



THE ROUNDUP

NEWSLETTER FOR BOOTS 'N' BUCKLES AUGUST, 1991

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi,

I would like to thank the people who performed at the Redwood Senior Center in Castro Valley. They were Terry & Karlene Stoker, Mary Hendrix, Joy Sherman, Judy Hobbs, Rick Evenskass, Judi Grater, Pam Akridge, Mike Reinath, and Theresa Voss. I would also like to give a very special thanks to Charlotte Skeeters for being the Mc and playing the music for us. We all had a great day of dancing and fellowship.

Mark down Aug. 4th, on you calendar for our picnic with the Quicksteppers at Casa De Fruta in Hollister. The picnic is going to be \$12.00 per person. The price includes a Chicken dinner, snacks, and unlimited soda and beer. The picnic time is 10:00am to 6:00pm. Music will provided by the Casa De Fruta band.

September 21st., at Swiss Park will be our club picnic workshop. Robert and Tammi will be doing a waltz workshop; Charlotte and Neil are going to do a mixer dance. We will also have a Jack and Jill contest. The food is going to be catered by the Firefighters Barbecue Inc., that will consist of chicken, salad, beans, and watermelon. It will be an all day affair going right into a dance in the evening. The price for this day of fun is \$15.00 per person. The time frame is 10:00am to 12:00mn.

Please, if anyone has any suggestions for dances or changes you would like to see, let one of the Board Members know.

Your President, Shirley Johnson
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LINE DANCE COMPETITION RESULTS

Boots'n'Buckles took top honors in the Line Dance Competition. I understand that we took over 20 different awards, the comment made to me was that after more than 20 awards were won by our club that they stopped counting. We did hear that Judy Grater won Division 1 Grand Champion, and 1st place in all four line dances. Division 2 Grand Champion was Cathy Watrus. Congratulations to all of you who won a prize. Keep on line dancing!!!!

STUDENT APPRECIATION NIGHT

The Bay Area Student Appreciation night will be on August 17 from 8-12mn at Camp Parsons, Dublin. D.J.s will be Neil and Charlotte, there will be a special showcase of Bay Area Dance Competitors plus the Ghostriders dance team. Come and join the fun!!!!

SACRAMENTO DANCE COMPETITION RESULTS

Division 1 is being taken by storm!!!!!!

Tammi and Robert won 6-1st places and 1-2nd place and were 1st place overall Grand Champions!!!!!! Congratulations to both of you we are very proud of both of you, as we are proud of all of our competition dancers!!! Congratulations to all of you !!!

Finalists were: Pam and Phil, Lynn and Dennis, Terry and Karlene, Ken and Carol, Terry and Stephanie, Judy and Steve.

Trophy Winners were: Lynn and Dennis, Terry and Karlene, Terry and Stephanie, Judy and Steve. Keep up the good work, and we will be cheering you on at South Bay in Sept.!!!!!!

COUPLES, TAKE YOUR PLACES PLEASE!!!!!!

The Time: 6:45am Saturday morning (or is it Sunday?) **The Place:** An empty banquet room in a very quiet, very dark hotel in Santa Rosaa 25'x25' portable wood dance floor with table cloths in several places to absorb the water from a leaky roof or a very smooth wood floor so big you have to block off only a section of it with a chair, and a high vaulted ceiling...with a magnificent view of the snow covered Sierra Nevada glistening above Lake Tahoe, or the third level of a parking garage in Fresno...sloping gently downhill, but at least cars have smoothed the concrete!!!!

The Why: Last minute practice for Country Western Dance Competition!!! **The Benefits:**

*Walking off the dance floor knowing you've done the best you could.

*Making the finals after hours of practice.*Hearing (and Feeling) the support of your Swiss Park "family" who are cheering, smiling and taking pictures-can't tell you how good it makes you feel!! *Aerobic exercise (your fourth dance is a 3 minute and 40 second Schottische!)

The Feature: Where do we go from here, and how do we get there?

There are three primary Divisions of competition, 1, 2, and 3. A fourth, Division 4 is for novices, first time competitors and can be entered only once.

