



# THE ROUNDUP

## NEWSLETTER FOR BOOTS 'N' BUCKLES

FEBRUARY, 1992

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well 1992 is upon us - there's no turning back!!! For your convenience we have added a "suggestion box", located at the back table where you enter. The board would appreciate any suggestions, recommendations or ideas you may have. This month I'll be looking forward to seeing you all at the Valentine Dance, Friday February 14.

Due to a special event by Swiss Park - please mark your calendars to note that instead of a dance on Friday March 20 we will have our dance on Saturday March 21 instead - with DJ Bob Hubbard.

Please be reminded again the membership drive will only be from March thru October. In October will be renewing for a one year period. Thanks, that's all for now.

See ya dancin!!!!!!

Corky Walker

### NEW FORMAT FOR FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES

Starting in March, twice a month there will be workshops before Friday night dances. The workshops will be for one hour starting at 7:30pm and of course ending at 8:30pm. They will be hosted by different instructors to give you all a variety of different instructors and different workshops. More information will be following. So keep on reading your newsletter and listening to the Friday night announcements. Thanks

### FREESTYLE CHA CHA WORKSHOP

In March Robert Royston will be hosting a Freestyle Cha Cha Workshop at Swiss Park at Monday Night Dance Class. The Dates are March 2nd and March 9th. Plan to attend and learn to freestyle cha-cha.

### LINE DANCE COMPETITION

Don't forget the Line Dance Competition taking place at the S.F. Airport Hilton Hotel on Feb. 7, 8 & 9. This is also a Jack & Jill Jubilee. There is still time for tickets.



## "A VERY SPECIAL FAREWELL"

I am writing this article with mixed feelings of sadness and happiness. With a **sadness** of loosing a very special person who is loved by everyone and also admired because of her achievements within the Country Western Dance Community. With a **happiness** for her and her future plans that include leaving us and moving to Idaho in February and getting married in September to her long time sweetheart, Jim Hileman.

I would like to take a minute and try to recapture a little bit of her dance history within the time we have all known her to give you an idea of her incredible achievements.

I, along with Neil Hale, have had the pleasure of teaching and watching her from the beginning of her Country Western Dance experience at Swiss Park back in August 1988 where she was an **avid line dance enthusiast**. This soon accelerated into couples dancing and all aspects of Country Western Dancing. From here, she moved onto the more serious endeavor of competition with a partner who also began with us at Swiss Park with the same **crazy enthusiasm**. They started at the bottom in Division 111 at South Bay in 1989 and began an incredible winning streak from this very 1st competition. Within a short 2 years of competing, they have skyrocketed to the top ending their career as a competition couple by winning the South West Regional Grand Championship in Burlingame, November 1991. Unaware to most of us, this Grand Championship win was far more significant and important to her than it would normally be because it was also her farewell performance. We all had hopes of seeing them go on to win the World Championship in 1993, in Nashville, but this is not to be.

If you haven't already guessed, this very sweet and loved lady I am talking about is Tami Ernst and of course her partner who is mentioned is Robert Royston. It seems quite appropriate (but not planned) that she is ending her official function in California teaching a class, along with Robert, at the same place she started dancing over 3 years ago - Swiss Park - for Charlotte and Neil. Fortunately, Tami will be continuing her dancing as a instructor in Boise and from there, who knows, we may be seeing her again somewhere down the road.

I know I can speak for everyone at Boots 'N' Buckles Dance Club and everyone in the Country Western Dance Community that Tami will be very much missed by us all.

**SO SADLY WE SAY - GOOD-BYE TAMI  
WE WISH YOU ALL THE HAPPINESS IN YOUR NEW LIFE AS  
MRS. JIM HILEMAN!!!!!! CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

Charlotte Skeeters

## **NORTH BAY INVITATIONAL**

The North Bay Invitational will be held on March 20,21,22 plan to attend and support our competitors, they really do appreciate your cheering and support. It means a great deal to them. At least that's what WHAT'S HIS NAME?????? keeps telling us!!!!!! Good Luck to all of you.



