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A Happy Easter to all as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ our Savior. It is hard to believe spring will have sprung before you get this RCS.

There are many dances coming up or have already been. We visited the LaGrange Road Runners for their Independence Day dance. We were happy to have Betty Shelton along. They had a fantastic dance and lots of goodies, not to mention a great floor. April 6th Country Cuzzins have their Wild Flower dance with Joe Saltel calling and Kay and Bob Kurcezewski cueing. Waterloo Squares anniversary dance is on April 9h with Darryl Lipscomb calling and Jerry and Lucy Pate cueing. There was a misprint in the last up-coming events for the ASRDA Delegate's meeting. It should be April 13th 3:00 pm. at Hyde Park Christian Church with the Mid-Tex meeting to follow. They will be finalizing their plans for Mid-Tex which will be May 10th-11th, with Mike Bramlett calling and Tammy and Marvin Lee cueing. Since the RCS is always on tine and you will get it before April, Canyon Lake Square Dancers are celebrating their 1st anniversary on March 30th 3:00 till 5:00pm at Wayne's Dance Barn 1450 Rotherman, Canyon Lake.

We have received a letter from Phillip Mullins and Mae McKeating. They are Brown Bag Co-Chairpersons for the 57th Texas State Festival in College Station on June 13th - 16th 2019. They are asking for an item for the Brown bag auction from each club in our association. If you wish to make this donation and would like to bring it to the delegates meeting on April 13th, we will be glad to take it to the festival. They encourage you to put a note with the item with your club’s name for recognition. I realize this is a while off, but then you know the time flies.

Until next time "Let's Dance"

Hope to see you at the meeting on April 13th. Anyone is welcome not just the delegates.
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

April 6  Country Cuzzins Wildflower Dance, caller Joe Saltel, cuers Kay & Bob Kursezewski
April 9  Waterloo Squares 36th Anniversary Dance, caller Darryl Lipscomb, cuers Jerry & Lucy Pate
April 10  Buckles & Bows Anniversary Dance, caller Kazuho Ohsaki
April 13  Austin SRDA Delegates meeting, 3:00 PM, Hyde Park Christian Church
May 10-11  Mid-Tex Festival, caller Mike Bramlett, cuers Tammy & Marvin Lee
May 17-18  Hill Country Happenin, callers Jerry Story, Johnny Preston, cuers Lucy & Jerry Pate
June 13-15  Texas State Federation SRD® Festival, Houston SRDC, Bryan
June 26-29  68th National Square Dance Convention, Atlanta, GA
July 10  Shirts’n’Skins Ice Cream Social, caller Brad Caldwell, cuers Lucy & Jerry Pate
August 18-23  Kirkwood Lodge, callers Bob Baier, Jerry Junck, cuers Lucy & Jerry Pate
August 25-30  Fun Valley Resort South Fork CO, callers Brad Caldwell, Dee Dee Daughterty-Lottie, cuers Lucy & Jerry Pate
September 1-6  Fun Valley Resort South Fork CO, callers Brad Caldwell, Wade Drive, cuers Lucy & Jerry Pate
October 11-12  Texas State Federation SRD® Presidents meeting, Texas State Camping Squares, Glen Rose
October 11-13  Cen Tex Round Dance Festival featuring Rey & Sherry Garza
October 18-19  Houston Hoedown, Conroe, caller Jerry Story, cuers Lucy & Jerry Pate
COME AND TAKE IT

April is a wonderful time to drive to Gonzales to dance with the Come and Take It Squares (well, any month is a good time for that!) and see the gorgeous array of Texas wildflowers on your way. The Indian paintbrushes are especially prolific; the bluebonnets seem to be a darker blue this spring; and the wild mustard brightens every roadside. The pinks, fuchsias, and lavenders of some of the other varieties make a crazy quilt of God's handiwork. Come and see; come and dance!

We had excellent calling in March from Al Frazier, Wayne Weston, and Nelda Eaton. It is always a treat to add traveling callers like Nelda and Marty Northrup (who called for us in late February) to the mix of our great local callers.

In April, we will welcome Chet Miles on April 1 (and that's no April Fool's joke!); Al Frazier on the 15th; and Wayne Weston on the 8th and 22nd. Since the 29th is a fifth Monday, we will not be dancing. Come join us on one of those other Monday nights!

We are happy to report that Karen Svoboda recovered from a bout with shingles and that Calvin Buesing is moving better every week. We hope to see him back in the square soon.