Division 3: This is where you pay your dues and learn the ropes of competition: Choreography, costumes, schedules, etc. Just making the finals can be reward enough since only 6: (less than 12 couples competing), 9 (12-15 couples), or 12 (more than 15 couples) are selected to compete the second day. In Fresno only 12 were chosen out of 53 Division 3 couples in Two-Step and Waltz! If you are of the top finalists, each partner is awarded individual points: 1st-10 pts; 2nd-6pts; 3rd-3pts; 4th-1pt. Once a couple has accumulated 40 points they may move into the higher division (2 or 1 as the case may be). If the couple wins two first places in two different dances, they must move into the next higher division.

There is one additional class: **Masters.** These competitors have been first place Grand Champions at two sanctioned events. Watching these very skilled dancers is a must for every Country Western Dancer-their moves and styling and costumes are beyond description, and are definitely an incentive to work a little harder to look just a little better.

In conclusion, yes, there's alot of hard work involved, it takes time and planning and giving up other things in your life to compete, but there is no way to describe the wonderful feeling when you walk off the competition floor to the applause of the audience and the cheers of your Boots'n' Buckles family!!

Stephanie Morgan

STAR STRUCK IN NASHVILLE

The event was the 20th anniversary of "**FAN FAIR**" in Nashville, Ten. where the fans rubbed elbows with their favorite Country Western Singers and if patient enough to stand in 2-4 hour long lines, they got their picture taken with the Star.

The program was this:

The Stars had booths where they would set 1 to 2 hr. time slots for picture taking and autograph signing throughout the day. When they were not in the booths, fan club members or workers would sell **STUFF** to the public such as T-Shirts, pens, posters, etc.- I bought a pair of Clint Black sunglasses. At the same time in another part of the fairgrounds there were concerts on and various other activities that you could attend.

Not being too fond of long hot lines with screaming fans and incredible crowds I decided to arm myself with my Nikon camera and Telephoto lens and take my own candid shots of anyone who looked like a Country Western Singing Star. This turned out to be easier than I thought (lots of people looked the part so it could have been confusing). All I had to do was find a booth with a crowd, do a little elbowing with a few "excuse me's" and 99% of the time I would end up a few feet from the likes of Loretta Lynn, Aaron Tippin, Clint Black, Ricky VanShelton, Travis Tritt, T.G. Shepard, Garth Brooks, The Oak Ridge Boys, Alan Jackson, just to name a few - I could go on and on - what a thrill! Lots and lots of the major stars were there plus a good number of old timers - I got a great picture of Hoyt Axton. Our own local singer, Sandy Ellwanger had her own booth and performed at the Independent Label Performers concert on Sat. The crowd loved her as well as representatives from major performers. She is a fast rising star. She provided Shirley Johnson and I with V.I.P. passes so we were fortunate enough to see the goings on behind stage. Our club has scheduled her, once again, to do our Christmas Dance.

In addition to Fan Fair, Shirley and I and 40 others on the KEEN tour, toured Music Row, Grand Ole Opry House (the original one), went to a performance of Grand Ole Opry (the new one), saw Opry Land, Music Hall of Fame, the Stars homes - Nashvilles Beverly Hills, and some other places of note that I can't remember at the moment. Our hostess for this tour was Julie Stevens, D.J. at KEEN and Sara Adler from West Valley Travel. We danced at the Wrangler where they do the Tenn. Sweetheart Schottische to almost every song, the Stagecoach where they do the Two Step to almost every song, tried to dance at the Nashville Palace where Randy Travis and other stars got their start, but didn't get lucky there, and checked out the Staircase Stagecoach Lounge at the Opry Land Hotel (a fabulous place - a must see for anyone going to Nashville), looks like a tropical jungle inside the main lobby, anyway the lounge had a dinky dance floor so we decided to drink a Tennessee Trash or two and watch the crowd from the bar. It made me realize how spoiled I am here in Calif. where we have such a wide variety of dances to choose from and where it's O.K. for the girls to ask the boys to dance - a **NO-NO-** in Tennessee (saw a lot of girls dancing together in Nashville).

All in all it was a very intense and fun filled 5 days - Great Experience I recommend it. OH---did I mention anything about the near 100 degree temp. and near 100% humidity???? Small price to pay for such a great time, right?

