

CHIRPER



July-August 2023

Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

Volume 60, No7-8

16 June 2023 Final night of dancing. This night was for Katydids and invited guests



STANDING: Jan Dixon, Jacky Wilhelmsen, Steve Lehnhoff, Naomi Grubb, Vic Oros (guest), Skip Stevens, Marlene Thomas (guest), Ann Mayers (guest), Don Village, Char Pitts, Sandy Franger, Mark Mason (guest), Pauline Cummings, Jim Osborne, Doris Darknell, Lloyd Darknell, Eric Wilhelmsen, Kathy Shaney, Parker Willey, Jane Bishop, Stephanie Stevens, Majors Shoshannah & Celestine Ruwethin, Salvation Army, SEATED: Janna Standridge, Tillie Tillman (VERY special guest), Laurie Andrade (guest).

DANCE EVENTS



www.katydids.org

PLUS LEVEL unless otherwise noted

Sat., Aug 26: Tropical Paradise Hoedown; CPSD

Cambrian Park United Methodist Church, Wright Hall
1919 Gunston Way @ Leigh Ave., SJ
7:30 - 9:45PM SSD Level
Caller: Rich Reel
Cost: \$12/person

Sat., Sep 30: Whing Ding S;CVSDA/SCVCA

St. Andrews Church, 4111 Alma St., Palo Alto
7:30pm PreRounds
8:00-10:00pm Plus with -2 Tip
Callers: Bob Elling, Mike Pogue, Harlan Kerr
Cuers: Sandi Kremer, Arlene Scallon

Sat., Oct 28: Halloween Ball; El Camino Reelers

St. Andrews, 4111 Alma St., Palo Alto
7:00 - 10:00 pm; Cost: \$15/person
Caller: Andy Allemao
Cost: \$15/person

Sat., Nov 4: Benefit Hoedown; Swinging 21ers

Fremont Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont
7:30-8:00pm PreRounds with Sue & Phil Harris
8:00-10:30pm; Caller: Jay Henderson with The
Ghost Riders Band

CLUBS, WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

CLUBS

TUESDAYSSwinging 21ers

Time: 8:30 - 9:30PM

Location: Fremont Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr

Caller: Rich Reel

Info: [www.http://21ers.com](http://21ers.com)+**WEDNESDAYS**ROCKIN' JOKERS

Time: 7:30 –9:00PM

Location: Cambrian Park Methodist Church

1919 Gunston Way, San José

Caller: Mike Pogue

Donation: \$7.00

Bows & Beaus

Time: 7:30 –9:45PM

Location: Loyola Elementary School,

770 Berry St, Los Altos

Caller: Tork Clark

Cuer: Sandi Kremer

FARMERS & FARMERETTES

Time: 7:30 – 9:30PM

Location: Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Ave.

Caller: **Jim Osborne**

COVID Rules: Proof of full vaccination required

Masks required indoors

More Info: Jim 510-709-9205

THURSDAYSLUCKY STEPPERS

Time: 7:00–9:00PM

Location: Calvary United Methodist Church,

729 Morse St., San José; Corner of Morse & Naglee

Caller: Kurt Golhardt

Cuer: Sue Harris

Donation: \$10.00

FRIDAYSFREEDOM DANCERS

Every other Friday

Time: 7:30 - 9:00pm

Location: Golden Wheel Mobile Home Park

900 Golden Wheel Park Dr.,

(aka 1450 Oakland Road) San José

Caller: Robert Algea

Call first: Diana Hilliard 408-315-1874

COVID vaccination not required

Donation

CLASSES

MONDAYSBOWS & BEAUS

Singles and couples

Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm

Location: Loyola Elementary School

770 Berry Ave., Los Altos

Caller: Tork Clark

Begins: 21 August

Cost: Aug. 21 is Free; \$7 per person per night thereafter

Info: <http://bowsandbeaus.org/>**TUESDAYS**Pat Angotti's Refresher Class

Time: 7:00 – 9:00PM

Location: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara

Callers: Tork Clark, James Thompson

Donation: \$8 per person

More info: Pat 408-338-8786

El Camino Reelers

Time: 7:30 - 9:00pm

Callers: Kurt Gollhardt, Michael Ley, Dave Decot, James

Thompson, Mike Pogue

Begins: 8 August (12 weeks to SSD Level)

