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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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START YOUR WEEKEND RIGHT ...DANCE WITH THE KATYDIDS ON FRIDAY NIGHT!

Annual Club Picnic and Alumni Reunion
June 22nd, Central Park, Santa Clara



CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Jul. 11: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
Chirper distributed
7:00 – 9:30 PM **KATYDOER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Fri., Jul. 18: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
** **PARTY NIGHT**** Wear green and bring
food to share
7:00 – 9:30 PM **KATYDOER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Fri., Jul. 25: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
7:00 – 9:30 PM **KATYDOER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Fri., Aug. 01: **DARK Dancing at the Fair**
See flyer.
7:00 – 9:30 PM **KATYDOER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Fri., Aug. 08: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
Chirper distributed
7:00 – 9:30 PM **KATYDOER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Fri., Aug. 15: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
** **PARTY NIGHT**** Wear green, and bring
food to share
7:00 – 9:30 PM **KATYDOER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Fri., Aug. 22: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
7:00 – 9:30 PM **KATYDOER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Fri., Aug. 29: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM;
HOT AUGUST NIGHT **FREE 5th Friday Dance**
Square Dance Clothes Sale

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS

and DUTIES

*Super Square Head**Stephanie Stevens (408-871-9525)*

Jul. 11Stevens
 Jul. 18Grubb / Lehnhoff
 Jul. 25Steele, J / Clark, B

Aug. 01DARK
 Aug. 08Franger / Moore
 Aug. 15Hebson
 Aug. 22Matolyak / Wies
 Aug. 29Hastings / McManus

Sep. 05Steele, B&L
 Sep. 12Gray / Tillman
 Sep. 19Wilhelmsen
 Sep. 26Shaney

Before the dance:

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, 408-871-9525 of any needed changes to assigned dates.
- Purchase and bring 6 to 8 lbs ice for the water cooler.
- On scheduled night, the designated Square Heads should arrive by **6:30 PM**. A Katydid member with a key will open the doors.
- Sweep floor as necessary and set up tables and chairs.
- Make ice water.
- Start hot water for tea and coffee.

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone at the sign-in table.
- Collect a **\$5.00** donation from each guest and have them sign in. "Regular" guests sign the prepared sheet, new guests sign the guest book.
- In the green box, there is an envelope with petty cash for making change.
- Offer raffle tickets: 5 tickets for \$1.00.
- In the green box, there are envelopes for keeping track of money collected during the evening.
- Divide the raffle proceeds – 50% to the Club, 50% to the winner.
- Check that water and cups do not run out.

After the dance:

- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.
- ALL MEMBERS: **Clean up!** Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into the Club cupboard.
- **Remove non-recyclable trash accidentally tossed into the designated recycle bins.** Take the trash bags out to the dumpster located in the side parking lot.
- Sweep or wet mop the floor as necessary.
- Note: Tables must go into the closet FIRST (remember the Caller's table, too), then the chair rack.
- Notify the Quartermasters, **Gary or Sue De Lapp**, 408-446-1910 of any supplies needed.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

Plus Level Dances**July 12: Starlight Hoedown; CPSD**

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
 728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
 7:00 – 7:30 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris
 7:30 – 10:00 PM; Caller: Rich Reel

July 19: Get to Know Your Corner Dance & Potluck

Adira Dance & Costume Parking Lot
 2038 Lincoln Ave., San Jose
 5:30 PM Dinner
 7:00 7:30 PM PreRounds: Erin Byars
 7:30 – 10:00 PM Caller: Scott Byars

July 26: Anniversary Dance; Roadrunners

Beresford Recreation Center
 2720 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo
 Cuer: George Gardner
 Caller: Gary Carnes

Aug. 01: Square Dancing at the Fair; SCVSDA/SCVCA

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
 344 Tully Rd., San José
 Fair opens noon to 9 PM
 Arrive early; dancing 6:00 8:30 PM
 Free admission if you wear square dance attire & Club badge

Aug. 02: 56th Anniversary Dance; Lucky Steppers

Slab at Ben Lomond
 7:00 – 7:30 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris
 7:30 10:00 PM; Caller: Don Benson