We started classes and have a very small but enthusiastic group, including some former dancers who are back and brushing up their skills. Isn't it great that square-dancing is like riding a bicycle: it comes right back to you when you get on the floor after a break?

Remember we are just a short, pretty drive away, so come to Gonzales any Monday night for good dancing and a nice wildflower experience! Come early and explore some of the historic sites.

Martha Jo Whitt, Reporter

COUNTRY CUZZINS

We had so much fun in February-early March! We had a combined Texas Independence celebration-Mardi Gras dance at the end of February. Club members came in full cowboy gear (Stetsons to chaps and spurs) and/or Mardi Gras purple/green/gold (green hair on our President – yes, you can see it on the web and our FB page). Our March 14 dance was an early St. Patrick’s celebration – green clothes, green food (deviled eggs, pickles, olives) watched over by leprechauns, rainbow cookies with unicorns on the plate, and Irish songs from Wayne Weston. He also taught us how to “slaunch” for an Irish reel – see it all on our FB page.

Our MS class has reached the half-way point and will have a small celebration on March 28th – 6:00-7:00 pm class and review and then Class Level dance from 7:00-8:00 pm with regular Club dance until 9:00 pm.

We are getting out to visit other clubs to participate in the ASRDA Visitation Program and also to promote our April 6 Wildflower Dance.

April 6th is almost here and we are looking forward to a big crowd at our Wildflower Dance with Joe Saltel and Kay & Bob Kurczewski. Cuzzins are making visits to clubs to promote the dance and sell tickets. Anyone who buys their ticket in advance will have their name in a drawing for $25 at the dance. For ticket information, please contact Bob Bewley at teguz2003@gmail.com.

Country Cuzzins will celebrate all the April birthdays on April 11th since we will be DARK on Thursday, April 18th.

Mainstream Lessons – Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 PM

Club Dance – Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 1101 Bluebonnet Dr, Marble Falls 78654
Chuck & Laura Orr, Secretary
32nd Annual
Wildflower Dance

April 6, 2019
Boys & Girls Club
1701 Broadway, Marble Falls, TX 78654

12:00-1:30  A-2 level Workshop   $8/pp
1:30-3:00  MS Workshop/Dance   $8/pp
3:30-5:00  Rounds Workshop   $5/pp
6:30-9:30  Dance   $15/pp
       6:30-7:00 pre-rounds
       7:00-9:00 MS/Plus (2+2)
       9:00-9:30 All plus

Appetizers & Beverages
Silent Auction & Split the Pot

Caller: Joe Saltel
Cuers: Ski & Kay Kurczewski

Contact Bob Bewley, teguz2004@gmail.com
or ask a Country Cuzzins club member for tickets.

Directions:
Boys & Girls Club Marble Falls is on the corner of Ave Q and Broadway, 1 block south of FM 1431.
From 281 in Marble Falls, head west on FM1431. At the corner of FM1431 and Ave Q (also called Northwood Drive) there is a stop light with a Shell station, New Orleans Seafood, Valero station & McDonalds. From this interchange go south 1 block to the Boys & Girls Club.

More information can be found at www.countrycuzzins.com
WATERLOO’s 36th Anniversary

9 April 2019
6:30–7pm Rounds +1 between tips
7–9pm Square dancing mainstream/plus

Charlie Robertson — Caller —
Jerry & Lucy Pate — Cuers —

$10 Donation

This event will be held at the South Austin Sr. Activity Center
3911 Manchaca Road, Austin, Tx
WATERLOO SQUARES

Join us
9 April 2019
36th Anniversary Dance

Caller
Charlie Robertson
Sulphur Oklahoma

Cuers
Jerry & Lucy Pate

6:30-7pm Rounds + 1 between tips
7:00-9:00pm Sqr Dancing Mainstream/Plus

South Austin Senior Activity Center
3911 Manchaca Road, Austin, Texas

4/92019
BUCKLES & BOWS

BUCKLES & BOWS will celebrate their 16th Anniversary Dance, on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, in a very special way. Please join us for an evening of fun dancing to a visiting caller from Japan! A flyer is included in this month’s RCS.

We are very excited to host, Kazuyo Ohsaki, a friend of ours visiting from Japan. We met “Kazu” in June 2006. She was in town with a friend and went with us to attend the 2006 National Square Dance Convention in San Antonio. She is visiting us before attending a Caller School and the Callerlab convention in April, in Richmond, VA. We feel this will be a special and fun way to celebrate Buckles & Bows 16th Anniversary by having her call the dance for our club on 4/10/19.

