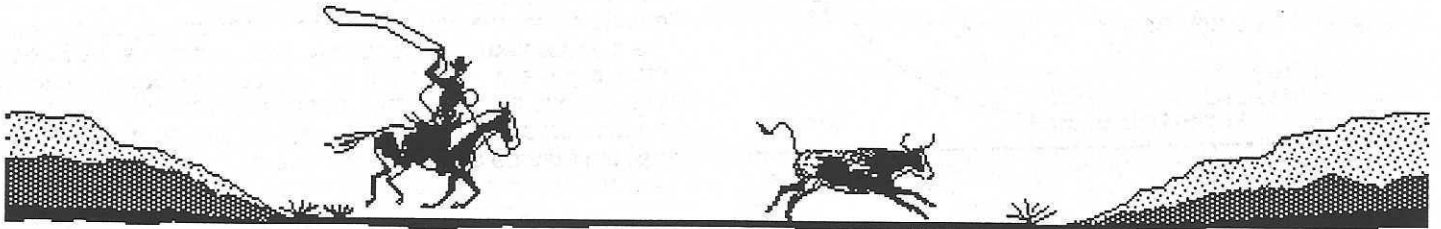


# THE ROUNDUP

DECEMBER, 2000



## BOOTS 'N' BUCKLES NEWSLETTER

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I'm sitting here, just a couple of days before Thanksgiving and wondering what I am going to write for our December newsletter. It's difficult enough getting ready for the upcoming holiday without having to think well over a month ahead.

I hope that you all have a happy and safe holiday season, starting with Thanksgiving and going all the way through the New Year's Eve celebrations. Our last Friday night dance of 2000 will be on December 15<sup>th</sup>, which will be preceded by our annual holiday dinner. If

you haven't gotten your tickets by the time you receive this edition of the Roundup, it may be too late. We had to place our orders by December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you can't come to the dinner, be sure to come to the dance that will start at 8:00 PM (our usual time).

While you are doing your holiday shopping, remember to take advantage of the discounts offered to Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club members at the two Western Outfitters locations and at the Hub Shoe Repair and Western Wear store. I got some very nice things at the Hub Shoe Repair and Western Wear store last year. Read the "ads" for these two terrific sponsors in this newsletter to find out where they are located.

It has been an exciting year for the club financially speaking, and I am happy to report that we will wind up in the black when all of the months are tallied. This would not be possible without the support not only of the card-carrying club members, but also those non-members who come to quite a few of our dances throughout the year. In addition, your generosity in our 50/50 raffle each week goes a long way to helping keep the club afloat.

Unlike the recent U.S. Presidential elections, your votes for the Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club Board of Directors have been received and counted. We had no hanging chads, no issues with the mechanical counting machines, and no one requested a recount. The votes were unanimous: the current board was re-elected. Fortunately for the club, and as reported earlier, Donna Ginnelly volunteered to join the board as Secretary. For many of the board members, this will be our last year on the board. I'll be speaking more about this in the coming months.

Also as reported earlier, the board has made some changes to our Friday night dance lesson format. We will only be giving a "couples" dance lesson four times in 2001. We will still have a lesson on the first and third Friday, but the majority of the lessons will be line dance lessons. We do not plan to have a review on the following Friday, but have not completely ruled this out. While I'd like the club to be considered a 'true' Country-Western dance club, where we do a nice mix of couples, line, mixer, and East- and West-Coast swing dances, the attendance at the couples and mixer lessons has been very low. Some members have told Board members that they

**Friday, December 1, 2000**

*Classic Partner Series*

*with Bob & Lynette*

Partners are not necessary

ALL LESSONS BEGIN AT 8:00 PM



**Friday, December 15, 2000**

**Annual Christmas**

**Dinner &**

**Dance**



Dinner at 7:00 PM

Dancing at 8:30 PM

Line Dance at 8:30 pm

with Evelyn Khinoo

Check the flyer table for more info...

**There will not be a Friday  
dance on Dec 22 and Dec 29**

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year*

purposely came late on those nights where we had a couple's dance lesson because they weren't interested in learning 'those kinds of dances'. If you would like to see additional changes in our format, please talk to any board member and we'll see what we can do for you. (You don't have to wait until the open board meeting; any of us would be happy to speak with you at any time.) You can also write to me at the club's e-mail address: [bootsnbuckles@hotmail.com](mailto:bootsnbuckles@hotmail.com).

The Board of Directors is looking forward to another exciting and interesting year. Make sure that you watch for announcements in the Roundup for special events and open board meetings. All open board meetings take place at Swiss Park, on a Friday night, starting at 7:30 PM.