Info: <https://reelers.org/Classes/BeginnerClass.html>**SUNDAYS**Stanford Quads

Couples, singles, teens, families

Time: 6:30-8:30PM

Location: Madera Community Church, 3300 Alpine Rd,

Portola Valley

Cost: 1st 2 nights Free; \$12 per night per person thereafter

Begins: 17 September (Plus level)

Info: <https://www.stanfordquads.org/class>

Art & Sandy Bruns.....Aug 23

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Katydids and Friends,
Well . . . the inevitable has occurred. We have closed down our weekly dancing and have gone "inactive". The date of our official closing is December 31, 2023. In the meanwhile, our "stuff" is being distributed around the square dance community and beyond. Thankfully, the **Bows & Beaus** have offered to take over our Sweetheart Special. (SHS) (YEAH!!), **Lloyd Darknell** took our SHS banner, the **Swingin' 21ers** took some Man-Lady signs, the **Rockin' Jokers** took a lot of holiday decorations and other supplies, and the **San José History Museum** took three large (empty) storage bins. We also thank our ambassador, **Jane Bishop**, for her continued support of our SHS's by selling MANY ribbons! Our storage shed was found "brittle" and moving it would have destroyed it. So we gifted it to **Naomi & Steve** as a "Thank You" for allowing us to take over a portion of their backyard.. And, thanks to many kind donations we were able to give monetary gifts to **Jim** and to the **Salvation Army Santa Clara Citadel**. We are so delighted that others can benefit from our store of supplies. Thank you all!!

Elsewhere in this issue are some "articles" from past issues of the *Chirper* including how the SHS began and one that included the date of the first issue of the *Chirper* and the earliest recipe in our archives. There is also a listing of all Club Callers and Presidents over the years as well as a copy of the history of the Club that is on our website (www.katydids.org). Speaking of our website, it will remain active until Spring 2024. Note that it contains all issues of the *Chirper*, our Club newsletter, from January 2006 through August 2023. Contact me if you want copies of our newsletters prior to January 2006.

On Friday, 9 June, we hosted a special "Thanks for the Memories Hoedown" to thank the Square dance community for their support of the Katydids over the past **62** (!!) years. We had nearly 100 dancers show up! It's been quite a ride! All of our callers, presidents, executive board members and appointees have provided fine leadership. And Club members and guests have been bountiful in their enthusiastic support. I especially want to thank long time members **Morris & Louise Hosoda** who were very instrumental in growing the Club by being Head Angels for our classes for many years. As I went through the Katydids' "stuff" it seemed that every box I opened had their "fingerprint" on something. From cigar boxes that became money boxes at the sign-in table to a red-painted bucket for collecting monetary gifts for the Salvation Army, to homemade signage, to our Birthday/

annual Root Beer Float night. Oh, by the way, I still have some of the Katydids napkin rings that Louise made many years ago. If you would like some, let me know.

Our final night of Club dancing on Friday, 16 June, started a bit earlier than usual so we could share a meal with each other. We also collected more pop can tabs for **Art Bruns** as well as sample toiletries for the Salvation Army's newly established Food Pantry. Majors Celestine & Shoshanna were able to join us for our potluck and gratefully received LOTS of toiletries. Square Dancers are a giving group!! We are incredibly grateful for the Salvation Army's generously kind support of our club.

We also raffled off a rendition of our mascot, a Katydid. The winner ... drumroll please ... was **Jacky Wilhelmsen**!! Congratulations, Jacky!!

Found: As we cleaned up after our last dance, we found that a Katydids patch had been left by someone. If it is yours, let me know. And, I have a couple extras so if you'd like one let me now.