Kazu is on the staff of 8 callers for the Tokyo Square Dance Club which has 160 Square Dancers. She is one of 3 female callers for the club. She has taught several Square dance classes, including a group of young adults with mental disabilities. She is a member of the Japan Square Dance Association and other caller organizations in Japan. She is working with other callers to bring Square Dancing to Primary, Junior High & High School students. She calls Mainstream & Plus, and dances up to C1.

Please join us for an entertaining evening of dancing to our special friend, Kazu, guest caller, for Buckles & Bows 16th Anniversary. We will dance Mainstream from 7:00 – 9:00 pm and Plus from 9:00 – 9:30 p.m. We will have this dance at our regular Club Dance Location: Cedar Park First United Methodist Church, 600 W. Park Street, Cedar Park, TX. 78613. You have a rare opportunity to dance to a Japanese caller and experience square dancing on the “international scene”. Please check out Buckles & Bows dance flyer for more details or visit www.glad2call.com.

Buckles & Bows dances every Wednesday at Cedar Park First United Methodist Church, 600 W. Park Street, in Cedar Park. Buckles & Bows dance schedule is: Beginner Lessons from 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Mainstream dance from 7:30 – 8:30 pm, and Plus from 8:30 - 9:30 pm. Please check our website at: www.glad2call.com for any changes in our dance times. Visitors are always welcome to join us in a square and/or “Angel” during lessons when you can! Dress attire is always casual.

FUNDANCERS

FunDancers had a lovely green St. Patrick’s Day dance with Ken Bower calling. As always, Rick and Minnie Scofield dressed for the event. We even had plenty of green snacks! Our lessons are still going strong. The students will be graduating in May and hopefully joining our club.

Mike Sikorsky, a national caller from Apache Junction, Arizona called for our March 31st dance. As always, his upbeat calling and famous gyrations drew a big crowd.

We would like to remind everyone that FunDancers will be having many more National callers in 2019. Our club saves you thousands of miles of travel to dance to these fantastic folks. Please check the ASRDA dance calendar for the date your favorite caller will be in at the Fun Palace in Schertz, TX.

BOOSTERS OF SQUARE & ROUND DANCING

BUESING, Calvin & Ruby 830-672-7384
SHERMAN, Chuck & Cheryl 512-746-2815

If you wish to become a Square Dance Booster please send a check for $10 made out to ASRDA to Donna Woodard, 14320 Tandem Blvd, #3402, Austin, TX 78728

“Let’s Dance” 7
BUCKLES & BOWS 16TH ANNIVERSARY
Please join us on
Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Guest Caller from Tokyo, Japan

Kazuyo Ohsaki
Mainstream: 7 - 9 p.m.
Plus: 9-9:30 pm

Dance location:
CP 1st United Methodist Church
600 W. Park Street
Cedar Park, TX

FMI: Arnold Gladson 512-914-1335
arnold@gladson.us
or www.glad2call.com

Donation: $5
71st Annual Mid-Tex Festival
May 10th & 11th 2019
Georgetown Community Center
445 East Morrow Street, Georgetown, TX 78626

Schedule Of Events

Friday Dance - May 10th, 2019
7:00 - 7:30 PM Pre Rounds
7:30 - 10:00 PM MS/Plus Dance, 2+2
Cuer will cue two floor level round dances between each tip

Saturday Afternoon - May 11th, 2019
10:00 AM - NOON Advanced Workshop
1:00 - 2:30 PM Round Dance Workshop
2:30 - 4:30 PM Square Dance Workshop

Saturday Evening Dance - May 11th, 2019
6:30 - 7:00 PM Advanced Tips
7:00 - 7:30 PM Pre Rounds
7:30 - 7:45 PM Opening Ceremonies, Announcements, and Introductions
8:00 - 10:00 PM MS/Plus Dance, 2+2
Cuer will cue two floor level round dances between each tip

Single Dancers Encouraged & Welcome!!!
MID-TEX 2019 REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name:  
First Name:  
2nd Person's Name:  
Street Address:  
City, State, Zip:  
Phone Number(s):  
Email Address:  
District:  
Club Name:  