Aug. 02: Star Across Summer; El Camino Reelers

St. Andrews Methodist Church
 4111 Alma St., Palo Alto
 7:30 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Dayle Hodge

Aug. 09: Slab Dance, Lucky Steppers

Slab at Ben Lomond
 7:00 – 7:30 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris
 7:30 – 10:00 PM, Caller: Michael Kellogg

Aug. 17: NorCal Caller School Graduation Dance**Aug. 17: Slab Dance, Lucky Steppers**

Slab at Ben Lomond
 7:00 – 7:30 PM; PreRounds: Barbara-Lynn Smith
 7:30 – 10:00 PM, Caller: Eric Henerlau

Aug. 23: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers

Slab at Ben Lomond
 7:00 – 7:30 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris
 7:30 – 10:00 PM: Caller: Charlie Robertson

Aug. 30: Whing Ding; SCVCA/SCVSDA

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
 728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
 7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: Barbara-Lynn Smith
 8:00 PM: Callers: Bob Elling, Keith Ferguson, Bob Steele
 Bring food to share.

Sep. 12-14: Jubilee; SCVSDA

Burnett Middle School; 850 N. 2nd St., San Jose
 Callers: Jet Roberts, Romney Tannehill
 Cuers: Rey & Sherry Garza

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



June was a busy month for Square dancers!

It began with the "Ice Cream Fling Thing" from Bows & Beaus. That was so fun & yummy with several flavors of ice cream and all kinds of toppings. Who doesn't like ice cream? Next was Hawaiian theme night at Katydids. Next was the Strawberry Festival by Sunnyvale Squares. Lots of strawberries and whipped cream. On June 21st, the General Dance at Burnett school, with the new dancers from Bows & Beaus class. They were given their completion certificates.



John and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary during June. I surprised him with a delicious chocolate cake, his favorite flavor.

On June 22nd was the Katydids annual picnic & alumni reunion. **Sue Harris'** Bolero Round Dance class started this day also. On the 27th, we welcomed the Katydoer's class to join us. Everybody had a good time. We hope they will continue to come and dance with us and eventually join our club. Lastly in June, was the Slab Dance in Ben Lomond with our terrific caller, Jim.

The month of July promises to be just as busy. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, July is National Blueberry Month!

This is so easy I can make it.
Cobbler....Oh yea!

Frozen berries, dry cake mix, and 1 can ... of sprite. Yummy cobbler. It sounds so easy - and it is good and Weight-Watcher friendly!

Ingredients:

Two 12-oz bags frozen mixed berries
1 box white cake mix (no pudding)
1 can of diet 7-up or sierra mist (clear soda)

Instructions:

Place frozen fruit in a 9x13 baking dish. Add dry cake mix over the top. Pour soda slowly over cake mix. DO NOT stir the cake mix and the pop - this will give you a 'crust'. If you stir the two, you will have a cake like topping.

Bake 350 for 45-50 min.

You may be able to use frozen peaches instead of mixed berries.

Be sure to check our Flyer table for all the events. Don't forget we have a "Comments/Suggestion Box" on that table too. I hope you all have a great summer.

Linda



SQUARE DANCING AT THE FAIR
(with selected single rounds)

Friday, August 1, 2014

Arrive early; we'll dance 6:00 — 8:30 pm.



Free admission if you arrive in square dance attire and club badge.

Paid parking lot
7th & Tully or find a free place to park.

Sign up at club or just come over.

Questions?
See Jane (408-356-7796) or Doris (408-255-0605)

Come dance at the Santa Clara County Fair!

~~ Fair is open noon to 9 pm ~~

Enter through the Main Gate Arch.

We are on the left on the cement pad in front of Expo Hall. Same as last year!

Between 7th and 10th on Tully Rd.

Plus Workshop

Castaways

Instructor/Caller: Roger Smith

TUESDAYS

7:00 – 9:30 PM

Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave.. Santa Clara

Summer Dance Program

CPSD

Caller: Tork Clark

TUESDAYS

July 8 - August 26

Camden Community Center

3369 Union Ave., San José

PERSONAL HYGIENE

It is summer and it seems to be a good time to remind everyone that it is important that we all pay closer attention to our personal hygiene as the weather gets warmer. Be mindful of body odors as well as aromatics to be respectful of our allergic members and guests.

