

# BOOTS "N" BUCKLES DANCE CLUB

(A Non-Profit Organization)

## "NEWS ROUNDUP"

# DECEMBER EDITION

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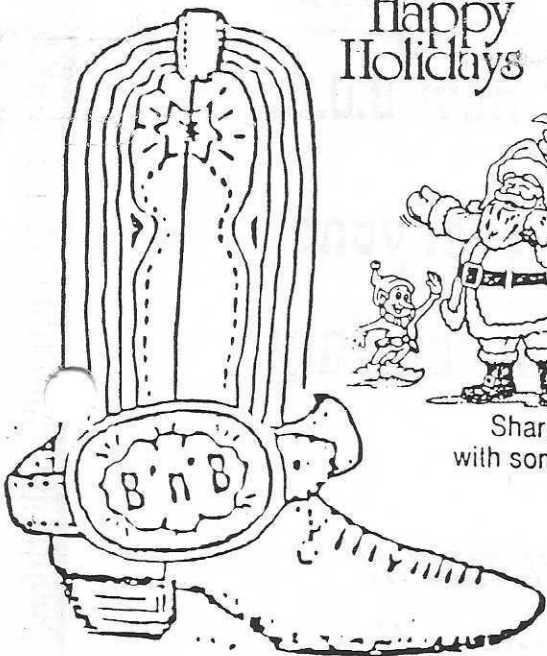


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Happy  
Holidays



Share Christmas  
with someone you love



Boots "N" Buckles Dance Club is a socially as well as educationally oriented organization. We sponsor dances on Friday nights at Swiss Park in Newark. You are always welcome to join us, so put on your dancin' boots and buckle up for a rip roarin' country/western evening.

### DANCE SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 4, 11, 18

MEMBERS ONLY

\*\*\*\*\* MEMBERSHIP UPDATE \*\*\*\*\*

Our membership has grown to a grand 275 members with a two to three page waiting list. This requires quite a bit of administrative work keeping up with dues status, badge orders, and current addresses for newsletters. Thanks to computers the task is made simpler; yet computer systems and set-ups are changed with the changing of officers.

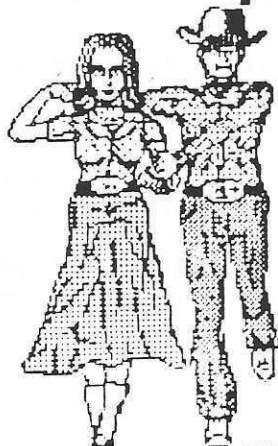
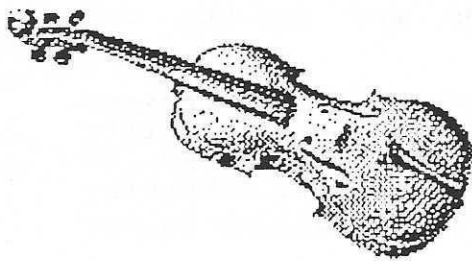
With such a growing interest in becoming members, it is necessary to keep members circulating and in good standing. We will notify you of your up and coming renewal dates two to three weeks in advance. Please respond promptly if you wish to renew; otherwise we will allow the anxious newcomers to fill your position in our circle of friends.

Just a reminder: membership dues have been changed to \$12 per person per year, and you must be 21 years of age or older.

Reported by,  
Monica Garza

# Boots 'n' Buckles Calendar of Events

- Nov. 13th Regular Dance - Open to everyone
- Nov. 20th "Members Only Dance" - 21yrs or over
- Nov. 27th Regular Dance - Open to everyone
- Dec. 4th Regular Dance - Open to everyone  
•• Nominations of new B.O.D.
- Dec. 11th Regular Dance - Open to everyone
- Dec. 18th Christmas Dance - "Members Only"  
•• Election of B.O.D.
- Dec. 25th "Closed" - *Merry Christmas !!*
- Jan. 1st "Closed" - *Happy New year !!*
- Jan. 8th Regular Dance - Open to everyone



MS PREZ SEZ

The current Board of Directors term in office is drawing to a close. Nominations for the new board is scheduled for Dec. 4. Our membership roster is currently 275 strong, surely there are some among you who are interested in serving your club. We need you concerned members to step forward and offer your time to lead our club for the next year.