Teen Dancers Are Half Off  
Non-Dancers Are Free

$30 For All Events  
$10 Friday  
$10 Saturday Afternoon  
$20 Saturday Evening

Number of pre-registrations ______ X $ ______ = $ ______

Make Check Payable To ASRDA and Mail To:  
ASRDA, PO BOX 256, DRIPPING SPRINGS, TX 78620 PH: (512) 850-5532 e-mail: pdxtdbear@gmail.com
Alternate Contact, Calvin:(830) 857-6635 Download this flyer at http://asrda.org

Refunds For Pre-Registration Sale Through Thursday May 9th 2019

MID-TEX 2019 ADDITIONAL INFO:

Host Hotel:
Best Western Plus Georgetown Inn and Suites  
600 San Gabriel Village Blvd, Georgetown, TX  78626 PH: (512) 868-8555
There are 10 rooms reserved. 4 rooms have 2 queen beds. 6 rooms have 1 king bed. All rooms are non-smoking and are $98.00/night plus tax.
Link for special rate:
Or just call and give them the group ID “8I3MM0I2”

Other hotels include:
Georgetown Inn: 209 N I-35, Georgetown, TX 78628 PH: (512) 863-5572.
Holiday Inn Express: 431 North I-35, Georetown, TX 78628 PH: (512) 591-7890.

Georgetown RV Parks:
Berry Springs RV Park: 131 Market Street, Georetown, TX 78628  
PH: (512) 864-2724  www.berryspringsrv.com
New Life RV Park: 1200 C R 152, Georetown, TX 78628  
PH: (512) 931-2073  www.newlifervpark.com
San Gabriel River RV Camp Resort: 40005 Heritage Hollow, Georetown, TX 78628  
PH: (512) 868-1401  www.sangabrielrv.com
WHEEL-N-DEALS
Wheel-N-Deals had its 48th Anniversary/St. Patrick’s Day dance on March 16th at Dunbar Rec Center. This dance had something for everyone. Scott Bennett did a fantastic job calling squares, Ron and Pat Plough cued 3 sets of round dancing, and Billy Grimsley came speeding back from “Pot-O-Gold” round dance weekend to lead line dancing. We are particularly grateful to these folks as well as all the dancers who endured the SXSW and Spring Break traffic to get to our dance. We had a little over 7 squares worth of dancers. Since we were dancing in Dunbar Rec Hall, the floor was packed but everyone had a great time.

In preparation for Mid-Tex, we unveiled “Lord and Ladies of the Rings (and Squares) – a way to help single dancers find partners. All dancers who did not come with a partner were given flashing wrist bands so other singles, or a member of a couple could easily see them and ask them to dance. Dancers who dance the left position wore blue, right-hand dancers wore red, and dancers who could dance either position wore green. The plan will be tweaked a little before Mid-Tex but overall got very positive reviews.

Wheel-N-Deals is a Mainstream club with announced Plus, just like the majority of clubs in the ASRDA. Normally our Plus tips and #3 and #6. To support dancers who dance only Mainstream, our club has started making the 3rd tip a mainstream tip if there are 4 or more dancers who sign in as Mainstream only dancers. We also decided to make tip #4 a “teaching/challenging” mainstream tip. This will help both new and experienced dancers with dancing mainstream from a variety of positions.

We are extremely proud of our current students. Three of them are taking advantage of attending lessons 2 nights a week – once at Canyon Lake and once at Wheel-N-Deals. One student attended our anniversary dance and then Hill Country Square’s graduation dance and did amazingly well considering she is only half way through her mainstream lessons.

Our Easter theme dance will be on April 18th with Chet Miles calling and Billy Grimsley leading line dancing. Don and Beth Rankin will be the dancers in charge of this dance. We will be having our annual Easter Egg hunt but you’ll have to come to the dance to find out what surprises are in the eggs.

Mark your calendars for 13 July 2019. It is going to be our first and hopefully annual Summer Theme Dance. This year’s theme will be “BACK YARD BBQ.” It will be at City Park Recreation Center in San Marcos. Chet Miles is bringing his mega grill and barbecuing for us. Mike Bramlett will be the caller and we will also have Round Dancing. Stay tuned for more information. Flyers will be out soon.

See you on the dance floor!

SHIRTS ’N’ SKIRTS
The Bluebonnets and other wild flowers have blessed central Texas in early March this year. This has encouraged many of our club members to get out and take advantage of the many opportunities to gain valuable floor time available in March and continuing on through April.

