and \$8 at the door. Callers will be Dave Donaldson, Charlie Fagan, and Bill “Tex” Gipson. Event Chair Diane Isaacs also noted that there will be line and round dancing, and a big “experienced” clothing sale with lots of men’s clothing as well as women’s.

As you know, ASD is doing its best to make all of these student dances a big welcome to new dancers and urges all ASD member-club dancers to attend. As part of that effort, Diane is also urging all clubs’ Class Coordinators and/or Presidents to be part of the welcoming team at the door. While I will be seeing you at the Spring Fling, I will be out of town in the weeks just prior, so please see our Alternate ASD Delegate Alan Willis for your ribbons.

Happy dancing—*Karen Geller-Shinn, your ASD Representative*

Getting to Know A Square D

Part 3 of 4
By Marge Leese

Districts hold monthly meetings whereby delegates can discuss issues such as the promotion of square and round dancing, can present an interchange of ideas, encourage friendliness among square and round dancers, and disseminate information from the Association [to club members].

The A Square D Board of Directors holds monthly meetings to discuss and act upon methods of improving the activity, details of square dancing events, caller relationships, attraction of new dancers, and problems of individual clubs or of the activity in general.

Meetings of the A Square D General Committee are held quarterly. Delegates are the voting members of the General Committee and are the only ones who can vote to elect the officers and change the By-Laws. A Square D does not interfere with the internal workings of any of its [member] clubs. It will provide organizational assistance and advice if requested by the club.

A Square D provides supplies, forms, diplomas, dance handbooks, split-the-pot tickets, printed materials, etc., free or at a nominal cost. The *Grapevine*, the Association's official publication, is published four times a year and is distributed through the delegates to dancers, free of charge.

Each club belonging to ASD pays yearly dues. Each year, upon renewal of club membership, an insurance premium is paid to the Association for coverage for each club member.

The Association sponsors three major dance events each year. These dances help provide the necessary funds for ASD operations: the Sweetheart Ball in February, the Presidential Ball/Anniversary Dance in April or May, and the Labor Day jamboree [canceled by the Association in 2011].

A Square D has always supported the National Square Dance Conventions, beginning with the Riverside, CA, Convention in 1952. National conventions are held yearly, in June, and in various states throughout the United States. ASD sponsored California State Conventions in 1961 and 1966. They had a major role in planning and promoting the 25th National in Anaheim in 1976 and sponsored National Conventions in Anaheim in 1988 (37th) and 2001 (50th).

Refreshment Responsibilities

by Allan Willis

One of the responsibilities of Club membership is to take a turn helping out at our monthly dances in order to make them a success without placing an undue burden on any particular individual. We use an alphabetical rotation through the club membership to guarantee everyone takes their turn with a sufficient number of members assigned to each dance to spread the load and assure we have adequate refreshments at our dances for dancers and guests. The names of people responsible for refreshments at each dance throughout the year are posted on our website at www.sierrahillbillies.org and in the January issue of the *Hillbilly Holler*.

The Board recognizes that some members may have health issues or ongoing work conflicts that would prevent their performing kitchen duties and has established a procedure to be removed temporarily or permanently from the alphabetical rotation. If you believe you have a valid reason for being excused from kitchen duty, simply contact the club President in private to discuss your situation. The President will keep the specifics of your situation confidential and is authorized to grant you an exemption from kitchen duty.

The alphabetical rotation for Kitchen Crew is due to start again at the "top of the batting order" at our June dance. The following will be expected of you when it is your turn to serve on the Kitchen Crew:

1. Each person should bring at least 20 servings of food (e.g., two dozen brownies, etc.)
2. Be at the dance 15-30 minutes before the dance starts (e.g., if Pre-Rounds start at 7:30 PM, you need to be there between 7:00 and 7:15 PM) and report to the Kitchen Crew Coordinator. Arriving this early helps us to know there will be enough food for the evening and to ensure that everything is set up before the Pre-Rounds start so members of the Kitchen Crew can also participate in Pre-Rounds.
3. The dance cashier, who collects money at the door, the Kitchen Crew Coordinator and the Club President all have keys to our storage closet in the billiards room of the Senior Center.
4. Detailed Kitchen Crew Instructions are posted on the inside of the door to our storage closet.
5. The Kitchen Crew Coordinator may also ask you to help out by setting up tables and decorations or acting as a Greeter at the door to the dance.
6. At 9:00 PM report to the kitchen to cut & put out food for the break, which usually occurs about 9:15 PM.
7. At 10:15 PM report to the kitchen to clean up & put away unused supplies, water jug & coffee pot in closet.

If you cannot serve when it is your assigned time, it is YOUR responsibility to make arrangements to switch with someone assigned to a future dance – and to follow through at that future date. Please note that you must switch with an equal number of people (e.g., a couple must switch with another couple or with two individuals).

Finally, there are several dances during the year - like our September anniversary dance and any food-themed dances - when we ask ALL attending Sierra Hillbillies to bring a small amount of refreshments.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE CLUB!

Hot Off the Press!



A couple of photo highlights from last night's Beginning II Class.

Sunshine Corner



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Eileen Willis	6/01	Cindy Mower	6/06	Will Barker	6/14
Rod Belcher	6/22	Tammy Allgood	6/22	Angie Messina	6/29
Alan Willis	6/30	Former member - Audrey Parker			6/13 – We miss you!

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Carol Posthumus	6/13	John & Jody King	6/26
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The spirits have been having fun messing with the Sunshine Lady. In last month's column I had Greg Temple's birthday listed as 5/20. He politely informed me that he is a Libra, not a Taurus. Also, Dolly & David Brown's anniversary date is not on the roster. In checking, I found they celebrated 5/1. So sorry I goofed on those dates.

All the news that's fit we print:

It was so good to see Fay Vestey & Carol Sweeney at our Black Cat dance. We have been missing them, as well as all our other Hillbilly members who are still dealing with health problems. Carol has been absent due to more problems with her hip & leg from a former injury.

Sunday, the 22nd of May was a very special day for former VP, John King. After working for almost two years on a total remake of the Star Tours ride at Disney Land the Imagineers, family members & contractors were treated to private rides on the attraction. They were treated to lunch & also a preview of the new Little Mermaid ride, which is about to open. It was a WOW day, which concluded with the water show, the World of Color.

It seems that Bob & Joanne Marrin are always off traveling. First, up north, then off to meet relatives from Colorado. They planned on meeting halfway in order to spend the Memorial Day holiday together.

It seems that Mother Nature is just not finished presenting earth residents with challenges. The Mississippi is over flowing & flooding out many acres of farmland & homes & then the tornadoes began hitting, wiping out whole sections of towns. We need continued prayers for all those who have lost so much. For those who are able, donations to the Salvation Army & Red Cross are sorely needed & greatly appreciated.

Hoping that everyone had a safe & wonderful Memorial Day Holiday. Let us give "Thanks" to all those who gave their lives that we may enjoy all the many privileges of a free society.

Thought for the month:

"I would venture to guess that Anon, who wrote so many poems without signing them, was often a woman"

Virginia Woolf

HUGS TO ALL

The Sunshine Lady

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The Sierra Hillbillies



Restaurant Fundraiser



Monday,
June 27, 2011
5 pm to 9 pm

27247 Camp Plenty
Canyon Country
661.252.8074

To help raise money to support modern western square dancing, Don Cuco's will donate 20% of the night's proceeds from all who bring this flyer.

PLEASE JOIN US.

*For more information
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