The general membership meeting held October 23, was attended by 29 members; therefore the majority of our members are not aware of some important changes that were voted in by those members who made an effort to attend the meeting. Effective January 1, 1988, the term of office for each member of the board of directors will be one year. This will ensure the continued smooth flow of club business. The annual membership dues will increase from \$10.00 a year per member, to \$12.00 per member, per year.

Our member only dances proved to be very popular, and we, the board of directors, tried to have a special activity for each of those dances. I think we were more than successful, we gave away some great prizes, some very lucky members won money, and we provided some great snacks.

Our final effort is the members only Christmas Dance, which we are, and have been planning for a long time. This will be an extra special event, a band, West Coast Players, will play for our dancing pleasure, we will provide some extra special Christmas treats, along with some surprises. We hope to see each of you in your holiday finery.

This is the final edition of the newsletter that our current editor, Paul Pina will be publishing for us. Paul has decided it is time for a change. We are sad to lose his special skills, as he has done an excellent job compiling the news. His paper has always been an eagerly awaited and welcome addition to the Burns household. Many thanks, Paul, for your outstanding contribution, and excellent newsletter, We are most grateful to your wife, Sharon, for the countless hours she spent typing, and helping you get the newsletter to each of us each month, without fail!!!!!! Thank you for a job well done.

We are now actively seeking some one to fill Paul's shoes, not an easy job, but I am sure that there is some one, or some persons, in our large membership who can rise to the cause. Please step forward, and offer your talents for editor, or reporters, Don't allow the newsletter to become a fond memory.

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This current board of directors worked very hard the last six months hosting weekly Friday night dances. We had to make some decisions that may, or may not have been to your liking, but were in the best interests of the club, and the majority of our members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each member of the board of directors for their hard work, dedication, and time donated to making the last six months a success. Vice President Rick Lutzinger addressed himself to special activities, spotlight dances, and being my strong right arm. Robert Garza Vice President Membership, performance has been outstanding. He successfully managed to keep our ever growing membership list current, distribute name badges, and membership cards. Monica Garza, Treasurer, not only tackles the huge job of balancing our books and keeping tab of our monies, but also spent many hours of her own time shopping for prizes that were given out at members only dances, she was also responsible for the snacks, especially the marvelous goodies at our Halloween dance. Some spread!!!!!!!!!!!! Audrey Haines, Secretary, did an excellent job recording minutes of each board of directors meeting, along with serving on decorating committees and assisting whenever needed. Many thanks to all of you, it has been a pleasure to serve with each of you.

I also have to give special thanks to Ed Burns, Bob Haines, and Cheryl Lutzinger, they were not elected to any office, but they sure as heck did serve. Thanks!!!!!!!!!!!!

Happy Holidays to each of you, I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and the happiest of new years!!!!!!!!

PRES, Janet Burns

\* \* \* CHRISTMAS DANCE \* \* \*

December 18th will be the GALA HOLIDAY event which we all have anticipated. Your outgoing board of directors have planned quite a celebration at this MEMBERS ONLY dance.

Decorations will abound, the food table will be festive and plentiful, and a special HIS and HER door prize will be given to some lucky member who holds the winning ticket. (one free ticket per member upon entry)

The highlight of the evening will be 'live' music played by a c/w band named "The West Coast Players". So put on your 'finest toggery' and enjoy the holiday spirit with your fellow B n B members at Swiss Park. (Time 8:30p.m. to 12:00)

Your BOD  
By Paul Pina

\* \* \* \* \* PARTNER MOVERS \* \* \* \* \*

Congratulations to JIM SNEED for staging a very successful dance workshop on November 7th at Swiss Park. A head count of approximately 150 dancers anxiously took the floor to learn new partner moves to various dances presented and taught by carefully chosen instructors.

JIM SNEED started the afternoon off by teaching some great moves to use during the shuffle part of the ten-step.

JIM was followed by DAVE COFFMAN who keyed on "leading and following" for men and ladies both.

To follow these two gentlemen would be a tough assignment for anyone, but not for KYLE and CELESTE WAGONER and SUE and FRED SHOTWELL. KYLE, assisted by his lovely wife CELESTE, taught a class on "Riding Double" with moves, presented in the patented smooth styling that is the WAGONER specialty. Then came a surprise to everyone present as SUE and FRED SHOTWELL took charge and taught some well planned moves to use during the "Cotton Eyed Joe". I was amazed at how an ordinary basic dance could be transformed into a choreographed routine which any show team would be proud of.