We are all looking forward to many club anniversaries, graduation dances and other special dances available in April as we prepare for the Mid-Tex Festival in Georgetown in early May. We encourage each of you to visit the ASRDA website (www.asrda.com) and browse through the calendar of events scheduled there. Be sure to note our next special dance which is the ICE CREAM SOCIAL dance is scheduled for July 10, 2019.

Shirt ‘N’ Skirts dance on Wednesday nights at Christ Lutheran Church, 510 Luther 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. Visitor fees are $5.00 per dancer and visitors are encouraged to ask our treasurer about a 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: Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer to the end you get, the faster it goes.

“Let’s Dance”
Barbara Read – Nominee for Vice President

Barbara is a member of Shirts and Skirts, Georgetown, Texas. She took lessons in 1973 and attended her first national in 1974 in San Antonio, Texas. Over the years she has taken several years off for various reasons.

Barbara has held numerous offices in her clubs before moving to Leander in 2018. She has been treasure in earlier years and recently held the office of secretary in her local club in Beaumont, Texas. She was President of the Golden Triangle District when she moved here in 2018. She has been Education Director for the Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers for 2 years and will hold that office again next year. Barbara is also the Education Director for the National Square Dance Convention in Jackson, Mississippi in 2021.

Barbara says is looking forward to helping the ASRDA in whatever capacity is needed.

Brooke Peters – Nominee for President

Brooke began as a contra dancer in the early 1980’s, progressed through various social dances, and has now been square dancing a little over 2 years. She dances Mainstream and Plus in both positions and is working on DBD as well as Round Dancing.

Brooke was the person in charge (Pres, VP, and Secretary) of the San Antonio Contra Dance group for 5 years from 2000 to 2005. She has been Vice President of Wheel-N-Deals since she graduated from Mainstream class 2 years ago and was just elected President of the club. She has been serving as Publicity Officer for FunDancers, for about 1 ½ years. She was Wheel-N-Deals’ ASRDA club delegate 2017-2018, has been on the Mid-Tex Committee for 2 years, and is currently the ASRDA Vice President and a TSFSRD Delegate for 2018 – 2019. She was awarded Rookie of the year in 2018.

Brooke has been extremely active in publicity, education, and communication within and among the clubs and between the clubs and ASRDA. She plans to continue in these areas. She is currently working on ways to make special dances and weekend dances more singles friendly. She believes we all need to support the diversity of the various square dance clubs and learn from each other if we want to increase recruitment and retention in square dancing. We are all in this together folks!
Tom Barrett – Nominee for Treasurer

Tom started MS classes in the Fall of 2014 and is still learning! He has been dancing Plus for a couple of years and is now looking towards Advanced. Tom’s home club is the Lone Star Lambdas and he also dances with the Austin Plus Dancers.

Tom has been the ASRDA Treasurer from July 2018 to now. He has been on Lone Star Lambdas’ board as Secretary, Treasurer, and now President. He has been active in the last two of the Lambda’s fly-in events (full weekend square dance) as the Registrar in 2016 and as Finance Lead in 2018. Tom is also Treasurer for a camp with about the same sized budget as ASRDA.

Tom is a single dancer, lives in Dripping Springs, and attends the Austin MCC Church. He usually spends 2 evenings a week in a square, and really wishes it was 4. He is also a member of a few area social clubs around town.

Tom’s square dance politics are pretty simple:

We all want to dance, and the delegates/boards make it all possible!

Drama is best on TV, stage, or movies

It’s Texas, y’all --- wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel

Learning both sides will make you a better dancer and get you more floor time

Support club classes if we want to still have enough for a square!

Shirley Myers and Steve O’Neal – Nominees for Secretary

Shirley has been square dancing for 2 years 7 months. She took Mainstream lessons at “Come and Take It” and Plus at “FunDancers” graduating from Plus in May 2016. She has been Round Dancing 1 ½ years with Ronde Rounds. Steve has been square dancing for 23 years, Round Dancing for 4 and also dances with Ronde Rounds. Shirley and Steve met square dancing.

Steve and Shirley have been Wheel-N-Deals’ ASRDA club delegates for 2018 – 2019. Concurrently, they served as ASRDA Ambassadors for the Southern part of ASRDA and have done an incredible job. They visit all the clubs in the southern part of ASRDA on a regular basis. You can find them at a club dance a minimum of 4 times a week. Shirley and Steve also played a major role in a combined publicity blitz “Santa Learns to Square Dance” between Alamo Area and Austin Area Square and Round Dance Associations. As Santa and Mrs. Claus, they gave television interviews, were video-taped “learning to square dance” as Santa and Mrs. Claus, and were in some local newspapers.

