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Bailey & Gaynelle Sutherland

RCS Aug 2016 Presidents message

As we begin our 2016/2017 term as your presidents we would like to encourage each of you to become active participants in the world of dance (square dancing, round dancing, clogging and line dancing).

The Constitution and Bylaws of the ASRDA will help you understand what your association does for you and also your responsibilities as members to it. If you do not have a copy please go to <http://asrda.org/node/354> Open the attached file then look at the table of contents and read topics pertaining to you.

We are off to a new year with some problems and opportunities. If we all work together to take advantage of the opportunities we will be able to overcome the problems.

The main problem is, we continue to lose dancers and clubs. Since 1976 our [numbers](#) at the National Square Dance Convention have decreased by 90%. In 1976 there were 39,796 dancers attending and in 2016 there were 3,914 in attendance. This decrease seems to be experienced all over the USA and in many other countries.

In our own association we have lost many clubs over the same time period.

To turn this around we need to make some changes.

1. We need shorter lessons.
2. We need more frequent starts for lessons.
3. We need a program that offers the new dancers a place to dance with little effect on experienced dancers.

[CallerLab](#) has come up with a program called Club 50 (50 calls from mainstream) which addresses these needs.

It seems that our problems stem from our moving dancers up to plus before they were truly ready.

The new program is being presented as a new club or caller run club opportunity where new dancers will stay at a lower level (50 calls) for a longer period or as a finish level (dance at this level forever). They would be starting to dance sooner with a smaller number of calls to learn. After 1 or 2 years those that want to could take plus lessons and they would be better prepared to do it.

All of the above is good but leaves the current clubs out in the cold and continuing to decline unless we can change what we are doing.

I propose that we adopt the Club 50 way of dancing and drop mainstream. The extra mainstream calls not used in Club 50 would be included in Plus.

“Square Dancing – It’s **FUN** with **YOU** in it.”

In order for a club that only meets once a week to incorporate this they would need to change their normal dances to the following or something similar.

1.5 hrs lessons of Club 50 calls

1.0 hr Dance to the Club 50 calls

.5 hr Dance Plus.

Each dance night would be 3 hours during 9 months from Oct-Jun each year. During this time three 12 week classes would be taught.

There would be no Club 50 classes Jul-Sep. Only dancing. Clubs could change their hrs to adjust for no lessons.

I'm pretty sure the effects on our mainstream dancers would be minimal while the benefits to the club will be good and get our clubs growing again.

All of this will depend on both the clubs and the callers working together to make it a go and to be fun.

The above is only a suggestion as I see it. We are open to any and all ideas that will improve our dancing and clubs.

This is only a start and would require a lot of working together and adjusting to make it the best we can.

You can go to Jerry Story's web site www.jerrystory.com to get more information on [Club 50](#). See "[Save Square Dancing](#)" and "[Guide](#) for Successful Sustainable Square Dancing". Jerry Story is the president of [CallerLab](#).

I have given you my thoughts and would like to hear yours. Let's work together to make square dancing grow.

Albert Einstein is credited with saying: "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results". Let us make a change!

See you around the square!

Bailey and Gaynelle Sutherland
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Send information on your special event to Social Secretary Charles & Cheryl Sherman
2901 County Road 234, Georgetown, TX 78633-4621 512-746-2815
cansherman@hughes.net

2016

August 6 Country Cuzzins Summer Fiesta Dance, caller/cuer Wayne Weston
August 27 Austin SRDA meeting, Hyde Park Christian Church, 3:00 P.M.
August 31 Shirts'n'Skirts Dawg Daze of Summer Dance, caller Al Frazier
September 6 Come N' Take It Labor Day Dance, caller Wayne Weston
October 8-9 Texas State Federation SRD® Presidents Meeting, Schertz
October 30 Nortex Come Sail Away Round Up, callers Jerry Story, cuers Hixon and Gloodt, Grapevine
October 31 Come N' Take It Halloween Dance, caller Wayne Weston

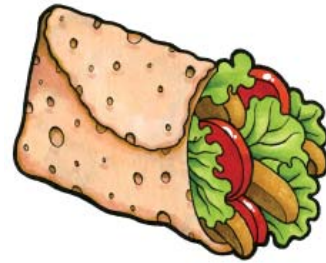
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January 13-14 Texas State Federation SRD® Nominating Meeting, La Grange
March 3-4 Texas State Federation SRD® Conclave, Amarillo
June 8-11 Texas State Federation SRD® Festival, Wichita Falls

Country Cuzzins presents a summer fun event



Saturday
Aug 6, 2016



Fajita Dinner Buffet: 6:00pm

Pre-Rounds: 6:30 - 7pm

Mainstream w/ announced Plus (2+2): 7 - 9pm



Wayne Weston
Caller & Cuer

\$12.50 / person
Casual Dress

For more info, contact:

Debbie Delosua
830-265-0090
diverdelo@yahoo.com

www.countrycuzzins.com
for more info & RV sites

Location:

Boys & Girls Club
of Highland Lakes - Marble Falls Unit
1701 Broadway
Marble Falls, TX 78654

Directions:

From 281 in Marble Falls, head west on FM1431.
Turn left onto Ave Q (Northwood Dr).
Building is on the corner of Ave Q and Broadway.