Next on the agenda was the dinner break followed by the evening portion of instruction and dance. To kick this off we were treated to a rousing performance by GANEAN DE LA GRANGE'S DANCE TEAM "COUNTRY FEVER" who looked and danced great! Their finale was the new "Prancing Pony" choreographed by CHARLOTTE SKEETERS and NEIL HALE, who were introduced and invited to dance with the team. The resounding ovation, during and at the end of this routine expressed the audience appreciation of this new country/western dance step.

Following the dance team was a stirring exhibition of c/w dancing by CAROL and PHIL SCIROCCIA (sp?) of the North Bay Area. This couple left us all breathless with their perfectly executed dance routine. From head to toe, this couple glimmered and showed all of us that hard work, imagination, and good basics of c/w dancing can be transformed into a professional dance exhibition equalled only in the highest circles of the performance world.

Now, if you think we're finished, guess again! The final pair of instructors were introduced, but JIM SNEED need not bother for this couple was why we all came to Swiss Park that day. Yes, LINDA ADAMS and RICH SMALL then took the spotlight to teach the final session. They chose to teach some tricky, but very rhythmic balance steps to the "swing". I'll swear that RICH did not need a microphone to reach everyone, for we all listened so intently trying to absorb every bit of information passed on by this championship class couple.

The rest of the evening was for dancin', visiting with old friends, and practicing what we had all learned that day.

Partner Movers, Cont'd.

DAVE COFFMAN handled the tapes for the dance and JIM SNEED took time to thank all of us for attending the workshop and again thanked all the instructors for a job well done.

As everyone headed for home, I caught a glimpse of JIM SNEED cordially shaking hands and hugging the ladies in his farewell gesture, and I couldn't help but read his mind as he heard compliment after compliment from departing friends. I know JIM must have been thinking . . . "Lord, how am I going to top this for my next workshop???"

Well, JIM, roll up your sleeves and start planning; I'm sure you will come up with something great again, and rest assured that . . . WE'LL BE THERE!!!

By Paul Pina  
Boots "N" Buckles

\*\*\*\*\* LAST EDITION \*\*\*\*\*

As of this date, nobody has stepped forward to be editor of the BNB Newsletter. I thought that by this time, the Board of Directors would be pondering a choice from at least six candidates, but evidently the job has no takers.

With only this (December) issue as our last communique, I personally put out a plea for some good member to put his/her name up to take over what has been a vital link of information to the BNB membership.

I have served this Club in one capacity or another for three years and surely out of 280 members there is somebody who can serve their Club for six months or one year. If we don't come up with an editor and/or reporters, your only news will be flyers at the donation table as you enter Swiss Park.

Whatever the outcome, I'll take this space to express my gratitude to the Boots "N" Buckles Dance Club for allowing me the chance to try my hand at managing a newsletter! It was something I wanted to try but, never had the opportunity to do! I acknowledge all the help given to me by my wife SHARON, who did all the typing, folding, and mailing of all the issues.

I truly enjoyed working with all the officers and dance instructors connected with Swiss Park, but most of all, I thank you, the members, for your comments "good or bad" regarding all the articles which reached you through the "BNB Newsletter".

Respectfully,

PAUL PINA  
Editor (retired)

\* \* \* \* \* ANOTHER BEGINNING \* \* \* \* \*

The seed was planted by some guy in a cowboy hat, and my oh my, has it grown! Yes, country/western dancing has blossomed and keeps 'blooming' in all parts of the Bay Area.

Forgive me if I leave somebody out, but I recall clubs or groups starting from scratch such as Strictly Country of Livermore, Country Fever of Hayward, Mt. Diablo's Country Kickers, Boots "N" Buckles of Fremont, and the Quick Steppers of Foster City.

Now a new place is breaking ground in San Jose which the many South Bay Dancers have been just itchin' for. To date there has only been "The Rack" or "Cowtown" to go and dance or some small place known more as a drinkin' establishment. But starting January 4, 1988, a family oriented country/western dance workshop will be opening at Buvette Hall (pronounced: Boo-Vay) located at 4251 Williams near the Saratoga-Williams intersection (behind Kentucky Fried Chicken).