Shirley has been the Chairperson of the Mid-Tex committee for 2 years, setting the meeting agendas, taking notes, and tying and distributing the minutes. She also sewed many of the Mid-Tex committee’s skirts and vests. She is currently putting together a booklet to guide new Mid-Tex committee members through the Mid-Tex planning and implementation process.

In addition to Steve’s service to ASRDA as delegate, Ambassador, and Mid-Tex Committee member, Steve was the Assistant Secretary of the Houston camping squares for 1 year. He was also president of the Circle Squares in Brian in 1976.

Shirley’s club affiliations are Come and Take It, Wheel-N-Deals, FunDancers, Camping Squares, and Ronde Rounds. Steve’s clubs are Wheel-N-Deals, FunDancers, New Braunfels Plus Club, and Camping Squares.
LORDS AND LADIES OF THE RINGS (AND SQUARES)

Guidelines for Single Dancers Who Want to Dance and Partnered Dancers Who Want to Dance with Singles

1. A “Single Dancer” is any dancer who does not have a dance partner for the ENTIRE EVENING.
   a. Married with a spouse who does not dance or cannot dance due to illness or injury
   b. In a committed relationship but partner is not at the dance or does not dance or cannot dance
   c. Any person who is single, divorced, or widowed and does not have a dance partner

2. All Single Dancers will wear LIGHTED Bracelets (Bracelets be provided at the check-in desk)
   a. Dancers who dance only the left (man’s) position will wear BLUE
   b. Dancers who dance only the right (woman’s) position will wear RED
   c. Dancers who can dance either position (left or right) will wear GREEN

3. Single Dancers can find a partner in one of the following ways and in order of priority
   a. Go to the “Lords and Ladies of the Rings (and Squares)” sign to look for other single dancers
      3.a.i. If your bracelet is Red look for someone with Blue or Green
      3.a.ii. If your bracelet is Blue look for someone with Red or Green
      3.a.iii. If your bracelet is Green look for someone with any color bracelet
   b. Fill out a dance card by asking people wearing bracelets – Dance cards will be available under the sign.
   c. Ask someone to dance who has a corresponding bracelet right before a tip
   d. Be asked to dance by a person not wearing a bracelet – this person’s partner might be taking a break, be tired, or wants to dance with other people. Dancer couples are encouraged to ask the dancers with bracelets to dance. This can be done immediately before a tip or you can get on a single’s dance card before the dance starts under the “Lords and Ladies of the Rings (and Squares)” sign and can be recorded for a specific tip on a dance card.
   e. Stand in a square with your arm wearing the bracelet high in the air so a dancer with a corresponding bracelet can come join you. The caller will help identify the squares that need single dancers but if most the squares are formed up and you still don’t have a partner, give your space to any couple who may want to dance. PLEASE LET THIS BE YOUR LAST OPTION FOR GETTING A PARTNER because it may delay the start of the tip.

4. Bracelets
   a. Flashing Bracelets – Once you have a partner for a dance, turn the bracelet off. It will save the battery life. Please return the bracelet at the end of each evening of dancing. They will be cleaned and you can pick another one the next day.
   b. Chemical Bracelet – If the Mid-Tex committee runs out of flashing bracelets, you will be given a plastic bracelet with a chemical inside that is activated when it is crushed. These will last about 24 hours. You do not need to return these at the end of the evening.

“LET’S DANCE”
SUPPORTING SINGLE SQUARE DANCERS

In today’s square dance world, square dance clubs are focused on the best ways to recruit and retain new square dancers. Clubs normally advertise their lessons as open to couples, singles, and teens. During most lessons, all student dancers have experienced dancers as partners. Once the students graduate and become club members, the clubs who are really interested in retaining their new dancers make certain the new dancers are always asked to dance whether or not they have partners. This improves the new graduates’ dancing abilities as well as makes sure they have a good time. It may mean that the experienced dancers will not get to dance with their favorite partners every tip. In this age of dwindling numbers of square dancers, it is important to make sure the new folks feel included and get asked to dance so they will continue square dancing.

For new dancers who are couples, this is not a problem. They can dance with each other. They can go to dances at other clubs and dance weekends without worrying about whether or not they will have a partner or even be welcome at the dance. This is not the case for single dancers.

