

THE ROUNDUP



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President's Message

It's already the end of the year. Where did the days go? In November we had a lot going on. Doris Volz taught "Some Girls" and it has continued to be a floor filler. We have been experimenting with the dance selection process and working hard with DJ Bob Hubbard to help bring the dancing at Swiss Park back up to the level of fun as was the intent of the club when we first started 22 years ago. Congratulations to the newly elected Board of Directors for 2007. We look forward to your continued support in keeping Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club up and running. A big thank you to all who ran in the election even though we could only vote for 12 members. Recently I've seen some faces on the dance floor that I hadn't seen for a long time. We are still getting new members and renewals. Keep 'em comin'. The proposed changes in the bylaws have been unanimously voted in by those members present at the General Membership Meeting November 17th and now appear on our website. The annual Christmas dinner/dance is December 15th. Reservations for the dinner must be in by December 8th. It will be a great time to get together for a year-end blowout bash. Don't miss it.

Sincerely,

Happy Holidays!

Glenn Wiegand
President – Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club



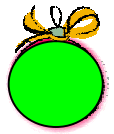
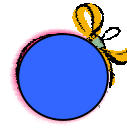
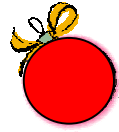
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Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club's
CHRISTMAS DINNER
December 15, 2006
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(See page 3 for details)



Treasurer's Report - November 2006

On our bootsnbucklesdanceclub.com website are the November 2006 Boots 'n' Buckles financial statements. The year-to-date surplus is \$670. The club's cash position remains strong with a \$10,192 risk-free CD earning 4.40% APR and over \$1,700 in cash and checking. – Gary Davidson, Treasurer

Three Dot Dance News



Dance Selection Experiment Feedback

In response to comments the board has received, this expanded description of the experiment and the desired goals are offered here. First, Boots 'n' Buckles is trying an experiment, not implementing a new policy. Even though the DJ is playing proven floor-fillers before 10:00, a lot of the dances played then will have many names on the request list, since they indeed fill the floor. Anything that the DJ is not sure will fill the floor will not be played until after 10:00. At that time he will play dances that have been signed up for on the request list that haven't already been played prior to 10:00. The "Name Your Dance" cards that are won each Friday will continue to be played throughout the evening as usual.

A "floor filler" is just that, it fills the floor. This does not mean that everyone has to be dancing, but our goal is that people leave the dance tired from dancing rather than have them leave because they are tired of sitting. There is no approved list of floor-fillers because only the DJ has control of what he plays. We depend on the DJ to know the audience and have a good feel as to which dances to play. In this, he is guided by many factors, and not simply the count of initials on the request list. The fact that a dance has many initials next to it is not necessarily a good assessment of the dance's popularity.

For example, a very popular dance might have relatively few initials because everyone knows it's popular and expects it to be played. But another dance that has many initials might be a new dance that was recently taught, but which nobody else has even heard of yet. So, the popularity of a dance cannot be accurately attributed to a request list. Now, eventually that new dance could become popular and start to fill the floor when it is played after 10:00. The DJ will notice this and start to play it before 10:00. Also, the DJ could play some older dances that were once very popular but have faded from view (for example, "Hot Tamales", "Wait a Minute", "Titanic"). The first few times these were played recently (under the experiment, it would have been after 10:00), they did not fill the floor, but soon they did and now they can be played before 10:00 because they had (re-)achieved "floor-filler" status.

We repeat that this is an experiment. We expect to continue this for a while, and we look forward to comments or suggestions dancers might have about it. These can be brought to any board member or placed in the suggestion box on Friday. For example, a recent suggestion that we plan to implement is to give instructors in attendance a "Name Your Dance" card, which can be played before 10:00, providing a little more exposure for hot new dances.

For those interested, the DJ usually gives us his play list within a week after the Friday night dance, and as soon as possible it is added to our website. We plan to continue to assess the experiment and modify it to better attain our goal of making Boots 'n' Buckles the best place to dance and have fun on Friday nights.

2007 Board of Directors

The election for the 2007 Board of Directors has ended and the ballots have all been counted. Congratulations, and especially thanks, to the following twelve members who were elected to serve on next year's board:

Glenda Castain
Carol Clark
Joanne Costantino
Gary Davidson
Dan Latipow
Frances Lind

Dolores Meeks
John Mighell
Helen Phillips
Lee Sollecito
Sonny Sollecito
Doris Volz

CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE - Dec. 15, 2006

Our club's **annual Christmas dinner** will be held on **Friday, December 15th**. The doors will open for Happy Hour at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. There will be a choice of filet mignon with mushroom sauce or chicken cordon blue. Both entrees will be served with green salad, potatoes, vegetables, rolls and coffee. The dinner price of \$23 includes admission to the evening dance which starts at 8:30 p.m. **Reservations** for dinner must be in by **December 8th**, and no refunds will be made after that date. Forms are available to download from our website or you can pick them up at the Friday night dances. You can make a reservation at any of the Friday night dances or by sending a check for \$23 with your dinner choice (filet or chicken) to P.O. Box 875, Newark, CA 94560. Admission to the dance only will be at the usual price and the doors will open at 8:15 p.m.

Helen's Kitchen

Pecan Green Beans

1. Ingredients

1 1/2 cups cut fresh green beans
2 Tablespoons chopped pecans
1 Tablespoon butter or margarine
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper

1 Place beans in a saucepan and cover with water, bring to boil. Cook, uncovered, for 8 - 10 minutes or until crisp - tender.

2 Meanwhile, in a skillet, saute the pecans in butter for 3 minutes or until golden brown. Drain beans; add to skillet. Sprinkle with salt and pepper; toss to coat.