Remember, too, that all of our Friday dances start at 8:00 PM, even on the nights that we have a lesson.

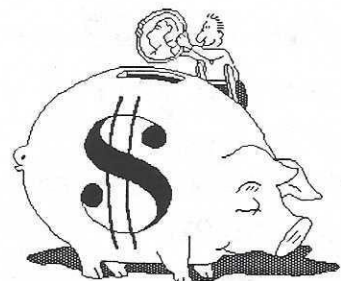
Other important dates to mark on your calendar:

Last dance of 2000: December 15

First dance in 2001: January 5

First Open Board meeting in 2001: January 26. Come and greet your Board of Directors.

Happy Holidays!  
Bob Webber



October ended up being a fairly good month for Boot's 'N' Buckles, as it was the fifth time this year that the club made a profit on the Friday night

dances. Three of the four Friday dances were profitable, for a total of \$69. That was off-set however by our annual insurance premium of \$371.25, and some supply and decoration expenses, so we ended the month with a loss of \$388. For the year-to-date figure, the club has recognized a very respectable profit of \$1536.15, and our bank balance is \$7555.23. Considering the number of clubs that have had to close this year, Boots 'N' Buckles is quite fortunate to have such a sound financial standing. We certainly have our wonderful members and visitors to thank for that. Thank you all for your continuing support.

Lynette Webber  
Treasurer



### AFTER AWHILE

After a while you learn the subtle difference  
between holding a hand and chaining a soul  
And you learn that love does not mean leaning  
and company does not always mean security  
And you begin to learn that kisses are not  
contracts and presents are not promises  
And you begin to accept your defeats  
with your head up and your eyes ahead  
with the grace of an adult, not the grief of a child  
And you learn to build all your roads on today  
because tomorrow's ground is too uncertain for plans  
and futures have a way of falling down in flight.  
After a while you learn that even sunshine burns  
if you get too much  
So you plant your own garden and  
decorate your own soul  
instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers  
And you learn that you really can endure  
that you really are strong  
and you really do have worth  
And you learn and you learn  
with every goodbye you learn.  
Virginia Shopstall



*Happy December  
To You . . . .*

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| <b>Elaine McMaster</b> | <b>12/04</b> |
| <b>Rosemary Epler</b>  | <b>12/05</b> |
| <b>AnaKarina White</b> | <b>12/11</b> |
| <b>Mary Bissett</b>    | <b>12/26</b> |
| <b>Ruth Baratta</b>    | <b>12/26</b> |

*Just a reminder that articles for the newsletter should be turned in to me or any Board member by the 20th of the month. You can fax them to 510-661-0371 or email them to [mystyide@aol.com](mailto:mystyide@aol.com). Please use text settings for attachments. Thank you . .  
Judi Grater, Editor*

**BOOTS 'N' BUCKLES**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER-DANCE**

**DECEMBER 15, 2000**

**NO HOST COCKTAILS FROM 6:30 PM TO 7:00 PM**

**DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 7:00 PM**

**MENU CHOICES ARE:**

LEMON/THYME CHICKEN WITH LEMON-WINE SAUCE	\$21.00 PER PERSON
FILET MIGNON WITH GARLIC MUSTARD SAUCE	\$26.00 PER PERSON
WALNUT CRUSTED HALIBUT WITH SHRIMP SAUCE	\$26.00 PER PERSON

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE GREEN SALAD, STARCH, FRESH VEGETABLES, ROLLS AND BUTTER, DESSERT AND ADMISSION TO THE DANCE.

DANCING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 PM FOR THIS OCCASION ONLY BEGINNING WITH A LINE DANCE LESSON TAUGHT BY EVELYN KHINOO. IF YOU PLAN TO COME ONLY TO THE DANCE, DOORS WILL OPEN FOR ADMISSION PROMPTLY AT 8:30 PM. ADMISSION TO THE DANCE WILL BE AS USUAL.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SPACE EARLY. BY FILLING OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW AND INCLUDING YOUR CHECK. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY DECEMBER 1, 2000.

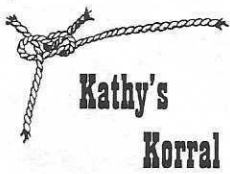
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YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DINNER CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE BOOTS 'N' BUCKLES BOARD**

**SWISS PARK  
MOWRY AVE. OFF 880  
NEWARK, CA**



Because I have been so busy the last few months, I have not been able to interview as many people for my column as I would like to. And as I am writing these words and blaming my busy schedule for my lack of socializing, I am looking at my cat "Bootsie" who has faithfully sat at this computer, watching my fingers type each and every column and every flyer I have ever done for Boots 'n' Buckles. In reality, he could have done all this himself. Bootsie is one of the reasons I have been so busy. He is getting much older and I have been trying to spend more time with him. He will be 11 years old, although he still looks like a kitten to me. Must be his clean living and love of line dancing.