Some clubs are very welcoming to the single dancer whether the person is new to dancing or has danced for years. Club members make sure all guests dance as much as they want. That is part of being a good host club. Other clubs go so far as to tell visitors not to come unless they have a partner because everyone dances solely with the person with whom they came to the dance. Square dance weekends, multi-club gatherings, and camps, which are some of the most enjoyable square dance activities, are generally geared towards couples.

Many singles, especially women, learn both the right and left side positions. This allows them to dance as a man or a woman with another single individual when the gender balance is unequal. These folks are usually stronger dancers. At most dances it is acceptable for two women to dance together but rarely is it accepted that two men dance together, even in cases where the men greatly outnumber the women.

At Association, State, and National Level dances, there is usually an area designated for “singles.” The singles are supposed to congregate in that area in hopes of finding other singles with whom they can dance. If there is not someone available, they can’t dance. Or, even if they do find someone to dance with, by the time the couple gets to the dance floor, all of the squares may be full. It also puts some single female dancer in the position of having to depend on a man to come and ask her to dance since, historically, women did not ask men. Fortunately this is changing.

Singles are very aware that going to a weekend dance either by themselves or with another person of the same gender, may mean they won’t have many opportunities to dance. Many do not want to spend the time or money to sit on the sidelines waiting for an available partner. Also, unless singles are clearly identified, other singles and couples, who are willing to dance with singles, don’t know who the single people needing partners are. As a result, single people are now pairing up strictly to go to a dance and be assured of a partner for the entire evening. This makes the situation worse for the remaining singles. These dancers want to go to the dance and dance with a variety of partners, but the other singles with whom they normally dance, are no longer available.

Dancers are single for a variety of reasons. As people age, death or disability of a spouse is a real possibility. Some folks get divorced and some are single by choice. It is tragic to think a person who has square danced for years and suddenly loses a spouse could feel that he/she can no longer square dance because of the lack of a partner. The square dance culture needs to become more accommodating to singles if they want to attract and retain these dancers.

On the following page are guidelines we will be using at Mid-Tex to let single dancers become “Lords and Ladies of the Rings (and Squares).” This will make them more visible and find partners more easily. For those of you with regular partners, look for a flashing bracelet and ask a Lord or Lady to dance at least once each evening. Everyone will benefit.
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Monday

**Come N’ Take It Squares** 7:30-9:00 MS/P No 5th Monday
Presbyterian Church, 414 Saint Louis Street, Gonzales
Pres: Calvin & Ruby Buesing rubyb@gvec.net (830)672-7384
Guest callers 1st, 3rd, Wayne Weston 2nd and 4th week
http://www.asrda.org/clubs/comenxtakeit/

**Lone Star Lambdas** 6:30-8:30 MS/P
info@LoneStarLambdas.org Getsemane Lutheran Church, 200 West Anderson Lane, Austin
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Caller: Mikael Jacobson (210)363-5471

**Merry-Go-Rounds** inactive
Cuers: Jerry & Lucy Pate (512)250-5185 jnpate1207@att.net

Tuesday

**Carousel Club #340** 9:30-Noon Phase 4-5 workshop/figures
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM Phase 3-4/ figures
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Beginner Waltz Basics
Circle K Ranch, 8521 RR 1869, Liberty Hill
Cuers Bob “Ski” & Kay Kurczewski roundsbyskis@juno.com
Ski cell (956) 781-8453, Kay cell (956) 460-7520

**Daylaker Square Dancers** 6:30-8:00 MS/P
1st & 3rd MS, 2nd & 4th Plus, 5th class level dance for current classes
Caller: Dan Clairmont (949)351-1284 dan@dancelairmont.com

**Wheel-N-Deals** 7:30-9:30 MS/P Announced, no 5th Thursday
Dunbar Recreation Center, 801 MLK Drive, San Marcos 78666
Pres: Billy Grimsley (830)392-5433 kbrookepeters@gmail.com
Caller: Chet Miles (1st & 3rd) (512)894-3067
Guest callers (2nd & 4th) Casual attire is welcomed!
www.wheels-n-deals.org

Sunday

**FunDancers** 7:00-9:00 MS/P Line dancing between tips
Scheritz Community Center North, 3501 Morning Drive, Schertz, TX
(uses 4923 Morning drive)
Pres: Jin Douglas (210)659-3930 jimpresfundancers@yahoo.com

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