I recently learned that past member, **Bill Matolyak**, who has been suffering back pain for several years passed away on Wednesday, July 12th.

Jim Osborne has been undergoing medical treatments and they have slowed him down a bit. He wishes to thank the Katydids and guests for their birthday wishes and monetary gift.

Jim, it is YOU we thank for being such an amazing caller who always took such great care of all of us especially when we were having an "off" night (as we got older, I'm afraid there were more of these!) or helping us though square dancing issues.

Golly, this is a difficult column to write this time. I am feeling so very grateful to everyone for their support over the years. We fondly remember all the Sweetheart Specials we put on, **Pat Angotti's** fun field trips, putting in the floor at Resurrection Lutheran Church, picnics and reunions, pizza at **Jacky & Erics**, innumerable after parties, the kindness the Salvation' Army showed us and most of all, Jim's wonderful calling and great sense of humor. I wish everyone well as we transition into the next chapter of our square dancing lives.

Thanks for the good times and many fond memories! ... now, I'm going to go have a good cry and then get back onto the dance floor ...

Stephanie

KATYDIDS SQUARE DANCE CLUB PRESIDENTS (First named is the President)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>
1962	Don & Pearl Dunham	1995-96	Marianne & Harro Hohenner
1963	Bill & Lorraine Willis	1996-97	Marianne & Harro Hohenner
1964	Bill & Lorraine Willis	1997-98	Harry & Marilyn Shaver
1965	Bob & ? Christensen	1998-99	Parker & Sue Willey
1966	Jack & Nadine Carnahan	1999-00	Larry & Carol Griffith
1967	Bill & Lorraine Willis	2000-01	June & Glen McCabe
1968	Ray & Barb Garcia	2001-02	Pat & Walt Moorhead
1969	Bill & Julie Van Wyngaarden	2002-03	Skip & Stephanie Stevens
1970	Herb & Snooks Englehaupt	2003-04	Skip & Stephanie Stevens
1971	Dewey & Candy Huckabee	2004-05	Pat Angotti
1972	George Powers	2005-06	Lloyd Darknell
1973	Snooks Englehaupt	2006-07	Lloyd & Maxine Darknell
1974	Frank & Gwen Warta	2007-08	Lloyd & Maxine Darknell
1975	Larry & Carol Condit	2008-09	Roger & Char Hemsley (resigned); Stephanie & Skip Stevens
1976	Jim & Beverly Bates	2009-10	Stephanie & Skip Stevens
1977	Janet & Wes Wessels	2010-11	Stephanie & Skip Stevens
1978	Snooks & George Powers	2011-12	Tork & Dory Clark
1979	Russ & Dorothy Belcher	2012-13	Tork & Dory Clark
1980	Lee & Marie Sprague	2013-14	Skip & Stephanie Stevens
1981	Bill & Sandy Ferrill	2014-15	Linda & John Caywood (resigned); Lloyd & Maxine Darknell
1982	Bob & Terry Kuntz	2015-16	Lloyd Darknell
1983	Irv & Irene Kobsa	2016-17	Lloyd Darknell
1984	Tom & Donna Lewis	2017-18	Lloyd Darknell
1985	Ken & Mercedes Connor	2018-19	Lloyd Darknell
1986	Frank & Avaneil Kirchman	2019-20	Stephanie & Skip Stevens
1987	Bill & Ruth McCarty	2020-21:	Stephanie & Skip Stevens
1988	Tom & Charmaine Trimble	2021-22:	Stephanie & Skip Stevens
1989	Dick & Mary Kay Sherman	2022-23:	Stephanie & Skip Stevens
1990	Walt & Gerry Fant		
1991	Fred & Peggy Boyce		
1992	Bob & Ginny Cowie		
1993	Tony & Dale Fadelli		
1994	Bob McKenzie		

THEME/PARTY NIGHT: THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Friday, June 9, 2023