CALLER'S CORNER



Modern Western Square Dancing (MWSD) is experiencing significant identity and marketability crises. Our dance programs which were mostly developed in the 1980's were attractive to a huge numbers of folk. Many folk in that society had significant leisure hours and MWSD benefited by offering recreation & entertainment, resulting in MANY dancers hitting the dance floor 2, 3 times a week. One night of instruction (some level), one night aimed at exercising the skills learned, and one night at a hoedown just dancing MWSD skills. This resulted in dancers acquiring huge numbers of hours on the MWSD floor (and super powers). This society was CALLERLAB's target for developing all of our current dance programs & call definitions. To accommodate as many New Dancers as possible, callers worldwide contribute their experiences and CALLERLAB offered up instructional recommendations on dance floor time an average dancer needed to acquire the skills necessary for participation in our activity. Potential new customers for MWSD were not distracted by portable computing, internet, movies on demand, or smart phones. The published dance floor times were no big deal. What kind of idiocy actually believes, 2014 learning capability of average new or used dancers has changed? BUT the needed floor time (~200 hr to only be exposed to Plus) is a big deal in 2014. Could be why such a small percentage of new dancers receive Plus Instruction (much less than 200 hr) then become regular Hoedown/Festival attendees.

This will be a tough year for me KNOWING the above stuff. With the passing of previous Katydids Caller **Harold Fleeman** I became the longest continuous Top 10 and Jubilee caller. Unfortunately current info indicates, SCVSDA & the Jubilee committee have decided to only support/offer Plus dancing and above at the 2014 Jubilee.

Currently no SCVSDA Member or non-Member club has indicated willingness to teach then list their club as dancing the General Dance Program (GDP). BUT the 2014 Jubilee is reported to be offering GDP dancing for the entire Jubilee. AND GDP level dancing by Out-of-Santa-Clara-Valley-dancers can only be attained by graduating from a Plus class.

NOTE: Think I am nuts, and why I would say this kind of stuff? The National Square Dance Convention reports attendance averaged OVER 20,000 participants from the mid 1970's through 1999. Attendance in 2013 is reported as 4185. That looks like near an 80% decline in attendance. AND that decline

has to say something about what we are doing to those that love MWSD.

Hmmmm! It is also reported that by 1999 the Internet became commonplace in our society.

Please think about these FACTS and the class recruiting and retention requirements NECESSARY to sustain MWSD when someone says "Santa Clara Valley Dances Plus AND will always Dance Plus".

C Ya Next Friday

JIM (Katydids Club Caller)

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NEWS FROM VAL



Photo courtesy of Barbara Johnson

Katydid club Vice President, **Valerie Paterson** attended the 8th Annual National Convention Caller's School. This school was a joint venture between Grand Square, Inc. and the 63rd National Square Dance Convention held in Little Rock Arkansas. The goal of the school is to help preserve the heritage of square dancing. Staff and students were united in a platform of learning, hard work and fellowship; long days were worth every moment. The seminar included exposure and skills needed in Leadership, Ethics, Mechanics of Choreography, Programming, Methods of Calling Music, Timing, Smooth Dancing & Body Flow, Equipment Use, Teaching and Singing Call Techniques. Upon conclusion of many calling and critiquing sessions students were provided the opportunity to perform. I shared the stage with another new lady caller, performing a duet and was given the opportunity to perform 3 additional times. What a wonderful experience! I was provided a fundamental foundation upon which I can build my skills and am looking forward to practicing these new skills in class and at club soon.

Val

Chirper Chatter...



I used to pull a duty as Membership Chairman of another club, a service club, and in that capacity I emphasized the 3 R stages that the Membership should strive for: **Recruit, Retain** and **Remember**. I still like to follow that policy which is why when I hear about Past Members I try to remember them here.

While we were gone in June, an obit appeared in the SJ Mercury News which **Stephanie** saw, copied and sent to me about past member Lee McMillan. Lee married Mac MacMillan, past Katydid, in late 1991, after Mac's first wife, Georgana, died in 1988.