## **INFORMATION YOU NEED FOR BOOTS 'N' BUCKLES DANCE CLASSES**

*Because of the rapid increase in attendance at dance lessons during this year, it is absolutely necessary for us to adhere to a few simple courtesies in order to maintain a semblance of order. This of course will benefit all of you as our intention is to make your environment as comfortable as possible, and to facilitate and enhance your learning and enjoyment at our dance classes.*

*First, though, there are matters that concern our lease arrangement with Swiss Park that we should all understand in order to insure that we remain as tenants.*

*Swiss Park is not affiliated with nor do they sponsor Boots 'N' Buckles Dance Classes. The classes are an entirely separate entity run by us, your instructors - Neil Hale and Charlotte Skeeters.*

**Protocol between Swiss Park and our Dance Classes dictates the following:**

*1. Glasses and bottles MUST be bussed back to the bar periodically during the evening. Please do not throw any bottles in the trash cans, as they all have to be accounted for. All bottles and glasses must be placed at the corner of the bar near the door at the end of the evening. Our bartender requests that you do not stack glasses as this creates a vacuum and the glasses become very difficult and dangerous to separate.*

*2. When you go to the bar for drinks, please form a line at the cocktail waitress station which is at mid bar. This will facilitate your being served as quickly as possible.*

*3. Anyone under 21 years of age must not go into bar area except for passing through without stopping or for males who must use the restroom. There is a ladies restroom in the front left corner of dance area (next to stage).*

*4. During dance lessons anyone under 21 must not step onto or go into any area of the parking lot. Automobiles will sometimes speed around the corner very fast without looking and children are difficult to see.*

*These requirements make pretty good sense to us as they involve not only our relationship as tenants of Swiss Park, but also certain legal requirements imposed upon us by the State of Calif. We are privileged to have this facility at our disposal, and we are the envy of dancer's all over the state, but we simply must adhere to these requirements if we are to stay.*

*Your individual co-operation will insure our continued success as a viable dance community that provides educational and leisure activities for the Bay Area.*

### **DANCE CLASS ETIQUETTE:**

*1. Do what the instructor does. Avoid doing other variations of moves (turns, etc.) and dances during the instruction as this is very distracting to those learning the dance for the first time.*

*2. Let the instructor teach. If someone asks your help or you feel the need to ask another's help during the instruction, please go to the side or to the back so you won't disrupt others.*



3. Please try to talk as little as necessary during lessons. If you completely missed how to execute a move, see your instructors, Charlotte or Neil during break. If you are not participating in a class, please keep your voices low so those who are can concentrate on the lesson.

4. Children are welcome to come and participate in the lessons but they should not be unsupervised. If they are not taking the class, please have them remain seated during the lesson. It's a good idea to bring something for them to do, i.e. coloring book or puzzle, etc. to keep them occupied.

5. Forward progressive partner dancing, i.e. the Two Step, Waltz, Schottische or any Shuffle type dances must be done in a counter-clockwise direction on the outside perimeter of the dance floor. Line dances and the swing must be done in the middle.