Just one last comment totally unrelated to Fan Fair- If your a native Calif. or anywhere out west you probably won't relate to this, but being originally from Ohio, I saw something I hadn't seen since I was 15 years old. "FIREFLIES' also known as 'LIGHTENING BUGS'. They are little flying bugs with rear ends that light up like flashlights. I was thrilled, major highlight of my trip, just ask Shirley. I made a fool of myself pointing and trying to catch them as I did as a kid. Didn't catch any!

I know I left a lot out. There was just too much to tell but I have pictures if anyone wants to see just how close I got to these **STARS**.

Charlotte Skeeters
B'N'B Dance Inst.

TV COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE LESSONS

Sheri and Ken Courtney, two of our very own family of dancers and competitors are doing a TV show called **"How to Country Western Dance"**. The Show is geared for the beginning dancer, and is shown on local cable channels 30, 20B and 6. The shows have been seen in Pleasanton, Ch., 30; Livermore Ch., 30; Palo Alto Ch., 50; San Jose Ch., 30; Saratoga-Los Gatos Ch., 6. Most of them are being aired at 7:30pm on Tues., & Thurs., but the shows have been seen at various other times. Watch the bulletin schedule on your local cable station. Ken and Sheri host the show and teach the dances. This summer they plan to have "guest" students (friends drafted from the local dance floors) appearing on the show. They also plan to do some interviews with guests that we will probably recognize.

Ken and Sheri also teach dance classes at the Saratoga Community Center, both beginning and intermediate on Tuesday evenings. They would love to see some students from our area. Their next session begins on Sept. 24th and lasts 9 weeks. If you need more information feel free to call them at 408-867-0172 or if you wish to enroll call 408-867-3438. They would love to have you. Way to go Ken and Sheri, see you on the TV

The Editors of B'n'B would like to make an apology to all our members but especially Terry Stoker for the many typographical errors throughout last month's newsletter but most noticeably in Terry's article, which made it difficult to read.

We would like to Thank everyone that has submitted articles for the newsletter, we are grateful for all of them, Thank You and keep on writing!

Editors: Jan & Al Barabe

COWBOY CLATTER

Your favorite **Cowboy** went on a round-up and therefore, missed the month of July, but is now going to give you all the news that there is to know!!!

Sacramento Dance Competition was great fun and the dancers did very well, but we feel that the contest was fixed!!! NOT the dance contest but the ticket drawing contest. One couple won -- not just one prize but two!!! Sherry won a year subscription to Country Dance Lines (nice prize) and Buck won also---a T-Shirt from Charlie One Horse--of course it was pink and size small (a great prize for his daughter!!!)

Birthday wishes to all those born in the month of July, and a special happy day to **Gail Cone**, Chairman of B 'N' B jackets--less than 732 days til you're a **pentagenarian**. John and Karen Flatbush will be celebrating their **25th Wedding Annivesary** on August 27 in Monterey, watch out Monterey!!!!!!!

Twenty-Nine years of wedding bliss was celebrated by two well-known couples at B 'N' B. Our best wishes and congratulations to Walt and Sandy and Gail and Karen, we wish you all, many more to come!!

The newlyweds, Kaprie and Charlie, have purchased a new home in the Warm Springs area of Fremont and as a happy house warming, their parents, Karen and Gail and the Fearsome Foursome, (Jan and Al and Karen and John) spent a quiet hour, around midnight, helping to improve the landscaping. It only took 12 rolls to TP and \$5 worth of gummy bears.

Speaking of quiet, we have heard from an unnamed source, that the competition in Portland was so quiet, no cheering or yelling, that certain dancers thought they did not do well. We were also told that had we been present and used our vocal cords in the usual manner, we would have been asked to leave!!! **YEAH!! WHAT'S HIS NAME !!!!**

The Cowboy would now like to explain how we missed July---it is call **THE HUNT FOR WHITEHORSE LAKE!!!** The Fearsome Foursome spent a week-end at Lassen National Forest, fishing on Hat Creek (we did not do badly - some fish were caught) while it rained three days out of four. On one rainy day, it was decided that we would go looking for **WHITEHORSE LAKE**, only an hour away to the east!!! 8 hours later and 50 miles to the northwest, our fearsome navigator admitted defeat when we stopped a forestry worker and found that we were now in Modoc National Forest on a firebreak road and had to be guided out of the twisted, turny red topped road back to civilization. We would still be looking for **WHITEHORSE LAKE** today if it wasn't for our guide. Just in case you are interested, **WHITEHORSE LAKE**, dries up in the summer, let alone during a drought year!!!