CALLER: JIM OSBORNE



Skip Stevens, Arlene Scallon, Char Pitts



Steve Lehnhoff and Naomi Grubb



FROM THE CHIRPER ARCHIVES

Chirper, March 1967; Vol. 4, No. 2, page 7

HOW IT ALL STARTED

"The first Sweetheart Special started out as just a regular hoedown and it wasn't until the first of January that we were making plans for the dance. Considering that it was to take place in approximately five weeks, we should have had it fall flat. The marriage ceremony and the heart edges were not planned or even thought about until the second week in Jan. We had a rehearsal the night before the hoedown. The chapel was quite a bit smaller and was just barely held together. The dance was sold out three or four days before the dance and over 30 couples were turned away at the door

"I'm not sure how the marriage ceremony idea came up but Jim and Corrine Wright and Lori and I were joking about what we could do. For those of you that know Corrine, you know that is all you have to do — give her an idea and then stand back. It's like setting off a spark near gasoline. Largely through her ideas, the four of us put together the Marry'n Sam Marriage Ceremony. We had actually built the whole idea around another Katydid by the name of Randy Person. If it hadn't been for Randy I don't think the idea would have come up. Corrine had mentioned how much he looked like Marry'n Sam in the Lil Abner comic strip, (joking, of course).

"Randy and Barbara were just getting set to move to Sacramento about the same time, but he suggested that since I was on the roly poly side and looked as much like Marry'n Sam as he did, why didn't I do it??? Besides he said that I looked more like a dirty old man than he did. So, here I am, a dirty old man, no, I mean, Marry'n Sam.

"I might add, don't ever dare Don Dunham that he can't do something, because this dance was actually done on a dare. The Katydids had talked about a dance for several weeks and we couldn't seem to get together on a date or school. I think that it was going to be held in March or April. Don made the remark at Vesuvio's on the first Friday of Jan. that he could get a hall and have the tickets printed and have them by the following Fri. night at our club. Lori dared him to do it and we made a quick check of the club members and everybody said, "fine". The following Fri. Don had the tickets and the hall signed up....."

Chirper, March 1968, Vol. 5, No 3 , page 7

AMONG OUR SOUVENIR CHIRPERS

"Discovered that the Chirper had a birthday last month, also. The first Chirper was published Feb. 14, 1974, with Corrine Wright as editor.

Also that was the first year for the Sweetheart Special..."

Earliest recipe found in the Vol. 5, No. 7 issue of the September 1968 issue of the Chirper**APRICOT SQUARES**

1 lb dried apricots

$\frac{3}{4}$ c. sugar

1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ c. water

1 cup oleo

1 c. sugar

2 c. unsifted flour

2 tsp. salt

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp baking soda

1 c. coconut

1 c. finely cut walnuts

- 'Combine apricot, water, sugar until water is absorbed
- Cream butter and sugar, add coconut; blend by hand into flour , salt, and baking soda.
- Press this crumbly mixture evenly over bottom and sides of 9 x 13 in. baking pan.
- Bake at 400 degrees Fahrenheit for 10 minutes or until lightly browned.
- Remove from oven and spread apricot mix evenly over crust. Sprinkle nuts over filling, and return to oven for 14 min. at 400 degrees
- Cool and cut into squares. Serve plain or with whipped cream.

WE HAVE MAIL!!

Mary Monticello & Rod Garges:

"Tell everyone at the dance on Friday [6/9] that we miss them and hope to see them next year (Apr - May 2024) at a dance someplace" "We sure had a great time with the club and still have great friends. ...Rod and I cruised over to Europe in April, now in Spain for 6 weeks, then Germany for a month (and visiting with Margaret and Thomas for a week), cruising Norway for 2 weeks, then flying home to visit the kids July 15. Tell everyone at the farewell dance hello and we should be in California spring of 2024 and hope to find them at a dance somewhere...We'll keep In touch"

Marjorie Wilser:

"Well rats! I am so sorry to hear this. I've got a group but we are so small we rarely get more than one square. However, we keep on trying and new people are wandering in! Lots of the ones older than I, haven't danced since the pandemic. A few have "health" out; one or two have passed; and a few decided they didn't like driving at night! The last active couple from the pre-pandemic group moved. (sigh) Take care, and greet Jim and the others for me!"