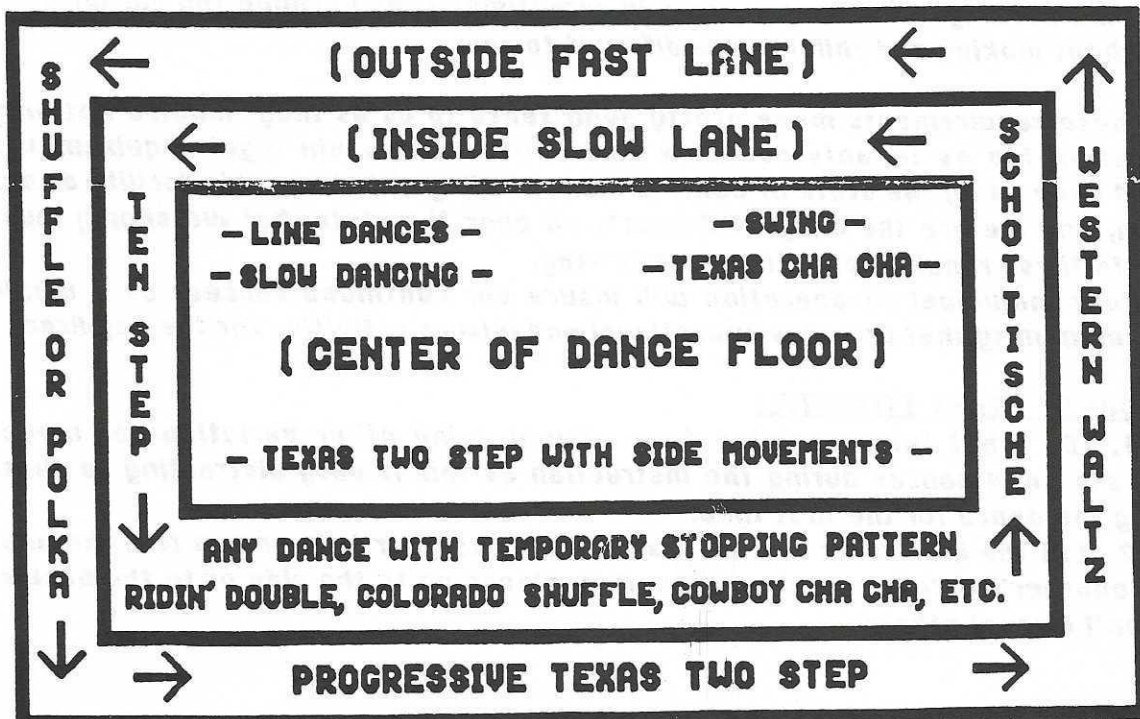
6. For obvious reasons there is no smoking or drinking while dancing.

. . . . . And finally a very important "DO": Enjoy yourselves as you journey through the very enjoyable, unique and special experience that is . . . . .

**" COUNTRY WESTERN DANCING I "**

Your Instructors,  
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**\* COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE ETIQUETTE \***



**LINE OF DANCE OR DIRECTION IS COUNTER-CLOCKWISE**



# February 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SP- Swiss Park in Newark, lessons by Neil Hale, Charlotte Skeeters on Mon & Wed. \$4. SP - Thur Dave west \$4.						
	7:30 SP-HOP-SWITCH BOOGIE, PONY SWING, GLORIA CASEY	7:00 CP, DAVE WEST, WEST COAST PART 1 TWO STEP PART 1	7:30 SP-TEXAS FREEZE, TEXAS CHA-CHA, WALTZ PART 1	7:15 CT- SIDEKICK 7:00 SP-EAST COAST SWING, SCHOTTISCHE PART 1	SP 8:30 pm- Boots 'N' Buckles Dance	Country Quick Stepper Dance TAYLOR SHCOOL, MILLBRAE
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	7:30 ELVIRA CHA-CHA, TEXAS CHA-CHA, PONY SWING PART 2 GLORIA CASEY	7:00 CP DW, WEST COAST PART 2, TWO STEP PART 2	7:30 SP-CHOCOLATE CITY HUSTLE, LILLY, WALTZ PART 2	7:15 CT-CARIBBEAN CADANCE 7:00 SP-EAST COAST SWING PART 2, SHCOTTISCHE PART 2	SP 8:30 pm- Boots 'N' Buckles Dance	Country Quick Stepper Dance BOWDITCH SCHOOL, F.C. VALENTINES DANCE
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
	7:30 SP-AMALGAMOTION, WALTZ PART 1	7:00 CP, DW POLKA/SHUFFLE -- TWO STEP PART 3	7:30 SP-ELVIRA CHA CHA (CONTRA LINE), WALTZ ACROSS TEXAS, WALTZ PART 3	7:15 CT- TWO STEP / TURNS 7:00 SP - POLKA / SHUFFLE, EAST COAST SWING PART 1	SP 8:30 pm- Boots 'N' Buckles Dance	
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
	7:30 SP-ROCKING HORSE, TORNADO WALTZ PART 2	7:00 CP-DW- POLKA/SHUFFLE TWO STEP PART 4	7:30 SP-SKI BUMPUS, ROUND ROBIN WALTZ, WALTZ PART 4	7:15 CT-JUST FOR KICKS 7:00 SP - POLKA / SHUFFLE, EAST COAST SWING PART 2	SP 8:30 pm- Boots 'N' Buckles Dance	Country Quick Stepper Dance VETS MEMORIAL, RWC
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>



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B 'N' B JACKETS

Jackets can be ordered from Merv Chang. 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.

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