Mac had a nice home in Saratoga which he built but they decided to downsize in 2001 and moved into a retirement apartment in Cupertino. Mac died on Nov. 12, 2005 and Lee decided to move to Redding to be closer to her children in 2007. Lee died on May 13, 2014. Mac was a Pearl Harbor survivor being stationed there during the attack and Lee has had a remarkable interesting life as a Microbiologist ...

Another former Katydid, Bill Rook, died recently and since I did not see the obit, I have no more details to tell you. Bill and Ann Rook were Katydid's members from 1989 to 2005. **Skip Stevens, Char Pitts** and **Morris Hosoda** attended the Memorial Service held at St. Simon's Catholic Church in Los Altos on July 7th at 1:00 PM. Ann still looked giddy and spry for a 92 year young lady ...

Char Pitts was visiting her brother in Southern Cal on June 13 and had freak accident where she fell (again!), hit her elbow and broke her right forearm ulna. She had surgery, had a rod put in and fastened. She is well on the road to recovery and has her right arm in a sling ...

On June 30 **Sandy Bruns** had a "Hammer Toe" surgery and Bunion operation on her right foot. I understand she does get around using the knee scooter. She was awake during this 3 hour operation so she must have had a local. She is in a splint cast right now and must keep her foot elevated. On July 21st she will be getting a regular cast and hopes to be in a boot by mid-August. She loves square dancing and wants to do whatever is necessary to extend her dancing days. She says she misses you all and hope to see you all soon ...

Most recently, like the morning of July 9th at Kaiser Hospital, **Lloyd Darknell** had surgery on both of his

eyelids. It seems he has been having problems with hair growing in his eyelids in the wrong direction. He was awake during the hour long surgery and suturing. He is home, an out-patient procedure, but advised not to do any heavy work and to ice his eyelids with a special eyeglass frame several times a day. On July 16th when he goes back for suture removal, he will be told what he can and cannot do ...

On another note, what a wonderful picnic & alumni reunion we had on that lovely sunny day in June!! We had lots of Club members, a number of Katydoers from our current class, as well as many faces from years gone by. Many thanks go to **Lloyd** and **Maxine** for a magnificent job. Well done!

Morris Hosoda
moho77@gmail.com

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !

Bob & Opal Hebson.....Jul. 12

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CUER'S CORNER --



Coming soon, I will be teaching a Cha-Rhumba-Bolero class between 6:30 and 7:00 PM on Fridays. The reason Cha, Rhumba and Bolero go together is that they all share the same dance figures. Cha is fast, Rhumba is medium and Bolero is slow. All have the same movements.

This class will be free and open to the public over 18. The context will be how to do these dance rhythms in ballroom, round and line dancing. My goal is twofold. First is to get non-dancing public in the doors. Second is to train square dancers who are interested in the round dancing that occurs at some clubs and at many hoedowns.

The dance being taught will change every so often, and will progress in complexity such that first timers will need to wait until the class restarts. I don't have an interest in teaching high level dances -- just easy and fun.

John Caywood
Katydid's Round Dance Cuer

May 23rd, Club Night
Patriotic Theme



Sandy Franger & Denis Moore



Sue Willey, Jim Osborne

June 7th
Bows & Beaus' Ice Cream Fling



Jim Grey & Arlene Scanlon

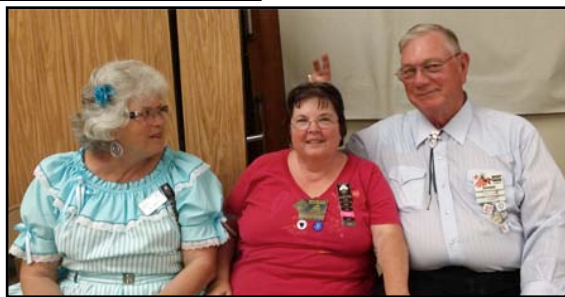


Kathy Schmidling, Jim Osborne

Photos courtesy of Linda Caywood



Sue & Gary DeLapp



Pat Angotti, Lisa Steele, Roger Smith

June 13th, Club Night, Hawaiian Theme



Back Row, l to r: Stephanie Stevens, Sandy Bruns, Art Bruns, Jim Osborne, John Caywood, Lloyd Darknell, Eric Wilhelmsen, Bud Johnson
Front row, l to r: Steven Lehnhoff, Naomi Grubb, Lisa Steele, Linda Caywood, Maxine Darknell, Jacky Wilhelmsen, Tillie Tillman, Joyce Wies, Bea Clark