Bootsie has a long history of "Country" behind him. He was born in a historic farmhouse off Mission Blvd. & West Pickering which is now an apartment complex. Bootsie was named after the Brookes & Dunne song "Boot Scootin' Boogie" which was one of the first dances I ever learned. When I first began dancing I would come home, put on a tape and practice the dance I had just learned (with Bootsie). If Bootsie wanted me to hold him, I knew the dance would be a success. "Boot Scootin' Boogie" has always been one of his favorites. He also likes "Watermelon Crawl", "Mambo #5" and "Hasta Manna".

The cat has good taste!

If you find typos in any of my flyers or articles, you can blame Bootsie because he often gets jealous if I spend too much time writing and not enough petting him. Right now his little kitty motor is going very fast and loud. It's almost as though he knows I am writing about him, but he still wants attention. In a minute he will lay down on top of the keyboard and everything will be lost so I better end this story.

If you would like to not have me write about my cat anymore, please let me know, as I would really like to write about you. Otherwise, my next column will be "How Bootsie Stole Christmas".

### HAVE A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON . . .

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The custom of embracing under a sprig of mistletoe, if not actually kissing under it, originated in ancient Britain around the second century B.C., among the Druids, the learned class of the Celts.

Two hundred years before Christ's birth, the Druids celebrated the start of winter by gathering mistletoe and burning it as a sacrifice to their gods. Sprigs of the plant were also hung in homes to ensure a year's good fortune and familial harmony. Guests to a house embraced under the sprig. Twigs of the evergreen outside the house welcomed the weary travelers. And if enemies chanced to meet under a tree that bore mistletoe (a parasite on deciduous and evergreen trees), they were required to lay down their arm and forget their differences for one day. The Druids named the parasitic plant *omnia sanitatem*, meaning "all heal" and prescribed it for female infertility and as an antidote for poison. gathering mistletoe was an occasion for great ceremony, and only sprigs that grew on sacred oak trees were collected by the highest ranking priest with a gold knife.

Mistletoe was a plant of hope, peace and harmony not only for the Celts but also for the Scandinavians, who called it *mistilteinn*. Its name derived from *mista*, meaning "dung", since the evergreen is propagated by seeds in bird's excrement. For the Scandinavians, mistletoe belonged to Frigga, goddess of love, and the kissing custom is thought to be rooted in this romantic association.

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### OPINIONS SPEAK OUT!

"After all is said and done, more is said than done". It was refreshing to see a reasonable turnout of members at the last Open Board Meeting. A majority of them expressed the opinion that the cost of the Christmas dinner was too high and I respect that thought. They may well be right and many of you may feel the same way. In explanation however, the club is only charging the actual expense of the dinners (less about 8 cents) along to whomever wants to come. It was felt by these attending members that the dinner should be subsidized and pointed to our current bank balance of about \$7000 as ample reason. The club's annual expenses run about \$30,000 or \$2500 per month. Three years ago, the treasury hovered around the \$2000 mark and we were sustaining monthly losses. We were more perilously close to losing the club than anyone might realize. I don't believe any successful business, profit or non-profit, can sustain itself with less than one month's supply of capital on hand to meet possible downturns. The comfort zone for this Board is at least a three month supply and has worked very hard to get to that level. You must realize that the Friday door receipts and membership dues do not meet expenses. The club's only salvation is the monies made on the annual workshop and the generous folks who participate in the weekly 50/50 raffle. It might just be that we need a more liberal Board of Directors. Openings are unfilled and we need help. No complaining allowed unless you send in your Ballot. Whether you are coming to the dinner or not, please come to the Christmas dance Dec. 15th. Happy Holidays to you all!

Bill Parrish

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# CHRISTMAS PARTY



...When...

Wednesday... December 13th ... 7:30-10:30

...Where...

Swiss Park Dance Hall

...Who...

All Class Party ~ both Mon. & Wed.

~ Oh Come All Ye Dancers & Guests ~

...Details...

Bring Holiday Goodies to share.



This will be the last class of the year, classes will resume January 8, 2001  
Wishing you the Merriest of Holidays - Charlotte Skeeters



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## Boots 'n Buckles Christmas Dinner Dance - December 15

Can't Join Us for Dinner?? Come and Dance at 8:30pm



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