COME AND TAKE IT SQUARES

August arrives amid constant talk of how hot it is, but let's concentrate on remembering the delicious cool ice cream (and cool, smooth calling of Jim Hayes) at our ice cream social in July. How many flavors did we have? I wish someone would have counted because it was an incredible variety of "yumminess" (is that a word?). We had a number of visitors to help us eat the ice cream and to enjoy the dance, so we call that success. Thanks to everyone who helped in the celebration!

We enjoyed dancing to Wayne Weston, Gary Sanders, Jim Hayes, Al Frazier, and Craig Abercombie in June and July. We were so happy that Gary did not get stranded by a flood in Houston again and made it this time.

Calvin and Ruby Buesing enjoyed a trip to Tennessee to visit their daughter and her family. Josh and Neva Sackett are headed to Pennsylvania to act as work-campers for two months, and Jim and Kathy Connally headed west in their RV with other square dance friends. All these sound like great trips, especially since they are to cooler climes.

Charlene Berryman continues her chemo treatments, but we are so pleased that she feels well enough to continue to dance some and eat ice cream. Long-time member Karen Svoboda had hip replacement and is doing well. Also, we are happy to hear that David Arp, a frequent visitor to our club, is recovering from his unfortunate mishap at the State Convention.

Chet Miles will start the month of August, calling for us on August 1, so come for a fun dance. The other Mondays in August Wayne Weston will be calling, so you know those will be good dances. August 29 is a fifth Monday, so we will be dark with no dancing!

Monday, September 5 is Labor Day, and we always have a special dance that night with hot dogs and all the trimmings, including lots of delicious desserts. Plan to join the fun! Wayne will be calling.

Remember that we have changed our dance time; we now dance from 7-9, so when you come visit, keep that in mind as you plan your trip.

Keep cool, and keep dancing! As our beloved caller Cris Crisler used to say, "The more you dance, the better you feel."

Martha Jo Whitt, Reporter

COUNTRY CUZZINS

Greetings from Marble Falls! Country Cuzzins had sixteen mainstream students graduate on June 9th (that's two squares!) All have joined our fun club and we are so happy to see our club continue to grow. As always, we are encouraging all our members to visit other clubs and to "take hostage" their banners – we just captured the Waterloos' banner and eagerly await a square from that club to join us so they can take their banner home!

Some of our members recently attended the state event in Waco – they had a great time. We also had four couples, which included our caller Wayne Weston and his wife, attend the national event in Des Moines, Iowa. A lot of great dancing, eating, sightseeing, and meeting old and new friends. We highly recommend everyone attend these events so start planning as June 2017 is just around the corner.

Country Cuzzins dance at the First United Methodist Church in Marble Falls every Thursday starting at 7:00 p.m. The first Thursday of each month is our "Fun Dance" and we would love to have you joins us then, or any Thursday night, for some really great dancing. You'll be glad you spent an evening with your Cuzzins!

Paul & Pepper Branch, Secretary

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SHIRTS 'N' SKIRTS

The months of June and July were extremely busy for our club as many of our members attended the Texas State Festival in Waco. It was extremely gratifying to see many of our new dancers kicking up their heels and dancing to the variety of well known national and local callers from the area. There were lots of weary minds and sore feet when it was over. The State Festival was followed by our "Good Ole Summertime Dance" in late June. Dan Clairmont was our guest caller and Martha Burghart led the line dancers as some 65 dancers enjoyed the evening. July began with Wayne Weston being our guest caller and Martha Burghart led line dancing as 69 visitors and members enjoyed the evening. The following week was our annual Ice Cream Social. We had 78 visitors and members enjoying the food, fellowship and dancing as Jim Hayes along with Jerry & Lucy Pate kept the floor filled with dancers.

We will continue our summer activities with a Mainstream Workshop each Wednesday night from 7:00 - 7:30 pm prior to our regular dance from 7:30-9:30 pm. This workshop is designed to assist new dancers in further developing their mainstream skill. The summer will conclude with our "Dawg Daze of Summer" dance on August 31, 2016. This dance will be a special 5th Wednesday dance and Jim Hayes will lead an "Introduction to Plus Dancing" evening of fun and fellowship. This will be the prelude to a series of Plus lessons to begin on September 7, 2016. All mainstream dancers are welcome to come and extend their dancing skills.