Willi & Curly Frey:

"What sad news that the Katydids will go out of business. What is the reason for that step? We're sure that there must be very important reasons since the Katydids are such a wonderful Club, traditional, and heartwarming.

Curly and I will always remember the great times we had with great people. You welcomed us when we came to the US from Germany in 1999, helped us learning so much of your culture, language, dancing and so much friendship. We will never forget that.

Let's keep in touch, and please say Hi to all who still remember that crazy couple from Germany from about 20 years ago."

Char Hemsley:

"I am very sorry that the club is closing. I know many of the dancers will miss the good time, chatter, good times, and togetherness. Best of luck to you . . .and hope you can continue to dance somewhere else." I am veery sorry to hear that at the pub is going to "retire". I thoroughly enjoyed dancing there with Roger and meeting all the people. As with lots of things they have changed due to the times we are experiencing."

Joan Bugado:

"Sorry I am unable to be there [6/9] as I am recovering from surgery. Hate to see this group end because I really enjoyed dancing with the Katydids and you had such a good caller."

Allen Nassau:

"My leukemia has got the better of me. My strength has weakened me but spirits still are goof. Keep well and safe."

Sharon Storms:

I'm very sorry that the Katydids are closing. All of you will be missed!"

Lee Ann Vojvoda:

Ahh.....I am so very sorry. I know that many hearts are disappointed and broken. Sending Yellow Rocks to all Katydids ... Truly, my/our condolences."

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CLUB HISTORY

From katydids.org

Club callers have been:

Ed Sanders (1961-1962)

Kenny Steen (1962-1978)

Bill Davis (1978-1995)

Harold Fleeman (1995-2005)


Jim Osborne (2005-2023)

Come back to 1961 and a square dance club called the Twirling Sands. Named after the club caller Ed Sanders, the club met on Thursday nights. Several members were having difficulty attending on a regular basis, so they decided to form a Friday night club.

The group looked around for a place to dance. The clubhouse at Bowers Park in Santa Clara was available on Friday nights. One of the Twirling Sands' founders and members, Kenny Steen, had recently graduated from callers' school and had started calling at area dances. Soon he was recruited to call. They elected a slate of officers, held their first class of seven squares and were on their way to official. After the class graduated and another slate of officers was elected, the members decided to make it "legal" with a club name and logo. How does Moonlighter, Crazy Crickets or Cute Cats sound?

Picture this: a warm summer night, sitting in the park, folks discussing possible club names and suddenly a shrill scream! Lorraine Willes with the "never-out-of-place" hairdo jumped up and was frantically pulling at her hair. A huge insect had fallen from the tree into her hair. "Katydid" was the scream and a club name was born.

1961 is when the group started dancing. 1962 is the official date of the club's formation when the bylaws were adopted, a club name and logo were selected and the club was registered with "official" square dancing organizations.



CPSD
Presents a
TROPICAL PARADISE HOEDOWN
Saturday, August 26, 2023
7:30 – 9:45 PM
With Caller
RICH REEL

SSD LEVEL

PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT THE NEW DANCERS!

Cambrian Park United Methodist Church
Wright Hall
1919 Gunston Way @ Leigh Avenue
San Jose
Parking & Entrance is on Wyrick