Sponsors of this new dance studio are the "KEEN COUNTRY DANCERS" headed by LYNETTE and WAYNE HARRY. This popular group of dancers have banded together to offer country/western lessons on Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

WAYNE and LYNETTE will initiate the dance lessons by teaching the latest and most popular dance steps to beginner, intermediate, and advanced students. You are all invited to take the personalized lessons, which offer dance team members present to help any struggling couple or single person. The lesson fee is \$2 per evening per person, and the new club will sell soft drinks and snacks as refreshments. Children are welcome, but must participate.

The future goal of this dance studio is to stage open dances on weekends for a nominal fee and utilize a "DJ" to taped music. Should the response be overwhelming, the "KEEN" group will branch out or relocate to a larger facility.

Stop in to say "howdy" and take a lesson or more, to help get this new place started as the Bay Area welcomes a new family member to the country/western scene who offers you a happy, wholesome, and educational evening with your hosts, the . . . KEEN COUNTRY DANCERS . . . sponsored by Radio KEEN.

Reported by,

Paul Pina

## SWISS PARK DANCE CLASS

ONE TUESDAY EVENING IN NOVEMBER CHARLOTTE AND I ATTENDED A DANCE CLASS AT COWTOWN GIVEN BY MIKE GRIFFIN. IT WAS THE ARLEEN WHICH, I HATE TO ADMIT, I HAD NOT LEARNED YET. MIKE DID A GREAT JOB OF MAKING ONE OF THE MORE DIFFICULT LINE DANCES SEEM EASY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THOUGH, EVERYONE PRESENT SEEMED TO HAVE ENJOYED HIS PRESENTATION AND FLARE.

MIKE AND MARY HAVEN'T BEEN TEACHING THAT LONG, BUT THEY HAVE ALREADY DEVELOPED A DEDICATED FOLLOWING OF STUDENTS AT COWTOWN. MY PREDICTION IS THAT MIKE WILL SOON BE ONE OF THE MORE OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTORS IN THE BAY AREA.

IN A CONTINUING EFFORT TO ATTRACT SOME OF THE FINEST INSTRUCTORS IN THE BAY AREA, THE STAFF AT SWISS PARK IS PROUD TO HAVE BOOKED MIKE AND MARY FOR AN EVENING AT SWISS PARK ON DECEMBER 14TH. THEY WILL BE TEACHING THE COYOTE HUSTLE AND THE LONGHORN SHUFFLE.

*Neil Hale*

NEIL HALE

SWISS PARK COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE CLASSES					
MONDAY NIGHT "INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED" DECEMBER '87					
COST PER NIGHT ADULT \$2.00 UNDER 18 \$1.00					
DATE	7:30 7:45	7:45 - - - - - 8:45	8:45 9:15	9:15 - 10:00	
7	R E V I E W	HORESHOE SPECIAL (LINE)	TRAVELER '3'	S D	WALTZ (ADV. TURNS)
14		COYOTE (GUEST INSTRUCTOR)	LOUISIANA SLAP	O A	LONGHORN SHUFFLE (GUEST INSTRUCTOR)
21		ROLLING 'R'	PRANCING PONY	C N	TWO STEP
28		* HOLIDAY * * * "HAPPY NEW YEAR"			
LOCATION: NEWARK, WEST OF 880 (17) ON MOWRY, RIGHT 1ST LIGHT BOOTS 'N' BUCKLES DANCES AT SWISS PARK EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT. STAFF: NEIL, CHARLOTTE, GANEAN					

SWISS PARK COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE CLASSES					
WEDNESDAY NIGHT "BEGINNERS" DECEMBER '87					
COST PER NIGHT ADULT \$2.00 UNDER 18 \$1.00					
DATE	7:30 - 8:00	8:00	9:00	9:30	9:30 - 10:00
2	R E L I E V A N T W A L T Z	SOUTHSIDE SHUFFLE (MIXER)	PRANCING PONY	S D	SHUFFLE
9		CHEROKEE KICK	EIGHT CORNERS	O A	SCHOTTICHE
16		QUEENS WALTZ		I C	TWO STEP
23		HAYSIDE BOOGIE	J.R. SHUFFLE	A I	WALTZ
30		* * * HOLIDAY * * * "HAPPY NEW YEAR"			
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# TEXAS TWO STEP

&

# WESTERN SWING

NORA WILT - (415) 443-9254

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## DUBLIN RECREATION DEPARTMENT