Yield: 2 servings

Recipe rated Excellent

Kathy's Korral

Carol Clark



For some people retirement is supposed to mean relaxation, but not for Carol Clark. Carol and her husband have so many activities planned that she says it's not much different from when they were both working full time jobs.

Growing up in Wisconsin, Carol attended Marquette University where she studied to be a dental hygienist. Quickly realizing this was not her calling, Carol attended and graduated from secretarial school. Carol's career has not been dull. Her first job was for an air conditioning company that employed only two, Carol and her boss. While the boss was out soliciting business Carol was to manage the office which also encompassed taking phone orders, learning inventory, and looking for parts in the warehouse. She then moved on to work for a major tannery as an Account Clerk and then Engineering Secretary. This was one of those jobs you can't help but take home with you. Carol says the odor would permeate her hair and clothes so much that it drew interesting looks from people outside of work.

In 1967 Carol and Chet decided to move to California. Chet had been to California previously and brought Carol out for a vacation in 1965 to see if she would like living here. Needless to say, she did not have to be convinced to make the move. They waited until Chet had a job and in December of '67 they sold almost everything they accumulated in Wisconsin and headed West. Carol says they started their new found lives in a furnished apartment with paper plates, plastic utensils and a coffee pot and electric frying pan she had packed in one of her suitcases. Soon they began to discover the mountains and all the wonderful things about outdoor life in California.

Carol began line dancing shortly after her retirement from Electroglass, Inc. in 2002 where she worked in Human Resources as a benefits manager for 18 years. Being the active person she is, Carol began looking for things to do and came across a schedule for a line dance class being taught by Mike Shannon at the Cupertino Senior Center. One day, while in Beth Sliter's class, Beth offered to take her students on a field trip to Swiss Park to see if they would like to try dancing there. Carol volunteered to make the trip and became a member of Boots 'n' Buckles the next Friday. She continues to take lessons from Mike, Doris Volz and Sharon and Harry Emmett, and has even done a little teaching in Mike's and Doris's classes. Carol is one of those people who make the dance steps look so easy and clean cut which makes her an easy person to follow on the dance floor.

Besides line dancing, some of the many things that keep Carol busy are being on the Board of the Los Altos History Museum. She also does volunteer work for the museum where she is preparing for their largest fund raiser of the year, the annual Crab Feed and Auction to be held Saturday, February 3, 2007. I am sure Carol will be happy to give you more information on that event. Carol is also currently serving on the Boots 'n' Buckles Board in charge of memberships and insurance.

Skiing has been a big part of Carol and Chet's lives and they have enjoyed skiing in Utah, Colorado, Lake Louise and Banff, Canada. She has also traveled to Singapore and spent a month in Columbia, South America with a group touring the entire country, including the Amazon aboard a fishing boat. Carol says that was one month she will never forget. On the milder side, she also enjoys visiting New Mexico.

If you ever need a pair of feet to follow on the dance floor, I highly recommend Carol's. It is a pleasure to have Carol as a member of our Club and Board.

Kathy Martin

Boots 'n' Buckles Monthly Dance Schedule

Come dance with us every Friday Night! All request social dance. Great wooden dance floor.

Where: Swiss Park, 5911 Mowry Ave, Newark, CA

When: 8:00 pm to 11:30 pm

This Month:

December 1, 2006 –First Dance of the Month.

December 8, 2006 – Celebrate December Birthdays.

Guest Instructor: Henry Costa, See Henry's website.

December 15, 2006 – Christmas Dinner/Dance.

Last dance of the year. See you in 2007 !

Next Month:

January 5, 2007 –After New Year's Dance

Instructor: Mike Shannon

January 12, 2007 – Wear Blue/White

January 19, 2007 – Celebrate January Birthdays

Instructor: Doris Volz

January 26, 2007 – 1st End of the Month dance.

Other Bay Area Dances

December

Sat Dec 2 - Cactus Corners – Newcomer's

The Grange, Danville

DJ: Neil Hale 7:30- 11:00pm

Sat Dec 2 - Quicksteppers – Newcomer's

Bring clothes for clothing sale

Barrett Community Center, Belmont

DJ: Neil Hale 7:30 - 10:30pm

Sat Dec 2 - Country Hustlers

Danville Veteran's Hall

DJ: Rich & Melody Beard 8:00 - 11:00pm

Sun Dec 3 - First Sunday Dance

San Bruno Senior center

DJ: Diana Ward 8:00 - 11:00pm

Sun Dec 3 – First Sunday Country Swing Dance

830 Stewart Drive, Sunnyvale

Instructors: Heide and Kaylene 8:00 – 11:00pm



Fri Dec 8 – Second Friday Dance

Masonic Temple, Menlo Park

DJ: Jamie Hogan 7:30 – 10:30 pm

Sat Dec 16 – Quicksteppers – Christmas Dance

Barrett Community Center, Belmont

DJ: Jamie Hogan 7:30 – 10:30pm

Sat Dec 16 - Cactus Corners – Christmas Dance

The Grange, Danville

DJ: Trish & Bob Boesel 7:30 – 11:00 pm

Fri Dec 22 - Fourth Friday Firehouse Dance

Pedro Point Firehouse, Pacifica

DJ: Matt & Carol Fitzpatrick 8:00 - 11:00pm

Sun Dec 31 – Quicksteppers – New Year's Dance

Twin Pines Community Center, Belmont

DJ: Evelyn Khinoo & Denny Harris 7:30 - midnight

Sun Dec 31 – Cactus Corners – New Year's Dance

The Grange, Danville

DJ: Gary Clayton 7:30 - midnight

December Birthdays

Alice Marez	12/6
Bob Hubbard	12/20
Mary Bissett	12/26
Peggy Hung	12/26



**Members get into one Friday night dance during the month of their birth for Free!
Check with the cashier when you arrive.**

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