The Fearsome Foursome is leaving on vacation in September/October--if you don't get a newsletter in November, please, we beg you, sent out the troupes toward Wyoming, we are on fireroad somewhere!!!!

Now for August----Happy birthday to all the Leo's, known and unknown. One known is Karen Cone , Happy Birthday on the 16th!!!

The Cowboy is suffering from brain strain--please give us any information you might have regarding the dance club members to relieve the pain.!!!

Attention San Ramon Area Dancers

Neil Hale will be teaching an 8 week class for beginners and intermediate dancers in September. The lessons will be taught at Walt Disney Elementary School, 3250 Pine Valley Rd, San Ramon. Register at the Park Community Service Center beginning in September, please call for dates 415-275-2300, line and couple dances will be taught. Beginning classes will start at 7-8:15 and Intermediate 8:30-9:15.

August 1991

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SP- Swiss Park in Newark, lessons by Neil Hale, Charlotte Skeeters on Mon. & Wed. \$4. CP: Camp Parks Pavillion in Dublin, Dave West, ML-Christine & Charlie Swinehart Moose Lodge, 2149 Stone Ave. S.J. 408-729-3076-\$2.50 Non-member, \$2.00 Members						
PICNIC 4	7:30 SP-Rodeo, Texas Tease, Schottische I 7:30-9:30 ML-Arlene	7-8:30pm CP-Beg. Two-Step 8:30-10 Inter. East Coast Swing	7:30 SP-Traveling Four Corners, Texas Tease, Ten Step	7:30pm CT- North Side Cha-Cha-Line	SP 8:30 pm- Boots 'N' Buckles Dance	3
Quicksteppers Fun Dance 2pm-6pm Millbrae Rec Center, 477 Lincoln Circle 415-570-6070 11	7:30 SP-Queen Waltz, Amarillo, Schottische Part 2 7:30 ML-Polka 12	7-8:30pm Two-Step Beginning 8:30-10 Intermediate East Coast Swing 13	7:30 SP-Caribbean Cadence, Hooked on Country, Horseshoe Special 14	7:30pm CT- Two Step Partner 15	SP 8:30 pm- Boots 'N' Buckles Dance 16	17
18	7:30 SP-Renegade, Rocky Hustle, Tennessee Sweetheart 3 Schottische 7:30 ML-Buffalo Boogie 19	7-8:30 Beginning, Waltz 8:30-10 Inter. East Coast Swing 20	7:30 SP-Rodeo, B'nB Shuffle, King Strut 21	7:30pm CT- Rocking Horse-Line 22	SP 8:30 pm- Boots 'N' Buckles Dance 23	24
Quicksteppers-Fun Dance-Millbrae Rec Center 2pm-6pm 25	7:30 SP-Buddy Shag, Rocking Horse, Swing 7:30-ML- Continental Cowboy 26	7-8:30 Beginning Camp Parks-Waltz 8:30-10 Inter. East Coast Waltz 27	7:30 SP-Rocky Hustle, Renegade, Drifter 28	7:30pm CT- Wanderer-Couple 29	SP 8:30 pm- Boots 'N' Buckles Dance 30	31
South Bay Dance Fling-LeBaron Hotel, Dave Getly						

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B 'N' B JACKETS

Jackets can be ordered from Gail Cone. Write your name, address, phone # and jacket size (xs,s,m,l, xl,xxl) and print the name you want on the front. Include a check for \$60.00 made out to Boots 'N' Buckles. Bring to any Friday night dance. We can only order when we have orders for six jackets.

**Big Event Saturday August 17 at Camp Parks in Dublin.
Bay Area Student Appreciation Night. 8:00 pm - 12:00**

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