Donation \$12.00
Snacks to share are welcome


CPSD is THE COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE SQUARE DANCING. Our focus is the support of new and returning dancers and future callers by sponsoring dances, classes, caller workshops, and other practice opportunities. CPSD is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

www.c.p.s.d.org - Jackie 408-205-0681

Santa Clara Valley Square Dancers Association

64th Annual* Jubilee

6-7 October 2023
Hoover Middle School
1635 Park Avenue
San Jose
California



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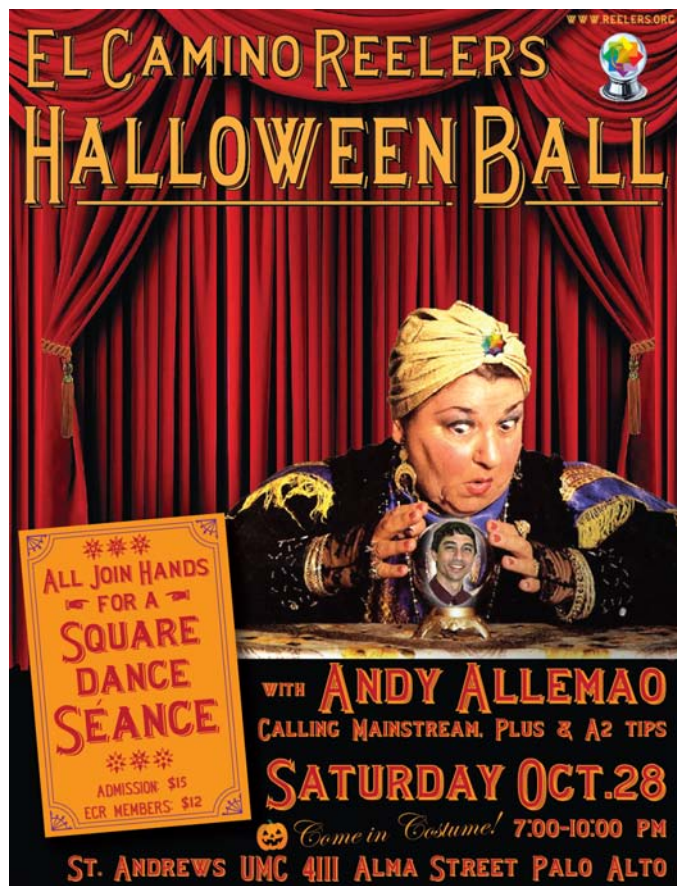
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Adult (per person)	\$55	\$65
New Dancer (started since 2020)	\$45	\$50
Youth (under 18)	\$20	\$25
Total:		

Make check payable to SCVSDA and mail to:
SCVSDA, 20830 Stevens Creek Blvd. #1143, Cupertino, CA 95014

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ALL JOIN HANDS FOR A SQUARE DANCE SEANCE

ADMISSION \$15
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WITH **ANDY ALLEMAO**
CALLING MAINSTREAM. PLUS A2 TIPS

SATURDAY OCT. 28

7:00-10:00 PM

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The Swinging 21ers Present a*

BENEFIT HOEDOWN

To Help Children
WALK, TALK, SEE and PLAY

Caller: **Jay Henderson**

Live Music!
THE GHOST RIDERS

Rounds by
Sue and Phil Harris

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Pre-Rounds 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Fun Level Dancing 8:00 to 10:30 p.m.
Two Rounds Between Tips

Fremont Elks Lodge 2121
38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont California 94536

Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination and Use of Masks MAY Be Required
(if and as required by local COVID restrictions in November)

Donation - \$15.00 Adult - \$5.00 Youth under 18

Directions to the Fremont Elks Lodge:
From I-880 take the Mowry Ave. Exit. Go east towards the hills, then turn left onto Farwell Drive and go 1 1/2 blocks. The Elks Lodge is on your left.

For Information, Call:
Sue & Dennis
(510) 887-5605

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sandy FrangerJul 22

CONGRATULATIONS
to Janna and her husband Lloyd,
on winning various awards at this
years Santa Clara County Fair!!



1st, 2nd, & 3rds and PepperCot Best of Section

THEME/PARTY NIGHT:
CINCO DE MAYO
Friday, May 5, 2023
CALLER: JIM OSBORNE
SALVATION ARMY, SANTA CLARA



Grubb, Steve Lehnhoff and Stephanie Stevens



Rainbow of Jams, Jellies, and Sauces

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