We are happy to report that Shirley Teegarden, Phyllis Smith and Claude Morrison, all who fell recently and suffered serious injuries are home and doing well with their recovery and rehabilitation. Please continue to keep these fellow dancers in your prayers for a quick and complete recovery.

Shirt 'N' Skirts dance on Wednesday nights at the GISD Administrative Annex, 1313 Williams Drive in Georgetown, Texas. Normal dance nights (excluding the lesson nights) are from 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Between tips, rounds are cued by Lucy and Jerry Pate on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays and line dances are led by Martha Burghart on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Visitors be sure to ask our treasurer about the special card which gives you a free dance after you visit four times.

Please visit our club website (<http://www.asrda.org/clubs/shirtsnskirts>) for up to date information on our dance schedule.

Lorraine and Hubert O'Neal
Food for Thought: Skill is successfully walking a tightrope over Niagara Falls. Common sense is not trying.

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Austin SRDA Clubs

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Monday

Come N' Take It Squares-1 7:00-9:00 MS/P No 5th Monday
Presbyterian Church, 414 Saint Louis Street, Gonzales
President Tim & Kathy Busby, 830 203-9290
timothybusby12@yahoo.com , hollingsworthkathy@gmail.com
Callers - Guest callers

Lone Star Lambdas-1 6:30-8:30 MS/P
Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 200 West Anderson Lane, Austin
President Terry Neal bearterry@aol.com
Caller Mikael Jacobson 210 363-5471
Casual attire
<http://www.lonestarlambdas.org/>

Merry-Go-Rounds-2 7:30-9:30 Phase 3-4 Twice a month.
Hancock Recreation Center, 811 E. 41st Street, Austin.
Call for schedule – 512 250-5185
Cuers Jerry & Lucy Pate 512 250-5185 jpate1207@att.net

Tuesday

La Grange Roadrunners-3 7:00-9:00 MS/P No 5th Tuesday
Round & line dancing between tips, Randolph Recreation Center,
653 East Pearl Street, La Grange. Pres Harold & Lois Davis,
979 836-3585 paperangeltoo@aol.com Callers Al Frazier (2nd & 4th)
512 339-7910 tsca@alfraziertx.com Traylor Walker (1st & 3rd)
979 865-0068 texassquare@hughes.net

Waterloo Squares-1&7 7:30-9:30 MS/P & line dancing between tips
South Austin Senior Activity Center, 3911 Manchaca Road, Austin
Pres Lawrence & Christina Young 512-569-8208.. Visiting
Callers
www.waterloosquares.com www.dancewithsam.com

Wednesday

Shirts'n'Skirts-3&7 7:30 -9:30 MS/P All Plus 5th Wednesday
Georgetown ISD Admin Annex (formerly McCoy Elementary School)
1313 Williams Drive, Georgetown . 1st & 3rd line dancing between
tips, 2nd & 4th rounds between tips. Caller Jim Hayes 830 627-7644
Cuers Jerry & Lucy Pate 512 250-5185
Lines Martha Burghart All Plus dance on the 5th Wednesday
Pres Tony & Martha Burghart 512.255-8417 mdburghart@sbcglobal.net
asrda.org/clubs/shirtsnskirts/

Thursday

Buckles & Bows-1 6:30-8:00 MS 8:00-9:30P
Cedar Park Methodist Church, 600 West Park Street, Cedar Park
Callers Arnold & Marie Gladson 512 219-9258 arnold@gladson.us
and marie@gladson.us
<http://www.glad2call.com/bucklesbowsclub.htm>

Clickety Cloggers-4 6:30 -9:30
D'Ette & Company Dancers, 1807 Slaughter Lane Suite 325, Austin
President Vicki Brandon, 512-825-7569, brandoniron2@aol.com
Performance contact: Jon Durbin 512 331-9536
jon.e.durbin@gmail.com
<http://www.clicketycloggers.com/>

Country Cuzzins-1&7 7:00-9:00 MS/P & line dancing between tips
First United Methodist Church, 1101 Bluebonnet Drive, Marble Falls
Pres Gene & Charlotte Broadway 830 613-0277 etibjr@zeecon.com
Caller Wayne Weston
<http://www.countrycuzzins.com/>

Wheel-N-Deals-1 7:30-9:30 MS/P Announced 5th Thursday
Dunbar Recreation Center, 801 MLK Drive, San Marcos
Pres Milton Vaverek mv1111@grandecom.net Caller Chet Miles (1st
& 3rd)
512-894-3067. Guest callers (2nd & 4th). Casual attire is welcomed!
www.wheel-n-deals.org

Sunday

FunDancers-1 7:00-9:00 MS/P
Schertz Community Center North, 3501 Morning Drive, Schertz, TX
(Google uses 3501 Morning drive) President Jim Douglas,
jjmpresfundancers@yahoo.com
Guest Callers

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