(415) 828-4832

**PLACE:** Arroyo Vista Community Center  
6700 Daughterty Rd., Dublin

**DATE:** Dec. 3 thru Dec. 17 (Thursdays - Three classes)

**TIME:** 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. \*\* Beginners  
8:00 to 9:30 P.M. \*\* Intermediates

**COST:** \$9 per person

## LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

(415) 447-7300

**PLACE:** East Avenue School  
3951 East Avenue, Livermore

**DATE:** Dec. 1 thru Dec. 15 (Tuesdays - Three classes)

**TIME:** 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. \*\* Beginners  
8:00 to 9:30 P.M. \*\* Intermediates

**COST:** \$9 per person

PARTNERS NOT NECESSARY

*Jan 1988 classes  
Same Time + place  
Dublin 1/28 - 3/24  
9 classes \$27  
Livermore 1/19 - 3/22  
10 classes \$30*



Shootin' From The Hip

## Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club ??????

Webster's dictionary defines a club as "a group of persons organized for a social, literary, athletic, political or other purpose". That sounds about right. However, the term "organized" usually infers some sort of commitment on behalf of the members of the organization. This commitment should be in the form of support and interest in the functions of the club other than just the social events it sponsors.

On October 23rd a membership meeting was convened for the Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club; wherein, only ten percent of its membership attended. Only twenty-nine people out of two-hundred seventy five felt that they had that commitment to support their club. To further emphasize my point, of the twenty nine people, ten were club officers and their spouses. I sincerely wish to thank those persons for showing up early enough to attend the meeting. I don't really understand why there wasn't more attendance, but I can only assume that either the interest in the club business is non-existent or many persons are not in support of the current club officers, or a combination of both.

Several important issues were presented to the membership for resolution during the meeting and I sincerely wish that

more members were in attendance so that we could be assured of meeting the wishes of the majority. However, that didn't happen, so I feel that those who weren't there, have no right to express any opposition at this juncture.

The Boots 'n' Buckles Club membership is probably the largest of any dance club around and the attendance at the Friday night dances is always quite good. However, there seems to be no underlying club spirit. No overall club camaraderie. There are a few groups of individuals who express concern over this or that, but I believe that a club with a membership of this size should be more dynamic. I think that a club of this size should have a sizable dance team with much more visibility to its own members. I think that a club of this size should be planning and getting involved in more activities (as a club, not individuals) which promote more interest in country dancing. Not necessarily in the competitive area.

These are some of my ideas; but in order to have a club of this type, people have to be interested in these things. Sometimes I wonder what the point of having a club at all is. If there were no club, just as many persons would surely show up on Friday night to dance. They could bring their kids; their kids could bring their friends and everyone could have a grand old time.

Rick Lutzinger  
Vice President

\* \* \* \* \* "A SEASON FOR GIVING" \* \* \* \* \*

Every year your Club has helped the community by giving food or gifts to the needy, and the plan for this year is close to the same, except the recipient target will be CHILDREN. I'm sure y'all agree that Christmas is for kids who dream at night of the wonderful things St. Nick will bring. Us bigger folks can handle disappointments, but it sure is tough on the kids! Think about it!

Okay, here's our plan mapped out by your BOD at their November 19th meeting. Starting with the first two dances in December . . . (December 4th and 11th) we ask you (members and guests) to bring a NEW toy for a child . . . any age . . . and bring it to Swiss Park on dance night, take it up to our DJ and he'll place it in a box to be delivered to the kids. The distribution will be handled by the Tri City Volunteer group.

But that's not all: at the December 11th dance, a very nice prize will be raffled with tickets sold at 50¢ each or 3 for \$1. The proceeds will be counted and the sum will be equally matched by your Club Treasury. A check will be drafted and delivered in person to the same charitable organization which we helped last year. In this way, something very useful can be purchased to help persons in need.

So how 'bout it! Lets play Santa Claus and round up some NEW toys for the kids of our community; lets fill our DJ's sleigh and smile as he delivers this cache from all the "Santas in Stetsons!"

Your editor,

Paul Pina

EXCERPT FROM "THE SOUNDPOST", NEWSLETTER OF THE . . .  
'CALIF. STATE OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION' DISTRICT 9  
CASTRO VALLEY

News from District 9 - Peggy Carey Reporter

In April a few of the members were asked to play their instruments on "The Carling Show", Channel 3 out of San Leandro. It was taped and I had the pleasure of seeing the tape and it was a job well done. Also in April, a dance club called "Boots and Buckles" attended our jam session at Castro Valley Adult Education and had lots of fun dancing to our music. In fact, a couple of the couples joined our club. Some of us took an interest in the dance and are taking lessons from Adult Ed. in Santa Clara. What fun and good exercise!