Photos courtesy of Linda Caywood



June 11th, Rockin' Jokers



Linda & John Caywood

Photos courtesy of Linda Caywood

editor's note: Mary & Rod's blog of their recent once-in-a-lifetime tour of Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand will be not appear in future issues of the Chirper. You can find the complete blog of their adventures at: <http://www.mytripjournal.com/garges>



To update you on their current whereabouts: In early June they returned to the U.S., spent a couple of weeks with their respective families and headed back to Fort Worth, TX to get ready for their summer travels on this continent. They are expecting to leave Texas this weekend and will be in Abilene, Kansas and then will head to Minnesota.

One of the things that they mentioned to me was that they found it difficult to find any square dancing while they were there ... the timing never seemed to work out. What a shame!

To contact Mary or Rod: (817) 308-5991 • marymonti@aol.com

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STANDING RULES CHANGED

Section III – Membership of the Standing Rules (dated 4/11/14), Supplement to the Katydids Club Bylaws (rev. 4/11/14) has recently been changed by the Executive Board.

Previously approved 4/11/14

B. Life Members

1. ~~A Club member shall be eligible for life membership after twenty five (25) years of cumulative membership in the Club and at least a total of 5 years of service to the Club as an Executive Board officer or an appointee of the Executive Board.~~
2. ~~Any member may nominate another member for life membership if that member meets the eligibility requirements.~~
3. ~~A majority vote of the Executive Board will be required to approve a qualified member for life membership.~~
4. Life members participate in Square Head Duty and follow the general expectations of an Active Member of the Club.
5. Life Members are exempt from paying Club dues.

Newly approved 6/6/14

B. Life Members

1. The Life membership program is no longer being offered to long term members.
2. Members currently in the Life Membership are unaffected by this change.
3. Life members participate in Square Head Duty and follow the general expectations of an Active Member of the Club.
4. Life Members are exempt from paying Club dues.

Katydid's

HOT AUGUST NIGHT

Dance and Used Square Dance Clothes Sale

Friday August 29, 2014
7:00 to 9:30 pm
Caller— Jim Osborne

Square Dance Clothes Sale!
 Bring clothes to sell Labeled with your name, club name, price and on hangers

Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Avenue, Campbell

CONGRATULATIONS TORK!!

Recently the SCVSDA voted **Tork Clark** as a "Top Ten caller in the Valley." The other 9 callers are Gary Carnes, Joe Dehn, Bob Elling, Keith Ferguson, Harlan Kerr, **Jim Osborne**, Rich Reel, and **Roger Smith**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

- Janis ParsonsJul. 06
- Joyce Wies.....Jul. 07
- Maxine DarknellJul. 16
- Sue WilleyJul. 18
- Teri Cosentino.....Jul. 20
- Sandy FrangerJul. 22
- Lisa SteeleJul. 29

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editor's note: A reminder that in my absence from weekly Club dancing, I will continue to compose and edit the Chirper which will then be printed and distributed by Morris.. Please continue to submit your articles and photographs to me via email.

June 20th, Club Night



Photos courtesy of Linda Caywood & Stephanie Stevens

June 21st, GDP Hoedown



Annette Gurich and Sandy Hastings
Photo courtesy of Linda Caywood

June 27th, Celebrating Jim's Birthday



Happy Birthday, Jim!! And, thank you, Morris, for making and carrying the great banner!!

Photo courtesy of Stephanie Stevens

Sunday, June 22nd
Annual Club Picnic & Alumni Reunion
Central Park, Santa Clara



Hurray for the cooks! Lloyd, Tork & Dory



Roger Smith with the current Katydoer Class



Katydoers Stan and Liv; Marilyn Shaver



Nestor & Pat Delevaux, Gerry Fant



Come and get it!



Jack Colistra, Wait Fant



Wait Fant, Kathy Shaney



Greg Smart & Ingrid Krulee



Sandy Franger, Ken & Patsy McKay



Dory Clark & Spike



Carol Headman, Dory Clark, Ann Kernan, Pat Delevaux

Photos courtesy of Stephanie Stevens

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