District 9 was asked to entertain at Thousand Trails in Duncan Mills up by the Russian River Country on the 5th & 6th of June. About 50 members either set up tents or places for their RVs. All had a good time and naturally lots of good music as usual. The only disaster that I heard about was that Dub Roberts was taken sick and had to go to the hospital. He is okay now and we are thankful for that.

The only other thing I want to add to this is that District 9 will be having their annual Xmas party on Dec. 5th at the Adult Education School in Castro Valley. If any of you friendly Fiddlers from other areas would like to come, you are welcome. I hear that the "Boots & Buckles" Western dance group is going to put on a good show for us that evening. I can't wait...

# COWTOWN

PRESENTS

FREE COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE LESSONS

WITH

## MIKE AND MARY

LESSONS ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

FROM 7:30 TO 9:00

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LESSONS FROM 3:00 TILL 4:30 PM

FOLLOWED BY

\$3 STEAK DINNERS,

LIVE MUSIC WITH

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5 PM TO 11 PM

4:30 PM TO 1:40 AM

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MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

# COWTOWN

PRESENTS ITS FIRST ANNUAL

## CHRISTMAS PARTY ON SUNDAY DEC. 20

SQUARE, ROUND AND CLOGGING DANCING

**FREE** WITH GARY CARNES FROM 3:15  
C/W DANCE LESSONS WITH MIKE AND MARY TO 6:00

\$3 STEAK DINNERS

AND OTHER

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4 PM TO 11 PM

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COMING IN JANUARY

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JAN. 11

## NOTICE

1st Class Starts  
Sept. 8th

### Country & Western

### Dance Lessons

### Every Tuesday Nite

### 7 to 9PM

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### Auditorium

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# W A N T E D

WANTED

The search is on for a new editor of the BNB Newsletter! Any persons interested in serving at this post, or contributing as a reporter, should contact any of your club officers and make your name available.

Yep, it's time for me to step down and turn the typewriter over to a new person within our club who can keep his/her hand on the pulse of activities surrounding our club.

The single most qualification of the new editor is that he/she not use this newsletter as a sounding board to express the editor's personal opinions and not cloud club business with negativisms. The new scribe, can set any format for future issues and possibly utilize commercial printing now that the club has recently diverted funds for the Newsletter.

The new editor and potential staff of reporters will take over in January 1988.

Respectfully,  
Paul Pina



# WANTED



1370 AM  
CAMPBELL

# GREEN COUNTRY DANCERS

LESSONS BY  
WAYNE

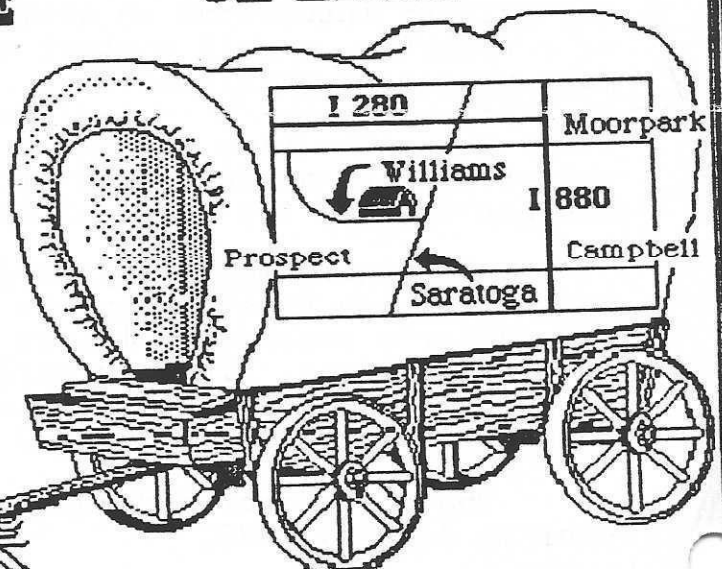
**COUNTRY WESTERN  
DANCE LESSONS, 7-10 P.M.  
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY  
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CHILDREN WELCOME,  
BUT MUST PARTICIPATE**



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